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Others the Libellant informed the Respondent as Related to him by his Father aforesaid which
this Respondent likewise knows to be true - - -
As also the Libellant his producing to this Respondent a Pocket Book which did belong to his
Father aforesaid which this Respondent knows & believes to be the proper hand Writing of the
aforesaid Roger Poole this Respondents Brother Wherein this Respondent is charged by his -
Brother with a sum of Money Cent the Respondent and therein Credit is given for Payments
made him by the Respondent which he likewise knows and admits to be true From which
sev.ll Circumstances with the Resemblance the aforesaid Roger Libellant hath to the Respondent and
his Father Family with the Attested Certificate of the Marriage of the aforesaid Roger Poole
the Respondents Brother aforesaid and the Birth of the Sons aforesaid Which said Certificates the
Respondent Prays may be Lodged in this Honorable Court if thought necessary This Respondent
is not only indeed to believe but likewise does acknowledge the Libellant the aforesaid Roger
Poole to be the Son of the aforesaid Roger Poole the Respondents Brother & receiver & entertainer
him as such And therefore Submits to this Honorable Court whether the aforesaid Roger and
of the Libellants & his Brothers aforesaid are entitled to a Distributive Part of the Personal
Estates of the aforesaid Samuel & Robert Pooles the Respondents Brothers aforesaid -
Without that that there is any other Matter or thing in the Libellants said Libell or
Complaint material or Effectual for this Respondent to make Answer unto and not herein
or hereby before well & sufficiently answered unto confessed or avoided traversed or Denyed is
true All which this Defendant is ready to Aver Justify Maintain & Prove as this
Honorable Court shall Award And therefore Prays to be hence Dismissed with his reasonable
Cost and Charges in this behalf Sustained

Edm.d Jennings pro Respond.t

The foregoing William Poole maker oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that what he hath herein answered as of his own Act or certain knowledge is true and
what he hath Answered as of his Belief or the Act of Another he believes to be true and what
is herein Denyed is not true to the best of his knowledge - -

Sworn to this 18.th day of July 1737
Before me - - - - D. Dulany Comm.dy

Cert.d 11.th

Afterwards to wit at the same Court the said Libellants by their Procurator aforesaid file a
Certificate of their Father's Marriage which is ordered to be Entred and follows in these words, viz.

X.d Roger Poole & Margarett Hempton were married the fifteenth day of November Anno Domi 1709 by
Mr. Nicholas Noyes Minister of Salem as appears on Salem Town Record of Marriages

Attest. John Higginson T.n Clerk

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Roger Poole married to Margarett Hempton Wed.ne Nov.r 15.th 1705
Their Son Roger born August 5.th 1710
Their Son Robert born August 29.th 1712
Their Son Samuel born March 28.th 1716/17

As of Record appears in Salem Town Book of Births &c.

Salem November 13.th 1736

Attest. John Higginson T.n Clerk

Province of the Mass.ts Bay in New England } Be it known & manifested to all people whom it doth or may concern that John
Higginson Esq.r under whose hand the above Copys are certified & Attested is the Clerk of the
Town of Salem Admitted and Sworn and therefore Credit is and ought to be given to the same
In Testimonium Veritatis Signo meo Manuali Solito vigiari et Sigillum apponi regalis Decimo
Septimo die Novembris Anno Domini 1736

Michel Sewall Not.s Pub.l

Ess.x County } Then came Captain Thomas Dean and Captain Paul Manwood both Inhabitants of the Town of Salem
ss. 20.th March 1736 } in New England before me William Dean one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for the County of Ess.x
Marry and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that Roger Poole (a young man now
appearing before me) is the reputed Son of Roger Poole and Margarett his Wife Inhabitants of the Town
of Salem aforesaid As Witness my Hand & Seal

Wm. Dean

Middlesex County } Then personally appeared Malachi Conning and John Wells both Inhabitants of the Town of Salem
ss. 6.th April 1737 } in New England and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that Roger Poole (who now make
a personal appearance before me) is and has been the reputed Son of the within named Roger Poole and
Margarett his wife of the Town of Salem in New England aforesaid

Malachi Conning
John Wells Jun.r

Sworn the Day and Year aforesaid

Wm. Rogers

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And thereupon this Cause is continued until next Court and the same Day is given to
the Libellants and Respondents also - - -

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of September being the 13.th day of the
same Month Anno Domini 1737 Came again the said Parties Libellants & Respondent by their
Procurator aforesaid And whereas heretofore to wit on the 13.th day of August last ~~Commission~~
Commission having issued to examine Witnesses in New England on the part of the said Libellants
Directed to Thomas Barton Jehaleel Hanford John Higginson & Samuel Barnard of Salem in
New England Esq.rs or any three or two of them returnable with all Convenient Speed and also
Commission having issued to wit on the Day last mentioned to take the Answer of the aforesaid
John Poole Directed to William Hunt Robert Cruikshanks Charles Rogers and Richard Smith of
London Merchants or any three or two of them Returnable with all Convenient Speed But no
Return of the said Commissions This Cause is continued until next Court and the same Day is given
to the Libellants & Respondent also - - -

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of December being the 8.th day of the
same Month Anno Domini 1737 Came again the said Parties Libellants and Respondent by
their Procurator aforesaid But there being no Return of the Commissions that issued in this
Cause It is Continued until next Court and the same Day is given to the Libellants and
Respondent also - - -

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of January being the 10.th day of
the same Month Anno Domini 1737 Came again the said Parties Libellants and Respondent
by their Procurator aforesaid But there being no Return of the Commissions that issued in
this Cause it is continued until next Court and the same Day is given to the Libellants and
Respondent also - - -

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of March being the 14.th day
of the same Month Anno Domini 1737 Came again the said Parties Libellants and Respondent
by their Procurator aforesaid And the Commissioners to whom the aforesaid Commission was
to examine Witnesses in Salem in New England aforesaid was directed having made return thereof
to the Court here with the Depositions taken by Virtue thereof inclosed and directed to his Honour
the Judge And Ebenezer Poole of Salem in New England aforesaid Mariner being Sworn in Relation
thereto Deposeth & Saith That he received the same from Thomas Barton Jehaleel Hanford John Higginson
& Samuel Barnard of Salem aforesaid Esq.rs Sealed which hath been in this Deponents Custody
ever since the Delivery thereof And that the same hath not been opened unsealed or any Way
altered untill the Delivery thereof to the Judge aforesaid - -

And thereupon it is Ordered (by Consent of Parties) that there now be a Publication of
the same which (together with the Interrogatories filed on the part of the Libellants & Certificate
of Marriage & Births thereunto annexed) are accordingly published and are as follows viz.

Maryland ss.

X.d Interrogatories to be Administred to Witnesses to be produced Sworn and
Examined on the Part & Behalf of Roger Poole of Salem in the Province of Massachusetts
Bay in New England Eldest Son of Robert and Samuel Pooles his two Brothers Sons
and legal Representatives of Roger Poole of Salem in the Province of Massachusetts
Bay aforesaid Mariner Deceased Libellants against William Poole of London
Town in the Province of Maryland aforesaid Adm.r of Samuel and Robert Poole
Deceased and John Poole of London Merchant Respondents - - -

Imprimis - Do know the parties aforesaid Libellants & Respondents or either and which of them And how long
have you known them or either and which of them - Declare the Truth and your Knowledge
- - -

2.d Item Did you know the aforesaid Roger Poole Deceased herein mentioned to be the Father of the
aforesaid Roger Robert and Samuel Pooles Libellants in his Life time How long did you know the
aforesaid Roger Poole before his Death About what time did he die Where was the place of his
Residence during the time you knew him Do you know or have you heard him tell of what Country
or Nation he belong to or come from and of what Family and Relations Declare what you know
of your own Knowledge thereof And what was Related to you by him thereof in his Life time
Did the aforesaid Roger Poole the Father aforesaid Marry with any and what Woman and if so
was you present at the Marriage And when and where How many Children had the said Roger
Born in Wedlock And the now Libellants Roger Robert and Samuel Pooles aforesaid the Children
of the said Roger Deceased Born as aforesaid Declare the truth of your Knowledge or Belief thereon
with the Reasons of your Knowledge & Belief

3.d Item Do you know of any other Matter or thing or have you heard or can you say any thing touching the
Matter in Question that may tend to the Benefit & Advantage of the Libellants in the Cause beside what
you have been before interrogated unto Declare the same fully and at large as if you had been
thereunto particularly interrogated

William Cunning.m ff Libellants