

Prince George Records

Mar 1701/2

List of Prince George County Militia Officers 1701/2

Thomas Simmons	Micajah Lowe	Edward Hill
Adam Tapley	Jno. Hamlin	Char. Goodrich
Peter Poythress	Jno. Epes	Littlebury Epes
Anthony Wyatt	Jno. Reekes Jur.	Geo. Blighton
Jno. Epes	Thomas Harnison	Richd. Bradford
Fra. Epes	Jno. Poythres	John [Tay]lor
Jno. Limbrey	Jno. Poythres	Peter Jones
Joshua Wynne	Richd. Hamlin	Richd. Reekes
(illegible)	Jno. Baxter	James Thweatt

N. B. The names are all signatures, and there were two different officers named John Poythres. (The above was abstracted from a memorial from these officials to the King, pledging their support. The document is very faint, but it is found with others of a similar nature, date March 1701/2, in the papers of the Colonial Office. The original is on reel 37 of the Colonial Records Project film. By L. H. Hart, Southside Virginian, Vol. 7, p. 10, 1989)

1703

Prince George County officially formed in 1703 from Charles City County.

1704

Prince George County Quit Rent Roll:

Poythres, Francis Senr	1283 acres
Poythress, Tho	616 acres
Poythress, Jno. Junr	916 acres

21 Oct 1707

Gov. Spotswood appoints Capt. John Poythres Sr. to serve with Colonel John Hardyman, Major Joshua Wynne and Captain Ffrancis Mallory as members of the Commission to investigate the Virginia-North Carolina line. They are to examine under oath "such ancient inhabitants of Prince George, Surry, Isle of Wight and Nansemond counties and discover the truth as to the said bounds between the said colonies." Also they were to ask the "ancient and intelligent indians of the Nottoway, Meherins and Nansemond nations," what they knew about the area. Among the old inhabitants of Prince George county deposing were: Robert Bolling, Gent. aged 61, who "hath known the Nottoway river for 37 years or more .. and "Major Wynn's quarter is on the sight of the old Nottoway Indian town." (Diary entry of William Byrd II of Westover).....source: Journal of the Executive Council of Colonial Virginia, Vol. III, p. 155)

1707

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 L51 f 15-22, Lee Family Papers, record 185270; Contains material concerning the boundary between Virginia and North Carolina.

Items include a letter written by Francis Foster, William Glover, Edward Moseley, and Samuel Swann (while serving on the Council of North Carolina) to the Council of Virginia; a commission of Arthur Allen, John Hardyman, Benjamin Harrison, Francis Mallory, John Poythress, and Joshua Wynne (signed by Edmund Jenings) to receive affidavits in Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Prince George, and Surry Counties, Va.; and affidavits (copies), concerning the presence of Nottoway and Meherrin Indians along the Nottoway River in Virginia, of Robert Bolling, Benjamin Harrison, James Thweatt, and Thomas Wynne.

20 Feb 1711

JOURNAL OF VIRGINIA COUNCIL

At a Council held at the Capitol the 20th day of February 1711 (-12.)

On reading at this Board a petition of the Inhabitants of Neuse River in North Carolina representing the deplorable State to which they are reduced by the Indian Enemy their houses and plantations burnt; their Stocks destroyed and they forced to betake themselves to Garrisons for their defence where they will soon be in danger of starving for want of necessarys and unable to defend themselves without speedy succour of men, arms and Ammunition, and praying Relief therein from this Government, The Council taking the said petition into consideration are of Opinion that if the Treaty made with the Tusearuro Indians take effect, The petitioners will be relieved without other assistance from this Government which cannot well be afforded at present by reason of the low state of the publick Revenue That since the time for the execution of the said Treaty on the part of the Tuscaruros is so near The Governor of North Carolina be exhorted to assist the petr[s] [petitioners] with provisions and ammunition to defend their Garrisons till the Event of the said Treaty and that in order to encourage the petitioners to defend themselves a Copy of the said Treaty be sent to the Commanders of the Garrisons in Neuse that they may see what care this Government hath already taken for their Relief and to assure them that further measures will speedily be entered into for quickening the Tuscaruros to perform their engagements, and Mr Farguson and Mr Graves who were deputed by the Inhabitants of Neuse to present the aforesaid petition were called in and acquainted with these Resolutions. For the better discovery of what preparations the Tuscaruros are making towards executing their part of the Treaty concluded with them It is the opinion of this Board and accordingly Ordered that **Peter Poythres** be forthwith despatched to the said Indians. That he be allowed to carry with him one horse load of tradeing goods (arms and ammunition excepted) and upon his arrival there give the Indians to understand that the said goods are sent by this Government in pursuance of the treaty to be applyed towards the payment of any Charges they have been at in redeeming the English Captives or for discharging the Rewards

promised them for such heads of the Indians Enemy as it is expected they have by this time obtained according to their engagements and that if the said Indians have either obtained any of the English Captives or cutt off any of the enemy, he do accordingly deliver the said goods in satisfaction of the rewards promised them but if not that he have leave to dispose of the said goods for his own benefite. That he have directions to make the strictest examination he can into the designs of the said Tuscaruro Indians, that this Government may be the better able to judge whether they are to be confided in; and that the said **Poythres** may be the more encouraged to undertake this Journey It is Ordered that upon his Return he be paid for the same and for his former Services out of her Majestys Revenue and that he be then paid for what goods he shall deliver to the said Indians in pursuance of the aforesaid Treaty.

20 Feb 1711

The Lease of John Broadnax to Mr. Byrd of 729 acres of Land in Henrico County.
Witnessed: John Clayton, Richard Bland, Peter Poythress
(William Byrd Title Book, Virginia Historical Society)

21 Feb 1711

The Release of John Broadnax to Mr. Byrd of the foregoing 729 Acres of Land in Henrico County. Witnessed: John Clayton, Richard Bland, Peter Poythress.
Received the Twenty first Day of February 1711 the Sum of One Hundred & fifty Pounds Sterling & fifteen pounds Current Money of Virginia of the Within mention'd William Byrd being the within mention'd Consideration Money.
s: John Broadnax
Wits: Peter Poythress, John Clayton, Richard Bland, Virginia Ss
(William Byrd Title Book, Virginia Historical Society)

13 Mar 1710/11

Inventory of estate of Edward Maine, dced, appraised 28 Feb 1710/11.
Appraisers were sworn before **John Poythres** on 13 Mar 1710/11, inventory was presented by Francis Mallory, Adm'r, and ordered recorded. "Sworn before **John Poythress**."
(PG Wills & Deeds, 1710-13)

13 Mar 1710/11

Inventory of Edward Richardson, dec'd, value £29/6/10, appraised by Richard Adkins, James Fletcher, Val. (W) Willson and Jno. (X) Knight, who were sworn before **John Poythress**.
On 13 Mar 1710/11 inventory was presented by Francis Mallory, Adm'r, and ordered recorded.

8 Sep 1711

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:
".....After dinner we sat in council concerning the Indians and some of the Tributaries came before us who promised to be very faithful to us. It was agreed to send **Peter Poythress** to the Tuscaroras to treat (with) them and to demand the Baron Graffenriedt who was prisoner

among the Indians. It was also resolved that the militia of **Prince George**, Surry, and Isle of Wight should rendezvous at Nottoway town on Wednesday next and the Governor [Spotswood] be there with them to show some part of our strength to the Indians. In the evening came several gentlemen and Mr. Bland among them with letters from the Governor of Carolina which told him how backward the people of that country were to (advantage) themselves. About 10 o'clock we went to bed. Colonel Ludwell and I lay together. I neglected to say my prayers but had good health, good thoughts, and good humor, thank God Almighty."

Footnotes to passage above:

Peter Poythress: "An Indian trader and interpreter."

Baron, etc: Baron Christopher de Graffenriedt, a Swiss, who was instrumental in settling Swiss and Palatine Germans in North Carolina. He, with John Lawson, surveyor-general of North Carolina, was responsible for the settlement of New Bern, North Carolina. When the Tuscarora Indians revolted in 1711, De Graffenriedt and Lawson were captured. De Graffenriedt was later released but Lawson was burned at the stake.

Nottaway town: Isle of Wight County.

Also: (Executive Council Journal of Colonial Virginia, 8 Oct 1711, Vol. 3, p. 284)

10 Sep 1711

We, Charles Bartholomew & Rebecca Bartholomew [nee' Poythress], for love & affection to our daughter Anne Bartholomew, after our decease, give her 200 acres on both sides of Easterly Run in Westopher Parish, being rest of 1000 acres granted to said Rebecca in her widowhood, by escheat patent 29 Apr 1692; the moiety whereof is at present belonging to Col. Littlebury Epes, and 300 more whereof is given by us to Rebecca Poythress, by deed of gift to her this date. The 200 acres is bounded by said Rebecca's 300 acres.

10 Sep 1711.

Signed: Charles Bartholomew, Reb. (x) Bartholomew.

Wtn: Jno. Woodlief, Rich'd Wallpole, Jono. (x) Denton.

Recorded 13 Sep 1711.

(PG Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 70)

10 Sep 1711

I, Charles Bartholomew and **Rebecca Bartholomew [nee' Poythress]** of Prince George Co., for love and affection to our daughter **Rebecca Poythress** of same, deed 300 acres of land on a branch of Easterly Run in said county, and Parish of Wesopher; being part of 1000 acres granted to said Rebecca in her widowhood, 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. 10 Sep 1711

Charles Bartholomew, Rebecca (x) Bartholomew

Witn: John Woodlief, Rich'd Walpoole, Jno. (I) Denton

Recorded 13 Sep 1711

(PG Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 76)

8 Oct 1711

JOURNAL OF VA. COUNCIL 8 October 1711.

Whereas some of the Towns of the Tuscaruro and other Indians on the Frontier of North Carolina did on the 22d of last month committ a barbarous massacre on Her Majesty's Subjects of that Province and still continue to make war against that Government. To the end therefore that the said Indians may be deprived of the means to prosecute their barbarity upon Her Majesty's subjects The Governor with the advice of Her Majesty's Council doth hereby Strictly prohibite and forbid all persons within this Colony to trade or traffique with the said Tuscaruro or any other Indians for any sort of Commodity; untill further order Certifying such as shall act contrary hereunto that they shall be prosecuted with the utmost severity. And the sherifs of the several Countys are required forthwith to signify this order to the respective Indian Traders, and to publish the same at the Courthouse and in all Churches and Chappells in their said Countys. Resolved, and accordingly ordered That for the better securing the Peace and tranquility of this Government and preventing the further incursion of the Indians **Mr Peter Poythres** be forthwith dispatched to such of the Tuscaruro Towns as refused to join with the rest of their Nation in the late massacre requiring them to send Deputys to meet the Governor at the Nottoway Town on the 17th of this month to treat of at peace with Her Majesty's subjects of this and the neighbouring Colonys and plantations: and for the better inducing them to this Treatye that the said **Mr. Poythres** acquaint them that no Trade will be allowed them from hence till the said Peace be concluded And that he also assure them of a safe conduct for their coming in and returning and for that purpose a guards shall be sent to meet them at the Saponie town. That forasmuch as the Baron de Graffenried Chief of the Swiss and Palatine settlement in Carolina did unfortunately fall into the hands of the Indians some days before the Massacre is detained a prisoner and his life in imminent danger It is ordered that a Message be also sent to the Town where he is to demand that he and any other of the Inhabitants of Carolina prisoners among them be delivered up to this Government as Her Majesty's subjects and to threaten them that if any violence be offered to the said prisoners this Government will revenge it upon the whole Town or nation that shall be found guilty. That since the making a shew of some part of the strength-and-force of this Colony may be very necessary to awe the said Tuscaruro Indians not only to continue in peace with us, but also to join with us in the destruction of those Assassins It is ordered that the whole Militia of the Countys of the Isle of Wight, Surry and Prince George be drawn together under arms at the Nottoway Town with six days provisions against the time the said Tuscaruros are expected there. Pursuant to the above Resolutions the Messages to the Tuscaruro Indians to be sent by **Mr Poythres** and also the orders to the commanding Officers of the Militia were prepared and signed by the

Governor in Council.

15 October 1711. [quoted in part]

The proceedings of the last Council held at Major Nathaniel Harrison's were this day read at the Board and approved as the best means to answer the ends proposed therein for obtaining satisfaction for the late Massacre committed in Carolina. This Board taking into consideration what terms may be most proper to be insisted on at the Conference with the Tuscaruro Indians in order to obtain a just satisfaction for the murders committed by some of their Nation and other Indians in the Province of Carolina came to the following resolutions.

9 Oct 1711

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“ About 3 o'clock the Tuscarora Indians came with their guard and **Mr. Poythress** was with them. He told the Governor that the Baron was alive but that Mr. Lawson was killed because he had been so foolish as to threaten the Indian who had taken him. About 6 o'clock we went to dinner and I ate some roast mutton.”

[The Indians were “treated with” and dispersed].

13 Jan 1711/12

Will of John Spell of Prince George Co., “very sick & weak”. To grandson Thomas Spell, a young cow, mare, and iron pestle. All rest of my estate to be divided between my wife Anne Spell and my son George Spell, equally.

Executor: loving friend John Winningham. John () Spell

Wit: **David Poythres**, Peter Leigh, William Stainbacke

Execution granted to John Woodley, the executor mentioned therein.

(PG Wills & Deeds, p. 186)

21 Jan 1711/12

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“ I rose about 7 o'clock and read a chapter in Hebrew and some Greek in Lucian.... The weather was clear and pretty warm. I was out of humor because I missed a book out of the library which I thought my wife had taken for Mrs. Dunn without my knowledge, but she denied it. **Mr. Peter Poythress** came to our house and brought me a letter from my brother Curtis who told me the Governor was angry about what I had said concerning the £ 20,000. He stayed and dined and I ate roast mutton for dinner.”

31 Jan 1711/12

Virginia Colonial Records Project Survey Report 1605

Depository: Public Records Office

Title: Sessional Papers (Duplicates)

Dates: 1709-1712

Reference: Andrews List 500, 503

List of Colonial Office Records, Supplementary List II, 5.

Examined: 13 Feb. 1958, Exposures 283

Scope: Contains ten volumes. The volumes are not numbered, but there is a continuous foliation (ff 1-300) running through the ten volumes.

The journals are duplicates of those in C.O.5/1406 and C.O.5/1414.

31 January 1711/12 (ff.255-256)

Acceptance by Council of Receiver General's offer to advance 400 pounds for payment to Tuscarora Indians, as House of Burgesses have made no provisions for such supply; preparations against possible Indian attack.

20 February 1711/12 (ff.256v-257v)

Petition of inhabitants of Neuse River in North Carolina re Indian attacks; government can do nothing more because of lack of revenue; **Peter Poythress** sent to Tuscarora Indians with trading goods to carry out articles of the alliance.

1 April 1712 (ff 257v-259)

Request from North Carolina for two hundred men to assist in war against Indians: decision that, due to lack of revenue, only force of 100 can be sent; details of their pay; arrangements for raising money, etc.; failure of Tuscarora Indians to fulfil their treaty obligations.

5 Feb 1711/12

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“.....In the afternoon I ordered my sloop to go to Colonel Eppes' for some poplar trees for the Governor [Spotswood] and then I went to visit Mrs. Harrison that I found in a small way. She entertained me with apples and bad wine and I stayed with her till evening and then I took a walk about my plantation. When I returned I learned **Peter Poythress** had been there. At night I read some Latin. I said my prayers and had good health, good thoughts, and good humor, thank God Almighty.....”

9 Feb 1711/12

Edward Goodrich of Westover Parish, Prince George County, to Richard Byrd of Waynoake Parish, same county, for £15, 50 acres in Westover Parish, bounded by

Baker's corner tree, Thomas Weikes plantation, Cooper Spring Bottom, lines of Arthur Biggins and William Epes. s/ E. Goodrich

Wit: Wm. Harrison, Tho. Harrison, Phi. Burrow.

Margaret Goodrich, wife of Edward, released her dower.

PG Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 99.

(Note: see 4 Mar 1711/12 entry below where **Peter Poythress** marries **Mrs. Anne "B-K-R"** in home of William Byrd II of Westover)

3 Mar 1711/12

Deed, Robert Mumford of Bristol Parish, Prince George Co., to Richard Bland of City of Williamsburgh, for good causes and consideration, especially £145, leases to farm, land near Jordans, between Deep Bottom and Cureton's Bottom, in occupation of Thomas Bunge, 430 acres, 130 thereof formerly belonging to James Munford, father of said Robert, and given to him by inheritance; part thereof from Col. John Hardyman and other 100 by purchase from Mr. **Francis Poythres**, all of which appears by James Munford's will.

Robt. Munford

Wit: Michael (M) Wallice, Jane (I) Wallice, Dorothe (S) Hillman.

Recorded 10 Mar 1712.

(PG Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 218.)

4 Mar 1711/12

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

".....I rose about 7 o'clock and read some Hebrew but no Greek because I prepared to go to the wedding of Mrs. Anne B-k-r.....we set out in the coach and got to Colonel Hill's before 12 o'clock. We did not find much company there but only the relations and some neighbors. About 12 o'clock **Mr. Poythress and Mrs. Anne B-k-r** were married and about 2 we went to dinner and I ate some boiled tongue for dinner."

Footnote (by editors) : "Probably **Peter Poythress**. In Wm. Q., XV, 45-71, there is a detailed study of the **Poythress** family. The name of Peter's wife is unknown. But he had an only daughter and heir named Anne born December 13, 1712."

11 Mar 1711/12

In Obedience to court order of Feb. 1711/12, we have divided all negroes, mulattoes and Indian slaves belonging to the estate of Col. John Hardyman, dec'd, into three equal parts according to value. One part to Mary Hardyman, relict of deceased: Negroes: Robin, Diane, Will, Mingo, Agnes, Frank, Betty, Cogo, Mary, Phyllis, Nanny and Moll. Value £218. Appraised by R. Hall, **Jno. Poythress**, Edmund Irby.

Recorded 11 Mar 1711/12.

Prince George Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 111.

11 Mar 1711/12

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

".....In the evening **Peter Poythress** came with 14 of the Tuscarora Indians whom he was going to conduct to the Governor. They told us the Carolina men had killed no more than about 20 old men and women of their people and had taken about 30 children prisoners when all the young men were not at home, that the Tuscaroras could (cut) them all off but that they saw some English among them which hindered them and their business with the Governor was to give the reason why they could not perform their articles and to inquire whether they might defend themselves in case they're attacked. We were merry till about 9 o'clock and then retired. I neglected to say my prayers but had good health, good thoughts, and good humor, thank God Almighty."

16 Mar 1711/12

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“.....In the afternoon **Peter Poythress** came over and told me the Governor received the Tuscaroras very coldly and ordered them to go and help the people of Carolina cut off Hancock town, which they all said they would.” [“over” is likely over the river from Flowerdew Hundred Plantation, then the home of Governor Spotswood].

27 Mar 1712

Deed, Stephen Evans of Prince George Co., to John Evans of same, grants, and lets to farm, all lands given said Stephen by will of his father, John Evans, with all houses, etc. Step: Evans

Wit: **Francis Poythres, Francis Poythres Senior**, John Pook.

Recorded 27 Mar 1712

(PG Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 108)

8 May 1712

Inventory of John Hardyman, dec'd. Value £845/12/0.

Appraised by R. Hall, **Jno. Poythres**, Edm'd Irby

Presented by John Hardyman, the Ad'mr and recorded 8 May 1712.

(PG Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 115)

9 Dec 1712

Francis Poythres of Westopher Parish, Prince George County, to **Thomas Poythres** of same, for divers good causes and considerations, especially £20, all my tract in above parish, known as “Odiums”, 100 acres, bounded by John Winningham, said **Poythres**, Deep Bottom Run, dividing line of **Francis and John Poythres**, with all houses, etc.

s/ **Fra. Poythres**

Wit: E. Goodrich, Rich'd Hamlin, Peter Wynne.

Prince George County, Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 179

11 Dec 1712

John Poythress will recorded. See Will of

(PG Record Book B, p. 175)

13 Jan 1712/13

Will of John Spell of Prince George County, “very sick and weak”. To grandson Thomas Spell, a young cow, mare and iron pestle. All rest of estate to be divided equally between my wife Anne Spell and my son George Spell, equally. Executor: loving friend John Winningham.

s/ John () Spell

Wit: **David Poythress**, Peter Leigh, William Stainbacke

Prince George Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 186.

27 Feb 1713

Executive Council of Colonial Virginia, Journal Vol. 3, p. 366, Order entered to prosecute **Robert Poythress** [of PG County] for furnishing ammunition to the Tuscarora Indians.

7 Mar 1712/13

Deed, Robert Munford of Bristol Parish, Prince George Co., to Richard Bland of City of Williamsburgh, for good causes and considerations, especially £145, leases to farm, land near Jordans, between Deep Bottom and Cureton's Bottom, in occupation of Thomas Burge, 430 acres; 130 thereof formerly belonging to James Munford, father of said Robert, and given to him by inheritance; part thereof from Col. John Hardyman and other 100 by purchase from **Mr. Francis Poythres**, all of which appears by James Munford's will.

s/ Robt. Munford

Wit: Michael (M) Wallice, Jane (I) Wallice, Dorothe (S) Hillman.
Prince George County Wills & Deeds 1710-13, p. 218.

11 May 1713

Thomas Vincent and Sarah his mother of Prince George County to **Joshua Poythres** of same, 100 acres in Bristol Parish line of John Ellis & Queen's land.

Deed (lease) 11 May, Deed (release by Vincent and his mother Sarah for £15 to **Joshua Poythres**) 12 May 1713.

(PG Record Book B, (Wills & Deeds 1710-1713) p. 231 & p. 232)

Dec 1713

"An Accompt of Woollens bought by the Governor of Virginia for the use of the Province of North Carolina, - Viz^t

Bought of Mess^{rs} Peter & Robert Poythres

1 Remnant of red* Duffells v ^t	35 ½ yds)	
2 ps: blue ditto	49 ")	3 ⁸ 9, £23, 18, 1 ½
	43 ")	
14 ps; of plain, viz -	38 ½ 3 ⁶)	
	33 ½ 3 ⁸)	
	32 ½ 3 ⁷)	
	38 ½ 3 ⁶)	508 yds: at 2 1/8, £67,14,8
	35 ½ 3 ⁶)	
	3 ⁶ 35 ½)	
	35 ½ 37 ½)	

1 p⁸ Striped white Duffells q^t 16 blankets at 10⁸ each....8 ___ ___ ___

£99, 12, 9 ½

* a variety of woollen cloth, out of which blankets were made, &c.
(Virginia Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 174)

1714

Prince George County in 1714:

Acres of Land: 118,764

Tithables: 1,040

Sheriff: Samp: Meredeth

Coroners: Wm. Harrison, Henry Batt.

Justices of the Peace: Cha: Goodrich, John Hamlyn, **Jn^o Poythress**, Peter Jones, Randle Platt, Rob^t Mumford, Rob^t Hall, Henry Duke.

Burgesses: Edw^d Goodrich, Rich^d Hamlyn.

Etc.

(Titled: “The Present State of Virginia for the year 1714 with respect to the Colony in General.” Public Officers in Virginia 1714, Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 2, p. 11, 1894)

6 Jan 1714

(Biggins vs. Short; **Robert Poythres** and Edward Epes on jury)
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 4)

6 Jan 1714

(John Cargill and Sarah his wife, plts. v. Bryan Farrell, deft.; **Francis Poythres** on jury) (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 4)

6 Jan 1714

(Action of Trespass Arthur Biggins v. William Short, Jury empanelled:
Robert Poythres, among others) (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 10)

8 Jun 1714

Sarah Daniel of Westover Parish, County of Prince George
to

John Poythres Senr. of Wyanoke Parish

Sum: **£9**

Land: 50 Acres Weswardly on Birchen Swamp, Northwardly on lands of Joseph Daniel;
eastwardly on Lands of sd. John Poythres and South by lands of Thomas Goodwyn.

Wit: **Rbt. Poythres**

Edward Woodlief

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 & 1719-22 in separate
book, p. 18)

1715

Extract from fragment of PG County Court: jurymen in 1715: Edmond Irby,
Robert Poythress, Gilbert Hay, Roger Taylor, Edward Epes, William Rives, etc.
(**Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 20, p. 86)**)

12 Jun 1715

“Francis Poythress acknowledged a deed” (Wm & Mary Qrtly Series II, Vol. 14, p. 81, 1934,
article by Dr. W. B. Hall)

14 Jun 1715

John Poythres among others listed present as a “gentleman justice” for the court. Typically
(and hereinafter in “Orders”), these gentlemen justices” are listed as “present” at the
recording of each monthly opening of the court.

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 19)

5 Jul 1715

Wm. Rains of Prince George County deeds to Thomas Rains of same, for natural love

and affection I bear my son, Thos. Rains, land on the north side of Joans Hole Swamp, being part of a tract taken up by patent by James Salmon, 76 acres. Wit: Robt. Poythress Wm Stainback and Francis Epes. Signed WRains. Recorded 12 Jul 1715. (?)

12 Jul 1715

ffrancis Poythres of Westover Parish, County of Prince George

to

Peter Grammerer

Sum: £10

Land: 100 acres in Westover Parish, County of Prince George

Wit: E. Goodrich

Wm. _____

Signed: **ffra. Poythres** (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 & 1719-22 in separate book, p. 63)

12 Jul 1715

John Poythres among others present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 25)

12 Jul 1715

On the motion of Thomas Harrison it is ordered that his bond for the care and payment of the estates of two of the orphans of Robert Drayton dced be delivered to care of **Francis** and **Peter Poythres**, guardians to the said orphans. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 25 and/or 26)

12 Jul 1715

Francis Poythres acknowledges a deed for land (executed and sealed) bearing date 12 Jun 1715 to Peter Grammer and his heirs on whose motion the same is committed to record. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 27)

12 Jul 1715

ffrancis Poythres of Westover Parish, County of Prince George

to

Peter Grammerer

Sum: £10

Land: 100 acres in Westover Parish, County of Prince George

Wit: E. Goodrich

Wm. _____

Signed: **ffra. Poythres** (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 & 1719-22 in separate

book, p. 63)

9 Aug 1715

John Poythres among others present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 28)

13 Sep 1715

John Poythres among others present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 32)

7 Jan 1716

William Stainback of Pr. Geo. Co. to John Hill, Jr. of same, 100 acres in Bristol Parish, Pr. Geo. on Great Branch of Jones Hole Swamp, next to Wm. Raines, for £7.

Wit: Daniel Wigdon, **Peter Poythress**, Michael Rosser.

Signed: William Stainback, Onah (x) Stainback. Rec. 10 Jan 1716

10 Jan 1716

Francis Mallory and **Francis Poythres**, excrs. of **Joseph Poythres** dced made complaint that Thomas Huckaby stands indebted to them the sum of 1060 lbs. of tobacco due for rent; vis: and set forth that the said Thomas has unlawfully departed this County so that the ordinary proofs at Law cannot be served against him whereupon they by virtue of an attachment into the hands of his Majesty's Justice of this County returnable to this Court have caused part of the Estate of this Thomas to be attached for payment thereof; viz. a _____ of tobacco and the said Thomas being called and failing to appear to replace the land. On the plaintiff's motion Judgement is granted them against the defendant for the aforesaid sum and costs to be levied and paid for out of the said tobacco. Order that the same be duely appraised by John Bonner, William Hudson, etc... (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 47) (**Note: Joseph Poythress above is transcribed by Ben Weisiger as Jos. Patterson ??; also see below 2 Apr 1716: Josh. Patterson??**)

ca Mar 1716

Action in case of John Cargill and Sarah his wife, plts., and Bryan Farrel, deflt., for 3100 lbs. tobacco due, referred to trial. (Jurors, among whom) **Francis Poythress**, having heard charge, are sent out. (Prince George Court Orders, contributed by Ben Weisiger III)

13 Mar 1716

Pursuant to the Act for appointing Sherrifs **John Poythres**, Samson Meredith and Richard Hamlin, Gentlemen Justices viz: are recommended to the Honourable then Governor as full viz: to execute the office of Sherrif this ensuing year. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 51)

13 Mar 1716

Pursuant to a commission of the Peace dated 8 Dec 1715, **John Poythres**, James Thweatt and Lewis Green, jr. are to take the oaths as Justices of this county. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 51)

2 Apr 1716

John Poythres among others present as gentl justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 53)

2 Apr 1716

The suit depending (sic) between Francis Mallory and **Francis Poythres**, excr Josh. Patterson dced and Thomas Hucaby, neither party appearing, is dismiss. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 55)

Apr 1716

Francis Mallory and **Francis Poythres** exrs Joshua Patterson dced vs. Thomas Hucaby; pursuant to an order of the last Court exhibited and out, related to the provings on the case while being examined and it is ordered to be filed and the said plaintiffs as aforesaid to have till this Feb therein mentioned. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 57)

10 Apr 1716

Court held for Prince Edward County (sic). Present: **John Poythress**, among others, Gentl. Justices. (PG Orders, Va. Gene. Soc. Qrtly., vol. 20, # 2, 1982, contributed by Ben Weisiger III as are all of the following PG court orders 1714-20)

10 Apr 1716

Francis Mallory and **Francis Poythress**, Executors of Josh. Patterson vs. Thomas Huckaby dismiss. (PG Orders, p. 55, Va. Gene. Soc. Qrtly., Vol. 20, # 2, 1982)

ca May 1716

In case of Francis Mallory and **Francis Poythress**, Executors of Joshua Patterson, dec'd, vs. Thomas Huckaby, attachment granted agst. Huckaby's estate. (PG Orders, Va. Gene. Soc. Qrtly., Vol. 20, # 2, 1982)

12 Jun 1716

John Poythres among others present as gentl. justice, (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 59)

11 Jun 1716

The action depending between Edward Burball and **Robert Poythres**, neither party appearing is dismissed. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 59)

12 Jun 1716

Court held for PG County. Present (among others) John Poythress, Gent. Justices. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 59)

12 Jun 1716

Edward Burchett vs. Robert Poythress, dismissed. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 65)

Jun 1716

Gilbert Hay, John Willkins, **Peter Poythres** and James Jones junr or any three of them are ordered to appraise Jack and Diana Day now under the care of William Formlington they being first sworn by some Justice for that purpose and that they make report of same to be next Court. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 69)

Jun 1716

On petition of William Tomlinson, it is ordered that Jack, an Indian boy, be bound by churchwardens of Westover Parish until he is 21. Gilbert Hay, John Wilkins, **Peter Poythres** and James Jones, Jr. to appraise him. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 69)

9 Oct 1716

Court held at Merchant's Hope for County of Prince George; present: **John Poythres** among others as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 83)

13 Nov 1716

James Thweatt, assignee of David Duke, complains that Hubbard Gibson is indebted to him as assignee for 16 well dressed doe skins by bill dated 11 July 1711 and unlawfully departed this county. Hubbard's estate is therefore attached for: one iron pott, pr. andirons. Gibson did not appear and judgment confirmed. Goods to be appraised by **Robert Poythres**, William Batte, George Rives, Edward Mitchell and reported to next court. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 89)

4 Feb 1717

James Parram of Prince Geo. Co. to **Joshua Poythress** of same, for £30, 200 acres bounded by Mr. Henry Batte, Baly's Creek, Mathew Parham and John Young. The land being in the parish of Westover and commonly known as "High Peak."

Wit: James Cocke, William Worsham. Rec: 11 Feb 1717, Signed: Jaes. Parram.

19 Apr 1717

On petition of John Hobbs, a surveyor of the highways, ordered that Capt. **John Poythres's** tithables, James Bishop, William Hobbes, **Peter Poythres** and **William Poythres** assist said Hobbs in clearing the highways.

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 113)

9 Apr 1717

Sheriff returns account of Hubbard Gibson attached for James Thweatt: 1 iron pott @ £ 1/19/4. Appraised by Wm Batte, **Robert Poythres**, Edw. Mitchell. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 117)

9 May 1717

Stith Bolling, Southwark Parish, County of Surry

to

Robert Poythres, Westover Parish, County of St. George

Sum: £25 and 5,000 lbs. of tobacco

Land: 500 acres in Parishes of Bristol and Westover, next to the land purchased by Col. Robert Bolling of Col. William Byrd (of which this is a part) and next to land formerly belonging to Capt. Henry Batte, and next to land formerly belonging to Mathew Parham, dced.; it being the moiety or ½ of 1000 acres purchased by Col. Robert Bolling (father of the before named Stith Bolling) of Col. William Byrd, dced.hhh

Wit: Peter Wynne

Richard Raines

Peter Poythres

Signed: Stith Bolling (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 164)

9 May 1717

Stith Bolling, Southwark Parish, County of Surry

to

Robert Poythres, Westover Parish, County of St. George

Sum: £25 and 5,000 lbs. of tobacco

Land: 500 acres in Parishes of Bristol and Westover, next to the land purchased by Col. Robert Bolling of Col. William Byrd (of which this is a part) and next to land formerly belonging to Capt. Henry Batte, and next to land formerly belonging to Mathew Parham, dced.; it being the moiety or ½ of 1000 acres purchased by Col. Robert Bolling (father of the before named Stith Bolling) of Col. William Byrd, dced.hhh

Wit: Peter Wynne

Richard Raines

Peter Poythres

Signed: Stith Bolling (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 164)

14 May 1717

Court held at Merchant's Hope for County of Prince George; present: **John Poythress** a gentl justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 121)

14 May 1717

Stith Bolling in open Court acknowledged his deed (indented and sealed) with liberty of seizure sworn thereon to **Robert Poythres** on whose motion the same by the Court is ordered to be recorded. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 124)

14 May 1717

Stith Bolling in open Court acknowledged his Bond for performance of covenants to **Robert Poythres** on whose motion the same is ordered to be recorded. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 124)

Jun 1717

The suit in Chancery brought by Charles Anderson against **John Poythres** and Henry Offley neither party appearing is dismissed. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 132)

11 Jun 1717

Charles Anderson having filed a Bill in Chancery against **John Poythres**, excr of **John Poythres decd** and Henry Offley late of London, Merchant, it is ordered a summons against the said John Poythres and Henry Offley to appear at the next court and answer the said charges. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 132)

11 Jun 1717

Court held at Merchant's Hope for Prince George County, present: **John Poythres**, among others, as justices. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 133)

11 Jun 1717

In case of Elizabeth Jones agst Robert Jones, Executor of will of William Jones, dec'd, for 2 steers given plt. by said will, the deft. files a demurrer and case is referred to trial. A jury is impaneled, by name: John Poythress (foreman), John Pook.
(PG Orders 1714-20)

9 July 1717

Court held at Merchants Hope for Prince George County. Present (among others) John Poythress, Gent. Justices. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 133)

9 Jul 1717

John Poythres as jury foreman. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 136)

13 Aug 1717

In suit of Charles Anderson vs Henry Offley; late of London, merchant and **John Poythres**, surviving executor of **John Poythres**, dec'd, Thomas Simmons Subsheriff served a writ and **Poythres** failed to appear. Attachment is granted plaintiff agst **Poythres**. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 139)

13 Aug 1717

In case of John Pook vs **John Poythres**; Francis Mallory and George Hambleton are chosen to settle differences and report to next court.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 139)

13 Aug 1717

In petition for an acre of land opposite his acre on Baley's Run, to build a mill, on land of the heirs of Joseph Holycross, dec'd, Martha Holycross, mother of said heirs, gave permission. Ordered that **Robert Poythres** and Edward Mitchell lay out an acre. Peterson to pay for the land.

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 140)

10 Sep 1717

In case of Charles Anderson v Henry Offley, late of London, Merchant and **John Poythres**, Exec. of **John Poythres**, dec'd, **John Poythres** appears and says he has in his hands money enough of Offley's to pay plt. £ 19/1/3, and will pay. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 144)

10 Sep 1717

In case brought by John Pook agst **John Poythres** for 200 lbs. tobacco due for striping two weighty hogsheads of tobacco, Francis Mallory and George Hamilton report that Poythres ought to pay Pook 140 lbs. tobacco and judgment granted. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 145)

8 Oct 1717

John Poythres, among others present as as "gentl justices." (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 148)

10 Dec 1717

John Poythres, among others, present as "Gentl. Justices." (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 155)

11 Dec 1717

John Poythres, among others, present as "Gentl. Justices." (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 157)

11 Dec 1717

In chancery suit of Walter Vernon v **John Poythres**, surviving executor of will of **John Poythres**, dec'd, deft. appears and is granted time to answer.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 157)

14 Jan 1717/18

John Poythres, among others, present as "gentl. justice." (PG Orders, 1714-20, p. 162)

11 Feb 1717/18

James Parham acknowledged deed of land to **Joshua Poythres**. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 167)

11 Mar 1717/18

John Poythres, among others, as gentl. justices. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 168)

11 Mar 1717/18

John Poythres, Robert Mumford, and James Thweatt, Gent. Justices, are recommended to the Governor as persons fit to be Sheriff of this County.

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 168)

11 Mar 1717/18

In suit of chancery of Walter Vernon vs **John Poythres**, surviving executor of John Poythres, dec'd, the plt. has till next court to file reply to deft.'s answer. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 169)

11 Mar 1717/18

In case of Francis Epes v **John Poythres**, plt. failing to prosecute, a non suit granted the deft. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 178)

11 Mar 1717/18

Walter Vernon vs Henry Offley and **John Poythres**, surviving executor of **John Poythres**, dec'd, is dismiss. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 180)

9 Apr 1717

"The Sheriff makes return of the appraisement of the Estate of Hubbard Gibson attacht. for James Thweat. Appraised by William Batte, **Robert Poythres** & Edward Mitchell, the appraisers sworn by me, John Peterson." (Boddie, Southern Families, Vol. 1, citing PG County, Orders and Returns of Executions, p. 117)

9 May 1717

Stith Bolling, Southwark Parish, County of Surry

to

Robert Poythres, Westover Parish, County of St. George

Sum: £25 and 5,000 lbs. of tobacco

Land: 500 acres in Parishes of Bristol and Westover, next to the land purchased by Col. Robert Bolling of Col. William Byrd (of which this is a part) and next to land formerly belonging to Capt. Henry Batte, and next to land formerly belonging to Mathew Parham, dced.; it being the moiety or ½ of 1000 acres purchased by Col. Robert Bolling (father of the before named Stith Bolling) of Col. William Byrd, dced.

Wit: Peter Wynne

Richard Raines

Peter Poythres

Signed: Stith Bolling (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 164)

10 Feb 1718/19

James Parham of the County of Prince George

to

Joshua Poythres of the County of Prince George

Sum: £30

Land: 200 acres

Wit: James Cocke

Signed: James Parham (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds, Settlements 1713-28 with 1719 -22 in a separate

book, p. 211)

8 Apr 1718

John Roberts of Surry County and Thomas Winningham of Prince George County to Darrell Young, Jr. of Prince George County, for 1300 lbs. of tobacco 100 acres of land where Winningham lives, bounded by Charles Bartholomew, John Young, Capt. John Poythress. John Roberts; Thos (x) Winningham. (PG Wills & Deeds, 1718-1728)

9 Apr 1718

John Poythres, among others present as Gent. Justices. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 181)

9 Apr 1718

At a Court Held at Merchants Hope for Prince George County for receiving and certifying to the next session of the Assembly for Propositions, Grievances and Publick Claims of said County....(present, among others, **John Poythres** as gentl. justice). (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 183)

26 Apr 1718

Will of Elizabeth Ivie of the Par. Waynoke, Prince George County. **Wit: Mary Poythress**. (PG County Records, Wm & Mary Qrtly Series II, vol. 7, p. 184, 1927)

12 May 1718

Nicholas Robertson of Bristol Parish, Prince George County, to George Truman of same, 100 A in Bristol Parish next to Monksneck Creek, being part of a tract granted to Roger Truman, and was by above named George, son of Roger, sold to Thomas Parram in his will given to the said Robertson; wit: **John Poythress**, John Robyson, George Davenport, John Scoggins. PG Wills & Deeds 1713-1728, p. 228.

13 May 1718

Mr. Sampson Merredeth is to take the list of tithables in Martin's Brandon Parish on 10th June next; **Capt. John Poythres** to do same in Wyanoke Parish on 20th Jun next; **Capt. John Poythres** to do same in Wyanoke Parish, Capt. John Hamlin in Westover Parish, and Maj. Robert Bollin (sic?) in Bristol Parrish. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 184)

10 Jun 1718

John Poythres among others, present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 187)

10 Jun 1718

John Roberts of Southwark Parish, Surry County and Edward Winningham of Westopher Parish, Prince George County to John Woodlief, "otherwise called John Woodlief of the pasture" of Westopher Parish, Prince George County for 1300 lbs. of tobacco, 100 acres of land in Westopher Parish, Prince George County... "bounded by **John Poythress**" etc. Wit: Gilbert Hay, Henry Batte, John Robards, Edward (E) Winningham. Recorded June 10, 1718. (PG Wills & Deeds 1713-1728, Weisiger)

8 Jul 1718

John Poythres, among others, present as Gentl. Justice (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 192)

12 Aug 1718

John Poythres, among others, present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 197)

1718

Ann Hamlin, relict of Richard Hamlin, dec'd, appeared in court and relinquished her right of administration to John Hamlin, who appears and grants indemnifies Sampson Meredith, one of the securities of Richard Hamlin died without a will and was granted administration to John Hamlin, who appears and indemnifies Sampson Meredith one of the securities of Richard Hamlin died without a will and was granted administration of the estate. **Francis Poythres** and Peter Wynne his security. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 201)

11 Nov 1718

Francis Poythres, the Elder, of Westover Parish, Pr. Geo. Co. to Richard Pace of the same, for £100, all lands and plantation where said Richard lives, the plantation where Joseph Carter, Edward Crosland, Thomas Kirkland, and Michael Rosser, Sr. live, bounded by lands of said **Francis Poythres**.

Wit: Peter Wynne

John (JB) Bonner

Thomas Poythres

Signed: **Francis Poythres** (sealed with a waxer)

Rec: 9 Dec 1718 (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28, p. 269)

11 Nov 1718

Francis Poythres of Westover Parish, County of Prince George
to

Thomas Goodwynne of Surry County

Sum: "a full and satisfactory consideration."

Land: 100 acres in Westover Parish purchased of Richard Pace by **Francis Poythres**

Wit: Peter Wynne

John B. Bonner

Thomas Poythres

Signed: ff. Poythres (sealed with a waxer)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 269-70)

11 Nov 1718

Richard Pace and **Francis Poythres** of Prince George County
to

Thomas Goodwynne of County of Surry

Sum: £100

Land: 400 acres in Westover Parish, County of Prince George

Wit: Peter Wynne
John B. Bonner
Thomas Poythres

Signed: **ff. Poythres**, Richard Pace (both signed with a waxer)
(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate
book, p. 271)

Full text of above document:

Richard Pace		
Francis Poythress	to	Thomas Goodwyn
Prince George County		Surry County
11/11/1718	400 acres	Westopher Parish
Pr. George County	Book 1713-1728	Page 269

This Indenture made this eleventh Day of November in the year of Our Lord God One thousand seven hundred and eighteen. Between Richard Pace and **Francis Poythress** of the County of Prince George of the one part and Thomas Goodwynne of the County of Surry of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Richard Pace and Francis Poythress for divers good causes and considerations then thereunto moving, but more expecially for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred pounds Sterl: to them in hand paid by the said Thoams Goodwynne at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the rect whereof the said Richard Pace and **Francis Poythress** doth hereby acknowledge they themselves to be therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and thereof doth acquire release and discharge the said Thomas Goodwynne his Ex Hath given granted bargained sold remised, released, and for ever quitted claim, and by these presents the said Richard Pace and **Francis Poythress** doth for themselves their heirs Exrs and Admts forever give grant bargain sell remise release and for ever quit claim unto the said Thomas Goodwynne and to his heirs forever to all that seat tract parcell or dividend of Land situate lying and being in the Pssh of Westopher in the County of Prince George contain by estimation four hundred acres of Land, be it more or less and bounded Viz: beginning at the Path on the Old Town run, where it crosses the same, leading from old Michael Rossers plantation to Edward Goodriches plantation, and running thence Westwardly as the path leads along the said Rossers cornfiled fence to the upper end of the same and from thence west nineteen degreed north along a line of mark trees to a corner oak in the head of a bottom thence down that bottom by a line of mark trees to the runn between Richard Paces plantation where he now lives, and the plantation whereon John Whittmore more lately lived, and so down that runn to the Path at the beginning. together with Two hundred acres of Land at the head of the said Richard Paces dividend, beginning at his southern corner tree and running east fifty chains to a red oake, thence No. One hundred and sixty chains to the line dividing this land from lands which did belong to Mr. Cha. Anderson Decsd: thence West fifty chains, thence So. one hundred and sixty chains to the beginning. To have and to hold the said land sand premises hereby granted unto the said Thomas Goodwynne and to his heirs forever, together with all houses Orchards, Gardens, Woods, underwoods, wayes, Pastures etc. and all other the appurtenances thereon or thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining, so that neither the said Richard Pace nor **Francis Poythress** nor their heirs nor any other person or persons whatever claiming or to claim by from or under them or either of them shall no at any time

hereafter have any right title interest claims or demand of in or too the sd. lands and premises, but that the same with every part and parcell thereof shall be and forver hereafter enure to the only sole proper use and behoof of him the said Thomas Goodwynne and to his heirs forever. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year first above written.

Testes. Peter Wynne
John {B} Bonner

F. Poythress sealed w/ red wax
Richd: Pace sealed w/ red wax

9 Dec 1718

Elizabeth Duke, relict of Henry Duke, dec'd, of this county, appears and says he died without a will, and she is appointed administratrix with John Hardyman her security. Mr. John Hatch, Capt. Hamlin, **Capt. John Poythres**, and Gilbert Hay to appraise the estate. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 217)

9 Dec 1718

Francis Poythres the elders deeds of land to Richard Pace is proved by Peter Wynne, John Bonner and **Thomas Poythres**, a witness. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 219)

9 Dec 1718

Francis' Poythres the elder's deed of land to Richard Pace is proved by Peter Wynne, **John Poythres**, and **Thomas Poythres**, a witness. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 219)

9 Dec 1718

Frances Poythres the elder' the elders deed of title languishes. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 219)

9 Dec 1718

Francis Poythres' the elder's deed of land to Thomas Goodwyn proved by Peter Wynne, John Bonner and **Thomas Poythres**, witnesses. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 219)

13 Jan 1718/19

John Poythres among others present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 230)

13 Jan 1718/19

John Poythres among others present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 228)

13 Jan 1718/19

Under date of 9 Jul 1717, identical to the text above re Charles Anderson.

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 232)

13 Jan 1718/19

Under date of 9 Jul 1717, identical to the text above re Charles Anderson.

(It is speculated that the court took action in July identical to that taken in June and the clerk; seeing no point in recomposing the things, simply duplicated them). (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 232)

22 Jan 1718/19

John Poythress, John Hatch, and Gilbert Hay appraised and inventoried the estate of Capt. Henry Duke. (**John Poythress** had claimed land rights for importing Henry Snellgrove. **John Poythress** was also both attorney and social acquaintance to Elizabeth Taylor Duke. On Sep 19, 1720, Col. William Byrd records in his diary that he dined at his home, Westover, with Mrs. Duke and her attorney, **Mr. Poythress**, along with his “brother and sister Duke”, “James Duke and his wife Mary Byrd Duke.”

PG Wills & Deeds 1713-1728, pp. 336-337.

4 Feb 1718/19

Will of Richard Bland, 1719 - Prince George Co. VA

In The Name of God, Amen, February the fourth, one thousand seven Hundred & nineteen, I Richard Bland of the County of Prince George and Parrish of Westover Gentleman, being sick and weak in body but of perfect sense & memory do make and ordain this as my Last Will and Testament, First and principally I recommend my Soul unto Almighty God, hoping for pardon & remission of my sins, through the death and passion of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, my body I commit to the Earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executors, and the Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I dispose of in manner following.

I Devise unto my son Theodorick, and to his heirs for ever, that tract of Land which I purchased of Mr. William Randolph, lying at Pidgeon Swamp as also all my Lands and Tennements at Jones Hole, and on Buckskin Creek at Nottoway River.

All the Residue of my Lands and Tennements I devise unto my son Richard, and his heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary five Hundred Pounds Sterling money, one feather bed & furniture, one dozen of Silver Spoons, and my Negro Woman Scis, and Negro Girl Frank, to be held by her & her heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Five Hundred Pounds Sterling money, one feather bed & furniture, one dozen of Silver Spoons and these Negro Girls, to wit, Kate and Judith, to be held by her & her heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Five Hundred Pounds Sterling money, one feather bed & furniture, one dozen of Silver Spoons, and these Negro Girls, to wit, Phillis and Little Scis, to be held by her & her heirs for ever.

I give to be equally divided between my three Daughters all their Mothers apparel, and other ornaments, and to each of them a horse and womans saddle.

All my Negro's not before mentioned, I give and Devise unto my Sonns Richard and Theodorick and their heirs for ever, to be Equally divided between them when my son Richard shall arrive to Lawful age, and if either of my said sons dye before that time, then I

give all my Negro's to the survivor and to his heirs for ever, and if after such division, my son Theodorick shall dye before he arrives to Lawful age, then I give all those Negro's that shall be allotted for him, upon such division, unto my son Richard, and his heirs for ever.

After all my Debts and Legacys are paid, and the charges of clothing and maintaining my children (so long as they are under Guardians) are satisfied out of my Estate, and the profits thereof, then whatever shall be remaining, I give to be equally divided between my two Sonns, and if either of them dye before he comes of age, then the part of him that shall dye, I give to be equally divided between all my children.

My will is that my Executors be not obliged by any order of Court to Inventory my Estate, but that fair accounts be kept of the profits and Loss of the same.

I give to each of my dec'd. Wife's Brothers, and to Each of their Wife's, and children, and to her own Sister, and her children, a mourning Ring.

The Guardianship of my children I commit to my Executors, and do direct that they have not the Liberty of choosing any other Guardian.

I do revoke all Wills by me heretofore made, and do make constitute and appoint my Brothers in Law William Randolph and Richard Randolph Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

Rich'd. Bland Seald w'th. black wax

Signed Seald published

& declared in presence of

Adam (his A marke) Sims

John Fitzgerrald

Tho's. (his marke) Burge

Mich'l. (his M W marke) Wallis

(Deeds etc. 1713-28, page 394, Prince George Co.VA.)

At a Court held at Merchants Hope for the County of Prince George on the second Tuesday in April being the twelveth day of the said month, Anno Dom. 1720.

The above written Last Will and Testament of Richard Bland Dece'd. was presented into Court by William Randolph and Richard Randolph his Executors, who made oath thereto, and it being proved by the oaths of John Fitzgerrald, Thomas Burge and Michal Wallis witnesses thereto, is by order of the Court truly recorded. And on the motion of the s'd. William Randolph and Richard Randolph, and their giving security, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Test Wm. Hamlin Cl Cur

9 Jul 1717 (1719?)

John Poythres a Jury Foreman. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 237).

13 Aug (1719?) (see preceding)

In the action on the case depending (sic) between John Pool and **John Poythres**, Francis Mallory and George Hamilton are chosen by the said partys and appointed by the Court to

meet and settle the difference between the said plaintiff and defendant and make report of their proceedings therein to the next Court. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 234)

13 Aug 1717 (1719?)

The suit in Chancery brought by Charles Anderson against Henry Offley, late of London, Merchant and **John Poythres** surviving exor of the Last Will and Testatment of **Joshua Poythres dced**. Thomas Simmons, SubSherriff Oath to the service of the Writ and charged **Poythres** and he failing to appear an attachment is granted the complaintant against the Body of the said **Poythres** returnable to the next Court and it is ordered that said summons is also against the said Offley returnable to the next Court. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 239)

22 Jan 1718/9

An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Capt. Henry Duke Deced: taken and appraised this 22d of Jany. 1718. [follows the inventory] In Obediance to an Order of this County Court we the subscribers have valued the above particulars amounting to £22-11-5. (The Duke-Symes Family, p. 58, 59)

4 Apr 1719

John Drayton, one of the orphans of Roger Drayton, dec'd, chose **Capt. John Poythres** as his guardian. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 245)

14 Apr 1719

Joshua Poythres, Robert Poythres, John Fitzgerald and Edward Mitchell or any three of them being first sworn for that purpose by some Magistrate of this County are nominated and appointed to appraise the estate of Thomas Harwell dced and make report of their proceedings therein to the next Court when Henry Batte, the Admin. Thereof is ordered to return the inventory.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 250)

14 Apr 1719

Henry Batte made oath that Thomas Harwell, dec'd, died intestate, and is granted administration of his estate. **John Poythres, Robert Poythres**, John Fitzgerald and Edward Mitchell are to take inventory. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 250)

12 May 1719

John Poythres among others present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 253)

12 May 1719

Mr. Samson Merredeth is appointed to take a list of tithables in Martins Brandon Parish on 10 June next; **Capt. John Poythres** appointed in Waynoke Parish; Mr. John Hardyman appointed in Westover Parish; and Major Robert Bolling appointed in Bristol Parish. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 253)

12 May 1719

Robert Poythres and Edward Mitchell who were appointed to lay and value one acre of Land lying on the Balys River and belonging to the Land of Joseph Holycross dced for John Peterson's convenience to build a water Mill and make report of their proceedings which is ordered to be recorded and is accordingly truly recorded as follows; viz: [copy blotted] Prince George County. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 254)

12 May 1719

The order that Elizabeth Duke Adm. of Henry Duke dced return an inventory of the said dced Estate is continued till the next Court (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 255)

9 Jun 1719

John Poythres, John Hatch, William Harrison and Gilbert Hay or any three of them being first sworn for that purpose by some Magistrate of this County are ordered to appraise the Estate of Randle Pratt dced and make report of their proceedings to the next Court when Henry Holder as the Executor is to return the Inventory thereof. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 263)

14 Jul 1719

At a Court held at Merchant's hope for Prince Geo: County on Tuesday the 14th day of July Anno Dom: 1719. The next before written Inventory and Appraisement &c of the Estate of Henry Duke, Decd: was Exhibited into court by Elizabeth Duke, Admr. thereof, and by order of the court the same is truly recorded.

Teste Wm Hamlin, Cl Cur.

(Vol. 1713-1727, p. 336, Prince George Co.)

15 Jul 1719

John Poythres among others present is a "gentl. Justice." (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 267)

14 Jul 1719

In the action brought by Thomas Goodwynn against **John Poythres** for £ 34/6/5 due by account the def. being arrested and not appearing nor any Security returned for him on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney judgement is granted him against the said defendt. and James Thweatt Sherr. for the said sum and costs unless the said defendt. shall appear at the next Court and answer the said action. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 275)

11 Aug 1719

The petition of **Francis Poythres, Excr** against Eliza. Mallory Excr of Fra. Mallory dced is referred till the next court.

* Will of Francis Mallory, dec'd, was exhibited by Elizabeth Mallory, John Howard and Edward Goodrich, the Executors, and proved by Joshua Irby and Joseph Renn, and recorded, with **Francis Poythres** security to John Hatch, Edmund Irby, Gilbert Hay and William Harrison, Gent., to appraise estate. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 278)

8 Sep 1719

John Poythres among others present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 281)

13 Oct 1719

John Poythres among others present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 285)

11 Oct 1719

Jenny a Negro girl belong to **Francis Poythres** is Judged nine years old.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 285)

13 Oct 1719

Amy, a Negro girl belonging to **Peter Poythres** is Judged to be eleven years old. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 285)

13 Oct 1719

Tom, a Negro boy belonging to **Peter Poythres** is Judged nine years old.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 285)

13 Oct 1719

Jenny, a Negro girl belonging to Francis Poythres, is age 8.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 285)

13 Oct 1719

The action on the case bro. by Thomas Goodwynn against **John Poythres**, the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 287)

13 Oct 1719

13 Oct 1719; **Francis Poythres** surviving executor of Last Will & Testament Jos. Patterson against Elizabeth Mallory, John Hamlin and Edward Goodrich excrs of the Last Will & Testament of Francis Mallory dced: for 2061 lbs. of Tobacco and 16 shillings due by accts to the Estate of the plaintiff Joseph Patterson dced. The defdts. Move the Plaintiff prove the said acct whereupon he makes Oath the same is due and on his motion its ordered that the Defendts pay to the said plf. out of the said Mallory's Estate 17 pounds 3 shillings 6 pence, value of the said Tobacco and the said sum of 17 shillings amounting in the whole to 18 pounds 6 pence with costs Als: Eceo.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 289)

13 Oct 1719

Prince a Negro boy belonging to **Joshua Poythres** is judged five years old.

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 291)

10 Nov 1719

John Poythres among others present as Gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 292)

11 Nov 1719

(**John Poythres**, Samson Meredith and John Hardyman, among others, present as gentl. Justices). [note: from here and sporadically forward **John Poythres** appears to “co-sign William Hamlin’s order to close the court.”]
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 297)

11 Nov 1719

For Wolves Killed:

to

Joshua Poythres (among others) 1 100 lbs tobacco
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 297)

11 Jan 1720

Prince George County Records, 1733-1790, p. 208

Grand Jury empanelled consisting of William Batte, William Gibbs, Thomas Leath, Nicholas Hatch, **Thomas Poythress**, John Brockwell, John Chamless, Edward Woodleif, John Cureton, William Parsons, William Crawley, Daniel Sturdivant, Lewis Epes, John Epes, William Mattox, Benjamin Simmons, Samuel Lee, John Burge, Tillman Patteson, Reuben Baird, John Hardaway, Roger Taylor and James Pittillo.

Jury made the following presentments:

Elizabeth Jones in Parish of Brandon for having a bastard child.

William Floyd, a common swearer.

William Bleighton, for not going to church.

William Irby, for same.

etc. etc.

Signed: William Batte, Foreman

All of above summoned to next court.

Source: “Temple People”, Joyce Temple Bennett, Family Hist. Library, 929.3 T2476, 2003, V. 1, p. 157.

12 Jan 1719/20 (sic)

John Poythres present as gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 303)

12 Jan 1719/20

In case of *detinue* of William Cook and Rebecca his wife agst James Jones, jury at last court failed to return verdict, and now being called, **Thomas Poythres** one of the jurors not appearing, cause is deferred until next court, and he is to be summoned to attend. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 303)

2 Mar 1719/20

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“.....After most of the company went away and I then wrote a letter to **Mr. Poythress** and then took a walk....”

8 Mar 1719/20

Pursuant to the direction of the Act for Appointing Sherriffs **John Poythres**, Robert Mumford and John Hardyman, gentl. Justices are recommended to the Honourable Leiut. Governor as fitt and able to execute the office as Sherriff of this County for the next ensuing year. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 306)

8 Mar 1719/20

In the case of *detinue* of William Cook and Rebecca his wife v James Jones, jury now appears and declares they cannot agree on a verdict, and they are discharged, and another jury is to be impaneled to try the issue. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 310)

8 Mar 1719/20

John Poythres, John Hardyman and Louis Green gentl. are recommended to the honourable the Leiut. Govnr as fitt and able to Execute the office of Corroners of this County. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 310)

11 Mar 1719/20

John Poythres present as gentl. Justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 298)

11 Mar 1719/20

In action of *detinue* of William Cook and Rebecca his wife v James Jones for £ 40, a jury was impaneled: John Thweatt (foreman), Henry Thweatt, **Thomas Poythres**, Richard Cureton, John Lessenby, Chichester Sturdivant and James Moody and they are to deliver to sheriff when they agree.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 301)

11 Mar 1719/20

Sarah Pace, wife of **Richard Pace**, relinquished her dower in land sold by her husband to Thomas Goodwyn. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 302)

22 Mar 1720

All surveys made in Prince George County from June 1719 to June 1720:
22 Mar 1720, **Capt. Francis Poythress**, on W side of Butterwood SW, 350 acres.

12 Apr 1720

Last Will & Testament of **Richard Bland** dced was presented into court by William Randolph and Richard Randolph, excrs.....etc. (PG Orders 1720-14, p. 314)

10 May 1720

(Assignments to take the lists of tithables): **John Poythres** gentl in Waynoke Parrish, Samson Merredeth gentl. in Martins Brandon Parrish.....etc. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 316)

16 May 1720

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“...(I) then wrote more letters till about 1 o'clock and then came **Mr. Poythress** and dined with me and I ate some boiled beef. After dinner I settled some accounts with **Mr. Poythress** till 4 o'clock and then he went away and I wrote more letters to England till 6...”

14 Jun 1720

John Poythres, among others, present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 322)

14 Jun 1720

John Hardyman, **John Poythres** and Edward Goodrich make Oaths as Sherriffs. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 323)

14 Jun 1720

John Poythres and Edward Goodrich entered bond with John Hardyman for his performance as Sheriff 14 June 1720. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 323)

14 Jun 1720

In action of *detinue* brought by William Cooke and Rebecca his wife agst James Jones, judgment is affirmed. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 329)

14 Jun 1720

On the motion of **Robert Poythres** he is Exempt from paying Levy for his Negro woman Sue. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 330)

14 Jun 1720

John Poythres Robert Poythres and John Woodleif, having taken the Official Oaths of Allegiance and signed the Teste are sworn vestrymen of Westover Parrish. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 330)

9 Aug 1720

John Poythres present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 331)

9 Aug 1720

Cato, a Negro boy belonging to **David Poythres** is Adjudged twelve years old. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 333)

4 Sep 1720 (Recorded 13 Jun 1721)

Deed 1,200 acres

John Poythres Senr. and Mary his wife of Prince George County

William Liggon and Elizabeth his wife

Edward Stratton and Ann his wife of Henrico County

James Parham and Rachell his wife of Isle of Wight County
Abraham Jones and his wife Sarah of Prince George County

Witness that **Henry Batte** by Last Will and Testament bequeathed 1,200 acres in Prince George County, Bristol Parish to be equally divided between his five daughters, viz:

Mary the wife of John Poythres	240 acres
Eliza the wife of Henry Liggon	240 acres
Ann the wife of Edward Stratton	240 acres
Rachell the wife of James Parham	240 acres
Sarah the wife of Abraham Jones	240 acres

Signatures: all of above

Wit: James Thweatt

James Thweatt, Junr.

William Anderson

At Court at Merchant's Hope, Prince George County 13 June 1721....ordered truly recorded, etc. Teste: Wm. Hardin, CC

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 471-72)

13 Sep 1720

John Poythres present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 333)

13 Sep 1720

Jenny, a Negro girl belonging to **John Poythres** is Adjudged eleven years old. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 334)

19 Sep 1720

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“About 12 o'clock came Mrs. Duke and **her lawyer Mr. Poythress** and dined with my brother and sister Duke and I ate some pork collops. After dinner we sat and talked and then I went and put up my things. In the evening we sat to drink several healths till 9 o'clock and then retired....”

13 Oct 1720

John Poythres present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 338)

13 Oct 1720

Jenny, a negro girl belonging to **John Poythres**, is adjudged age 11. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 339)

8 Nov 1720

Francis **Poythres** the Elder of Parish of Westover, County of Prince George to

John Poythres Junr. of the same parish and county.

Sum: £10

Land: parcell of land called by the name of ye Powells containing 150 acres
bounded easterly on the Deep bottom and westerly on the land of

Thomas Poythres.

Signed: **Francis Poythres** (sealed with a waxer)

Wit: E. Goodrich, Thos. Binford, Margaret Goodrich

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate
book, p. 425)

13 Dec 1720

Francis Poythres in Open Court acknowledges his deed for Land (indented and sealed) with
Livery of Seizure Endorsed thereon to **John Poythres** on whose motion the same is ordered
to be recorded. (PG Orders 1714-1720, p. 339)

10 Jan 1720/21

John Poythres present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 341)

10 Jan 1720/21

John Woodlife, **John Poythres** [among others] “being chose Vestrymen for the Parrish of
Martins Brandon they accordingly appear in Court and take the Oath appointed by Law, sign
the Teste, and are sworn Vestrymen of the Parrish aforesaid.” (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 342)

10 Jan 1720/21

John Poythres, Edmund Irby, Gilbert Way and William Harrison chosen, sworn, etc. to
appraise the Estate of Edward Goodrich; Margaret Goodrich the Executrix is to return the
Inventory. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 343)

10 Jan 1720/21

John Poythres present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 343)

11 Jan 1720/21

John Poythres present as gentl. justice. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 347)

11 Jan 1720/21

11 Jan 1720: For Wolves killed, [i. e. bounty] viz:

Name	# killed	lbs. Tobacco awarded
Robert Poythres	1	100
Joshua Poythres	4	400
John Poythres	1	100
John Gilliam Junr	1	100
John Gilliam Senr	2	200
Richard Pace	1	100

(among others)

(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 347)

14 Feb 1720/21

Adam Ivie returns into Court Estate of Elizabeth Ivie ordered to be recorded. Present: John Hamlin, **John Poythres**, Robert Bolling. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 349)

14 Feb 1720/21

Drury Stith Junr having a commission to be one of the Surveyors of Brunswick County, he accordingly appears in Court, takes the Official Oath, signs the Teste and is sworn a Surveyor of the County aforesaid.
(PG Orders 1714-20, p. 359)

14 Mar 1720/1

The Last Will & Testament of Sampson Meredith dced was presented into Court by Elizabeth Meredith his Executrix who made an oath thereto and it being proven by the Oaths of Thomas Rogers and Robert Rogers Witness thereto is admitted to record and on the motion of the said Elizabeth Meredith certificate is granted her for obtaining of the said Will in due form. (PG Orders 1714-20, p. 364)

22 Mar 1720/1

To a survey for **Capt. ffrancis Poythres** on the upper or west side of Butterwood Swamp and Woodlief's branch. 387 acres. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Virginia Surveyor's Book, 1711-1724, p. 46)

22 Mar 1720/1

To a survey for **John Woodleif** on both sides of the upper Rocky Run of Stony Creek. 212 acres; also 172 ½ acres on same swamp 11 Apr 1724, delivered the plat and certified it to **Mr. William Poythris**, with all rights. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Virginia Surveyor's Book, p. 46)

4 Apr 1721

Deed for lease

Thomas Vinson of North Carolina

to

William Poythres of the Colony of Virginia, County of Prince George

Sum: fee rent of 1 grain Indian Corn

Land: 100 acres bounding Joshua Poythres

Wit: John Banister

Abraham Cocke

Signed: Thos. Vinson

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 458)

11 Apr 1721

Deed for lease

Thomas Vinson of North Carolina

to

Wm. Poythres of County of Prince George, Colony of Virginia

Sum: £18

Land: 3 year lease on acreage in Bristol Parish precisely described.

Wit: John Banister

Abrah. Cocke

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 458-9)

11 Apr 1721

Deed for lease

Thomas Vinson of North Carolina

to

Wm. Poythres of County of Prince George, Colony of Virginia

Sum: £18

Land: 3 year lease on acreage in Bristol Parish precisely described.

Wit: John Banister

Abrah. Cocke

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 458-59)

11 Sep 1721

Deed for Rent

Adam Ivie of Parish of Martin's Brandon and County of Prince George

to

Peter Poythres of same parish and county

Sum: 1 grain of Indian Corn

Land: one parcell of land in Martin's Brandon, Prince George County, 40 acres situate...down the said Peter Poythres his line.

Wit: Peter Wynne, **Rbt. Poythres**

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 487)

12 Sep 1721

Lease

Adam Ivie of Parish of Martin's Brandon and County of Prince George

to

Peter Poythres of same parish and county

Sum: £20 Virginia mony

Lease above for a term of three years then title reverts to Peter Poythres.

Signed: Adam Ivie (sealed with a waxer)

Wit: Peter Wynne, **Rbt. Poythres**

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 488)

12 Sep 1721

Wm. Parham of the County of Surry

to

Rbt. Poythres of the County of Prince George

Transaction: 267 acres of land and £5 paid by **Robert Poythres**

in exchange for 100 acres of land in Prince George in Martin's Brandon Parish bounded by Wm. Bette, Thomas Bolling, John Young, Wm.

Parham.

Signed: **William (X) Poythres**

Wit: Peter Wynne, Wm. Jones

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 489)

4 Oct 1721

Sale of Corn Mill John Hardyman and his wife Henrietta Maria of Prince George County to

Peter Poythres of the same county

Sum: £200 Sterling

Transaction: "...all that Water Grist or Corn Mill now called by the name of Hardyman's Flower Mill...being on Powell Creek in Parish of Martin's Brandon and 100 acres of land to the said mill belonging and on part of which the said mill was purchased by John Hardyman late of said County father to the aforesaid John Hardyman by deed dated 3 Mch 1690.

Signed: John Hardeman, H. Maria Hardyman (sealed with a waxer)

Wit: Fran. Eppes, Jr., Elizabeth Duke, Margaret Goodrich.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 495-7)

11 Dec 1721

Burrell Green and Ann his wife and **Francis Poythres** of the County of Surry to

Robert Hunnicutt of the County of Prince George

Sum: 5 shillings deed for lease

Land: "one tract of land 200 acres being in the County of Prince George on both sides the Easterly Run, the same being part of a patent for 1000 acres of Land granted to **Rebecca Poythres** by an escheat patent bearing the date of 29 Apr 1692 the moiety or one half of such land is in the possession of Littlebury Eppes and 300 acres more of the said land was given to **Rebecca Poythres** the daughter of **Rebecca Poythres the patentee**, the residue thereof was given to the aforesaid Ann."

Signed: Burrell Green, Ann Green, **Francis Poythres** (all sealed w/ a waxer)

Wit: Jos. Simmons, Abraham Jones, James Jones

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 502)

12 Dec 1721

Deed for lease

Burrell Green and Ann his wife and **Francis Poythres** of the County of Surry
to

Robert Hunnicutt of the County of Prince George.

Sum: £21/10/0

Land: "the tract or parcell of land containing 200 acres in Prince George
County on both sides of Easterly Run and part of a patent bearing
the date of 29 Apr 1692 one half of which land is in possession of
Littlebury Eppes and 300 acres more of the said land was given to
Rebecca Poythres the daughter of the aforesaid **Rebecca Poythres** the
grantee and the residue thereof hereby granted was given to the
aforesaid Ann, after one year ownership for and in consideration of
£21/10/0.

Signed: Burrell Green, Ann Green, **Francis Poythres** (sealed w/ a waxer)

Wit: Jos. Simmons, Abraham Jones, James Jones.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate
book, p. 503)

11 Dec 1721

Deed for lease

Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife and Edward Gibson their son of
North Carolina

to

Peter Poythres of the Colony of Virginia

Sum: 5 shillings, 1 year lease

Land: 200 acres, Northside of the Blackwater Swamp the County of Prince
George, **the same being a part of a greater tract formerly granted by
patent to Francis Poythres now dced and since his death the land is
granted unto John Poythres, son to the aforementioned Francis
Poythres, as lapsed from the deed and by the said John Poythres sold
unto the aforesaid Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife and Edward
Gibson their son by deed dated 11 Dec 1704 to the said **Peter Poythres****

Signed: Hubbard Gibson, Mary Gibson, Edward Gibson (sealed w/ a waxer)

Wit: Richard Cureton, Richard Sykes, John (X) Fennel

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book,
p. 508-9)

11 Dec 1721 (transcription of above abstracted document)

This indenture made this 11th day of December one thousand seven hundred and twenty one,
between Hubbard Gibson, and Mary his wife and Edward Gibson their son of North Carolina
of the one part and Peter Poythres of the County of Prince George in the Colony of Virginia
of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife and Edward
Gibson, for and in consideration for the sum of 5s current money to them in hand paid by the
said Peter Poythres, whereof they do hereby acknowledge the receipt, have bargained and
sold and do by these presents bargain and sell unto the said Peter Poythres, his executors and
administrators, one certain parcel or tract of land containing two hundred acres, more or less,

situate and lying on the North Side of the Blackwater Swamp in the county of Prince George, the same being part of a greater tract of land formerly granted by patent unto Francis Poythres, now Dced, and since his death

the said land is granted unto John Poythres, son to the aforesaid Francis Poythres, as lapsed from said Francis and by the said John Poythres sold unto the aforesaid Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife and Edward Gibson by deed dated the eleventh day of December one thousand seven hundred and four as by the said deed reference being

thereunto will more fully appear and bounded as followeth: Viz., beginning in a Hickory Corner Tree of the land formerly belonging unto Hercules Flud, and by him sold unto the said Francis Poythres which said Tree is likewise a corner Tree of the head line of this Land and running from the said Tree and running South East and by South the course of the said Hercules Flud line to be the main run of the aforesaid Blackwater Swamp, thence along the said Run of the said Swamp till it comes to the land of John Taylor, Dced; thence from the said Swamp along the said Taylor's line forty six chains to a corner Tree at the headline of this trail, then from That Tree along the said headline according to the overall course thereof to the Tree begun....to have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances unto the said Peter Poythres, his executors and administrators before the day next before the date hereof unto the said end and farm for and during the term of one year from to the intent that by virtue thereof and of the statue for transferring uses into possession the said Peter Poythres may do in the actual possession of the said land and premises and be enabled to take a grant and release of the reversion and inheritance of the said premises to himself and his heirs to the use of his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof the said Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife and Edward Gibson have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered

in presence of:

Richard Cureton

Richard Sykes

John (x) Fennel

Signed:

Hubbard (x) Gibson, sealed with a waxer

Mary (x) Gibson , sealed with a waxer

Edward (x) Gibson, sealed with a waxer

At a Court held at Merchant's Hope for Prince George County, on the second Tuesday in January, being the ninth day of the said month, anno domini 1721, the above written deed of lease of land indented and sold was in open court acknowledged by Edward Gibson and of the subscribers thereto by his act and deed to Peter Poythres named therein and the same being also proved in Court by the oath of Richard Cureton, Richard Sykes and John Fennel witnesses thereto to be the act and deed of Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife to the other subscribers thereto, to the said Peter Poythres on his motion the same by order of the Court is truly recorded.

Teste: Wm Hamlin CC

12 Dec 1721

Hubbard Gibson and Mary his wife and Edward Gibson their son of North Carolina

to

Peter Poythres of Prince George County of the Colony of Virginia

Sum: £32

Land: 200 acres Northside of the Blackwater Swamp the County of Prince George the same being part of a greater tract of land granted to **Francis Poythres now decd.** and since his death the said land is granted to **John Poythres** son to the aforesaid **Francis Poythres** as lapsed from the said **Francis Poythres** and by the said **John Poythres** sold unto the aforesaid Hubbard Gibson, his wife Mary and heir son Edward Gibson by deed dated 11 Dec 1704.

Signed: Hubbard Gibson, Mary Gibson, Edward Gibson (sealed w/ a waxer)

Wit: Richard Cureton, Richard Sykes, John Fennel.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 510-11)

12 Dec 1721

Deed for lease

Burrell Green and Ann [Poythress] his wife of Surry Co. and **Francis Poythres** of the County of Prince George to Robert Hunnicutt of the County of Prince George.

Sum: 21 pounds, 10 shillings

Land: “the tract or parcell of land containing 200 acres in Prince George County on both sides of Easterly Run and part of a patent bearing the date of 29 Apr 1692 one half of which land is in possession of Littlebury Eppes and **300 acres more of the said land was given to Rebecca Poythres the daughter of the aforesaid Rebecca Poythres** the grantee and the residue thereof hereby granted was given to the aforesaid Ann, after one year ownership for and in consideration of 21 pounds, 10 shillings.

Signed: **Burrell Green, Ann Green, Francis Poythres** (sealed w/ a waxer)

Wit: Jos. Simmons, Abraham Jones, James Jones.

(Source: PG County Deeds 1713-28, p. 503)

[Note: Burrell Green died intestate in Surry and his widow Ann was appointed adm. of his estate 19 Sep 1733 (Surry B. 8, p. 330). They appear to have lived in what was later Sussex County]

Dec 1721 (notes to the above two wills from document described as “notes from the fragmentary Prince George County records.”)

“Deed, dated 11 December 1721 by Burrell Green and his wife Anne, and Francis Poythress, all of Surry, of the first part, to Robert Hunnicutt of Prince George County, ‘Shoemaker,’ (sic) of the other part; in consideration of five shillings, conveying ‘for the Term of one year,’ ‘one Tract or parcel of Land, Containing Two hundred Acres, more or less, Scituate, Lying and being in the County of Prince George, on both sides the Easterly Run: the same being part of a Patent for one thousand Acres of Land granted unto Rebecca Poythress, by an Escheat Patten, bearing Date the twenty-ninth Day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and Ninety Two: the moiety, or one halfe, of which Land is in the possession of Littlebury Eppes; and three hundred Acres more of said Land was given to Rebecca Poythress, the daughter of the aforesaid Rebecca the Pattennee: the other Two Hundred Acres, the residue thereof, was

given unto the aforesaid Anne; having for the Bounds thereof the side next to the said Rebecca's three hundred acres where they join together, and on the other sides the Courses of the said Patten and Deed of Sale from Batte to Ardington.' This deed was Acknowledged at a court "held at Merchantshope the second Tuesday in December, being the twelfth day, Anno Dom: 1721.' At this same court was acknowledged Another deed, dated 12 December 1721, by the same to the same, conveying the said Tract outright, in consideration of £21 10s. This land was near Jordan's Journey (sic), and had been purchased by Ardington from the Batte family prior to 1682: compare a land patent, dated 20 April 1682, to Henry Batte and James Thweat, for 673 acres, 2 rods, 6 poles, in Charles City County. The above-mentioned patent to Mrs. Rebecca Poythress is likewise preserved at the Virginia Land Office; and recites that the 1000 acres granted her 'according to ye most ancient and Rightfull bounds thereof' was declared escheat 'from Edm'd Ardington, dec'ed,' 19 November 1690."

Source for above notes: "The Hunnicutts of Prince George," by J. B. Cabell, William & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 27, No. 1, pp. 37-38, (1918).

12 Dec 1722

To a survey for **Thomas Poythres** on both sides of the upper Rocky Run on Stony Creek. 248 acres. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Deeds & Wills, 1713-28)

13 Dec 1722

To a survey for **William Poythres** on both sides of the reedy branch of Butterwood Swamp. 206 acres. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Deeds & Wills, 1713-1728)

19 Dec 1722

To a survey for **Robert Poythres**, on the lower side of Butterwood Swamp 291 acres. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Deeds & Wills 1713-1728)

1723

A list of the House of Burgesses for the year 1723; for Prince George County Robert Bolling, **John Poythress**.

(The Virginia Historical Register, vol. 3, p. 66)

1723

Number of tithables in Virginia in 1723 (selected counties):

Henrico	1922
Prince George	1387
Isle of Wight	1686
Surry	1712
James City	1265
Northumberland	1563
Charles City	922

Total of all: 39, 761

(Virginia Historical Register, vol. 3, p. 67)

12 Nov 1723

John Peterson of Bristol Parish, to John Fitzgerald of the same Parish, all that water grist or corn mill called Froghole Mill on Bailey's Creek, 118 acres bounded as by deed dated January 26, 1677 from Francis Whittington to John Peterson senior, deceased, which descended to said John Peterson, as heir at law on part of which land the mill stands. Another tract of land adjoins and contains 60 acres as in deed dated October 11, 1703 from Henry Batts to John Peterson, the said tract of land had descended to Henry Batts from his father Henry Batts Senior. The other tract of land of 95 acres, was purchased by John Peterson from William Bobbitt Junior by deed of May 12, 1703, it being land on which the said Bobbitt then lived, and was granted to William Bobbitt Senior, father of said William Bobbitt Junior as heir at law.

Witnesses:

Signed: John Peterson

Henry Wood

Joshua Irby

Francis Poythress

Prince George County land book of 1723, p. 658

Jan 1724

To **Capt. John Poythres** by order of Court £1/12/6 from Estate of Edward Goodrich. (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, (p. 778).

12 May 1724

Court at Merchant's Hope: Signed, Seald and acknowledged to be the Last Will and Testament of the subscribed John Poythres, as it's contained within this paper, in the presence of us } Fran Epes Jun'r, William Stainback John Winningham Signum at a Court held at Merchant's Hope for Prince George County, on the second Tuesday in May being the twelfth day of the said month, Anno Dom: 1724. The above (sic) written Last Will and Testament of John Poythres, dec'ed, was Exhibited into Court by Robert Poythres and John Woodlief his Executors who made oath thereto, and it being proved by the oaths of Francis Epes, William stainback and John Winningham, witnesses thereto, is by order of Court, truly recorded. And on the motion of the said Robert Poythres and John Woodleiff, and their giving Bond and Security according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the Will in due form.
Test Wm. Hamlin ClCor

20 May 1724 (proved) [RBB 43]

Will of **John Poythres** of Martin's Brandon Parish (p. 706 ff.)

This is an important document as it ties in many individuals and shows some interesting subtleties in a transcribed form vs. in an abstract. It is transcribed here in full:

In the name of God Amen-----

I, **John Poythres** of Martin's Brandon Parish in Prince George County being sick and weak in body, and by the blessing of God in perfect sense and memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this Mortal Life, and being desirous to Settle that small estate it has pleased God to bless me with in this world, do ordain, constitute and appoint this to be my Last Will and Testament, revoking and making void all former Wills heretofore by me made, and first and principally I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, beseeching him to grant me full pardon and transform for all my Sinne, through the merits of Jesus Christ my Savior and Secondly my body to be buried decently according to the discretion of Executors hereafter named---

Imprint. I give and bequeath unto my son **John Poythres**, and to his heirs Lawfully gotten forever, my plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred acres of land called Colebrooks, taking in the Ivy Point, so running down Hugh Evans' Spring Bottom to William Stainback's Corner Poplar and I also give and bequeath unto my said son John Poythres, and to his heirs Lawfully begotten forever, my tract of Land lying on the Southern side of the inside Blackwater Swamp, not debarring **his Brothers Francis and William Poythres** from getting of Timber for their plantations axe, and also giving them liberty to drive their stocks of Hoggs and Cattle upon the land if they shall think fitt and if it should please God to take him out of the world before he comes to the age of Twenty-one pass or without heirs of his Body

Lawfully begotten, then my will and pleasure is that my son **ffrancis Poythres** should enjoy and possess all of the above Lands as is mentioned and to his heirs Lawfully begotten.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son **ffrancis Poythes**, and to his heirs Lawfully begotten forever, a tract or parcell of land lying at and about the place called Brick Chimneys. Binding upon my son **John Poythres** and **Brother Thomas Poythres'** Land, around the Deep Bottom, taking in the whole Tract or Dividend of Land, and if or should it please God to take him out of this world before he arrives to the age of Twenty-one or without heirs of his body Lawfully begotten, then my Will and pleasure is that my son **William Poythres** should enjoy and possess all the above said Land mentioned, and his heirs Lawfully begotten forever----

Item. I give and bequeth to my Two Sons **John** and **ffrancis Poythres**, and to their heirs Lawfully begotten forever, a tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and eighty acres, joining to **Thomas Poythres'** Land, running a South course over the hornbranch, and so binding upon John Young, Dorrell Young, and John Winningham's lands, to be equally divided betwixt my two sons John and **ffrancis Poythres**, and to their heirs Lawfully begotten forever—

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son **William Poythres**, and to his heirs Lawfully begotten forever, one Tract or parcell containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, binding upon **Thomas Poythres** and Thomas Loveway's Land formerly belonging to Joseph Patterson called Powell's and if it should please God to take him out of the World before he comes to the age of twenty-one years or without heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten then my will and pleasure is that my son **John Poythres** enjoy and possess the above mentioned Land and his heirs Lawfully begotten forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son **John Poythres**, a small feather bed and furniture, one young mair about three years old and her increase, to him and his heirs forever---

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son **William Poythres**, a bay mair and her increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three sons **John, ffrancis and William** all my stock of Hoggs and Cattle to be equally divided among them, only what I shall give hereafter, unto my Loving wife Mary Poythres, which is four Cows and Calves and a parcell of Hoggs as are about Coldbrooks, about twenty or thirty of them, and my Will further is that as much of the stock be disposed of as will be of value sufficient to Enter and survey four hundred acres of Land in the woods according to Discretion of my Executors, for my son **William Poythres**, and to be patented in his name and then the remaining part of the Stock to be equally divided between **my three sons John, ffrancis and William Poythres** and their heirs forever.

Item. I bequeath to my three sons **John, ffrancis and William Poythres** my three negroes, named Betty, Judy and Grace and their increase to be equally divided when my son William comes to the age of eighteen years, then they and their increase to be equally divided between my three sons **John, ffrancis and William Poythres**, and to their heirs Lawfully begotten forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Rebecca Poythres** my negro man named Tom and one featherbed and furniture for her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Elizabeth Poythres** my negro boy named Jamey to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Ann Poythres**, my negro boy named Wills, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife **Mary Poythres** my negro woman named Sophie, one feather bed and furniture, four cows and calves and a parcell of Hoggs as are about Coldbrooks and all my pewter, brass and iron as I am possessed with, and my two working horses and all the rest of the Small matters as is not mentioned in this my Last Will and Testament, to her and her heirs forever.

And lastly, I do constitute **Robert Poythres** and **John Woodlief** pastures (?) my whole and sole executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
to us this Last Will & Testament
of the subscribed **John Poythres** as
its contained within this paper in
the presence of us: Fran. Epes,
Junr., William Stainback, John

John Poythres (sealed with a
waxer)

Winningham (signatures)

11 Aug 1724

Will above “truly recorded” (p. 728)

Court at Merchant’s Hope for Prince George County accounted for list of personal property items valued at £209/14/5.

Signed: John Woodlief)
 Robert Poythres) executors
 John Stainback)
 John Winningham)
 Wm. Stainback) appraisers

4 Jan 1725

A list of all surveys in Prince Geo. Co. June, 1725 to June 1726:

4 Jan 1725 William Poythress, at forks of Reedy Branch of Butterwood Swamp, 343 ac.

4 Jan 1725 Francis Poythress, Jr., on upper right side of Butterwood Swamp, 200 ac.

8 Feb 1725

John Abbington of Martins Brandon Parish, Pr. Geo. Co. and Mary his wife, for £27, to William Stainback, the younger, of same, sell Scipio, a negro slave formerly belonging to John Poythress, dced, and by his will devised to said Mary Feb 8, 1725.

Wit: Jos. Irby, Bolling, Jr.

Signed: John Abington, Mary Abington

Rec 8 Feb 1725.

11 May 1725

H. Poythres (?) a witness to will of John Hamlin. (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 804)

13 May 1725

William Coleman sold to John Coleman 185 acres on the east side of the great branch of Whipponnock Creek. Witnesses: Robert Bolling, John Poythress and Drury Bolling.

(Note: citation was given as “Deeds, page 798” with the notations that William Coleman signed by his “W” mark and acknowledged the deed in open court at Merchants Hope.

It is further noted that after 1753, this land was in Dinwiddie County).

9 July 1725 [Flower de Hundred passes from the Taylor Family – John and Henrietta (Taylor) Hardyman to **Joshua Poythress** their interest in Flower de Hundred]

This Indenture made this Ninth Day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Between John Hardyman of the Parrish of Martins Brandon in the County of Prince George and Henrietta Maria his Wife Have Sold...unto the said **Joseph (sic) Poythress**...One tract of Land containing Three Hundred Acres, more or less, in the Parrish of Martin Brandon in the Said County of Prince George, commonly called – or known by the name of flower-de-

hundredd, bounded on the North by the River James, on the East by Land of Robert Wilkins, on the South by the Land Called Dutchy Hills, and on the West by the Land of Elizabeth Duke, int being part of the said fflower-de-hundred Tract of Land, which containeth One Thousand Acres or thereabouts; One Hundred and Fifty Acres of the said Three Hundred Acres of Land were Devised to the said Henrietta Maria wife of the said John Hardyman by the Last Will and Testament of her ffather John

Taylor Late of said County, deced: dated the fifth of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, and the other One Hundred and fifty acres were Devised by the said Will unto Sarah, now wife of ffrancis Hardyman, and One of the Daughters of the said John Taylor, and by the said ffrancis and Sarah Hardyman sold unto the said John Hardyman and to his heirs forever, as by Deed reference being thereunto had, will more fully appear....

John Hardyman, Sealed with a waxer

H. Marietta Hardyman, Sealed with a waxer

At a Court Held at Merchants Hope for Prince George County on the Second Tuesday in July, being the thirteenth Day of the Said month in Anno Dom, 1725—

THE above written Deed of Lease of Land (Indented and Sealed) was in Open Court acknowledged by John Hardyman and Henrietta Maria his Wife, the Subscribers thereto – to be their Act and Deed to **Joshua Poythress** (the said Henrietta Maria being first privately examined according to Law) and on the motion of the said Joshua Poythress the said Deed by Order of the Court truly recorded.

Wm. Hamlin, Cl Cur.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 826, also in papers “The Duke-Symes Family”, p. 65, 66)

[Joshua Poythres will buy the remainder of Flower-de-Hundred from Elizabeth Duke, see deed of 9 October 1732 below]

10 Jul 1725

Deed of Lease 20 years

John Hardyman of Martin’s Brandon Parish, County of Prince George and Henrietta his wife to

Sum: £300 lawful money of Great Britain

Land: identical to that described above, same terms and descriptions [see above two leases.

Why then lease the same property?] (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 827)

12 Jul 1725

Deed of slaves

John Hardyman and Henrietta Maria his wife

to

Joseph (sic-Joshua?) Poythres

Sum: £60.

Slaves: 1 Negro man slave named ffrank Mingo

1 Negro girl slave named Tabbe.

John Hardyman (sealed with a waxer)

Henrietta Maria Hardyman ditto

Wit: Tho. Eldridge

Wm. Poythres

Court on 13 July 1725 confirms above to **Joshua** Poythres
(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-1728 with 1719-22 as a separate
book, p. 829)

12 Jul 1725

Deed of sale

John Hardyman

to

Joseph Poythres (sic-Joshua?)

Sum: £40 sterling and 2 barrells of Indian corn.

Property: 2 acres of land with mill in Prince George County on "Ward's Run" bounded by
Sarah Walls, John Williams. John Hardyman obliges himself to title on penalty of £80.

Signed: John Hardyman (sealed with a waxer)

Wit: Joshua Poythres

William Poythres

Court at Merchant's Hope, etc. confirms 13 July 1725.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book,
p. 829)

11 Jul 1725

Deed for lease,

Joshua Poythres of Prince George County

to

Wm. Poythres of Prince George County

Sum: 1 grain of Indian corn and "for divers good causes but more especially for and in
consideration of the covenants between us (undescribed)"

Land: 100 acres in Bristol Parish, Prince George County.

Joshua Poythres

Wit: James Thweat

John Fitzgerald

Court at Merchant's Hope, etc. 13 July 1725 so orders.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-1728 with 1719-22 as a separate
book, p. 830-1)

12 Jul 1725

Joshua Poythress of Prince George County to **William Poythress** of same,
for £15, 100 acres land in Prince George County bounded by **William**
Poythress, Baly's Run, William Anderson, Henry Thweatt. Rec 13 Jul 1725.

Wit: James Thweatt

John Fitzgerald

Signed: **Joshua Poythress**

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28; note this deed may be
connected to deed for lease immediately below).

12 Jul 1725

Deed for lease

Joshua Poythres

to

Wm. Poythres, both of Prince George County

Sum: for divers causes and £15 current money of Virginia

Land: tract, parcell or dividend of land lying and being in Bristol Parish in Prince George County bounded “as mentioned in a Deed of Sale.”
[acreage unstated]

Joshua Poythres

Wit: James Thweat

John Fitzgerald

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 831-2)

1726

Number of tithables in Virginia in 1726 (selected counties):

Henrico 2453

Prince George 1024

Isle of Wight 1844

James City 1347

Charles City 1082

Northumberl. 1732.

Total of all counties listed: 45,266

(Virginia Historical Register, vol. 4, p. 74)

1726

Virginia in 1726: Prince George County

Acres of land: 188,231 Tithables: 1,624

Sheriff: Wm. Harrison

Coroners: Rob't Bolling, **John Poythress**, Jno. ffitzgareld

Justices of the Peace: **Jno. Poythress**, Rob't Mumford, Rob't Hall, Rob't Bolling, Lewis Green, Bullard Herbert, Drury Stith, ffra. Epes jun., Wm. Harrison (Quorum) Jno. Heard, Tho. Ravenscroft. Tho. Cocke jun.

Burgesses: Rob't Bolling, **Jno. Poythress**

Clerk of Court: Wm. Hamlyn

Land Surveyor: Rob't Bolling

Parishes: Bristol pt., Martin Brandon

(Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 48, p.149, 1940)

1726

House of Burgesses petition to the King asking retroactive approval for a tax placed upon all imported Liquors (except from Great Britain) to fund the operation of William & Mary College; also asking the King to find additional monies for this purpose “out of your unappropriated and growing Revenue of Quit Rents in this Colony, or any other Way that

your Majesty shall think more proper.” Signatures in House of Burgesses for Prince George County: Robert Bolling, **John Poythres**. Full text may be found in Swem index as indicated in source: (The Virginia Historical Register, vol. 4, pgs. 72-74)

4 Jan 1726

To a survey for **William Poythres**, the forks of the reedy branch of Butterwood Swamp. 343 acres. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Deeds and Wills 1713-28)

4 Jan 1726

To a survey for **Francis Poythres Junr** on the upper side of Butterwood Swamp. Rbt. Bolling, surveyor. (PG Deeds & Wills 1713-28)

9 Apr 1726

Anne Isham Dat of **Wm and Sarah Poythris** born 9th Ap' bapt 5 June 1726. (Bristol Parish Register of Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 350)

12 Jul 1726

Wm. Poythres witnesses deed for sale Francis Patterson and Ann his wife to David Barretts. (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 908)

12 July 1726

Deed for Land

Littlebury Hardyman of Martin's Brandon Parish in Prince George County
to

Peter Poythres of Martin's Brandon Parish in Prince George County

Sum: £10 current money and 600 lbs. of tobacco

Land: tract or parcell of land lying or being on Harris Run on S. side of James River [no acreage specified but complete description of bounds].

Litt. Hardyman (sealed with a waxer)

Wit: **Wm. Poythres**

Nick'o. Hatchs

“Memorandum: That Livery and Seizure of land and possession mentioned by the within named Littlebury Hardyman was delivered by Turff and Twigg to the herein named **Peter Poythres** with the possession of the same to be held by him, the said **Peter Poythres** and his heirs forever according to the purport of the Deed, in presense of us,

Wm. Poythres

Nick'o. Hatchs

Court at Merchant's Hope, etc. ordered “truly recorded” 12 July 1726.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 909)

9 Aug 1726

(witness)

Account of goods and chattel of Charles Goodrich “sworn to **John Poythres**” (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 914)

8 Nov 1726

Will of Littlebury Hardyman order for probate, wife Judith Executrix.
(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-1728 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 935)

13 Dec 1726

(Inventory of Estate of Capt. **John Poythres** dced; value £130/12/8.

By Excrs: **Robert Poythres**

John Woodleif

Legatees:

his widow

Rebecca his daughter

Elizabeth his daughter

Col. Wm Randolph

Capt Richard Randolph

(among others)

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 941)

13 Dec 1726

Inventory of Chattels of Littlebury Hardyman “sworn by me **John Poythres**”. (PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 941)

1727

Burgesses (among others): Prince George – **William Poythres**.

(Virginia Council Records, Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 33, p. 14, 1925)

14 Mar 1727

Wm Son of **Wm and Sarah Poythress** born 14th March 1727, bapt 26th may 1728.

(Bristol Parish Register Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 351)

11 Apr 1727

(Will accepted for Probate)

William Epes

Son: Francis Epes

Son: William Epes

Daughter: Mary Bevil

Daughter: Sarah Epes

Wife: Sarah Epes.

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 980)

10 Jun 1727

Inventory of Wm Jackson’s Estate “sworn to by me **John Poythres**.”

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 1018)

13 Jun 1727

Eliza Duke presents inventory and Appraisement of Capt. Henry Duke, dced.

Eliza Duke, Admrx.

Pr. Geo: County ss:

We the Subscribers being Ordered by the Court to Examine the above account, doe find it truly stated. Frances Epes, Junr.

William Poythress

(The Duke-Symes Family, p. 61, 62.)

12 Sep 1727

Bond of John Fitzgerald and **William Poythress** posted to obtain a license to keep an ordinary in Prince George County, VA. (1 page document in VA Hist Soc, Mss2 F5764 a 1, record # 143637).

4 Oct 1727

(Cert. Of Probate for Will)

Will of Henry Batte

Mother: Mary Batte

Sister: Mary Poythres

Wit: **Robert Poythres**

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 1042)

13 Jan 1727/8

Deed for Lease

Slowman Wynne of Surry County

To

David Walker of Prince George County

Sum: £8

Land: "tract on N. side of Nottaway between the Reedy and Turkey Egg Creeks on both sides of Horse Pen Path."

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 1053)

1 Feb 1727/8

Allan Tye and wife Mary

To

William Anderson

Wit: **Francis Poythres Junr**

(PG Wills, Deeds & Settlements 1713-28 with 1719-22 as a separate book, p. 1080)

11 Mar 1727/8

Deed, John Fitzgerald of Prince George Co. to **Joshua Poythress** of same, for £3, 200 acres on south side of White Oak Creek, being upper half of tract patented by said John.

Wit: John Segar, **Wm Poythress**, Fran. Eppes

Signed: John Fitzgerrald, Recorded 11 Mar 1728
(VA Archives accession 23423a)

25 Apr 1728

William Poythress named by the Governor Sheriff of Prince George County. (Journal Executive Council of Virginia, Vol. IV, p. 171).

14 May 1728

John Winningham, Sr. of Prince George County, to John Young, Sr. of the same for £18, land bounded by said John Young's land where he now lives, **John Poythress** and **Thomas Poythress**, 140 acres. Wit: Peter Jones, John Hamlin, Littlebury Eppes, Jr. Recorded May 14, 1718. John (I) Winningham. (PG Wills & Deeds, 1713-28)

16 May 1728

Pursuant to order of Prince George County Court, 12 March last granted to Robert Glover for the viewing, laying out, and valueing an acre of land belonging to Richard Warthen petitioned for by the said Glover for his convenience to build a water mill...it is of the value of 20s. which sum the said Robert Glover (in our presence) paid down to the said Robert Warthen, whereupon we put him the said Robert Glover into possession of the said acre of land which is bounded in manner following....at a butterwood on Wards Creek Run on the upper side thereof....

John Poythress
James Harrison
John (I W) Willkins

16 May 1728

(Above) At a Court held at Fitzgerralds 11 June 1728. Returned by Robert Glover and ordered recorded.

Rec [ordered in Book] D [page] 5. Teste: William Hamlin, Cl.
(Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 4, # 2, p. 66, 1960)

1 Feb 1729

Eliza d. of francis and hannah Poythris Born 1st Feb 1729, bap^t 8th aprill 1730.
(Bristol Parish Register of Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 352)

2 May 1729

“The following persons were this day nominated & appointed by the Governor to be Sheriffs of the following Counties for the ensuing year, Vizt: Sheriffs Appointed:

Prince George – **William Poythress.**”

(Virginia Council Journals 1726-1753, 2 May 1729)

27 Apr 1731

“For the better putting in Execution the Act of Assembly for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council this day nominated & appointed Inspectors for the Several Warehouses established by the said Act as follows Viz^t, For the Warehouses:

Appamattux, Munfords, & Powels Creek – David Walker, **William Poythres**, Peter Jones.
(Virginia Council Journals 1726-1753, 27 Apr 1731)

7 Aug 1731

Sarah d. of William and Sarah poythris Born 7th august 1731 Bapt 7th octbr.
(Bristol Parish Register of Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 352)

9 Oct 1732 [in which Elizabeth Duke sells her portion of Flower-de-Hundred to Joshua Poythress]

THIS INDENTURE made this Ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two between **Elizabeth Duke** of the County of Prince George Widow of the one part and **Joshua Poythress**, Merchant of the Said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said **Elizabeth Duke** for and in Consideration of the Sum of Four hundred Pounds Current Money of Virginia to her in Hand paid by the said **Joshua Poythress** the receipt whereof the said **Elizabeth Duke** doth hereby acknowledge and for other good Causes and Considerations for thereunto moving she the said **Elizabeth Duke** hath Granted, Sold, Bargained, Alienated Enfeoffed Released and Confirmed to the said **Joshua Poythress**, his Heirs and Assigns forever all that Messuage Tenement Plantation and Tract of Land commonly known by the name of fflower de hundred containing by Estimation two hundred fifty Acres be the same more or less Situate Lying and being in the Parish of Martin Brandon and County aforesaid bounded as followeth beginning on the line of the Land of the said **Joshua Poythress** and the line of Frances Greenhill thence Northward along the same ffrancis Greenhill's line to James River then Eastward along the Town Land and James River to a point of Land called Wind Mill Point thence Southward along the Marsh adjoining James River to a Corner tree of the said **Joshua Poythress** his Land thence Westward along the line of the said **Joshua Poythress** his land to the beginning all which Premises whatsoever were here-tofore in the Possession of one John Taylor Gent. late of the said County Deceased and Devised by his last Will and Testament unto the said **Elizabeth Duke** and her Heirs including four Lots of the Town Land aforesaid and also the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents and Services thereof and also all the Estate Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatsoever of her the said **Elizabeth Duke**....In Witness whereof the Said **Elizabeth Duke** hath to this Present Indenture Set her Hand and affixed her Seal the Date above written.

Eliza. Duke

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
Dan Eelbank
John Duke
John Taylor Duke
Henry Duke

(transcribed from the original deed, by the kind permission of the Virginia Historical Society
– JMP)

9 Oct 1733

John Tally of Pr. Geo. Co. to Abraham Green of same for £20/5/0, 400 acres, etc. Wit: (among others) **Francis Poythress**.
(Fragment of a Will & Deed Book for Prince George County covering period Aug to Oct 1733)

6 Nov 1736

Thomas Gibson against Drury Oliver for non payment of cost of salivateing a negro man named Peter, belonging to the defendant, on Nov. 6, 1736 and for divers medicine, plasters, ointments, and mercurial bolus's. Jury impanelled: Thomas Williams, William Gibbs, Peter Leath, Edward Mitchell, Edmond Irby, Jr., John Mason, **Charles Poythress**, John Eppes, John Hamlin, William Batte, John Butler, & William Crawley. Found for the defendant. Suit dismissed & plaintiff to pay costs. (PG Records 1733-92)

27 Apr 1737

Ordered that the Commission on Peace for Prince George County **Francis Poythress**, Isham Eppes, John Hall, Rev. Ravenscroft, John Peterson and Anthony Pennington (sic – Peniston?) be added to the present Justices. (Journal Executive Council Colonial Virginia, p. 191)

Mar 1737/8

The actions of trespass upon the case brought by **Francis Poythress** against Charles Featherstone, the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 87)

Mar 1737/38

In the action of accounts brought by **Robert Poythress** against Francis Haddon for £20 damage of the same because of the defendant denying to account for sundry goods and merchandise, viz., 398 ½ gallons of Rum, 478 ½ pounds of Muscovado sugar and 50 gallons of malt also belonging to the said **Robert Poythress** and by him delivered to the said Francis who was his balif and receiver from the 15th day of April, 1734 till February 1736 to merchandise and profit with at the Parish of Bristol in this county for the use benefit and advantage of the said Robert as in his declaration is not for this the defendant by his attorney having pleaded that he never was the Balif or Receiver of the plaintiff's and the plaintiff Joining in the issue at the last Court a jury was empanelled and sworn to Trye the same, who having heard the evidence, and received their charge, were sent out and soon after returned into court, and brought in their Verdict that they found that the defendant was Balif and Receiver which Verdict was then recorded and after special Bail given by the defendant, William Stark, Frances Eppes, and George Gordon or any two of them were appointed to hear and take the accounts of said parties and ordered to make report of their proceedings therein to this Court pursuant therein to the said William Stark, Francis Eppes and George Gordon made their report, which on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney is recorded, as follows pursuant to an Order of the Court: we the Subjurors make in order to State and Settle the amounts between **Robert Poythress** and Francis Haddon at which time the said **Poythress** and Haddon appeared before us, but the said Haddon refused to Produce any Amount March 6, 1737. William Stark, Francis Eppes and George Gordon therefore on the motion of the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the defendant Twenty Pounds being the

Damages in the Declaration mentioned by means of the defendants refusing to account as aforesaid together with Costs and Attorney's Fee, Als: Exeo.
(PG Minutes 1737-1740, p. 90)

Mar 1737/8

In the suit by Fieri Facias brought by Lewis Green, **Thomas Poythress** and Peter Wynne, Excrs. of Peter Wynne Deed against Robert Mumford the defendant by his attorney appeared and on his motion is granted till the next court to answer. (PG Minutes 1737-1740, p. 94)

Mar 1737/8

In the suit by petition of the Bristol Parish by **William Poythress** and William Stark, Church Wardens of Bristol Parish against Thomas Posey for 480 lbs. Of tobacco due by account to be paid to the said Parish to Thomas Galloway for maintaining Mary the widow of said Thomas the defendant being summoned and not appearing and its bearing made it appear to the court that the said Church's due on the motion of the plaintiff and it is considered by the court that they secure against the said Thomas Posey the aforesaid costs as executors. (PG Minutes 1737-1740, p. 94)

Mar 1737/8

The petition of **Joshua Poythress** and **Francis Poythress** against **Hannah Poythress**, executrix of **Francis Poythress** dced is continued to the next court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 94)

Mar 1738

Francis Poythress a Justice of the Peace in 1738. (Prince George County Records, Va. Mag., Vol. 19, pp. 428-9)

13 Mar 1738

Pursuant to an Act of Assembly for the better regulation of the Militia, Richard Bland, William Harrison, **William Poythress**, Peter Jones, **Francis Poythress**, Isham Eppes and Joshua Wynne took the oath and subscribed the test as officers in the Militia in Prince George County. (Peter Jones & Richard Jones Genealogies, Compiled from original sources by Augusta B. Fothergill)

11 Apr 1738

Court at Fitzgerald's. Justices present: Robert Bolling, William Harrison, William Stark, **William Poythress**, John Banister, John Ravenscroft and Anthony Peniston, present as gentlemen justices. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 95; also Wm & Mary Qtrly Series 1, vol 27, p. 209).

11 Apr 1738

Case of **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, executors of John Fitzgerrald, deceased, VS Henry Wilson. After Wilson was given credit for work done for Fitzgerrald, he still owed money to the estate. Information was given by William Cryer and Drury Oliver. Audit examined by J. Mumford and Thomas Williams. Plaintiffs to recover damages. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 100)

11 Apr 1738

On complaint of William Stark and **William Poythress**, Church-wardens of Bristol Parish that Thomas Perry (Posey?), an inhabitant of said parish, left his habitation & wife without means of subsistence. Since they have obtained a judgement against him and he failed to appear, it is ordered that he be taken into custody and bound into service to pay off the debt that the parish incurred in the care of his wife. Richard Bland, Gent., dissented from this order. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 103 – see additional comments Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 278, 1896)

9 May 1738

John Hall, Gent. appointed to take the list of tithables below Wards Creek in Martins Brandon Parish June 10th next; John Ravenscroft, Gent. to do the same for part between Wards and Powells Creeks. Anthony Peniston, Gent., for the parish above Powells Creek; John Peterson, Gent., for that part of Bristol Parish within Monksneck Creek and below road that leads from Monksneck Bridge to Appomattox Point; Isham Eppes, Gent., for that part without Monksneck Creek and Hatcher's Run, below White Oak and Butterwood Roads; **Francis Poythress**, Gent., for that part of said parish within Monksneck Creek and Hatchers Run and above road from Monksneck Bridge to Appomattox Point, and above White Oak & Butterwood Roads, without Hatchers Run. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 106)

9 May 1738

Presents, **William Poythress**, gentl Pursuant to the Directions of the Act of Assembly concerning Jurys, a Grand Jury was Empanelled and Sworn by name William Batte, **Joshua Poythress**, **Robert Poythress**, Edward Wyatts, Joseph Thomas, John Holloway, Charles Anderson, William Cureton, John Jones, William Bonner, William Martin, Drury Oliver, Daniel Jackson, Peter Leath, Richard Simpson, John Womack, Thomas Farreld, James Baugh, Bernard Lyke and John Livesay who having received their charge, were sent out, and soon after returned into Court, and made their report as follows, viz:

We find Ward's Creek Bridge to be out of repair.

Wm. Batte, foreman

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 106)

May 1738

Assignment by the court to take the list of tithables in Martins Brandon Parish: "**Francis Poythress**, gentl for that part of the said Parish within Monksbeek (&) Creek and Hatchers Run and below the White Oak and Butterwood Road without Hatcher Run". (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 106)

May 1738

The petition of **Joshua Poythress** and **Francis Poythress** against **Hannah Poythress**, **executrix Est. of Francis Poythress**, the petitioners failing to prosecute, is dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 109)

9 May 1738

Suit by Mathew Cabinis and Hannah his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas Clay, deceased, against **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, executors of John Fitzgerrald, dec'd, who was administrator of Thomas Clay, dec'd., for certain legacies devised to said Hannah. Audited by William Stark, Gent., and found plaintiff is due £12/14/9. (PG Minutes 1737-1740, p. 118)

May 1738

The order that Peter Wynne, **Thomas Poythress** and Lewis Green, executors of the Last Will and Testament of Peter Wynne, decd returns and inventory of the said decedents estate is continued till the next court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 120)

Jun 1738

On the Fieri Facias awarded **Robert Poythress** on his judgment obtained against **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, excrs. of the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald dced Miles Thweatt one of the undersherifs of this court made the above return which is recorded. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 123)

Jun 1738

On the copies of a satisfaciendum award of **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress** excrs of John Fitzgerald dced on their judgement to obtain against Henry Wilson, William Eppes, Sherif of this county made the following return; vis. Stopt by Superwaka (?). William Eppes, Sherif witness recorded. Wm. Hamblin, Clk.
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 123)

11 July 1738

Case of Francis Epes vs **William and Francis Poythress**, executors of John Fitzgerrald, dec'd., for debt, found for the plaintiff. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 127)

11 July 1738

Case of Thomas Gibson vs Drury Oliver for non-payment...etc. **Charles Poythress** on jury. Suit dismissed & plaintiff to pay costs. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 136)

11 July 1738

William Cryer, witness for **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, Executors of John Fitzgerrald, in their suit vs Henry Wilson, to be paid.
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 138)

Jul 1738

By virtue of this writ to me directed, I have taken the within named Fra. Haddon whose body before the Justice within named and places within contained I have ready to satisfy **Robert Poythress** if the debts and damage within mentioned as writing to me is commanded of

Jos. Simmons, SubShr

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 140)

Jul 1738

On the Capias ad Satisfaciendum awarded **Robert Poythress**, on his Judgement obtained against Fra. Haddon Joseph Simmons one of the under Sheriffs of this County made the above returns, which is recorded.

Wm. Hamlin, CC

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 140)

Jul 1738

Elizabeth Tidmarsh decd one of the orphans of Richard Tidmarsh chooses **Thomas Poythress** her guardian who with Richard Bland his security entered into bond in the sum of 50 pounds current money payable to Robert Bolling, Gentl with his condition of faithful guardianship of the said orphan and acknowledges the same in court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 144)

Jul 1738

The orders that Peter Wynne, **Thomas Poythress** and Lewis Green, executors of the Last Will and Testament of Peter Wynne, dced returns and inventory of the said decedents estate is continued till the next court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. ?)

Aug 1738

John Allen acknowledged his deed for land (indented and sealed) to **Francis Poythress** gentl on whose motion it is ordered the said deed be recorded and then also Ruth the wife of said John Allen came into court and being first privately examined as the Law directs freely and voluntarily relinquishes to the said **Francis Poythress** her rights of dower in and to the land and the deed mentioned, which is likewise ordered to be recorded. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 155)

Aug 1738

In the suits of Fieri Facias brought by Lewis Green, **Thomas Poythress**, and Peter Wynne excrs of the Last Will and Testament of Peter Wynne dced against Robert Mumford, the plaintiffs set forth that at a Court held for this County 8 March 1736 in an action of trespass upon the case by them brought against John Freeman, the said Robert Mumford personally appeared in Court and because Special Bail for the said Freeman in which action the said plaintiff afterward, to wit on 13 Sep 1737 obtained judgement for 18 pounds current money and costs of suits amounting to 234 lbs. of Tobacco and an attorney's fee, as by the record of said Court appears in which Judgement Executions hath since issued against the Body of the said John Freeman who absconded so that the said Executions could not be served on him for recovery of this debt and costs aforesaid therefore the said Robert Mumford Bails on aforesaid was summoned to appear before this Court to show cause if any he has on knows why Execution may not issue against him for the debts and costs aforesaid according to the force, forms and Efforts on the Judgement aforesaid to said Robert Mumford by his attorney appearing and pleaded payment and the plaintiff by their attorney plead in the issue, a Jury was empanelled and Sworn to Trye the same, by name, ...**Joshua Poythress**, (etc.)...who having heard the accounts of the attorneys and received their charge, were sent out, and soon

after returned and brought in their Verdict “we find for the plaintiffs 18 pounds 15 shillings current money and 187 lbs. of Tobacco. **Joshua Poythress, foreman**” which Verdict on the motion of the plaintiffs attorney is recorded and it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recovers against the Defendant the aforesaid sum of 18 pounds 15 shillings and 187 lbs. of Tobacco, and costs, and an Attorney’s Fee Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 163)

12 Sep 1738

John Poythress acknowledges his deed for land (sealed) to **Charles Poythress** on whose motion it is ordered that the said deed be recorded. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 168)

12 Sep 1738

John Poythress and **Charles Poythress** acknowledge their deed for land (indented and sealed) to **Francis Poythress, gentl** on whose motion it is ordered that the said deed be recorded. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 168)

12 Sep 1738

Hannah Poythress being summoned as evidence for Peter Wynne in the action of trespass brought against him by Robert Moody and making oath that she had attended four days on her motion it is ordered that the said Robert Moody pay her for the same one hundred pounds of tobacco.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 170)

12 Sep 1738

Martha Poythress being summoned as evidence for Peter Wynne in the action of trespass brought against him by Robert Moody and making oath that she hath attended three days on her motion it is ordered the said Peter Wynne pay her for the same seventy pounds of tobacco. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 170)

13 Sep 1738

Suit of John Noor Reed, late of London, Merchant, vs. **Peter Poythress**, dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 175)

13 Sep 1738

The action of debts brought by **Thomas Poythress** against Robert Acock, the plaintiff failing to prosecute, is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 176)

13 Sep 1738

In the suit in Chancery brought by Francis Haddon against **Joshua Poythress** the respondent by his attorney appeared and on his motion time is granted him till the next court to answer the Complainants Bills. (PG Minutes, 1737-40, p. 176)

13 Sep 1738

The action on the case brought by Theophilus Field, gentl, against **Hannah Poythress**, the plaintiff failing to prosecute, is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 176)

13 Sep 1738

In the suits by petitions brought by Francis Haddon against **Robert Poythress** for £4/14/3 current money the defendant appeared and pleaded nils debit and the plaintiff joining in the issue, it was submitted to the Court for Tryall and the Court having heard the arguments and allegations of the said parties and equated and sorted their accounts gives judgement for the plaintiff for 22 shillings and 11 pence and on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is considered by the court that the plaintiff recover against the defendant the aforesaid sum of 22 shillings and 11 pence and the costs Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 180)

Sep 1738

In the action of Debts brought by John Turner – Mariner – against **Francis Poythress gentl** the defendant by his attorney appeared and on is motion an Imparlance is granted him till the next Court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 181)

Sep 1738

In the action of debts brought by **Francis Poythress gentl** against Robert Haddon for 15 pounds current money due by a personal note dated 4 April 1738, the defendant personally appeared in court and confessed the said note to be due and on the motion of plaintiff's attorney, judgement is awarded against the defendant for the aforesaid sum to be discharged by the payment of seven pounds ten shillings of like money the principal of indebtedness of the said note and the interest due thereon from the last day in July. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 184)

10 Oct 1738

A Court held at Fitzgerralds. Present: **William Poythress**, among others, Gent. Justices. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 187)

10 Oct 1738

The suits in Chancery brought by Francis Haddon against **Joshua Poythress**, on the motion of respondents attorney is continued till the next court and on the respondents cost. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 188)

10 Oct 1738

In action of accounts render brought by Benjamin Goodrich vs. Lewis Green **Thomas Poythress** and Peter Wynne, Executors of Peter Wynne, dec'd, because of the defendants denying to account for and pay the rents of two plantations of 500 acres of land belonging to the plaintiff, lying in the Parish of Martins Brandon in this county, of which the said testator in his lifetime was receiver from Aug 10, 1731 to Feb 21, 1735. Defendants appeared, and by consent, plaintiff to recover what appears to be due. William Stark and Francis Epes, Gent., to hear accounts and report to next court.

10 Oct 1738

In the action of debts brought by John Turner – Mariner- against **Francis Poythress gentl** for £240 lawful money of Great Britain damage in means of defendants non payment of £210 of the clk's (?) money due by him the defendant having had time till this court to plead and being now called did not offer anything, in barr or preclusions of the plaintiff's action, therefore on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is considered by the court that the

plaintiff recover against the defendant his damage aforesaid or so much thereof that it shall appear he hath sustained by means of the nonpayment to aforesaid, unless the defendant shall appear at the next court and answer the said action. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 190)

10 Oct 1738

In the action on the cause brought by **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress** execrs of the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald defendents against John Brewer for Six pounds, seven shillings, and eight pence, half penny current money due by accounts and the defendents being arrested and called and not appearing and Peter Daniel being returned Security for him, on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is considered by the court that the plaintiffs recover against the defendant and his said Security the same aforesaid of so much thereof as it shall appear to be due unless the defendant shall appear at the next court and answer the said action. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 193)

10 Oct 1738

In the suit brought by William Laws junr against **John Poythress** for 39 shillings current money due by account to which the plaintiff made oaths the defendant being summoned and called and not appearing by the plaintiff's motion that he recover against the defendant the aforesaid sum Als: Exco.
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 194)

10 Oct 1738

In the action on the cases brought by **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress** excrs of the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald dced against William Floriday for 6 pounds 9 shillings 7 pence Current Money due by accounts the defendant came into Court and being ruled to Special Bails, and failing, on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is ordered that the defendant be taken into custody of the Sherif and Safely Kept until he shall give such bail. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 194)

22 Sep 1738 (Virginia Gazette)

Francis Poythress advertises lost horse. "Any person that will bring the said Horse to my House on Appamatow River or give such intelligence of him, so that he may be had again, shall have a Pistole Reward."

[notes re Virginia Gazette entries: these will be abstracted except in instances where the original text is shorter than an abstract would be or instances where the full text carries some significance...or is interesting enough to transcribe in full. Granted, the images of the original type faces and text possess a certain interest for many of us. These may be viewed as in the original on the Colonial Williamsburg site "Past Portals." The Poythress entries begin alphabetically by given name on the page:

http://www.pastportal.com/VA_Gazet/Html/P/Powell-Presson.htm]

26 Oct 1738

A Court held Oct. 26, 1738 for laying the county levy

Present: Robert Bolling, William Stark, **Francis Poythress**, John Ravenscroft, John Peterson, & Anthony Peniston, Gent. Justices.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 196)

26 Oct 1738

A Court held for proof of Publick Claims and Certifying Propositions and Greivances to the General Assembly. Present: **Francis Poythress** (among others), Gent. Justices. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 198)

10 Oct 1738

At a court held at Fitzgerald's on October 10, 1738. Present: Robert Bolling, William Starke, **William Poythress**, Theophilus Field, Gentlemen Justices.

14 Nov 1738

On motion of Samuel Jordan, he is permitted to clear the old road from Amelia County line down by **Poythress's plantation** to the Butterwood Road.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 202)

14 Nov 1738

William Harrison and **John Poythress, Gent.** appointed to agree with workmen to rebuild Powells Creek Bridge. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 202)

14 Nov 1738

Thomas Lister appointed in place of Francis Epes, to examine, with William Stark, the accounts in the case of Benjamin Goodrich vs. Lewis Green, **Thomas Poythress**, and Peter Wynne, Executors of Peter Wynne, dce'd.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 205)

14 Nov 1738

Suit of **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, Executors of John Fitzgerrald, dec'd, found for the plaintiff against William Floriday.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 206)

14 Nov 1738

Grand Jury empanelled consisting of (among others) **Thomas Poythress**

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 208)

27 Nov 1738

Court held at Fitzgerralds. Present (among others) **William Poythress, Francis Poythress**, Gent. Justices. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 210)

12 Dec 1738

John Liddordale gentl Exhibited into Court an account against **John Poythress** for 46 shillings 6 pence and made Oath, that the said sum is Justly due him from the said **John Poythress**, without any discounts that he knows of. Ordered it be certified on the said accounts. (PG Minutes 1737-40,

p. 211)

12 Dec 1738

In the suits by petition brought by William Stark against **John Poythress** for 95 shillings and 6 pence, half penny current money due by accounts to which the plaintiff makes oaths, the defendant being summoned and called and not appearing, on the plaintiff's motion it is considered by the Court that he recover against the defendant aforesaid sums and costs Als: Exeo.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 215)

9Jan 1738/9

Presents Robert Bolling, **Fra. Poythress** and John Ravenscroft gentl: On the petition of John Wells for an acre of land on the North side of Nottaway River in this County belonging to Mark Harwell be summoned to appear at the next Court to show cause if any he have or know of why the said Petition may not be granted. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 217)

10 Jan 1738/9

The suit in Chancery brought by Francis Haddon against **Joshua Poythress** on the motion of the complainants Attorney is continued till the next Court and on the complainants cost. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 225)

10 Jan 1738/9

In the actions of accounts brought by Benjamin Goodrich against Lewis Green, **Thomas Poythress**, and Peter Wynne excrs of the Last Will and Testament of Peter Wynne dced for £20 damage by means of the defendants denying to Accounts for and pay the Rents of Two Plantations and 500 acres of Land belonging to the plaintiff and Lying in the Parish of Martin Brandon in this county, of which the said Testator in his lifetime was Receiver from 10 August 1731 to 21 February 1735 the gentl appointed to hear and take the accounts made their reports, which on the motion of the plaintiffs is recorded as follows Pursuant to an Order of Prince George County Court, Date of the 12th of December last we the subjurors have examined the accounts of Benjamin Goodrich, Plaintiff and Lewis Green, **Thomas Poythress**, Peter Wynne excrs and defendants find that there is a Balance due to the plaintiff of 24 shillings 9 pence halfpenny. Witness our hand this 10 January 1738 William Stark, Tho. Lister whereupon it is ordered that the defendants pay to the plaintiff the aforesaid sum of 24 shillings 9 pence halfpenny out of the said decedents Estate, with costs

Als: Exco. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 225)

10 Jan 1738/9

In the suit brought by petition by John Liddordale against **John Poythress** for 46 shillings 5 pence current money due by accounts to which the plaintiff has made oath the defendant being summoned and called and not appearing on motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is considered that the said plaintiff recovers against the defendant the aforesaid sum of and costs 5 shillings and 6 pence for attorney's fee Als: Exor. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 228)

17 Jan 1739

Will of **Joshua Poythress** of Martins Brandon Parish

Land I live on, bought from **Mrs. Elizabeth Duke** and Capt. John Hardyman to my **sons Joshua and William**, to be equally divided. All land on the Nottoway in Surry county likewise to be equally divided.

To granddaughter Harwood, £50

To **son Littlebury** 20 shillings, and other sons are to keep him during his lifetime

All the rest of my estate to be equally divided **between wife and five children Joshua, William, Ann Poythress, Elizabeth Poythress and Mary Poythress**

Brothers **Robert and William Poythress** and friends and relations Richard Bland, **Thomas Poythress**, and John Woodleif to divide the estate.

Executors: **brother Robert** and **cozen Thomas Poythress**.

Dated 17 Jan 1739

Wit: Ann Bland, **Christian Poythress**, and Richard Bland

(Archives Library of Virginia, accession 23849)

10 Jan 1738/9

The suits by petition brought by Richard Taylor against **John Poythress** on the motions of the plaintiff's attorney are continued till the next court.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 228)

13 Feb 1738/9

Peter Wynne, **Thomas Poythress**, and Lewis Green, Executors of Peter Wynne, dec'd, returned inventory of his estate. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 234)

13 Feb 1738/9

On the Fieri Facias awarded Joshua Pritchett junr and John Gilliam, excrs. Of Thomas Nunelly dced on their judgements obtained against **John Poythress** William Eppes Sherif of this county made the above return which is correct. Wm. Hamlin, CC (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 234)

11 Feb 1738/9

In the suits by a petition brought by **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress** executors of the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald, dced against John Hill for 3 pounds 5 shillings ten pence half penny current money due by accounts to which **Francis Poythress** one of the plaintiffs made oath. The defendant being summoned, called and not appearing on the plaintiff's motion it is considered by the court that they recover against the defendant with costs Als: Ecxo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 235)

11 Feb 1738/9

The suits by petition by William Steward against **Robert Poythress**, neither party appearing is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 235)

13 Feb 1738/9

John Ravenscroft gentl is appointed to view the bridge over the Nottoway River, called Rayborn's Bridge and will John Wall of Brunswick County gentl, of Brunswick County, gentl to agree with a workman.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 235)

13 Mar 1738/9

The court presents Robert Bolling, William Stark, Theophilus Field, Isham Eppes, **Francis Poythress**, John Ravenscroft.....now appointed gentlemen justices of the court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 239)

13 Mar 1738/9

Pursuant to direction of the late act of Assembly for further continuing and amending the act for amending the staple of tobacco, **William Poythress**

(among others), all came into court and took oath as appointed by said act.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 239)

13 Mar 1738/9

Pursuant to the Direction of the Acts of Assembly entitled an Act for the better regulation of the Militia: Richard Bland, **William Poythress**, William Harrison, Peter Jones, **Francis Poythress**, Isham Eppes, and Joshua Wynne commissioned officers in the Militia and took the oaths appointed by said acts and signed the Teste. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 239)

13 Mar 1738/9

On the complaints of **William Poythress** one of the orphans of **John Poythress** of Jordan's dced (who was bound as apprentice to Robert Simpson of this county) for misusage and which complaints appearing to be Just the said William is discharged from the apprenticeship and chose Charles Irby his guardian who has time till the next court to appear and give bond and security. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 244)

13 Mar 1738/9

The suits in Chancery brought by Francis Haddon against **Joshua Poythress** on the motion of the complainants attorney is continued till the next Court, and on the complainants cost. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 250)

13 Mar 1738/9

In the suits by petition brought by Richard Taylor against **John Poythress** for 27 shillings 7 pence 3 farthings current money due by accounts to which the plaintiff makes oath the defendant being summoned and called and not appearing on the plaintiff's motion it is ordered that the defendant pay him the aforesaid sum and costs Als:Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 257)

13 Mar 1738/9

In the action on the case brought by **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, excrs of the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald dced against Honour Whitten, adminitrix of the goods and chattel of Richard Whitten the dced for 31 shillings 3 pence current money due by accounts to which **Francis Poythress** one of the plaintiffs made oath, the defendant being summoned and called and it appearing to the Court that she had fully administered the estate of Richard, on the motion of the **said Francis** it is ordered that the defendant pay to the

aforesaid plaintiffs the aforesaid sum out of the said defendant's estates when such thereof shall come to hand.

(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 261)

13 Mar 1738/9

The action of trespass upon the case brought by Thomas Jones against **John Poythress** the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 263)

8 Apr 1739

Pursuant to the Directions of the Acts of Assembly concerning tithables.....

One of various appointments: "**Francis Poythress** gentl for that part of the said Parish within Monksneck Creek and Hatcher's Run and above this the Road that leads from Monksneck to Appomattox Points and above the White Oak and Butterwood Road within to Hatcher's Run." (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 267)

8 Apr 1739

Will of Daniel Eelbank, dec'd, exhibited in court....**Joshua Poythress** (among others) to appraise estate. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 268)

8 Apr 1738

Robert Poythress named foreman of Grand Jury.. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 269)

8 Apr 1739

Francis Poythress exhibited into Court an account against Robert Green and made oath that 4 pounds 8 shillings and 2 pence half penny the balance is Justly due to him from the said Green without any discounts that he knows of. Ordered that it is certified on the said accounts. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 272)

8 Apr 1739

Francis Poythress exhibited into Court an account against Benjamin Lee and made oath that the 29 shillings 10 pence the balance Justly due to him from the said Lee without any discounts that he knows of. Ordered to be certified on the said accounts. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 272)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, Thomas Frost, 27 shillings 11 pence halfpenny) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 272)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, George Wilson, 36 shillings 11 pence) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 272)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, Henry Royalls, £3/16/1) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 273)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, George Hamilton, £7/12/9) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 273)

8 Apr 1739

Francis Poythress, as executor of John Fitzgerrald, dec'd, certified to the court accounts against: George Arthur, £3/10/0) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 273)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above Ann Mallory, 40 shillings 6 pence) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 273)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, Joseph Perry, £4/17/8) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 273)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, Nicholas Smith, £3/7/0) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 273)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, John Ramsey, 39 shillings 3 pence and halfpenny) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 274)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, James Williams, £4/12/8) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 274)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, Henry Goodall, 56 shillings 5 pence) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 274)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above, John Slaughter £3/15/8) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 274)

8 Apr 1739

(ditto above Francis Hardeman, £3/10/0) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 275)

9 May 1739

Debt case of William Stark and **William Poythress**, Churchwardens of Bristol Parish, vs George Tillman, not prosecuted. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 280)

9 May 1739

In the suits by petition brought by Miles Thweatt against **John Poythress** for £3/9/5 current money due by accounts to which the plaintiff made oath the defendants being summoned and called and not appearing on the plaintiff's motion it is considered by the Court that he recover against the defendant the aforesaid sum and costs Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 282)

9 May 1739

In the action of debt brought by Isham Eppes against **John Poythress** for £17/10/0 current money, due by Bills the defendant comes into court being ruled to Special Bail and failing on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is ordered that he be taken into Custody of the Sheriff, and safely kept until he shall give such Bail whereupon the said defendant appeared in Custody of the Sheriff, and on the motion of his attorney an Imparlanse is granted him until the next court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 283)

9 May 1739

(ditto above, George Gordon, £17/5/7/farthing) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 283)

9 May 1739

Will of William Stainback dec'd was exhibited in court.....**Thomas Poythress** (among others) to appraise the estate. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 284)

9 May 1739

In suit for debt by Elizabeth Ravenscroft, assignee of John Ravenscroft, the executor of Thomas Ravenscroft, dec'd, vs Edmond Irby, Peter Robins and **Francis Poythress**, found for plaintiff. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 285)

12 June 1739

William Stark and **William Poythress**, Churchwardens of Bristol Parish, to take into custody as much of the possessions of Joshua Stroud (but not over £10) as he has privately departed this county and left his wife. This money is to insure that his wife does not become a charge on the parish.
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 289)

10 Jul 1739

In the action of debt brought by Isham Eppes against **John Poythress** for £17/10/0 current money due by bills and the defendants having had time given him till this court to plead and being now called and not appearing did not offer anything in Barr or Preclusion of the plaintiff's attorney it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recovers against the defendant the sum aforesaid or so much thereof as shall appear to be due unless the defendant shall appear at the next court and answer the said action.
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 304)

10 Jul 1739

Case of George Gordon vs **John Poythress** for debt, found for plaintiff.
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 304)

10 Jul 1739

The action on the case brought by **Thomas Poythress** against Thomas Gibson, the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 305)

10 Jul 1739

The action on the case brought by **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, excrs. of John Fitzgerald dced against Littlebury Eppes the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 305)

10 Jul 1739

In suit by Thomas Eldridge attorney for our Sovereign Lord the King against John Jones – on 4 October 1738 – on his plantation in Martins Brandon Parish “failing to hire an overseer as required by Act of the Assembly and understating tithables, a Jury Empanelled includes (among others) John Gilliam, Jr., **George Poythress**....defendant found guilty, fined 1000 lbs. of tobacco.) (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 305)

14 Aug 1739

In the action of debts brought by Elizabeth Ravenscroft assignee of John Ravenscroft, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Ravenscroft dced against Edmund Irby, Peter Robins and **Francis Poythress** for £30 current money due by Bond the defendants being called and failing to appear and the plaintiff making oath to her Bond which is for £28/14/0 and bears date the 11th day of November 1736 on the motion of her attorney and pursuant to the conditional order of the Last Court’s judgements is granted and confirmed to her the said Plaintiff against the said defendents and William Eppes late of this county, for the aforesaid sum of £28/14/0 current money the principal sum mentioned in the said Bond and the interest due thereon from 11 November 1736 to the day of payment with the cost of suit and an attorney’s fee Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 306)

14 Aug 1739

William Poythress and Peter Jones recommended as tobacco inspectors at Appomattox Point and at the warehouse of John Bolling, Gent. in Henrico County, opposite aforesaid warehouse. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 313)

14 Aug 1739

Deed of land from Ann Stratton to William Batte proved by oaths of **Robert Poythress**, John Peterson and Thomas Batte, witnesses. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 316)

15 Aug 1739

Suit of William and **Francis Poythress**, Executors of John Fitzgerrald, dec’d vs Hannah Stroud, exec. of John Stroud dec’d, dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 317)

15 Aug 1739

Suit of William and **Francis Poythress** vs William Stoa dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 317)

15 Aug 1739

In the suit by petition brought by **William Poythress** and **Francis Poythress**, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald dced against Daniel Meadows for 25 shillings and a half penny current money due by accounts to which **Francis Poythress** one of the plaintiffs makes oath the defendant being summoned and called and not appearing on the

plaintiff's motion it is considered by this Court that they recover against the defendant the aforesaid sum and costs Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 318)

15 Aug 1739

(ditto above on behalf LW&T of John Fitzgerald vs. Martha Alexander and Robert Munford, Executrix and Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John Alexander dced. Amount to be recovered £3/15/ ½. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 318)

Additional comment from The Virginia Genealogist, 1992, Vol. 35, # 3, p. 165:

“John Alexander died in Prince George County by 14 August 1739, according to this fragment from the records: ‘in suit of **William and Francis Poythress**, executors of John Fitzgerald, dec'd, .vs Martha Alexander and Robert Munford, executors of John Alexander, dec'd, found for the plaintiffs'*. This redoubtable widow, before remarrying Richard Pepper, petitioned the Brunswick County, VA Court to keep a ferry from her landing on the Roanoke River to Cornelius Keith's landing on the other side.

* Prince George County, VA Minute Book 1737-40, p. 318. These two sons (most likely) of John Poythress, Sr. whose will was proved in 1712 (PG Wills&Deeds, 1710-13, p. 175) appeared frequently in the records and were most litigious.”

15 Aug 1739

The suit brought by **John Poythress** against Edward Seaye (?) the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 318)

15 Aug 1739

The action in the Case brought by George Gordon against **John Poythress** the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 322)

14 Aug 1739

Suit of George Gordon vs **John Poythress** dismissed. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 322)

15 Aug 1739

In the action of trespass for Assault and Battery brought by Robert Hudson against James Moody for £10 current money damages by means of the defendants beating, wounding and evilly treating the plaintiff at the Parish of Bristoll in this county on 9 January 1738 and other enormitys to the said plaintiff with force and arms; then and there doing against the peace; as in the declaration set forth. The defendant by his attorney appeared and by his attorney pleaded not guilty and for Tryall put himself upon the county and the plaintiff in like manner, whereupon a jury was empanelled and labor to try the matter in issue, by name Richard Taylor, **Joshua Poythress, Robert Poythress, Thomas Poythress, Charles Poythress**, John Sturdivant, Joseph Simmons, A. Graham Toney, Joshua Wynne, William Parsons, Timothy Lamar, and William Batte who, having heard the evidence and allegations of the attorneys, received their charge, were sent out, and soon afterward returned into Court and brought in their verdict “we find for the plaintiff

Forty shillings current money” which verdict makes motion of the plaintiff's attorney recorded and it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against the defendant the

aforesaid sum of Forty Shillings being his damages by the jurors aforesaid in names aforesaid assessed together with costs and an attorney's fee Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 322)

15 Aug 1739

The action of debts brought by Isham Eppes against **John Poythress** the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 323)

15 Aug 1739

In the action of Debts brought by **John Peter Wagnon** against Daniel Pegram the defendant being returned ---?--- inventories and called and not appearing on the motion of the plaintiff's attorney an Alias Copias (?) is awarded the plaintiff against the said defendant returnable to this next Court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 323)

15 Aug 1739

On the motion of complaint of **Francis Poythress** gentl, it is ordered that William Gibbs, junr Constable of Bristol Parish be summoned to appear in this court to answer the same. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 323)

15 Aug 1739

In the case of John Cox vs Henry Fitz for debt, a jury was empanelled as follows: **Robert Poythress, John Poythress, Charles Poythress** (among others), found for the plaintiff. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 324)

15 Aug 1739

The action on the case brought by **Thomas Poythress** against Thomas Gibson the plaintiff failing to prosecute is dismiss. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 326)

27 Aug 1739

A Commission of Oyer and Terminer to **William Poythress, Francis Poythress**, Anthony Peniston, John Ravenscroft (among others) dated 23rd instant, for trial of Nutty, a negro woman slave belonging to Lewis Green, now in gaol on suspicion of the murder of Sam, a negro boy belonging to Burwell Green. Evidence shows that Nutty, on the 13th of August last, at the house of Lewis Green in Bristol Parish assaulted said Sam with a brick, giving him a moral wound on the left side of his head. (PG Minutes, 1737-40, p. 327)

Pp 329-352 are missing (PG Minutes 1737-40)

13 Nov 1739

Hannah Stroud, exec. of John Stroud dec'd, returned inventory. Present: Isham Eppes and **Francis Poythress**, Gent. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 358)

13 Nov 1739

Presents Isham Eppes and **Francis Poythress**, gentl the suit by petition brought by Francis Haddon against William Stuart, the defendants attorney being absent is continued to the next Court and on the defendant's cost. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 358)

13 Nov 1739

In the suit by petition brought by George Robertson, Clerk against **John Poythress** for one pound 14 shillings current money due by Bill dated 16 August 1739 the defendant being summoned in the manner the law directs, and called and not appearing on the plaintiff's motion and his making oath to the said Bill it is considered by the Court that he recover against the defendant the aforesaid sum and costs Als: Exeo. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 359)

13 Nov 1739

Ordered that the following be summoned to court to answer the presentments of the grand jury: Katherine Harrison, **Robert Poythress**, John Avery, John Brown and William Stuard. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 362)

14 Nov 1739

William Poythress named as a gent justice for the court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 363)

14 Nov 1739

John Banister and **Francis Poythress**, Gent., appointed to agree with workmen to build a bridge over Hatcher Run near Mr. Peterson's mill. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 364)

14 Nov 1739

At a Court held November 8, 1739, a Commission of Oyer and Terminer to: **William Poythress**, Gent. (among others) for the trial of Martin, a negro boy slave belonging to William Rives, Jr. now in county gaol on suspicion of murder of Pegg, a negro woman slave also belonging to said Rives. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 367)

Dec 1739

p. 373-374-375-376

(These pages noted as missing from the microfilm reel...PG Minutes 1737-40)

9 Dec 1739

Martha Poythress m. John Robertson

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Robertson Family Bible Record, 1739-1765

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ROBERTSON FAMILY RECORDS

Written on the Inside Front Cover of Burkitt's "On the New Testament," in the possession of Robert L. Gilliam, South Boston

John Robertson & **Martha Poythress** were married by the Rever
Alexand Finnie Ye 9th Dec 1739

Their Son George born ye 16th March 1741/40 & dy'd ye 19th of
December (faded)

Their Son John born ye 4th Ap 1742

Their daughter Mary born ye 16 Sept 1744

Their son Francis born ye 10th Feb 1747/46

Their daughter Martha born ye 22 Jan 1749/50

& dy'd ye 16th Feb next after

Their daughter Eliz born ye 11th May 1751 & dy'd ye 14 of
ye same month

Mrs. Martha Robertson Departed this Life ye 24th May 1751

Mr. John Robertson Departed this life the 21st Oct 1765

11 Dec 1739

(First of text is on p. 376 and is missing) P. 377:Ravenscroft assignee of John
Ravenscroft dced on Judgement obtained against Edmund Irby, Peter Robins, **Francis
Poythress**, and William Eppes; Thomas Eldridge Junr one of the undersherifs of this county
made the above return which is recorded. (see p. 306, Aug 1739). (the above is likely a
return of the Estate of Thomas Ravenscroft. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 377)

12 Feb 1739/40

The Last Will and Testament of **Elizabeth Poythress** dced was exhibited into court by her
son **George Poythress** her executor who made oath thereto and its being proved by the oath
of Richard Bland gentl one of the witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded, and on the
motion of the said **George Poythress** certificate is granted him for obtaining Probate of the
said will in due form. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 384)

12 Feb 1739/40

In the action of trespass upon the case brought by Miles Thweatt against **John Poythress** the
defendant by his attorney appeared and on his motion an
Imparlance is granted him till the next court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 393)

12 Feb 1739/40

Robert Poythress being presented by the last grand jury (see p. 362, Dec 1739) for not
keeping the road in repair of which he is overseer and being summoned and called, appeared
in Court and made his excuses and is acquitted. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 393)

8 Apr 1740

Edmund Poythress, son of **David Poythress** late of the Parish of Bristoll
in this county came into Court and made oath that the said **David Poythress** departed this
life without any Will as far as he knows or believes and on his motion and giving Bond and
Security according to Law certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration
on the said deceased's Estate in forms: **Edmund Poythress**, Administrator of **David**

Poythress dced with **William Poythress** gentl his security entered into Bond in the sum of 800 pounds payable to Robert Bolling gentl and is condition for his Just and Faithfull administration on the said decedents Estate (blotted) the same in Court. (likely the blot covers instructions re estate's inventory).
(PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 399)

1740 Reconstructed Virginia Census (Prince George County)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Source</u>
Poythress, Christian	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, Edmund	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, Elizabeth	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, Joshua	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, Robert	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, Thomas	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, William	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, David, Bristol	PG Minute Book 1737-40
Poythress, George	PG Minute Book 1737-40

8 Apr 1740

The Last Will and Testament of **Joshua Poythress** dced was exhibited into Court by **Robert Poythress** and **Thomas Poythress** his executors who made oath thereto and it being proved by the oath of Richard Bland gentl and Ann Bland two of the witnesses thereto who also made oath that they saw **Christian Poythress** subscribe the said will a witness is ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said **Robert Poythress** and their giving Bond and Security according to Law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate of the said Will in due form. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 400)

8 Apr 1740

Robert Poythress and **Thomas Poythress** executors of the Last Will and Testament of **Joshua Poythress** dced with Richard Bland and **William Poythress**, gentl their Securities entered into Bond in the sum of £5,000 current money payable to Robert Bolling with condition for their Faithfull Executorship and thereby acknowledge the same in court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 400)

8 Apr 1740

Ordered that **Robert Poythress** and **Thomas Poythress** executors of the Last Will and Testament of **Joshua Poythress** dced present the said deed and its Estate to the next court. (PG Minutes 1737-40, p. 400)

11 Mar 1740/1

At a Court held at Fitzgerralds for Prince George County on Wednesday the Eleventh day of March 1740 William Stark Sheriff of this County returns the above written Report of the Jury ordered to lay out, and procession, the Land of William Batte and Saml Jordan by Order of the Court is truly recorded. Test: John May Clk Vestry

Wm. Hamlin Cl Ct.

Member of jury on above dispute, signed: **Thos Poythress** [seal]
Bristol Parish Vestry minutes of same date.

26 Jul 1741

Diary of William Byrd II of Westover:

“I rose about 5, read Hebrew and Greek. I prayed and had coffee. I danced.

The weather was warm and cloudy, the wind north. I went not to church but put myself in order and wrote several letters. After church came John Stith and his wife who dined here, and I ate fish. After dinner came John Ravenscroft, Mr. Miller and his wife and **Mrs. Poythress** and stayed until the evening but the rest stayed here.”

Editor’s footnote re: “**Mrs. Poythress**”: “Evidently a member of the **Poythress** family long prominent in Charles City and Prince George Counties. **William Poythress** was justice of the Prince George, 1738, and **William and Francis Poythress** were militia officers of Prince George, 1738. In Charles City, July 1741, there was a suit by **Robert Poythress** and **Robert and Thomas Poythress**, executors of **Joshua Poythress** vs. Benjamin Harrison. (Va. Mag., XXIII, 32; see Diary, 1709-1712). **Joshua Poythress** had been quite wealthy, for his administrators gave bond at £ 5,000 current money when his will was presented in court (Prince George Minute Book, 1737-1740, April 1740, p. 400).

July 1741

Suit, **Robert Poythress** and **Robert and Thomas Poythress**, executors of **Joshua Poythress**, deceased, vs Benjamin Harrison. (Prince George County Records, Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 21, p. 86).

21 Sep 1741

Elizabeth D. of Major Willm & Sarah Poythress’s born Sepr 21st 1741 and Bapt Novr 22nd 1741. (Bristol Parish Register of Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 354)

24 May 1743

Date of will of **Robert Poythress** of PG County, not recorded until 1793 by daughter and legatee Tabitha Randolph:

Tabitha Randolph, of the Co. of Chesterfield, daughter of **Robert Poythress**, late of the **Co. of Prince George**, decd. Deed to Henry Archer [son-in-law] of Chesterfield Co., £100. 1/5 interest in 8 negroes and their increase devised by her father **Robert Poythress**, of Prince George Co., in his will dated May 24, 1743, In which will sd. **Robert Poythress** provided that his wife should have a life interest in the sd. negroes and their increase should be equally divided between three sons of sd. **Robt. Poythress** viz. **Robert, Peter & William Poythress** and such of the testators daughters as were married at the time of their mother’s death. The said **Tabitha** being married at the time of her mother’s death conveys this interest.

(Valentine Papers & PG DB 12, Jun, 1793, p. 396) [note: year of death for Tabitha Randolph is 1805]

11 Dec 1744

Marriage bond of Henry Randolph & Tabitha Poythress:

“KNOW all Men by these presents that we Henry Randolph of Henrico County and John Gilliam of Prince George County are held & firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lord George the second King of Great Britain, etc. in the sum of Fifty pounds Current Money of Virginia, to be paid to our said Sovereign his Heirs and Successors, to which payment well and truly be made we bind ourselves, our Heirs & Admin^{es} Jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals dated this 11th day of December, 1744. The Condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bound Henry Randolph hath this day obtained a License for Solemnization of Matrimony between the said Henry Randolph, and **Miss Tabitha Poythress**.

Now if there shall be no Lawfull cause or Impediment why the said License should not ____ then this obligation to be Void, and of no Effect or else to have ____ full power _____ .

Signed, sealed &) Henry Randolph (s)
in the presence of) John Gilliam (s)
W^m Hamlin, CC

(Transcribed from the original which is Mss2R1544a1 in Library of the Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA)

16 May 1745 (Virginia Gazette)

“By the Hon. William Gooch, Esq., his Majesty’s Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

Whereas I have received credible information that one **Edmund Poythress**, of the County of Prince George, is notoriously guilty of horse stealing; and notwithstanding legal process has been issued against him, he so absconds that he cannot be brought to justice. And whereas the said offense of horse stealing is of late become very common, and a growing evil, which ought to be remedied as much as possible:

These are therefore, in his Majesty’s name, to require and command all Sheriffs, Constables, and others his Majesty’s liege people within this colony; (and to desire all those in the neighboring governments) to aid and assist in apprehending and taking the said **Edmund Poythress**, so that he be brought to justice; for which this shall be their warrant. And I do hereby offer a reward of four pounds, to be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said **Poythress**, so as to be brought to justice, and convicted of said crime.

Given under my hand, at Williamsburg, this 15th day of May, 1745, in the eighteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second.

William Gooch

The said **Poythress** is of a middle stature about 25 years old, of a red complexion, his eyebrows and eye lashes red, and the hair of his head mixed

red and brown; and has a large mole near one corner of his mouth. He usually wears an old light colored cloth coat, and a red waistcoat. He sometimes calls himself *John Mitchel*. He was lately seen on the road to Carolina.

(Va. Gazette, issue of 16 May 1745, p. 4, c. 1)

Reference

16My45:41

(issue of 16 May 1745, 4, 1)

10 Nov 1748

Payment ordered to executors of **Robert Poythress**, 16 Oct 1747. Payment made to executors of **Robert Poythress**, 10 Nov 1748. (Bristol Parish Vestry Book pgs. 127 & 133)

11 Sep 1749

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

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

20 Apr 1750

Deed. **William Poythress of Prince George County** of one part and **Walter Boyd of Prince George County**, merchant, of the other part, conveys certain plantation or tract of land containing 450 acres in Amelia on south side of Little Nottoway River, being the same land conveyed to the said **William Poythress** by deed from Samuel Jordan the younger on 11 Sep 1749.

(Amelia DB 3, p. 394)

13 May 1750

Attachment obtained by **Peter and Elizabeth Poythress**, executors of **Robert Poythress**, deceased, and **Joshua Poythress**, executor of **Thomas Poythress**, deceased, vs. the estate of Thomas Sission. PG Order Book. (Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 23, p. 209, 1914)

27 Sep 1750

Matthias Davis of Brunswick County for £35-13 Shillings & 2 pence, paid by **Joshua Poythress of Prince George County**, on negro woman Slave named Judy and her Child also one Negro boy named Dick, dated 27 September 1750. Signed Matts. Davis. Wit: J. Wall, Jr., John Taylor Duke. Court 26 December 1750, Deed proved by the oaths of John Wall Junr. (Brunswick Deed Book 4, Page 203)

00 Oct 1750

Tombstone, Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg. "Here lyes the corpse of **Sarah Poythress**, daughter of Col. Francis Eppes and wife to **Colonel William Poythress**, who died the ___ day of October 1750 aged 48 years." [blank date is a cannonball hit]

1753

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 T6895 a 3,844-3,847, record 185663.

Includes deed (incomplete) of Mrs. Elizabeth Barns and John Barns to **Thomas Poythress** for land in Prince George County, Va.

9 Oct 1753

Inventory of estate of **David Poythress**, value £25/5/0, appraised by Thomas Twitty and Edward Mitchell, Jr.

Presented by **Edmund Poythress**, Adm'r and recorded 9 Oct 1753

(VA Archives accession 22483, p. 436)

Before 1754

Letter from Edmund Pendleton, Speaker of the House, to the Sheriff of Prince George County, to elect someone to the House of Delegates to the place of **Peter Poythress**, who has vacated his seat due to infirm state of health. (VA Archives accession 22483)

20 May 1754

Affidavit Richard Bland and Theophilus Fields concerning Mrs. Anne Gordon and land sold by Samuel Gordon to **William Poythress**. Record in VA Hist Soc Manuscripts Mss2B61058a1 (1 page 12 x 7 ¼), Record # 122037. (see 14 Aug 1759 entry below).

19 Jul 1754 (Virginia Gazette)

"There is at the Subscriber's Plantation, at Flower-de-Hundred, Prince-George County, a dapple grey horse.....The owner may have him of me, on paying as the law directs.

Joshua Poythress"

10 Sep 1754

Accounts of estate of Arthur Biggins, Jr., dec'd. Debits mention: **Francis Poythress**, dec'd [among others]. Signed Jno. Woodlief, John Watts

(VA Archives accession 22483)

12 Nov 1754

In a chancery court case of Nov 1796 (Quesnel v. Woodlief & AL, Virginia Reports 1730-1880 Annotated, pp. 217-218) reference is made to this deed of 1754 which places

Thomas Poythress and others:

"This is the tract of land conveyed by (**Peter**) **Poythress** to John Woodlief, by deed of the 12th of November, 1754; which describes it as "one hundred acres of land, more or less, commonly called and known by the name of Deep Bottom, situate, and lying and being in the said parish of Martin's Brandon and County of Prince George and is bounded as followeth, on the north side by Deep Bottom run; on the south side by Richard Bland's land; on the east side by **Thomas Poythress's** land, which necessarily shews, it was not part of the Sion Hill tract, then owned by said Woodlief."

(Explanation: Quesnel filed a bill in the high chancery court in dispute of 577 acres which Woodlief had represented as “800 acres more or less.” After the seemingly endless testimony typical of chancery cases, the court found Woodlief innocent of fraudulent misrepresentation but ordered compensation to Quesnel for the shortage.)

Source: see first reference above.

May, 1755

Isham Eppes and **William Poythress** appointed commissioners of Proprietors whose tobacco burnt at Bollings Point warehouse. (Henings Statues, Vol. VI)

2 July 1759

Dower of Mary Binford, widow of Joseph Peeples, deceased. 2 July 1759 George Noble, **Thomas Poythress**, Joseph Carter, Holmes Boisseau. Report returned 9 Oct 1759. (PG Deeds & PG Record book 1759-60 combined)

10 July 1759

Indenture between Joseph Lantrope of the county of Prince George and John Lantrope, son of the said Joseph Lantrope. Land adjoining “ Joseph Reeves’ line * Daniel Sturdivant’s * **John Poythress’s** .” July 10, 1759 Joseph (x) Lantrope. Abstracts of Prince George [Record] Book 1759-60, copied by R. A. Stewart, Wm & Mary Quarterly, 2nd series, Vol. 11, No. 1, p. 43.

11 July 1759

By order of court of Pr. Geo. Co. Mary Binford, widow of Joseph Peeples has been assigned her third of his estate (£38/5/11) July 11, 1759 by Geo. Noble, **Thomas Poythress**, Joseph Carter, Holmes Boisseau. Recorded Oct. 9, 1759. (PG Wills & Deeds 1759-60, p. 116)

14 Aug 1759

Deed of Sale

William Poythress of the County of Dinwiddie

to

Samuel Gordon of Prince George County

Sum of £11 current money of VA

Lots # 22 and # 40 in the town of Blandford.

Signed: **William Poythress** (seal)

Wit: John Baird, Patrick Ramsey, Robert Mackie

Livery & Siezin witnessed by Jere. Baker, James Clark, and Patrick Ramsey.

(PG Deeds & Wills 1759-60, p. 104)

9 Oct 1759

Dower of Mary Binford, widow of Joseph Peeples, deceased July 2, 1759. Geo. Noble, **Thos. Poythress**, Joseph Carter, Holmes Boisseau. Report returned, October 9, 1759.

(PG Wills & Deeds 1759-60)

11 Dec 1759

Indenture, Dec 11, 1759 between Hugh Miller of the Parish of Bristol and John Baird of the same parish. “two Lotts in the town of Blandford***purchased by the said Hugh Miller, viz: number 8 of **William Poythress** and number 9 of Lewis and Armistead Burwell****” Wit: Bolling Stark, Jane Clark, James Johnson. Memorandum Dec 11, 1759.
(PG Deeds & PG Record book 1759-60 combined)

11 Dec 1759

Hugh Miller of Bristol Parish, Pr. Geo. Co. to John Baird of same, Dec. 11, 1759, for £200, 2 lots or half acres in the Town of Blandford in the same parish and county, numbered # 8 and # 9 on plat of the town; # 8 was purchased from **William Poythress** and # 9 from Lewis & Armistead Burwell. Wit: Bolling Stark, John Clark, James Johnson.
Recorded Dec. 11, 1760. (PG Wills & Deeds 1759-60, p. 133)

13 Jan 1760

Deed of Sale
William Poythress of Dinwiddie County
To
William Brodnax of same county
Lot # 5 in town of Blandford
Sum of ? (none stated)
Signed: **William Poythress** (seal)
Wit: John Butler, John Bland
(PG Deeds & Wills 1759-60, p. 154)

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: also posted in Dinwiddie database)

2 Feb 1760

“Indenture between Joseph Wilkins of the parish of Martin’s Brandon ***and James Wortham of the same parish***plantation containing***one hundred and thirty nine acres***about half a Mile from James River in the dividing line between the Land of **Joshua Poythress** & John Lembry Wilkins now deceased***in the head line of **Flower de Hundred**”
Wit: Abra. By***, Rich^d Harris (PG County Record Book 1759-60, copied by R. A. Stewart).

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)

8 Mar 1760

Appraisement

Appraisement of the Estate of **Mary Poythress** (dced)

Viz: livestock, furniture, household items (itemized)

Appraised at: £61/18/7

Appraisers: **Anthony Peniston**, Peter Epes, Nath. Raines

Signed: _____ Watts, Adm. of Estate of **Mary Poythress**

Sworn before me: Richard Bland, Jr.

(PG Deeds & Wills 1759-60, p. 158)

14 May 1760

Indenture between John Stainback of Martin's Hundred*** and Edward Darvill of the same Parish***one patented tract granted unto John Hamly May 2, 1705 and by John Hamly sold unto John Stainback Father of the said John Stainback. Wit: **Joshua Poythress**.

Acknowledged 10 June 1760. (PG Wills & Deeds)

3 Nov 1762

Grand Assembly of November 3rd, 1762: An Act for appointing Directors and Trustees of the town of Blandford, in the county of Prince George, and to prevent hogs from running at large there." (Full text found at Hening's vol. 7, pp. 608-611).

"Be it therefore enacted.....that sir William Skipwith, Baronet, Robert Bolling, Samuel Gordon, **William Poythress, junr.**, Patrick Ramsey, Peter Randolph Bland, and John Baird, Gentlemen....be directors and trustees, etc."

(Hening's Statutes of Virginia, Vol. 7, pp 608-611)

4 Nov 1763 (Virginia Gazette)

Advertises for runaway slave...."whoever brings the said runaway to me, at Flower-de-Hundred, shall have £3 reward, if found in Virginia; if in North-Carolina £5 and if in South Carolina £15. Any person who harbours him may depend upon being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law.

Joshua Poythress."

22 Nov 1764

“Or’d That a new Com. of the Peace issue for Prince George, and that Sir Peyton Skipwith, Bar’t _____, Peter Eppes, Theodorick Bland, Nat’l Harrison jun’r, **John Poythress jun’r**, and James Murray be added. (Virginia Council Journals, Virginia Mag. of History, vol. 16, p. 151, 1908).

22 Nov 1764

Justices of the County Courts; for Prince George County, originally commissioned 22 Nov 1764: Anthony Peniston (dead), Benjamin Cocke, **Peter Poythress**, **William Poythress**, Richard Bland, junior (Sheriff), Peter Eppes, Theodorick Bland, junior, **John Poythress junior**. (Commissions listed by the Secretary of the Colony, 1762-1775, document deposited in Virginia State Library by A. Johnston, State Treasurer. Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol. XIV, April-July 1921, Nos. 2, 3.)

Sep 1765

Prince George September Court 1765.

Summons to sheriff of Prince George County to attach goods of Henry Collifer to satisfy £16.11.5. 13 Sept, 1765 Signed: Theo. Bland

William Holt against Henry Collifer. In debt. Judgement for the plt. £16.11.5

Octr 3d Ex [ecuted] on a pair of Gloves. W. Br____, Clk. for **W. Poythress**, **Sh[eriff]**.

(Record group 1051 of Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio. The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 4, # 2, p. 65, 1960)

17 Oct 1766 (Virginia Gazette)

George Noble and **Joshua Poythess**, administrators of estate of Joseph Wilkins advertise rental of Wilkins’ plantation and ferry.

6 Nov 1766

Justices of the County Courts, originally commissioned 6 Nov 1766 for Prince George County: Richard Bland, Anth^o Peniston (dead), Benjamin Cocke, **Peter Poythress**, **William Poythress (dead)**, Richard Bland, Jun^f, Sher., Peter Epes, Theodorick Bland Jun^f, **John Poythress Jun^f**. Examin’d, Gen’l Commⁿ Iss^d. (Commissions listed by the Secretary of the Colony, 1762-1775, document deposited in Virginia State Library by A. Johnston, State Treasurer. Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol. XIV, April-July 1921, Nos. 2, 3.)

20 Nov 1766 (Virginia Gazette)

“Taken up, in Prince George, a horse colt; potted, and appraised to 50s.

JOHN POYTHRESS, Jun.”

(Virginia Gazette, 20 Nov 1766)

1767

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss4 P9352 b 13-17, record 139561.

Materials from the Court of Prince George County, includes bond, 1767, of John Phillips and Joseph Rives with Theophilus Field, John Laforey, James Murray, Anthony Peniston, **Peter Poythress**, and **William Poythress** concerning lawsuit of George Hull v. Thomas Sutterwhite (signed by William Hamlin).

24 Sep 1767 (Virginia Gazette)

George Noble and **Joshua Poythress**, administrators of estate of Joseph Wilkins again offering it for rent along with ferry.

31 Mar 1768

General Assembly meets. For Prince George County: Richard Bland, Peter Poythress (in the place of Robert Bolling deceased).

1769

In 1769 **Peter Poythress** Burgess from Prince George County, succeeding Alexander Bolling. (Sainsbury Papers, XIV, p. 77; Colonial Papers X, No. 29, p. 77; Journal of House of Burgesses, 1766-1769, p. 136)

25 May 1769 (Virginia Gazette)

Peter Poythress one of the signers to The Virginia Association. Text at:
http://www.pastportal.com/cwdl_new/VA_Gazet/Images/D/1775/0054hi.jpg

17 Jun 1769

Justices of the County Courts, originally commissioned for Prince George County 17 Jun 1769: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**, Alexander Morrison, Peter Eppes, **John Poythress Jun^r**, Benjamin Harrison Jun^r, John Gilliam Jun^r, Peter Randolph Bland. Ex^d, General Comm. iss^d. (Commissions listed by the Secretary of the Colony, 1762-1775, Document deposited in Virginia State Library by A. Johnston, State Treasurer. Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol. XIV, April-July 1921, Nos. 2, 3.)

26 Oct 1769

Ditto entry immediately above but commissioned 26 Oct 1769.

7 Nov 1769

House of Burgesses met. For Prince George County: Rich'd Bland, **P. Poythress**. (Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 383, 1896)

1 May 1770

House of Burgesses met. For Prince George County: Rich'd Bland, **P. Poythress**. (Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 383, 1896)

22 Jun 1770

Williamsburg, House of Burgesses Petition to the King, see Swem Index, The Virginia Historical Register, vol. 3, pgs. 17-24 for full text. Signers for Prince George County Robert Bolling, **John Poythress**. (Virginia Historical Register, vol. 3, pgs. 17-24)

13 Dec 1770 (Virginia Gazette)

Vestry of Martin's Brandon parish in the county of Prince George taking bids on improvements to be made upon the glebe of said parish: a kitchen

with chimney, stable, barn, dairy, smokehouse..."all well framed, weather boarded with a plank, and shingled with cypress shingles"...etc., the whole work to be finished in a workmanlike manner. "Whoever is willing to undertake the said work is desired to meet the subscribers at the glebe, on Monday the 31st of December next, who are expected by the vestry, to agree with workmen for said improvements.

RICHARD BLAND
THEODORICK BLAND
PETER POYTHRESS
JOHN POYTHRESS

17 Apr 1771

Justices of the County Courts, commissioned 17 Apr 1771 for Prince George County: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**, Richard Bland Jun^r, Alexander Morrison, **John Poythress Jun^r**, Peter Randolph Bland. Gent. Exam^d. (Commissions listed by the Secretary of the Colony, 1762-1775, Document deposited in Virginia State Library by A. Johnston, State Treasurer. Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol. XIV, April-July 1921, Nos. 2, 3.)

6 Jun 1771 (Virginia Gazette)

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"The subscribers have missing two casks marked WR, No. 1 and 2, containing Shot and Bar Lead, imported last fall in the *Bland*, Captain Hugh Wylie. Whoever has such casks in possession, and will send a line to us, the Charges will be paid, and the Favour acknowledged.

BOYD & POYTHRESS"

11 Jul 1771

House of Burgesses met. For Prince George County: Rich'd Bland, **P. Poythress**. (Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 383, 1896)

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 Dinwiddie database]

17 Sep 1771 (Virginia Gazette)

"It is requested (for the last Time) that those who have Demands against the Estate of the late Mr. Walter Boyd will immediately send them to **Joshua Poythress** in Blandford, that Provision may be made for Payment; and it is hoped those that are indebted to the said Estate will make immediate Payment, that we may be the better enabled to discharge the Debts."

12 Nov 1771

Deed. Between **Peter Poythress** of Branchester, Martins Brandon Parish in **Prince George County** of one part, and John Bland of **said Parish and county** of the other part: all that tract of **land lying in the county of Amelia** commonly called and known by the name of

Hariane Quarter...excepting water mill and 2 acres adjacent thereto on Nottoway River 128 acres. s/ **Peter Poythress**

wit: John Ruffin, Jr., Jerman Baker, T. G. Peachy

(source: R. B. Batte card # 144)

28 Nov 1771 (Virginia Gazette)

“To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on Thursday the 12th of December, at the late Dwellinghouse of James Holloway, deceased, in Prince George,
All the personal Estate of the said James Holloway, consisting of a Variety of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and a large Stock of Cattle, among which are three Yoke of Oxen, Horses, Hogs and Sheep. Crops of Corn and Fodder, the Plantation Utensils, and many other articles. Six Months Credit will be allowed the Purchasers, on giving Bond and good Security---At the same Time and Place will be hired several likely SLAVES, consisting of Men, Women, Boys, and GIRLS; also to be rented, for a Term of Years, a Plantation in good Order for the Cropping, with convenient outhouses.

JOHN POYTHRESS)

HAMILTON JONES) Excutors”

10 Feb 1772

House of Burgesses met. For Prince George County: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**.

(Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 385, 1896)

12 Feb 1772

Grand Assembly: “An Act for dividing the parishes of Southam, in the county of Cumberland, and Dale, in the County of Chesterfield” “...that Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**, John Banister, Robert Bolling and John Tabb, gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to value the said glebe of the parish of Dale, etc.”

(Hening’s Statues of Virginia, vol. 8, p. 606)

20 Apr 1772

Death of Anthony Collins Peniston. See will in archives.

30 Jul 1772 (Virginia Gazette)

Prince George, July 29, 1772

WILKIN’s FERRY and PLANTATION,

on James River, will be rented to the highest bidder, on Friday the 14th of August, for a Year, or a Term of Years, as can be agreed upon, and may be entered upon the 1st of January next.

The Plantation is in good order for cropping, and under a good fence. The Ferry is commonly worth between thirty and forty Pounds per Annum. Bond and good Security will be required by

GEORGE NOBLE)

JOSEPH POYTHRESS) Administrators

4 Mar 1773

House of Burgesses met. For Prince George County: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**.

(Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 385, 1896)

13 May 1773

Brunswick County Deed; **Thomas Poythress** of Martin's Brandon, Prince George sells 275 acres in Bruns. Co. to William Rives. See text in Bruns. Co. database.

12 Aug 1773 (Virginia Gazette)

"Blandford, August 5, 1773

As the Partnership of BOYD & **POYTHRESS** expires the first of September next, it is requested those indebted to that Concern will be speedy in discharging their Balances. Those that are not in a Capacity of so doing will please to come and settle their Balance by Bond, or other Specialty, before next October General Court, it being necessary the Books should then be closed -- The Goods on Hand will be sold altogether, or in Parcels, at a low advance."

10 Feb 1774 (Virginia Gazette)

"Noble's Warehouse, January 11, 1774. Some time in November last I purchased a sorrel mare of Lewelling Williamson, for which I gave him my note of hand for 25L. payable in April next. Immediately after we had concluded the bargain, I understood that he was under an execution, and went to him, and demanded my note, as the mare was under an encumbrance. Williamson then told me that if she was sold, by the execution the bargain should be void. She was accordingly sold by the said execution, and I immediately sent for my note of hand, which he again refused, and insisted on the money when it become due. Therefore, in justice to the public, I think it necessary to forewarn all persons from receiving said note, as I am determined not to discharge it.

WILLIAM POYTHRESS

24 Mar 1774

Peter Poythress of PG County sells 6 acres in Brunswick Co. to Christopher Hawkins of Brunswick County. (see full entry in Brunswick County database, same date)

5 May 1774

House of Burgesses met. For Prince George County: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**. (Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 385, 1896)

26 May 1774

House of Burgesses **dissolved**. For Prince George County: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**. (Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 4, p. 385, 1896)

16 Jun 1774 (Virginia Gazette)

Joshua Poythress, Junior....advertises £5 reward for runaway indentured servant Benjamin Parrot. Whoever "secures the said Servant, so that I get him again, shal have £3. or if delivered to me at Flower de Hundred, the above reward."

11 Aug 1774 (Virginia Gazette)

"To be RENTED for a Terms of Years,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION in Prince George County, about four miles from Blandford, containing 500 Acres, upon which is a good Dwelling-House, all the necessary Outhouses, Barns, Orchards, &c. being the Place whereon Mr. William Poythress, deceased, lately lived. For Terms apply to **Major Peter Poythress**, near the Premises.”

Aug, 1774

On 26 May 1904, granite boulder unveiled in Williamsburg reading:

“Members of the House of Burgesses who, at the Raleigh Tavern, May 18, 1769, and May 27, 1774, and August 1774, entered into associations against the importation or purchase of British Manufactures: Peyton Randolph, Speaker; George Washington, Richard Henry Lee, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Randolph, **Peter Poythress**, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Benjamin Harrison (among others).
(Wm & Mary Quarterly Series I, vol. 13, pp. 65-66, 1904)

1775

Justices for the County Courts; for Prince George County: Richard Bland, John Gilliam, Richard Kidder Meade and **Peter Poythress**.

(Commissions listed by the Secretary of the Colony, 1762-1775, Document deposited in Virginia State Library by A. Johnston, State Treasurer. Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol. XIV, April-July 1921, Nos. 2, 3.)

1 Apr 1775 (Virginia Gazette)

“Williamsburg, April 1.

The WHOLE proceeds of the Convention of Delegates at the town of Richmond, in the County of Henrico:

At a meeting of the Delegates for the counties and corporations in the colony of Virginia, at the town of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, on Monday, the 20th of March, 1775.

PRESENT,

(list of delegates, among which) Richard Bland and **Peter Poythress**, Esquires, for Prince George.

[proceedings of the convention are recorded in column two and may be viewed at:

http://www.pastportal.com/cwdl_new/VA_Gazet/Images/D/1775/0054hi.jpg

1 Apr 1775 (Virginia Gazette)

At April 1 Richmond convention above:

“Resolved, that RICHARD BLAND and **PETER POYTHRESS**, Esquires, our late worthy Representatives, be, and they are hereby nominated and appointed Deputies, upon the Part of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of this County, to meet such Deputies as shall be appointed by the other Counties and Corporations within this Colony, in the City of Williamsburg, upon the first Day of August next, or at any other Time or Place for the Purposes aforesaid.”

21 Apr 1775 (Virginia Gazette)

“Marriages] Mr. John Gordon, of Prince George, to **Miss Lucy Poythress**, of the same county; a very agreeable young Lady, with a handsome Fortune.”

July 1775

Division of Estate of **William Poythress** of PG County: (below division resulting from Prince George Chancery Court decree).

Division of slaves of **William Poythress, dec'd**. By decree of Prince George Co. Court, July, 1775, we have divided the slaves **William Poythress** died possessed of, between the plaintiffs John Gordon and **Lucy his wife, Ann Isham Poythress** and **Mary Poythress** and the defendant Benjamin Poythress, and allotted to each of the legatees their share. The value of those allotted to John and Lucy Gordon was unequal to the value of those given to the others, and Benjamin is to pay the other legatees: To **Ann Isham Poythress**, £3/13/4; to **Mary Poythress**, £11/3/4; to **Benjamin Poythress** £1/13/4; to **Benjamin Poythress** as heir of **William Poythress, Jr.** £8/13/4; to **Benjamin Poythress** as heir of **Sally Poythress**, £1/13/4.

See full copy date of 11 Febry, 1777, date recorded by order of the court.

All names of slaves are listed, but no last names, except for Andrew Miller, Jack Vaughan, Lucy Cook and Frank Cook. Recorded 1 Feb. 1777. (VA State Archives, Accession # 22483d)

[The above William Poythress, dced, in question is RBB 252]

20 Oct 1775 (Virginia Gazette)

“To be SOLD, on Monday, the 6th of November, if fair, otherwise next fair day, at the plantation of mr. John Walton, near Augusta town, in Georgia, SEVERAL likely SLAVES, being the residue of all those formerly in the possession of mr. Leonard Claiborne, which were of the **estate of Francis Poythress**, deceased, and condemned to the plaintiffs in a suit in chancery, October 15, 1764. Six months credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving bond, with approved security, to WILLIAM GLASCOCK”

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]

10 Feb 1776 (Virginia Gazette)

“TO BE SOLD at BLANDFORD, on Friday, the 1st of March next, to the highest Bidders, ELEVEN valuable NEGRO FELLOWS, among whom is a very good Ship

Carpenter. Also two SCHOONER FLATS, one 85, the other 70 Hogsheads Burthen, with their BOATS, and two smaller FLATS burthen 35 and 32 Hogsheads. Six Months Credit will be allowed to the Purchasers, on giving Bond, with approved Security, to
THOMAS CRAWFORD
JOSHUA POYTHRESS, JUN”

13 Mar 1776 (Virginia Gazette)

Thomas Crawford and **Joshua Poythress, Jun.**.....advertise for sale on April 8, three....fellows, two schooner flats, etc. [see entry immediately preceding]

7 May 1776

A Warrant to **Peter Poythress** for use Chas. Avery for £7.10.0 for 2 Guns to Capt. R. Kidder Meade’s comp’y, 2nd Reg’t.
Williamsburg; “Journal of the Committee of Safety of Virginia”; pages 72 (7 Feb 1776) through page 239 (5 July 1776).....(Virginia Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 8, p. 172).

11 Jun 1776

Ordered, that a warrant issue to Charles Gregory for the use of **Joseph Poythress** for six pounds, for two musquets. Williamsburg; “Journal of the Committee of Safety of Virginia”; pages 72 (7 Feb 1776) through page 239 (5 July 1776).....(Virginia Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 8, p. 172)

6 May-5 July 1776

The fifth convention of the General Assembly met in Williamsburg from May 6 to July 5, 1776. It passed resolutions urging the Continental Congress to declare the united colonies free and independent. This convention wrote the Virginia Bill of Rights and the Constitution of 1776, which established the General Assembly for the new commonwealth. Present for Prince George County: Richard Bland, **Peter Poythress**.
(Bicentennial Register of Members of the General Assembly of Virginia, published for the General Assembly of Virginia by the Virginia State Library, 1978)

30 Aug 1776 (Virginia Gazette)

“August 24, 1776

On Friday the 27th of September will be rented at Wilkin’s ferry, to the highest bidder, the ferry and plantation belonging to the estate of Joseph Wilkins, for one year, for which bond and security will be required by
George Noble)
Joshua Poythress) admrs.”

17 Oct 1776

Peter Poythress asked to be permitted to resign on account of illness...as representative of Prince George County to the General Assembly session of October 7 to December 21, 1776.
(Bicentennial Register of Members of the General Assembly of Virginia, published for the General Assembly of Virginia by the Virginia State Library, 1978)

Oct 1776

General Assembly: “An act to empower the late Sheriff of Prince George to take the election of Delegates for the said county.”

WHEREAS Peter Eppes, gentleman, was, by commission from the late Governor, appointed sheriff of the county of Prince George, and having taken the oath directed to be taken by sheriffs, by an ordinance of the last convention, hath continued to act in the said office until the 25th day of October last past, when his authority ceased, according to the direction of the said ordinance, but before that time the said sheriff had received a warrant from the speaker of the house of delegates for the election of a delegate to serve for the said county, in the room of **Peter Poythress, esq. who had resigned**, and had appointed a day, and summoned the freeholders to make such election, since which it is become necessary to elect another member for the said county, in the room of **Richard Bland, esq. deceased**, both which elections will be disappointed, as the said sheriff’s authority is expired, and another cannot be qualified in time unless a speedy remedy is provided:

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, That the said Peter Eppes, or his deputy, shall and may proceed to take the poll on the day already appointed for the election of one delegate, and to appoint the time for and to proceed to the election of another for the said county, and return the members respectively chosen, in the same manner as he might have done before the expiration of his office.

(Hening’s Statutes of Virginia, Vol. 9, p. 230)

23 Nov 1776 (Virginia Gazette)

Contrary to my desire, and express order, my servant man JAMES BULLOCK enlisted with **mr. Robert Poythress**, an officer, he says, under captain Scott of the Georgia service; upon which I demanded my servant of the said Poythress, without effect. This is therefore to request of capt. Scott to have my said servant returned to me without delay or farther (sic) expense, or I shall certainly prosecute him according to law. James Anderson.” (Virginia Gazette, Purdie, 6 Dec 1776)

2 Feb 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

“Fredricksburg, Jan. 6, 1777.

Deserted from my troop of light horse, about the 1st of November last, GEORGE WEST, 5 feet 11 inches high, very slender made, born in Hanover, has dark hair, and is 18 years old. JAMES McCALLION, upwards of 6 feet high, born in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, has dark hair and blue eyes, stoops in his shoulders, and is 24 years old. The said McCallion, I am informed, has enlisted under one **Robert Poythress**, who was recruiting for the Georgia service under capt. Scott. I therefore forewarn the said Scott or **Poythress** from carrying him out of this colony, and will give TWENTY

DOLLARS reward to any person who will secure the said deserter and deliver him to general Lewis, or his Excellency the Governour in Williamsburg, and TEN DOLLARS reward for securing West, on delivering him to either of the above mentioned gentlemen.

Richard Call.”

11 Feb 1777

William Poythress [RBB 252]

Cover page:

Division of Poythress estate
 Ret^d Febr'y 77. Est. & final decree
 Recorded & Examd

In obedience to a Decree of the Worshipfull Court of Prince George County, in chancery bearing date th July 1778 which is hereunto annexed We the Subscribers have proceeded to divide the slaves of which **William Poythress** died possessed between the complainants John Gordon & Lucy his wife, **Ann Isham Poythress**, and **Mary Poythress**, and the defendant **Benjamin Poythress**, and do allot to each of the said Legatees their share of the said Slaves amounting to the value of £4282 as may more fully appear by a Schedule underwritten, which we intend shall be taken as part of this report and as the parts of **Ann Isham Poythress**, **Mary Poythress**, & the Defendant **Benjamin Poythress** are unequal to the Share allotted to John Gordon & Wife he consequentially is to pay to the said Legatees £26.6.8 (viz) to **Ann Isham Poythress** £3.13.4 to **Mary Poythress** £11.3.4 to **Benjamin Poythress** £1.13.4 and to **Benjamin Poythress** as Heir to **William Poythress, J^r** deceased £8.13.4 and to ditto as Heir to **Sally Poythress** dec^d £1.13.4 as their proportions of the above twenty six pounds.

Schedule

Negroes allotted to John Gordon & Lucy his wife

viz

Langston & Family Phoebe, Milly, Tabb, Phoebe, Joe Better
 Taney & Family Aron, Dick, James, Daniel, Robin, Pegg,
 Tabb daughter to Pegg & Amry..... £740.0.0
 Deduct for **Ann Isham Poythress** £ 3.13.4
 Deduct for **Mary Poythress** 11. 3.4
 Deduct for **Benjamin Poythress** 1.13.4
 Deduct for **William Poythress** 8.13.4
 Deduct for **Sally Poythress** 1. 3.4) 26.6.8
£713.13.4

Negroes allotted to **Ann Isham Poythress**

viz

Andrew Miller & Family Nann, Lucy, Robbin, John, Jeffrey,
 Matt, Isham, old Nancy, (young Nancy & two children Pompy
 & Amy) Stephen, Jack & Family Sarah, York & Frank Cook
 Miller £710. 0.0
 To be paid by John Gordon for his proportion as above 3.13.4
£713.13.4

Negroes allotted to **Mary Poythress**

viz

Young Andrew & Family Sarah, Frederick, Rachel, Pompy,

Betty Davy, Miles little Peter, Winny, Patt, Bailey's Peter,
 Cato Shoemaker, Rofe child to Patty & Charles £702.10.0
 To be paid by John Gordon for his proportion as above 11. 3.4
£713.13.4

Negroes allotted to **Benjamin Poythress**

viz

Jack Vaughn & Family Dinah, Davy, Milly, Bob, Stephen,
 Roanoak Ned, Anaha & Family Shadrack, Cary, Nancy,
 Ned son of Andrew, Betty & Family Anthony, Mason,
 Pretty Lilly, Ulsy £712. 0.0
 To be paid by John Gordon for his proportion as above 1.13.4
£713.13.4

Negroes allotted for **William Poythress** proportion

viz

Lucy Cook & Family, Nann, Molly, Charles, Titus, Hall,
 Frank Cook & Family Tabb, Beck, Frank, Ned & Patt.
 Tom Cary, Paul, old Amy, Aggy & Tilly £705. 0.0
 To be paid by John Gordon for his proportion as above 8.13.4
£713.13.4

Negroes allotted for **Sally Poythress**

viz

Lucy & Family , Judah, Jamey, Will, Hall, Daniel, Moses,
 Aggy& Family, Cato, Peter's son to Aggy, George, Will,
 & Providener, old Tamey, Juday, Jamey, Billy & Amy £712.10.0
 To be paid by John Gordon for his proportion as above 1. 3.4
£713.13.4
£4282.0.0

David Walker

Philip Jones

Thomas Scott

Ben. Jones

Feb^y 1776

At a Court held for Prince George County at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 11th
 day of Febry 1777 The Persons appointed to divide

the **Estate of William Poythress** did between the several complainants & **Benj^e Poythress**, Defendant, this day made this return thereof and by order of the Court it is Truly Recorded.

Test
Arche Carlos, DC

7 Mar 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

“For sale, for ready money, or 12 months credit, an exceeding good plantation BLACKSMITH, who is very well acquainted with many other kinds of work in that branch of business, such as nail making, tiring wheels, &c. The terms may be known by applying to **Joshua Poythress, Sen.** at Flower de Hundred, in Prince George county, or to **William Poythress** at York garrison.

*There may likewise be purchased a complete set of blacksmith TOOLS with the fellow.”

7 Mar 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

Joshua Poythress, Sen. advertises at Flower de Hundred, taken up “a small bay mare.” Owner may have her by paying the expense of this advertisement.

2 May 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

“Marriage] John Randolph, esq.; of Chesterfield to **Miss Nancy Poythress**, daughter of **col. Peter Poythress of Prince George.**”

9 May 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

John Lucas advertises for a strayed or stolen horse...he will give 40s. reward to any person that will deliver the said horse to...(among others) **mr. William Poythress** at Flower de Hundred.

6 Jun 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

[Identical to ad of 7 Mar 1777 re plantation blacksmith]

18 Jul 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

Poythress, William, late of Pr. Geo. Co., dec'd, estate accounts with his executor **Peter Poythress** of Branchester.

21 Nov 1777

Commissions wanted for the Officers in Col. Charles Harrison's Regiment of Artillery: Captain Drury Ragsdale...etc. **Wm. Poythress**, 1st Lieut., Nov. 21st, 1777, promoted by the resignation of Lieut. Dudley.” (Papers of the Continental Congress, M247, r93, 178, v5, p. 167)

3 June 1778

Deed
Robert Bolling and wife Clara
To
John Bland

Court order to receive relinquishment of right of dower for Clara Bolling was satisfied by the oaths of Robert Gilliam and **William Poythress**. (PG Misc. Court Records)

13 Nov 1778 (Virginia Gazette)

“To be LET to the highest bidder, for one year, on Saturday the 28th instant (November).....the much frequented FERRY and ORDINARY on *James* river known by the name of WILKINS with 138 acres of good land belonging thereto. Bond, with approved Security, will be expected of the bidder who rents it. GEORGE NOBLE

JOSEPH POYTHRESS

(Virginia Gazette, 13 Nov 1778)

1779- Short (proxy)Census of Virginia

In 1779 the U. S. Treasury offered to exchange new bills for presumably counterfeit old paper money. Many Virginians made this exchange (in whole or in part) to the Virginia Continental Loan office in 1779 and 80. The exchange could be for new money, applied to loans, or applied to taxes. The records of exchangers and the amount exchanged provides a short proxy census of Virginia in 1779:

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Entry #</u>	<u>Amt. Deposited</u>
Poythress, Joshua	P.Ge.	1500	\$ 484
Poythress, Peter	P.Ge.	1262	\$ 311
Poythress, Thomas	Bruns.	3765	\$ 38
Poythress, Wm.	P.Ge.	1019	\$ 120

24 Apr 1779 (Virginia Gazette)

“*Wanted a SKIPPER for a COUNTRY CRAFT*

Such a person well recommended for sobriety and diligence, will meet with great encouragement by applying to the subscriber at *Flower de Hundred*.

J. POYTHRESS, Jun.

Also: Taken from a negro belonging to one of the subscribers craft, who says it was left on board by a sailor belonging to one of the country vessels, a musket with an iron ramrod, branded VIRG. on the butt. The owner may have it by applying as above”

28 Jun 1779

Mr. John Batte of Prince George County, to **Miss Polly Poythress**, daughter of **Col. Peter Poythress**, of same county. (Virginia Gazette, June 1779)

28 Jul 1779

Cash paid to Peachy, **Poythress**, Bates & Co. 3112 pounds 19 shillings to repay them said sum borrowed by Wm Boyd to pay John Nicholas for land to pay Robert Turnbo, etc. etc. (numerous others totalling £3112/19/0) (PG Misc. Court Records)

7 Aug 1779 (Virginia Gazette)

“Blandford, July 14, 1779

The partnership of Peachey, **Poythress**, Bate, and company, being this day dissolved, I request the debtors and creditors to the said company, to apply immediately for a settlement of their accounts. RICHARD BATE”

26 Aug 1779

Will of Thomas Epes of Prince George County

To wife Betty, use of plantation I live on for life, and 7 negroes: Ned (called Butterwood), his wife Tabb, Antony, little Charles and Obedience, and use of household goods.

To my kinsman **William Poythress**, son of **Joshua**, after death of my wife, all of my land and plantation. If he dies without issue, then to my kinsman Richard Epes, son of Peter Epes. If Richard dies, then to kinsman Peter Epes, son of Peter Epes. To my Godson James Irby, £30, and if he dies without issue to his sister Lucy Irby.

To Godson Archibald Robertson, negro man Jack and £200

To my sister Mary Mason, my two negroes Matt and Tempe

To my niece, Elizabeth Richardson, wife of Jordan Richardson, negro woman Hannah

To my niece, Mary Mason, negro woman Darcus

To my niece Rebecca Mason, negro woman Clarissa

To my kinsman Francis Epes, son of Peter Epes negroes

To God-daughter Sarah Epes, daughter of Peter Epes, negro girl Mason

To God-son William Scott, son of Thomas Scott, negro girl Obedience

To Thomas Scott, son of Thomas Scott, negro man little Charles and £100

To my kinsman **William Poythress**, son of **Joshua Poythress**, two negro men, great Charles and Dick

To my sister in law Martha Coleman, negro woman Sara and her child Daniel

To my nephew Thomas Mason, negro woman Lucy and her son Peter

To William Epes, son of Peter Epes, negro man Ned

To Peter Scott, son of Thomas Scott, negro boy Jamie

To Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Thomas Scott, negro girl Janey

Executors: Peter Epes, **William Poythress**, Archibald Robertson

Dated 26 Aug 1779

Wit: Fran’s Stainback, Sarah Irby, Robert Young

Signed: Thomas Epes

(VA Archives accession 23684)

25 Sep 1779

“[Deaths] Mr. Thomas Eppes, of Prince George county, who hath devised the greatest part of a very considerable fortune, to **Mr. William Poythress**, an officer in the continental army.”

(Virginia Gazette, 25 Sep 1779, p. 2, c. 2)

30 Oct 1779 (Virginia Gazette)

“To be SOLD to the highest bidder, for ready money, or short credit, on Thursday the 23rd of November next, on the premises,

That valuable tract of land adjoining the town of Blandford, formerly the property of Sir Peyton Skipwith, containing one hundred and twenty five acres.

RICHARD BATE, for

Peachy, Poythress, Bate, & Co.

The partners of said company, are hereby informed that the 24th day of November next is appointed for a final settlement of said companys accounts. R. Bate”

25 Dec 1779 (Virginia Gazette)

“A List of tobacco in Boyd’s warehouse, wh’ch have been there upwards of two years, and if not applied for will be sold according to law.” Among others: **Col. Peter Poythress** 1041, 127, 914 [weights of bales presumably]

28 Jun 1780 (Virginia Gazette)

Marriage, Mr. John Batte of Prince George to **Miss Polly Poythress**, daughter of **Col. Peter Poythress** of the same county. (The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 4, # 2, p. 75, 1960)

2 Oct 1780

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

/s/ **William Poythress**

Wit: Charles Duncan, Wm. M. Carter

14 Apr 1781

To be SOLD, by order of the Honourable Court of Admiralty, on Tuesday the 24th instant, beofre the Raleigh door, the following slaves, lately recaptured from the enemy, viz. **PRIMUS**, who says he belongs to Governour Sharpe, of Maryland; **PORTLOCK BREWER**, who says he belongs to **Joshua Poythress** of Prince George; **three men, three women**, and **five children**, who say they belong to Samuel Snowdal of Maryland.--At the same time will be sold, and small schooner boat almost new, in which 12 of the above negroes were taken, and 2 or 300 bushels of oats. Any person having a claim to make to the schooner boat or slaves are desired to attend the court of Admiralty, at the capitol, in the city of Williamsburg, on the 3d day of May, on which day the Court will fit to make a final decree. BEN POWELL. Marshal. WILLIAMSBURG, April 5, 1781. (Virginia Gazette (Dixon & Nicolson), Richmond 14 Apr 1781)

1782

1782 PG Land Taxes Acres

Peter Poythress	3 lots in town of Blandford
Joshua Poythress	266
Peter Poythress	1,250
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	184
	120
Mary Poythress	293
	18
	70
Peter Poythress	400
	225
	100

(Library of VA, microfilm roll # 255)

1782 Personal taxes

Column 1 male tithables, column 2 # of slaves (?)

Poythress, Joshua	1	24
Poythress, Mary		18
Poythress, Mary		10
Poythress, William	1	16
Poythress, Peter	1	87

(Reconstructed from tax lists burned in War of 1812. Intent is to proxy the 1790 census by Mrs. Augusta B. Fothergill)

12 Jan 1782

William Mallory, Reg (ister?) publishes the order of the Court of Admiralty held in Williamsburg 1 Dec 1781 that a former order in the suit of Edward Mallory and others against a schooner and cargo (her name unknown) not being complied with and no person appearing to claim the money arising from the sale of slaves taken on board the schooner, that the libel be taken for confessed unless the party interested show cause to the contrary. The slaves are: Portlock Brewer, a negro man said to belong to **J. Poythress**, etc.....
Local notices from the Virginia Gazette 12 Jan 1782.

9 Feb 1782

Will of **Mary Poythress** of Martins Brandon Parish....see entry on date of recording 12 Feb 1788.

16 Feb 1782

Virginia Executions. Two slaves (Will and Minas) belonging to a **Poythress** hanged this date for "Housebreaking/Burglary." Source: Virginia Executions list in state documents.

23 Apr 1782

(Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims)

At a court held in Prince George County at the Courthouse on Monday the 23 of April 1782 agreeable to an act of assembly for adjusting claims for property impressed or taken for public service:

Peter Poythress 597 lbs. beef £6/4/4 ½

Joshua Poythress flat hire £61/19/4; 30 lbs. fodder, 123 bu corn, 40 bu oats, 30 bu corn, 103 lbs. bacon, 60 bu wheat £12

James Cocke 98 gal. brand, 60 lbs. bacon, 60 lbs. mutton, cartage £1/15; 1430 lbs. fodder, 123 lbs corn £17/10/4 ¾; 34 ½ bu oats, 24 lbs. beef £6/17/8 ½; 1 horse £31/5; 21 candles, 3 barrels £1/8/6; 449 lbs. flower, 39 lbs. bacon £2/1/7 ½; 1339 lbs. fodder, 84 bu corn £12/4/8; 15 bu wheat, ½ bu oats £3/1/3; 1125 lbs. beef £11/14/4 ½.

6 May 1782

General Assembly, 6th of May, 1782: “An act to appoint trustees for the towns of Woodstock, Cobham, Manchester, and Blandford.” “.....and that Nathaniel Harrison, **Peter Poythress**, Robert Gilliam, Thomas Gordon, William Murray, Isaac Hall, John Baird, and Edmund Ruffin, gentlemen, are hereby in like manner appointed trustees for the said town of Blandford....”

(Hening’s Statutes of Virginia, Vol. 11, p. 57)

10 Oct 1782

Division of Estate of Richard Bland, dec’d. Divided between: Richard Bland, **Ann Poythress Morison**, Elizabeth Blair Bland, and Mary Bland widow. Divided 10 Oct 1782 by Edmund Ruffin, Jr. William Green and **William Poythress**. Recorded Mar 17, 1787. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 14)

[note: this item re-entered on recording date 17 Mar 1787]

14 Dec 1782

Francis Muir, administrator, of Prince George County, advertises for sale on 23 December at the late dwelling plantation of Mr. John Gordon about 4 miles below Blandford, three negroes, plantation utensils, plough horses, cows and calves; 15 Negroes will be hired. All persons having demands against the estate to hand in their claims and all indebted to the estate, as also are those indebted to the estate of **Mr. William Poythress** (the business of which Mr. Gordon transacted) are requested to make payment.

(Virginia Gazette, 14 Dec 1782, Virginia Genealogist Vol. 26, # 1, p. 261)

1783

1783 PG Land Taxes Acres

Peter Poythress	1,250
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress	400
	200
William Poythress	852
	184
	120
Mary Poythress	293
Peter Poythress	400
	225
	100

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

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)

15 Jul 1783

John Randolph advertises for sale to the highest bidder his houses and lots in Petersburg lying on the river (described) [assume Appomattox]. **Colonel Peter Poythress** will attend the sale. (Virginia Gazette, 19 Jul 1783).

19 Jul 1783

John Randolph at Bloomsburg advertises for sale his lot and houses in Petersburg (described) and , on the plantation where he now lives, all his household and kitchen furniture, stock of cattle, sheep and hogs, some fine blooded mares and colts and a set of saw and fulling mill utensils. **Col. Peter Poythress** will attend the sale in case of Randolph's absence. The sale will begin at 8 in the morning and at 4 in the afternoon it will be held in Petersburg. (Virginia Gazette, 19 Jul 1783)

3 Dec 1783

The claim of William Mc WHANN, merchant, late of Blandford, Virginia, and now of London, partner in the firm of John Baird & Co. with John Baird, Gray Briggs and **Peter Poythress**, for the loss of 4 lots of land, houses, furniture, negroes and debts valued at L3,775-3-7. He had been forced to leave Virginia in 1775, **his partners supporting the rebellion**. Claim dated 3 December 1783, his earlier memorial of 16 April 1779 having been rejected as he had gone to America. (18 pages). (Loyalist Claims Series II - Virginia 1776-1789 Folder M II.)

1783 (late)

This item is included more for historical interest than genealogical interest.

In 1775 Virginia's royal governor Lord Dunmore issued a proclamation offering freedom to slaves who would join British forces. A considerable number of slaves escaped to British lines and were thus used to support the British war effort in numerous ways throughout the war.

At the conclusion of the hostilities, 1783, a large number of slaves were located in New York City from where the British evacuated them. Most were shipped to Nova Scotia. Many of these "black loyalists" were evacuated to Florida, especially St. Augustine and the St. John's River area. When this area too had to be evacuated as it was returned to the Spanish, blacks were a low priority, many re-seized as slaves and many abandoned to the Spanish.

The on-line site dealing in detail with this history is called the Book of Negroes and is a part of Canada's digital records at the address:
>http://collections.ic.gc.ca/blackloyalists/documents/official/black_loyalist_directory.htm<.

One of the black families recorded was that of George Black, his wife and son. They are shown as "formerly slave to **Josiah Portress**" (**Joshua Poythress**), "left him 4 years past" which would place their escape from VA about 1779. This family was placed on the "Ship Sovereign bound for St. John's River, William Stewart, Master."

Listed as:

- George Black, 40, stout fellow, Formerly slave to **Josiah Portress**, Petersburg, Virginia; left him 4 years past.
- Betsey Black, 35, ordinary wench, Formerly slave to **Josiah Portress**, Petersburg, Virginia; left him 4 years past.
- William Black, 14, fine boy, Formerly slave to **Josiah Portress**, Petersburg, Virginia; left him 4 years past.

It is very likely that the **Joshua Poythress** in question was # RBB 211 1.

1784

Prince George County Land Book Alterations
Poythress: none
(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

1785

Birth year of **Susanna Peachey Poythress**, only daughter and sole heir of the third **Joshua Poythress**, was born at Flower de Hundred in 1785 and was buried there in 1815. She married **John Vaughn Willcox** of Charles City County and Petersburg in 1804 at which time they built the present house (now gone), a white wooden structure, on a rolling bit of ground, back from the river. Flower de Hundred remained the property of **Joshua Poythress'** direct descendents of the eighth generation.

1785

PG Alterations made by transfer of land, recorded by Peter Epes:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Edward Bland	William Poythress	250
Joshua Poythress	Simon Frazer	366
William Poythress	Robert Gilliam	852

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

19 Apr 1785

Will of John Morison

To wife **Ann Poythress Morison**, the estate for life, if child the wife is carrying lives, then child to get estate at wife's death. If child does not live to age 21, then my five sisters to get all of estate at wife's death.

To brother Alexander, after death of my wife or child, my plantations in Brunswick County, Va. and Warren County, N. C. if he give my brother

Theodorick a share in the plantation my father bought from Ravenscroft.

Executors: **wife Ann**, her father Richard Bland, Esq., and my brother David Morison.

Dated 19 Apr 1785 no witnesses

Recorded 10 Aug 1790 proved by oaths of Edmund Ruffin, Jr. George Ruffin, and John Batte. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 403). [this will also entered on date of recording 10 Aug 1790]

10 May 1785

(Virginia Revolutionary War Publick Claims)

At a court of claims held in Prince George County at the courthouse on Tuesday, the 10th of May, 1785, present Nathaniel Raines, William Call, John Shore, Edward Bland, Cristo. McConnico, **William Poythress**, Gent. Justices.

Peter Epes [m. **Mary Poythress**] 1125 lbs. beef £11/14/4 ½.

23 Jul 1785

(Virginia Revolutionary War Publick Claims)

At a court of claims held in Prince George County on Saturday, 23rd July 1785, present Peter Epes, William Call, Wm. Robertson, **W. Poythress**, Gent. Justices.

Mary Poythress [w. of **Peter Epes**] 275 lbs. beef £2/17; 1 horse £15.

1786 (approximate)

Rev. War Pension Records

POYTHRESS, Peter

Birth: VA 2 Apr 1733

Service: VA

Rank: Patriotic Service

Death: VA 19 Dec 1787

Patriot Pensioned: No Widow Pensioned: No

Children Pensioned: No Heirs Pensioned: No

Spouse: (1) Elizabeth Bland

1786 (approximate)

POYTHRESS, William

Birth: VA 1737

Service: VA

Rank: 1Lt, Continental Line

Death: VA 1783

Patriot Pensioned: No Widow Pensioned: No

Children Pensioned: No Heirs Pensioned: No

Spouse: (1) **Elizabeth X**

1786

<u>1786 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,250
	10 ½
	1,000
	3 lots in Blandford
	400
	226
	100

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

8 Feb 1786

Deaths. **Poythress, Col. Peter**, of Prince George County, dec'd, estate accounts with his ex., William Mayo, Jr. (Virginia Gazette & American Advertiser)

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)

25 Oct 1786

David Maitland m. **Susanna Poythress**

1787

Journal entry: "**Brother [Rev. Francis] Poythress** frightened me with the idea of the Great Swamp, at the east end of the Dismal, but I could not consent to ride sixty miles around, so we ventured through. Neither we, nor our horses, received any injury, praise the Lord." (The Journals & Letters of Francis Asbury, Elmer T. Clark, ed., Abingdon Press 1958, Nashville, TN, 1:561)

1787 Census of VA using tax records

<u>Name</u>	<u>HH# (?)</u>
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Poythress, Mary	1103
Poythress, Eliza.	915
Poythress, Francis	915
Poythress, Joshua (estate)	915
Poythress, Kirby	1143
Poythress, Mary	915 (2)
Poythress, William	915 (2)
Poytress, Meredith	553

1787

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Mary Poythress	293
(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)	

9 Jan 1787

Estate of Robert Boyd, dec'd, in account with Charles Duncan, Executor.
 1779 through 1786. Mentions (among many others): Peachy, **Poythress**, Bates & Co.,
Joshua Poythress, **Peter Poythress**. Recorded Feb 13, 1787.
 (PG Deed Book 1787-92, p. 7)

10 Feb 1787

William Poythress m. Elizabeth Blair Bland

30 Feb 1787

Accounts of the Estate of Alexander Robertson [note: this is a very complex document with numerous columns, headings and subheadings]

Sums due to various persons (among others):

Cash to **John Poythress**

Cash to **Joshua Poythress**

To **Ann Poythress Morison**: £545

12 slaves
several houses, plantation items

June, 1783 (date written?)

Wit: **Joshua Poythress**

Richard Bland

Elizabeth Blair Bland

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-1792, pp. 13-14 abstracted)

13 Mar 1787

Bond of Christopher Roane,

In the penalty of one thousand pounds current money, for the faithful performance of the duties of Searcher, in which bond he is joined by Edm'd Ruffin J'n'r and **William Poythress**.

(Virginia Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 4, p. 255)

17 Mar 1787

Division of Estate of Richard Bland, dec'd. Divided between: Richard Bland, **Ann Poythress Morison**, Elizabeth Blair Bland, and Mary Bland widow. Divided 10 Oct 1782 by Edmund Ruffin, Jr. William Green and **William Poythress**. Recorded Mar 17, 1787. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 14)

12 Apr 1787

Will of **Elizabeth Poythress**

Elizabeth [Bland] Poythress of Prince George County, widow and relict of **Peter Poythress** (deceased as well). In consideration of natural affection for daughter Sally Lee and "to prevent any dispute which may happen in the construction of my husband's will respecting the devise in the said will of Kate's daughter 'Fanny' to my said daughter Sally Lee"...which was in said will devised to me...", I give my said daughter **Sally [Poythress] Lee** the said Negro Fanny and her children Becky, Betty and Kate and their increase...".
"...my hand and seal the ___ day of ____, 1787.

Signed: **Elizabeth Poythress** (signed with a waxer)

Wit: John Batte, **Tabitha [Poythress] Randolph**, William Bingham

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-1792, p. 17 abstracted)

14 Apr 1787

On this date for Prince George County the foregoing deed from **Elizabeth Poythress** to her daughter **Sally [Poythress] Lee** was proved by the oaths of John Batte and William Bingham.....by order of the court duly recorded.

Teste: C. S. Russell (PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 17)

1 May 1787

Accounts of Estate of John Gordon, Francis Muir, Adm'r. Names: (among many) **Mary Poythress, Heirs of Wm Poythress**. PG DB 1787-92, p. 89)

6 Aug 1787

Colin Cocke of Prince George County to Thomas Harrison of same,
for £324/12 200 acres bounded by James River, Flower de hundred Creek, and lands of
William Poythress, being land where said Colin now lives. Witness: William Harrison,
James Brodie, Lemuel Harrison. Recorded 12 Feb 1788

8 Aug 1787

W. Mayo, Jun., advertises for all persons indebted to the estate of the late **Col. Peter Poythress** of Prince George County to pay off their balances as there is a very heavy judgment against the estate.

(Virginia Independent Chronicle of 8 Aug 1787, Virginia Genealogist, 1993, Vol. 37, # 4, p. 295)

8 Aug 1787

W. Mayo, Jun., executor, at Powhatan, advertises for sale the lots in Petersburg containing the dwelling house, kitchen, table, and other outhouses, in tolerable repair, belonging to the estate of **Col. Peter Poythress** with twelve acres of meadowland adjoining. The very elegant situation of those houses at the end and fronting the principal street of Blandford makes them a desirable residence for a merchant, physician, or lawyer. A single woman capable of teaching three or four little girls in a private family will meet with employment by applying to W. M.

(Virginia Independent Chronicle of 8 Aug, 1787, Virginia Genealogist, 1993, Vol. 37, # 4, p. 295)

20 Sep 1787

Poythress, Joshua, dec'd, estate accounts with his admx., **Elizabeth [Robertson] Poythress** and admr. Archibald Robertson; his surviving admr. and guardian of **Susanna Poythress**; Archibald Robertson, will sell his estate at Flower de Hundred his late residence. (Virginia Gazette & Petersburg Intelligencer)

20 Sep 1787 (see above)

Joshua Poythress, dec'd – plantation, stock & furniture to be sold 1 October 1787.

Eliz. [Robertson] Poythress, admr'trix. Arch Robertson, adm'tor. Notice 18 September 1787. (Virginia Gazette and Petersburg Intelligencer, Thursday, 20 September, 1787, p. 3)

20 Sep 1787

“Marriages on Saturday last, 20 Sep 1787, Roger Atkinson, Jr. Esq. to **Miss Agnes Poythress** of Prince George, 6th daughter of **the late Col. Peter Poythress**. (Virginia Independent Chronicle, Richmond, 23 Sep 1788)

1 Oct 1787

Robert Bolling and Clara his wife of Pr. Geo. Co. to William Gilliam of same, for £819, 273 acres on south side of Appomattox River, etc.

Wit: (among others) **William Poythress**. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 95)

5 Oct 1787

Deed for Lease

Mary Poythress of Prince George County, Martin's Brandon Parish
to
Daniel Sturdivant of Prince George County
Sum: £20
Land: 100 acres, 6 year lease.
Signed: **Mary Poythress** (seal)
Wit: Wm. Birchett, James Sturdivant, John Sturdivant, James Davenport.
(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 114-115)

1 Nov 1787

[see 20 Sep 1787 entry above]. Robertson will sell 35 of his Negroes at Flower de Hundred.
(Virginia Gazette & Petersburg Intelligencer)

24 Dec 1787

Marriage, **Poythress, Susan**...on Monday last, was married in Prince George,
Mr. Richard Bland to **Miss Susanna Poythress**, daughter of the late **Col. Peter Poythress**,
of that county. (Virginia Gazette of Independent Chronicle,
Richmond)

1788

<u>1788 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,250
	1,000
	400
	225
	100
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	184
	120
	850
Mary Poythress	293

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

12 Feb 1788

Will of **Mary Poythress** (abstracted, inclusive of related papers)

Dear Sir:

Since writing to you yesterday it has occurred to me that Tuesday next is Prince George Court day and being too unwell to give my attendance at that time imagine it may be necessary for **Mrs. Poythress'** will to be proved and I shall be much obliged to you to inform **Miss**

Susanna Poythress that I hope she will save me from acting as an Excr being well satisfied from my state of health added to the great distance I am from the Estate I shall be found a very improper person to discharge that trust. As you mentioned to me yesterday that I was the only surviving heir named in the will it may be necessary that the court should be informed of my resignation which may be done with this letter.

Miss Poythress, being of lawful age can become an Administratrix with the will as needed or get some friend that she can confide in to Administer, which will be as effectual as if the Executor named in the will had qualified. I am with every sentiment of respect,

Your Mo Ob Sev,

Nicholas Faulcon

Monday mornng 1st Feb 1788

P. S Pray give **Miss Poythress**
this letter tomorrow as I expect
she will want her mother's Will
Proved on Tuesday.

At a Court held for Prince George County at the Court House on Friday the 12th day of February 1788 – the foregoing relinquishment of Nick Faulcon's Right of Executorship in the Will of **Mary Poythress dced** was presented into court by **Susanna Poythress** and being proved by **William Poythress** the same is by Order of the Court truly (sic) Recorded.

Teste ---

C. A. Russell

Clk.

Will of **Mary Poythress** of Martin's Brandon Parish, County of Prince George (abstracted):

To Wilmuth Harrison (daughter) as token of affection for her a plain gold ring and a pair of gold sleeve buttons.

To my Daughter **Susanna Poythress** all the residue of and every species of Property, etc. that I may die possessed of....home, cattle, sheep....my portion of my (devisement?) from **Peter Poythress'** legacy by his will.

Constitute and appoint my friends Nicholas Faulcon (?), **Peter Poythress** and **Joshua Poythress** to be executors.

Signed: **Mary (X) Poythress**

Wit: Dorothy Reed, Colin Cocke, Barbary J. Norton, **Jos. [Joshua]**

Poythress, Susanna Cocke.

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-1792, p. 111-112)

12 Apr 1788

At a Court held for Prince George County at the Court House on Friday the 12th day of February 1788 – the foregoing will was presented into Court by **Susanna Poythress** and being proved by the Oaths of Colin Cocke and Susanna Cocke two of the Witnesses thereto, the same is by Order of Court truly (sic) recorded – at the same time **Susanna Poythress** gave Bond and Security for the faithfull administering on the **Estate of Mary Poythress** upon which certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration with the said Will annexed. Teste –C. A. Russell, Clk. (PG Deeds & Wills 1787-1792, p. ?)

10 Jun 1788

The court appoints Robert Gilliam and **William Poythress** to get acknowledgement of relinquishing of dower right from Clara Bolling, as she cannot travel to the courthouse. Done on June 10, 1788, recorded on June 10, 1788. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 150)

24 Sep 1788

Roger Atkinson Jr., Esq. m. **Miss Agnes Poythress** of Prince Geo. Co., sixth daughter of the late Col. Peter Poythress, on Sat. last.
(Virginia Independent Chronicle, 24 Sep 1788, p. 3, col. 4)

1789

<u>1789 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,000
	400
	225
	100
	290
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	184
	120
	850
Mary Poythress	293

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

23 Mar 1789

(Excerpt) Will of William Batte, written 23 Mar 1789, proved 23 Apr 1789, “to my son William Batte, my land in **Prince George County**, lying on Southerly Run, joining James Cureton, **Elizabeth Poythress**, and John Batte.” (Greenville County Will Book 1, pps. 127-129)

Apr 1, 1789

Accounts of the Estate of Joel Sturdivant by John Sturdivant, Sr., Executor.
Names: (among many) **Francis Poythress, Joseph Poythress.** (PG DB 1787-1792, p. 243)

2 Apr 1789

William Ragsdale of Pr. Geo. Co. to Mary Harrison. Wit: (among others):
W. Poythress, Jr., Recorded 11 May 1790. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 355)

13 Oct 1789

Hardeman Poythress m. Elizabeth Golder

9 Nov 1789

Will of *Benjamin Harrison* of the Parish of Martins Brandon, County of Prince George, dated the 9th day of November, 1789, and proved on December 14, 1790. To nephew, *John Harrison*, my Manor Plantation lying on Powells Creek and negroes, *Tom, Dolly, Fanny, Bumford, Billy, Archy.* To nephew, *Thomas Harrison, Jr.,* six negroes, *Will, Beck, Jenny, Elizb.,* and *Amy.* To my niece, *Elizb. Stainback,* two negroes, *Frank* and *Sarah,* upon the following condition, that is as my said niece is expected to marry my nephew, *William Fann,* and if the said *Fann* shall hereafter claim a mare and colt now in my possession after marrying the said *Elizabeth,* my will and desire is the said negroes shall be delivered to my nephew, *James William Harrison,* to him and his heirs forever. To nephew, *James William Harrison,* the Plantation whereon my father, *James Harrison,* formerly lived. Nephew, *James William Harrison,* named as executor. Witnesses were *Wm. Wilkins, Wm. Poythress,* and *Colin Cocke. Pleasant Cocke* and *Colin Cocke* were securities for bond of 5,000 pounds. *DEEDS, ETC. (1787-1792), page 438, Prince George County, Virginia.* PG DB 1787-1792, p. 437)

1790

<u>1790 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,000
	400
	225
	100
	290
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	182 (?)
	120
	850
Mary Poythress	293

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

1790

Personal tax (difficult legibility)
April 13 **Poythress, Eliza** 1 Burnett overseer 1

May 4 **Poythress, William 1** John Lovesy
May 4 **Poythress, William 1** William McCarty 1
June 22 **Poythress, Mary**
July 13 **Poythress, Joshua Estate,** William Thomason 1

1790

Land tax in that part of Prince George lying in the town of Petersburg for 1790:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yearly Rent</u>
Estate Peter Poythress	£ 50.0.0

9 Jan 1790

Will of William Bucannan (**Ann Poythress**)....in will file.

12 Jan 1790

Inventory of Estate of Thomas Peterson. Appraised by John Batte,
William Poythress, Jr. and Instance Hall. (PG DB 1787-1792, p. 343)

12 Jan 1790

William Poythress, Junior, Gentleman of County of Prince George
to

Robert Birchett of Prince George County

Sum: £300 of lawful money of Virginia

Land: in Prince George County south side of Blackwater Swamp (no acreage stated but
description of boundaries is long and detailed).

Signed: **William Poythress, Jr.**, William Harris

Wit: J. Williams, Samuel Vaughn, Wm. Birchett, Wm. Birchett junr.

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 369)

16 Jan 1790

Will of Ann Isham Gordon. See "will of" for full text.

Among others:

To William Yates, second son of late Col. William Yates, negro girl Annika

To **Benjamin Poythress Yates**, second son of Col. Yates, negro boy Peter (Sally's brother)

To my niece Mary Muir, my negro woman Sally, and her child to youngest daughter of said
niece.

To **William Poythress Muir**, eldest son of my said niece negro boy David,

etc. etc. (PG DB 1787-1792, p. 359)

20 Jan 1790

William Poythress, Jr. Gent., of Prince George Co. to Robert Birchett, Sr., of same
for £300, land on south side of Blackwater Swamp, bounded by the mouth of the Ready
branch of the Blackwater, said **Poythress**, The Quakers Road, John Hunnicutt, Scarbrough's
old field, and James Cureton.

Wit: I. Williams, Samuel Vaughn, William Birchett, William Birchett, Jr.

Recorded 18 Jun 1790. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 369).

18 Mar 1790

Poythress, William, will sell part of the Flower de Hundred tract of land on the James River which was devised to him by his father. [this William is RBB 213)
(Virginia Gazette & Petersburg Intelligencer)

11 May 1790 (recorded)

Settlement of Accounts of **Joshua Poythress**, executor of estate of James Cocke, dce'd...by Walter Peter, Colin Cocke and John Morison.
August 1789, Recorded 11 May 1790. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 354)

13 May 1790

Deed (p. 363) [note: both date and page number are questionable]
Elizabeth and Francis B. [Burrell?] Green, Exors to William Green
To
William Poythress, Jr.
Sum: blotted "blotted...hundred and 74 £"
Land and other: completely blotted.

8 Jun 1790

William Poythress Junr of Prince George County
to
Edward Marks, of the same county of the other part
Sum: £250
Land: two tracts or parcels in Prince George County being the remainder of
that tract of land in Blackwater Swamp known by the name of
"Poythress' quarter" (400 acres) and one tract lying South of the
Quaker's Road (30 acres).
Signed: **William Poythress Junr**
Wit: (blotted off page before microfilming)
(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 362)

8 Jun 1790

Acknowledges bond unto Edward Marks (£1000) to guarantee title of above.
Signed: **Peter Poythress**. (PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 362)

8 June 1790 (recorded)

13 May 1790 Elizabeth Green and Francis B. Green, Excutors of William Green, dec'd, to
William Poythress, Jr. 296 acres bounded by Robert Batte, the Mill Pond, Col. Peter Epes,
being all the land of William Green, dec'd, held in that tract except for ½ acre reserved for a
burying place.
Wit: John Hamlin, Frederick Green, Edmund Ruffin, Jr.
Recorded 8 June 1790 (PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 363)

After above, before following; i. e. p. 384

Will of **Elizabeth Poythress** exhibited in court by her son **George Poythress**, executor, and proved by oath of Richard Bland, Gent., one of the witnesses, and probate granted. Richard Bland, John Woodleif, John Watts, and Peter Wynne to appraise estate.
(PG Deeds & Wills, 1787-92, p. 384)

_____ (p. 388)

Will of John Gilliam, the Younger of Bristol Parish to wife Mary (daughter of Nathaniel Harrison, dced) certain items. To **Godchild William Poythress**, son of **William Poythress**, a negro boy Bill son of Betty. (PG Wills & Deeds 1787-92)

13 July 1790

Inventory of William Brown. Appraised by **William Poythress** (and others).
(PG DB 1787-92, p. 394)

26 July 1790

Articles of Agreement

Between **William Poythress** and Thomas Harris..

William Poythress has claimed an interest in a tract of land where said Thomas Harris lives and the said **William Poythress** and Thomas Harris being willing to settle the affair and affix the right title...

John Harris gives **William Poythress** title to a house sold by **William Poythress** to Robert Birchett. House and land had been willed to **William Poythress** by **Peter Poythress** that was sold unto Walter Munnery and Nathaniel Tatum.

Signed: **William Poythress**

Wit: Edward Marks, Nathaniel Mackay, Boswell Becking
(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 416)

10 Aug 1790 (recorded)

Will of John Morison

To wife **Ann Poythress Morison**, the estate for life, if child the wife is carrying lives, then child to get estate at wife's death. If child does not live to age 21, then my five sisters to get all of estate at wife's death.

To brother Alexander, after death of my wife or child, my plantations in Brunswick County, Va. and Warren County, N. C. if he give **my brother**

Theodorick a share in the plantation my father bought from Ravenscroft.

Executors: **wife Ann, her father Richard Bland, Esq.**, and my brother David Morison.

Dated 19 Apr 1785 no witnesses

Recorded 10 Aug 1790 proved by oaths of Edmund Ruffin, Jr. George Ruffin, and John Batte. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 403).

15 Aug 1790

John Baird and Charles Duncan excrs of Last Will and Testament of Robert Boyd of the first part
&

William Mayo, excr of Last Will and Testament of **Peter Poythress** and **Elizabeth**, the widow of said **Peter Poythress** of the second part & James Cureton of Prince George County of the third part.

Add:

Walter Boyd wills use of his house and lands in Blandford to his wife and after her death she should leave it to his brother Robert Boyd and his heirs forever. Shortly after the death of Walter Boyd, his widow quitted the house and surrendered it to Robert Boyd. Robert, in his last will and testament authorized his executors.....whereupon the said (John) Baird and (Charles)

Duncan sold to **Peter Poythress**. Peter, in his last will and testament devised to his son-in-law William Mayo with consent of Elizabeth his wife. Whereupon, the said William Mayo with approval of **Peter's widow Elizabeth**, sold the houses and land to James Cureton).

Sum: 900 pounds Current Money of Virginia

Signed:

John Baird dced excr Charles Duncan

William Mayo

Elizabeth Poythress

Wit:

John Thweatt for William Mayo

John Batte as to William Mayo

Edmund Hanson for Baird & Duncan

Jos. Weisiger for Baird & Duncan

Jno. Baird Junr for estate and Baird & Duncan

Jos. Weisiger for **Mrs. Elizabeth Poythress**

John Baird for **Mrs. Elizabeth Poythress**

Robert Stuart for **Mrs. Elizabeth Poythress**

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 623-4)

14 Sep 1790

Tobacco notes Oct 1789 to Sep 1790 at Boyd's Warehouse. Names: (among others) **William Poythress**. Recorded 14 Sep 1790. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 412)

14 Sep 1790

Robert Birchett, Tobacco inspector, to James Sturdivant, tobacco picker, for £150, paid to James Sturdivant, Jr., land purchased by Robert Birchett from **William Poythress, Jr.** bounded by the Reedy branch and John Hunnicutt, 333 ½ acres. No witnesses. Recorded 14 Sep 1790. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 414)

2 Oct 1790

William Poythress and **Mary his wife** of Prince George County to

William Samuel Peachey of Amelia County

Sum: £1,350 current money of Virginia

Land: 300 acres, being Property along the James River in Prince George County and being the lower part of the Plantation Flower=de=hundred whereon **Joshua Poythress** the elder his late father lived and devised by will to the said **William Poythress**.

Signed: **William Poythress** (Sealed with a Waxer)

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

2 Oct 1790

Right of Dower Release

Commonwealth of Virginia & Peter Epes

Edwards Island and Edmund Shores

Re Deed of

William Poythress and **his wife Mary** in the conveyance of 400 acres
to

William Samuel Peachey.

[This document is conventional order of the court to executors to examine

Mary Poythress apart from her **husband William** to ascertain that she is indeed releasing her dower rights for the sale of this property inasmuch as
“said Mary cannot travel to the county court”]

Court finds that release of dower was properly obtained and court certifies the right to sell this property. (Teste: Peter Williams)

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 643)

14 Dec 1790

Will of Benjamin Harrison of Martins Brandon Parish. Wit: **William Poythress** (PG DB 1787-92, p. 437)

25 Feb 1791

William Poythress of Prince George County, son of **Peter Poythress**, late of said county(dced)..

to

Christopher McConnice of Town of Petersburg

Sum: £400 current money of Virginia

Land: parcell of land lying in Petersburg heretofore called Blandford and distinguished on the plot or plan of said town as lot 52. Also, all the low grounds on the River of Appomattox lying between the said lot 52 and the lot 53 to the boundary lines of lot 54 to Donald and Frazer, Merchants in the town.

Signed: **William Poythress**

Wit: George Marable

Thomas Gardinor

Hamilton Burge

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 579)

1791

<u>1791 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,000
	400
	225
	100
William Poythress	296
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	850
Mary Poythress (L. H.)?	293
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25 Feb 1791

Commonwealth of Virginia
to
Peter Epes and Pleasant Cocke

Whereas, **William Poythress**, son of **Peter Poythress** dced
to

Christopher McConnice

Land and house in Blandford Town of Petersburg

(**William Poythress**, by death of his father (**Peter**) to whom he is heir-at-law, the above
(Epes and Cocke) are instructed to determine if **Elizabeth Poythress**, wife of **Peter**,
surrenders dower rights.

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 579)

1 Mar 1791

Ann Poythress Morison of Pr. Geo. Co. to Edward Bland, guardian of Wallace Morison, for
£302/10/2 ½ for debt of Ann Morison, sells negroes:

Gigg, Jack, Robin, Creasy, Jenny, Betty (Moody), Kate, Iris, Jimmy, Eve,
Ritter, and Pollos. Ann Morison to continue in possession of above.

Wit: George Ruffin, Peter Woodleif, William Ragsdale, Jr.

Recorded 12 Jul 1791. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 551)

12 Jul 1791 (recorded)

Accounts of the Estate of William Green, 1790. Examined by (among others): **William
Poythress**. PG DB 1787-92, p. 562)

2 Aug 1791

Gentlemen: As I conceive it more consistent with my interests to renounce the will of my
deceased husband and to claim the benefit of my dower in his estate I beg leave to notify you
of this my desire and humbly hope that your worships in your judicial capacity at our next
court will make such order as you in your wisdom shall seem consistent with Law and my
interest. I am with due respect your worshipful most obedient servant.

Ann P. [Poythress] Morison

Witness

William Poythress junr

Geo Ruffin

This letter of renunciation of Ann P. Morison to any interest in her dced husband's will was presented into Court and proved by the Oaths of William Poythress junr and George Ruffin the witnesses through and by order of the Court is truly (sic) recorded. Teste Peter Williams clk

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 558 per MP, p. 580 per Weisiger)

4 Aug 1791

Accounts of the Estate of Robert Harrison 1788 & 1789. Names (among others): **William Poythress**. Recorded 10 Aug 1791. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 576)

15 Aug 1791

James Cureton and Betsey his wife to John Baird, of Pr. Geo. Co., Merchant, for £900, a lot in Blandford of 15 acres, being the same lot which said John Baird and Charles Duncan as executors of Robert Boyd, dec'd, with assent of William Mayo, executor of **Peter Poythress**, dec'd, and **Elizabeth Poythress**, widow and relict of said Peter, conveyed to James Cureton. Wit: Luke Wheeler, **William Poythress, Jr.**, Joseph Weisiger.

Recorded 13 Sep 1791. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 601)

15 Aug 1791

John Baird and Charles Duncan, executors of Robert Boyd, dec'd, of 1st part; William Mayo, executor of **Peter Poythress, dec'd**, and **Elizabeth Poythress widow of said Peter**, of 2nd part; and James Cureton of Pr. Geo. Co. of the 3rd part; whereas Walter Boyd, by his will devised to his wife the use of lots and houses where he lived in Blandford as long as she should live there and afterward to leve them to his brother, Robert Boyd. After his death, she gutted said houses and surrendered them to his brother Robert Boyd. In his will said Robert empowered his executors to sell. The executors sold to **Peter Poythress**, but he died before conveyance was made. In his will he said that his wife and his son-in-law William Mayo, had power to sell. They have thus sold land to James Cureton. Lands sold for £900 and are bounded by Appomattox River, Thomas Gordon's corner, the Creek, Richard Taylor, and include 2 lots # 34 and # 47, in the whole 15 acres.

Wit: (for William Mayo) John Thweatt, John Batte, and Robert Stewart, Sr.;

(for Baird & Duncan) Joseph Weisiger, Edmund Harrison, John Baird, Jr.(for **Elizabeth Poythress**) Joseph Weisiger, John Baird, Jr., Robert Stewart, Sr. Recorded Oct 11, 1791.

(PG Wills & Deeds 1787-92, p. 622)

13 Sep 1791

Accounts of Estate of David Williams. Names (among others): **William Poythress**. (PG DB 1787-92, p. 597)

19 Sep 1791

Will of John Gilliam, the elder. To wife Jane, use of estate and negroes:
Ciss, Agg, Beck, Hannah, Moll, old Beck, Hannah, Esther, Judy, Phillis, Beck & son Bob,
and my chariot and horses. If wife dies without a will, the estate is to be divided between son
Walter Boyd Gilliam and **daughter Mary Poythress**.

To son Walter Boyd Gilliam, my land at my wife's death and slaves: Esther,
Pompey, Suckey, Mingo, Ciss, Phebe, Hall, York, Manmoth, Harry, Ned, Betty, James,
Moses, Bob, Mandy, Anthony, Lucy, and Bristol.

Also to divide Phebe, Lucy, Nanny, Pegg, Doll, and Hannah.

Trustees Thomas Griffin Peachy, Walter Boyd Gilliam, and Reuben M. Gilliam to maintain
Elizabeth Arthur for life (his daughter).

Wit: Isaac Hall, John Angus, Richard Carrington, Jr.

[John Gilliam died in 1801]

(Library of Virginia Archives, accession 21552)

Sep, 1791 (about)

Deed

Elizabeth Poythress

to

(remainder of document illegible)

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 622)

11 Oct 1791

John Baird & Charles Duncan

&

William Mayo and **Elizabeth Poythress**

&

James Cureton

(Court confirms above dated 15 Aug 1790)

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 623-4)

1792

1792 PG Land Taxes Acres

Peter Poythress 100

905

400

225

100

Mary Poythress 100

Joshua Poythress 404

200

William Poythress 750

Mary Poythress 293

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

14 Mar 1792 (recorded)

Peter Epes, Edward Bland and Edmund Harrison, Gent., to receive relinquishment of dower from **Mary Poythress** in sale by **William Poythress** to William Samuel Peachy of 400 acres Oct 20, 1790. Recorded 14 Mar 1792. (PG Deeds 1787-92, p. 643)

9 May 1792

Peter Epes and Pleasant Cocke to receive relinquishment of dower from **Elizabeth**, wife of **William Poythress**, in his sale of land to Christopher McConnico 25 Feb 1791 of lot # 52 in Blandford. Recorded 9 May 1792.
(PG DB 1787-92, p. 668)

9 May 1792

William Poythress of the Parish of Martin's Brandon, Prince George Co.
To

James Cureton of the same "parish and county aforesaid."

Sum: £102/5/0

Land: 102 ¼ acres bounded by Noah Brown, John Mattox, land formerly **Peter Poythress's** and William Batte; it being part of a tract formerly called "Irbey's."

Court so orders 11 May 1792, Teste: Peter Williams, Clk. P. G. County

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 680)

9 May 1792

James Cureton of the Parish of Martin's Brandon, Prince George County
To

William Poythress, of the parish and county aforesaid

Sum: £102/5/0

Land: 80 ½ acres (otherwise undescribed)

Court so orders 11 May 1792, Teste: Peter Williams, Clk. P. G. County

(PG Deeds & Wills 1787-92, p. 681)

(note for above: it appears that **William Poythress** and James Cureton were in effect swapping pieces of land and perhaps the identical sum of money changing hands was to "establish" that the transaction involved separate purchases).

24 Sep 1793

Mary, Dau. of **William Poythress** and **Mary his Wife**, born Septr 24 & Bap: Nov. 7, 1793.
(Bristol Parish Register of Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 356)

1793

<u>1793 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	900
	400
	225
	100
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404

	200
William Poythress	750
Mary Poythress	293

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

1794

<u>1794 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	900
	400
	225
	100
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	750
Mary Poythress	293

10 Mar 1794

Edmund Harrison to the Governor (at Petersburg):

Agreeable to your request I have seen Col. Davies and have adjusted the responsibility of his Agency much to my own satisfaction & I trust with the acquiescence of the Board. I have a deposit of seven thousand and fifty nine pounds, 4-6 which will be lodged with the Auditor. When this is added to his landed estate & the personal & real estates of his securities, I can venture to predict the public will be no losers by his agency. As to the discrimination of **Mr. Poythress**, had I have been at the board I could have informed them that the signature was of the **elder Mr. Poythress**, As **the younger would have annexed Jun'r to his name.**

I am, &c

(Virginia Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 7, p. 63)

15 Oct 1794

William Poythress died 15th and was buried 18th Octr 1794.

(Bristol Parish Register of Births, J. B. Boddie, p. 355)

5 Dec 1794

“Charteris”, 518 acres, surveyed for **William Poythress** and Charles Duncan, Executors of Robert Boyd, bounded by Ruffin and Watts. Signed: Robert Turnbull, County Surveyor. (PG County Surveyor’s record, p. 3)

1795

<u>1795 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress (estate)	110
	905
	400

	225
	100
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

21 May 1795

Maj. William Eppes, dec'd – Property to be sold on 12 June 1795. Notice dated 21 May 1795. (29 May 1795, Petersburg Intelligencer, p. 1, col. 2).

22 Dec 1795

Peter Poythress, dec'd. – land in Surry County to be sold. Notice by Commissioner, 3 December 1795 (Petersburg Intelligencer, Tuesday, 22 December 1795, p. 4, col. 2).

22 Dec 1795 (see below)

William Poythress, dec'd – dwelling house in Prince George County to be sold. Notice by **Mary Poythress**, admx., Prince George County, 25 November 1795. (Petersburg Intelligencer, Tuesday, 22 December 1795, p. 4, col. 2).

29 Dec 1795

Death reported, **Maj. William Poythress**, his admx. is **Mary Poythress** of Prince George County. (Virginia Gazette & Petersburg Intelligencer)

1796

<u>1796 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

14 June 1796

Francis Burwell Green, dec'd. – of Prince George County. Claims on estate to be made to John Green, admr. by 1 August, 1796. Notice dated 14 June, 1796. (Petersburg Intelligencer, 28 June 1796, p. 2, col. 3).

29 Nov 1796

(Archibald) Robertson will sell 35 of his (estate of Joshua Poythress) Negroes at Flower de Hundred. (Virginia Gazette & Petersburg Intelligencer, date shown above).

10 Dec 1796

Will of **Francis Poythress** (see wills file).

1797

<u>1797 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
100	
	387
	400
	225
Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

11 Jan 1798

Simon Frazer, dec'd. – certain of estate to be sold Friday, 23 February, David Maitland, Trustee, 11 January 1798, Petersburg. (Petersburg Intelligencer, Friday, January 1798, p. 4, col. 4). [Simon Frazer h/o **Elizabeth Poythress**, RBB 211 3 ?]

1798

<u>1798 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
William Poythress	100
	387
	400
	225
Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

21 Sep 1798

Surveyed for James Cureton, 1033 acres whereon he now lives, bounded by Edward Marks, Blackwater Swamp, Marvin Warnock, John Watts, **William Poythress**, William Brown's estate and Richard Williams. Signed: Robert Turnbull, County Surveyor (PG County Surveyor's record, p. 15)

1799

<u>1799 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
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William Poythress	100	£ 29.3.4
	387	166.1.9
	400	310.0.0
	225	44.1.3
Mary Poythress (estate)	200	62.0.0
Joshua Poythress (estate)	750	626.4.0
William Poythress (estate)	99	110.9.0
	750	206.1.2

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

1800

<u>1800 PG Land Taxes</u>	<u>Acres</u>
William Poythress	100
	387
	400
	225
Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

(Library of Virginia, microfilm roll # 255)

1800

<u>1800 Personal Property Tax</u>	<u>Blacks above 16</u>	<u>Blacks under 16</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Hardaman Poythress	1	7	4
William Poythress Est.	1	9	2
William Poythress Est.	3	13	5

17 Feb 1800

William Poythress, dec.)

Poythress, Mary , dec)

Claims to be presented to Christ McConnico, Sheriff of Prince George County. Notice dated 17 February 1800. (Petersburg Intelligencer, Tuesday, 25 February 1800, p. 4, col. 3)

6 Sep 1800

Surveyed for **William Poythress** 212 acres, being part of the Branchester Tract, and sold by him to Capt. Nathaniel Colley, next to James Cureton on old Court House Road, near Blands Swamp. Signed: Robert Tunbull, County Surveyor (PG County Surveyor's record, p. 56)

July 1801

Elizabeth Cocke to James Cocke....land inherited by death of **her brother John Poythress** called Goodwins and land bought of John Wathen.

PG Probate records 1799-1805

L. H. Hart

(transfers which resulted from a will or court ordered division....abstracted)

Feb 1802

Archibald Robertson, Adm'r. of **Joshua Poythress**

VS

Ro. Goode, Executor of **Anne [Poythress] Morrison**, John Baird, Nathaniel Wyche Adm'r. of Alexander Belches, Thomas Gordon, Ebenezer Maitland, Charles Duncan Executor of Ro. Boyd, Wm Cole Sheriff of Pr. Geo.

(PG County Execution Book 1801-1803, p. 37)

1803 (ff)

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

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

20 Sep 1804

Married, **Portress (sic), Susan**, married on Thursday evening last, Mr. John V. Wilcox, Merchant of this town. (Petersburg Intelligencer)

23 Jan 1806

Poythress, Lucy, married on Thursday the 23rd inst. Mr. John Eppes, both of Prince George County. (Petersburg Intelligencer, 28 Jan 1806, p. 3, col. 1)

15 Jun 1809

Surveyed for William Mattox 200 acres on Bland's Swamp, bounded by Epes, **Poythress**, Thomas Mattox. (Plat shows William Mattox sold it to Overseers of the Poor for a Poorhouse. Signed: Robert Turnbull, County Surveyor (PG Surveyor's Record, p. 179)

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

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

Prince George County

Columns:

1. name
2. charged with tax
3. Additional male tithables over 21
4. White males between 16 and 21
5. Slaves over 16
6. Slaves under 16
7. Horses, cattle & carriages.....

Poythress, William	self	0	18	24	11	19	2 wheeled carriage
McArthur, William	William Poythress						
Poythress, Mary	self	0	4	3	3	5	[not tithable]
Poythress, William	self	0	6	5	10	0	
Poythress, Mary	self	0	10	15	5	13	4 wheeled chariot [not tithable]
Poythress, Eliza.	self	0	25	17	6	50	4 wheeled chariot [not tithable]
Poythress, Joshua (est)	self	0	13	15	11	29	4 wheeled chariot [not tithable]
Poythress, Francis	self	0	0	0	0	0	

6 Jan 1810

An ACT authorising Doctor James Cocke to remove certain Negroes into the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS the said James Cocke hath, by his petition set forth, that in the year eighteen hundred and four, he removed from Virginia to this state, but being then undetermined as to the place of his permanent residence, he did not avail himself of the power he enjoyed under the acts of assembly, to bring into this state, at the time of his said removal, or within twelve months thereafter, certain negroes which he was entitled to, and possessed of, under the last will and testament of **his grand-father John Poythress**, and his father James Cocke, and hath prayed that a law may pass, authorising him to remove the said negroes, as slaves, from the state of Virginia into the state of Maryland, in the same manner that he could have done at the time of his removal as aforesaid; and the prayer of the said petition appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said James Cocke be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, at any time or times within twelve months after the passage of this act, to remove and bring into this state the said negro slaves, or any of them, and their issue, in the same manner that he might or could have done at the time of his own removal herein, any law to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, provided the said doctor James Cocke register the said negroes, and their issue, in Baltimore county court, in the same manner as he by law

would
have been compelled to do had he have brought them into this state within one year after his remo-
val from Virginia as aforesaid, and provided said negroes be of that description allowed by
the laws
of this state to be removed and brought into this state.

15 May 1810

Pursuant to an Order of the court and by direction of John Batte, John H. Peterson and Peter Epes, I surveyed estate of **William Poythress, dec'd**, old courthouse road. **William Poythress's** land called "Branchester" and Simmons branch.

Plat shows: 200 acres to **Patrick Poythress**, 313 acres to **William Poythress**, 50 acres to **John Poythress**, 300 acres to **Thomas Poythress**. Robert Turnbull, County Surveyor. (PG County Surveyor's record, p. 189)

Jan Court 1811

Deed from **Joshua Poythress & Jane his wife, William Poythress and Thomas E. Poythress** to Peter Epes, Recorded.
(PG Orders 1811-14)

Aug Court 1811

Will of **William Poythress** proved. (PG Orders 1811-14)

Nov Court 1811

Nathaniel Marks, Adm'r of **Hardiman Poythress**, dec'd, is to pay **Elizabeth Poythress** for benefit of the infant children of said **Hardiman**. (PG Orders 1811-14, p. 142)

Dec Court 1811

Will of **William Poythress** further proved by Sarah Stiles. (PG Orders 1811-14, p. 146)

Court of 1811-14

Deed of emancipation **John Poythress** to Nancy Booker (no further details cited)

Dec Court 1812

Deed. **Patrick H. Poythress and Elizabeth his wife** to Peter Epes, proved by Peter Epes, Thomas Cocke and Thomas Warthen. (PG Orders 1811-14, p. 295)

June Court 1813

Deed of Emancipation from **John Poythress** to Nancy Booker recorded.
(PG Orders 1811-14, p. 354)

17 Dec 1817

Richard Marks m. **Elizabeth B. Poythress**

12 Aug 1818

Will of **Patrick Henry Poythress** (see wills file).

15 Nov 1820

Ohio Land Patents

Patentee: **Joshua Poythress**

Land office: Ohio

Document number: 6209

Title Authority: VIRGINIA MILITARY WARRANT

Signature: Y

Signature date: 1820/11/15

Total Acres: 1024.3300

Fractional Section: N

Metes and Bounds Description: Y

Survey Date: 1819/04/29

Warrantee: Robert Bolling

Canceled Document: N

Number: OH1970__.198

Image Name: 00024542

Volume ID: 050

Remarks: Thomas Wishart MWN 5887

16 Apr 1822

Poythress, Francis

Land Office: Ohio

Document # 4256

Canceled document: No

Survey Date: 1802/06/2

Total acres: 600

Signature: yes

Issue date: April 16, 1822

Statutory reference: 1 Stat. 82

Act of Treaty: August 10, 1790

Entry Classification: Script Warrant Act of 1790

Remarks: Jesse Chandler MWN 4482

3 Nov 1829

John Poythress m. Ann Hollingsworth

1833

Poythress, Nancy G. D., appears on roll of Presbyterian Ch of Petersburg.

Poythress, Jane appears on same roll, shown as "W. of Joshua."

27 Dec 1833

Petition of the heirs of **Capt. William Poythress** of Virginia Continental Line for commutation of five years full pay. Petition submitted to U. S. Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 27 Dec 1833.

Following is the text of this petition and its attachments. **Capt. William Poythress** is Batte # 211 2 m. **Mary Gilliam**. The petitioners are sons **Joshua Poythress, Thomas E. Poythress, and William P. Poythress** who are Batte #s 211 21, 211 22, and 211 23 respectively. By the time of this petition (1833) siblings **Patrick Henry Poythress** (211 24) and **Mary Poythress** (211 25) were deceased and the petitioners represented them-selves as the “only” heirs.

After three referrals to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims it appears that no action was taken on this partition, and, indeed, the attachments seem to imply the government rested on what it presumed to be proof of payment of the pay and the petition languished in committee with no action.

Text:

Page 1 (outside folio/title/disposition notations)

William Poythress

Petition of the Heirs of

Capt. William Poythress of
Virginia Cont Line
for commutation of
five years full pay

Dec. 27. 1833

Ref_to Com on Rev. Claims

December 9, 1834

Ref_ to Com on Rev. Claims

June 6th 1836

*Ref to the Committee
on Rev. Claims*

Page 2 (Text of Petition)

To

the honorable Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States assembled.

Your petitioners **Joshua Poythress Thomas E. Poythress** and **William P. Poythress** humbly represent that they are the children and only heirs of **William Poythress** a Captain in the Army of the Revolutionary war, and an officer in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment. That the said Poythress entered the service at an early period of the War and continued in active service until its termination and received from Virginia his military bounty land for seven years services as appears by the Certificate of Benjamin Harrison then Govr of Virginia and herewith filed marked B. It also appears that from the certificate of the Auditor of Virginia marked A. accompanying this petition that the said **Poythress** rced £14/14/0 in certificates for the balance of his full pay for services to the 5th March 1781.- your petitioners deem it unnecessary to furnish any further testimony of their father's services as an Officer of the Revolution as the accompanying documentary evidence from the army records of Virginia is conclusive evidence to prove that Capt. Poythress is entitled to relief under the Ressolutions (sic) of Congress passed in 1780.- Your petitioners therefore humbly pray the passage of an act granting to them the commutation of five years full pay and interest thereon on account of the aforesaid services of their father which is amply proved continued until the end of the war in the Virginia Continental Line in the rank of a Captain. And your petitioners will ever pray so.

Joshua Poythress
Thomas E. Poythress
William P. Poythress

By
John H. Price

Page 3—Exhibit A “Certificate of Register of Land Office Va.

This is to certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of Virginia *Continental* Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of

Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the *Seventh* day of *Novembr*.

1783 , in the name of **William Poythress**..... as *a Lieut Artillery* for *L417.14.0* , which Certificate appears to have been delivered to *himself* and was given for services prior to 1st January, 1782. *To wit__as Lieut. from March 77 to 19 August 80 and as Capt Lt. from 19 August 80 to 5 March. 1781.*

No Seal Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office,
of Richmond, this *Fourth* day of *Decembr*—1883.
Office *Jas E Meath* Auditor.

Page 4 Exhibit B Warrant for 4000 Acres

No. 1878 Council Chamber 1783

I do Certify that **William Poythress** is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Captain Lieutenant of the Artillery in the Continental line who has served seven years.

Thomas Meriwether *Benjamin Harrison*

A warrant for 4000 Acres issued to **WmPoythress** 8 Nov: 1783

An Examined Copy from Records
in the Land Office of Virginia.

Mr pedinns offVa
Dec 12 1833

Page 5 Exhibit "C"

County of Prince George State of Virginia Dec 9th 1833 I hereby certify that Joshua Poythress, Thomas E. Poythress & William P. Poythress are the Lawful heirs of Wm Poythress Formerly an Officer in the Revolutionary War.

Benjamin Cocke JP

5 Jan 1843

Died at the residence of **Capt. Poythress**, in Prince George Co., on the 17th ult., Miss Mary Ann Grey, member of the Presbyterian Church. (Obituaries, Watchman of the South, 5 Jan 1843.

21 Mar 1844

Resolution of Bounty Land Claim for Revolutionary War service by **Polley Poythress**, claiming to be the heiress of **Captain Robert Poythress**, Revolutionary War Soldier. (Rejected 21 Mar 1844)

This 1844 rejected claim appears to have been carefully orchestrated by counsel for the claimant **Polly Poythress**, the "heiress" of **Captain Robert Poythress**. Depositions of

Micajah Webb, Rebeckah Mitchel and **Polly Poythress**, together with the petition of **Polly Poythress** herself are essentially identical even to specific wording. The deponents claim ages in the range of 70 years. Other documents in this claim file are various affidavits attesting to the signatures of deponents and even repetitive affidavits attesting to the signatures of the affidavit givers.

All deponents claim to have been “well acquainted with **Robert Poythress** who was a Captain in the Continental Service” and who enlisted several other soldiers into service. Robert Poythress is stated to have “enlisted in the service in 1776”; and, “after serving some time around Williamsburg, he marched to the South in what was termed the Southern Regiment and continued in said service until the commencement of the year 1781.” Deponent Webb adds that he served with **Captain Poythress** “under General Greene” and was in the same capacity when Poythress “died near Charleston”, not returning to Prince George County, nor does Webb “believe that the said Poythress ever got any compensation for said service.” Another deponent Rebeckah Mitchel, states that Captain Poythress had “one only son that she knows of.”

External evidence suggests that this **Robert Poythress** is Batte # 282. R. B. Batte states “282 **Robert Poythress**; he was a soldier in the Revolution. I was told by a lady of Memphis, now deceased, that **Robert Poythress** died in January 1782 in Charleston, S. C. without issue. No record was cited.”

Deponent Mitchel’s statement that **Captain Poythress** had “one only son that she knows of” contradicts Batte’s “lady of Memphis” who said he died without issue. However, it is likely Robert had some kind of heiress who would be the claimant Polly. Polly could either be the unmarried daughter of **Robert Poythress** or, to fit deponent Mitchel’s story, Polly could be the wife of **Robert Poythress**’ “one only son” (?) and still be the heiress of Robert.

Further external evidence supports the claim that **Robert Poythress** was indeed “recruiting” for the Southern service as claimed. Two advertisements following from the Virginia Gazette would suggest that Robert Poythress was indeed “recruiting”, whatever his methods might have been:

1)

Prince George, Nov. 23, 1776

Contrary to my desire and express order, my servant man JAMES BULLOCK enlisted with **mr. Robert Poythress**, an officer, he says, under Captain Scott of the Georgia service; upon which I demanded my servant of the said **Poythress**, without effect. This is therefore to request of captain Scott to have my said servant returned to me without delay or further expense, or I shall certainly prosecute him according to law.

James Anderson

Virginia Gazette

Publisher: Purdie & Dixon

6 Dec 1776, p. 3, col. 1.

2)

Fredricksburg, Jan. 6, 1777

Departed from my troop of light horse, about the 1st of November last, GEORGE WEST, 5 feet high 11 inches high, very slender made, born in Hanover, has dark hair and is 18 years old. JAMES McCALLION, upwards of 6 feet high, born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, has dark hair and blue eyes, stoops in his shoulders, and is 14 years old.

The said McCallion, I am informed, has enlisted under one **Robert Poythress**, who was recruiting for the Georgia service under Capt. Scott. I therefore warn the said Scott or Poythress from carrying him out of this colony and will give TWENTY DOLLARS reward to any person who will secure the said deserter and deliver him to general Lewis, or to his Excellency the Governour in Williamsburg, and TEN DOLLARS reward for securing West, on delivering him to either of the above mentioned gentlemen.

RICHARD CALL

Virginia Gazette

Publisher: Purdie

21 Feb, 1777, p. 4, c. 1.

Folio cover:

Capt. Robert Poythress

Cl^m L^d Bounty

Received June 2, 1843

Rejected (seal)

J. M^c.D.

March 21, 1844

Sub-folio cover containing various affidavits:

Rejected Claim L. B. [land bounty]

Poythress, Robert – Captain- Army

Affidavit - Wm. Weake
“ (2) - Micajah Webb
“ (3) - Rebeckah Mitchel
“ (4) - Polly Poythress
Petetion of “

1844

State of Virginia Prince George County to wit: Personally came Rebecka Mitchel formerly Liefsay of the county and state aforementioned before one John A. Phillips an acting Justice of the Commonwealth of Virginia and County aforesaid, who being sworn deposeseth and saith, that she was well acquainted with **Robert Poythress** who was a Captain in the Continental

Service in the Revolutionary War, that to her certain knowledge he enlisted a number of Soldiers some for three years & some for during the war in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy six, among those he enlisted were two of my Brothers John and James Liefsay, Benj^a Tackett, John Temple, James W. Colburn, Ruebin Rives and others who marched into service from my Father's and went to Williamsburg for some time, after which they march to the south in what was termed the Southern Regiment, and have just reason to believe said **Capt. Poythress** served during the War as they frequently heard from them by letter that said Poythress was a Citizen of Prince George County in Va., that he had one only son that she ever knew of and that he never returned as she knows of, this deponent states she is Seventy Two years of age. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th Dec., 1834

John A. Phillips, J. C.

State of Virginia

Prince George County

I, Robert Gilliam, Senr. Clerk of the County Court aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that _____ before release the above acknowledgement (following two lines illegible).

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 19th day of Jan. 1835 and in the 59th year of American Independence.

Rob. Gilliam Co. Clk.

Prince George County Virginia

I, Allen Temple, a presiding justice of the _____ for the county aforesaid hereby certify that Robert Gilliam Senr. is clerk of this county and court aforesaid and that _____ be given to affix his official seal as above. Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of May, 1835.

Allen Temple (seal)

State of Virginia, Petersburg to wit: Personally came Micajah Webb of the Town aforesaid who being duly sworn before me _____ an alderman of the town aforesaid who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with **Capt. Robert Poythress** of County of Prince George & State aforesaid and that the said **Capt. Poythress** was a Captain in the Continental Service that he entered into said service in September seventeen hundred and seventy six, that said Poythress enlisted John Liefsay, James Liefsay, Thomas Harris, Burrell Womack and others, that after said Poythress served some time about Williamsburg, he marched to the south in what was termed the Southern Regiment and continued in said service until the commencement of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, when he died, near Charleston, this deponent further states that himself was in the southern service himself under Genl. Greene and that he is seventy five years of age, that he never knew of any other person of the name of **Robert Poythress** in said service or in the State of Virginia but the above **Robert Poythress** nor does he believe said Poythress ever got any compensation for said services.

The above deponent (last 5 lines illegible).

State of Virginia

Town of Petersburg to wit

I, David Meade Bernard, Deputy _____ Clerk of the said Hustings Court of the said town do hereby certify that George W. Harrison whose name is subscribed to the within certificate is now and was at the time of his signing the service an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said town duly appointed and qualified in _____ the same appearing from the records of said court. And I also certify that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Harrison and verily believe his name as subscribed to the said Certificate to be genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affix
the seal of said court this 9th day of May A. D. 1835.

D. M. Bernard

(seven additional lines following in another handwriting are illegible)

Robert Poythress

Weake's Deposition for Poythress

State of Virginia, Prince George County, to wit:

This day William Weake of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared before me Philip Butterworth (?) and acting Justice of this Commonwealth of Virginia and County aforesaid, who being needed _____, deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with **Captain Robert Poythress** who was a Captain in the Continental service in the Revolutionary War that he went to the south in which was called the Southern Regiment with a company of Regulars, the deponent saith that said Captain Poythress was a citizen of Prince George County and State aforesaid and that he never returned to Prince George County again from said Expedition further states that he is Seventy years of age sworn to and subscribed this 3rd of Dec^r Eighteen hundred and thirty four.

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William X Weake
mark

P. Butterworth, (J. P.)

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State of Virginia

Prince George County to wit:

I, Robert Gilliam, Senior, clerk for tempore of the County Court aforesaid, do hereby certify that Philip Butterworth before whom the foregoing affidavit appears to have been made, is and was at the time of executing of the same a Justice of the Peace, in the County aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified to the said office _____ to the Constitution _____ for the said State and that his signature is genuine as I verily believe.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 11th Day of December
1834 and in the 57th year of the Commonwealth.

Ro. Gilliam Senr Clk for tempore

State of Virginia

Prince George County to wit

I, John A. Phillips, an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Robert Gilliam Senr, whose name appears to the within certificate is Clerk Pro Tempore of the County Court of Prince George and State aforesaid given under my hand this 12th day of December, 1834.

John A. Phillips, J. P.

State of Virginia Prince George County

I, Allen Temple, presiding justice of the County Court of said county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that Robert Gilliam whose signature purporting to be his I believe to be genuine and that full faith and credit rightful be had and given to such a testation and that the same is in due form of law given under my hand and seal this 26th day of February, 1835.

Allen Temple J. C. (seal)

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To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned heir of **Robert Poythress** respectfully begs leave to present this claim for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof to deliver the following testament that your petitioner is a citizen of Prince George County and State of Virginia that she is the heiress of **Robert Poythress** _____.

Robert Poythress who is _____ was in the service of his country in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six in what was called the southern Regiment that he continued in said service until his death _____ at death in 1781 said Poythress was a citizen of Prince George County _____. After serving a while around Williamsburg he went to the south and continued in said service until 1781 and died near Charleston. Your petitioner verily believes herself entitled to land bounty for the service of said **Robert Poythress** and is entitled _____ to this more than _____ of others that _____ and knowledge. She herself _____ on the _____ she therefore believes that if

_____ that if her case may be considered and that such disposition may be _____ thereof and that Right and Justice may be done this 24th of Apr. 1835.

Polley Poythress

State of Virginia Prince George County to wit,

Personally came **Polley Poythress** of Prince George County & State aforesaid before Allen Temple an acting Justice of the Peace for the county of Prince George and state aforesaid who being duly sworn saith that she believes the facts stated by Wm Weake and others concerning the Revolutionary Service of **Robert Poythress** to be true and that She (?) knows of no other Heirs of Robert Poythress but herself in this state or any where else. I do certify that the above has been duly proven before me witness my hand and seal this 24th day of April 1835.

Allen Temple J. P. (seal)

10 Jul 1844

Will of **Elizabeth Poythress Epps** of "Broadway" in the county of PG. Dated 10 July 1844, probate and recorded 12 Aug 1845. To friends: Lucy Richards, Lucy Ann Graves. To Marius Gilliam as Trustee for Mrs. Mary O. Hoit. Wit. Susan Miller, Nancy (x) Hinson
signed: mark

23 Oct 1855

Capt. Joshua Poythress arrives Port of New York on ship *Northumberland*. Record states: "Estimated birth year 'abt 1795'; Port of Departure: London; Nationality: American; age 60; Place of Origin: United States of America. (Source: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820-1897, National Archives Microfilm Publication T-715).

Notes: this is almost certainly Joshua Poythress RBB 211 21 who married Jane Angus Mills in 1810 in Petersburg. Mr. Batte states "By 1854 he was living in New Jersey when he deeded some lots in the town of Blandford to one Shanks. Jane did not join in the deed. Presumably she had previously died." MP: This doesn't clear up the question of why Joshua Poythress moved to New Jersey or even if he did not move to New Jersey which would allow for the possibility that he debarked from London and died in NJ without returning to his "home" in Petersburg. I have found no record of the deed Mr. Batte cites although the 1854 citation along with arrival from London in late 1855 would suggest that Joshua indeed had residence in New Jersey no matter how brief.

