

Early-Poindexters-in-America Research Committee

4. WINTER REPORT

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Committee Activities, 1993-1994

1. Researches are continuing in the Channel Islands and France. We are trying to negotiate someone to study the Guernsey government archives for us, a major area of unexplored Channel Island documents. Our forays into Sark archives turned up numerous Poindexters, but no info which connected them to our PDA lines. We are slowly getting Jersey parishes scanned as they become accessible; again, no crucial missing facts have as yet come to light.
2. Doris Gilbert has got wind of possible solid info on the wife of George-1 Poindexter. She has heard that a record in the “inner sanctum” at Salt Lake City gives Susanna’s father as John Nichols. We are eagerly awaiting someone who can seek this out.
3. We had a chance to spend several hours in the York County library in 1994. We found numerous references, in the several volumes of compiled and edited records and abstracts, which described independent and mutual transactions involving George-1, son George-2(Jr.), son John, and daughter-in-law Katherine, spanning the period 1659-1691. However, there was nothing directly relevant to the Thomas-1 problem.
4. Several PDA members have contacted us regarding the Thomas-2 problem; we hope one or more of these will engage in some solid research on this important line in the near future. So far, we’ve uncovered nothing solid in our own researches.
5. At our Chattanooga reunion, we presented an overview of EPARC goals, approach, and operational problems. The briefing vu-graphs are included in this report, below.

Poindexter Descendants Association, Inc.

EARLY-POINDEXTERS-IN-AMERICA RESEARCH COMMITTEE

(EPARC)

EPARC Objectives

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EPARC OBJECTIVES

Confined to Early-Poindexters-in-America era
(1650-1750)

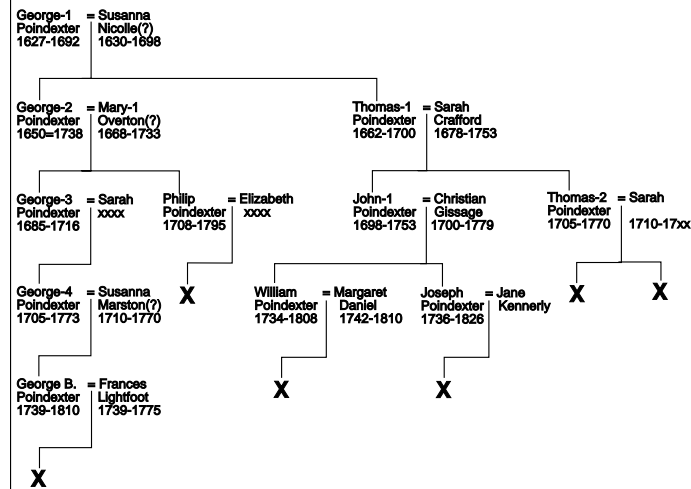
Best possible genealogical model, derived from consensus
of independent analyses, scrutiny, and debate
–To be the most widely accepted standard
–To be the PDA "official" genealogy

All sources cited or readily traceable

All reasoning documented

Report or reports prepared to professional standards

GENEALOGICAL REALM



OPERATIONAL FEATURES

Ed Poindexter is coordinator only

Members solicited *re* talents, interests, resources

Active volunteers eagerly welcomed

PDA provides crucial fiscal support

Ron Poindexter handles post-EPARC-era queries

Doris Lucas maintains/updates tentative model on computer

Report prep/critique subcommittee approved by PDA

Final report certification "as best possible" by PDA

Data, analyses freely shared

Research findings periodically published in Newsletter

SUMMARY: 8-YEAR PROGRESS

Excellent response to call for completed manuscripts

–Landers
 Dr. John B. Poindexter
 William Admire Turner
 Max Swearingen

Many contributions on specific, limited situations

–Epitomized, credited in Newsletter ASAP
 –Doris Gilbert by far the champ, but quality contributions from numerous others.

Classic sources/references thoroughly examined and new models developed

Computerized genealogy constructed and updated (Doris Lucas)

RECENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Houston Library records on York County

York Country Library records

Jersey parishes (CIFHS)

Guernsey, Sark records

Governor George Poindexter letters

French connection

Unexpected (unwanted?) new entries

Documents (wills, mainly) on ancillaries

PERSISTENT PROBLEMS

Still missing critical original cites, sources, deductions

Lack of independent analytical reasoning, scrutiny, debate

Shortage of focused research/travel efforts, contributions

Fantastic scarcity of round tuits

Operational Issues

Recently, a fund was designated by PDA for EPARC use in cases where it would be extremely difficult or impossible to achieve the desired research if we were entirely dependent on the personal resources of EPARC or PDA personnel. We expect to use these funds only after close scrutiny of the situation, weighing criticality of need against the feasibility of our usual informal, unfunded, ad-hoc approach. One such problem area is the records of Guernsey, mentioned above. This is off the beaten path for almost all business or personal travel; and according to our contacts in the Channel Islands, the records require some know-how to get any useful info—difficulties in language, handwriting, archival scheme, relations with the archive officials, etc. This seems a good first job for the special research funds, to engage and reimburse a suitably skilled C. I. native researcher. More later, when we have lined up a willing worker and got a cost estimate (my own guess is about \$200.00).

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