

Virginia Land Tax Records, Prince George County

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In 1782 the General Assembly of Virginia enacted a major revision of the tax laws of the commonwealth. The act provided for statewide enumeration on the county level of land and certain personal property. The act created a permanent source of revenue for the operation of government in Virginia.

Copies of annual lists of land owners for each county and city from 1782 (or the formation of the county if after 1782) to the present are available for research in the Library of Virginia.

Much Poythress ownership of land predates 1782 and many of the deed records of this property were destroyed. However, this list beginning in 1782 affords us something of a continuum unavailable elsewhere. For example, if Peter Poythress owned land in 1794 and the Estate of Peter Poythress owns the same plots and same acreage in 1795 that gives us a fairly good fix on the death date of Peter Poythress. We can also be alerted to look for the ultimate disposition of his estate.

Also listed in this microfilm in additional columns are the tax rates and total tax due for the particular year on that particular property. The rates were high in the initial year of 1782 and became almost nominal in subsequent years. For purposes of this documentation, the tax rate and final tax amount are relatively inconsequential and are therefore omitted.

The following tabulations are for **Prince George County** and are on microfilm reel # 255 (1782-1811) in the Library of Virginia. Note: "names" and "property" are not sequenced for 1782 but are sequenced for later years. The strong implication here is that following 1782 separate entries for persons with identical given names are indeed two different people.

For reasons unknown, certain years are omitted; likely because the records were lost and/or not microfilmed by the Mormons. The spelling of the name Poythress is consistently spelled throughout in the conventional way for all entries, suggesting that by 1782, in Prince George County at any rate, the spelling "variants" had disappeared.

It is important to note that a companion set of documents is also available in the Library of Virginia for the 1782 and forward for **Personal Tax Records**.

1782	<u>Acres</u>
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

1783	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	1,250
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress	400
	200
William Poythress	852
	184
	120
Mary Poythress	293
Peter Poythress	400
	225
	100

1784	<u>Prince George County Land Book Alterations</u>
Poythress	None

1785	<u>Alterations made by transfer of Land, recorded by Peter Epes</u>	
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Acres</u>

Edward Bland	William Poythress	250
Joshua Poythress	Simon Frazer	366
William Poythress	Robert Gilliam	852

1786	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,250
	10 ½
	1,000
	3 lots in Blandford
	400
	226
	100

1787	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,250
	10 ½
	1,000
	3 lots in Blandford
	400
	225
	100
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress	400
	200
William Poythress	184
	120
	800
Mary Poythress	293

1788	<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

1789 **Acres**

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

1790 **Acres**

Peter Poythress	100
	1,000
	400
	225
	100
	290
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	184
	120
	850
Mary Poythress	293

1791 **Acres**

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

1792	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	1,000
	400
	225
	100
	296
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	750
Mary Poythress	293

1793	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	905
	400
	225
	100
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	750
Mary Poythress	293

1794	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress	100
	900
	405
	400
	225

	100
Mary Poythress	100
Joshua Poythress	404
	200
William Poythress	750
Mary Poythress	293

1795	<u>Acres</u>
Peter Poythress (estate)	110
	905
	400
	225
	100
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

1796	<u>Acres</u>
Mary Poythress	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

1797	<u>Acres</u>
William Poythress	100
	387
	400
	225
Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

1798	<u>Acres</u>
William Poythress	100
	387
	400
	225

Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

1799	<u>Acres</u>
William Poythress	100
	387
	400
	225
Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	750
	99

1800	<u>Acres</u>
William Poythress	100
	387
	400
	225
Mary Poythress (estate)	200
Joshua Poythress (estate)	404
	200
William Poythress (estate)	750
	99

NOTE:

To be continued next trip to Library of Virginia. Project would entail doing the rest of PG County Property Tax and also PG County Personal Tax; as well as the identical records for other “Poythress” counties. Group members working at the Library of Virginia are encouraged to finish this project if the opportunity is available.

