

**Henry Read
Son of Peter Read**

On 3 December 1688, at a court held at Westover, HENRY READ and Dan Highdon, gave a bond of £60 on the estate of John Young, orphan of Ann Young, deceased. (1) Later Henry Read was ordered to deliver to John Blacke what estate he was possessed with belonging to John Young, orphan of his sister Ann. Henry objected to this order and did not comply. (2) It was "ordered that the Sheriff keep Henry Read in safe custody till he give security to appear at next court to answer what should be objected against him on his contempt of authority." (3) Finally, "Henry Read stands convicted of Capt. Perry's warrant and now in open court makes his humble submission and begs pardon of court and Capt. Perry in particular, which court and Capt. Perry accept." (4)

In 1694, Henry Read, still trying to protect his sister's children, sued Major Poythress' widow over the estate ^{of} Ann Young.

Henry Read, exhibits his bill in chancery agst Charles Bartholomew, and Rebecca his wife, Executrix of Maj. Francis Poythress. Plt. shows that one Ann Young, sister of the orator, dying intestate, in this county; before commission of administration was sent forth, Maj. Francis Poythress, inventoried her estate and had it appraised to value of 5664. lbs. of tobacco, and was thereof possessed. Thereafter administration was granted to said Poythress and to Peter Reed, the orator's father. That the moiety (part) that belongs to one of the orphans of said Ann was in custody of said Peter. That said Peter had of said moiety only a mare and a cow, to value of nine hundred fifty lbs. tobacco. There remained in custody of Poythress one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two lbs. tobacco, but Poythress shortly afterward went to England and died, in the nonage (under legal age) of your orator, who begs recovery of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two lbs. tobacco, and prays that Charles Bartholomew, and Rebecca his wife be subpoenaed to answer. (5)

(Several questions follow to be asked of the Bartholomews' re this estate, one of which asks if Poythress had in his custody any of the estate of the orphan John, an orphan of Ann Young). The Bartholomews' were ordered to appear at the next court. Neither appeared, and the case was dismissed.

The 1694 court records show that "Joan Young, orphan of Ann Young, being 15, chooses Henry Harman as her guardian." (6) The Order Books of Charles City County, refer to Henry Harman many times. Perhaps Ann, wife of Peter Read, was a daughter or a sister of Henry Harman. (7)