

ANALYSIS OF CHENEY BOYCE, RICHARD TYE, AND JOHN COGGAN AND POYTHRESS

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Ref. #	DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
Ref. 1	31 May 1617	Chyna [Cheney ?] Boyce age 26 came in the George	Jester & Hyden Adventures of Purse and Person p. 13
Ref. 2	31 May 1631	Cheney Boyce patented 1550 acs. 100 acs due as an Ancient Planter 1450 acs. for trans 29 pers.	Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers of Va. Pat.Bk.1 p.40 Pt.I p. 352
Ref. 3	24 Aug. 1637	CHENEY BOYES (Boys-Boyse), 1550 acs. Chas. City Co., 24 Aug. 1637 p. 468. N upon lime hill Sw., W upon Merchants Hope Cr., E. into the woods & S up towards the head of sd. Cr. 100 acs. due for his per. adv. as being an Ancient planter before the time of Sir Thomas Dale his Govmt. according to a charter of orders from the Late Treasurer & C. dated 18 Nov. 1618 & 1450 acs. for trans. of 29 pers. named.	Ibid p. 68 Bk. 1 Part 1 p. 468
Ref. 4	1 Sept. 1643	JOHN FREME 1178 acs. Chas. City Co. near Flowerdy Hundred adj. CHENEY BOYCE. . .	Ibid p. 145 Bk.1 Pt. 1 p. 496
Ref. 5	26 Oct. 1649	MR. RICHARD TYE 1450 acs. known by the name of Old Towne above Merchants Hope. . . due by vertu of the rights of a patent granted Chene Boys 23 Aug 1637 for 1500 acs. and surrendered into the office by sd. Tye, who married the relict of sd. Chene Boys	Ibid p. 188 B2. p 199
Ref. 6	12 Aug 1650	RICHARD TYE & CHARLES SPARROWE 2500 acs. Chas. City Co., near the head of Powells Cr. Adj. land called Wyanoke old Town . . . S along Tye's old dvdt. W along land held by Thos Wheeler to begin. Trans 5 pers.	Ibid. p. 198 Bk. 1 P. 248
Ref. 7	3 June 1658	CAPT Rich ^d Tye present as a judge at Court held at Merchants Hope	Fleet, Beverly Va. Col. Abstracts Chas. City Ct. V. 1 1658-61 p. 7 C-11 p. 145
Ref. 8	3 Dec. 1658	Att: a Court Holden at Mercht Hope 10br 3 1658 "a probat of the last will and testament of Capt. Richd Tye dec'd, this day proved in Co'rt is granted Mrs. Joyce Tye & report to the Court Monday 13th of present month of December.	Ibid p. 23 C-11 p. 164
Ref. 9	3 June 1659	Court held at Merchants Hope "Itt is ordered that Mr. John Cogan who married the relict and exer'x of Capt. Richd Tye dec'd pay to Mr. Tho Drew the sum of 1313 lb. of good tobbo and cask and 71: 17s 18d sterling money found due by acc assignment from Howell Pryce with costs also exc."	Ibid. p. 37 C-11 p. 185

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Ref. 10
 7 July 1659 CHARLES SPARROW deeds to Elisabeth Tye the eldest dau. of Richd Tye 1000 acs. of joint patent of 2500 acs. In case of decease of sd. Eliz. during her minority land to descend to survivors or survovor of the orphans of Capt Richd Tye. Ibid p. 55 C-11 p. 259

Ref. 11
 10 Oct 1659 John Cogan of Merchants Hope in Chas. City Co. Ibid p. 55
 Rec. 28 Oct 1659 Churgen sells Anthony Wyatt of Chaplins' Choice C-11 p. 259
 in same Co., bent. for bond of L240 sterling dated 1 Sept 1659 "the plantation whereon he now dwelleth 5 negro servants crops etc." Wit: Howell

Ref. 12
 3 Dec 1660 Pryce and Robert Wynne Petition of Jno Cogan, who having paid Thos Boyce, Ibid p. 84 asking for discharge acknowledged in Court by B oyce. Boyce asks "full satisfaction of all his estate and person from Capt. Richd Tye dec'd." C-11 p. 239

QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE RESEARCH OF REBECCA, WIFE OF RICHARD(4) RICHARD (3) GEORGE(2) RICHARD(1) PACE

1. Was her mother Rebecca Cogan (also spelled Coggan), daughter of Joyce _____ who married (1) Cheney Boyce, (2) Richard Tye, (3) John Cogan?
2. Was Rebecca Coggan the wife of Major Frances(2) Frances(1) Poythress and Mary _____ who married (2) Robert Wynne?
3. Was Rebecca who married Richard Pace(4) the Rebecca Poythress who had received 300 acres of land of 1000 acres granted to Rebecca Poythress widow of Major Frances Poythress?

CHENEY BOYCE

First we must consider Cheney Boyce--an "Ancient Planter". Since he would be contemporary with Richard(1) Pace, great grandfather of Richard(4) one of the questions to consider is: was Joyce still young enough to bear children after her third marriage to John Cogan?

This question is answered in Ref. 12. Thomas Boyce would have become 21 years of age when John Cogan gave him "full satisfaction of his estate and person" 3 December 1660, making his birth ca. 1639. Thus Joyce would have married Cheney Boyce ca 1638. He, no doubt was considerably older than she.(Ref. 1) If we estimate her age even as old as 20 (girls usually married younger than that in those days) when she married Boyce and born 1618, she would have been 41 when she married John Cogan in 1659, so she still had some child bearing years left. She was married to Richard Tye at least by 1649 (See Ref.5) and probably sooner, since she had only one child by Cheney Boyce. The Pace Society Bulletin #73 says she was married 1644 to Tye. I have not found a reference for this. Although there is not proof that he was the same person as Chyna Boyce age 26 in Ref. 1, he did patent land as an Ancient Planter (Ref. 2)

RICHARD TYE

ADAM COOKE, Gent. patented 1000 acs. Charles City Co., Nov. 5, 1642 p.846 for transfer of 20 persons. Among them was Richard Tye. This shows that Richard Tye came to Virginia not long before he was married to Joyce, the widow of Cheney Boyce if she was married to him in 1644*and lived with him fifteen years. (Ref. Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers p. 138)

As shown in Ref. 5 above, Richard Tye patented the land which formerly belonged to Cheney Boys [sic] on 26 Oct. 1649. Ref. 6 shows a joint patent of land he held with Charles Sparrowe. Ref. 10 shows that Charles Sparrow deeded to Elizabeth Tye, the eldest daughter of Richard Tye, 1000 acres of this land "during her minority". Land to descent to survivors or survivor of the Orphans of Capt. Richard Tye. On 3 June 1658 Capt. Richard Tye was present as a judge at Court held at Merchants Hope (Ref. 7) and by 3 December 1658 he was dead (Ref. 8) and by 3 June 1659 Joyce had married John Cogan.(Ref. 9) *I found this reference (Va.Colonial Abstracts Vol.12 p.35.)

JOHN COGAN

The following is proof that Rebecca, who married (1) Major Frances Poythress and (2) Charles Bartholomew was the daughter of John Cogan and Joyce _____ and that Frances, who was the first wife of Charles Bartholomew, was the daughter of Joyce _____ and Richard Tye.

Microfilm #030990 (Genealogical Library Salt Lake City, Utah) Charles City County Virginia Court Orders 1687-1696

- p.502 June 4, 1694 - Rebecca "ye Relict of Frances Poythress" and Charles Bartholomew ordered to be at next court.
- p. 505 - At a Court Held At Westover the third Day of July 1694
 "John Jane Sworn That he knew Frances the 1st wife of Charles Bartholomew and knows Rebecca the Relict of Frances Poythress and that the sd Frances and Rebecca were sisters always being the daughters of one mother. . . "
- p. 505 John Wynn Sworn Sayeth that from his childhood he knew the two women and that they were always taken for sisters both by one mother.
- p. 505 August 3 1694 "George Robison Clerke sworn in Court Sayeth that he married the sd Charles Bartholomew and sd Rebecca 2nd Day of February 1693.*
 "William Epes sworn also in Court Sayeth he did see the sd Charles Bartholomew and the sd Rebecca married together the second of February in Henrico County. "
- John Jane sayth upon oath that he knew Frances and knows the sd Rebecca and he married with one of the sisters of the sd Rebecca and that he was told and took the sd Rebecca and Frances to be sisters, that is to say the daughters of one mother but of divers fathers" [underline mine PD]
- p. 504-505"Mr. Thomas Blighton upon his oath sayeth that he frequented the house of one John Cogan in the lifetime of the sd Cogan's wife and that he had often heard the sd Cogans wife call the sd Rebecca and Frances daughters and have heard the daughters owne them steppe sisters and always in the time of such his frequenting and ever since he reconed them sisters of the half blood. . ."

* There is a conflict between the date of marriage here and the Court Minutes Ibid. p. 385 February 1691. "Charles B artholomew afsigne of Mrs.

Rebecca Poythress, having married his sister, agnst James Donson & ye sd Donson not appearing. . ." "Sister" in this instance meant sister in law, Rebecca & Bartholomew continued to live together as their names Poythress continue to be on the court record as administrators of the estate of Francis/ in the same film as above p. 515 dated Aug. 3, 1694 John Jane is granted Judgement for four hundred pounds of Tobacco "being for Coffin and funeral charge of Wm. Tayler. Ibid. p. 564 April 3, 1695 shows he was administrator of William Taylor with the will annexed. I have no information as to whether or not William Taylor might have been a brother in law to John Jane and married to another daughter of Richard Tye and Joyce _____ Or if John Jane married Elizabeth Tye to whom Charles Sparrow deeded 1000 acres of the joint land he held with Tye. (Ref. 10) There is a will for Lambert Tye of Westover Parish, Charles City County dated 10 April, 1728 and proved 7 August 1728, who may have been a son. (Charles City County, Virginia Wills & Deeds 1725-1731 abstracted and Compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III) I also saw the name of John Jane spelled as John Jean on the records.

The article by Dr. Claiborne T. Smith, Jr. titled "Poythress of Prince George County, Virginia" in "Historical Southern Families" by John Bennett Boddie Vol. 4 p. 32 states: "John Coggin or Coggan, the father of Rebecca Poythress, was an early settler and Physician in Charles City. He m. (1) a daughter of Gregory Bland". His reference is "Standards Imigrants-24" I have a photo copy of this reference. It states: "Coggan, Mrs. Frances (d. 1677), Charles City County, wife of John Coggan, and daughter of Gregory Bland (b. 1587), of St. Gregories, London. Ref. Familie Minorum Gentium. N. E. H. & G. Reg. Vol. 47 p. 354" This reference is for the New England Historical & Genealogical Register. There is a mix up somewhere in the reference, because there was no information concerning Frances Coggan on this page.

If Frances Bland Coggan died in 1677 she could not have been the first wife of John Coggan, because he was married to Joyce Tye in 1659.

The "Barnabas Pace Letter", written by a great grandson of Richard(4) Pace who married Rebecca, states "My grandfather was born in the year 1700 in Virginia on the patrimonial estate of his father and grandfather, and was his oldest son." His grandfather was Richard(5) Pace who married Elizabeth Cain. The writings of Winnefred Aycock Lane state: "My mother was born in a county in Virginia that is where five counties meet." She said her mother was the eldest girl and her sister Mary was next. She also said her grandfather moved to North Carolina in 1704. Some believe that these two sisters of Richard(5) were older than he. If so, this would date the marriage of Richard(4) and Rebecca as ca. 1695. This leaves a period of time of 35 years between ca. 1660, when Rebecca Cogan could have been born, to have a daughter Rebecca old enough to be married by 1695, since girls at that time usually married at age 16 or soon after.

In the Pace Society Records I have seen it is said that Richard Pace allowed the 640 acres he was granted by Lord Granville 22 Nov. 1706 in

Chowan Precinct of Albermarle to escheat and never lived on it. I have a photo copy of a deed from Chowan Co. Bk. C P.75 from Microfilm #4627 Part 1 in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah in which Richard Paice sold to Cullen Pollock for Eight pounds three shillings six pence his right to the patent of 640 acres. This does not alter the genealogical aspects of the Pace research, but it does verify Winnefred Acock Lane's statements that her grandfather moved to North Carolina in 1704. I have never seen where any of the Pace researchers looked in Chowan County for records. At one time Chowan County covered the entire northern part of North Carolina as far west as the Tar River and later Bertie County covered this area. I took this deed to the Pace Society Meeting in 1970 and showed it to Mrs. Mehrkins and she and her husband "translated" it for me. It is very difficult to read.

It has been questioned whether or not Rebecca Poythress was the Rebecca who married Richard Pace(4) because the deed dated 11 Dec. 1721 does not mention Richard Pace. The deed in question was from Burrell Green and Anne, his wife; and Francis Poythress, of Surry Co., Va. sell to Robert Hunnicut, of Prince George Co., shoemaker, a tract of land in Prince George Co., containing 200 acres, it being part of a patent for 1,000 acres granted to Mrs. Rebecca Poythress, by Escheat, dated 29 Apr. 1692. ..The moiety of one-Half of the Patent (500 acres) being in possession of Littleberry Epes and 300 acres more given to Rebecca Poythress, daughter of the said Rebecca, the Patentee, and the other 200 acres, the residue, was given to the said Ann and is bounded by the said Rebecca's 300 acres.

I have seen many deeds in which the original description of the land was used many years later. At the time Rebecca Poythress gave this land to her daughter she was probably not married. I do not know when the mother Rebecca Poythress died. Her name still appears on the court records in 1695. She would have been only about 40 years old in 1700 and perhaps lived until near the time when on Nov. 11, 1718 Richard Pace and Francis Poythress were involved in an exchange of land, as many families did, and reaffirmed the deeds and patents previously made by their predecessors. There were three deeds made the same day involving the same people, Francis Poythress, (Thomas Poythress and Peter Wynne, John Bonner as witnesses) and Richard Pace.

Half of the 1000 acres was in possession of Littlebury Epes. In the above article by Claiborne T. Smith Jr. pp. 30-31 he states: " On July 13, 1637 Francis(1) Poythress was granted 400 acres of land in Charles City County bordering north on his own land, south on the main woods, east upon land of Capt. Woodlief and west upon Baylie's Creek. (PB.II-439). On 5-8-1648 he was granted 750 acres in Charles City near the mouth of Baylie's Creek, adjoining land belonging to the orphans of Jenkins Osborne, bounded westerly by lands of Thomas Baylie, 'now in the tenure of John Butler', 350 acres formerly granted Jenkins Osborne and purchased by said Poythress of Jenkins Osborne, Mary Osborne, and Capt. Edward Hill. by right of Dictoris Christmas, the other 400 acres due by former patent.(Nugent-175). When Prince George was formed in 1702 this land fell into the new county. It can be inferred from existing records that Francis Poythress(1) died about 1650. In 1658 Mary West, widow of John Butler, sold to Edward Ardington 150 acres in Charles City, formerly land of

Thomas Baylie, bounded on the east by lands lately in the tenure of William Worsham. (Fleet II-II). Referring to the patent to Francis Poythress in 1648, it will be noted that at least part of this grant was in 1658 in possession of William Worsham. The surname of Mary, the wife of Capt. Francis Poythress, is not known. She married (2) Capt. Robert Wynne and had issue by him. As the will of Capt. Robert Wynne, dated July 1675, mentioned Maj. Francis Poythress(2) as 'son-in-law', many genealogists have assumed that Francis Poythress(2) married a daughter of Robert Wynne. (W&M (2) 15-80). However, in the 17th century usage, 'son-in-law' also meant step-son, (See Wynne, V.H.G. 174)." He states Francis Poythress (2) was born ca. 1630-d. 1688. I question this birthdate.

Virginia Magazine of History Vol. III-393-4 states that Lt. Col. Francis Eppes, Justice of Henrico Co. d. ca. 1678 Inv. Apr. 1679. md. (1) and had Francis. He married (2) Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Worsham. Elizabeth Worsham Eppes died in 1678 also. She made two wills, one dated 28 July, 1678 and one dated 23 Sept., 1678. In the first will she named her Worsham children and in the second she named her Eppes children William, Littlebury, and Mary, who were all minors at the date of the will, and stepson Francis Eppes. She gave 1000 pounds of tobacco to Dr. John Cogan. Ibid. Vol. 22-435 mentions the will of Littlebury Eppes, gent. Dec. 1743 pres. by Lewellin Eppes one of the executors. (Notes from Charles City Co. Order Books). Henrico Co. records give the birth of William as 1661 which would be almost the same age as Rebecca Cogan. He was probably the one who testified he was present at the marriage of Rebecca Poythress and Charles Bartholomew in Henrico Co.

It would seem that there was a relationship between Mary who married (1) Francis Poythress(1) and Elizabeth who married(1) William Worsham and (2) Francis Eppes and that, as administrator of the estate of Major Francis(2) Poythress, Rebecca, his widow, repatented the land that was part of his mother's inheritance and half of was the inheritance of Elizabeth Eppes and went to her son Littlebury and the other half to Francis and Rebecca Poythress' daughters Anne and Rebecca, who were minors in 1692 when Rebecca patented the 1000 acres, which at one time had been in the family. That Rebecca Cogan Poythress also had land in her own right is shown by the following: "HERCULES FLOOD (Fludd) 1254 acs. upon Blackwater on E. side of Reade Br. 21 Apr. 1690 p. 57 adj. William Harris, Adam Taplie, Capt. Henry Batts, MRS. FRANCIS POYTHRESS and MAJOR FRANCIS POYTHRES/~~sic~~ on the long Meadow adj. the Ealeroot Level & import of 26 pers." (Nugent II-344) At this time Major Francis Poythress was dead.

It seems the big problem with Poythress-Pace research has been the incorrect estimated dates that some people have used. I found one more reference: "English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records," comp. by Louis des Cognets, Jr. p.65 dated June, 1699 "Francis Poythers representing that by Patent dated 28th Sept. 1681 there was granted unto Major Francis Poythers 609 acres 2R 9^{sq} on Blackwater which by the death of the Patentee descends to him." (Compare Nugent, Vol. II p. 223) William & Mary Quarterly 2S V. 15 p.60 shows John Poythress in 1703 received a grant of this same land "deserted" by Maj. Francis Poythress and allowed to escheat.

THE PACE-POYTHRESS LAND TRANSACTIONS By Flora B. Dotson August 15, 1987

On page 6 of my article in the June 1987 Bulletin No. 80 I discussed the article by Dr. Claiborne T. Smith Jr. in Boddie, "Historical Southern Families" V.4 pp. 30-37, in which he states, "Circumstantial evidence is strong that Rebecca Poythress married Richard Pace d. 1738 and removed with him to N.C. (V.H.G.p. 168.)" His article is well documented, and so far as I have been able to ascertain is accurate except the statement that John Cogan married (1) Francis Bland, which I discussed in my previous article.

of which I have photo copies of the originals from Film #033051 On November 11, 1718 there were three deeds abstracted by Benjamin B. Weisiger III from Prince Geo. Co., Va. Wills & Deeds 1713-1728 pp. 269-271, p. 34 of his abstracts, which involved Francis Poythress, the elder, and Richard Pace, and, according to signatures written by the clerk, another Francis Poythress. All deeds are attested by Peter Wynne, John (B) Bonner, and Thomas Poythress. I have photo copies of the originals. All microfilms mentioned in this article are from the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. The brief abstracts mentioned above do not thoroughly describe the transactions that took place in the land swap between Pace, and Poythress, and Thomas Goodwynne. I cannot type the signatures exactly as they were written.

GS Film 033051

The first deed p.269 of FRANCIS POYTHRESS, THE ELDER, to RICHARD PACE "for divers good causes and considerations him there unto wavering but more especially for and in consideration of the value of One Hundred pounds Sterling to him in hand paid by the said Richard Pace" for the land "whereon the said Richard Pace now liveth, the plantation whereon Joseph Carter, Edward Crossland, Thomas Kirkland, & Michael Rosser Senr. Liveth. . . being about four hundred acres bounded on the lands of the said Francis Poythress according to several Lines of Marked Trees lately made between the said Francis and the said Richard".

Signed ff Poythress

The second deed beginning immediately after the above is from FRANCIS POYTHRESS to THOMAS GOODWYNNE of Surry "Witnesseth that the said Fra. Poythress for full and satisfactory consideration to him in hand paid by the said Thomas Goodwynn" (not mentioning any amount of money) for One hundred acres in the P'sh of Westover & County of Prince George bounded by lands of Peter Grammer and the Lands lately purchased of Richard Pace by the said Francis Poythress."

This deed signed "Ff" Poythress. Below his signature is the following: "On the back of the above Deed was an Endorsement in the Following (next word blurred) Viz: That Livery and Seisin of the Land and Premises within mentioned was by the therein named ffra. Poythress Delivered in dug form of Law unto the therein named Thomas Goodwynne with Quiet and peaceable poffeffion/possession and Seisure of the same on the Day and year within mentioned.--" by "ff"

Poythress

The third deed pp. 271-2 from RICHARD PACE AND FRANCIS POYTHRESS to THOMAS GOODWYNNE of Surry "for divers good causes and considerations. . . but more Especially for And in Consideration of the sum of One Hundred pounds Sterling" . . . four hundred acres of Land be it more or less and bounded Vis: Beginning at the path in the Old Town running where it crosses the same leading from Old Michael Rossers to Edward Goodriches plantation and running thence Westwardly as the path leads along the said Rossers corn field Fence to the upper end of the same and from thence West Nineteen degrees north along a line of Marked trees to a corner oake at the head of a bottom thence down that bottom down a line of Marked trees to the run between Richard Paces plantation where he now lives and the plantation whereon John Whitmore Lately lived, and so down the run to the path at the beginning, together with Two Hundred Acres of land at the head of the said Richard Paces Divident at his Southern most corner Tree and running east to a red Oake, then No, one hundred and Sixty Chains to the beginning." Signed Richard Pace
Ff Poythress

Thus we see that only one of the deeds was from Francis Poythress, the elder, but he signed the endorsement at the bottom of the second deed.

In Fr. Geo. Co., Va. Deeds Pt. 2 p. 351 (Film #033052) I found where Richard Pace, Thos. (R) Kirkland, and William Keese made an appraisalment of the Estate of his mark

Phillip Jane, dec'd. Sworn before John Poythress, Elizabeth Jane, Admx., dated 8 September 1719. Remember the surname of "Jane" in the trial of Rebecca Cogan Poythress and her brother-in-law Charles Bartholomew where John Jane testified he had married one of Rebecca's half sisters? This Phillip Jane was no doubt a son of this couple and would be a cousin to Rebecca Poythress who married Richard Pace. Relatives usually made inventories.

Remember Thomas Kirkland? He was undoubtedly one of the heirs of Hugh Kirkland for whom Richard Pace(3) George(2) Richard(1) was responsible. Thomas petitioned for his inheritance from Nicholas Whitmore who married Mary, widow of Richard Pace. The John Whitmore whose land bounded that land sold to Thomas Goodwynne by Richard Pace and Francis Poythress was, very probably, a son of Nicholas Whitmore and Mary Pace. I will discuss this further in another article about Richard Pace(3).

No one to my knowledge has traced the Anderson family who had land adjoining the Pace and Poythress families in Charles City County, but it seems logical that they could be the ancestors of the John Anderson who married Elizabeth, the daughter of Richard Pace(6) in Edgefield County, S.C.

George Pace and Michael Rosser were ordered to go upon lands of John and Sarah Wall and value upon their oaths one acre of the same to be convenient for William Wilkins to erect a Mill and report to the next court. (Film #0330970 Charles City C.C. 1687-1697 p.423 October Court 1692) On 7-11-1725 John Hardyman sold to John Poythress 2 acres on Walls Run, bounded by sd. run, and lands of Sarah Wall and John Wilkins. Wit. Joshua and William Poythress.(P.G.D. (1713-18: 829)

CONCLUSION

If Richard Pace did not marry Rebecca Poythress, why would he be involved in all these land transactions with two people by the name of Francis Poythress?

Why would Francis Poythress be selling Richard Pace the land where he already lived with Thomas Kirkland, who was possibly his half brother, and others who lived on the Pace land?

It looks as if they were rearranging the boundaries and they had to make deeds to make it legal. We have no document to say so, but Richard may have received the 100 pounds he paid Francis Poythress for the 100 pounds they received from Thomas Goodwynne. The land Richard had could have included the 300 acres inherited by Rebecca Poythress and 100 acres from his father, as it appears that his brother George was the oldest son and inherited the bulk of his father's estate. By 1692 George was evidently a responsible adult capable of making an evaluation of land. He was probably about age 30-26

DISCUSSION OF ESCHEAT LAND PATENTED BY REBECCA COGAN POYTHRESS

Although you are probably all familiar with this document by now, I have made an extract of the deed dated Dec. 11, 1721 as abstracted from Prince Geo. Co. Deeds 1713-1728 by Benjamin B. Weisiger III p. 64 deeds p. 50.

"Burrell Green and Ann his wife and Francis Poythress of Surry Co., to Robert Hunnicut of Prince Geo. Co., shoemaker, 200 acres in Pr. Geo. Co., on both sides of Easterly Run, being part of a patent for 100 acres granted to Rebecca Poythress by an escheat Patent dated April 29, 1692, the moiety of 1/2 of patent being in possession of Littlebury Epes, and 300 acres more of patent given to Rebecca Poythress daughter of said Rebecca, the patents; the other 200 acres, the residue was given to said Anne, bounded by said Rebecca's 300 acres and other side the courses of said patent and deed of sale from Batts to Arlington. (This latter is not clear as to meaning.)

Wit. Joseph Simons
Abr. Odium
James Jones

B urrell Green
Ann Green
Francis Poythress"

Note that in this abstract the name of Edward Ardington as given in the original patent to Rebecca Poythress (Nugent 2:37E) was copied as Arlington. The above deed has been used as a reference to prove that Richard Pace(4) Richard(3) George(2) Richard(1) was the husband of Rebecca Poythress, which has been questioned by David A. Avant Jr. in his book "Some Southern Colonial Families Vol.2 pp. 209-212, because it does not contain the name of Rebecca's husband Richard Pace.

I found and photocopied this deed from microfilm #030052 PGG.C.Deeds Pt.2 pp. 502-502. It is made in the form of Lease(p. 502) and Release(p. 503). The consideration was 5 shillings and the terms a lease for one year, and mentions the deed from Batts to Ardington. I will admit the "d" looks much like an "l) and without other sources to verify, one could easily make a mistake. Because of loss of records the deed from Batts to Ardington is not available. However, the following throws some light on the subject. It is a long story.

On page 6 of my article in June 1987 bulletin No. 80 I discussed the article by Dr. Claiborne T. Smith Jr. concerning William Worsham and his wife Elizabeth

who married (2) Capt. Francis Eppes, and her will naming Littlebury Eppes as her son. I established the dates of marriage of John Cogan and Joyce Tye, and ages of Rebecca Cogan and her children and set forth my theory that Mary, the mother of Major Francis Poythress was a close relative, probably a sister, to Elizabeth Worsham Eppes and that when Rebecca Cogan Poythress patented the 1000 acres on April 29, 1692 it was to repossess land that had formerly been in the family, half belonging to Mary _____ Poythress Wynne and 1/2 to Elizabeth _____ Worsham Eppes. The article by Dr. Smith mentioned Mary West sold 150 acres to Edward Ardington.

2 Aug 1652 "Robert West patented 700 acs upon branches of Bayleys Cr. adj. James Warrendine's land commonly called "High Peake" now in occupation of Mr. Wm. Ditty & Robert Langram." (Nugent Vol. I p. 68)

3 Feb 1657/8 Mary West surrendered to Edd Ardington 150 acs. at Bayleys Creek and agrees to confirm this legally. Sig. Mary M West (Fleet Vol. 10 Charles City C.O. 1655-1658) her mark (underline F.D)

3 Apr 1658 "This Indenture made the 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord God 1658 Between Mary West, of Appomattock in the Com of Henrico widd formerly the relict of Jo: Butler Churgeon dec'd of the one part and Edd Ardington of Jordans. Bounded northerly by the Creek, westerly by land of Wm. Keynes Southerly into the woods and easterly on land in the tenure and occupation of Wm. Worsham wch sd land did formerly belong to Mr. Thomas Bayly & was purchased of him by the sd Butler dec'd." Signed the mark of Mary West

Wit Tho Holford Recognit in Cur Aug. 3, 1658 by
John West Joh om West for Mary West Present."
James Warradine Rec. 5 Aug 1658

22 Apr 1670 " Mr. Wm Batt 700 acs Chas City Co. toward head of S side of Baylie's Cr. adj. James Warrendine's land commonly called High Peake now in occupation of Mr. Wm. Ditty & Robert Langram 22 Apr 1670 p. 285 Granted to Robert West 2 Aug 1652 for trans. 14 pers & by surrender in Chas. City Ct. 3 Aug. 1653 renewed in the name of sd. Batt"(Nugent Vol. II p. 72) (underline mine F.D.)

24 Apr 1695 The above land was repatented to Capt. Henry Batt (Ibid. p. 398)

The extant Court Records of Charles City County begin 1655, so there is no record available to explain the surrender of land in Chas. City Ct. 3 August, 1653 of Robert West, patented by Wm. Batt in 1670 and repatented by Capt. Henry Batt 24 April 1695. It must have been Wm. Batt who deeded the land to Ardington. According to Dr. Smith p. 36 Joshua Poythress(4) John(3) John(2) Francis(1) bought 200 acres on Bailey's Creek known as "High Peak" (P.G.D. 1713-1728, 211), On 2-18-1717 from James Parham who married Rachell, dau. of Capt. Henry Batte. (Boddie, Virginia Historical Genealogies p. 114 from P.G.D.B. Pt. 2 1713-1728 p. 471.) Mary Batte (so spelled in this source) was the wife of John Poythress. Jr. (John(3) above). This source also states that William and Henry Batt were brothers. Mary was a sister to Rachell. Thus we see how land was passed along in families.

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In Film #030990 Chas. City C.O. 1677-95 p. 229 November 29, 1677 "A Probate of the last Will and Testament of Edwd Ardington dec'd late of the Parrish of Jordans". . . "Adm. granted to Anne the relict of the decea'd who giving security according to law. . ."

Ibid. p. 188 Court at the house of Major ffra Poythress Dec'd this eight of January 1688 [This would be 1688/9 according to the old calendar] F.D.
Present: Capt. Lowry, Mr. Bra?, Capt. Batte, Mr. Bolling

"Adm tion with ye will annexed is granted Rebecca the widdo of Major ffra Poythress dec'd have quitt claimed in what goods are now brought in Capt. Emboroly? things belonging to Tho: and Joshua Wynne and it is consented yt they shall jointly possess ye same. Peter Perry " *

Ibid. p. 204 April 1689 " Capt. Henry Batte, Mr. Robert Bolling, Mr. Jn^o Hardiman are hereby affigned to value ye goods & chattles of Major ffra Poythress deceased & Capt. Perry is . .to swear them. . ye same at ye next Court."*This was probably before everyone went home from the funeral.

It appears that Robert West was the husband of Mary West, widdow in 1657/8. So far as I can find he was the only West in this area. John Butler her previous husband had the land that belonged to Thomas Bayley. The first land patented to Francis Poythress(1) 400 acs. Chas City Co., 13 July 1637 adjoined land of Capt. Woodliffe & W. of Baylyes Cr. (Nugent: 1:60). The patent to Mrs. Rebecca Poythress in 1692 described the land as "Late in the tenure of Edw'd Ardington, dec'd by virtue of his own right and fee therein". I do not know how he got his "right". He did not patent land The right was usually acquired by patent, inheritance, or marriage. Woodlief married a dau. of Robert Wynne.

The question is: Was Mary West the widow of Francis Poythress(1) married to John B utler and Robert West in between her marriage to Robert Wynne? Sound fantastic? In my research on Dotson I found one woman who had marrie^d six times. Life was rough in those days and almost a necessity for a woman to have a husband. Virginia Pope Livingston in her talk at the World Conference on Records in 1969 said it looked like some of the marriages occurred on the way home from the cemetery. We may never be able to find proof, just as we have only circumstantial evidence for the marriage of Richard Pace and Rebecca Poythress. According to Dr. Smith above, Francis Poythress died about 1650. Robert Wynne came to Virginia and was sworn in as a Commissioner in Charles City Court 3 April 1650. (Fleet Vol. 10) He had property in England and his will was probated there. He named his Son-in-law Capt. Francis Poythress as one of the overseers of his estate and Executrix Mary Wynne. The term son-in-law was used as step son. Mary may have surrendered the land she owned to Edward Ardington ^{just} before her marriage to Wynne, and Rebecca Poythress as administratrix of Major Francis Poythress repented the land that ~~formerly~~ belonged to his mother. There are many sources that could be searched that I have not had time to search. It looks like it could take a lifetime, and I don't have a lifetime left. I will soon be 70. These thoughts are given for the challenge to future researchers. They may be wrong. For any one interested in further research on the Poythress family I have some more information.

CONTINUATION OF THE PACE- POYTHRESS CONNECTION by Flora B. Dotson January 1988

On page 15 of my article in Bulletin No. 81 I mentioned that on 8 September 1719 RICHARD PACE, THOMAS KIRKLAND, and WILLIAM REESE made an appraisal of the estate of PHILLIP JANE and that he was probably a cousin to REBECCA POYTHRESS who had married RICHARD PACE. Also on this page of my article in the deed of RICHARD PACE and FRANCIS POYTHRESS to THOMAS GOODWYNNE on 11 November, 1718 I omitted one line, which now seems significant, beginning with " Two hundred acres of Land at the head of the said RICHARD PACES—to a red oake, thence N^o one hundred and Sixty Chains to a line Dividing the land from the Lands which did belong to Mr. CHAS ANDERSON Dec'd thence west fifty chains thence S^o sixty chains to the beginning."

On page 205 of Lt. Col. David A. Avant's book " Some Southern Colonial Families" Vol. 2 in possession of the Pace Society, he quotes "from Prince George Co., Va. Records 1713-1728 p. 516 9 Feb 172 1 - Indenture in which MARGARET GOODRICH, Executrix of EDWARD GOODRICH, deceased, sells land in Prince George Co., to ABRAHAM ODIUM, Bounded [In part.] on the south by LANDS OF RICHARD FACE" His COMMENT pg. 206 "This land had been purchased by EDWARD GOODRICH 12 Jan. 1713. It was sold again by ABRAHAM ODIUM 4 Apr. 1738 and stated, at that time, to ADJOIN THE LAND OF RICHARD PACE. It therefore seems that RICHARD FACE⁽⁴⁾ owned lands in Prince George, Brunswick, and Surry Counties in this period before he moved to N.C."

I wish to add that the "in part" in the above abstract of the deed of MARGARET GOODRICH to ABRAHAM ODIUM reads as follows: "land in Martin Brandon Parish, bounded west by Old Town Run, north by lands of PHILLIP JANE, dec'd east by lands of EDWARD HILL, dec'd, south by land of RICHARD FACE: 100 acres of land formerly conveyed by JOHN JANE to THOMAS ANDERSON by deed in records of CHARLES CITY COUNTY and said ANDERSON by will gave to MARY his relict, during her life and thereafter to OLDEST SON JAMES ANDERSON, and by CORNELIUS CARGILL and MARY his wife (relict of THOMAS ANDERSON) and by JAMES ANDERSON sold to EDWARD GOODRICH by deed Jan. 12, 1713.

Underline mine F.D. It appears that MARY ANDERSON was a cousin to REBECCA POYTHRESS.

I do not know the maiden name of MARGARET GOODRICH, but she and EDWARD were right in there with the Poythress family. RICHARD TYE'S land was in old town, EDWARD HILL was connected with the OSBORNE family from whom FRANCIS POYTHRESS⁽¹⁾ purchased 350 acres of land 8 May 1648. (Nugent I p.175) In April 1661 Col. EDWARD HILL gave to JOHN POYTHRESS, Son of CAPT. FRANCIS POYTHRESS⁽¹⁾, deceased 50 acres at Jordans, adjoining land occupied by Capt. ROBERT WYNNÉ. (Chas. City C.O. 1655-1665 273) *(See Page 23)

From the above we see that the land of PHILLIP JANE adjoined RICHARD PACE. JOHN JANE, who was probably his father, was the uncle of REBECCA POYTHRESS, who married RICHARD PACE, by marriage to a half sister of her mother REBECCA COGAN POYTHRESS. (See Ref. 6 p. 37 Bulletin No. 80) (Original Copy Charles City Court Orders 1687-1696 p. 205 Film #030990 Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City, Utah) A few days ago in Salt Lake Library I saw where in North Carolina a THOMAS PACE sold land to CHRISTOPHER JANE. I didn't have time to get all the details, but it shows that these cousins of REBECCA POYTHRESS continued to move along with the Pace family.

THOMAS ANDERSON may be the progenitor of the JOHN ANDERSON in Edgefield Co., S.C., who married ELIZABETH, the daughter of RICHARD PACE⁽⁶⁾ Richard⁽⁵⁾ Richard⁽⁴⁾, Richard⁽³⁾, George⁽²⁾, Richard⁽¹⁾, commonly called RICHARD V by the Pace Society. I find the names of ABRAHAM ODIUM and CORNELIUS CARGILL in the deed index of Edgefield Co., but by the 1800 census index they had moved to other counties in South Carolina. Since families tended to travel together and intermarry, if I were searching the PACE-ANDERSON family I would investigate this connection. I have many records about the descendants but not the progenitors.

In W & M (1) 27 36-39 there is a further discussion of the various land purchases by Robert Hunnicutt, including the following: "Deed dated 1 February, 1726-7, by CORNELIUS CARGILL of the Parish of Martins Brandon in the County of Prince George conveying one hundred fifty acres. Lands that formerly were in the tenure Holding and Occupation of one THOMAS ANDERSON, now deceased, and by JAMES ANDERSON and CHARLES ANDERSON, two of the Sons of the said THOMAS ANDERSON, after his decease, Sold and Conveyed to the said CORNELIUS CARGILL," by deed dated 10 March 1718-9 conveying forty five acres, and a deed dated 14 April 1719 conveying 10½ acres, stating that these deeds are preserved in the Prince George Records. I have not yet examined these deeds, but they are on microfilm in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ibid. p. 37-8 the author discusses the deed of BUNELL GREEN & wife ANNA and FRANCIS POYTHRESS TO ROBERT HUNNICUTT, and the patent of MRS. REBECCA POYTHRESS for 1000 acres granted her " according to ye most ancient and right-ful bounds thereof." The phrase which this author quoted from the original "preserved at the Virginia Land Office" was not included in Nugent's abstracts. It substantiates my belief that REBECCA POYTHRESS, as executrix of Major FRANCIS POYTHRESS, repatented land that had formerly been in the family. I am still trying to track down the 500 acres of this patent which became the property of Little-bury Epes. He had 833½ acres in the 1704 Va. Quit Rent Roll. (Va.Hist.Mag.28-328.)

Ibid. p. 39 Court for P. G. Aug 1738 Robert Hunnicutt was a witness in a suit of William Anderson vs. John Ellis.

I have seen other records involving Frances Anderson, widow of Charles, and the Poythress family, but at that time I had not established a connection. The names of the children of RICHARD PACE⁽⁶⁾ in Edgefield County, S.C. were found in a deed of JOHN ANDERSON and wife ELIZABETH to GEORGE DELAUGHTER, another son-in-law of RICHARD PACE, dated 21 February 1797 (Bk. 14 pp.217-223) which stated "This is my part of the land of RICHARD PACE, dec'd" witnessed by JAMES CARSON, AND ROBERT CARSON. All the heirs of Richard Pace signed except George DeLaughter and his wife Charity, to whom the land was sold. Miss KELLY searched this out in Edgefield County. The clerk there told me she came and stayed a month and searched the records page by page. The name of RICHARD PACE is found only once in the Edgefield Co. Deed Index. That is when he deeded land to JAMES CARSON Bk. 29 p. 64 11 June 1775, witnessed by PINKETHAM HAWKINS, CHARLOTTE PACE, & DAVID SIGLER. This deed was for land he had purchased from SOLOMON NEWSOM by Sherrif's deed and was also signed by NEWSOM. This deed was not recorded till 29 March 1808.

THE RICHARD PACE - RICHARD BAKER QUESTION

The Pace Society Bulletin No. 77 p. 12 September 1986 states: " Miss Annie Jones in her History of the Pace Family states: "Recorded in Virginia Colonial Abstracts V.13 p. 14, Baker, in June 1664 states he had fully paid the estate of Richard Pace and asked to be released from Bond as Richard had been under his tuition. Richard Baker gave Richard Pace land in 1664/5"

I photo copied from the same source and can furnish photo copy, that this entry reads as follows: "Court at Westover October 18, 1664 Rich^d Baker having proved in Court by Confession of Rich^d Pace and John Rosser that he hath fully pd the estates of the Orphans late in his tuition is released from his bond for the sd Orphans estate and the court consequently discharged by personal confession of sd orphans" .

Ibid. p. 26 Abstract of Deed of Gift to Richard Pace from Richard Baker, in Court at Westover 3 Feb 1664/5 Order Book p. 530 witnessed by Wm. Harris, Patrick Jackson, Caesar Walpole.

Ibid. p. 27 Court at Westover 4 Feb 1664/5 Rich^d Baker and Patrick Jackson divide land patented jointly. Deed of Partition dated 21 Jan. 1664/5. The division line *from the line of Craven agst the plantation of Mr. Cogan by Wm. harris*. . . Signed Rich^d X B aker. Wit. Caesar Walpole, Richard Pace.

Interlined and acknowledged by ANN BAKER Widd April 3rd 1665

Ibid. p. 31 Court at Westover 3 April 1665 p. 542 "Abstract Prob of will of Rich^d Baker dec'd to Ann baker widd and exex."

Ibid. p. 36 Court at Westover 3 June 1665 The Petition of Ann Baker most Humbly Showeth "That whereas ye'r petn^{rs} son Wm. Floriday is visited by the hand of God with Dangerous convulsion fitts which taketh him commonly every day". . . .Ann Baker petitions that her son shall not have to pay taxes because of his condition, and states she is a poor widow with two children to maintain.

Thus we see that Ann Baker's son Wm. Ffloriday had become of age to pay taxes and that the "orphans" who were under the tuition of Richard Baker were the children of his wife Ann, who had been married to Floriday, and after her marriage to Baker, he was responsible for her children just as Richard Tye and John Cogan were responsible for the children of Joyce_____ by her former marriages. In 1664 RICHARD PACE was a grown man, married, and responsible for the orphans of HUGH KIRKLAND.

It appears to me that at the time Richard Baker made the deed to Richard Pace and divided the joint land he owned with Patrick Jackson, he was getting his affairs in order because he knwe he was going to die. The fact that he made a deed of gift to Richard Pace is not clear. Perhaps if we had the actual deed instead of an abstract of Court Minutes we might know. The deeds are lost. Baker may have owed him money, because Richard Pace and John Rosser were his securities on the bond he would have to have had for the orphans estates.

The following events are well known to the Pace Society but I am listing them here in chronological order to show that in 1664 Richard Pace was not being released from the tuition of Richard Baker.

June: Richard Pace chose Mr. Wm. Baugh as his guardian
1653 "during his minority" Fleet Colonial Abstracts Vol. 10 pg. 4

28 Feb Richard Pace planter of Powells Creek in Virginia sells
1659/60 Tho: Madder of fflowerdo Hundred 300 a on Powells Creek Ibid. Vol. 11 p. 371
beginning where Tho Biggs left and bounding out into the woods upon Tho Biggs line

25 Feb
1658/9 Richard Pace reconfirms sale of land to Thomas Drew made Ibid. Vol. 11
by his father George Pace 12 October 1650 for eight or nine P. 33
hundred acres. [Richard had become 21 by this date]

3 March
1661/2 R Rich'd Pace w'ith consent of my wife Mary Pace sells Rich'd lbid.
Taylor land upon Powells Creek beginning at Buckland Vol. XII
Island up the creek to the road commonly called the p. 19
hawkstern "and so butting upon the reedy bottome as far
as William Wilkins plantation" for 300 pounds Sterl
money of England. [underline mine] F.D.

Wit: Caesar Walpole Signed Richard Pace
John Hobbs Mary X Pace
John X Pfloriday Rec. 10 June 1662 *
John Daniel

Richard married between 1660 and 1662. This deed was before Richard Baker gave land to Richard Pace in 1664.
COMMENT: On 1 Aug 1650 George Pace (father of Richard) patented 1700 acs. So. Side James River commonly called Matocks by the mouth of little swamp by the river side where Pierce his hundred takes ending, running etc. west to the swamp which leads to Powells Cr. & along the cr. to the river. Trans. 34 pers. (Nugent I p. 199) Ibid. p. 273 6 Dec 1652 George pace patented 507 acs Chas. City Co. on So. side James Riv. & E. side of Powells Cr. Trans. 10 pers.

Note that JOHN FLORIDAY, probably either the former husband of ANN BAKER or a son older than her son WILLIAM Pfloriday was one of the witnesses to the deed Mary Pace signed. The granddaughter of CAESAR WALPOLE, another witness, married JAMES PACE, son of this RICHARD. I have photo copy of the deed of William Epes and Sarah his wife to James Pace for "land formerly belonging to Caesar Walpole and by his last will and testament given and divided unto his son and Daughter, Richard, and Sarah Walpole. . ." Some have said James Pace's wife was Sarah Epes, but I have not yet found her given name, only that her mother's name was Sarah. This William Epes may be the one who testified at the trial of Rebecca Cogan Poythress and Charles Bartholomew that he was present at their wedding.

RICHARD TAYLOR

My purpose in underlining the "Sterl money of England" in the deed of Richard Pace and Mary to Richard Taylor is that it was unusual to use money at that time. Many transactions were paid for in tobacco. There is one theory that Richard Pace's wife was MARY KNOWLES daughter of JOHN KNOWLES AND ELIZABETH

TAYLOR, of Godmersham, Kent, England. Since RICHARD TAYLOR paid in money of Great Britain, could he have been a relative of MARY, the wife of RICHARD FACE, through her mother ELIZABETH TAYLOR? As far as I know no one has given proof for the maiden name of MARY FACE. More later.

An interesting note on RICHARD TAYLOR is that he appears to be the ancestor of JOHN BRADFORD who married REBECCA FACE, daughter of Richard(4). (Boddie "Virginia Historical Genealogies" 146-159) as follows: Article titled

- " BARKER, BRADFORD, TAYLOR OF FLOWERDIEU HUNDRED"
- 1. WILLIAM BARKER, MARINER married FRANCES WARD, DAU. of JAMES WARD
She married (2) ROBERT NETHERLAND (3) Lt.Col. THOMAS DREW
- 2. SARAH BARKER MD. (1) RICHARD TAYLOR (2) ROBERT LUCY (3) Capt JAMES BISS.
- 3. FRANCES TAYLOR married RICHARD BRADFORD
- 4. JOHN BRADFORD married REBECCA FACE

John Barker, a son of William and Frances Ward married the widow Pitt. On Nov. 24, 1662 following out the conditions of his brother-in-law Richard Taylor, he gave to THOMAS DREW, his "father-in-law" (step father) 30000 lbs of good tobacco to guarantee him from all trouble for maintaining Hannah Pitt or Pett, daughter of his wife. The deed of gift was witnessed by RICHARD FACE and RICHARD TAYLOR. (1661-64. O. 94)" This would be Richard(3). Ibid. p. 146 states. "FLOWERDIEU HUNDRED" was named for Temperance Flowerdieu, wife of Sir George Yeardley, Governor of Virginia, when the colonists arrived in Virginia this land was owned by the Weyanoke Indians. Their chief town was at the head of a creek later known as Powell's Creek." Yearly sold to ABRAHAM PIERCE, whose daughter Elizabeth Stephens sold to Barker.

MARY KNOWLES

I cannot conclude this article without telling what I know about the theory that RICHARD(3) FACE married MARY KNOWLES. There are three theories I have seen about the name of Mary Face: (1) She was the daughter of Richard Barker (2) She was daughter of Rev. John Knowles, the Puritan Minister who was sent to Virginia (3) She was the daughter of John Knowles of Henrico County who married MARY B. BROADNAX, the daughter of THOMAS BROADNAX OF GODMERSHAM, KENT ENGLAND AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR DAUGHTER OF JOHN TAYLOR OF WILSBOROUGH, LEICS. ENGLAND.

I quote from a letter by Mrs. Marion Mahrkins, former researcher for the Face Society dated August 9, 1968:

"It is thought that Mary's father was John Knowles and that he was the Puritan minister who was brought down from Waterford Conn., in 1642 by Richard Bennett—Governor Berkeley, a very bigoted man, had a law passed by the Burgesses on March 2, 1643 requiring all ministers to conform to the ritual of the established church. Such law rendered it impossible for Puritan clergymen to officiate, and they were obliged to return to New England

"It is assumed that this John Knowles later returned to Virginia. (This is a bit of contriving in order to explain the presence of Reverend John Knowles in Virginia so his daughter could be there to marry Richard II /- So called by the Face Society at that time /

"It is not so, however. The Dictionary of First Settlers of New England (probably available in most genealogical libraries), has this to say: (pg 41)

'The Reverend John Knowles of Waterford ---married, probably in England, the widow of Ephraim Davis - - -was ordained Dec. 9, 1640 as Pastor. Went to Virginia on a mission in 1642. ~~Back~~ the next year. ---Went back to England in 1651 and for some time preached in Bristol---During the plague of London in 1665 he was there with his wife Elizabeth. He died Nov. 10, 1665.'

" Another John Knowles is on record in Virginia as early as 1657 when he took a grant of land on the Chickahominy. In 1660 a John Knowles, possibly the same one, bought a brick house in James City and in 1664 sold it to a John Phillips. (Note that the Rev. John Knowles was in England at this time).

" The sale of the house in 1664 required that his wife sign as relinquishing her dower rights. This deed was signed Bethenia Knowles.

"In 1665 Knowles patented land in Henrico on the south side of Falling Creek, but he had probably acquired some of this land earlier. In 1683, in Henrico County, a William Giles married a Bethenia Knowles, daughter of John Knowles.

"Now Mary Pace, in order to be old enough (15 or 16) to marry Richard Pace about 1661, must have been born no later than 1646. If her mother was Mary Broadnax, she must have been an earlier wife of John Knowles and dead before 1664, when his wife was Bethenia. Knowles must therefore have been in Henrico as early as 1645 in order to meet and marry Mary Broadnax."

"Early Settlers of Watertown Massachusetts Including Waltham and Weston 11 Edition" by Henry Bond M.D. states: "Rev. John Knowles ordained in Dec. 9, 1640 the 2nd pastor of Wat., and assistant or colleague of Mr. Phillips; was adm. freeman May 22, 1650. Oct. 8, 1642 he and Mr. Thomson of Braintree started on a mission to Virginia. They were 11 weeks on their voyage or journey thither. Mr. K. returned June 20, 1643 (Winthrop 11 77, 78, 95,96.) He purchased the estate of Capt. William Jennison, and after his return to England, while in Bristol, executed a deed conveying the estate to William Bond. . .Wife Elizabeth, he had 1. Mary b. Apr. 9 1641, 2. Elizabeth b. May 15, 1643. These two children mentioned in the will of Elder Edward How dated June 3, 1644 and they were probably his only child. at that time." (See Francis's History of Wal. and Winthrop, 11, 12)"

Ref. "The Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers Vol. 11" by Hardy Pleasants P. 619
"Receipt of William Randolph to Capt. Byrd Exor of Capt. Knowles for 2187 lbs ~~to~~ tobacco & cask in full of wch Capt. Isham obtained agst. Knowles Estate as bail to him in Danlleys suit. Recorded 28 of 7br 1677 Vol. 1677-1692 p. 41"
Ibid. p. 41 "Receipt of William Randolph to Capt. Wm. Byrd Exor of Capt John Knowles dec'd for the full contents of this order within written. for the use of the Exor. of Capt Henry Isham Dec'd. Sept. 11, 1677." Ibid. p1067-68 refers to land on upper part of James River in Henrico Co known as Barro, adjoining lands of William Giles and John Knowles (Ibid. 307)

"James City County Virginia 1634-1904 Abstracts The Rev. Lindsay O. Duvall Washington D.C. Va. Col. Ab. Series 3 Vol. 4" verifies information given by Mrs. Mehrkins in her letter of August 9, 1968 about John Knowles in James City. O.p. 5-6. "At a Court held in Henrico, 14 Feb. 1664 Present the Hon. Coll. Thomas Stegg Esq., Mr. Wm. Baugh, Lieut. Col. Tho. Kogan, Major Wm. ffarrer, Capt. Francis Epes Commissioners .. Whereas Mr. John Knowles of this County but formerly of James City."

and wife Bethenia sold land to Mr. Jonathan nowell of York 23 Apr 1677.

I have seen records that have been created showing John Knowles of Henrico County with the children and birthdates of the children of Rev. John Knowles of New England. Thus they have created, on paper, people who did not exist.

I have a letter dated July 26, 1971 from Miss Alice L. Ingram of Richmond, Virginia who claims to have the only authentic records of the Brodnax family. She gives the date of baptism of Mary brodnax daughter of Thomas brodnax and Elizabeth Taylor as August 26, 1610 and that she married John Knowles February 17, 1630 . I do not know if this is the same John Knowles who was in America. We need some proof. The only clue we have that Richard Face's wife might have been Mary Knowles is that Richard(5) and Elizabeth Cain Face named a son KNOWLES FACE, signed KNOWEL ON HIS WILL but carried down in some later families as N.EL.

Allen D. Candler, Colonial records of Georgia 1767-1769 P. 881

Grants signed by Governor Sept. 1769, KNOWLES FACE 100 a. in St. Pauls Parish on Germanys Creek .

Edgefield Co., S.C. Deeds Bk. 7 Pg. 48

William Mheny & Sarah his wife to Robert Boyd. William Mheny of State of Ga. Burke Co. Robert B oyd of Richmond Co. Same State Tract of land containing 100 a in Granville Co., 96 Dist. B ounded SW. . . which said tract of one hundred acres was granted to SILAS FACE 20 Jan 1773 and thence conveyed to KNOWLES FACE and by him conveyed to the above William Mheny by lease and release dated Feb. 21, 1779. Wit. Samuel SP Payne Sen^r, James boyd, John Gray Jun^r.

I abstracted this from Film #5439 Ft. 3 many years ago in Salt Lake Library. Historical Collections of Ga. DAR Vol. 11 Richmond Co. Deed Bk. E 1794

P. 292 Folio 95# SILAS FACE Mar. 11, 1786 of 96 Dist. S.C. to Ambrose Holliday of Richmond Co., Ga. 100 acres on Germaneys Creek orig. granted KNOWLES FACE 1769 and conveyed by him to said SILAS FACE 1771. Test. DEURY FACE, ABRAHAM PARIS, SAMUEL HARVILL! I do not yet have an official copy.

I have a photo copy of the will of KNOWEL FACE Wilkes Co. Ga. Reg. Folio(50) dated¹⁹ July 1776 Fri⁴ Mar 1788. H^o freed his negro slave and gave his property to Lekoy Face, son of Barnabas.

The Brodnax records references are William & Mary (I suppose series 1) Vol. 14 pp.52-58, Berrys Kentish Genealogies, Va 104 p. 75, Georgia DAR Mag. 55N7 p.98. I have not yet made a review of these references.

PAGE- KIRKLAND- WHITMORE

Whatever MARY'S surname may have been she must have married HUGH KIRKLAND BEFORE SHE MARRIED RICHARD PACE, as shown by the following. I have not been able to find any more about Kirkland. Salt Lake Genealogical Library Film #030990 Chas. City Co. Court Orders 1677-79 June 9, 1678 P. 305 MARY PACE petitions the court to have "ye jurisdiction of ye orphans of Hugh Kirkland according to former order of Court . . ."

Ibid. pg. 409 August 1692 The matter^s of account between THOMAS KIRKLAND plt. & NICHOLAS WHITMORE and MARY his wife Administrx of RICHARD PACE one of the Executrs of HUGH KIRKLAND Dec'd are referred to audit of Capt. Ferry and Capt. Taylor"

Ibid. pg. 276 24 Feb 1677 Administration granted MARY PACE on ye Estate of Richard Pace her deceased husband she giving in Security according to law. Nugent Vol. 2 p. 241 GEORGE PEAS [Pace?] & NICHOLAS WHITMORE 388 A. 37B ., Chas City Co. in Westover far., on W. side of the Black Water maine Sw. & on S side of James River 22 Sept. 1682 p. 176. Trans 8 pers.

NICHOLAS WHITMORE was among 18 persons brought by WM. EDMONDS and JOHN WILLIAMS who got land 20 April 1682 (Nugent II p. 228). "In Jordans Parish, beg. at Major Poytries on the reedy br: to the delightful meadow; &c." He may have been brought before the date of the land patent but if GEORGE "PEAS" in the above document was GEORGE PACE, then it appears that NICHOLAS WHITMORE married MARY PACE very soon after he arrived in America. She also evidently had issue by him as the deed from Richard Pace⁽⁴⁾ and FRANCIS FOYTHRESS (bulletin #81 p. 15) describes the land (between RICHARD PACE'S plantation where he now lives and the plantation where JOHN WHITMORE lately lived".)

Film #3305 Prince George Co. Va. Wills & Deeds 1713-1728 p. 241 in Salt Lake Genealogical Library - - - An INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS WHITMORE Junr. dated 12th of August 1718 witnessed by David Goodgame, Tho. (this name blurred, and T. R. Kennon

Above is given the reference where MARY PACE asked to have the jurisdiction of the orphans of HUGH KIRKLAND. If these were not her children why would the court grant her jurisdiction over them? THOMAS KIRKLAND was plaintiff vs. NICHOLAS WHITMORE AND MARY PACE, no doubt for his share of his father's estate. THOMAS KIRKLAND continued to live on the PACE land (See Bulletin 81 p. 14) Thomas Kirkland was one of the appraisors on the estate of PHILIP JANE. he signed (R). Mark made by the clerk. The KIRKLANDS moved to Edgefield County, South Carolina along with RICHARD PACE⁽⁵⁾ and RICHARD⁽⁶⁾ who obtained land grants there as RICHARD PACE SR. (at Pinewood House) and RICHARD PACE JR. See my article in Pace Bulletin No. 14 December 1970. at that time they were called Richard IV and Richard V. The following from Edgefield Co., S.C. Deeds Bk. 6 p. 20 dated 6 Sept. 1790 shows this:

Capt. Van Swearingen Jr. to Ezekiel McClendon for 10 Shillings 220 a. situate by the Pine Woods House in Edgefield Co. Being part of many Several Surveys in particular part of a Two hundred Acre tract of Land Originally Granted unto Richard Pace the nineteenth day of September 1758 and is known by the name of Pine Woods House Lying west of the same Bounded N side by ISAAC KIRKLAND land Wit. Thos Swearingen ISAAC KIRKLAND, proved before Russell Wilson J.P. by ISAAC KIRKLAND 7 Nov 1791.

Film #023,868 Book A p. 13 Edgefield Co., S.C.

Will of THOMAS KIRKLAND dated 2 March 1790 abstract by F. Dotson

Plantation to beloved wife Lucy 150 a. and personal estate. If my son Levi Kirkland should die without issue that this land shall be equally divided between my three daughters, Ceria, Lucy, and Fanny Kirkland, Wife to be executrix. Wit. Arthur Wooten, Abner Watson Signed Thomas (R) Kirkland
Pr. April term 1790.

I do not believe this is the same Thomas Kirkland who signed the ~~Appraisal~~ ^{Appraisal} on the estate of Phillip Jane in Virginia, but shows the same signature patern. There is much more information in the Edgefield Co., S.C. records concerning Kirkland.

RICHARD KIRKLAND owned 300 acres on the Prince George Co. Quit Rent Roll. In Prince Geo. Co. Va. Wills & Deeds 1713-1728 Abstracted by Benjamin. B. Weisiger III p. 36 P. 1023 of Surveys June 1725 to 1726

Feb. 1, 1725 Richard Kirkland on south side of Blackwater Swamp adjoining his old land. 351 acres.

I found Richard Kirkland on a list with Nicholas Whitmore, paid for killing wolves.

RESEARCH NOTES ON REBECCA COGAN AND MAJOR FRANCIS POYTHRESS SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING BY FLORA B. DOTSON - November 1988

1. ANALYSIS OF CHENEY BOYCE, RICHARD TYE, AND JOHN COGAN AND POYTHRESS
January 1987
2. THE PACE POYTHRESS LAND TRANSACTIONS August 15, 1987
3. CONTINUATION OF THE PACE POYTHRESS QUESTION January 1988

The above articles have been published in the Pace Society Bulletin. As shown in #1 John Cogan, the father of Rebecca, did not marry Joyce, the widow of Richard Tye, until 1659. He had not been married to Francis Bland before he married Joyce because Francis Bland died 1677. Therefore the entry in the International Genealogical Index for Rebecca Poythress with birthdate of about 1605 as the daughter of Rebecca Coggan, [sic] the daughter of John Coggan and first wife Miss Bland is incorrect. (See "CORRECTION FOR FAMILY GROUP SHEETS F83643 Film #1395540 and IGI BATCH NUMBER 8368403 39 FOR FRANCIS POYTHRESS & REBECCA COGGAN SHOWING HER BIRTH AS 1640 AND HER MOTHER AS _____ BLAND AND FATHER AS JOHN COGGAN, AND SHOWS THEIR DAUGHTER REBECCA POYTHRESS BORN 1665 MARRIED RICHARD PACE 1688" and corrected Family Group Sheets.

Film #030990 Charles City Court Orders 1687-95 p. 188 in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah shows the following: " 8 January 1688 Court at the house of Major Ffra. Poythress dec'd present Capt. Lowry, Capt. Batte, Mr. Bra? , Mr. Bolling. Admtion with ye will annexed is granted Rebecca the widow of Major ffra Poythress dec'd. Have quit claimed in what goods are now brought in Capt. Emboroly? things belonging to Tho: & Joshua Wynne and it is consented yt they shall jointly possess ye same." Ibid. p. 301 June 1691 shows " Rebecca Poythress with the will annexed of Major Ffra Poythress." She must have appeared in General Court this date.

The marriage of Rebecca Cogan Poythress to her brother-in-law Charles Bartholomew and subsequent Court Action is discussed in #1 above.

Mary _____, the widow of Francis Poythress(1) said to be the father of Major Francis Poythress, married (2) Capt. Robert Wynne. He owned land in England and his will was dated 1 July 1675 and probated in England 1678. He named his sons Thomas and Joshua, deceased son Robert, and daughter Woodlief and grand son George Woodlief and wife Mary and "son-in-law"(step-son) Francis Poythress. Since the court considered the things belonging to Thomas and Joshua Wynne it seems that they were sons of Mary _____ Poythress and Robert Wynne. This will be discussed later.

In Nugent Vol. II p. 378 Mrs. Rebecca Poythress patented 1000 acs. Chas. City Co., 29 Apr. 1692, p. 241 Late in the tenure of Edwd. Ardington, dec'd by vertue of his own right & fee therein; found to escheat by inquisition under Peter Perry, Depty. of Christopher Wormley, Esqr., Esch'r., &c. In W & M(1)27 37-8 in a discussion of lands of Robert Hunnicutt and patent of Mrs. Rebecca Poythress for 1000 acres from original patents the author quotes "according to ye most ancient bounds thereof", which phrase was not included in Nugent's abstracts.

The difficulty in accepting the theory that Mary ___ Poythress may have married Jo. Butler and Robert West in between her marriage to Robert Wynne and surrendered the land to Edward Ardington just before her marriage to Wynne is that Thomas Wynn made a deposition in 1707 stating he was 50 years old. (Virginia Magazine of History and Biography V.7,341,342) Unless he was off a year or so in calculation of his age then we cannot accept the theory that Mary had these two marriages before she married Robert Wynne, or else Thomas Wynne was not her son. I have seen many cases where people made a miscalculation in their age according to the month of the year when they were born, and the time they make the declaration, but we cannot just suppose that is what happened. We need more evidence. Robert Wynne was sworn in as a Commissioner in Charles City Court 3 April 1656. (Fleet, Vol.10 p.56.) He also served in the General Court or Council at James City, as Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

John Poythress(2) son of Francis Poythress(1), the imigrant, was given 50 acres of land in April 1661 by Col. Edward Hill adjoining land occupied by Capt. Robert Wynne. (Charles City C.O. 1655-1665, 273) This John Poythress married Christian Peebles, daughter of David and Elizabeth Peebles. he was the father of John Poythress who married Mary Batte. In 1720 the latter John Poythress was called John Poythress Sr. as shown in the following:

Film #033051 Prince Geo. Co., Va. Wills & Deeds 1713-1720 p. 471
Sept. 10, 1720 John Poythress Sr. and Mary his wife of Pr. Geo. Co., William Ligon and Elizabeth, his wife, & Edward Stratton and Ann, his wife of Henrico County, James Farham and Rachell his wife of Isle of Wight, and Abraham Jones and Sarah his wife of Pr. Geo. Co. witness that henry batte, dec'd of Pr. Geo. Co., did by his will give and bequeath a parcel of land in bristol Parish, Pr. Geo. Co., next to land of Andrew Beck, lying on both sides of Second Swamp, 1200 acres, to be ecually divided between his five daughters:"

Wit. James Thweatt

James Thweatt, Jr.
William(X) Anderson
Dec. June 13, 1721

John Poythress Mary Poythress
William Ligon Elizabeth Ligon
Edward Stratton Ann Stratton
Rachell (RF) Farham
Abraham Jones Sarah Jones

Ibid. p. 425

Nov. 8, 1720 Francis Poythress, the elder of Westover Parish, Pr. Geo. Co., to John Poythress, Jr. of same, for L 10, a tract in same parish called Fowells, 150 acres, bounded N.E. on lands of Richard Bland, S. on lands lately in occupation of Joseph Fatterson, dec'd. E on Deep bottom, & W. on lands of Thomas Poythress.

Signed

Wit: E. Goodrich, Thomas Binford, Margaret Goodrich-Francis Poythress

Ibid. p.706 and Abstracts by Benjamin Weisiger III. p. 85

WILL of John Poythress of Martins Brandon Parish

To son John, my plantation where I now live, 100 acres; also 100 acres adjacent called Colebrook, taking in Ivey Point, running down to Hugh Evans spring bottom, to Walter Stainback's, also a tract on the south side of the main branch of Blackwater Swamp, not debarring his brothers Francis and William Poythress from getting timber for their plantation use. [In the abstract "his" is copied "my"]

To son Francis, land at a place called The Brick Chimneys, next to my son John and Brother Thomas. If he dies before age 21, my son William is to get it.

To two sons John and Francis 280 acres next to Thomas Foythress, John Young and Darrell Young, and John Winningham to be equally divided.

To son William a tract of 150 acres next to Thomas Foythress & Thomas Lovesay, formerly belonging to Joseph Fatterson and called Powells [Notice the same description in deed of Francis Foythress, the elder to John Foythress Jr. above]

To son John, items, also to sons William & Francis

To wife Mary, various items

400 acres to be patented in the woods for son William

To daughter Rebecca Foythress, 1 negro, various items

To daughter Elizabeth Foythress, same

To daughter Ann Foythress, same

Executors: Robert Foythress, and John Woodlief pasture

Wit: Francis Epes, Jr.

William Stainback

John Foythress

John Winningham

Recorded May 12, 1724

Since the wife of this John Foythress was Mary, some records on this John Foythress show his wife as Mary batte and his son William as an older William Foythress whose tombstone is at old Blandford Church, Petersburg, and reads as follows: "Here lies the corpse of Col. William Foythress, son of John Foythress, who died January 18, 1763, aged 68 years." (WM 2s v.15-49) Note the children in the above will were all minors. and the will was made after Nov. 8, 1720 when Francis Foythress, the elder deeded the land to John Foythress Jr. which was willed to his son William, who was still a minor in 1738. when "William Foythress one of the orphans of John Foythress of Jordans, dec'd bound as an apprentice to Robert Empson, complained of misuse, was discharged and allowed to choose Charles Irby his guardian. (Court Minutes 1738-41, 244). Boddie, Historical Southern Families v. 4 p.33-34, GS975 12b)

I have prepared a corrected Family Group Sheet for John Foythress and wife Mary showing only the children named in the will.

GS Film #033051 Pr. Geo. Co. wills & deeds 1713-1724 p. 425 says Francis Foythress the elder to John Foythress Jr. both of Westover Parish, and the will of John Foythress above states he was of Martin Brandon Parish, but the fact that John's son William was willed the property shows it was the same John. This deed was witnessed by Edward and Martha Goodrich and Tho. binford, according to Boddie, Southside Virginia Families Vol.1p.219, but the film shows it was Margaret Goodrich. In one of my earlier articles I said that I did not know the maiden name of Margaret Goodrich, but I have found it. Under "Briggs" in the above reference she was the daughter of Mary Jones and Major Joshua Wynne. Her husband, Edward, was son of Charles(2) John(1). Margaret Goodrich was a niece to Major Francis Foythress through his half brother Joshua Wynne, and cousin to his children. Note Charles Goodrich as a neighbor of Maj. Foythress in No. 17 below.

As discussed in No. 2 above from Film #033052, Ann Green and her husband Burrell Green sold 200 acres of Rebecca's 1000 to Robert Hunnicutt acknowledged by Francis Poythress, 11 December 1721 described as follows: "One tract or parcell of Land containing Two Hundred acres more or Less, Situate Lying and being in the County of Prince George on both sides of Easterly Run. . . having for bounds thereof on the side next to Rebeccas three hundred acres where they join together, and on the other side the courses of the said patent and Deed of Sale from Batts to Ardington." The other 500 acres was in possession of Littlebury Epes.

A STUDY OF EDWARD ARDINGTON

The name of Ardington is spelled in various records as Edward Ardington (Hotten, John Camden p. 116 (Original Lists of Persons of Quality) (Coldham, Peter Wilson in "The Complete Book of Emigrants 1607-1660 p. 158) The latter source spells the name Edmond Ardinton age 20, shown among persons transported from London to Virginia by the Primrose, Mr. Douglas, by certificate from the Minister of Gravesend. Hotten gives the same information, except age, and spelling of name.

(Nugent, Vol. II p. 311) "MR. THOMAS WYN (WYNN) received a grant of 280 acs. in Chas. City Co. in the Par. of Jordans; on S. side of James Riv., 20 Apr. 1687 adj. Mr. Joshua Wynn; on Balles Cr; to Mr. Adenton's line; on Mr. Poythress, to Mr. Batts" . Thomas and Joshua Wynne inherited land from their father Robert Wynne who had married (2) Mary Poythress widow of Francis (1) Poythress, and Mary was apparently their mother. Fleet, Beverly Vol. 10 p. 25 lists Mr. Edward Ardington on Grand Jury 20 Apr. 1663.

Nugent Vol. 2 p. 236 "MR. HENRY BATTS & MR. JAMES THWALTE, 673 A., 2R., 6 P., Chas. City Co., Par. of Jordans, on S. Side of James River, 20 Apr. 1682, p. 156. beg. upon line of Mr. William Winingham (Winingame), to Mr. William Edmunds; crossing the gr. Swamp; by Mr. Edward Addenton (Adenton): &C. Trans. 14 pers."

As stated in No. 2 p. 5 Film #030990 Chas. City. C.O. 1677-95/^{p. 229}Edward Ardington's will was probated and his wife Anne appointed Admx. November 29, 1677. If we had the will it might solve many problems. I have found no record where he patented land. (See p. 4 Article No. 2)

As discussed in Article No. 2, Mary West, widow of Jo: Butler Churgeon and also widow of "est (probably Robert) surrendered to Edd Ardington 150 acres of land on 3 Feb 1657/8 and "agrees to confirm this legally", which was done 3 Apr., 1658. (Fleet Vol. 10) I discussed the possibility that Mary _____ Poythress, widow of Francis Poythress (1) may have been the person who married Jo. Butler and Robert West in between her marriage to Poythress and Robert Wynne. The land Mary West deeded to Edward Ardington adjoined William Worsham, whose wife was Elizabeth _____ who married (2) Capt. Francis Eppes, who were the parents of William, Littlebury, and Mary Eppes. Both parents died in 1678 and Francis Eppes, half brother of these children was executor of the will. (See Article No. 1) Since Littlebury Epes was in possession of 500 of the 1000 acres which Rebecca Poythress, administratrix of the estate of Major Francis Poythress, patented in 1692 "according to ye most ancient bounds thereof" it seems that Mary _____ Poythress Wynne and Elizabeth _____ Worsham Eppes may at one time had a joint interest in this land and half went to Elizabeth's son Littlebury and half to Mary's grandchildren--Ann who married Burrell Green, and Rebecca who married Richard Pace.

RESEARCH NOTES ON FOYTHRESS by Flora B. Dotson December 1988

Withington, Lathrop, Virginia Gleanings in England, A Consolidation of Articles from The Virginia Magazine of History & Biography p. 491 which I found in the Pocatello Regional Genealogical Library reads as follows:

" Will of EDMOND FOYTHRAS of Dymcock county Gloucester, yeoman, Will 20 February 1639 proved 23 May 1630. [Something wrong. Last date may be a typographical error and be 1640]

To Edmond Harper son of Richard Harper of Much Markle county herford 3s.

To Marie Williams daughter of Richard Williams of Dymcock aforesaid 3s,4d.

To Marie Barnett daughter of John Barnett late of Ledbury 3s. 4d.

To Elizabeth daughter of Edward Griffiths 3s 4d.

To Elizabeth Barnett wife of Francis Barnett my daughter in law 40s.

To Sibill Greene wife of Nicholas Greene of Lisoignton, county Wigorne 40s.

To Joane and Anne Loveridge my daughters in law, singlewomen. all my free land arable and pasture lying in Much Markle aforesaid and their heirs forever paying to the chief lord of lords such rents as are of right custom.

Residue to Jane my wife sole executrix.

Wit. Hen. Hooper, Thos. Hooper, Wm. Gamon, Rich. Hooper. Coventry 62"

Note by author. "This name, spelled Poythress in Virginia, is a very unusual one, and has, now, it is believed, only one male representative in America. The first of the name in Virginia was Francis Poythress, who was a planter and also agent for Lawrence Evans, a London merchant. In 1639 Evans charged that Poythress had behaved very badly in the affairs of his agency. The Governor and Council appointed four of the ablest merchants in Virginia to examine the matter and they decided that Evans owed Poythress 13,876 lbs. tobacco as commission. Later in the year Evans procured from the English Sub-Committee on Foreign Plantations order for a new trial of the case: but nothing appears in regard to it. Francis Poythress was a Burgess for Charles City October 1644., Feb. 1644-5. Nov. 1647, for Northumberland Oct. 1649, and in March 1645-6 was appointed to command a force against the Indians. On account of the destruction of most of the records of Charles City and Prince George it is impossible to prepare any full and sufficiently proved account of his decendants; but there is much information in regard to them in Vols. VII; ~~IX~~, and XIX, of this Magazine. Any investigation in England would do well to begin in Gloucestershire."

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX, COUNTY GLOUCESTER as of July 1984,
page 17, 838 E 03

"Poythres , Francis son of John Poythres , born 12 July 1609, Newent.

Batch C03042 Serial Sheet 0408

Poythres, Sybill married John Bradford, 28 Nov 1597, Newent Batch MD30402

Serial Sheet 0008

FOYTRISS, William Pace b. 15 Dec 1607, Tirley, parents Charles Poytriss/Sarah

Batch C036392 Serial Sheet 1880"

Note by Dotson. The Francis Poythress born 1609 may or may not have been the one who came to Virginia in 1633 as the agent of Lawrence Evans, but he would have been about the right age. In light of the fact that Rebecca, the daughter of Rebecca Poythress and Richard Pace married a John Bradford in Virginia, it was interesting to note that in 1597 a Sybill Poythres married a John Bradford in Newent, Gloucester Co., England. The name of John as well

as Francis was a popular name among the Poythress family in Virginia. Also the name Edmond appears among the descendants. Sybill could have been an older sister of Francis, but more likely a sister to his father John.

Film #413521, Lewis Topographical Dictionary, also in the Pocatello Regional Genealogical Library, now called the Family History Center, states: "Newent, a Parish in the hundred of County Gloucester, comprising the liberty and market town of Newent, and the tithings of Bouldson with Killcat, Compton, Cugley and Malswick and containing 2660 inhabitants. 1287 are in Newent, on sight of an old mansion called Boothall."

A STUDY OF POYTHRESS, EPES, AND WORSHAM IN VIRGINIA

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| No. 1 | FRANCIS POYTHRESS 4000 acs. Chas. City Co. 13 July 1637 p.439
13 Jul N.upon his own land, S. into the main woods, E. upon land of
1637 Capt. Woodliff, and w. of Baylys Cr. 50 acrs. for trans. of his
own pers. and 350 acs. for trans of 7 pers. | Nugent,
Vol.1
p. 60 |
| No. 2 | JOHN WOODLIEF, Gent. 200 acs. Chas. Cittle Co., near unto a place
called Jordans 3 July 1638 p. 580, W. upon the head of his former
Dvdt towards the river; S. into the woods, E. toward Land called
Beggars Bush, & W upon land of FRANCIS POYTHERS. . ." | Ibid.
p. 93 |
| No. 3 | ROBERT EYERS 400 acs. Low. Norf. Co. May 22, 1642 p. 780 about
22 May 8 mi. up a Southern br. of Eliza. River. Trans. 4 pers.
1642 Robert Eyers, FRANCIS POYTHRESS, William Brown, & John Herrin. | Ibid.
p. 129 |
| No. 4 | CAPT. FRANCIS POYTHRESS 750 acs. Charles City Co., May 8, 1648
8 May p. 39 near Mouth of bayleys Cr. adj land belonging to the Or-
1648 phans of Jenkins Osborne, Wly to land of Thomas Bayly now in the
hands of John Butler, 350 acs. formerly granted Jenkins Osborne
& purchased by sd.Foythress of Jenkin Osborne, Mary Osborne, &
Capt. Edward Hill by the right of Dictoris Christmas, confirmed
by order of court 27 Feb. 1636. The other 450 acs. due by former
patent. | Ibid.
p. 175 |
| No. 5 | FRANCIS OSBORNE 1300 acs. in Appomattuck Riv. bounding N. upon
14 Jul land of Mr. Wm. Farrar butting Ely on Chas. City now in tenure
1637 of Capt. Francis Epes 14 July 1637, p.439. Due in right of his
father Jenkin Osborne who trans. 26 pers." Among them were
Tho. Baylye & Mary Welch. | Ibid.
p. 60 |
| Note: This entry is next to No. 1 above for Francis Foythress 13 July, 1637.
In No. 4 above the land patented by Capt. Francis Poythress adjoined land of
Thomas Bayley "now in the hands of John Butler." | | |
| No. 6 | CAPT. FRANCIS EPES, (Epes), 1700 acs. in the Co. of Chas.,
26 Aug 26 Aug. 1635, p. 280. E. upon Bayly his Cr., S. into the main
1635 land, W. upon Cason his Cr. up Appamattuck Riv. & N. upon the
main river, 50 acs. for his pers. adv. & 1650 acs for trans. of
3 sons: Jon. Epes, Fr. Epes, Tho. Epes & 30 servts . . ." | Ibid.
p. 31 |
| 29 May | 1638 Repatent of land in No. 6 | Ibid.
p. 84 |

30 Sept 1674 PATENT TO Lt. COLL. JOHN EPES 2550 A . 3R 16P as "son & heir" Nugent V.2. p. 18
of Capt. Francis Epes, Part of 2550 a. was the 1700 acs. in #6.

Note by Dotson: This copied to show that although we know that Capt. Francis Epes had other sons, John was shown as "son and heir" This is evidence to show that although George Pace was listed as "orphan" of Richard Pace in Boddie, Historical Genealogies p. 167 that it did not necessarily mean that he was the only son.

No. 7 3 June 1665 FRANCIS POYTHRESS in Court at Westover hath proved right by testi-Fleet, V.13 p. 36
mony of Capt. Robert Wynn to 450 acs. of land for the adventure and importation of Francis Poythress, Tho. Mallory, Wm. hind, Jo. Barlow, John Ward, James Cobcock, Ellen'r Towle, and Sampson Ellis twice.

No. 8 15 July 1669 MR. THO: NEWHOUSE 1050 Acs. Chas. City Co., S. side James River Nugent V.11 p. 58
15 July, 1669 p. 227 Adj. Mr. Sparrow, Burchen Sw. &c. Trans. 21 pers. Among them FRA. FOYTERS.

Comment by Dotson: Had Francis Poythress returned from being educated in England? This was probably Francis Poythress who became Major Francis Poythress and he arrived in Charles City County a few years before Mr. Newhouse used his name to patent land as shown by No. 8. Question: Was Francis Poythress still under age (21) in 1665 because of the testimony of his step father Robert Wynn (Wynne)? If so, then the birthdate of about 1630 which has been used for him is too early, and Capt. Francis Poythress(1) did not marry Mary _____ till about the time he purchased the Osborne land in 1644, in No. 4 above. Francis Poythress(2) must have been near 21 in 1665 because in April Court 1673 he signs as a Jurat in the Deposition of Wm. Vaughan. Fleet V.13 p.34

No. 9 4 June 1673 Capt. Poythres appears as a Justice of the court lbid. p.86

No. 10 28 Sept 1681 MAJOR FRANCIS POYTHRES 609 A, 2R 9P Chas. City Co. on S. side Nugent V.11 p. 223
of the Blackwater on S. side of James river 28, Sept., 1681, running to the Nottaway Path, to the Blackwater Spring, to the Blackwater Main Sw; nigh Capt. Robert Lewcy; to br. that comes by Townes quarter; to line of Hercules Flood, &c. Trans. 12 pers.

No. 11 June 1699 " Francis Poythress representing that by patent dated 28 Sept., 1681 there was granted unto Major Francis Poythress 609 Acres, 2 rods, 9 poles of Land on Blackwater which by the death of the Patentee descends to him" Louis des Cognets, Jr., English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records

No. 12 23 Oct. 1703 "Grant to John Poythress a tract on the south side of James River in Charles City County beginning on the south side of Blackwater, including 609 acres, 2 roods and 9 poles, The said land was formerly granted unto Francis Poythress by patent dated 28 Sept. 1681, by him deserted and is since granted unto the said John Poythress by order of court bearing date 21 April 1703, due for transportation of 13 pers. into the Colony. (names given) P. 65 W & M 2(s) Vol. 15 p.56 from Land Office Richmond Bk.9 p. 571

- No.13 MAJOR FRANCIS POYTRIES 750 acs. Chas. City Co. 20 Apr. 1682, 20 Apr. p. 130. Land which Thomas Morgan died seized of which was 1682 found to escheat Nugent V. II p.230
- No. 14 Wm. Edmunds & John Williams 888 A 2R 16P Chas. City Co. S. 20.Apr. side James Riv. in Jordans Parish 20 Apr. 1682,p. 124 Beg. 1682 at Major Poytries on the Keedy Br. blands Neck: through the Round Fond to the delightful Meadow &C. Trans. 18 pers. Among them NICHOLAS WHITMORE Ibid. 228
- No.15 Mr. Daniel Higgdon 518 a. 1R Chas. City Co., Westover Par; S 16 Apr. side James River 16 Apr 1683 from Maj. Francis Poythers 1683 (Poythress) upon the Middle Southern Br. on Mr. Wareadine crossing & Hollow Bush Br. & Medow Br. to William Edmonds. Ibid. p. 259
- No.16 16 Nov. MaJ. FRANCIS POYTHERES (POYTHRES) 1252 a.2R 50P Chas. City Co. 1683 in the Parish of Jordans on the S. side of James River, 20 Nov. p. 228 1683 p. 335. Beg. at Sampson Ellis, crossing the Gr. Sw. to southern Br. of Horne Br. to Mr. Henry Batt on Mr. John Wood-lief & James Mumford to the Dry Bottome kun, &C. Trans. 25 pers. Ibid. p. 228
- No.17 MR. CHARLES GOODRICH 550 acs. Chas. City Co. Westover Par. on 20 Apr. S. side James River 20 Apr. 1687 p. 553 adj. Daniel Higgdon, 1687 Wm. Edmunds, John Williams, Maj. Poythress. Trans. 11 pers. Ibid. p.306
- No. 18 GEORGE FACE 600 acs. Chas. City Co., Westover Par. nigh the 20 Apr. Blackwater 20 Apr. 1687 p. 554. Beg. at James Williams; cross- 1687 ing the Blackwater Path & the Keedy Br. to Capt. Lucus line &C. Trans. 12 pers. Ibid. p.306

Note in No. 14 NICHOLAS WHITMORE who married Mary, widow of Richard Face who died 1677. He may have come to Virginia a few years before William Edmunds and John Williams used his name to patent the land.

On page 2 of Research notes on Rebecca Cogan and Major Francis Poythress I have noted where Mr. Thomas Wyn (Wynn) received a grant of 280 acs. bordering on Mr. Adenton, Mr. Poytheres, and Mr. Batt. 20 Apr 1687. in the Parish of Jordans.

- No. 19 Mr. Thomas Wynne (Winn) 659 acs. on blackwater 21 Apr. 1690 ; 21 Apr. p. 55 A dj. John Wallace dec'd., Hercules Flood, & Maj. Fra. 1690 Pothris dec'd; and the gr. Swamp to Mouth of blands br. to landP. 344 of John Williams, dec'd. Nugent V.II p. 344
- No. 20 COL. EDWARD HILL 980½ acs. Chas City Co., Westover Par. on So. 20 Nov. side of James River 20 Nov. 1683 p. 338. 699 acs. part bounded 1683 as in a patent to James Warradine 13 Oct. 1652 380½ acs. beginning at lands of Byears? on N. side of the Gr. Node, to Mr. Francis Poythress." Ibid p. 271
- No.21 FRANCIS POYTHRESS of Parish of Westopher Co. of Pr. Geo. to 12 July Peter Grammer of same for 10 L, 100 acs. in same Parish and 1715 county, next to Richard Pace and Poythress. sg. Weisiger Pr. Geo . Co.Wills & Deeds 1713-1728 p.7 #63
Wit. E. Goodrich, Wm. hamlin Francis Poythress

RESEARCH NOTES ON LITTLEBURY EPPES (EPES)

As discussed on page 2 of this article and Article No.1 p. 6, Elizabeth Worsham Eppes and her husband Lt. Col. Frances Eppes both died in 1678 leaving minor children William, Littlebury, and Mary Eppes. Elizabeth made stepson Francis Eppes and son-in-law Richard Kennon executors of her will. (Va. Mag. Vol. XXXIII pp.184-5) There is a record in Henrico County that William Eppes was born 1661, so he would have been 17 when his parents died and Littlebury was probably born about 1663. The following information shows that William Worsham, the first husband of Elizabeth, was still alive in 1657, so Elizabeth's marriage to Eppes would have been between 1657 and 1660. This was near the time when John Cogan married Joyce, the widow of Richard Iye in 1659 and had Rebecca born about 1660, who married Major Francis Poythress, who died in 1688 and Rebecca patented the 1000 acres in 1692, half of which was in possession of Littlebury Epes in 1721 when Ann Green and her husband Burrell and Francis Poythress made a deed to Robert Hunnicutt for 200 acres. The other 300 acres had been given to Rebecca, daughter of Rebecca Cogan Poythress. Evidence is strong that Rebecca the daughter married Richard Pace, because he was involved in a major division of the Poythress land 11 November 1718. (See Article No. 2 and study of Edward Ardington pg. 2 of this article)

No. 6 page 6 of this Article shows that Capt. Francis Eppes (Epes) patented 1700 acres 26 August 1635 on Bayly's Creek where Francis Poythress(1) also had land.

No.22 "WM & GEORGE WORSHAM 400 acs. Henrico Co. 15 Feb. 1652 p. 23 Nugent, 15 Feb. 200 a. part hereof lying at old Towne at old Towne at ap- V. 1
1652 pamatox riv. bounding SW by Old Towne Cr. upon John r. 238
Coogneys [Cogan?] land extending N E upon land of Mrs.
Dorothy Clerk widow: & 20 acs. being part of the old Towne
aforesaid bounded from S.W. by corner of sd. Worshams first
200 acs. being part of a patent granted unto Wm Clarke dec'd
6 May 1638 & by sd Clark sould unto sd. Worsham 2 Nov. 1640
& 200 a. for trnas. of 4 pers. Hen. White, Jo Plummer, Sason
or Susan Chiles, Saran Chiles, OLIVER GREEN, land due for."

Note by Dotson: I have done research on Oliver Green in connection with the Day family of Edgefield County, South Carolina where the daughter of Peter Day married Richard Pace(6), and Francis Green married Saunders Day. Two daughters of Richard Pace(4) and Rebecca Poythress married men by the name of Green.

Article No. 1 shows that Richard Iye patented land in Old Towne. John Cogan who married his widow was one of the doctors who attended Elizabeth _____ Worsham Eppes.

Wm. was a Justice for Charles City Co. April, June, & August. 1657.

No.23 "CAPT. FRANCIS EPF'S, MR. WILLIAM EPF'S & CAPT. LITTLEBURY Nugent
 24 Oct. EFF'S 1000 acs. Chas. City Co. S. side Warwick Sw. N V. III
 1701 side of Joseph Sw. 24 Oct. 1701. p. 380.Beg. at John Scott p. 49
 on Warwick Sw; crossing Tunatora path a little above the
 bridge over Joseph Sw; to Capt. Thomas Busby; by the Meadow
 path from Chr. Robinson to Samuel Iatum; to Warwick Meadow
 & Sw. & including the same. Trans. 20 pers."

In the 1704 Quit Rent Roll (Va. His. Mag. V.28 p.228)
 LITTLEBURY EPES was holding 833½ acres FRANCIS FOYTHRESS SR. 1283 acres
 JOHN FOYTHRESS was holding 916 acres

"Charles City County, Virginia Wills & Deeds 1725-1731 Abstracted and
 Compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III Copyright 1984" (GS 975.544 V2w) states
 that Littlebury Epes was Clerk of the Court followed by Lewellin Epes. This
 book was carried from the Court house during the Civil War until the early
 1970s & remained in private hands. The first 7 pages are missing. Most of
 the Charles City County records were destroyed during the Civil war.

Virginia Magazine of History & Biography Vol. 22 pp.434-35
 Notes From Records of Charles City County states:

- "Aug. 1742 Lewellin Epes produced a Commission from hon. John
 Robinson to be Clerk of the Court.
- Dec. 1742 Lewellin Epes Jr., John Edloe, and John Hardiman Justices
- Dec. 1743 Will of Littlebury Epes, sent. presented by Lewellin Epes
 one of the executors."

So far I have been unable to find any information about the 500 acres received
 by Littlebury Epes from the 1000 acres patented by Rebecca Foythress.

ANALYSIS OF THE NAME OF FRANCIS FOYTHRESS

I have tried to find an explanation of why Francis Foythress who made
 deeds to Richard Face and to John Foythress Jr. was called "elder". The fact
 that in the 1704 Rent Roll there was a Francis Foythress Sr. indicates there
 were two people by that name at that time. We have no record of the children
 of Francis Foythress the son of Major Francis Foythress and Rebecca Cogan.
 Some have said that Major Francis Foythress was married 1668 but I have found
 no proof. We do have proof that Rebecca was the daughter of John Cogan and
 Joyce _____, the widow of Richard Tye, by the testimonies in Court concerning
 her marriage to Charles Bartholomew, and that John Cogan and Joyce were mar-
 ried 1659. (Article No. 1) We have proof that Rebecca, the daughter of
 Major Francis Foythress and Rebecca Cogan, was married to Richard Face(4) by
 1699 and probably by about 1695, so therefor was born about 1679 and her bro-
 ther Francis was born about 1678, unless Major Francis Foythress was married
 before he married Rebecca Cogan and had Francis who claimed the 609 acres in
 No. 11 which John Foythress was holding in No. 12. If Francis the son of Major
 Francis Foythress and Rebecca was born 1678 he would not have been old enough
 to have a son old enough to sign the deed to Peter Grammer 1715 (No. 21)
 which was signed simply Francis Foythress, not "elder". It seems impos-

sible with the existing records to identify all the people by the name of Francis Poythress, but since there was a Francis Poythress Sr. on the 1704 Rent Roll it is evident that there were two people by that name in the area at that time. It has been my thinking that because of the way the clerk wrote the names on the three deeds that were made 11 November 1718, (Article No. 2) one being by Francis Poythress, the elder, to Richard Pace, that there was another Francis Poythress who signed the other two deeds and the one to Robert Hunnicutt with Ann and Burrell Green in 1721. (Film #030052).

In the land patent of Col. Edward Hill, 20 Nov. 1683 (No. 20) his land bordered Mr. Francis Poythress. In the patent to Thomas Wynne 20 April 1687, page 2 of this article, the land was on "Halles Creek to Mr. Adenton's line; on Mr. Foythres to Mr. Batts". Other patents show Major Francis Poythress by 1681. (No. 10) He had land in both Jordans and Westover Parishes.

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