

Family Group Sheet for Edward Polly


Husband **Edward Polly**


Birth: Abt. 1700 in Surry, Virginia, USA; unverified
 Marriage: Abt. 1730 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA; unverified
 Death: Bef. 30 Aug 1770 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, British Colonial America; Age: 57
 Father:
 Mother:


Wife **Unknown at present**


Father:
 Mother:


Children:


1 Name: **Andrew " Drury" Polly**
 M Birth: 1732 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 Death: 18 Aug 1782 in Lexington, Fayette, Kentucky, USA; Bryan Station
 Burial: Robertson, Kentucky, USA


2 Name: **David Polley**
 M Birth: 1735 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 Marriage: Abt. 1757 in Halifax, Virginia, USA
 Death: Jul 1785 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA; Age: 52
 Spouse: **Agnes Adkins**


3 Name: **Joseph I. Polley**
 M Birth: Bef. 1737 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 Death: Abt. 1819 in Giles, Virginia, USA
 Spouse: **Mary Agnes Mullins**

4 Name: **Edward Polley (Jr.)**
 M Birth: Abt. 1738 in Virginia, USA


5 Name: **Margaret Polley**
 F Birth: 1740 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 Death: 1771 in Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA

6 Name: **James Polley**
 M Birth: 1745 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 Death: 19 Aug 1782 in Kentucky, USA

7 Name: **Peter Polley**
 M Birth: 28 Sep 1745 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
 Marriage: 1781 in Montgomery, Virginia, USA
 Death: Bef. 15 Dec 1817 in Shelby, Kentucky, USA
 Spouse: **Rebecca Holmes**

8 Name: **Thomas Polly**
 M Birth: 1763 in Augusta, Virginia, USA
 Death: 03 Mar 1855 in Giles, Virginia, USA

9 Name: **Jonathan Polly**
 M Birth: 1765 in Virginia, USA


Notes for Edward Polly:

Edward Polly

The latest information is in the Pittsylvania ancestor paper and the family history paper.

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Notes for Edward Polly: (cont.)

Edward Polley, Jr., is listed on the 1767 Pittsylvania County tithes list taken by John Wimbish. No slaves are listed.

The research of Gwen Bjorkman of Bellevue, WA, as printed in the March 1996 issue of Polley Pointers, provides the following information:

"In 1753, Edward Polly's boundary line is mentioned on the Banister River [Entry Record Book, p. 135]. The Banister River runs west from the Roanoke River through the width of present-day Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties. Joseph Polley (his son) was granted 400 acres on the Banister River, 15 Oct 1764 [Entry Record Book, p. 265].

"At a Court held for Halifax County, 19 September 1754, Edward Polly was exempted from paying public and county levies on motion of his son, David Polly [Halifax Co. Pleas Book 1:450]. His son David Polly must have been at least 21 years old by 1754, and the father, Edward, must have been too old or infirm to pay taxes. There are several deeds that name Edward Polley, Sr., and Jr. On 20 November 1757, a deed from John Watson of Halifax County to Thomas Watson was witnessed and proved by Edward Polley, Sr. and Joseph Polley [Halifax Co. Deeds 1:372].

"These deeds, along with one recorded in Pittsylvania County in 1769 where Joseph and Peter Polly are witnesses [Pittsylvania Co. Deeds 1:313] give us the basic identifiable family for Edward Polly, Sr. Peter Polly is also on a tithable list with Edward Polly in 1770, while David is on William Witcher's list where he continues until 1781 [Pittsylvania Co. Tithes, List 19, p. 39; List 23, p. 50; List 146, p. 266]. There is a James Pauley on the 1767 tithe list along with David Polly (list of Hugh Innes) and Edward Polley, Jr. (list of John Wimbish) [Pittsylvania Co. Tithes List 9, p. 17; List 11, p. 20; List 14, p. 27].

"Edward Polly died before 30 August 1770, according to a court order of John Cook against Edward's estate [Pittsylvania Co. C. O. 1:230]. At the March 1771 Court, Edward Polley (III) was granted Letters of Administration on the estate of Edward Polley, decd. 'John Watson & Allen Adams came into court & deposed on oath that they heard Edward Polley decd in his lifetime give a feather bed to his daughter Margaret, which is ordered to be certified.' [Pittsylvania Co. C. O. 1:275-6]. From these records, we can be sure that David, Edward, and Margaret were the children of Edward Polly (Jr.). We can speculate (but not prove) that Joseph, James, and Peter were also his sons."

Joel Hager's extensive database indicates that Edward is found in the Lunenburg County 1753 Land Records; in a Halifax County court action with son David; and Edward and David are recorded as Pauleys in the 1764 Halifax County voting records. Antrim Parish Vestry Book entry, "Ordered that Edward Polly, Senr. be set Levy free for the future, 21st day of Dec, 1759." Mr. Hager also lists a child, Drury, whom I have not seen elsewhere.

Notes for Andrew " Drury" Polly:

Andrew " Drury" Polly

While it is believed that Drury is a son of Edward, this fact has not been established.

A Drury Polley died in the Battle of Blue Licks on August 18, 1782 and is interred in the common grave in the Blue Lick State Park. (A John Folley or Polley is also listed). See also the web link about Blue Licks history.

The Battle of Blue Licks (KY) - Militia forces from Boone's Station, Boonesborough, Lexington, Harrodsburg and other settlements assembled at Bryan Station on the afternoon of August 17, 1782. The 182 men, including a contingent from Fayette County under the command of Lt. Col. Daniel Boone, tracked a force of British officers and Indians to Blue Licks and there engaged in what has since been called the "last battle of the Revolution."

Today Bryan Station is a community in Lexington, KY named after the nearby pioneer settlement.

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Notes for Andrew " Drury" Polly: (cont.)

Notes for David Polley:

David Polley

The list of Land and Tithes taken by Hugh Innes for Pittsylvania County in 1767 shows David Polly. David is not listed as having any slaves.

On June 26, 1767 David paid the sum of 10 pounds for his half of 150 acres in Pittsylvania County, VA with Francis Bucknall, on both sides of Reedies Creek.

On December 7, 1774 David Polly received a land grant for 384 acres on both sides of the Rudice Creek, and adjoining his own land, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. [source: Land Office Patents No. 42, 1773-1774, p. 886 (Reel 41).]

In the April 1776 session of the Pittsylvania Court, David Polley was sworn in as constable. [Pittsylvania Court Records No. 3, 1776 - 1791, p.9]

The 1777 Oaths of Allegiance list for Pittsylvania County shows David Polley on the list enumerated by William Witcher.

David Polley had 440 acres beside Widemouth Creek (Pittsylvania Co.) surveyed October 23, 1777, according to Property Lines From the Old Survey Books by Roger Dodson. There is a land grant listed on February 1, 1781 for this same property.

From Pittsylvania Deeds 1774 - 1778, "Page 438. [Blank month and day], 1777 from David Polly (Polley) of P, to Ephriam Witcher of P, for 15 pounds, one certain tract of land in P, about 302 acres bounded by Ready Cr. Signed - David Polly. Wit - Patrick Morison, William Maples, William Smith. Recorded Nov 27, 1777. Agnes, the wife of David Polley, relinquished her right of dower to the lands conveyed."

The 1782 Census of Pittsylvania County, Va. lists David Polley as a head of household with nine white persons (see web link). The only other Polly listed (of any spelling) is a John Polley by himself. David had a son named John who would have been about 22 years old at the time of this census.

The 1782 Pittsylvania County Land Tax List shows David Polley with 673 acres . On the 1783 Alterations to Land Tax List, David Polley is listed with no acreage amount so I'm not sure if he bought or sold land . Because these are transcriptions, I will have to see if the originals are available. David is not on the 1784 Alterations To Land Tax List. No other Polleys are listed on these three lists.

"AC 1, p. 178 - David POLLEY's Inventory

Inventory of David Polley decd. appraised 26 Aug 1785 by Jeremiah Ward, William Justice, James Mitchell. Sorrel horse, black horse, still & worm tub, 2 casks, grind stone, 3 axes, foot adz, 2 drawing knives, small bagg, sythe & cradle, hand saw, rifled gun & shot bag, smooth do., 2 Dutch plough hoes, 2 iron wedges, gouge, chisel, auger, smoothing iron, 2 hoes, w gumblets, parcel old iron, old flax wheel, 2 old potts, raw hide, hide & some pieces leather, dress'd deer skin, Dutch oven, 2 pewter basons, dish, plate, tin funnel, horn tumbler, 2 flint tumblers, bed & furniture, slea & harness, old tray, water pail, old wheel & cards, bagg, chair, basket, razor, 18 hogsheads, heifer, raw hide, 5 reap hooks.

Recorded: 19 Sep 1785

Total: (pounds) 55.2.6

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"David Pauley must have been at least 21 years old in 1754 when he went to the Court held for Halifax County and asked for a tax exemption for his father, Edward [Halifax Co. Pleas Book 1:450]. In 1755 David was paid for one old wolf's head along with William Mullings, Parker Adkins and others [Halifax Co. Pleas Book 1:488].

"In a 1764 Halifax County list of polls taken at an election for a burgess at the courthouse on 28 November, Edw'd Polley and David Polley voted for Mr. Edward Booker [Halifax Deeds 3:390]. David Polly is on the tithes

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Notes for David Polley: (cont.)

List for Pittsylvania County in 1767 and 1770 with 150 acres of land. In 1777 he is not tithable, but still has his 150 acres. In 1778 and 1780 David and Edward Polley are listed with one tithe. This likely was David's son Edward since his father died in 1771. In 1781 David is listed with David Polley, Jun'r with one tithe and in 1782 with Jos. Polley with two tithes. In the 1784 Personal Property tax list, David and Joseph are listed next to each other and in 1785 it is Joseph, Agness and Edward next to each other. David Polley Sen'r died by this date and his wife, Agnes, administered his estate.

"At the July 1785 Court, on motion of Agness Polley, 'certificate is granted for obtaining letters of admx of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits of David Polley, decd, which were of the sd David at the time of his death.' She, together with Edward Polley and Moses Atkins, her surety, entered into bond. William Witcher, William Justice, Jeremiah Ward & James Mitchell (or any 3 of them) were to value the personal estate and return an inventory and appraisement [Pittsylvania C. O. 5:204].

"At the August 1785 Court, William Witcher, Jeremiah Ward & James Mitchell were appointed to lay off & allot to Agnes Polley, widow of David, her dower & report back to the court. At the September 1785 Court, the inventory & appraisal of David Polley decd was returned & ordered recorded [Pittsylvania C. O. 5:221, 232]. David Polley's inventory was appraised for a total of £55.2.6 on 26 August 1785 by Jeremiah Ward, William Justice and James Mitchell and recorded on 19 Sep 1785 [Pittsylvania I & A, AC 1:175].

"On the 1787 Pittsylvania County tax list, District of Griffith Dickerson, for the Polley family we find Joseph, Edwd., David and Henry listed [1787 Census, 1:459-460]. In 1787 Edward and Agnes sold 250 acres on both sides of Redies Creek to Daniel Witcher. In 1787 Agnes Polley bought 100 acres on Corn Branch from Daniel and Susannah Witcher and then in 1790 Agnes Polly sold the same 100 acres to David Polly (Jr.). David and Elizabeth Polley (David's son and daughter-in-law) then sold the land to James Parker in 1804. Henry and Joseph Polly were living on Big Cherrystone Creek as late as 1804 when Henry and wife Atha sold their property to John Midkiff, Jr. In 1807 Joseph and wife Levina sold their land to Joseph Hatchitt and Obediah Taylor [Pittsylvania Co. Deeds 8:16, 19, 479; 14:65, 109, 132, 155, 418].

"From the tax lists and deeds we can prove that Edward was the son of David and Agnes Adkins Polly, and be fairly confident that Joseph, David and Henry were also their sons."

Family Search Life Sketch: The first Pauleys who came to the Cole (Coal) River area were from Pittsylvania County, Virginia..in 1762 when Edward Polley bought land on Cherrystone and Mill Creek

Notes for Joseph I. Polley:

Joseph I. Polley

While it is currently believed that Joseph was a son of Edward, it is possible that he was a younger brother.

On March 31, 1769, Joseph Polley and (brother) Peter Polley were witnesses to a land transaction between David Terrell and Dutton Lane in Pittsylvania County, VA.

A Joseph Polly is listed in the U.S. Revolutionary War rolls, 1775-1783.

Joseph paid taxes in Montgomery County in 1782 (1 tithe, 5 horses, 10 cattle), 1787 and 1790. In 1793 he is on the Wythe County Tax List with son Thomas.

On September 15, 1786 a James Devor bought 100 acres between the land of John Smith and James Pauley on a branch of Walker's Creek.

On July 12, 1787 Joseph Pauley bought seven acres on the north side of Walker's Creek, Big Mountain.

He received a land grant for 630 acres along Walker's Creek in Montgomery County on October 13, 1787 (Library of Virginia, Land Grants and Patents). He received additional land grants on the creek in 1818 (20 acres on March 2 - Wythe County Land Grant Abstracts, Nbr. 67, pg. 173)) and 1821 (12.5 acres). By 1811 this area was part of Giles County.

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Notes for Joseph I. Polley: (cont.)

Listing in the 1810 Giles County, VA Census: Joseph Paulley, Sr., Thomas, William, Jonathan (John), Joseph Jr., and James. All last names are listed with a double L.

Joseph and his wife Mary sold 100 acres in Giles Co., VA on March 29, 1811 to Elias Harmon for \$500.

Joseph's wife Mary sold 100 acres of the above 630 to Thomas on May 5, 1812 (Giles County Deeds).

Grants No. 67 - Page 173 March 2, 1818, Joseph Pauley, Sr., Wythe Co., VA 20 acres on Walker Creek.

Family Search Life Sketch: Birth: 1737 Pittsylvania County Virginia, USA Death: 1815 Giles County Virginia, USA Family links: Parents: Edward David Polly (1713 - 1770) Mary Pilsbury Polly (1711 - 1787) Spouse: Mary Agnes Mullins Polly (1845 - ____)

Notes for Edward Polley (Jr.):

Edward Polley (Jr.)

At the March 1771 Court, Edward Polley was granted Letters of Administration on the estate of Edward Polley decd.

Edward Polley appears on George Waller's list of Halifax County residents swearing allegiance to the Commonwealth dated 31 December 1777. (Virginia Historical Magazine, issue unknown, page 12, see <https://archive.org/details/jstor-4242399/page/n1/mode/2up?view=theater&q=Edward+Polley>)

January 22, 1778 Edward was in court charged with theft of a bell, to which he was acquitted. [document in his father's file]

Notes for Peter Polley:

Peter Polley

Several researchers have reported that Peter was born in Pittsylvania County in about 1745. This county was not created until 1767. At the time of his birth that area was a part of Brunswick County; where he likely was born.

The first apparent record of Peter appears in the Pittsylvania County Tithes 1767 - 1782 where we find Peter paying a tithe in 1770 with five scalps. He is shown in the same household in Hugh Innes's District. David (Peter's brother) is also a taxpayer in the same district but not in the same household.

In a deed dated June 19, 1771, William Terry of the County of Pittsylvania sells to David George of Charlotte, VA 200 acres being part of his father's land and left to him in his will and bounded by Peter Polley's land and by an entry that John Donoldson made on the waters of Shocko Creek.

During the Revolutionary War, Peter is listed on the payrolls of Gabriel Madison's Company of Militia and Captain Thomas Moore's Company of Militia, from 1775 to 1783. According to the document "Revolutionary War Records of Fincastle and Montgomery Counties 1777 - 1778, Peter, along with his brothers James and Drury Polley are listed as in the Illinois Militia.

A Peter Polley bought 160 1/4 acres of land from Adam Shephers in Shelby Co., KY on Nov. 13, 1819 (this was more likely his son, since he died the year before!)

The above information is from Gail Polley Shorney.

See the WikiTree web link for additional information (3/29/24)