

## Land in Orange / Culpeper County, Virginia

### A report of extant records showing lands acquired by William Poe and how it was divested

**William Watson and William Poe acquire 400 acres in Orange County (later Culpeper County) by patent**  
References below imply the land was divided between them, 200 each.

**William Poe\***  
**William Watson**  
10 June 1737

Patent Book 17  
William Watson & William Poe of Caroline Co. 400 Acs Orange Co. in the Little Fork of Rappahannock Riv. on the Brs. of Battle Run; Adj. John Ashley & Francis Browning: 10 June 1737. p. 333. 2 pounds

**William Poe "improves" land joining his and near the "main road" adjacent Capt. Compton.**

**William Poe**  
1747 - 1748  
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William Poe, 9 Dec. 1747 - 26 Feb. 1747/48; 200 a. at Little Battle Run. William Poe has made an improvement joyning his other land & near the main road; adj. Capt. Compton, Watson & Poe's pat. CC (chain carriers) William Poe & William Gouge. Surv. James Genn.

**It appears that William Poe acquired 300 acres from James Genn. This land was adjacent to Captain Compton, Josephn Norman and William Poe's other land, which would be the 1737 Poe & Watson patent of 400 acres.**

**William Poe**  
28 July 1748  
**Land sale in Augusta County \***  
See: [History of Virginia Counties](#)

William Poe of Augusta from James Genn  
300 acres adjoining Captain Compton's  
land, William Poe's land and  
**Joseph Norman's\*** land  
25 December 1748 W. Fairfax  
Endorsed: Willm Poe

The phrase below, "William Watson & Poe's land now Norman's" seems to imply that some of the patent land has been transferred to [Joseph] Norman. There does not seem to be an extant record for this transfer.

William Poe is granted 65 adjacent to Poe's Mountain and Capt. James Compton's land. Note that the 300 acres above is adjacent to William Compton's land.

#### William Poe

11 May 1752

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H-174: William Poe of Orange now Culpeper Co. 65 A. in said Co. Surv. Mr. James Genn. Adj. William Watson & Poe's land now Norman's. Poe's Mt., Capt. James Compton. 11 May 1752

Note that Francis Browning owns land at "head branches of Battle Run". The William Poe and William Watson land is also on the head branches of Battle Run (see next record)

#### Francis Browning Junr

16 Nov. 1752

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Francis Browning Junr and Frances [Norman] his wife of Culpeper County to Courtney Norman\* of same. For pounds 75 current money. 180 acres upon the **head branches of Battle Run**, being part of 400 acres granted to Francis Browning and John Ashly by patent 19 June 1735 . . division line between Francis Browning and John Ashley . . Hickman's line . . top of a mountain. . . Francis (B) Browning junr.

Frances (/) Browning

16 Nov. 1752. Acknowledged by Francis Browning and Frances his wife.

**Thomas Lord Fairfax deeds 200 acres and 65 acres (this must be the Northern Neck grant mentioned above) of land to William Poe in 1752.**

**William Poe must have at this point:**

**200 acres - his half of the Poe & Watson 1737 patent**

**300 acres from James Genn**

**65 acres from grant in Northern Neck (the Thomas Lord Fairfax 65 acres mentioned below)**

**200 acres (the Thomas Lord Fairfax 65 acres mentioned below. The grant is not mentioned elsewhere)**

**Total land by 1752: 775 acres (less whatever portion of the patent land went to Norman referred to above)**

**Cornelius Mitchell purchased 100 of the 200 acres from Poe as well as 50 of the 65 acres**

**Total: 600 acres**

**William Poe**

**Lydia (Lidie) Poe**

18 Sept. 1755.

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William Poe and Lidie his wife of Culpeper County to Robert Gouge of same. For pounds 27 current money. 150 acres . . . on the head branches of Battle Run whereof 100 acres being part of 200 acres contained in one deed from the Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax to Poe 11 May 1752, also 50 acres adjoining being part of 65 acres contained in a deed from the Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax to Poe 11 May 1752.... second line of Poe's and Watson's pattennt being a corner to Cornelius Mitchell who purchased 100 acres, part of the 200 acres of Poe ... in Captain Compton's line ...

William (W) Poe

Lidia (L) Poe

18 Sept. 1755. Acknowledged by the parties. Lydia was first privily examined.

**200 Acres sold to John Gouge (he already purchased William Watson's 200 acres)**

**This leave 400 acres for William Poe (less something purchased by [Joseph] Norman)**

**William Poe**

17 April 1760.

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Exhibited into Court by William Poe and John Gouge

10 March 1742. Poe and Gouge platt: Wm. Poe, 200 acres: Jno. Gouge, 200 acres. Point near the fork of the road is mentioned.

Then divided 400 acres granted to William Watson and William Poe by patent 10 June 1737. **John Gouge purchased the share of William Watson.**

R. Eastham (signed)

## Poe transfers 163 acres to James Kennerly

William Poe

Lidia Poe

17 April 1760

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William Poe and Lidia his wife of Culpeper County to James Kennerly of same. For pounds 47 current money. 163 acres on the head branches of Battle Run . . spring in the head of a branch near the Peaked Mountain Road on the lower or south side the said Poe's plantation . . near the first line of Poe's and Watson's patent . . division corner between Poe and **John Gouge who holds Watson's part of the survey** . . part of 400 acres granted to Poe and William Watson by patent 10 June 1737

William (W) Poe

Lidia (L) Poe

Acknowledged by William. Lidia was first privily examined.

**Total 237 acres (less whatever went to [Joseph] Norman)**