

Biographical History & War of 1812 Military Service Record for Peter Poythress compiled by Barbara Poythress Neal

The summary below is extracted from longer message thread originally posted to the Poythress mailing list at Rootsweb, July 10th, 2002.

Peter Poythress Compiled Military Service Record, War of 1812

BPN Note: [Records were not yet filmed as of my review and photocopying of them on 23 Mar 1996] National Archives, Washington, DC. Notes I made from this Compiled Military Service Record for the War of 1812 show:

Peter Poythress, entry # 376, in 83 Regiment (Scott's) Virginia Militia, containing only one each card for a Muster Roll and a Company Pay Roll record, both for July 1-6, 1813 at Petersburg, VA on rolls dated 6 Jul 1813, indicating he was present as a Private in Capt. William H. Cousins' Co. of Riflemen, 83 Reg't Virginia Militia, War of 1812, and that his pay, at the rate of \$8 per month, was \$1.33 for 5 days.

I also copied his entry in the Register of Enlistment [Micropublication M-233, roll 10; National Archives, Washington DC, "Registers of Enlistment In the U.S. Army 1798-1914, Volumes 19 & 20 (P-R), 1798 - May 17, 1815"] (comments in square brackets below are my own):

entry # 2835
listing him as Pothress / Poythress, Peter
rank: Rect. [Recruit?]
Regiment: 20th USI [infantry?]
height 5'4"
Blue eyes
D[ar]k hair
Lgt [Light] complexion
age 32
Bricklayer, occupation
born Dinwiddie [under "Town or County"], VA
enlisted Aug[us]t 9, 1814 at Danville, VA by Ens. Smith and Lt. Rawlins for period of "War"
Remarks: "D.R.[Daily Report?] Danville, Va. Augt 1814. M.R. [Muster Roll?]
Capt. Bern'd Peyton's Co. Oct 31 /14 [1814], Pesent, sick. D.R. [Daily
Report?] Feby 16, [illegible #/letter] I.R. Norfolk, Va. Mch. 15 /15 [March 15,
1815], Died in Reg'l Hospl [Regimental? Hospital] Feby 19 /15 [February 19,
1815]"

Peter Poythress Biographical Summary

Born about 1782 in Dinwiddie County, VA
Residing in Mecklenburg Co, VA in 1800 & 1801
Occupation: Bricklayer
Enlisted at Danville, [in Pittsylvania County] VA 9 Aug 1814
Died 19 Feb 1815 Norfolk, VA

BPN Notes: I have NO marriage info for him in my database. I don't recall ever learning of him having any descendants.

Details:

He was listed twice -- in 1800 and 1801, in the "Mecklenburg County, Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists 1782-1805" Mecklenburg County, VA; Family History Library film 1,854,098.

Additionally, from Maynard Poythress in same original message thread shared the Mecklenburg County, Virginia land sale by Peter Poythress in which his father is identified at Meredith Poythress.

Maynard Poythress Note: "Peter unquestionably the son of Meredith, Sr. in Georgia in 1809."

SCREVEN COUNTY Book A-2, p. 182.

7th day of _____, 1809

Peter Poythress, of Screven County, Ga. first part, conveys to Thomas Cleaton, second part, of Macklenburg (sic) County , Va., for 43L current money of Virginia, paid to his father, Meredith Poythress, by said Cleaton, and for one cent in United States coin, paid to Peter Poythress by Thomas Cleaton, a certain tract of land in Macklenburg (sic) County, Virginia containing 50 acres by estimation.

Usual Warranty

In presence of: Peter Poythress (Is)

Hardy Parker, James Ponder

Recorded 30th day of October 1809

Roger McKinney, Clerk