

## Early-Poindexters-in-America Research Committee

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#### Contacts and Activities, Oct. 2002–Mar. 2003

1. Richard Kajma, our 2003 reunion host, discovered some exciting info in the LDS library, and helped EPARC preserve important facts almost in the nick of time. He found a copy of *The Poindexter Chronicles 1180–1990*, a fine family history treatise by Dr. Arthur Poindexter, Col. USMC (ret.). It contains portraits apparently of 1700s Poindexter, e.g. Sarah Crawford, Christian Gizage, and John Poindexter.

We were eager to verify the identity of the persons pictured, and to exploit any new genealogical info. We sought the author. Alas, he had died a couple of years ago. His wife told us that her husband had inserted pictures, of unknown 1700s persons of suitable appearance, simply to decorate the book.

The story continues. The name Art Poindexter rang a bell with me, and lo! Col. P. had been an active member of PDA in the early 1990s. I had actually discussed problem areas with him at that time. He seemed not to have any evidence beyond other known analyses, and so I had quit interaction with him; and Art himself soon withdrew from an active role in PDA.

Thus Richard has indeed saved us from much anguish over the portraits. If they had been noticed too late, we would have been frustrated by the impossibility of explanations. As it is, we were very fortunate that we found Mrs. Poindexter, and that she was aware of the particulars. Good job, Richard!

2. Robin Daviet noted the site “British Ancestors” on the web. This could help us in our concern with possible clues to George-1 in Gloucestershire, a portentous possible source in this major problem area. We contacted them, but have so far had no reply. We will try again soon.

3. Robin Daviet has shown enthusiasm for extending the EPARC purview to 5 generations in America. We had no specific number in mind, letting some lines go to 5, but others only to 2. We are now in a preliminary review of Philip-1 and Thomas-2 lines. It would please me very much if PDA could be the authority for all the early-1700s Poindexters. We hope that other researchers will volunteer for some of this work.

4. Bill Poindexter forwarded a discussion from a Shawn Potter on the possible descent of George-1 from King Henry VIII of England. Good luck to Shawn! This is not an EPARC problem area; but for those interested, he may be contacted at shpxlcp@home.com. Note that our Christian Gizage and Frances Arnett are cited as being descended from nobility and royalty. Our former royal lineage for Sarah Crawford has been disproven.

5. We still hope to lay hands on the treatise *Journey(s) with the Poindexter Family*. We

would much appreciate a chance to look at it, or to have info on where a copy is available.

6. We are as yet unable to take any advantage of our awareness of the so-called “Partridge Store” in early Louisa or Hanover Counties. Can anyone help?

7. Our PDA panel to assess early Poindexter models is expected to issue its first report at the reunion in July. So far as I know, this sort of assessment is unique to PDA in the world of Poindexter genealogy. It is a rigorous attempt to do the best possible job with less-than-ideal information, rather than just letting things remain forever in a state of undigested ideas and opinions. The panel’s first consensus may indeed be preliminary; but it will be, nonetheless, a significant milestone.

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