

## **William Howard and Robert Rutherford are connected to the family of Stephen Poe**

Executors are commonly family members. Here, the will of Stephen Poe, who died in 1773 is administered by his widow and men who are also connected with raising Stephen's children.

### **1774 Chatham County** **Stephen Poe**, will

Chatham County, North Carolina Abstracts of Court Minutes 1774-1778  
page 10: Will of Stephen Poe, dec'd proved by James Poe. NC, Chatham Co.  
Executors: Hannah Poe\*, **William Howard\*\* & Robert Rutherford**.

\*Stephen's widow. Stephen died in 1773.

\*\* Sarah Howard, daughter of James Howard, married Mial Scurlock – according to other researchers. William Howard, who took in children of Stephen Poe after his death in 1773 must brother to James Howard. The Howard family appears to have come from Henrico County, VA where some of the Amelia/Prince Edward County, VA Poe family can be found.

Ordered that **William Howard** be appt. guardian to **Hastin Poe, Larkin Poe,** and **James Poe**. He giving bond with **Robert Rutherford**, Esq in pounds 1000 each\*

\* These are orphans of Capt. Stephen Poe who died in 1773. See note on William Howard above.

**William Howard lived on land adjacent to the lands of Simon Poe, JR and brother Stephen Poe (sons of of Simon Poe, Sr.)**

### **November 1777 Chatham county** **Deed of Stephen and Sophia Herndon**

Chatham County, North Carolina, Deed Book B, Page 110

To all People to Whom this presents shall come . know ye that I Stephen Herndon and Sophia Hendon my wife and administratricks to the Estate of **Simon Poe\* Deceased** of Chatham County for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred pounds current money to us in hand paid by Richard Kennon of the County aforesaid have bargained sold relieved and made over and by these presents do bargain sell relieve and make over unto the said Richard Kennon his heirs and assigns all our right to a certain piece or tract of land whereon we now live lying to the [ ] of Haw River and adjoining the **lands of Stephen Poe**, dec. on the [ ] John Morton, dec. on the [ ] Richard Berry, dec. and on the North and **William Howards** on the West

containing three hundred and fifteen acres of land to the same more or less. To have and to hold the same and improvement we the said Stephen Herndon and Sophia Herndon administratricks do Warrant and for ourselves untl the said Richard Kennon his heirs and assigns as Witness our hands and seals this 17<sup>th</sup> July 1777

Test: James Poe, Prettyman Berry

Signed: Stephen Herndon (his mark)

Sophia Herndon (mark)

Chatham County, November Court 1777

Then this deed was in Open Court duly proved by oath of Prettyman Berry and ordered to be registered.

\* Simon Poe, JR son of Simon Poe, Sr probably son of Samuel Poe of Essex Co. VA. Sophia (Bradford?) is Simon's widow. See note on William Howard above.

## Chatham County Court of February 1778

**David Poe**, orphan of **Simon Poe**, dec'd came into court and made choice of **James Massey\*** as his guardian, who entered into bond with George Herndon and **William Howard** in pounds 1000.

\* James Massey was married to Jane Poe, daughter of Simon Poe, SR. See note on William Howard above. George Herndon was father of William Herndon, who married

## Connections between Howard, Straughn and Dismukes families, two others who married with Poe.

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Dorcas Howard

Dated: 25 August 1818

Probated August 1826  
my daughter: Elizabeth Tyson  
gd. son Edward H. Norwood  
all the surviving children of my daughter, Sarah Norwood  
to my daughter Sarah Norwood  
son-in-law Edward H. Norwood  
g.d Daughter: Betsy Norwood  
signed: Dorcas (X) Howard -- HER mark  
Ex: friend Thomas Snipes  
son-in-law Isaih Tyson  
Wit: G. Dismukes  
Celia (?) X Straughan -- her mark

Dodicil  
Date Oct. 1, 1818  
Probated August 1826  
I give and bequeath as part of my estate to Celece  
Straughan who has resided with me for several years \$50  
-- to my daughter Sarah Norwood my two work horses Doctor and Rock  
Wit: R. (?) Freeman

**The relationship existed in Virginia as well**

**Caroline County, Virginia (where the Simon Poe, Sr. family came from)**

**A marriage between Howard and Poe**

**Kimberly Curtis Campbell, Milford, Virginia, Iberian Publishing  
Company, Athens, Georgia 1999**  
**Caroline County, Virginia Court Records: Probate and other Records  
from the Court Order and Minute Books 1781-1799**

**Raymond Poe**  
**Catherine Poe Howard**

December 1799  
Raymond Poe (Mordecai Howard and Catherine Howard his wife summoned  
to give William Fields counter security on her Admin of the estate, she being  
formerly Catharine Poe)  
Admin/Executor: Catherine Howard

