

Early-Poindexters-in-America Research Committee

REPORTS 9–10

9. AUTUMN REPORT

[PDA *Newsletter*, Vol. VIII, No. 4, p. 13 (Oct. 1989).]

Committee Activities

1. Jaqueline Pomeroy gathered and sent some very pertinent early records from York County, VA, for the period 1665-1672, and a few miscellaneous other records from neighboring locations. These are currently being examined. We noticed the name *Martha Pendexter* in one item, dated 1726. Who is she?
2. Thomas Riley wrote us concerning descendants of John Poindexter and Frances Arnett. He had independently assigned John and Frances as brother and sister, respectively, of Peter and Lucy; our EPARC assignment agrees with his. Mosaic logic was necessary here.
3. Dorothy Knox Brown submitted several good tracts and analyses involving early Poindexters, including the Thomas-1/George-1 connection by John Landers. At the time (1971), Landers considered Thomas-1 to be son of George-1. He changed his mind for his book, with no mention of his reasoning. So far, the Landers book is the only analysis we have come across which assigns Thomas-1 as son of George-2. All others either assign him as son of George-1, or make no assignment.
4. Nan Overton West wrote to us regarding connections between the Overtons and the Poindexters. She hopes to prove that her ancestor Anne Booker Clough Overton was daughter of Richard Clough and Anne Poindexter, daughter of George-2 Poindexter.
5. Doris Gilbert has submitted additional material on the Clough–Anderson/Poindexter–Overton connections. This has not been examined yet. These particular ancillary lines are interesting not only in regard to present and prospective PDA members., but also to fill in a mosaic which will, hopefully, clarify the Poindexter lines.

Technical Topics

Corrections to EPARC Summer Report (July 1989). In *Technical Topics*, reference 2 was incomplete. It should read *Genealogies of Virginia Families from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. IV, Healy–Pryor, indexed by Toby Drews (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1981) p. 342. Reference 3 in the same list was not identified. Doris Gilbert now reports that it was a section titled *Excursus on the Mosby Family*, and was included in a book on the Goode family. It was in the LDS library in Mesa, AZ; regrettably, the Xerox operator neglected to copy the book's title and publication info pages. Maybe interested PDA members who happen to be in Mesa

can get this copy for us.

Genealogical Analyses. We have no new genealogical analyses at this time, due to delay in certain search activities which have been noted in previous reports. We hope to give the status of the Thomas-1 Poindexter situation in the next quarterly report (*St. Louis Report*, scheduled for the January, 1990 *Newsletter*).

10. ST. LOUIS REPORT

[PDA *Newsletter*, Vol. IX, No. 1, pp 4–5 (Jan. 1990).]

Reunion Activities

1. Ron Poindexter brought two books: *Jersey Sailing Ships*, by John Jean (!) (Phillemore, Shopwyck Hall, Sussex, 1982); and *The Quiet Adventurers in North America*, by Marion G. Turk (Harlo, Detroit, 1963). Both books were scrutinized in detail. Especially important is the reference to Anderson and Lawton families claiming Huguenot descent via a Poingdestre on Guernsey, a location not previously considered in our research.
2. We received a gift from Walter and Georgia Poindexter (not previously acknowledged), viz, a manuscript from Clifford Eugene Poindexter, Walter's brother, containing writings of Miles Poindexter and William Admire Turner.
3. Ed Terry brought a compilation of PDA genealogies.
4. Doris Gilbert brought a citation of James Overton's will (5 Oct 1747) from *Louisa County Records You Probably Never Saw*, compiled by John C. Bell (Nashville, 1983); and some records from *Powhatan County Marriages (1777–1850)*, by John Vogt and T. Wm. Keithley, Jr. (Iberian, Athens, GA).
5. Plans were laid with Ed Terry to transfer routine genealogical inquiries away from EPARC, which is thoroughly engaged in its regular business.

Committee Activities since St. Louis

1. We have rursued the lead in the Turk book in depth. Doris Gilbert has given us a copy of the book containing the original source of the Anderson–Lawton citation: *Family Names of Huguenot Refugees to America*, compiled by Mrs. James M. Lawton, taken from the Constitution of the Huguenot Society of America (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1984). The undersigned obtained a copy of Huguenot Society of America Catalogue, compiled by Julia P. M. Morand (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1971). The latter contains a picture of Mrs. Lawton—the frontispiece. Mrs. Lawton was an important official in the HSA, and may have been the originator of the notion that George-1 Poindexter was a Huguenot. Doris has learned that the National Huguenot Society (a different group) has recently disqualified George-1 as a Huguenot—as we

have long suspected (recall this issue raised by Bruce Anderson in Williamsburg).

2. The undersigned is, however, pursuing the possible usefulness of the Guernsey connection, Huguenot or no. We have set up contact with the public library and historical societies there.
3. Doris Gilbert has continued her studies of the Mosby family, an important early descendant line.
4. Ralph Poindexter has kept us up-to-date with new PDA member lineages.
5. Doris Lucas continues her monumental computer compilation.

Technical Topics

1. No new analyses to report at this time (see below).

Operational Remarks

1. I want to thank everyone who has submitted information. Keep it up! A prime goal of PDA and EPARC is assembly of all information in one place, to avoid needless repetition in search. We now have a very good flow; over the past couple of years, I, for one, have learned of many new facts and sources. I hope others among you feel the same satisfaction.
2. Several of you have generously volunteered for major research tasks, involving substantial time, effort, travel, money, and thought. We would really appreciate an occasional status report on these items. I don't like to bug our volunteers. But we do want to schedule and reschedule tasks to take advantage of people's travel plans and other opportunities as they arise. Although we surely hope each of you can execute his volunteer service, there is no penalty or hard feeling if you can't—we'd just like to know. Personally, I'm eager to see a good PDA genealogy in my own lifetime so the kids and grandkids can enjoy it; but it's indeed a monumental project. The total cost in man-years of effort will approach one megabuck, I'm sure.

Ed Poindexter
6284 Stofer Road
Chelsea, Michigan 48118

Phone: 734-433-9648
Fax: 734-433-9649
Email: epoindex@tm.net