

Southampton Records

1749

Southampton County formed in 1749 from Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties.

24 Oct 1770 (will)

Lundy, Edward. Of St. Luke Parish. Leg. son James; son Drewry; son John; son Edward; son Byrd land in Sussex County; daughter Elizabeth Harris; daughter Christian Reese (written Rose in another place); grandson James Holt ; granddaugther Clerimont Holt; grandson Henry Holt.

Exs. sons Edward and Drewry Lundy

D. 24 Oct 1770, Rec: 11 Mar 1773

Wit: Henry Pritchett, **John Poythress**, James Day Ridley.

WB I, p. 38.

1782

“List of personal property in the Parish of Nottaway in the County of Southampton for the year 1782; signed Wm Blount; A true copy, Lam Kello.”

Poythress appears only incidentally on this microfilm of the actual property roll for the specific year of 1782 but the association with the name “Kirby” is likely significant.

Proprietor named:	John Kirby (William Poythress) (sic)
Total tithables:	2
Total slaves	13
Horses:	3
Cattle:	19
Wheels:	-
Amount of tax:	£8-0-9

Proprietor named:	Turner Kirby
Total tithables:	2
Total slaves:	9
Horses:	4
Cattle:	10
Wheels	-
Amount of tax:	£5-10-6

Notes for the above: It is not stated what the relationship is between John Kirby and William Poythress but William Poythress would certainly appear to be living in the same household. A Kirby Poythress claimed to be a revolutionary soldier and himself appears in the specific 1787 Southampton personal property roll (below). Kirby Poythress' heirs were still pursuing (unsuccessfully) his land grant bounty for revolutionary service as late as 1840 (also below). That there is a connection with this John Kirby is entirely probable. The second entry for Turner Kirby is recorded simply because it appears that the two were either of the same household, or, perhaps more likely, had adjoining properties.

Further, the papers pursuing Kirby Poythress' grant spell out the names of his heirs and the only "eligible" female (i. e., daughter) was married to an Andrews, suggesting that Kirby Poythress himself might well have been named for a man surnamed Kirby instead of one of the Kirby family being named for a Poythress.

1782-87

Virginia Tax Payers:

So'n (Southampton)County:

Column 1 male tithables, column 2 # of slaves (?)

Poythress, William 0

(Reconstructed from tax lists burned in War of 1812. Intent is to proxy the 1790 census by Mrs. Augusta B. Fothergill)

1787 Personal Prop Tax proxy census of Virginia

Southampton County

Poythress, Kirby

Charged with tax: self

1-Addition white males over 21 0

2-White males between 16 and 21 0

3-Slaves over 16 0

4-Slaves under 16 2

5-Horses, cattle, carriages 5

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Page#</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
Prg.	Poythress, William	534	6	2
Prg.	Poythress, Betey	542	9	0

Sth.	Poythress, Mary	844	?	?
Meck(sup)	Poythress, Lewis		1	0

(Note: it would be convenient for Mary to be the daughter of Kirby Poythress given the scarcity of Poythresses in Southampton County. The deposition of Wm Oney (following) would seem to rule out this possibility; albeit Oney was testifying 25 to 30 years after the fact and might well have had no knowledge of a daughter Mary Poythress who might have died between 1810 (this record) and 1839 (date of Oney's deposition).

1840

Revolutionary Soldier Land Bounty Grant Application (Rejected)

Poythress, Kirby, Soldier, Army

Folio Cover

Kirby Poythress

Rec July 19, 1839

of more evidence-

_____ address Col. W. Parker_____.

Rejected: DG

1840 Feb 16 Rejected.

Affidavit-Wm. Oney, Rev. Soldier:

Virginia At a court held for the County of Southampton on the 16th day of September, 1839

In open Court came William Oney who made oath that he was well acquainted with Kirby Poythress, dec^d. formerly of Southampton, who died somewhere from 25 to 30 years ago in the said County of Southampton. The deponent further states that the said Kirby Poythress enlisted in the army of the Revolutionary War and served in the said army about five years, and did not leave the service until the end of the War. The said Kirby Poythress was at Yorktown in battle at the capture of Cornwallis. He left the County of Southampton under the command of Captain James Gray and went first to the North – this deponent was never with the said Poythress in any engagement other than that at Yorktown. The deponent further states that the said Poythress had the following children his sole heirs at his death, to wit baby Ann, Sally and Peggy and one son called Gideon Poythress – that the females aforesaid died some years ago without issue and the said Gideon died in October last leaving Benjamin Poythress, Patsy or Martha Poythress and Ann Poythress his children. Martha is the wife of Benjamin

Andrews, Ann is dead without issue and Benjamin is still living in Southampton County, State of Virginia and that there is no widow of the said Kirby Poythress now living.

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Teste L. R. Edwards CC