

Early-Poindexters-in-America Research Committee

8. SUMMER REPORT

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Committee Activities

1. Barbara Safford reported her recent efforts concerning the origin of the oft-cited surname *Overton* for George-2's wife Mary. She will shortly be interviewing a former librarian from the genealogy department of the New York Public Library on the matter.
2. Pauline Womack reported a new and very interesting lead on the Thomas-1 Poindexter problem. When she applied for membership in the Huguenot Society, the Registrar at first rejected her application because she had not proven that Thomas-1 was son of George-1; but then he noticed the proof in an Anderson genealogy, and Pauline was accepted. This opens a new line of investigation. There were many Andersons in Hanover County in the early 1700s; Frances Poindexter, daughter of John and Christian, married a Robert Anderson who was very prominent in Louisa County. Born in 1711, Robert could have had adult interaction with George-2; information or transactions which establish the Thomas-1 link could have been recorded in the Anderson records, even if not in Poindexter records.
3. Pauline has also examined the birthdate of the first John Poindexter of Louisa County, which was discussed in the EPARC Spring Report, PDA *Newsletter* for April 1989. By similar reasoning, she had earlier concluded that John was born about 1694–1695, instead of 1703; thus our EPARC deductions confirm her logic. She has attempted to pin down John's death date more closely than simply the year (*Technical Topics*, below).
4. Helen DeVoe completed the tedious and expensive job of copying a large portion of the Middlesex County record for EPARC study. This is discussed in *Technical Topics*.
5. Doris Gilbert continued to collect and submit information on Benjamin Poindexter., a recently unearthed member of the family in early Virginia. This is discussed in *Technical Topics*.
6. Several other substantial research projects voluntarily begun by other EPARCers are incomplete at this time.

Technical Topics

Origin of Benjamin Poindexter. At present, we have no direct evidence for the parentage of Benjamin Poindexter. However, we do have a number of pertinent facts on his family and descendants. His wife was named Ann,¹ and they had a daughter Mary who married Benjamin Mosby.² The oldest son of Benjamin and Mary was Littleberry Mosby, who was born 1729 and died 1809.³ If we assume that Mary was at least 18 years old at

Littleberry's birth, and that Benjamin Poindexter was at least 21 at Mary's birth, then Benjamin would have been born in 1690 or earlier. His will was written in 1765 and implemented in 1766;¹ thus by probable maximum lifespan, a birthdate earlier than 1690 rapidly becomes increasingly unlikely. Susanna, wife of George-1 Poindexter, had her first child about 1650.⁴ So her last child would have been born about 1675 at the latest. George-3 Poindexter seems to have had his first child around 1705.⁵ The known children of George-2 were born between 1685 and 1708.⁵ Back in Jersey, the only recorded Benjamin was born around 1640; he had no recorded children.⁶ So we tentatively assign Benjamin as son of George-2 Poindexter.

Margaret Daniel, Wife of William Poindexter. In our EPARC Winter Report,⁷ the wife of William Poindexter was deduced to be Margaret Daniel. Since then, we have acquired records on the Daniel family,⁸ and have found that Margaret was a common name in the family. Our Margaret was assigned as daughter of Charles Daniel.⁷ We find that Charles (b. 1709) was son of James and Margaret Daniel,⁸ and that Charles's wife, Jane, was daughter of Edmund and Jane Mickelburrough.⁸ Charles's and Jane's recorded children were Jane, Peter, Charles, James, and Thomas.⁸ Thus the eventual inclusion of a daughter named Margaret is reasonably likely, and adds another small bit of reinforcement to her assignment.

Death of the First John Poindexter of Louisa County. The death of John Poindexter was derived for our records from his will, implemented 22 May 1753.⁹ Actually, it may be pinned down more closely. He is mentioned in the parish vestry book for the last time 29 November 1752.¹⁰ At the next meeting, 27 January 1753, he is mentioned as deceased.¹⁰ Thus he died between the latter two dates in the vestry record.

1. Will of Benjamin Poindexter, *Cumberland County (Virginia) Will Book I*, p. 314.
2. *Genealogies of Virginia Families from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, indexed by Toby Drews (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1981) p. 342
3. Unidentified published tract on Mosby Family provided by Doris Gilbert, p. 221.
4. John Poindexter Landers, *Poingdestre-Poindexter—A Norman Family* (Robert Downs Poindexter, location unknown, 1975) p. 91.
5. *PDA Newsletter*, Vol. VIII, No. 3, 21-24 (Oct. 1988).
6. J. Bertrand Payne, *An Armorial of Jersey* (Publisher information unknown, 1865), pp 323-324.
7. *PDA Newsletter*, Vol. VIII, No. 1, 22-23 (Jan. 1988).
8. *Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia, from 1653 to 1812* (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1975), pp 72, 86, 137, 140, 144, 149, 150.
9. Will of John Poindexter, *Louisa County Will Book I*, p. 27.
10. *Fredericksville Parish Vestry Books, 1742-1787*, Vol. I, transcribed and edited by Rosalie Edith Davis (Heritage Press, Manchester, MO, 1978), pp 46-47.

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