

Early-Poindexters-in-America Research Committee

24. SUMMER REPORT

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Contacts and Activities, Mar. 2002–Sep. 2002

1. The PDA Review and Certification Panel has been established and activated. Members are Robin Daviet, Doris Ann Lucas, Don Poindexter (TX), Jamie Poindexter, J. C. Poindexter, Bill Poindexter (CA), and Dan Story. They held their kick-off meeting at the Burlington reunion in June. The Panel will examine all evidence available to PDA at this time, and determine the most probable genealogical model which can be derived therefrom. This “best efforts” model will become the “official” PDA genealogy, for structuring of our master compilation (maintained by Doris Ann Lucas), citation in the *Newsletter* and our website, et al.

Note that the Panel will NOT be attesting to the ultimate truth of this model, but rather, that it is judged to be the best model which can be derived from the (imperfect) evidence known to them. To the best of my knowledge, this is the only coordinated multi-participant approach to early-Poindexter genealogy which has ever been attempted. All known previous efforts over the past 100 years have been essentially unilateral presentations by one or another researcher, without benefit of coordination, discussion, or challenge.

The first issue being addressed is the “George Poindexter Sequence,”¹ and the Panel review process is now underway.

2. Dolores Kinsey contacted us about the genealogical position of her ancestor, a Nancy Poindexter. Unhappily, our attempt to reply to her was bounced repeatedly by an incorrect or outdated return email address.

3. Bill Denney contacted us regarding our possible knowledge of the Partridge Store in Virginia. Ledgers of the store were found among later Poindexter papers in Louisa County. Apparently the Partridge Store had evolved from an earlier Hanover County store. Of course, we are eager for info from Hanover county, where Thomas-1 Poindexter lived for a few years after 1700. Records from Hanover are very scarce, due to fire. Unfortunately, at this time we are unable to connect the Partridge Store with any particular Poindexter in our PDA lines.

4. Patrick Payne wrote regarding Payne—Overton connections, and by implication, connections to George-2 or -3 Poindexter. He offered an impressively-researched story on the early Payne line (the Payne family is rooted in Jersey), with many interesting linkages. A Thomas Payne left a widow, Elizabeth, in 1664, who then married Roger Overton, possibly closely related to a Mary Overton, a name commonly ascribed to the wife of a George Poindexter. Our present EPARC records are inadequate to allow useful adaptation of Patrick’s information for our Poindexter models.

5. Lynda Lovell Boggs contacted us about the possibility that “our” Elizabeth Lovell who married Thomas Poindexter could be one of “her” Lovells. This question is outside the EPARC era, but may be of interest to PDAers who descend from the named couple.

6. Tamara Poindexter sent us a lead to a book which her grandfather, Donald Franklin Poindexter, had in his possession, titled “Journey with the Poindexter Family.” It covers from 1250 to 1978. It was compiled and prepared by Rose Marie Johnson of Rush City, MN, who did research in records in Virginia. Tamara never contacted Ms. Johnson after she first learned of the book about 20 years ago. It may now be too late, but we would like to track it down. Does anyone in PDA know anything about it?

7. At the 2001 reunion in Natchez, Jeanette Tolley mentioned an old book which has possibly significant information on the link between Governor George Poindexter and George Benskin Poindexter. This might verify and quantify the link between George-1 and Thomas-1, regarding which we were seeking clues in the Governor George papers. The document, a treatise dated 1911, was available at our recent Burlington reunion. Both Doris Ann and I examined it carefully, and found that it presumed the apparent cousin-relationship between Governor George Poindexter of Mississippi (a descendant of Thomas-1), and George Benskin Poindexter (descendant of George-1). It thus offers some support for an EPARC approach.²

8. Katie Gavan inquired about the parentage of her ancestor Susanna (b. ca. 1736) who married (1759) Abraham Maury in Lunenburg County, VA. We were unable to assist her or to exploit her information.

9. Wendy Southard asked about the marriage of Mary Wentworth to Chief Donahoo. As EPARC has not concerned itself with this linkage, we referred her to Ron Poindexter for his “Queries” column, and to Doris Ann for possible info from her master tome.

10. Richard Kajma came up with a real bombshell from the LDS library in Salt Lake City: a book with portraits of Sarah Crawford, John Poindexter (son of Thomas-1), and Christian Gizage (John’s wife). Very, very exciting! We plan to examine the book for evidence on the Thomas-1 problem and related issues. Can hardly wait to see it.

11. We will soon be looking at the genealogical linkages in the Thomas-1–Thomas–Thomas series, which is pertinent to so many PDAers, and the Philip (thought to be son of George-2) line, another significant PDA root.

1. EPARC Phoenix Report, *PDA Newsletter*, Vol. VII, No. 3, pp. 20–25 (Jul. 1988).

2. EPARC Spring Report, *PDA Newsletter*, Vol. XII, No. 2, pp. 9-13 (Apr. 1993).

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