

THE KIDDS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1761 – 1850

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It also includes a Table of Contents with hyperlinks to all of the individuals in this compilation.

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INTRODUCTION

This document is a compendium (or inventory) of all historical records found to date that mention one or more individuals with the surname of Kidd in Amherst County, Virginia from the time of its founding in 1761 through 1850.

We began the ambitious task of producing these documents for over twenty Virginia counties with several objectives:

1. To find virtually every existing record mentioning the surname of Kidd in these Virginia counties prior to 1850;
2. To analyze these records and ascertain (if possible) whether the individuals are descendants of the Thomas Kidd who arrived in the Virginia colony by 1646, and if so, their line of descent; and
3. To distinguish between proven, documented relationships and those which are widely shared and held to be accurate, but for which proof is minimal or non-existent.

AMHERST COUNTY and its records

Amherst County was formed in 1761 from Albemarle County. It was named after Field Marshall Jeffrey Amherst (1717-1797), who conquered what is now Canada for the British in the French and Indian War. The county seat is Amherst.

Amherst county was later divided into two parishes: Amherst Parish in the northern part of the county, and Lexington Parish in the southern part of the county. In 1807, the area comprising Amherst Parish was carved out to create Nelson County. The Figure below depicts Amherst County after the formation of Nelson County.

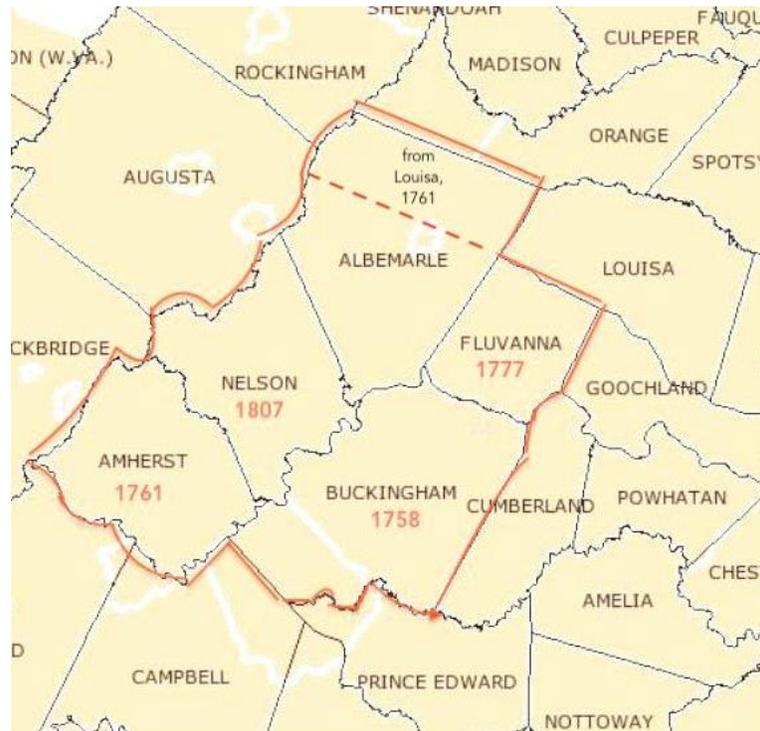


FIGURE: Outline map of central Virginia counties circa 1820, showing the area included in Albemarle County at its formation in 1744 (outlined in red), and its daughter counties created from Albemarle, along with the dates that each was formed.

Land and Probate records for Amherst County are available from 1761. Marriage records, while incomplete, begin in 1763. Birth and death records, also incomplete, are available from 1854.

No major record losses of Amherst County records have occurred, other than the 1790 and 1800 federal censuses.

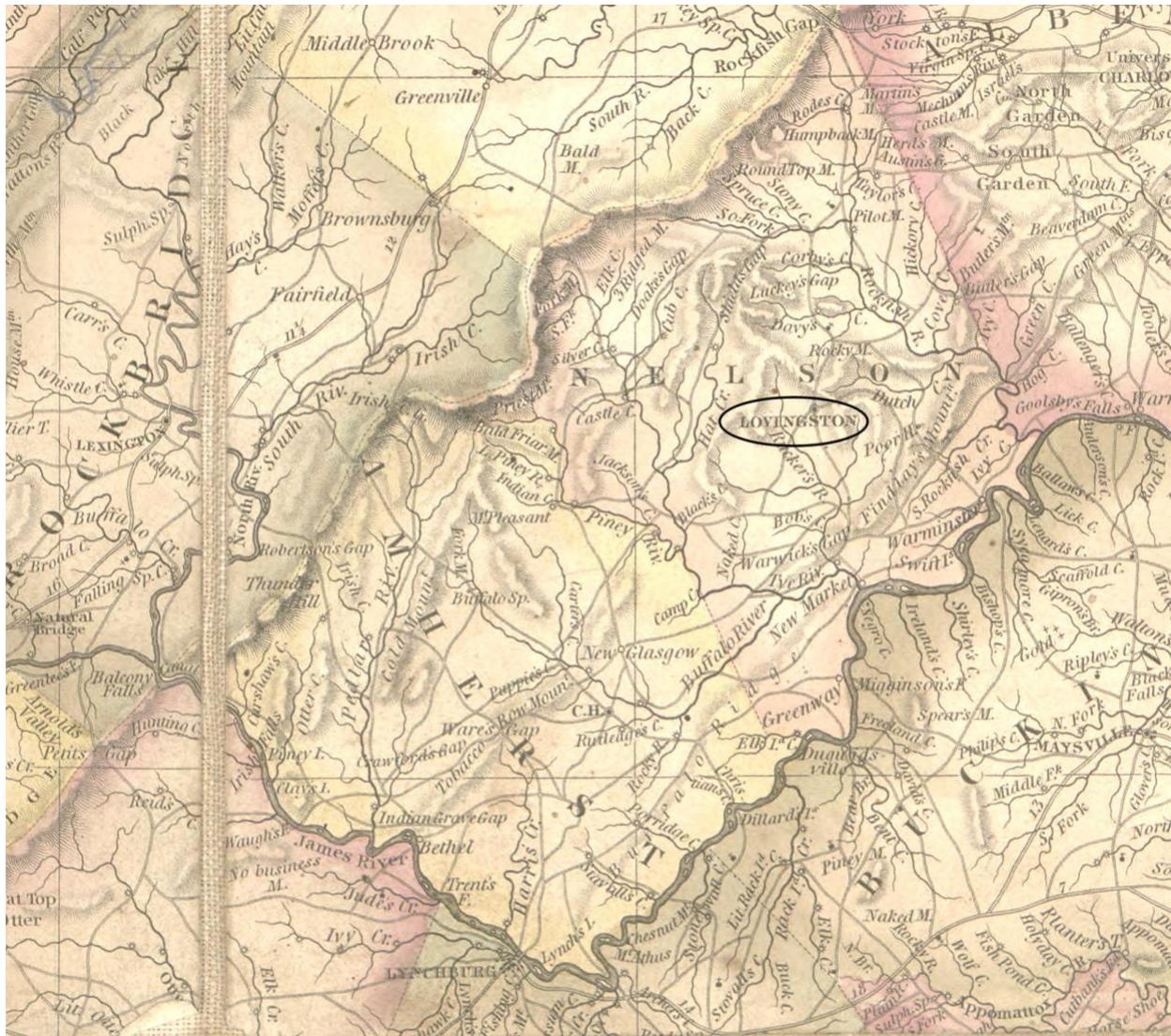


FIGURE: 1827 MAP OF AMHERST AND NELSON COUNTIES, including roads, watercourses, and other landmarks, several of which are mentioned in this compilation. Lovington, the county seat of Nelson County is denoted by an oval. Note Dutch Creek (where the families of James Kidd Sr. and William Kidd Sr. lived) just above and to the left of Lovington. Rockfish River, also associated with James Kidd Sr., lies just north of Dutch Creek (which flows into Rockfish River). Buffalo River, Tye River, and Naked Creek, also mentioned in this work, lie directly south of Lovington, in the lower corner of Nelson County.

The wiki at familysearch.org for Amherst County contains a good summary of what records are online or published for this county, and in some instances, provides direct links to specific records

or indexes. It can be found at:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Amherst_County,_Virginia_Genealogy .

The Library of Virginia has an online index to county records on microfilm, found at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/local . Many but not all of these have been filmed by the LDS Family History Library. Records that have not been microfilmed by LOV or LDS usually will be found in the county courthouse.

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in the [Appendix](#).

This document is a compilation of all citations of individuals with the surname of Kidd in Amherst County, Virginia from 1761 to 1850. Within it, individuals appear in alphabetical order, by their given name. Entries for each individual are arranged in chronological order, and where more than one person has the same given name, we've attempted to distinguish between them by other factors, such as varying amounts of land, slaves or other property, etc. When that is not possible, we've left the data elements under one name, while recognizing that those facts may represent more than one person.

Many of the individuals in this document lived in that part of Amherst County that was carved out to form Nelson County in 1807; others moved to Nelson from Amherst, or vice versa. In each instance where an individual left records in both counties, we have included those records in this compilation, specifying the county in which each record occurred. In other words, **not every record cited in this document was produced and recorded in Amherst County.**

A number of the Kidd individuals found in Amherst County from 1761 to 1850 are the descendants of John³ (William², Thomas¹) Kidd and his wife, Ruth Parish/Farish. Three of this couple's sons – John Norman Kidd, William Kidd Sr., and James Kidd – account for several of the Kidds in Amherst County, and can be considered patriarchs of the Amherst County Kidds.

Another major patriarch is John Kidd who married Selia (maiden name unknown). John Kidd migrated to Amherst County from Buckingham County, VA in 1798; his father is believed to be William Kidd Sr. of Buckingham County.

There are also Kidds in Amherst whose connection to earlier Kidd ancestors is unknown or unproven. Every citation found for all individuals is included here for completeness' sake.

See [Appendix Two](#) for a summary of Thomas¹ Kidd descendants who settled in central Virginia.

SOME TIPS ON USING THIS COMPILATION

Remember: This PDF document is completely searchable, using the Search feature in your PDF Viewer. It can also be navigated by using the hyperlinks in the Table of Contents to most (but not all) of the individuals in this compilation.

Names in RED FONT have been added to the Family Tree that we have constructed on Ancestry.com, that includes all the DOCUMENTED descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia, along with other Kidd family patriarchs whose connection to Thomas1 Kidd is at present unknown. This tree can be found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986/family> You may have to copy this URL and paste it into your browser to reach this tree. Once there, be sure to look in the Media Gallery of these individuals, to see what documents and other sources have been added.

EXPLANATION OF THE GENERATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM WE USE

Before you get started, an explanation of the numbering system we have used in this work is in order: The number following an individual's name in this compilation indicates the number of generations relative to our common ancestor, Thomas1 Kidd. Thus, for example, "George4 (Benjamin3, William2, Thomas1)" is short-hand for "George Kidd, 4 generations down from Thomas the immigrant, and the son of Benjamin3, grandson of William2, etc."

Again, the numbers used in this system refer to the generation of each named individual, *relative to Thomas1 Kidd*, the patriarch of our Kidd family.

Our Kidd ancestors favored several English given names, and repeated them in each generation; James, John, and William were used in nearly every generation, in multiple branches of a family. In order to separate these individuals with shared names but in the same location and generation, we have arbitrarily listed them as James5a, James5b, etc.

AND NOW, TO THE KIDDS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA!

**AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF ALL
AMHERST COUNTY KIDDS, BY GIVEN NAME,
THEN CHRONOLOGICAL APPEARANCE**

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ALLEN KIDD, born by 1778, son of Moses Kidd and his wife Milly Clark

1794 – The 1794 PPTLs for Amherst Parish list “Moses Kidd and son **Allen Kidd**,” with 2 white tithes. This is the only year that Allen Kidd appears through 1851. He would have been born no later than 1778 to be aged 16 in 1794.

We have found no other record for him in Amherst or Nelson Counties. He did not migrate from Nelson County, VA to Knox County, Kentucky, as did the other sons of Moses Kidd.

AMANDA KIDD, the sister of Ellen P. G. Watts

1836 – On 11 October 1836, Ellen P.G. Watts filed the following deed in the Amherst County Court Clerk’s office:

Know all men by these presents that I, Ellen P. G. Watts of the County of Amherst and state of Virginia, intending in a few days to travel to the western country on a visit to my sister, Mary F. G. Bullard, do think it both prudent and advisable to dispose of my property during my temporary absence and also to dispose of the same in case I should not return to Virginia. In pursuance therefore of of this intention, I do hereby lend to **my sister Amanda Kidd** the following property, to wit, seven head of cattle, being three yearlings, one steer and three milch cows, my stock of hogs consisting at this time of ten in number, three feather beds and furniture and three bedsteads, two of them being French bedsteads and the other a curtain bedstead, one walnut Cupboard, one clock, three walnut tables, one walnut bureau, one mahogany dining table, one loom and geer (sic), two spinning wheels, (a) half-dozen Windsor chairs and half-dozen split-bottom chairs, one flower box, two Chests, one trunk, four pots, two ovens and lid(s), one brass kettle and one skillet, with all the increase of the said stock of cattle and hogs. And my sister Amanda is at full liberty to use the same or any part or portion thereof in such manner as she may choose until my return home and to receive all the benefits and advantages from such use to herself alone. And in case I should never return to Virginia and never demand said property, then I give the whole and each and every part and parcel thereof to my said sister Amanda, to be and remain her sole and exclusive property, with all the increase thereof, As witness my hand and seal this 8th day of October 1836.

(signed) Ellen P. G. Watts {seal}

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Saml. M. Garland
Anderson C. Kidd

This deed was acknowledged by Ellen Watts in the Clerk’s office on 11 October 1836, and admitted to record.

In the margin of this deed is a note, “1838, Oct. 3rd original (deed) sent to **Amanda Kidd** by Anderson Kidd.”¹

The identity of this Amanda Kidd is not known. The term “sister” in this record may have a broader meaning; this may be an in-law relationship, as Anderson Kidd’s wife was Ann F. Watt, whom he married in 1823.

We have found no other mentions of this Ellen P.G. Watts, or for an Amanda Kidd in this time period. Specifically, she is not found on the Amherst County PPTLs for 1833-1836.² In an effort to perhaps discover more about the outcome of this deed, RK browsed the Amherst County Court Order Books (which are unindexed) for 1835 and 1836,³ but found no entries pertaining to either Amanda Kidd or Ellen P. G. Watts, beyond this deed’s acknowledgment in the clerk’s office on 17 October 1836.⁴

AMANDA MARGARET KIDD SEAY, daughter of **Robert J. Kidd** and **Nancy Jane Pamplin**
Born 23 May 1833⁵ in Nelson County, Virginia
Married David P. Seay in Nelson County on 24 December 1850
Lived in Bedford County, VA from 1860 until her death
Died 20 May 1888⁶ in Bedford County, VA

1835 – In an Amherst County deed dated 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, John James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd and **Amanda Margaret Kidd**, Ann Hunt Kidd...for “divers good and valuable considerations ...and for the further consideration of \$1.00” ... a tract of land containing 71.5 acres lying in both Nelson and Amherst County, conveyed by William L. Watts to trustees. This land was bounded by the lands of Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne. The deed was proven in Court and ordered to be recorded on 20 July 1835.⁷

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Jane Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.⁸ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert J. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, **Amanda M. Kidd**, William C.

¹ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 185, citing DB V, pp. 397-398. This deed is viewable on FHL #30293 images 768-769 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

² Amherst County, VA PPTLs, 1824-1847, retrieved from FHL #2024459, images 183-185 (1833); images 200-201 (1834); images 214-215 (1835); and images 232-233 (1836).

³ Amherst County Court Order Books, 1832-1835, FHL # 1888562, item 2, images 417-779, and 1836-1840, FHL #1888563, images 1-53, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴ Ibid, FHL #1888563, image 54.

⁵ Per her headstone in the Green Hill Cemetery, Buena Vista City, Bedford County, VA.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. Amherst County Deed Book V, page 202, viewable online via Familysearch.org on FHL #30293, image 671 (unrestricted access).

⁸ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes DO descend below that line.

Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, "orphans of (space left blank), deceased."⁹

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she apparently had an inheritance from her parents, intended to be passed to her children but not to Robert J. Kidd, her husband. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd have a guardian's bond.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 259B, HH 567:

Kidd, Robert J. 50MW carpenter VA

" , Harriet 36FW VA (his second wife, after the death of the first)

" , **Amanda M.** 16FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)

" , Ann 14FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)

" , Robert 9MW VA

" , Caledonia 7FW VA

" , Elizabeth 5FW VA

" , Lewis 3MW VA

" , unnamed 4/12M VA

Amanda M. Kidd married David P. Seay on 24 December 1850 in Lovingston, Nelson County, VA.¹⁰

1860 – On the federal census in the Northern District of Bedford County, VA, Big Island, Lynchburg P. O., page 134, HH 956/949:

David P. Seay 33MW Wagonmaker \$1000/\$2500 VA

Amanda " 29FW VA

Sarah " 10FW VA

Harriet J. " 8FW VA

William " 11MW VA

Mary " 4FW VA

Nancy " 2FW VA

1870 – On the federal census in Bedford County, VA, Forest township, 1st District, Holcombe Rock P. O., page 138B, HH 103/103:

Seay, David P. 44MW Wheelwright \$1550/\$400 VA

" , **Amanda** 37FW keeps house VA

" , William 19MW wheelwright VA

" , Sarah 18FW at home VA

" , Harriet 15FW at home VA

" , Mary E. 14FW at home VA

" , Nancy 11FW at home VA

" , Amanda W 9FW VA

" , Elizabeth 7FW VA

" , Bettie P. 4FW VA

" , Susan 2FW VA

" , Robt. 8/12MW VA b. Dec.

" , Wm. 8/12MW VA b. Dec.

⁹ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

¹⁰ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com.

1880 – On the federal census in Forest Magisterial District No. 1, Bedford County, VA, ED 16, page 32D, HH 284/289:

Seay, David P.	WM 53M	farmer and merchant	VA VA VA
“ , Amanda	WF wife	47M keeps house	VA VA VA
“ , Sarah	WF dau	27S seamstress	VA VA VA
“ , Nannie	WF dau	24S seamstress	VA VA VA
“ , Mandy	WF dau	20S at school	VA VA VA
“ , E. Susan	WF dau	17S at school	VA VA VA
“ , Bettie	WF dau	14S at school	VA VA VA
“ , Francis	WF dau	12S at school	VA VA VA
“ , James	WM son	11S works in mill	VA VA VA
“ , Robert	WM son	11S works in mill	VA VA VA

1888 – According to Findagrave, she died on 20 May 1888; her husband David P. Seay survived her by over three decades, dying on 24 October 1919. Both are buried in Green Hill Cemetery in Buena Vista in Rockbridge County, VA.

ANDERSON C. KIDD – parentage currently unknown, claims to the contrary notwithstanding. Amherst PPTLs and census records don’t support these unsubstantiated claims.

Born between 1790-1799,¹¹ a carpenter by profession

Married Ann F. Watt in Amherst County in 1823

Moved to Hinds County, MS by 1840 and evidently died there before 1850

1820 – On federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 200, line 8 (This census was recorded by the first letter of the last name; all Ks appear together, so no information about location can be assumed by the order in which family heads appear on this census):

Anderson Kidd – 1FWM 16-25 & 1 26-44; 3F<10, 1 10-16 & 1 26-44. Two slaves.

No other Kidd household heads are found on this census.

Not found on the Amherst PPTLs until 1823, the year of his marriage below.

1823 – On 3 May 1823, a marriage bond was issued for the marriage of **Anderson C. Kidd** and Ann F. Watt in Amherst County, VA, with Alexander Watt as security.¹²

Anderson C. Kidd married Ann F. Watt on 5 May 1823 in Amherst County, VA. Marriage performed by Beverly Davies.^{13 14 15}

The surety and witness for this marriage was Alex. Watt, and the service performed by Bev. Davies.¹⁶

Judging from the census entry in 1820, she may have been his second wife.

¹¹ His year of birth is difficult to calculate, because on the 1820 census, he could be either of the two white males in this household. But the 1830 and 1840 censuses are both consistent with his birth occurring between 1790 and 1799.

¹² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹³ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

¹⁴ *Marriage Bonds and Returns, 1801-1854 (of Amherst County, Virginia, and comments on some of the families*, Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1965, p. 2K.

¹⁵ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

¹⁶ Ibid.

1823-1838 – **Anderson C. Kidd** first appears on the Amherst County VA Personal Property Tax Lists in 1823. He then appears almost annually through 1838, then drops from these tax lists. See Table below.

Year	Name	Notes
1823	Anderson C.	1 horse
1824	Anderson C.	1 horse
1825	not listed	
1826	Anderson C.	2 horses
1827	Anderson C.	1 horse
1828	Anderson C.	1 horse
1829	James C. ¹⁷	1 slave
1830	not listed	
1831	Anderson C.	1 slave
1832	Anderson C.	1 horse
1833	Anderson C.	1 slave, 2 horses
1834	Anderson C.	1 slave, 2 horses
1835	Anderson C.	2 horses
1836	Anderson C.	1 slave, 1 horse
1837	Anderson C.	1 horse
1838	Anderson C.	1 horse

1824 – On 19 July 1824, **Anderson C. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with John Thompson and Sterling Claiborne in Amherst County.¹⁸

1830 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as "Ridd"), p. 498, line 11:

Anderson C. Kidd – 1FWM 30-39; 1F5-9, 2 15-19, 1 30-39 & 1 40-49. One male slave, 10-24 years of age.

1832 – On 7 November 1832, **Anderson C. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with William H. Garland and David S. Garland to cover the rent he owed to David Garland. This deed of trust was recorded 13 November 1832.¹⁹ For rents and debts due; crops on Burnt Hill Place, Swanson Place, stock, carpenter's tools. No witnesses given.

¹⁷ A James C. Kidd appears on the 1829 Amherst County PPTL for the first and only time. No one by this name is found on any other Amherst records in this era. We feel confident that this was a clerical error on the part of the tax assessor, and that it was actually Anderson C. Kidd.

¹⁸ Amherst County VA Deed Book Q, p. 118, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

¹⁹ Amherst County VA Deed Book U, p. 124, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

1833 – **Anderson C. Kidd** gave a deposition at the Amherst County courthouse on 16 Sept 1833 in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, a property dispute between the heirs of Patrick Rose of Nelson County and William Massie/Massey, who purchased part of the Rose plantation called Fairmount or Farmont.²⁰

In his deposition, he stated that he was a carpenter, and has followed that occupation for some 20 years.

1835 – In Amherst County Court March term. **Anderson C. Kidd** served as one of the jurors in the suit of Watts v. Wells. The nature of the suit isn't clear in the record.²¹

1836 – On 11 October 1836, Ellen P.G. Watts filed the following deed in the Amherst County Court Clerk's office:

Know all men by these presents that I, Ellen P. G. Watts of the County of Amherst and state of Virginia, intending in a few days to travel to the western country on a visit to my sister, Mary F. G. Bullard, do think it both prudent and advisable to dispose of my property during my temporary absence and also to dispose of the same in case I should not return to Virginia. In pursuance therefore of of this intention, I do hereby lend to my sister Amanda Kidd the following property, to wit, seven head of cattle, being three yearlings, one steer and three milch cows, my stock of hogs consisting at this time of ten in number, three feather beds and furniture and three bedsteads, two of them being French bedsteads and the other a curtain bedstead, one walnut Cupboard, one clock, three walnut tables, one walnut bureau, one mahogany dining table, one loom and geer (sic), two spinning wheels, (a) half-dozen Windsor chairs and half-dozen split-bottom chairs, one flower box, two Chests, one trunk, four pots, two ovens and lid(s), one brass kettle and one skillet, with all the increase of the said stock of cattle and hogs. And my sister Amanda is at full liberty to use the same or any part or portion thereof in such manner as she may choose until my return home and to receive all the benefits and advantages from such use to herself alone. And in case I should never return to Virginia and never demand said property, then I give the whole and each and every part and parcel thereof to my said sister Amanda, to be and remain her sole and exclusive property, with all the increase thereof, As witness my hand and seal this 8th day of October 1836.

(signed) Ellen P. G. Watts {seal}

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Saml. M. Garland
Anderson C. Kidd

This deed was acknowledged by Ellen Watts in the Clerk's office on 11 October 1836, and admitted to record.

In the margin of this deed is a note, "1838, Oct. 3rd original (deed) sent to Amanda Kidd by

²⁰ Case 1833-014, 55 pages, available at: https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1833-014
No other information about Kidds in this case, that RK noticed in reviewing the images. An abstract of this record is available in "Nelson County Chancery Court case summary, 1817-1860" in the Nelson County Source Documents folder.

²¹ Amherst Count, VA Court Order Book, 1832-1835, page 359, retrieved from FHL #1888562, image 426 of 479 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Anderson Kidd.”²²

The identity of this Amanda is unknown. The term “sister” in this record may have a broader meaning; this may be an in-law relationship, as Anderson Kidd’s first wife was Ann F. Watt, whom he married in 1823.]

- 1838 – On 6 April 1838, **Anderson C. Kidd** gave a deposition in the Amherst County Chancery Court case of William Faris vs. James P. Garland. His testimony pertained to the scope of work and his estimated value of a carpentry project, revealing his expertise in such work. He signed his deposition, and was able to read and write.²³

On 29 September 1838, **Anderson C. Kidd** filed a suit in Nelson County Chancery Court against James P. Garland. The writing in this suit is extremely difficult to read. It appears that about the year 1815, Kidd became indebted to Garland for goods, wares and supplies, and that the two agreed that Kidd would pay off the debt by performing carpentry work for him. The rest I cannot make out, other than that Anderson Kidd was planning to move to Mississippi, and he was appointing Garland to serve as his Power of Attorney.²⁴

- 1840 – On the federal census in Hinds County, MS, p. 193:²⁵

Anderson C. Kidd: 1M<5 & 1 40-49; 1F 15-19 & 1 40-49. No slaves.

- 1850 – **Anderson C. Kidd** is not found on the 1850 federal census in Mississippi, but an Ann F. Kidd, aged 55, born Virginia (presumably Anderson’s widow), is found in Vicksburg, Warren County, MS in the household of E.R. Johnson. Warren County is an adjacent county to Hinds County. She is not found in 1860 or later in the Johnson household.

ANN HUNT KIDD WOODY KIDD, the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane

Pamplin

Born about 3 March 1835 in Nelson County, VA

Married 1) Richard L. Woody in Nelson County on 23 December 1850

Married 2) Leroy A. Kidd on 30 January 1866 in Nelson County²⁶

Died 27 November 1897 in Amherst County²⁷

- 1835 – In an Amherst County deed dated 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, John James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, and **Ann Hunt Kidd**...for “divers good and valuable considerations ...and for the further consideration of \$1.00” ... a tract of land containing 71.5 acres lying in both Nelson and Amherst County, conveyed by William L. Watts to trustees. This land was bounded by the lands of Jonathan Pamplin, deceased,

²² *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 185, citing DB V, pp. 397-398. This deed is viewable on FHL #30293 images 768-769 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

²³ Amherst County Chancery Court Case 1838-001, viewable online at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=009-1838-001 16-18 of 58.

²⁴ Nelson County Chancery Court Case 1838-020, viewable online at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-028, images 2-6. See the notation on the bottom of the POA cover sheet (image 6), which reads in part: “M Kidd is about setting out for Mississippi...”

²⁵ Ancestry.com, 1840 federal census for Hinds County, MS, image 17 of 82.

²⁶ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com.

²⁷ Findagrave.com, Memorial #220009536. Originally interred in a home cemetery, she was reinterred in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, VA in 1936 by her son by her first marriage, John M. Woody.

Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne. The deed was proven in Court and ordered to be recorded on 20 July 1835.²⁸

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

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1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 259B, HH 567:

Kidd, Robert J. 50MW carpenter VA

" , Harriet 36FW VA

" , Amanda H. 16FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)

" , **Ann** 14FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)

" , Robert 9MW VA

" , Caledonia 7FW VA

" , Elizabeth 5FW VA

" , Lewis 3MW VA

" , unnamed 4/12M VA

1850 – A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for **Ann H. Kidd** and Richard L. Woody on 20 December 1850. The marriage was performed on 23 December 1850 by minister Thomas W. Roberts.³¹

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Martins Mills P. O., page 78, HH 554/554:

Richard L. Woody 29MW Overseer \$0/\$40 b. Nelson County CROW³²

Anna H. “ 25FW b. Amherst County

Henry L. “ 7MW Nelson County

Milly F. “ 5FW Nelson County

Emmer S. “ 4F Nelson County

Amanda A. “ 2FW Nelson County

William G. “ 9/12MW Nelson County

1865 – Her husband Richard L. Woody enlisted in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, serving in Company B, 15th Virginia Cavalry. He was captured and sent to the POW camp in

²⁸ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. Amherst County Deed Book V, page 202, viewable online via Familysearch.org on FHL #30293, image 671 (unrestricted access).

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³⁰ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

³¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³² Cannot read or write.

Elmira, Chemung County, NY, where he died on 28 April 1865. He is buried there in the Woodlawn National Cemetery.³³

1866 – **Ann H. Woody** married Leroy A. Kidd on 30 January 1866 in Nelson County, VA.³⁴

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, in Lovingson township, page 314,

Family #51:

Kidd, Leroy 33MW Farm Manager VA CROW

“ , **Hannah H.** 33FW Keeping house VA evidently CAN read and write

“ , Melville P. 2MW at home VA

“ , Edward 1MW at home VA

Woody, Emma 15FW at home VA

“ , Amanda 12FW at home VA

“ , William G. 10MW at home VA

“ , John M. 9MW at home VA

“ , Bettie R. 7FW at home VA

1880 – On the federal census in the Lovingson district of Nelson County, Virginia, ED 111, page 18B, HH 161/185:

Kidd, Leroy WM head 43M Farmer VA VA VA

“ , **Anna H.** WF wife 44M keeps house VA VA VA

“ , Melvin G. WM son 14S laborer CROW³⁵ VA VA VA

“ , Mary E. WF dau 8S VA VA VA

“ , Ida M. WF dau 6S VA VA VA

Woody, Marshall WM step-son 8S VA VA VA

They are living next door to several Libbrick (Lebrick) families, including a Micajah Libbrick, age 28; in this household is Johnson Woody, age 19 (this is Anna's youngest son by her first husband), and a Nancy Libbrick, age 60 and widowed, listed as Micajah's mother.

1897 – **Ann Hunt Kidd Woody Kidd** died 27 November 1897 at home “near Lynchburg, in Amherst County, VA.³⁶ According to family lore, she was initially buried in a Kidd family cemetery, where her second husband Leroy A. Kidd and their daughter Ida M. [Kidd] Anthony were also buried later.

On 14 October 1936, these three individuals were disinterred, and their remains were placed in a single grave in the Spring Hill cemetery in Lynchburg, in the plot owned by Edward M. Kidd, the son of Leroy and Annie H. Kidd.³⁷

ANNEY W. KIDD, daughter of John Norman and Juriah [---] Kidd

³³ See Findagrave.com, memorial #66525988.

³⁴ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com.

³⁵ Cannot read or write.

³⁶ "Virginia, Lynchburg, Diuguid Funeral Home records, 1820-1971," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-G5X7-9F79?cc=1419237> : 11 September 2019), > image 1 of 1; Southern Memorial Association, Lynchburg, Virginia.

³⁷ Virginia, Lynchburg, Diuguid Funeral Home Records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1820-1971, on familysearch.org (unrestricted access), image 223 of 319.

Married James McAlexander in Amherst County in 1807

1795 – The will of Jno. Norman Kidd, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795 in Amherst County,^{38 39} names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters **Amy/Anney Kidd** and Ruth Kidd. He named his wife Juriah and his brother William Kidd his executrix and executor. Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.⁴⁰

This will is followed in the Amherst County Will Book by an Executor's Bond for Juriah Kidd in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1807 – A marriage bond was issued in Amherst County for **Anney W. Kidd** and Jas. McAlexander on 20 April 1807. Permission by Juriah Kidd, “widow” (her mother). The surety was Wm. Kidd; this William Kidd was likely her uncle. Witnesses were Wm. Bailey and Richd. C. Pollard. The marriage was performed by Saml. Garland.^{41 42 43} Another abstract of this marriage record interpreted the bride's name as “Ammeey W. Kidd.”⁴⁴

ARNOLD KIDD – shoemaker and U.S. Army soldier, parents unknown Born ca 1784 in Lynchburg VA Married Patsey Finch in Campbell County in 1804

1804 – **Arnold Kidd** married Patsey Finch, the daughter of John Finch, in Campbell County, VA on 4 Dec. 1804.⁴⁵

1810 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 19B, line 4:
Arnold Kidd – 1FWM 26-44; 3F 0-9 & 1 16-25

He's not found in any other Amherst County, VA records to our knowledge.

1814 – **Arnold Kidd** enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1814, as a private in the Artillery, 30 years old, occupation shoemaker, born Lynchburg, Virginia. He was 5' 11” tall, grey eyes, brown hair and a dark complexion. He enlisted in Norfolk 6-8 April 1814, promoted to Corporal 1 Dec 1814, reduced (demoted) 15 Feb 1815, discharged in Norfolk 22 March 1815. [There is said to be a pension record that we have not seen.]^{46 47}

³⁸ Amherst County VA Will Book 3, pp. 339-341.³⁸

³⁹ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

⁴⁰ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

⁴¹ *Marriage Bonds and Returns, 1801-1854 (of Amherst County, Virginia, and comments on some of the families*, Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1965, p. 2K, citing #202 (unsure if this is the number of the bond, or other?).

⁴² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁴³ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

⁴⁴ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

⁴⁵ *Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁶ Records of Men Enlisted in the U.S. Army Prior to the Peace Establishment, May 17, 1815.
http://search.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=View&r=an&dbid=1198&iid=MIUSA1798_102866-00300&fn=Arnold&ln=Kidd&st=r&ssrc=&pid=1303689

⁴⁷ “Virginia Soldiers in the United States Army, 1800-1815” by Stuart Lee Butler, page 104, located at LVA, reviewed 7-17-2009, WRK.

BENJAMIN KIDD, named in Amherst County court order in 1792

1792 – May court 1792. John Suddarth, assignee of Benjamin Kidd, plaintiff, against John Farrer, defendant, in Debt. The jury found for the plaintiff and ordered that he recover 12 pounds current money for the debt and one penny for damages, plus costs. The costs to be dismissed by the payment of 6 pounds current money with legal interest from the first day of October 1785 until paid. Note: This suggests the debt was incurred in 1785.⁴⁸

June court 1792. Defendant John Farrer, with his security Richard Farrer, asked for a stay of the above judgement and was granted a stay upon a bond of 20 pounds.⁴⁹ The final disposition of this case is not known.

We found no other mentions of this Benjamin Kidd in Amherst County. He may be the Benjamin Kidd of Fluvanna County, though this is not proven. See our Fluvanna County document for his records.

**CAROLINE MATILDA KIDD JENNINGS, the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin
Born abt 1830⁵⁰ in Nelson County, VA
Married Patterson Jennings in 1847 in Nelson County.
Lived in Amherst County from at least 1860 until her death.
Died after April 1900, likely in Amherst County**

1835 – In an Amherst County deed dated 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, John James Kidd, **Caroline Matilda Kidd**, William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, Ann Hunt Kidd...for “divers good and valuable considerations ...and for the further consideration of \$1.00” ... a tract of land containing 71.5 acres lying in both Nelson and Amherst County, conveyed by William L. Watts to trustees. This land was bounded by the lands of Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne. The deed was proven in Court and ordered to be recorded on 20 July 1835.⁵¹

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert J.⁵² Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert J. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, **Caroline M. Kidd**, Amanda M. Kidd, William C.

⁴⁸ Amherst County Order Book, 1790-1794, p 417.

⁴⁹ Ibid., p 422.

⁵⁰ Her age listed on censuses varies: 22 in 1860, 35 in 1870, and 50 in 1880. In 1900, she listed her age as 74 years when she applied for a widow's pension. Judging from these, she could have been born as early as 1826, or as late as 1838. But looking at the birth years of her siblings, and the order of birth of the children of Robert and Nancy Jane Pamplin (implied in her 1835 and 1840 records) places her year of birth after 1827 (when her brother Jonathan James was born) and before 1832 (when brother William Coleman was born).

⁵¹ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. Amherst County Deed Book V, page 202, viewable online via Familysearch.org on FHL #30293, image 671 (unrestricted access).

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Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”⁵³

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she apparently had an inheritance from her parents, intended to be passed to her children, but not to Robert J. Kidd, her husband. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd have a guardian’s bond.

1847 – On 22 February 1847, **Caroline M. Kidd** married Patterson Jennings in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA.⁵⁴ The bondsman was Daniel Jennings.⁵⁵

1850 – We have not found her or her husband on the 1850 federal census.

1860 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, page 243, HH 125/124:
 Patterson **Jennings** 32MW farmer \$800/\$200 (b’place blank for entire page)
Caroline “ 22FW
 John R. “ 12MW
 Nancy J. “ 10FW
 Ei (sic) “ 9FW
 W. A. “ 6MW
 An Jona “ 4WF
 Sally Ann “ 2FW

1870 – On the federal census in Amherst Township, Amherst County, VA, Amherst Courthouse P.O., page 430, HH 467/455:

Jennings, Pattison (sic) 44MW Farmer \$600/\$400 VA Cannot write
 “ , **Carrie** 35FW keeps house VA
 “ , Eliza 17FW at home VA
 “ , Angelina 12FW at home VA
 “ , Lillie A. 11FW at home VA
 “ , Lucie 6FW at home VA
 “ , Adelia 1FW at home VA
 “ , Willie 14MW farm hand VA

1880 – On the federal censuses in Amherst County, VA, District No. 16, ED 16, page 40D, HH 336/350:

Jennings, Patterson WM 56M head Farmer VA VA VA
 “ , **Caroline** WF 50M wife housekeeping VA VA VA
 “ , William WM 23S son works on farm VA VA VA
 “ , Louisa WF 17S son’s wife works at home VA VA VA
 “ , Lucy C. WF 14S dau at school VA VA VA
 “ , Mary A WF 9S dau at school VA VA VA

1900 – On 25 April 1900, **Caroline M. Jennings**, then a resident in the Allens Creek Post Office jurisdiction of Amherst County, VA appeared before a notary public in Amherst County and completed an application for a widow’s pension for her deceased husband Patterson Jennings’ service in the Civil War, in the 13th Virginia Regiment, CSA. In this affidavit, she

⁵³ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

⁵⁴ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, on Ancestry.com.

⁵⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

states that she and her husband were married in Amherst County on 23 February 1847, and that her husband died in Amherst County on 2 August 1899 of "old age." She listed her age as 74 years old at the time she completed this application. She was granted a pension of \$25 a year.⁵⁶

We have found no further records for her.

GEORGE KIDD of Albemarle County, Virginia, ca 1797/1798

1797-1798 – The only mention of the name **George Kidd** in either Amherst County or Nelson County, VA records appears in a lengthy and somewhat convoluted Nelson County Chancery Court suit⁵⁷ that was initially filed in the fall of 1807 in Amherst County (just prior to the creation of Nelson County from part of Amherst County). The complainants William Maclure, James Miller, and Patrick Hart, surviving partners of Maclure, Brydie & Co., state that they had several dealings with one William Kidd (apparently back in 1798) and that at that time they had settled the account and provided him with a receipt for the transaction. The suit was initiated when, upon later examination, they discovered that he had been incorrectly credited for £10.9.11 and so still owed them this amount, which, with interest from 31 August 1798, was justly due.

In his response (p. 4), apparently in May Court 1816, William Kidd denies the claim against him, and states that the statute of limitations should apply in this case. The case continued until 1831, when in July it was dismissed, with a decree that the plaintiffs pay the defendant's costs.

Among the receipts submitted as exhibits in this case was one for a **George Kidd's** account in 1797 and 1798 (p. 10). Also in the record is a subpoena to the Sheriff of Amherst County dated 22 October 1807, indicating that the case began there, prior to the formation of Nelson County from Amherst County in that year.

Note: The fact this suit includes transactions for a George Kidd is interesting, because it suggests a relationship between William Kidd and George Kidd. The only known George Kidd in the central Virginia area in this timeframe is George Kidd, who married Lydia Chiles in 1805 in Franklin County, VA, and who then migrated to Kanawha County, VA (now WV) and Lawrence County, OH.

HEZEKIAH KIDD – likely the son of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia of Amherst County,

VA

Born ca 1794⁵⁸

Married Dicey Logan in 1819 in Amherst County

Moved to Knox County, TN before 1830

Died in Knox County, TN in 1859

⁵⁶ Alabama, Texas and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958. Virginia, Act of 1900 Pension Applications, Amherst to Appomattox County (on Ancestry.com, images 190-182 of 917).

⁵⁷ Nelson County Chancery Court Case 1831-006, 18 pages, available at: https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006. An abstract of this record is available in "Nelson County Chancery Court case summary, 1817-1860" in the Nelson County Source Documents folder.

⁵⁸ Based on his age as given on the 1850 Knox County, TN federal census and his cemetery record in Knox County, Tennessee, per Findagrave.com.

Three Kidd men – Hezekiah, John Jr., and William – all of whom married Logan women in Amherst County, are most likely the sons of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia.

Although no document has been found that provides proof of this relationship, comparing John Kidd Sr.'s PPTLs with the approximate birth years for these three men, we think that John Jr., William, and Hezekiah fit the number of taxable white males in John Sr.'s household, before appearing as household heads and taxpayers on their own.

See [Appendix Three](#) of this document a full explanation of this hypothesis.

1819 – **Hezekiah Kidd** married Dicey Logan on 27 Sept 1819 in Amherst County, VA.⁵⁹

According to another abstract of this marriage record, the surety witness was Jno. Logan and the minister was Arthur B. Davies.^{60, 61}

The same minister married John Kidd Jr. and Lucy Logan, supporting the hypothesis that they were related. They also may be related to William Kidd who married Susannah Logan and moved to Vermilion County, IL. John Kidd Jr. and Hezekiah Kidd both migrated to Knox County, TN, and William Kidd and John Kidd Jr. served in the same company in the War of 1812.

1820 – Hezekiah Kidd is not found on the 1820 federal census in Amherst County as a household head. Neither is he found under his name on any of the PPTLs of Amherst County.

1822 – According to the 1850 federal census (see below), Hezekiah and Dicey's son Marvill was born in Virginia. If true, their move to Tennessee likely occurred after 1822.

1830 – By the time of the 1830 federal census, Hezekiah and his family moved to Tennessee, where they are found in Knox County, TN, p. 379, line 6:

Hezekiah Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 10-15 & 1 30-39; 1F 30-39. No slaves.

1836 – **Hezekiah Kidd** appears on the Knox County land tax list, taxed on 94 acres valued at \$150.⁶²

1840 – On the federal census in Knox County, TN, p. 67, line 17:

Hesekiah Kidd: 1M 15-19, 1 20-29 & 1 40-49; 1F 40-49. No slaves. Three in Agriculture.

1842 – **Hezekiah Kidd** appears on the Knox County land tax list in District 13, taxed on 114 acres valued at \$200, and for 1 poll. Also on the District 13 tax list in 1842 are David Kidd and James Kidd, each taxed for 1 poll, but no land.⁶³

1850 – On the federal census in Knox County, TN, p. 149, HH 768/777, enumerated 4 October 1850:

Kidd, Hezekiah 56MW farmer \$500 VA evidently could read and write

" , Dicey 57FW VA CROW⁶⁴

" , Marvill H. 28MW VA

⁵⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁶⁰ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

⁶¹ Register of Marriages, Amherst County, VA, 1763-1853, page 257, retrieved from FHL #30273 (same title) via familysearch.org (restricted access), image 544. This register was created at a much later date and is not the original record. Digital image available upon request, in Amherst folder on Dropbox.

⁶² Ancestry.com – Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895.

⁶³ Ancestry.com – Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895.

⁶⁴ Couldn't read or write

1855 – February Court Session, 1855, Knox County, Tennessee:

On the motion of **Hezekiah Kidd**, he is by the Court appointed Guardian to Amanda E., Caroline, James W. and Eliza Kidd, minor orphans. Whereupon he entered into bond with Wilson S. Trundle and Leroy A. Kidd his securities in the sum of \$1000.

These are the children of Hezekiah's son David L. Kidd, who died sometime after the 1850 federal census, when he and his family are enumerated in Subdivision 15, Knox County, TN, page 149B, HH 777/786:

David L. Kidd 30MW Farmer TN

Nancy J. “ 24FW TN

Amanda E. “ 7FW TN “deaf & dumb”

Caroline E. “ 5FW TN

James W. “ 11/12MW TN

Fanny Laughton 41WF NC

1858 – February Session 1858:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the report of **Hezekiah Kidd**, guardian of Amanda E., Caroline, James W. and Eliza Kidd, Minors, which is sworn to, that said guardian has never received any monies or other effects into his hands belonging to his said wards, and said guardian having tendered to the Court his resignation of said guardianship, the same is accepted by the Court, and it is ordered that said guardian be released from liability in this behalf.

1859 – **Hezekiah Kidd** died on 7 May 1859 in Knox County, TN, according to his headstone. He is buried in the Kidd family cemetery in Knox County, along with his wife Dicy (died 5 July 1875), son David L. Kidd (23 Dec 1819 – 26 Jan 1855), son Marvill H. Kidd (24 Nov 1821 – 14 Feb 1907) and other family members.

His will was presented in Knox County Court for probate in the June Session of 1859, and proved by the oaths of two witnesses, Wm. C. Tipton and A. B. Tipton, and admitted to record. M. H. [his son Marvill H.] Kidd, the executor named in the will, was duly qualified and Letters Testamentary were awarded and issued to him, his having entered into bond with William C. Tipton and William Rule as his securities in the sum of \$1000.⁶⁵

The following is a transcription from **Hezekiah Kidd's** handwritten will dated 10 September 1857.⁶⁶

In the name of God, Amen, I **Hezekiah Kidd** of the county of Knox and State of Tennessee being in perfect mind and of disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament disavowing all writing heretofore made by me touching the same. First, I recommend my soul to God who gave it and desire my body may be buried in a Christian like manner. And a touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I give and bequeath in manner and form following.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Dicy Kidd, all of my perishable property during her natural life and at her death, to my son, Marvel H. Kidd, all of my tract of land on

⁶⁵ Minutes of the County Court of Knox County, Tennessee, Book 21, page 448, retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #24733, image 393. This is a typed transcription of the original Minutes Book, produced by the WPA.

⁶⁶ This transcription was retrieved from Ancestry.com. The person posting it did not provide the citation for it, the will was presented in Court on the first Monday 1859 and proved by the oaths of the two witnesses. The Court Clerk transcribed the entire document into the record. See “Knox County, Tennessee Probate Court Books, 1795-1927” (available online via familysearch.org): Knox County/Settlements, 1858-1863. Vol. 13, pages 152-154 (images 107-108 on the reel).

which I now live and hold, by him supporting my wife, Dicy Kidd, during her natural life, and my will and desire is that the heirs of my son David L. Kidd shall have two hundred and fifty dollars. At the death of my son Marvel H. Kidd to Amanda E Kidd, Caroline I. Kidd, James W. Kidd, Eliza Kidd to be equally divided between them, and further, my will and desire is that Nancy Jane Kidd, widow of my son David L. Kidd hold the house in which she now lives and one acre of land around it during her widow hood and at her marriage or death, it go to my son, Marvel H. Kidd.

I appoint my son, Marvel H. Kidd, executor to this, my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal this 10th day of September, 1857.

Signed: **Hezekiah Kidd** (seal)

Witnesses: B. Tipton Wm. C. Tipton

1860 – At the time of the 1860 federal census, Hezekiah’s widow is living with their son, Marvill; they are in Knox County, TN, 13th District, Knoxville P.O. (mis-indexed on Ancestry as “Marvel Ried”), page 256A, HH 1045/870:

Marvil Kid	38MW	Farmer	\$1000 real estate/\$500 personal est.	b.TN
Margaret “	36FW			b. AL
Adelia “	8FW			b. AL
Larr “	6MW			b. AL
Callidonia “	5FW			b. AL
David “	2MW			b. AL
Dice (sic) “	52FW			b. VA

1870 – Hezekiah’s widow Dicy is on the federal census in Knox County, TN, still living with her son, Marvill H. Kidd and his family (page 8, HH 62/60). She’s listed as 77 years old, born in Virginia, and cannot read or write.

JAMES KIDD(s) – there are three James Kidds found in Amherst County records in this era:

- **James Kidd Sr., Revolutionary War soldier, of Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties;**
- **James Kidd of Buffaloe [Buffalo] River; and**
- **James Kidd, 1843**

JAMES KIDD, SR., Revolutionary War soldier and son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish of Albemarle County, VA
James4 (John3, William2, Thomas1) Kidd
Born in Granville County, NC in 1766, per his Revolutionary War pension application⁶⁷
Enlisted in Revolutionary War service from Albemarle County, VA
Married Lucy Jopling in 1790 in Albemarle County
Died by September 1834 in Nelson County, VA

Lucy survived her husband, and received a widow's pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. See her section in this compilation.

⁶⁷ From his Revolutionary War pension application, filed in 1832 in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. See [Appendix Four](#) of this compilation.

Their proven children, as named in Lucy Kidd's probate file, were⁶⁸

1. **Mary Ann Kidd** (~1792, Albemarle or Amherst County – 1872, Bedford County, VA)
2. **William J. Kidd** (~1793, Amherst County – 1857, Amherst County)
3. **Coleman W. Kidd** (~1795, likely Amherst County – 1880, Lynchburg, Campbell County)
4. **James P. Kidd** (~1799, likely Amherst County – bet. 1850-1860, Warren County, TN)
5. **Robert J. Kidd** (~1802, Amherst County – aft Feb 1886, probably Nelson County)
6. **Jesse N. Kidd** (~1809, Amherst or Nelson Cos – bet.1850-1860, likely in Nelson County)
7. **Sarah A. Kidd** (born and died unknown), married Robert Watkins

From the annual PPTLs and other records, we know that **James Kidd Sr.** was in Albemarle County until 1792 before moving to Amherst County, where he's on the PPTLs in 1794 and 1795. He then returned to Albemarle, where he is on the PPTLs from 1796-1799. He then moved back to Amherst where he is on the PPTLs from 1800-1807 and in other Amherst County records through 1807. Nelson County was created from Amherst in 1807; from this date forward, all of James Kidd Sr.'s records were in Nelson County.

Based on information from his Revolutionary War pension, we have identified this **James Kidd Sr.** of Nelson County, Virginia, as the son of **John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish** of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandson of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and great-grandson of **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. Based on their proximity and interactions with each other, we believe that **William Kidd Sr.** is the brother of **James Kidd Sr.** and another son of **John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish.** Their third brother **John Norman Kidd** died in Amherst County in 1795 before the founding of Nelson County in 1807.

See [Appendix Four](#) of this compilation for an abstract of this pension application.

James Kidd's Revolutionary War pension application states he was born in Granville County, NC in 1766. Searches for Granville County records for the 1760s find two Kidd men:

A **John Kidd** is the defendant in a 1765 court case suit for trespass, titled John Blackley v John Kidd. The plaintiff not appearing, the jury found for the defendant Kidd, awarding him court costs.⁶⁹

A James Kidd appears on the 1764-65 tax list with 1 white tithe, and on the 1766-67 tax list, with 1 white tithe, no black tithes. It is possible that this James Kidd is the same James Kidd of Lunenburg and Mecklenburg Counties VA, which border Granville County, NC. In 1765, James Kidd, as a witness in Lunenburg County, was ordered to be paid for his travel coming from the "Carolina line" to the courthouse.

⁶⁸ All these children (except Sarah, whose husband is listed) are listed as heirs of Lucy Kidd, who died in 1836, and each of them received distributions from the lease and subsequent sale of a single female slave that she owned at her death. See her section of this compilation.

⁶⁹ Granville County, NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 6 Aug 1765, p 137, in Granville County NC Court Petitions, 1754-1764. Family Search # 008196650, Item 1, image 108 of 156.

1785 – **James Kidd** is named in the will of his father John Kidd, written 11 March 1785 and proven September 1785 in Albemarle County.⁷⁰ He is inferred as the youngest son, to receive his inheritance after the death of his mother Ruth. The abstract of the will reads:

In the name of God, Amen

I John Kidd of Albemarle County being in a low state of bodily health but in the full exercise of my reason so make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following [indecipherable] I bequeath my body to the grave by a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I refer that all my Just debts be paid.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Ruth during her natural life the land whereon I now live together with all the stock and household Furniture.

Item I give to my two Eldest Sons John Norman and William to be equally [divided] between them one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Hanover County on Turkey Creek Commonly known by the name of Napiers Ordinary which Said land was given to my wife Ruth and to the heirs of her body lawfull begotton by her grandfather Henry [At]kinson.

Item after my wife Decease I give and bequeath to my Son **James** the land stock household Furniture [I?] lent her.

I appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament my Sons John Norman Kidd & William Kidd. Abrogating and dissolving all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 11th Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

(Signed) Joseph Kidd⁷¹ (sic – apparent clerk's error; should be John Kidd)

Signed and Sealed

in presence of :

John Wharton

Edw[Edward] X Kearsey

Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

1787-1792 – **James Kidd** first appears on the Virginia PPTLs in 1787 in Albemarle County (1782 was the first year for which these tax lists are available). He would have been age 21 in 1787, so this is consistent with his stated birthdate of 1766. He appears through 1792, then drops from this county's lists for 3 years.

Albemarle County PPTLs 1787-1792

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property	image # ⁷²
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⁷⁰ Found in Albemarle County, VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5, retrieved from FHL #30212, item 2, image 256 of 433 (unrestricted access).

⁷¹ Note that the will bears the title "Will of **John Kidd**" in the record, but the name given as the signer at the bottom looks like "Joseph Kidd". We believe that this was clerk's error in recording the text of the will into the Will Book.

⁷² In this Table, "Image #" refers to the location where each specific entry can be found on the LDS microfilm 2024443, Albemarle County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1799 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

1787	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	1 horse	108
1788	not listed				149-150
1789	not listed ⁷³				189
1790	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	1 horse	239-240
1791	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	None	288
1792	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	1 horse	337

1788 – On 17 Jan 1788, **James Kidd** was a witness to the will of Benjamin Hensley in Albemarle County. Executors were named as Benjamin's son Samuel Hensley and Lawrence Suddart[h]. Witnesses were **James Kidd**, J/Throt [Jno?] Suddarth, William Shewmaker and Julius Galding. Benjamin Hensley signed with a mark.⁷⁴ The will was proved in Court on 9 October 1788.

1788 – On 9 May 1788, **James Kidd** and William Kidd served as securities for John Norman Kidd [their brother] in a complaint over a debt filed in Amherst County: Campbell & Kingston, assignee of John Baisden who was assigned of Leonard Phillips, Plaintiffs, against John Norman Kidd, deft, in debt.

Came the Plaintiffs by John Breckenridge their Attorney, the Defendant being duly arrested and failing to appear, order is granted the Plaintiff against the said Defendant and William Kidd and **James Kidd** his common bail for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, unless the said Defendant shall appear in the next [court?] and plead to Issue.⁷⁵

1789 – In Amherst County March Court, 1789: Irving Galt & Co., plaintiff vs. **James Kidd**, defendant} On a petition by note. The defendant having been duly warned, failed to appear...judgment is granted against the defendant for the sum of £4.8.9 half-penny, with interest thereon from 27 September 1787 till paid.⁷⁶

A **James Kidd** appears on a list of Insolvents in Albemarle County, VA in this year.⁷⁷ He may have not been resident in Albemarle County in 1788 or 1789.

1790 – **James Kidd** and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, VA on 29 December 1790. Bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy gives her own consent. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and John Kidd [likely James Kidd's brother John Norman Kidd].⁷⁸

⁷³ In 1789, the tax list for St. Ann's Parish skips from J surnames to L surnames; the clerk making the copy of this tax list appears to have omitted them. James or other Kidds may have been there, but the records are missing.

⁷⁴ *Will abstracts of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1785-1798*, abstracted by Lydia Sparacio Bontempo ; indexing by Alex Sparacio Dickman, Springfield, Va., Antient Press, 2002, p. 39, citing Albemarle County Will Book 4, page 51. Also cited and abstracted in the book by Estelle King (see Secondary Sources).

⁷⁵ Amherst County, Virginia Court Order Book, 1786-1789, p 465.

⁷⁶ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 429.

⁷⁷ *The Virginia Genealogist*, 19:192, 1975.

⁷⁸ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1792 – On 13 June 1792, John Kidd [again, likely James Kidd’s brother] was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas Senr. deeded to Michael Thomas Junr., both of Albemarle County, Virginia, a tract of 200 acres on Hog Creek for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Joseph Thomas, Jno. Kearsey, Benjamin Harris and Philip Gooch.⁷⁹

On the same day, a **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas deeded to his apparent son Joseph Thomas, both of Albemarle County, a tract of 200 acres adjacent to Michael Thomas Junr, for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Gdn. Crew, Jno. Kearsey, Michael Thomas, Ben Harris and Philip Gooch.⁸⁰

1794-1795 – A **James Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs (Amherst Parish list), with 1 white tithe. It appears that for these two years, James left Albemarle County and went to Amherst, then back to Albemarle.

Amherst County PPTLs 1794-1795

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property
1794	Amherst	James Kidd	1	2 horses
1795	Amherst	James Kidd	1	1 horse

1796 – On 31 March 1796, **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to an Albemarle County deed from Mary Bailey to William Bailey. The other witnesses to this deed were Daniel Ferguson and Michael Thomas.⁸¹

1796-1799 – In 1796, **James Kidd** drops from the Amherst County PPTLs, and reappears on the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1796 and appears annually through 1799, each year taxed for 1 WM above 16 and one horse, but no slaves, as illustrated in the Table below:

Albemarle County PPTLs 1796-1799

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property	image # ⁸²
1796	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	476
1797	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	514
1798	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	548
1799	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	586

After 1799, no adult James Kidd appears in Albemarle County records through 1850.

⁷⁹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Deeds, 1791-1793*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1997, p. 50.

⁸⁰ *ibid*, pp. 49-50.

⁸¹ *Deed Abstracts of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1796-1797*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1999, p. 90, citing Albemarle DB 12 1795-1798, p. 51.

⁸² In this Table, “Image #” refers to the location where each specific entry can be found on the LDS microfilm 2024443, Albemarle County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1799 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

1800-1807 – In 1800, **James Kidd** reappears on the Amherst County PPTLs, with 2 white tithes, then is listed with 1 white tithes in 1801-1807, in the part of Amherst that became Nelson County.

Amherst County PPTLs 1800-1807

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property
1800	Amherst	James	2	2 horses
1801	Amherst	James	1	3 horses
1802	Amherst	James	1	2 horses
1803	Amherst	James	1	1 horse
1804	Amherst	James	-	-
1805	Amherst	James	1	2 horses
1806	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1 slave, 1 horse
	Amherst	James (Buffaloe)	1	1 horse
1807	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1 horse
	Amherst	James (Buffaloe)	1	[no horse]

In 1806 and 1807, this James Kidd appears to be the **James Kidd listed as “Rockfish,”** for the Rockfish River. We believe that all the earlier records above belong to James Kidd Sr., and that the appearance of a second James Kidd made these descriptors necessary to distinguish James Sr. (Rockfish) from the newcomer James (Buffaloe).

[The Rockfish River is a 28.7-mile-long tributary of the James River; it courses from north to south in the eastern part of present-day Nelson County. Its upstream portion lies 2-3 miles west of the border between Albemarle County (to the east) and Nelson County. It intersects the county line near Schuyler, Virginia and forms the boundary between these two counties from that point to its junction with the James River.

The Buffalo River is a 31.5-mile-long tributary of the Tye River. It originates at the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains just east of the Appalachian Trail, and courses southeast, roughly paralleling U.S. Route 60, passing just east of Amherst, the county seat of Amherst County. It then turns northeast and crosses into Nelson County, where it joins the Tye River just north of the village of Piedmont.]

1801 – On 25 June 1801, **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed in Amherst County from George Stoneham of Amherst to William H. Diggs, Elijah Mays and Mary Stoneham for 150 acres where Stoneham lives, for debt due to Mary Stoneham. Bounded by William Diggs, Joseph Loving, Menlenous Wright, Samuel Edmonds, Moses Mays, and Ambrose Campbell. Other witnesses were Samuel Dickinson and William Hawkins.⁸³

1802 – According to the information provided in 1886 for his third marriage when he was 84 years old, Robert I. Kidd was born in Nelson County, the son of “**James and Lucy Kidd.**” Given his age at the time of this marriage, he was born circa 1802. See his 1886 entry below

⁸³ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 378, citing Amherst County DB I, p. 315.

for full details.⁸⁴ Although he listed Nelson County as his birthplace, Nelson County wasn't created until 1807, out of part of Amherst County. So he was likely born in Amherst County.

1804 – On 1 February 1804, **James Kidd** was a witness to a deed from Jno. Phillips and wife Frankey of Amherst to Jno. Alford of Amherst, for 146 acres of land on the North branch of Tye [River.] Bounded by Jno. Thompson, Wm. Teas, Wm. Bibb, Naked Creek, Conyers White, Sr, dec'd. Other witnesses were Isaac White and Lewis White.⁸⁵

On 27 February 1804, Daniel Tyler and wife Sarah of Bedford County sold to **James Kidd** of Amherst County [consideration not given] 128 acres on Little Indian Creek. Proved in Bedford and recorded in Amherst 18 Jun 1804. Original delivered to **James Kidd** on 7 Jan 1808. No witnesses given.^{86, 87}

[Note: John Kidd Sr. of Amherst County also bought land on Little Indian Creek in 1797 and sold it in 1801. Little Indian Creek is in northern Amherst County, just south of the Nelson County line.]

1805-1811 – **James Kidd** first shows up on the Amherst County Land Tax Lists in 1805, taxed for the above 128 acres in Lexington Parish. He continues to appear on these annual lists through 1811, then drops from them.

Nelson County was formed from Amherst County in 1807. There was no tax statewide in 1808, and in 1809, neither James Kidd is found in Amherst County records. James of Rockfish is very likely the James found in Nelson County starting in 1809.

1808 – On 10 June 1808, **James Kidd and Lucy his wife** of Nelson County sold the Little Indian Creek parcel of land to Nelson Phillips of Nelson County. The details of this deed are missing, because the second page is missing from the deed book microfilm, but the parcel is identical in acreage and location (“128 acres on Little Indian Creek”) to the tract James Kidd purchased in 1804.⁸⁸

1809 – The earliest **James Kidd** in Nelson County records appears on the Nelson County PPTL beginning in 1809 (the first year for which these records are extant since no tax was taken statewide in 1808); he continues to be listed until 1835.

Nelson County PPTLs 1809-1835, 1839⁸⁹

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1809		James	1		1

⁸⁴ Amherst County, Virginia Marriage Register 3, page 158, retrieved from FHL #30311, image 345 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Image of this record available upon request.

⁸⁵ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 411, citing Amherst County DB K, p. 60.

⁸⁶ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 414, citing DB K, p. 86.

⁸⁷ Amherst County VA Deed Book K, p. 86, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007. Her transcription does not include the sales price.

⁸⁸ Amherst County VA Deed Book L, pp. 533-536, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007. Craig Kilby 2007 review confirmed pp. 537-8 missing from film. Also found in *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1807-1827, Books L-R*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 46.

⁸⁹ Nelson County, Virginia PPTLs, 1809-1845, FHL #1870172, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1810		James	2		2
1811		James	2		2
1811		Jas Jr.	1		1
1812		James	1		
1813		James	2		2
1814		James			3
1815		Jas	3		
1816		James	1		2
1818		James	2		2
1820		James			
1821	2-Mar	James	1		1
1822	5-Mar	James	1		1
1822	25-Mar	James P.	1	1	
1823	15-Mar	James P.	NL	1	1
1824	4-May	James	1		
1824	25-Mar	James P.	1		1
1825	17-Apr	James	1		1
1825	28-Apr	James P.	1		1
1826	29-Feb	James	1	1	2
1826	24-Apr	James P.	1		
1827	30-Apr	James	2	1	2
1827	11-May	James P.	1		
1828	8-May	James	2		
1829	1-May	James	2	1	2
1830	26-Apr	James Sen.	1	1	1
1831	28-Mar	James	1		
1833		James			
1834	27-Feb	James	1	1	
1835	3-Apr	James	1		
1839	3-Mar	James W. [?]	1	2	

1810 – This James Kidd does not appear on the 1810 census in either Amherst or in Nelson County, despite appearing on the Nelson County PPTLs.

On the 1810 census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:⁹⁰

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

⁹⁰ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson County, VA.”

- 1811 – **James Kidd** continues to be listed on the Amherst County Land Tax Lists in 1809, 1810 and 1811, taxed upon 128 acres in Lexington Parish. He then drops from the Amherst LTLs in 1812. [This may be a different James Kidd.]
- 1815 – On 29 September 1815, **James Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Terrisha Turner over a debt of \$119.83 due by bond to (this part is faint and difficult to read) William Turner of Tennessee. **James Kidd** signed this deed. His son James P. Kidd was one of the witnesses, as were William Turner and John(?) Phillips. This deed was admitted to Nelson County court on 25 March 1816.⁹¹
- 1816 – On 7 Sept 1816, a marriage bond for J.D. Dunkard [Drinkard/Drinkhard?] and M.A. Kidd [likely James and Lucy's daughter Mary Ann] was issued in Nelson County. The bondsman was **James Kidd**, and the minister was John Shepherd, who performed the wedding on the following day.⁹² Another transcription of this record lists the groom's name as J.D. Lankford.⁹³
- 1817 – In a Chancery suit filed in Nelson County [1817-001], **James Kidd** vs. Walker & Garland: **James Kidd** of Nelson County had an ongoing account with the mercantile firm of Walker and Garland (operated by William Walker and Clifton Garland) (the years aren't stated, the space being left blank, but the contents date it prior to 1799). In August of 1799, he settled his account with the firm, and executed a note or bond for £21.0.1 for the balance. He further states that he paid off this debt in installments over the subsequent years, providing his receipts. This case was continued for some time before being dropped, in part because by 1817 both defendants were dead. No genealogical information in this record, but there are several pages of interest, showing the items purchased by James Kidd from this firm, including jewelry, silk, and substantial quantities of whiskey.⁹⁴
- 1820 – The 1820 federal census for Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.
James Kidd – 1M 10-15 & 1 >44; 1F 26-44 & 1 >44; no slaves. 2 in Ag.
- 1822 – On 19 October 1822, **James Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, supporting the claims of the plaintiff Anne S. Hopkins against John Whitehead & Co., the defendant.⁹⁵
- 1824 – On 8 April 1824, Coleman W. Kidd and William J. Kidd (James Kidd's two eldest sons) entered into a Deed of Trust with **James Kidd Senior**, all of Nelson County, in which they convey to him "for the use of family," a list of household furniture, tools, livestock and other items purchased at an auction of personal property, by virtue of an execution of a Court order, which items were purchased by Coleman W. and William J. Kidd.⁹⁶
- 1826 – On 28 August 1826, **James Kidd** and his son James P. Kidd witnessed a Deed of Trust between James's son Robert J. Kidd, his wife Nancy Jane Kidd, and Jos. C. Megginson

⁹¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 372-3. Scanned images of this deed are available from RK.

⁹² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁹³ *Lynchburg, Virginia and Nelson County Virginia wills, deeds and marriages, 1807-1831*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1985, p. 159.

⁹⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1817-001

⁹⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-012

⁹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson County Sources folder.

regarding an agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife Nancy Jane that had been reached prior to their marriage. This deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.⁹⁷ See Robert J. Kidd's section for the transcription of this deed.

1830 – The federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, lists Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., two Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.

James Kidd – 1M & 1F, both 70-79. One male slave, 24-35.

1832 – On 24 December 1832, **James Kidd** made application for a pension for his Revolutionary War service at the courthouse in Lovingson in Nelson County, VA.⁹⁸ See [Appendix Four](#) of this paper for an abstract of this document.

James testifies to the following: that he was born on 22 April 1766 in Granville County, NC, and that shortly after his birth, his father moved the family "back to the county of Albemarle" [Virginia], that at the age of 16, he enlisted as a private in the Army in March 1781 while a resident of Albemarle County, Virginia, as a substitute for one Isaac Bryant, and that he served until October 1781. He said that he lived in Albemarle County and in Nelson County [which was formed from Amherst, which in turn was formed from Albemarle] for the rest of his life.

James Kidd apparently died before his pension was granted, and was dead by Sept 1834 when his widow Lucy began receiving pension payments, which continued through 23 March 1836. A record of Final Payments of Military Pensions for the Revolutionary War shows that the pension of James Kidd had its final payment on this date, terminating because of the death of the claimant Lucy Kidd, widow of James Kidd.⁹⁹

1833 – An abstract of the pension application of Richard Hare Sr., of Nelson County, VA, dated 18 March 1833, states that **James Kidd** was a fellow soldier on three of his five tours (which three not specified in this abstract): 1) under Col. Richardson, 2) under Capt. John Loving, Albemarle Barracks, 3) under Capt. James Pamplin, Albemarle Barracks, 4) under Capt. Jacobs, and 5) under Capt. Harris at Siege of York. After the Revolution, Hare states that he lived in Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Cos. William Harris was another fellow soldier.¹⁰⁰

1834-1836 – Lucy Kidd, the widow of Revolutionary War soldier **James Kidd** of Nelson County, VA was granted a widow's pension of \$20 per month.¹⁰¹ The payments commenced on 4 Sept 1834 (indicating that James Kidd had died by that time, so payments were made to his widow) and ended in March of 1836, indicating Lucy had died by then.

1835 – **James Kidd** appears for the last time on the Nelson County PPTLs in this year, then drops from the list, and no James Kidd appears on the PPTLs until 1839.

⁹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

⁹⁸ Images of his pension record are available at Fold3.com: <http://www.fold3.com/image/#25014059>

⁹⁹ Fold3.com: *Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864*.

This database is organized by state (34 in all) and is evidently based upon where the veteran lived.

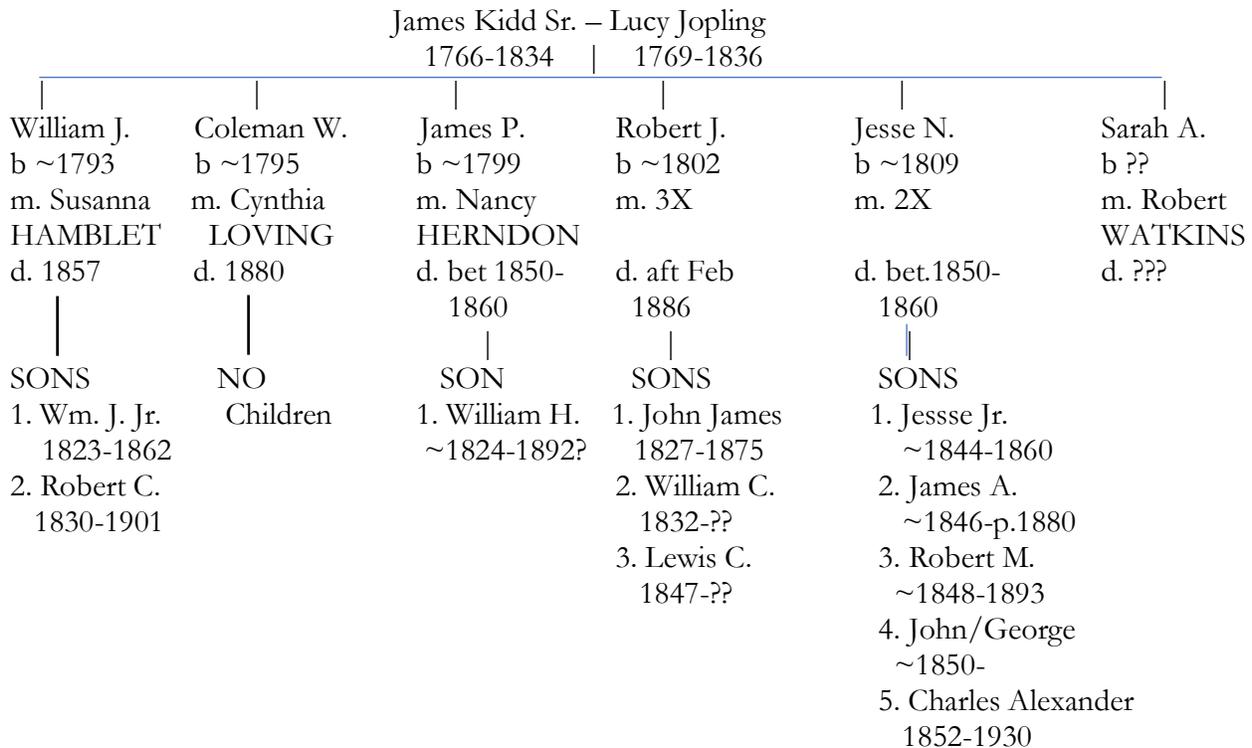
Only one Kidd is found in this database under VA – James Kidd, who received payment through the Richmond office; the notation "died March 23, 1836" applies to his widow Lucy.

¹⁰⁰ *Amberst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, p. 133, citing pension application of Richard Hare, Sr., by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998.

¹⁰¹ This information comes from his Rev. War Pension File. Scanned images of this file are available from the authors. This information is from image 2 of that file.

1836 – On 27 June 1836, William J. Kidd, the administrator of the estate of **James Kidd**, deceased, executed an Administration Bond, with Wilson Peters and Harrod B. Scott as his securities.¹⁰² No other records pertaining to his estate are listed in the General Index to Nelson County Wills.¹⁰³ This estate administration was brought about by the death of James’s widow Lucy.

The schematic Family Chart below depicts the proven children of James and Lucy Jopling Kidd, and their known male Kidd grandchildren:



JAMES KIDD of Buffalo – identity unknown

1806-1807 – A single James Kidd appeared on the Amherst PPTLs annually from 1800 through 1805. In 1806 and 1807, there were two **James Kidds** on the Amherst PPTLs, one identified as 'of Rockfish' and one as 'of Buffalo.' We believe that the 1800-1805 records belong to James Kidd Sr., and that the appearance of a second James Kidd in 1806 made these descriptors necessary to distinguish James Kidd Sr. (of Rockfish River) from the newcomer James Kidd (of Buffalo River).

The Buffalo River is a 31.5-mile-long tributary of the Tye River. It originates at the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains just east of the Appalachian Trail, and courses southeast, roughly paralleling U.S. Route 60, passing just east of Amherst, the county seat of Amherst County. It then turns northeast and crosses into present-day Nelson County, where it joins the Tye River just north of the village of Piedmont.

¹⁰² Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, citing Nelson County WB D, p. 491. Scanned images of this performance bond are available in the Nelson County Wills subfolder.

¹⁰³ A scanned image of the Kidd section of this index is available in the Source Documents folder.

[In 1807, Amherst Parish of Amherst County became Nelson County. The residents of this parish, including James Kidd of Rockfish, became residents of the new county without moving.]

No other records have been found in Amherst County or Nelson County that seem to fit with James of Buffalo, and we do not know anything further about him.

JAMES KIDD, named in an 1843 transaction involving Lewis B. Kidd of Lynchburg VA

1843 – On 3 August 1843 in Amherst County Court, Maurice Hickey entered into a deed of trust with Lewis B. Kidd, in order to secure the payment of a debt of \$120 due by bill dated 25 January 1842, and a further sum of \$80.50 due by bill dated 17 March 1843 owed to **James Kidd**, using a combination of livestock, farm implements and household furniture, along with his current crops of corn, oats and hay.¹⁰⁴ This deed was presented in Lynchburg Court on the same day, and proved by the oath of Maurice Hickey. It was examined in Amherst County Court on 4 August and admitted to record.

It is not clear why this deed was produced in both courts. Hickey appeared in Lynchburg Court to attest to the deed, so perhaps he was a resident of Lynchburg. Lewis B. Kidd was a Lynchburg resident. We do not know the identity of this James Kidd.

JERIAH/JURIAH KIDD, wife of John Norman Kidd of Albemarle and Amherst Counties, maiden name unknown

Born before 1766, since she is listed as over 44 on the 1810 census, died after 1810

1795 – The will of John Norman Kidd of Amherst County, VA, written 9 Feb 1795 and proved in court 20 July 1795, names his wife **Juriah Kidd** and his two daughters Ruth and Amy/Anny, and names his wife Juriah Kidd and brother William Kidd as administrators.¹⁰⁵

1799 – **Jeriah Kidd** was a witness to a 1799 deed of trust from Jno. Kesterson of Amherst County to Joseph Shelton of Amherst County. For debt due to William Turner of Amherst County. 90 acres on North fork of Davis Creek, bounded by Lee Harris dec'd, James McAlexander dec'd, Alex McAlexander, James Tharp. Other witnesses were Edward Thomas Toms and William Lee Harris.¹⁰⁶ Note that it was unusual for a widow to witness a deed in this era, so she may have been a neighbor or had some relationship with one of the parties.

1803 – The name **Jeriah Kidd** appears on the PPTLs in this year only, with 1 white tithe and three horses (see below).¹⁰⁷ We do not know the identity of this white male tithe in her household, perhaps a hired man or a relative.

¹⁰⁴ **Amherst** County Deed Book Y, pages 526, ff. (second page also numbered 526 in deed book), retrieved from FHL #30295, images 290-291 on this reel. Scanned images available upon request.

¹⁰⁵ Amherst County, Virginia Will Book 3, pages 339-340, retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #30275, images 200-201 (unrestricted access).

¹⁰⁶ *The deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1979, p. 343, citing DB H, p. 488.

¹⁰⁷ Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1782-1803, retrieved from FHL #2024457, image 582 of 615, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Name	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
William W. King	1	1	12
William Kidd	1	1	12
Jeriah Kidd ←	1	3	36
Jessie Kidd	1	1	12
Jacob King	1		
Mary King	1	2	24
Jesse King	1	1	12
Leah or Ruth King	1	1	12
Rubens Kidd	1		
Moss Kidd	2	2	24
	11	12	144

1807 – Anny W. Kidd, daughter of **Jeriah Kidd**, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.¹⁰⁸

According to another abstract of this marriage record, Jeriah Kidd was listed as a widow when she witnessed this marriage (this abstract also interpreted the bride's name as "Anney W. Kidd). The surety witness was W. Kidd.¹⁰⁹ [This is likely William Kidd, her uncle.]

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:¹¹⁰

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1 >44; 1F >44.

Jeriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1 >44

John(?) Kidd: 3M <10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1 >44; 1F <10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M <10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F <10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M <10 & 1 26-44; 3F <10 & 1 16-25

Jeriah's 1810 household likely includes her daughter Ruth. We found no further records for Jeriah/Jeriah Kidd after 1810.

JESSE KIDD, War of 1812 soldier from Fluvanna County; parents unknown

Married Mary/Polly Cannon Bugg in Amherst County in 1807

Died in February 1815 in camp during War of 1812 military service

Much of what we know of this man comes from the pension application by his widow Mary C. Bugg. Their marriage is the only Amherst County record for this couple.

¹⁰⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹⁰⁹ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1985, p. 2K.

¹¹⁰ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson County, VA."

1807 – According to her widow’s application for a War of 1812 pension based on her late husband’s service, Mary Melton attested that she, as Mary C. Bugg, was married to **Jesse Kidd** on 26 or 27 October 1807 in Amherst County by the Reverend Mr. Heath, at the home of Jordan Creasey’s mother in Amherst County on the opposite side of the river from Lynchburg. Jordan Creasey attested that this marriage took place at his mother’s home.¹¹¹

No other records for him have been found in Amherst County.

Please see his section in our Fluvanna County compilation for much more information.

JESSE N. KIDD, the son of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling

Named in Lucy Jopling Kidd’s 1841 Nelson County estate records, along with his siblings William J., Coleman W., James P., Robert J. and Sarah Ann Kidd

Born by 1807¹¹², most likely in Amherst County¹¹³

Married (1) Mary Ann Stratton in Amherst County in 1831; married (2) Martha Ann Williams in Amherst in 1843

Died between 1850 and 1860, probably in Nelson County

His two marriages are the only Amherst County records for Jesse N. Kidd; we have included his Nelson and Fluvanna County records here for the reader’s convenience.

1820 – The federal census in Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd. Jesse is not listed as a household head. However, William J. Kidd’s household consists of 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1 male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture. Given the number of adult males in William J. Kidd’s household, the other three males could be his brothers James P., **Jesse N.**, and Robert J.

1828 – **Jesse N. Kidd** was the bondsman for a Nelson County marriage bond for his sister Sarah A. Kidd and Robert Watkins, dated 31 January 1828. Minister James Boyd performed the marriage on 31 January 1828.¹¹⁴ To be bondsman, Jesse N. Kidd had to be at least 21 years old at the time. This implies that he was born by 1807.

1830-1845 (1846?) – **Jesse Kidd** (usually listed as **Jesse N. Kidd**) appears almost annually on the Nelson County PPTLs during these years. This suggests he was born by 1809. Each year he’s taxed only for his own poll tax, and never for a slave or a horse. A Jesse W. Kidd appears in 1846, and this may actually be our Jesse N., as no other Jesse Kidd appears on the 1846 PPTL, and none is seen in subsequent years.

YEAR	NAME
1830	Jesse N.

¹¹¹ War of 1812, file number 9572, original at NAB, copies viewed 1/8/2010, scanned copies on file. War of 1812 Widow’s Pension Application for Mary Melton, abstracted by Sherri Kidd, from original application.

¹¹² He served as security for the January 31, 1828 marriage bond for his sister, Sarah Ann’s marriage to Robert Watkins; to do so, he should have been at least 21 years old by this time.

¹¹³ His father was definitely in Amherst County, listed on the PPTLs there, from 1800-1811. Jesse first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1830, so was born by 1809. He was of age by January of 1828, when he served as bondsman for his sister, Sarah A. Kidd’s marriage, and thus was most likely born by 1807.

¹¹⁴ *Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985.

1831	Jesse N.
1832	Jesse N.
1833	
1834	Jesse
1835	Jesse N.
1836	Jesse N.
1837	Jesse
	Jesse N.
1838	Jesse N.
1839	Jesse
1840	Jesse N.
1841	Jesse N.
1842	Jesse N.
1843	Jesse N.
1844	
1845	Jesse N.
1846	Jesse W. Sr
	[Jesse N?]

See 1847, ff. below, where Jesse N. turns up in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

1830 – Despite the PPTL entries above and records below, Jesse N. Kidd does not appear on the Nelson County, VA federal census in 1830 or 1840.

1831 – **Jesse N. Kidd** married Mary Ann Stratton on 26 December 1831 in Amherst County, VA.¹¹⁵ According to an abstract of this marriage record, the parent (or guardian) of the bride was A. Stratton, the security for the marriage bond was Robert R. Pamplin, and the witness was William Stratton.¹¹⁶ The person officiating was A. B. Davies.¹¹⁷

1840 – **Jesse N. Kidd** was the bondsman when a marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for Mary F. Kidd and James L. Simmons on 22 January 1840. The minister was Jesse Powers, who performed the wedding on the same date.¹¹⁸

1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J., Coleman W., James P., Robert J., and **Jesse N. Kidd**, and Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single

¹¹⁵ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹¹⁶ Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853, page 316 (a section of this register listing Ministers' Returns), retrieved from FHL #30273, image 604 via familysearch.org (restricted access).

¹¹⁷ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

¹¹⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

female slave Judy that Lucy owned at the time of her death.¹¹⁹

Jesse had evidently previously borrowed money from his brother Coleman W. Kidd, and his share was credited to Coleman W. Kidd.

1842 – On 19 November 1842, Coleman W. Kidd of Nelson County leased to Robert J. Kidd “one red cow, one black yearling, one red steer, one brindle heifer, 16 head of hogs, one horse cart and gear, two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, and one ___ press, all of which he agrees to return when demanded by me. Signed – C.W. Kidd.

On the same day, Robert J. Kidd signed a receipt for the above items, which was witnessed by **Jesse N. Kidd** and Lucy Jane Lankford.

This deed of lease was admitted in court and recorded on 5 January 1843.¹²⁰

1843 – **Jesse N. Kidd** married Martha A. Williams on 7 February 1843 in Amherst County.¹²¹ The officiating minister was Thomas Atkinson.¹²²

According to another abstract of this marriage record, the surety witnesses were Thos. N. Matthews and Mary E. Matthews.¹²³

1847-1850 – A **Jesse Kidd** appears for the first time in 27 years on the Fluvanna County, VA, PPTLs in 1847, taxed only for his own tithe. This entry repeats annually through 1850, the last year that we have checked.

1850 – On the federal census in Fluvanna County, VA, p. 8A, HH 118/119:

Kidd, Jesse 40MW lockkeeper VA

" , Martha 37FW VA

" , Jesse Jr. 6MW VA

" , Robert 2MW VA

" , James 4MW VA

" , John 3/12MW VA

1860 – **Jesse Kidd** was evidently deceased by 1860 when Martha Kidd, apparently widowed, appears on the 1860 federal census in Campbell County (see below), with their younger children:

p. 110, HH 770/820:

Kidd, Martha 48FW no occupation listed \$0/30 VA

" , Robert 13MW VA

" , George 10MW VA

" , Charles 8MW VA

Trent, Sally 50FW no occupation listed \$0 VA cannot read or write

" , Thomas 20FW farm laborer VA

On the 1860 federal census in the western district of Campbell County, VA, Castle Craig P.O., p. 91, HH 643/681:

In the household of Daniel Candler, age 72, a farmer:

Kidd, James 14MW laborer VA

¹¹⁹ Nelson County, VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

¹²⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

¹²¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹²² Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853, page 484, retrieved from FHL #30273, image 770 via familysearch.org (restricted access). Digital image available upon request.

¹²³ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

1870 – On the federal census in the Western division of Campbell County, VA, Lynchburg P.O. p. 151, HH 844/924:
 Kidd, Martha 49FW keeps house VA
 " , James 22MW works on farm VA
 " , Charles 18MW works on farm VA

1930 – Jesse N.’s son Charles Alexander Kidd died on 26 July 1930 in Campbell County, VA. His death certificate¹²⁴ lists his father as **Jesse Nicholas Kidd**, born in “Amherst or Nelson County, VA,” and his mother as Martha Ann Williams, born in Amherst County, VA.
 [Note: This is the only reference to a middle name of Nicholas for Jesse N. Kidd.]

JOHN KIDD(s) – Two John Kidds appear in early Amherst County, VA records. Judging from their listings on the Amherst PPTLs, they may be father and son. We've listed them here as John Kidd Sr. and John Kidd Jr, respectively.

JOHN KIDD SR., son of William Kidd, Sr. of Buckingham County, VA
 Born by 1762,¹²⁵ likely in Virginia
 Married Celia/Selia [maiden name unknown]
 Moved to Lexington Parish of Amherst County by 1798
 Died after 1812, likely in Amherst County

John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia are likely the parents of three Kidd men – Hezekiah, John Jr., and William – who married Logan women in Amherst County, though no document has been found that provides proof of this relationship. See [Appendix Three](#) for a full explanation of our hypothesis.

[Note: When Judith Kidd married William Ross in 1810 in Amherst County, her parent or guardian’s name was listed as John Kidd. Although many online family trees claim that there are other children of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia, such claims are undocumented.]

1783-1797 – This **John Kidd** first appears on the **Buckingham County** PPTLs in 1783, listed by name in his father, William Kidd’s household.¹²⁶ He continues to be listed almost annually for the next 16 years (not listed in 1783 and 1793), and listed explicitly as “John, son of William” to distinguish him from the other John Kidds on these tax lists in 1789 and in 1795-1797.

TABLE: Buckingham County PPTLs for John Kidd, son of William, 1783-1797

YEAR	TAXPAYER	Also in HH	W Tithes	Tithable Slaves	Horses	Image #; COMMENTS
1783	William Kidd	John Kidd	2	0	2	FHL #30687, image 42

¹²⁴ Virginia Death Records, 1912-2014, on Ancestry.com. An image of his death certificate is found there.

¹²⁵ This estimated year of his birth is based upon his first appearance on the Buckingham County PPTLs in 1783 in his father’s household as a second taxable white male aged 21 or older. The age at which white males became tithable was reduced from 21 to 16 in 1788. Our only other record that sheds light on his date of birth is his entry on the 1810 federal census, at which time he was over 44 years of age, consistent with his birth by 1766.

¹²⁶ Retrieved from FHL #30687, image 42 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

1784	William Kidd	[not named; likely John]	2	0	3	72
1785	William Kidd	[not named; likely John]	2			89
1786	[only one John, who is John Sr.]					107
1787	William Kidd	John Kidd	2	0	2	123
1788	John Jr.		1	0	1	141
1789	Jno, son of Wm	-	1	0	0	159
1790	John Allen	Jno. Kidd	2	4	3	178
1791	John Allen	Jno. Kidd	2	3	3	192
1792	Jno. Kidd Junr	MK [Moses]	2	0	2	217
1793	[Only John Sr appears this yr]					238
1794	John Kidd Junr		1	0	2	263
1795	John, son of Wm		1	0	1	284
1796	John, son of Wm		1	0	1	314
1797	John, son of Wm		1	0	2	338
1798	drops from PPTLs when he moves to Amherst Co		1	0	2	338

In 1798, this John Kidd drops from the Buckingham PPTLs, and a John Kidd appears the same year on the Amherst County PPTLs, in Lexington Parish, with one white tithe, where he is the only Kidd found.

1797 – On 16 October 1797, John Arrington of Amherst County sold to **John Kidd of Buckingham County**, for £50, a tract containing 115 acres in Amherst County, on both sides of Little Indian Creek adjacent to John Willford and John Arrington. The deed was recorded on the same day that it was signed.¹²⁷ John Arrington and his wife Susannah both signed the deed. Little Indian Creek is near the boundary with Nelson County. See 1801 (below) for what became of this land.

1798-1813 – In 1798, **John Kidd** appears for the first time in 1798 on the Lexington Parish, Amherst County PPTLs with one white tithe, where he is the only Kidd listed. This John Kidd continued to appear on the Amherst County PPTLs through 1812, then drops from the list in 1813, by which time he likely has died.

TABLE: Amherst County PPTLs for John Kidd, 1798-1812

YEAR	TAXPAYER	WM T	B>16	B12-16	Horse s	Image #	COMMENTS
1798 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	1	417	FHL #2024457

¹²⁷ Amherst County VA Deed Book H, p. 282, abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

1799 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	1	463	
1800 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	1	493	
1801 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	1	511	
1802 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	2	566	
1803 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	2	600	
1804 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	1	37	FHL #2024458
1805 Lex Par	John Kidd	1	0	0	1	79	
1806 Lex Par	John Kidd	2	0	0	0	119	
1807 Lex Par	John Kidd	2	0	0	0	159	Nelson Co formed from Amherst
1808	No tax statewide						
1809	John Kidd	2	0	0	1	181	Amherst Co
1810	John Kidd	2	0	0	2	203	Amherst Co
1811	John Kidd Sr.	1	0	0	3	225	Amherst Co
1812	John Kidd Sr.	2	0	0	3	246	Amherst Co

From 1798 to 1813, this John Kidd appeared in Amherst County records:

1799 – Amherst County June court 1799. On the motion of John T. Wilsford, it is ordered that John Smith, William Martin, John Martin, **John Kidd** and Daniel Tyler or any three of them, being first sworn do view a way for a road from Benjamin Carpenter’s to where William Arrington lives, and report to the Court the conveniences and inconveniences attending the same.¹²⁸

1801 – Amherst County Court, May 1801. Govan & Weir, assignees of William and James Taliaferro, Plaintiffs vs **John Kidd**, Defendant} In Debt. John T. Wilsford comes into court and undertakes for the Deft. that in case he shall be cast in this suit, he shall satisfy and pay the condemnation of the Court or render his body to prison in execution for the same, or that he the said John T. Wilsford will do it for him...The Deft. then pleaded payment, and the Plt replied generally...the office judgment rendered in this case is set aside (and the case continued).¹²⁹

In a deed dated 27 November 1801 and recorded 15 February 1802, **John Kidd** and his wife Selia of Amherst County” sold to Isaac Scott of Amherst County a tract of land containing

¹²⁸ Amherst County Circuit Court Order Book 1799-1801, p 2.

¹²⁹ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 1: Amherst County Order Book 1799-1801, part 2 (pp. 350-625), page 463, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

115 acres on Little Indian Creek, adjacent to John Wilsford and John Arrington. John Kidd signed with an X, and was unable to write.¹³⁰

1802 – Amherst County Court, February 1802. An Indenture of Bargain and Sale between **John Kidd and Selia** his wife of the one part and Isaac Scott of the other part was proven by the oaths of Thomas Woodroof, George Dillard and John Tyler, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.¹³¹

Amherst County Court, March 1802. William Martin, Plt. v. **John Kidd**, Dft.} In Debt. William Evans offers special bail for the Deft...Deft pleads payment... the office judgment in this case is set aside (case continued).¹³²

Amherst County Court, March 1802. Govan & Weir assignees of William and James Taliaferro, Plts. vs. **John Kidd**, Dft.} In Debt. Deft. acknowledges the Plaintiff's action...Court rules that the Plt. recover against the Deft. the sum of £42.7.10, the debt in the declaration, and his costs...Deft. in mercy pleads...This judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £21.3.11, with interest from 1 May 1800 till paid, and costs.¹³³

Amherst County Court, May 1802. Govan & Weir, assignees of William and James Taliaferro, Plts. vs. **John Kidd** and William England, Defts.} On a motion upon a bond for the forthcoming and delivery of property taken on delivery of a writ of fieri facias sued out of this Court by the plaintiffs against the estate of the defendant **John Kidd**. Defts. acknowledge the Plts. motion. Court rules that the Plts. recover against the Defts. the sum of £54.9, the penalty of the said bond, and their costs...Defts. in mercy plead...this judgment is to be discharged by payment of £27.4.6 with interest from 16 April 1802 till paid.¹³⁴ [Note: The reference to the estate of John Kidd refers to his assets, and does not mean that he is deceased.]

Amherst County Court, May 1802. William Martin, assignee of Wm. Arrington, who was assignee of John Arrington, Plt. vs. **John Kidd**, Dft.} In Debt. Deft acknowledges the plaintiff's action...the Court rules that the Plt. recover against the Deft the quantity of two thousand weight of tobacco, the debt in the declaration, and his costs...Deft. in mercy pleads...this judgment (the costs excepted) may be discharged by the payment of one thousand weight of tobacco, with interest from 1 May 1800 till paid.¹³⁵

On 24 September 1802, **John Kidd** gave a deposition in the town of New Glasgow, in an

¹³⁰ Amherst County VA Deed Book I, pp. 344-345, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007. An abstract of this deed appears in *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 380. Images retrieved from Amherst DB I, pp. 344-345 via Familysearch.org. Image available upon request.

¹³¹ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 16, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

¹³² FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 30, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

¹³³ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 70, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

¹³⁴ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 122, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

¹³⁵ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 163, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

Amherst County Chancery suit over a debt owed by William Martin to John T. Wilsford. **John Kidd** signed his deposition with an X, indicating that he was not able to read or write.¹³⁶

1806 – **John Kidd** of Lexington Parish is listed with 2 white tithes for the years 1806 to 1810. He is the only Kidd in Lexington Parish from 1798 through 1806. In 1807, Richard Kidd and William Kidd also appear in Lexington Parish.

In 1811, his WMT tithes drop from two to one, and John Kidd Jr. first appears (See below) alongside John Kidd Sr. This John Kidd Jr. may be the son of John Kidd Sr., which would make his birth year by 1790. In 1812, John Kidd Sr. is again listed with 2 white tithes, possibly signaling a second son in his household reaching taxable age.

Only one John Kidd appears for the years 1813 and 1814. This may be John Jr.

1808 – **John Kidd** was security for the marriage bond of William Kidd and Susanna Logan 2 June 1808 in Amherst County, VA.¹³⁷ An abstract of this marriage lists Susanna Logan "of Amherst County for upwards of 12 months," and lists Susanna's parent or guardian as Anthony Logan, "not of Amherst County." The witness was Saml. Garland.¹³⁸

1810 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 3a, line 4:
John Kidd – 4FWM 0-9, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44.

1810 – Judith Kidd married William Ross on 30 June 1810 in Amherst County, VA. This record names her parent or guardian¹³⁹ as **John Kidd**.¹⁴⁰ She was most likely the female age 16-25 in the 1810 census record above.

1811 – **John Kidd** is mentioned in a Deed of Trust on 7 April 1811 in which Isaac Scott mortgaged 113 acres of land on Little Indian Creek he had bought of **John Kidd**, and where he (Scott) now lived. Debt to David Garland.¹⁴¹ (See 1802, above.)

[Note that this does not imply that John Kidd is still living, or that he is in the vicinity. It only confirms the chain of title based on the February 1802 deed from Kidd to Scott.]

¹³⁶ Amherst County Chancery Court case 1805-020, viewable online at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=009-1805-020#img, images 16-17.

¹³⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹³⁸ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K. The source for this was evidently "Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853," page 211, available as FHL #30273, image 498 via familysearch.org (restricted access). Retrieved 28 December 2019 at SPL by RK – image available upon request.

¹³⁹ His name appears in the column titled "Parent or Guardian of the Wife" in this register. It is more likely that he's her father, as he is also listed as the security for their marriage bond.

¹⁴⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

"Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853," page 212, available as FHL #30273, image 509 via familysearch.org (restricted access). Retrieved 28 December 2019 at SPL by RK – image available upon request.

¹⁴¹ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1807-1827, Books L-R*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 49, citing Amherst DB M, p. 36. This deed is viewable online at familysearch.org, FHL #30290, image 48 of 733. RK confirmed this at the Bellevue FHC on July 30, 2019. Copy available in the Deeds subfolder of the Amherst Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

1812 – **John Kidd Sr.** was the security for the marriage bond of John Kidd Jr. and Lucy Logan dated 5 Feb 1812 in Amherst County, VA.^{142 143}

1813 – John Kidd Sr. does not appear on the Amherst County PPTLs after 1812. We believe that he died in late 1812 or early 1813, likely in Amherst County. We have found no record of death for him (death records are rare in this era). What became of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia after 1812 is unknown.

The children of **John and Celia/Selia Kidd** are believed to be:

1. **William Kidd Jr.**, 1787-1876, War of 1812 soldier, married Susannah Logan in 1808 in Amherst County, migrated to Georgetown, Vermilion County, IL
2. **Judith Kidd**, married William Ross in 1810 in Amherst County
3. **John Kidd Jr.**, ca 1789-1855, War of 1812 soldier, married Lucy Logan in 1812 in Amherst County, migrated to Knox Co, TN
4. **Hezekiah Kidd**, ca 1794-1859, married Dicey Logan in 1819 in Amherst County, migrated to Knox County, TN

We believe that William Kidd Sr. of Buckingham County had three sons: John, who moved to Amherst County; Moses, who moved to Chatham County, NC; and Lewis, who moved to Blount County, TN. John's sons John Jr. and Hezekiah also moved to east Tennessee, to Knox County, which neighbors Blount County where their presumed uncle Lewis Kidd had settled.

JOHN KIDD JR., likely the son of John Kidd Sr. and wife Selia
Born ca 1789/1790 in Buckingham County, VA¹⁴⁴
Married Lucy Logan in 1812 in Amherst County
Served in the War of 1812 and later moved to Knox County, TN
Died in 1855 in Knox County

Three Kidd men – William Jr., John Jr., and Hezekiah – who married Logan women in Amherst County are likely the sons of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia, though no document has been found that provides proof of this relationship. See [Appendix Three](#) for a full explanation of our argument to support this hypothesis.

1806 – John Kidd Sr. has two white male taxables in his household starting in 1806; the second taxable may be his son, whom we've noted as **John Kidd Jr.** If so, the younger John was born ca 1789/1790.

¹⁴² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698> Also found in Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007. The latter source contains Lucy's given name.

¹⁴³ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K. A digital image of “Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853, page 230 (retrieved from FHL #30273, image 317) is available upon request from the authors.

¹⁴⁴ No record of his date of birth has been found. His cemetery record on Findagrave.com lists a specific date, but that date does not appear on his headstone, and thus should not be accepted as true.

1810 – He is most likely the white male aged 16-25 living in his father’s household at the time of the 1810 federal census:

John Kidd – 4FWM 0-9, **1 16-25** & 1>44; 1F 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44.

1811-1814 – after appearing as the second tithable in his father's household from 1806-1810, he appears for the first time on his own on the Amherst PPTLs in 1811 (see table above); in that year, John Kidd Sr.’s taxable males decreases from two to one. He is most likely the John Kidd listed on the 1813 and 1814 Amherst County PPTLs in Lexington Parish.

1812 – **John Kidd Jr.** married Lucy Logan on 5 Feb 1812 in Amherst County, VA.¹⁴⁵

The security for this marriage bond was John Kidd Sr., and the minister was A.B. Davies.¹⁴⁶ The same minister performed the marriage of Hezekiah Kidd and Dicey Logan in 1819.

[A much later account of this marriage is found in Lucy Kidd’s Widow’s Pension application, filed in 1871 in Knox County, Tennessee, which states they were married in Amherst County, Virginia in 1810 by a Rev. Duncan.¹⁴⁷ In this pension application, Dicey Kidd filed an affidavit stating that she was an eyewitness to this marriage.¹⁴⁸ Her affidavit was written on 28 October 1871 in Knox County, TN; it lists her age as 86. This is Dicey Logan Kidd, the wife of Hezekiah Kidd. The year of John and Lucy’s marriage was 1812, both Lucy and Dicey’s statements from 1871, recounted 59 years after the event, named the year as 1810.]

1814 – **John Kidd Jr.** served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Cornelius Sale’s Company of Light Infantry [90th V.M. under the 8th V.M., Wall’s], at Camp Carter near Richmond from 2 Sep 1814 to 10 Feb 1815 when he was discharged on account of inability. Distance from Camp Carter to home was given as 140 miles. John Jr. was present on 7 Nov 1814 and 1 Jan 1815. John Kidd volunteered in Amherst County and discharged at Camp Carter. William Kidd, likely John’s brother, also enlisted on the same day in Amherst County and served in the same company until February 1815, when he also was discharged at Camp Carter.¹⁴⁹

Note: In 1871, John’s widow Lucy successfully applied for a Widow’s Pension (pension claim no. 1055) on the record of her husband’s War of 1812 service, attesting that John Kidd died 26 Aug 1855 in Knox County, Tennessee.^{150 151}

NOTE: Upon a close reading of Lucy Kidd’s pension application filed in 1871 in Knox County, TN, it appears that the U.S. Pension Department may have conflated the service of John Kidd of

¹⁴⁵ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698> Also found in Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007. The latter source contains Lucy's given name.

¹⁴⁶ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K. A digital image of “Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853, page 230 (retrieved from FHL #30273, image 317) is available upon request from the authors.

¹⁴⁷ John Kidd’s War of 1812 pension file, viewable on Fold3.com, image 22 of his file.

¹⁴⁸ *ibid*, images 7 and 13.

¹⁴⁹ John Kidd Jr. CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38767457, 7579, 7690, 7804, 7911, 8018, original at NAB, copies on file.

¹⁵⁰ See <https://www.fold3.com/image/314837517> for images of the widow’s pension application no. 1055 for Lucy Kidd, widow of John Kidd

¹⁵¹ Lucy Kidd, widow of John Kidd, widows pension War of 1812, W.O. 1055, W.C. 1074, original at NAB, viewed 1/7/2010, copies on file.

Amherst County with the service of a different John Kidd, who enlisted in Goochland County VA and applied for a pension in Kanawha County, VA [now WV] in 1850.

This second John Kidd served as a private in Capt. E. Archer's company from 30 July 1814 to 15 Jan 1815, for which he was awarded 80 acres of bounty land (bounty land warrant no. 9981). He attested he enlisted in Goochland Courthouse and was discharged at Camp Holly [Camp Holly Springs] near Richmond.^{152 153} [Note: Camps Carter and Holly Springs were approximately 6 miles apart.] This question needs further research, but the same man could not have served at the same time in two different companies.

1815 – No John Kidd appears on the Amherst County PPTLs after 1814, and none reappears that we've found so far.

John Kidd Jr. moved to Knox County, TN before 1818, based on the Tennessee birth places of his children on the 1850 Knox County census. His likely brother Hezekiah Kidd also moved to Knox County, TN before 1830.

1820 – Twenty East Tennessee counties, including Knox County, are missing from the 1820 federal census files, so John Kidd Jr. cannot be located in 1820.

1830 – We haven't been able to find him on the federal census in Tennessee.

1840 – There are two John Kidds on the federal census in Knox County, Tennessee in 1840:
on page 65, line 19:

John Kidd – 1FWM 0-4 & 1 20-29; 2F 0-4 & 1 20-29

and on page 113, line 20:

John Kidd – 1FWM 10-14, 2 10-14, 1 15-19, 1 20-29 & 1 50-59; 1 F 5-9, 2 10-14, 1 15-19, 2 20-29, 1 40-49, and one 80-89.

The second entry is a better fit for this John Kidd. The identity of the older woman (aged 80-89, so born between 1751-1760), in his household is unknown.

1842 – **John Kidd** appears on the Land Tax List for Knox County (District 12) in 1842, taxed on 100 acres valued at \$450, but no slaves or polls. Also on this list is an L. Kidd, who is taxed for one white poll, but no land, slaves or other taxable items.¹⁵⁴

1850 – On the federal census in Knox County, TN, p. 134, HH 552/561, enumerated 23 Sept. 1850:

Kidd, John 50MW farmer \$800 VA

" , Lucy 50FW VA CROW

" , Malinda 32FW TN CROW (given her birthplace, they were in TN by 1818)

" , Louisa 24FW TN CROW

" , Hezekiah 23MW TN CROW

" , Martha J. 21FW TN CROW

" , Susan 18FW TN

" , Dicey 14FW TN

¹⁵² "War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants" by Patrick G. Wardell, page 221, located at LVA, reviewed 7-17-2009, WRK.

¹⁵³ "War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants" by Patrick G. Wardell, page 370, located at LVA, reviewed 7-17-2009, WRK.

¹⁵⁴ Ancestry.com – Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895.

1855 – A **John Kidd** died in Knoxville, Knox County, TN on 26 Aug 1855, according to his headstone in Third Creek cemetery in Knoxville.¹⁵⁵ [See FindAGrave for photo of his headstone, which reads “John Kidd, Died Aug 26, 1855”.

His widow, Lucy Kidd (headstone reads died April 11, 1873) and their unmarried daughter Martha J. Kidd (headstone reads born April 4, 1830 – died March 21, 1880) are also buried in this cemetery.

This date of his death is confirmed by Lucy Kidd’s application in 1871 from Knox County for a Widow’s Pension for her husband’s service.¹⁵⁶

1860 – His widow and two children are on the federal census in Knox County (12th District, Knoxville P.O.), TN, p. 243, HH 76:

Kidd, Lucy (illegible)F farmer \$1500/300 VA

" , Kiah 30MW \$300 VA

" , Martha J. 28FW VA

1870 – On the federal census District 12, Knox County, TN (Knoxville P.O.), p. 14, HH 96:

Kidd, Lucy 80FW keeping house \$1500/500 VA CROW

" , Martha 40FW TN

Daniel (?), Dica 13FW at home TN

" , Benjamin 9MW at home TN

JOHN JAMES KIDD, the son of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin

Born 26 September 1827 in Nelson County

Married Caroline C. Moore in 1847 in Rockbridge County VA

Died 29 October 1875, likely in Washington County VA¹⁵⁷

1835 – In an Amherst County deed dated 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, **John James Kidd**, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, Ann Hunt Kidd...for “divers good and valuable considerations ...and for the further consideration of \$1.00” ... a tract of land containing 71.5 acres lying in both Nelson and Amherst County, conveyed by William L. Watts to trustees. This land was bounded by the lands of Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne. The deed was proven in Court and ordered to be recorded on 20 July 1835.¹⁵⁸

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Jane Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.¹⁵⁹ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert J. Kidd

¹⁵⁵ www.findagrave.com, Memorial # 5673393.

¹⁵⁶ See <https://www.fold3.com/image/314837517> for images of the widow’s pension application no. 1055 for Lucy Kidd, widow of John Kidd

¹⁵⁷ This date of birth and death comes from his headstone in the Ashton Cemetery in Meadowview, Washington County, VA. See Findagrave.com.

¹⁵⁸ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. Amherst County Deed Book V, page 202, viewable online via Familysearch.org on FHL #30293, image 671 (unrestricted access).

¹⁵⁹ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes do descend below that line.

was appointed guardian of **John J. Kidd**, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”¹⁶⁰

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she apparently had an inheritance from her parents, intended to be passed to her children, but not to Robert J. Kidd, her husband. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd have a guardian’s bond.

1847 – On 17 August 1847, **James Kidd** married Caroline C. Moore in Rockbridge County, VA.¹⁶¹

1850 – On the federal census in Rockbridge County, VA, p. 366:
HH 490/506

Kidd, John J. 23WM Laborer VA

“ , Caroline 21FW VA

“ , William C. 19MW Laborer VA (this is John J.’s younger brother)

1860 – On the federal census in the town of Marion, Smyth County, VA, page 194, 7 Mile P.O., HH 1280/1284:

Kidd, John J. 30MW cabinet maker \$500/250 VA

“ , Caroline C. 33FW VA

“ , John 13MW VA

1870 – We have not been able to find him or his family on the 1870 federal census.

1875 – He died on 29 October 1875, presumably in Washington County, Virginia, according to his headstone. He is buried in the Ashton Cemetery, in Meadowview, Washington County, along with his wife Caroline C., who died in 1887.¹⁶²

JOHN NORMAN KIDD, the son of John³ Kidd and his wife Ruth Parish/Farish (named in his father's 1785 will in Albemarle County, VA).

John Norman⁴ (John³, William², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born 19 September 1758 in Albemarle County

Married Jeriah/Juriah [maiden name unknown], likely in Albemarle or Amherst Cos

Died before 20 July 1795 in Amherst County

Two daughters are named in his will: Amy/Anney, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁴ and Ruth, about whom nothing more is known.

1758 – On 19 Sept 1758, **Norman Kidd**, son of John Kid and Ruth Parish, was born in Albemarle County, VA. He was baptized 15 Oct 1758 by the Rev. William Douglas, St. James, Northam Parish.¹⁶⁵

¹⁶⁰ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

¹⁶¹ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com, citing FHL #33799, p. 58.

¹⁶² These dates of birth and death come from their headstones in the Ashton Cemetery in Meadowview, Washington County, VA. See Findagrave.com.

¹⁶³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹⁶⁴ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

¹⁶⁵ *The Douglas Register*, p. 230, citing p. 53 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

1780 – **Jno N. Kidd** enlisted in the Revolutionary War at Chesterfield County, VA. His age was not given, but his occupation was given as shoemaker, and his place of birth and his residence both given as Albemarle County. His physical appearance was described as: hair light brown, eyes gray, and complexion fair. He was enlisted 18 September 1780 for a period of 1 year, 6 months.^{166 167}

1782-1784 – **John Norman Kidd** appears on the Albemarle County PPTLs from 1782 (the first year for which these records are available) through 1784, with his name given as:

1782 – Norman Kidd

1783 – John N. Kidd

1784 – John Norman Kidd

1785 – **John Norman Kidd** is named in the Albemarle County will of his father John Kidd written 11 Mar 1785 and proven September 1785. Along with his brother William, he received an equal share of a bequest of land belonging to his mother Ruth's grandfather Henry Atkinson lying on Turkey Creek in Hanover County.¹⁶⁸

Fluvanna County Court October 1785. On the motion of **John Norman Kidd**, a witness for Thomas Devard and Thomas Appleberry at the suit of Richard Blanks assignee etc, the court ordered that Devard and Appleberry pay him 581 lb of tobacco for five days attendance at this court and once coming 26 miles from Albemarle County and returning and twice coming 24 miles from the county of Amherst and returning as the law directs.¹⁶⁹

John Norman Kidd drops from the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1785, and appears in Amherst County PPTLs alongside William Kidd, likely his brother, starting in 1786.

1786 – Amherst County Court March 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. William Kidd and **John Norman Kidd**, Defts.} In Debt. Defendants, though solemnly called, failed to appear. Court rules that Judgment be entered for the Plt. against the Defts. and James Wood, common bail for defendant William Kidd, and against William as common bail for defendant **John**, for the debt in the declaration, unless the defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.¹⁷⁰

Amherst County Court May 1786. John Thurmond, Plaintiff, against William Kidd and **John Norman Kidd**, Defendants. In Debt. Came the plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid, whereupon Joseph Lively and Thomas Nevil personally appeared and became Special Bail

¹⁶⁶ Two Kidds—William Kidd of Essex County and John N. Kidd of Albemarle County--are named in the transcription of "The Chesterfield Size Roll: Soldiers Who Entered the Continental Line of Virginia at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 September 1780," transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris, Library of Virginia accession 23816. Roll of troops who joined at Chesterfield Courthouse since 1780. Transcribed from bound photocopies. Revised 23 May 2012. For the full transcription and more information about how this list was compiled, see <http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf>

¹⁶⁷ "The Chesterfield Supplement: Some Revolutionary War soldiers who enlisted at Chesterfield Virginia after 1 September 1780," *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, October 1966, Vol. 4, No. 4, p. 77. Only John N. Kidd is included in the *Quarterly* article, and only information listed is place of birth and residence, both given as Albemarle County.

¹⁶⁸ Albemarle County VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5.

¹⁶⁹ Fluvanna County Order Book, 1783-1791, p. 225 (from FHL #31476, reviewed by RK at the Bellevue, WA FHC on 7/2/2013).

¹⁷⁰ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 431, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

for the said defendants, whereupon the defendants by John Breckenridge Gent their attorney saith that they have paid the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, and of that they put themselves on their Country and the plaintiff doth the same therefore the trial of the Issue between them is referred till the next Court.¹⁷¹

Amherst County Court August 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. William Kidd and **John Norman Kidd**, Defts.} In Debt. The defendants waive their plea, and agree that the plaintiff have judgment against them for the debt in the declaration...£5.15, with interest from 5 August 1784 till paid, and his costs. Plaintiff agrees to stay execution on this judgment for two months. Six pence and one shilling as part of this judgment was paid on 7 August 1786.¹⁷²

1786-1794 – **John N. Kidd** first appears on the Amherst County PPTLs, with 1 white tithe and 1 slave under 16. Also appearing for the first time is his likely brother William Kidd, with 1 white tithe. Since their father John died in Albemarle County in 1785, it is likely his death triggered the move of his sons John Norman and William to Amherst County. [No Kidds are listed on the Amherst PPTLs for the years 1782-1785.]

Through 1793, **John Norman Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs each year with 1 white tithe (with no slaves after 1786), variously listed as John N., N. John, John Norman and once as John Normand. In 1794, he has two white tithes and is enumerated as “John Norman Kidd and Charles Reynolds” [likely a hired hand or overseer]. John Norman disappears from the PPTLs after 1794 and died in 1795 (see will below).

1787 – Amherst County Court, the Eighth of March 1787. William Wood, Plaintiff, against **John Norman Kidd**, Defendant. In debt. The defendant not being arrested on the motion of the plaintiff, John Breckenridge Gent his attorney, an *Alias Capias* [warrant from the court for the defendant to appear] is awarded him against the said Defendant redeemable to the next term.¹⁷³

Amherst County Court August 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **John Norman Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt. William Kidd personally appeared in Court and undertook for the defendant [to be his appearance bail]...the defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs’ action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £14.9, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £7.4.6 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.¹⁷⁴

Amherst County Court August 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. William Kidd, Deft.} In Debt.

John Norman Kidd comes into court and offers special appearance bail for the Deft. The defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs’ action, but that he is justly indebted

¹⁷¹ Amherst County Order Book 1784-1787, p 486.

¹⁷² FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 532, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

¹⁷³ Amherst County Order Book, 1786-1789, p. 182.

¹⁷⁴ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £6.15.4, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £3.7.8 with interest thereon from 2 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.¹⁷⁵

- 1788 – On 9 May 1788, in a complaint over a debt filed in Amherst County: Campbell & Kingston, assignee of John Baisden who was assigned of Leonard Phillips, Plaintiffs, against **John Norman Kidd**, deft, in debt.

Came the Plaintiffs by John Breckenridge their Attorney, the Defendant being duly arrested and failing to appear, order is granted the Plaintiff against the said Defendant and William Kidd and James Kidd his common bail for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, unless the said Defendant shall appear in the next [court?] and plead to Issue.¹⁷⁶ [James Kidd and William Kidd were brothers of John Norman Kidd.]

Amherst County August Court, 1788. **John Norman Kidd**, Plaintiff vs. John Bradshaw, Defendant} Trespass, Assault, and Battery. This case is continued between the parties till the next Term.¹⁷⁷

Note that **William Kidd** of Amherst County also sued John Bradshaw in 1788. See his section of this paper.

Amherst County Court October 1788. Thompson & Teas, Plt vs. **John Norman Kidd**, Dft} On a Petition by Note. The defendant having been duly notified, failed to appear...judgment is granted against the said defendant for the sum of £1.14.3 with legal interest from 1 April 1786 till paid, plus their costs.¹⁷⁸

- 1790 – Amherst County Court May 1790. **John Norman Kidd**, Pltf against John Bradshaw, Deft} Trespass, Assault & Battery. This suit is dismissed.¹⁷⁹

On 29 December 1790, James Kidd and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, VA. The bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy gives her own consent [so she was aged 21 by this date]. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and **John Kidd** [likely John Norman Kidd, James's brother].¹⁸⁰

- 1793 – Amherst County Court March 1793. On the motion of **Norman Kidd** [and other witnesses], it is ordered that Coleman Garland Wright, Frances Wright, and Robert Henderson pay such of them twenty-five pounds of gross tobacco for their attendance at this Court one day as witnesses for them [Wrights and Henderson] in the motion against Tilman Walton.¹⁸¹

¹⁷⁵ Ibid.

¹⁷⁶ Amherst County, Virginia Court Order Book, 1786-1789, p 465.

¹⁷⁷ Ibid, p. 310.

¹⁷⁸ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 365.

¹⁷⁹ Amherst Order Book, 1786-1789, page 310, retrieved from FHL #32265, item 2, image 357.

¹⁸⁰ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

¹⁸¹ Amherst County Order Book, 1790-1794, p 509.

1795 – The will of **Jno. Norman Kidd**, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795¹⁸² in Amherst County, names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Amy and Ruth Kidd. He named his wife Juriah and his brother William Kidd his executrix and executor. Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.¹⁸³

[Note: Whether the Obedience Kidd who witnessed this will is related to John Norman Kidd is unknown.]

This will is followed in the Will Book by an Executor's Bond for Juriah Kidd, in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1 >44; 1F >44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1 >44 [widow of John Norman Kidd]

John Kidd: 3M <10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1 >44; 1F <10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M <10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F <10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M <10 & 1 26-44; 3F <10 & 1 16-25

JUDITH KIDD ROSS, daughter of John Kidd, married William Ross in 1810

1810 – **Judith Kidd** married William Ross on 30 June 1810 in Amherst County, VA. This record names her father as John Kidd.^{184 185} John Kidd was also the security for the marriage bond. We've not found any more information about Judith Kidd or her husband.

LEWIS B. KIDD, named in an 1843 transaction involving James Kidd

1843 – On 3 August 1843 in Amherst County Court, Maurice Hickey entered into a deed of trust with **Lewis B. Kidd**, in order to secure the payment of a debt of \$120 due by bill dated 25 January 1842, and a further sum of \$80.50 due by bill dated 17 March 1843 owed to James Kidd, using a combination of livestock, farm implements and household furniture, along with his current crops of corn, oats and hay.¹⁸⁶ This deed was presented in Lynchburg Court on the same day, and proved by the oath of Maurice Hickey. It was examined in Amherst County Court on 4 August and admitted to record.

It is not clear why this deed was produced in both courts. Hickey appeared in Lynchburg Court to attest to the deed, and Lewis B. Kidd was a Lynchburg resident.

¹⁸² Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

¹⁸³ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

¹⁸⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹⁸⁵ "Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853," page 222, available via familysearch.org (restricted access) as FHL #30273, image 509. This register, evidently compiled decades after the marriages, contains abstracts of marriage bonds. Among the printed column headings for each marriage bond is one titled "Parent or Guardian of the Wife; the marriage bond entry for Judith Kidd lists "Kidd, John" in this column. John Kidd was also the Security for this bond. Digital image of this page available upon request.

¹⁸⁶ **Amherst** County Deed Book Y, pages 526, ff. (second page also numbered 526 in deed book), retrieved from FHL #30295, images 290-291 on this reel. Scanned images available upon request.

MOSES KIDD, husband of Milly Clark, and father of sons Allen, Zachariah, Moses Jr., and Harmon Kidd

Born by 1747¹⁸⁷; place of birth and names of parents unknown.

Left records in five different central Virginia counties:¹⁸⁸ Goochland (1768), Albemarle (1774 -~1775), Fluvanna (1777-1782), Albemarle (1784-1786), Amherst (1788-1807), and Nelson (1809) Counties.

He likely died in Nelson County in 1809. His widow Milly and sons Zachariah, Moses Jr., and Harmon then moved to Knox County, Kentucky, and appear there on the 1810 federal census, and subsequent Kentucky records.

1768 – **Moses Kidd** and Milly Clark were married by the Rev. William Douglas 29 Sept 1768, presumably in Goochland County, St. James, Northam Parish. Both bride and groom were listed as “in Albemarle.”¹⁸⁹

This represents the first record found for this Moses Kidd.

1774 – Lewis Kidd and **Moses Kidd** are named as debtors to John Lyle in Albemarle County in 1774.¹⁹⁰

Bef. 1777 – Aron Kidd, Benjamin Kidd, John Kidd, Lewis Kidd, **Moses Kidd** and Saml. Kidd were among the signers of a petition to the General Assembly for separation of Fluvanna County from Albemarle County.¹⁹¹

1777 – Fluvanna County was created from the southeastern part of Albemarle County 5 May 1777.

Fluvanna County August 1777 Court. The several Surveyors of the Roads in this County, continued as appointed by Albemarle Court.

Ordered that the hands of Allen Cocke where Richard Bennett is overseer, hands of Robert Payne, Julius Saunders Jr., Julius Saunders Sr., Lewis Kidd, Jno. Kidd, **Moses Kid**, James Webb, Edward Rice, David Wade, hands of Jno. Harris, hands of Walter King where Jno. Key is overseer, work on the road whereof Jno. Key is Surveyor until the next court.¹⁹²

1778 – Moses Kidd was one of the witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Jesse Clarke, signed on 3 September 1778 in Fluvanna County, along with Joseph Haden, Jonathan Clarke, and

¹⁸⁷ Though not explicitly stated in his 1768 marriage record, he was at least 21 years of age at that time.

¹⁸⁸ In chronological order, these were Goochland (1768), Albemarle (1774 -~1775), Fluvanna (1777-1782), back to Albemarle (1784-1786), Amherst (1788-1807), and Nelson (1808) counties. We are confident that all of these records belong to the same Moses Kidd, because he's never found in two or more counties at the same time, and because his son Zachariah is seen in the same counties.

¹⁸⁹ *The Douglas Register*, pp. 30, 58, citing p. 10 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

¹⁹⁰ Albemarle County DB 6, p. 367-370. This citation comes from one of the Sparacio books, and their names were in a lengthy list of those owing money to John Lyle, who was evidently a merchant in Albemarle County at the time of his death.

¹⁹¹ Fluvanna County Historical Society Bulletin 1:6 (reviewed by RK at Jones Memorial Library, April 2013).

A PDF of this petition, including the signatures of all signers and a map showing the proposed dividing line (along with waterways and other topographic features) is available in the Library of Virginia's Petitions collection.

We downloaded and annotated a copy of this from Library of Virginia, Jan. 2022 (stored in the Albemarle Source Documents folder.

¹⁹² FHL #31476, Item 1, Fluvanna County OB, August 1777 – May 1779, p. 2.

Moses Morris. Moses signed with an X.¹⁹³

In December Court, Fluvanna County, **Moses Kidd** presented the will of Jesse Clarke, deceased, and proved it in Court, and it was recorded.¹⁹⁴

This will names Jesse’s brother, Jacob, as his only heir and executor. It makes mention of no other Clark individuals.

1779 – Fluvanna Court, 2 Sept. 1779. Ordered that the hands belonging to Austin Sea, Stephen Clements, Benj. Lea [or Seay], Robert B. Paine, Lewis Kidd, **Moses Kidd**, John Kidd, Allen Cock (on the W. River), John Harris, Richd. Chandler, Julius Sanders Senr., Julius Sanders Junr., John Rice, William Rice, Sackeville King, John (Rice?), Thomas Down, Thos. Linthecum, & Thos. Appleberry work on the road whereof John Sea [Seay] is appointed Surveyor.¹⁹⁵

1782 – A **Moses Kidd** appears on the 1782 Tax List for Fluvanna County.¹⁹⁶

1784-1786 – A **Moses Kidd** first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1784, and he appears for three consecutive years, after which no further record of him is found in Albemarle County through 1851.

1788-1807 – A **Moses Kidd** appears on the Amherst County, VA PPTLs for Amherst Parish beginning in 1788 and is found most years through 1807 (he is missing from the 1793 and 1795 lists but appears all other years). It is likely that this is the same Moses Kidd found in 1809 in Nelson County, since Nelson was formed from Amherst in 1807 and no tax was assessed statewide in 1808.

He has 1 to 3 tithes during this period. For 1794 only, the PPTLs include other taxable males by name, and he is listed with “son Allen.” See table below:

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Notes
1788	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1789	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1790	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1791	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1792	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	
1793	Not listed			
1794	Amherst	Moses and son Allen	2 tithes	1 horse
1795	Not listed			
1796	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1797	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse

¹⁹³ Fluvanna County, VA Will Book 1, pages 14-15, retrieved from FHL #1930068, images 25-26 via familysearch.org (restricted access – affiliated libraries).

¹⁹⁴ Fluvanna County, OB, 1777-1779, p. 35 (from FHL #31476, reviewed by RK at Bellevue, WA FHC 7/2/13).

¹⁹⁵ FHL #31476, Item 2, Fluvanna County OB, June 1779- August 1782, p. 7.

¹⁹⁶ Fluvanna County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1826, retrieved from FHL #2024538, image 13 via familysearch.org.

1798	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	1 horse
1799	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	1 horse
1800	Amherst	Moses	1 tithes	1 horse
1801	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	2 horses
1802	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	2 horses
1803	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	2 horses
1804	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	
1805	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1806	Amherst	Moses	3 tithes	2 horses
1807	Amherst	Moses	3 tithes	3 horses
1808	No tax statewide			
1809	Moses Kidd drops from the Amherst County PPTLs, and does not reappear.			

1801-1802 – A **Zachariah Kidd** appears on the PPTLs, in Amherst Parish, with 1 white tithe, but with no horse and no tax charged.

Note: The Amherst County 1803 PPTL has an entry that is difficult to read; it could be Zachariah Kidd, but appears to be Juriah Kidd.]

1801 – Amherst County Court, August 1801. On the motion of **Moses Kidd**, a witness on behalf of Josiah Wingfield against William Spencer, it is ordered that the said Wingfield pay him two dollars sixty-five cents for attending this Court five days.¹⁹⁷

1802 – Amherst County Court, March 1802. On the motion of **Moses Kidd**, a witness on behalf of Josiah Wingfield against William Spencer, ordered that the said Wingfield pay him two dollars sixty-five cents for attending this Court three days at December court last and two ditto at this Court.¹⁹⁸

Amherst County Court, May 1802. On the motion of **Moses Kidd**, a witness on behalf of Josiah Wingfield against William Spencer, it is ordered that the said Wingfield pay him one dollar fifty-nine cents for attending this Court three days.¹⁹⁹

1807 – Nelson County was created on 25 December 1807 from Amherst County. There was no tax statewide in 1808.

¹⁹⁷ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 1: Amherst County Order Book 1799-1801, part 2 (pp. 350-625), page 583, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

¹⁹⁸ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 39, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

¹⁹⁹ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 120, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

1809 – **Moses Kidd** appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1809. This is the first year for which these records are available (Nelson County was formed in 1807 and there was no tax statewide in 1808). He appears along with a Moses Kidd Jr. and a Zack Kidd (with one tithe and two horses).

All three men disappear from Nelson County, VA records after this entry, and do not appear in Nelson County on the PPTLs or the federal censuses through 1850.

1810 – In this year, Zachariah Kidd, Moses Kidd, and Harmon Kidd appear for the first time on the tax list in Knox County, Kentucky. We believe that these are the three surviving sons of Moses and Milly Clark Kidd.

Their mother Milly appears on the 1810 federal census in Knox County, KY:
page 661, line 13:

Milly Kid – 1FWM<10, 2 16-25 & 1 26-44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>45. No slaves. The three older males in Milly's HH are most likely her sons, Zachariah, Harmon and Moses, given the 1810 tax list (above).

ALSO on the 1810 federal census is another Kidd:
page 652, line 12:

Elias Kid – 1FWM 16-25 & 1 26-44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. One slave.

Given the above, we conclude that Moses Kidd Sr. died in the newly created Nelson County in 1809, and that his widow, Milly (Clark) Kidd and their three sons moved to Knox County, KY by the time of the 1810 federal census. We do not know what became of son Allen Kidd, who does not appear in the Kentucky records, to our knowledge.

**NANCY JANE (PAMPLIN) KIDD, the daughter of John and Margaret Pamplin
Married Robert J. Kidd in 1826 in Nelson County, VA
Deceased by 1840**

1826 – Robert Kidd married **Nancy Jane Pamplin** on 3 June 1826 in Nelson County, VA.²⁰⁰

Two months later, Robert J. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust in Nelson County, as follows:

On 28 August 1826, Robert J. Kidd entered into a deed of trust with Jos. C. Meginson regarding an agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife that had been reached previously (perhaps prior to their marriage). This part of the record is extremely dark (filmed in negative mode), and is nearly unreadable. Here's the text following, verbatim:²⁰¹
"This Indenture ___ the 28th day of August 1826 between Robert J. Kidd of the first part, Joseph C. Megginson of the second part, and **Nancy Jane Kidd**, before marriage **Nancy Jane Pamplin** of the third part. Whereas a marriage has been lately solemnized between the said Robert J. Kidd and the **said Nancy Jane**, and whereas previous to the said marriage, articles of agreement were entered into, wherein the said Robert J. Kidd faithfully undertook(?) himself, his heirs, etc. to make over by way of settlement, to the said Nancy Jane (now his wife), certain property therein alluded to, and hereinafter, more particularly described.

²⁰⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

²⁰¹ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 5, pp. 468-469 (scanned images of this record available from RK)

"Now this indenture further witnesseth that the said Robert J. Kidd, for and in consideration of the premises (promises?) and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar, unto him in hand paid by the said Joseph C. Megginson," ... , has (sold) to Megginson "all the right, title, interest and claim which he, the said Robert J. Kidd hath derived (?) or may hereafter derive, from the said **Nancy Jane** (his wife) in consequence of his said intermarriage with her," ... "to any and all property, whether real or personal, whether devised from her late father, or otherwise – to have and to hold the said property, whether real or personal Free from any claim or claims" ... "and upon this special confidence, that the said Joseph C. Megginson, his heirs, & etc., will suffer the said **Nancy Jane Kidd** to enjoy the use of the said property, and to keep it in her possession during her life, or sell the said property or any part thereof if required by the said **Nancy Jane Kidd** and at her like(?) request reinvest the money arising from the sale of the same, and furthermore upon the death of the said **Nancy Jane Kidd**, the said Joseph C. Megginson will give up the said property or whatever may be remaining in his hands unto the heirs of the said **Nancy Jane Kidd**. In testimony whereof the parties hereunto have set their hands and affixed their seals..."

(signed) Robert J. Kidd {seal}
 Jos. C. Megginson {seal}
 Nancy Jane Kidd {seal}

Witnesses were James Kidd & James P. Kidd, and was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.

1835 – In an Amherst County deed dated 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to **Nancy Jane Kidd**, John James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, Ann Hunt Kidd...for “divers good and valuable considerations ...and for the further consideration of \$1.00” ... a tract of land containing 71.5 acres lying in both Nelson and Amherst County, conveyed by William L. Watts to trustees. This land was bounded by the lands of Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne. The deed was proven in Court and ordered to be recorded on 20 July 1835.²⁰²

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1836-1850 – A **Nancy J.H. Kidd** appears for the first time on the Amherst County Land Tax Lists in 1836, taxed on 71.5 acres received from the John Pamplin estate. Her residence at the time was Nelson County, and it remained that way through 1850, the last year of these records that we've checked. In 1841 the source of her land began to be listed annually as "Margaret Pamplin" rather than “John Pamplin’s estate.”

1840 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA:

p. 72 (all entries by first letter of surname, so no inference about location possible):
Alexander Pamplin: 2M 20-29 and 1 30-39; 1F 20-29. Thirteen slaves. 2 in Ag and 5 in navigation of rivers, lakes or streams.

Margaret Pamplin: 1F 50-59. No slaves.

Leroy Pamplin: 1M 20-29, 1 30-39 & 1 60-69; 1F 15-19 & 1 60-69.

²⁰² *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. Amherst County Deed Book V, page 202, viewable online via Familysearch.org on FHL #30293, image 671 (unrestricted access).

Meanwhile, p. 63 of the federal census:

Robert J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 3 5-9 & 1 60-69. No slaves. One in agriculture. (Wife Nancy appears to have died. Who's the older WF?)

Nancy Jane Pamplin Kidd had died by November 1840. On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.²⁰³ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert J. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”²⁰⁴

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; because she left assets to her children, her husband was required to have a guardian's bond.

1841-1845 – Amherst County LTL entries:

Kidd, **Nancy J.H.**/Nelson/71.5/Margaret Pamplin/ (rest same)
Pamplin, Margaret / 71.5 acres from Jeremiah Hylton /

1842 – Margaret Pamplin, Nancy Pamplin Kidd's mother, died, leaving a probate record in Amherst County, (signed) February 14, 1842, (proved) March 22, 1842. Witnesses: Warner Jones, Samuel Garland, Jas. P. Coleman. Daughter, Sarah Ann Taylor, wife of Thos. Taylor....land “joining in Amherst and Nelson Counties...where my son Alex now lives, and got by commissioners deed from Saml. M. Garland.”²⁰⁵

1846 – Amherst LTLs - **Kidd, Nancy J.H.** Nelson County 71.5 acres from Margaret Pamplin

1847-1850 – Amherst LTLs –

Kidd, Nancy J.H. /Nelson /71.5/ Margaret Pamplin / (rest same)
Margaret Pamplin 7.5 ac from Jeremiah Hylton

No probate record is found in either Amherst County nor in Nelson County for Nancy or John Pamplin.

NATHAN KIDD – identity unknown

Born by 1800, parents unknown

Married Delila Tyree Hendricks in 1842 in Amherst County, VA

Likely died before 1850

1821-1833 – A **Nathan Kidd** appears first on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1821 and is seen frequently, but not annually, through 1833, when he drops from the lists.

His name does not appear in the Amherst County PPTLs from 1795 through 1851.

²⁰³ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes DO descend below that line.

²⁰⁴ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁰⁵ *The Wills of Amherst County, Virginia 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Greenville, SC, 1985, p. 285. This book contains no other Pamplin surname wills. Nothing for John Pamplin, but perhaps his residence was in Nelson County, since they appear to have lived on the county line between Amherst and Nelson counties.

1842 – A Nathan Kidd married Delilah/Delila Hendricks on 1 Sept 1842 in Amherst County, VA.²⁰⁶
The record is incomplete, and doesn't list the surety, witnesses or official performing the marriage.²⁰⁷

This Nathan is too old to be Nathan Laud Kidd (born ca 1828) of Nelson County, Virginia, the son of Robert N. Kidd and his wife Agnes. The identity of this Nathan Kidd is unknown.

PLEASANT KIDD – parents unknown

Born between 1766-1780, based on tax lists and his 1810 census entry

Married Sarah Farrell in Albemarle County in 1802

Likely died in Albemarle County circa 1821

This Pleasant Kidd appears to have moved back and forth between Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson counties, leaving records in each

[It is possible that this Pleasant Kidd was the son or grandson of Duel Kidd, who lived in the southeastern part of Albemarle County. Other sons or grandsons of Duel Kidd may have been Charles Kidd (died 1856 in Albemarle County) and Joseph Kidd, who married Ann (Nancy) Johnson in 1795 in Albemarle County. While this theory needs additional research, all these men lived in the area, had limited assets, and apparently were illiterate.]

1801 – **Pleasant Kidd** first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1801, with one WM tithe, and no tax.

He drops from the Albemarle tax lists in 1802 and doesn't reappear for more than a decade.

1802 – A **Pleasant Kidd** married Sarah Farrell in Albemarle County, VA on 20 December 1802.²⁰⁸
²⁰⁹ Another abstract of this marriage lists the bondsman as James Farrell and the witness as John Carr. Minister Martin Dawson Sr.²¹⁰ Note: A John Carr also witnessed the 1793 marriage of Elizabeth Kidd and Meredith Landers in Albemarle County.

1803-1804 – We've found no records for a Pleasant Kidd for these years in Albemarle or Amherst Counties; Nelson county was not formed until 1809.

1805-1807 – A **Pleasant Kidd** appears on the Amherst County VA PPTLs for Amherst Parish for the years 1805-1807. It is likely that this is the same Pleasant Kidd found for the years 1809-1811 in Nelson County, since Nelson was formed from Amherst in 1807 and no tax was assessed statewide in 1808. See Table below.

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Notes
1805	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	
1806	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	1 horse

²⁰⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

²⁰⁷ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

²⁰⁸ *Marriages of Albemarle County and Charlottesville, VA, 1781-1929*, by William L. Norford, p. 111.

²⁰⁹ An image of a transcription of this marriage bond was retrieved from FHL #30271, Item 2: Albemarle County Marriage Bonds, book 1, 1780-1805, image 419, via familysearch.org; it is in the Albemarle Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox. An image of the actual bond is also available there.

²¹⁰ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1807	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	1 horse
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We found no other records in Amherst County for a Pleasant Kidd.

1808 – No taxes were collected in Virginia in 1808, by order of the Virginia General Assembly.

1809-1811 – A **Pleasant Kidd** appears on the Nelson County PPTL in 1809, the first year for which these tax records are available; he also appears in 1810 and 1811, then drops from the Nelson County PPTLs.

[Nelson County was created in 1809, from the northern half of Amherst County. Pleasant did not move to Nelson County; he lived in the portion of Amherst County that became Nelson County in 1809.]

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1809		Pleasant	1		1
1810		Pleasant	1		
1811		Pleasant	1		

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:²¹¹

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

1813-1820 – After a hiatus of over a decade, **Pleasant Kidd** reappears on the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1813; he then appears almost annually through 1820:

YEAR	NAME	Tithe	OTHER
1813A	Pleasant	1 tithe, no tax listed	
1814	Pleasant	1 tithe, 1 horse	other list
1815	Pleasant	1 tithe, 2 horses	1st part, Edward Garland list
1816	Pleasant	1 tithe	Edward Garland list
1817	Pleasant Kid	1 tithe	Fleming Garland list
1819	Pleasant Kid	1 tithe	1st list
1820	Pleasant	1 tithe	

1815 – Albemarle County Court, 8 August 1815. James Norvell, plaintiff, against **Pleasant Kidd**, defendant} In Debt on execution. The defendant being in execution at the suit of the plaintiff, prays the benefit of the act of Assembly passed for the relief of insolvent debtors;

²¹¹ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson County, VA.”

notice of this motion having been proved, the same being granted, he took the oath prescribed by Law, whereupon the said defendant is discharged.²¹²

- 1819 – In this one year, **Pleasant Kidd** also appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs, with one tithe and no horse. This is the only year in which Pleasant Kidd appears on both the Albemarle and Nelson County PPTLs, which suggests these could be two different men; arguing against this is the fact that only one Pleasant Kidd is a household head in Albemarle County, and no other Pleasant Kidd is found in Amherst or Nelson County.
- 1820 – **Pleasant Kidd** is one of only two Kidd household heads in Albemarle County's 1820 federal census (the other Martha Kidd, living next door):
 Martha Kidd – 1M 26-44 and 1F 26-44
 Pleasant Kidd – 2WM<10, 3M 10-15 & 1>44; 4F<10, 1 10-15 & 1 26-44.
 Two in manufacturing and one in agriculture.
- 1821 – **Pleasant Kidd** drops from the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1821, and doesn't reappear for more than two decades. Based upon the records below, we think that this Pleasant Kidd likely died sometime after the 1820 census and before the 1825 Albemarle PPTLs.
- 1825-1828 – A Sarah Kidd first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1825, as Sarah Kidd and son, through 1827. In 1828, she has 1 tithe, without the “and son” descriptor. This is likely Pleasant Kidd’s widow, which would signify he died by 1825.

YEAR	NAME	TITHES	OTHER
1825B	Sarah Kidd and son	no tithe, 1 horse, .12 tax	Geo M. Woods list
1826B	Sarah Kidd and son	no tithe, 1 horse, .12 tax	Geo M. Woods list
1827B	Sarah Kidd and son	1 tithe, 1 horse	Geo M. Woods list
1828B	Sarah Kid	1 horse; no son listed now	

- 1827 – On 27 August 1827, the Albemarle County Court appointed Samuel W. Harris to be the guardian of William Kidd, orphan of **Pleasant Kidd**.²¹³
 This William Kidd is likely to be the one white male tithe in Sarah Kidd’s household in 1827; he likely reached the taxable age or sixteen years in the previous year. If so, he was probably born circa 1811, judging from the 1820 federal census.

We found no other records in Albemarle or adjacent counties for Sarah (Farrell) Kidd or for the above William Kidd.

A different Pleasant Kidd is found in Nelson County records between 1822 and 1850. This man was not born until 1791.²¹⁴ See our Nelson County compilation for more information about this Pleasant Kidd.

RICHARD KIDD – on the Amherst County tax lists 1802-1807

- 1802, 1803, 1807 – A **Richard Kidd** first appears on the Amherst County PPTL in Amherst Parish in 1802, charged only for his own tax. He appears there again in 1803, then drops from the

²¹² Albemarle County Order Book, 5 June 1815 – 6 June 1816, p. 95, retrieved from FHL microfilm #30261, image 352 via familysearch.org.

²¹³ “*The Court Doth Order*”: extracts from Albemarle and Charlottesville order, law order and minute books, 1800-1900, by Sam Towler, New Papyrus Publishing, Athens, GA, 2009, page 72, citing the 1827 Court Order Book, p. 269.

²¹⁴ His age on the 1830 federal census was listed as 30-39.

Amherst County PPTLs. In 1807 he reappears, this time in Lexington Parish, along with John and William Kidd.

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Notes
1802	Amherst	Richard	1 tithe	No tax charged *
1803	Amherst	Richard	1 tithe	No tax charged *
1804	Amherst	Richard		
1805-1806		Not listed		
1807	Lexington	Richard	1 tithe	

He then disappears from Amherst County. He does not appear in neighboring Nelson County, and we have found no other records for him.

ROBERT G. KIDD – witness to Amherst County deeds in 1816 and 1817

1816 – On 24 June 1816, **Robert G. Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed from Robert Pierce and wife Jean of Pittsylvania County to Peyton Keith of Amherst County for the sum of \$350, a tract of 121 acres on the waters of Raven Creek, a north branch of the Buffalo River in Amherst County, adjoining the lands of Allen Blair, Stephen Watts, Samuel Spencer, grantee. The other witnesses were Allen Blair, William H. Anderson, & Peyton Keith. This deed was proven in Court by the oaths of the witnesses and admitted to record on 15 July 1816.²¹⁵

1817 – On 24 February 1817, **Robert G. Kidd** was one of the witnesses to an Amherst County deed from Samuel Anderson of Albemarle County to Peyton Keith of Amherst County in which Anderson sold to Keith for the sum of \$1020 a tract of 127.5 acres lying on Raven Creek and adjoining Abraham Ewers, Allen Blair, and Peyton Keith. The other witnesses were Winston Blair, Joseph Brown, and William H. Anderson. The deed was proved in Court and admitted to record 26 February 1817.²¹⁶

We found no other records for this man in Amherst County, or elsewhere.

ROBERT J. KIDD, the son of James Kidd and Lucy Jopling

Robert⁵ (James⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born ca 1802, likely in Amherst County²¹⁷

Married (1) Nancy Jane Pamplin in 1826, m (2) Harriett Jones in 1841, m (3)

Olivia Megginson in February 1886.

Died sometime after February 1886, date and location unknown at this time.

This Robert J. Kidd left records in both Amherst and Nelson Counties.

²¹⁵ *The deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1807-1827*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985, p. 109, citing DB N, p.122. This deed is viewable online via familysearch.org, on FHL #30290, image 494 (unrestricted access).

²¹⁶ *Ibid*, p. 118, citing DB N, p. 236. This deed is viewable online via familysearch.org, on FHL #30290, images 550-551 (unrestricted access).

²¹⁷ His father was on the Amherst County PPTLs from 1800 through 1811.

1802 – According to the information provided in 1886 for his third marriage (when he was 84 years old), **Robert J. Kidd** was born in Nelson County, the son of “James and Lucy Kidd.” Given his age at the time of this marriage, he was born circa 1802. See his 1886 entry below for full details.²¹⁸ Although he listed Nelson County as his birthplace, Nelson County wasn’t created until 1807, out of part of Amherst County. So he was surely born in Amherst County.

1820 – The federal census in 1820 in Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd. Robert J. Kidd is not among the named household heads in Nelson County in 1820. However, his brother, William J. Kidd’s household consists of 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1 male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture. Given the number of adult males in William J. Kidd’s household, the other three males may be his brothers James P., Jesse N., and Robert J.

1821-1850 – a **Robert J. Kidd** first appears on Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1821; he appears almost annually on these PPTLs through 1850, the last year we’ve examined in these records. (see Table below).

Nelson County PPTL entries for Robert J. Kidd, 1821-1850

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1821	11-Mar	Robert J.	1		
1824	24-Mar	Robert J.	1		
1825	4-Apr	Robert J.	1		
1826	29-Feb	Robert J.	1		
1827	24-Feb	Robert J.	1		
1828	25-Feb	Robert J.	1		
1829	4-Mar	Robert J.	1		
1830	19-Feb	Robert J.	1	1	
1834	27-Feb	Robert J.	1	1	
1836	22-Feb	Robert J.	1		1
1836	25-Feb	Robert J.	1		1
1837	21-Mar	Robert J.	1		
1838	26-Mar	Robert J.	1		1
1839	3-Mar	Robert J.	1	5	4
1839	25-Apr	Robert J.	1		
1840	18-Apr	Robert J.	1		1
1841	7-May	Ro J.	1	1	1
1842		Robert J.	1	2	1
1843	2-May	Robert J.	1	2	1
1845		Robert J.	1		
1846		Robert J.	1	1	2
1847		Robert J.	1	1	1
1848		Robert J.	1	2	1
1849		Robert J.	2	2	1

²¹⁸ Amherst County, Virginia Marriage Register 3, page 158, retrieved from FHL #30311, image 345 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Image of this record available upon request.

1850		Robert J.	1	2	1
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We have not examined the Nelson County PPTLs after 1850.

1820 – In a deed of trust dated 11 December 1820, John Hamblet granted a deed of trust to William J. Kidd. John Hamblet acknowledged that he was indebted to Susanna Hamblet for \$62 by bond. Collateral included household goods, a mare, hogs and pigs, and crops. This deed of trust was signed by John Hamblet, W.J. Kidd, and Susannah Hamblet, and witnessed by John Whitehead, C.W. Kidd and **Robert J. Kidd**.²¹⁹

1826 – Sarah A. Kidd et al from **Robt. J. Kidd**, Mar 27, 1826:
 “I make over and transfer to B.M. & H. Perkins, Nathan Lofftus & Co., Wm H. Dugges(Digges?) and Sarah A. Kidd, the money which will be due me for teaching school the present year.
 March 27, 1826 **Robt. J. Kidd** {seal}
 Recorded the same date.²²⁰

Evidently, Robert had received advances from these individuals or owed them debts. Sarah A. Kidd is Robert’s sister who married Robert Watkins.

On 3 June 1826, **Robert J. Kidd** married Nancy Jane Pamplin in Nelson County.²²¹
 Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Archibald Pamplin.²²²

On 28 August 1826, **Robert J. Kidd** entered into a deed of trust with Jos. C. Megginson regarding an agreement between **Robert J. Kidd** and his wife that had been reached previously (perhaps prior to their marriage). This part of this record is extremely dark (filmed in negative mode), and is nearly unreadable. Here's the text following, verbatim: ²²³
 "This Indenture ___ the 28th day of August 1826 between **Robert J. Kidd** of the first part, Joseph C. Megginson of the second part, and Nancy Jane Kidd, before marriage Nancy Jane Pamplin of the third part. Whereas a marriage has been lately solemnized between the said **Robert J. Kidd** and the said Nancy Jane, and whereas previous to the said marriage, articles of agreement were entered into, wherein the said **Robert J. Kidd** faithfully undertook(?) himself, his heirs, etc. to make over by way of settlement, to the said Nancy Jane (now his wife), certain property therein alluded to, and hereinafter, more particularly described.
 "Now this indenture further witnesseth that the said **Robert J. Kidd**, for and in consideration of the premises (promises?) and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar, unto him in hand paid by the said Joseph C. Megginson," ..., has (sold) to Megginson "all the right, title, interest and claim which he, the said **Robert J. Kidd** hath derived (?) or may hereafter derive, from the said Nancy Jane (his wife) in consequence of his said intermarriage with her," ... "to any and all property, whether real or personal, whether devised from her late father, or otherwise – to have and to hold the said property, whether real or personal Free from any claim or claims" ... "and upon this special

²¹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

²²⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:141.

²²¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

²²² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing County,, Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

²²³ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 5, pp. 468-469 (scanned images of this record available from RK)

The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., **Robert J.**, Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Robert J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 3 5-9 & 1 60-69. No slaves. One in agriculture.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert J. Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. **Robert J. Kidd** was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”²²⁹

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she apparently had an inheritance from her parents, intended to be passed to her children, but not to Robert J. Kidd, her husband. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd have a guardian’s bond.

1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator, and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J., Coleman W., James P., **Robert J.**, and Jesse N. Kidd, and Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave named Judy that their mother owned at the time of her death.²³⁰

On 6 January 1841 in Fluvanna County, **Robert J. Kidd** entered into an agreement with William H. Diggs. At this time, he was about to enter into marriage with Harriet Jones, and wanted to exempt the property of said Harriet from liability for any of his debts, either now existing or hereinafter contracted. Therefore he conveys all right and title to any property which he may acquire by right of marriage, to wit, one Negro woman named Mahaley, one Negro girl named Mary, and their increase; one Negro Boy named George; plus one bed, bedstead & furniture, two tables, and one set of chairs to William H. Diggs, who will hold the property in trust for the benefit of the said Harriet and her heirs forever, but reserving to said **Robert J. Kidd** a joint support with the said Harriet out of the profits arising from said property during her natural life, but is not subject to be taken for any debt of Robert J. Kidd whatever.

This agreement was signed by **Robert J. Kidd**, Harriet Jones and William H. Diggs.²³¹

At a Court of Monthly Sessions in Fluvanna County on 25 October 1841, this instrument of writing was proved in open Court. On March 28, 1842, it was recorded in Nelson County Court.²³²

²²⁹ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

²³⁰ Nelson County, VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

²³¹ Fluvanna County Deed Book 13, pages 105-106. Scanned images available.

²³² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:484-5.

In 1841, a marriage bond for **Robert Kidd** and Harriet Jones was recorded in Fluvanna County.²³³

1842 – On 10 May 1842, **Robert I.²³⁴ Kidd** was one of the witnesses to an Amherst County deed from Gutridge Lyon to his wife Mary A. and daughter Eliza Boyd Lyon... for love and \$1.00, furniture to each, stock to daughter, interest in estate of parents, save debt due my brother James Lyon, Sally Lyon, and Harden Perkins. The other witnesses were J.C. and W.J. Lankford.²³⁵

On 19 November 1842 in Nelson County, Coleman W. Kidd leased to **Robert J. Kidd** “one red cow, one black yearling, one red steer, one brindle heifer, 16 head of hogs, one horse cart and gear, two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, and one ___ press, all of which he agrees to return when demanded by me. Signed – C.W. Kidd.

On the same day, **Robert J. Kidd** signed a receipt for the above items, which was witnessed by Jesse N. Kidd and Lucy Jane Lankford.

This deed of lease was admitted in court and recorded on 5 January 1843.²³⁶

1843 – **Robert J. Kidd** was involved in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1843, titled William H. Digges Trust etc. vs. Nathaniel R. Powell etc., concerning the marital agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife Harriet Jones.

"Your orator **Robert J. Kidd**, being at the time of the said marriage much involved in pecuniary embarrassments, was unwilling to endanger the estate of his intended wife by subjecting it to the payment of his debts contracted before the marriage, and with this in view, did on the 6th of January 1841" enter into a Deed of Trust with William H. Digges of Nelson County (to protect the slaves and other property belonging to Harriet Jones). The marriage occurred in Fluvanna County, and then the couple moved to Nelson County, taking some of this property including slaves with them.

Later, Nathaniel R. Powell "sued an execution upon a judgment rendered against ... **Robert J. Kidd** at the April Term of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery in Nelson County, for \$124.84, and interest from 15 December 1837, and \$8.43 costs....and caused the same to be levied on the slaves Mahala, Mary, George, and James Wesley, this last mentioned boy son of Mahala, born since the deed was executed." The Sheriff took possession of the slaves, and the Kidds are suing to get them back. (p. 2)

[Other debts, dating back to 1823, are also being levied against them, on these slaves.]

It's not clear, but it appears that the plaintiffs prevailed in this case.²³⁷

1844 – The next year, **Robert J. Kidd** was involved in another Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1844, titled William H. Digges Trust, etc. vs. John Sclater:

This is another suit about the Deed of Trust that Robert J. Kidd entered into prior to his

²³³ Fluvanna County Marriages, 1777-1801, at usgenweb archives:

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/fluvanna/vitals/marriages/marr7758.txt>

These marriage abstracts do not include the month and day of most marriages, and don't specify the sources from which these records were abstracted. The year for this record is listed at 1841 in this database.

²³⁴ In this deed, Robert's middle initial is clearly a capital I, not J. Compare with other capital Js and Is in the deed.

²³⁵ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 291, citing DB Y, p. 184. Image retrieved from FHL #30295, image 103 (restricted access) via Familysearch.org at SPL. Image available upon request.

²³⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

²³⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1843-031

marriage with Harriet Jones, intended to protect property owned by his wife prior to their marriage from creditors seeking payment for Robert's outstanding debts at the time of their marriage. William H. Digges was the trustee for Harriet Jones Kidd's property, including the slaves.²³⁸

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 259B, HH 567:

Kidd, Robert J. 50MW carpenter VA
" , Harriet 36FW VA
" , Amanda H. 16FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)
" , Ann 14FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)
" , Robert 9MW VA
" , Caledonia 7FW VA
" , Elizabeth 5FW VA
" , Lewis 3MW VA
" , unnamed 4/12M VA

1860 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 160, HH 1191/1187:

Kidd, R. J. 50MW carpenter \$2100/S3180 (birthplaces blank)
" , Harriet 50FW
" , Ro. 18FW (M. probably intended) farm laborer in school this yr.
" , C.R. 14FW in school this yr.
" , E.H. 12FW in school this yr.
" , L.C. 10MW in school this yr.
" , M.W.P. 8MW in school this yr.

1870 – On the federal census in Elon, Amherst County, VA, Lynchburg City P.O., p. 38, HH 285/277:

Kidd, Robert J. 67MW farmer \$2000/150 VA
" , Harriet 56FW keeps house VA
" , Louis R. 21MW farm hand VA
" , Merriwether P. 18MW farm hand VA

1880 – On the federal census in Elon District, Amherst County, VA, E.D. 17, page 21A, HH 179/191 (mis-indexed on Ancestry.com as “Ro. J. Redd”:

Kidd, Ro. J. 78WM head Married Farmer VA VA VA
“ , Harriet 40FW wife keeps house VA VA VA
no others in household

1886 – **Robert J. Kidd** married Olivia Megginson in Amherst County, VA on 7 February 1886.²³⁹ Robert was 84 years old and widowed, while Olivia was 40 and single. In this record, his parents are listed as James and Lucy Kidd. Her father was Archibald Megginson; her mother's name was left blank. His birthplace was Nelson County; hers was Appomattox County.

We have found no further records for Robert J. Kidd.

His widow Olivia M. Kidd evidently moved to Danville, Virginia, where she wrote her will 11 Feb 1900 and died by March 1900, when her will was proven in Danville. She left

²³⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-012

²³⁹ Amherst County, Virginia Marriage Register 3, page 158, retrieved from FHL #30311, image 345 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Image of this record available upon request.

bequests to her Megginson siblings and a bequest of household goods to the Danville Orphanage. She also bequeathed to the Orphanage the proceeds of a debt owed to her by M.P. Kidd, likely Robert J.'s son, Merriwether P. Kidd.²⁴⁰

RUTH KIDD, daughter of John Norman and Juriah [---] Kidd

1795 – The will of Jno. Norman Kidd, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795 in Amherst County,^{241 242} names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Amy/Anney Kidd and **Ruth Kidd**. He named his wife Juriah and his brother William Kidd his executrix and executor. Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.²⁴³

This will is followed in the Amherst County Will Book by an Executor's Bond for Juriah Kidd in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1810 – On the 1810 federal census in Nelson County, Ruth is likely the younger female in her mother's household: Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44.

TANDY K. KIDD, the son of Jesse Kidd, War of 1812 soldier from Fluvanna County, VA and Mary (Polly) Cannon Bugg

Born about 1810 in Virginia, most likely in Fluvanna County²⁴⁴

His father, Jesse Kidd, died by 1815, and his mother's second husband, Joseph Melton, was named Tandy's guardian in Fluvanna county in 1820

Married Mary E. Pleasants, the daughter of Joseph E. and (?)Elizabeth Pleasants in Goochland County, Virginia in December 1832

Moved to Campbell County, Virginia by 1835 and to Washington County, Arkansas by 1841, where he died in 1862.

Tandy Kidd left records in in Albemarle County (1830), Fluvanna & Goochland Counties (1831-1832), Campbell County, VA (1835-1844), Amherst County (1837 & 1844), and then in Washington County, Arkansas (1841-1862).

We have included them all in this compilation, for completeness' sake.

1816 – Tandy K. Kidd's father Jesse Kidd was a soldier in the War of 1812 who died in camp in 1815. After Jesse's death, Tandy's mother Mary/Polly married Joseph Melton on 21 August 1816 in Fluvanna County, Virginia.²⁴⁵

1820 – In the September Term of Fluvanna County Court, "Joseph Melton was appointed guardian to William M. Kidd, **Tandy Kidd**, Tarlton Kidd and Eliza Ann Kidd, orphans of Jesse Kidd, deceased." Joel Melton his security, bond for \$100.²⁴⁶

²⁴⁰ *Danville, Virginia Will Book, Vol B, 1877-1910*, page 267; Author: Danville (Virginia). Clerk of the Corporation Court on Ancestry.com. This will is also viewable on FHL #888935, via familysearch.org (restricted access – Family History Centers only).

²⁴¹ Amherst County VA Will Book 3, pp. 339-341.²⁴¹

²⁴² Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

²⁴³ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

²⁴⁴ His parents married in Amherst County, but his father, Jesse, was in Fluvanna County by 1809, appearing on the annual PPTLs there. See the subsequent entries for him, all in Fluvanna during his youth. Age 39 in 1850, 50 in 1860.

²⁴⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register, Fluvanna County, VA Marriages, 1781-1849*, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley Jr., Iberian Press, Athens GA 1984, p. 78. Scanned image available upon request.

²⁴⁶ Fluvanna County Order Book 1820-1825, p. 135.

This event also prompted a Guardian Bond record in Fluvanna County, naming the same four children, " William M. Kidd, Tandy Kidd, Tarlton Kidd and Eliza Ann Kidd," children of Jesse Kidd.²⁴⁷ We've not seen this record, only the published citation for it.

1830 – on the federal census in **Albemarle County**, p. 263:

Tandy Kidd: 1FWM 20-29 (no other occupants). No slaves.

Next to him is a Charles Kidd, but this census was compiled alphabetically by first letter of the surname of the household head, so this provides no information about geographic proximity of these two men.

Charles Kidd: 1M 50-59 & 1F 60-69. No slaves.

He is not found on the Personal Property Tax Lists (PPTLs) in either Albemarle or Fluvanna County in 1830.

1831 – Fluvanna Court, October 1831: "On the motion of **Tandy Kidd** setting forth that he is desirous of selling ardent spirits at Mrs. Syler's Tavern in this county he having obtained a License to sell goods at that place as a merchant the court doth certify that the said Kidd is a man of good characters."²⁴⁸

Tandy Kidd also appears on the Fluvanna County PPTL this one year, taxed for a \$20 merchant's license.

He does not appear on the annual PPTLS otherwise in Fluvanna County, before or after 1831.

1832 – Fluvanna Court, February 1832. An indenture of trust between John S. Turner of the first part, Woodson Bugg and Jeremiah Cleveland of the second part, and Tandy Kidd of the third part for certain personal property was acknowledged by the said John S. Turner and **Tandy Kidd** ...and thereupon entered to record.²⁴⁹

Fluvanna Court, 26 March 1832. An Indenture of Trust between John S. Turner of the one Part, and John Johnson and Edward Stone (Shores?) of the other part for the benefit of **Tandy Kidd** for certain personal property was acknowledged by the said John S. Turner before the deputy clerk and thereupon admitted to record.²⁵⁰

May Fluvanna Court 1832. On the motion of **Tandy Kidd** setting forth that he is desirous of selling ardent spirits at Williamson's old Tavern in this county,...it is ordered to be certified that the said Kidd is a man of good character and further ordered to be certified that the said Tavern is a fit and convenient place to the neighborhood immediately adjacent thereto for the retail of ardent spirits.²⁵¹

1832 – **Tandy Kidd** married Mary Pleasants in Goochland County, VA. The consent to marriage for **Tandy Kidd** to marry Mary Pleasants was dated 12 December 1832, Goochland County,

²⁴⁷ *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865. v. 4. Counties of Albemarle, Alleghany, Amherst, Bath, Botetourt, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Highland, Nelson, and Rockbridge*, by Wesley E. Pippenger, Virginia Genealogical Society, Richmond, VA, 2001, p. 294-295.

²⁴⁸ Fluvanna County Order Book 1828-1831, p. 419.

²⁴⁹ FHL #31481, Item 2 of 3, Fluvanna County Order Book, 1831-1835, p. 26.

²⁵⁰ *Ibid*, pp. 31-32.

²⁵¹ Fluvanna County Order Book, 1831-1835, p. 58.

VA. Consent given by Joseph E. Pleasants. "I do hereby certify that **Mr. Tandy K. Kidd** has my permission to intermarry with my daughter, Mary E. Pleasants. Given ????(hard to read) in my hand this 12th day of December 1832." Signatures believed to read Joseph Pleasants and Elizabeth Pleasants. [NOTE: This record was photocopied and abstracted by Bobbie Pruentes, a Pleasants family descendant, who has a copy of the original document, found among the loose marriage bonds in the Goochland County, VA, courthouse.]

1832-1837 – Tandy Kidd does not appear on the PPTLs for Goochland, Albemarle or Fluvanna County after 1831; he reappears in 1837 on the Campbell County PPTLs (below).

1834 – Fluvanna County Chancery Court Order Book, April term 1834. Madison Kidd, **Tandy Kidd**, Tarlton Kidd, and William Seay and Elizabeth his wife who before marriage was Eliza Kidd, Plaintiffs

Against Joel Melton, James Fielding, George Winn, and Daniel Stone, Defendants

The court, upon the review of exhibits and examination of witnesses, dismissed the complaint bill of the plaintiffs and ordered them to pay the defendant Joel Melton his costs.²⁵² While no details are provided, this complaint apparently was over the estate of Jesse Kidd, brought by his children William Madison, **Tandy**, Tarlton, and Eliza Ann.

1835 – On 24 December 1835, Martha H. Waddell sold to **Tandy K. Kidd** for \$3200 a tract of land in **Campbell County** on Ivy Creek and Black Water Creek on both sides of the Forest Road, containing about 283 ½ acres... This deed was admitted to record in Campbell County Court on 11 April 1836.²⁵³

On the same date, **Tandy K. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles L.(?) Mosby, in order to secure a debt of \$2700 owed to James Saunders, in the form of 12 negotiable notes... In doing so, he used as collateral the land purchased from Martha Waddill. This deed was also admitted to record in Campbell County Court on 11 April 1836.²⁵⁴

1836 – August Court, 1836. Ordered that **Tandy Kidd** be appointed Surveyor of the road from the Corporation of Lynchburg to the Bedford County line in the room of William T _____ and the usual hands ...²⁵⁵

1837 – On 18 April 1837, the Campbell County Court of Law and Chancery issued an order to the Sheriff of Campbell County, ordering him to deliver a summons to Harriet and Lucy Tate, (heirs?) of Edmond Tate, deceased, commanding them to appear at the next term of Court to respond to the suit brought by Nathaniel W. Floyd and **Tandy K. Kidd**.²⁵⁶

On 28 October 1837 in Amherst County Court, **Tandy K. Kidd** and John Thomas Johnson

²⁵² Fluvanna County Chancery Court Order Book 1, p 29. Retrieved from Family Search "Fluvanna, Virginia, United States records," image group # 008249543, image 25 of 303.

²⁵³ Campbell County Deed Book 20, pages 245-248, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 128-129. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁵⁴ Campbell County Deed Book 20, pages 248-249, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 129-130. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁵⁵ Campbell County Court Order Book 21, page 342, retrieved from FHL #31044 – Campbell County OBs, 19-22, 1829-1838, image 578. Scanned image available upon request.

²⁵⁶ http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=031-1837-028. This record only has 3 pages, and the nature of the suit and its outcome aren't evident in these images, viewable online.

entered into a Refunding Bond with Benjamin Taliaferro, administrator of John T. Johnson, deceased. Both men signed this record, and it was entered into record in Amherst County on 21 May 1838. This bond is in reference to Tandy K. Kidd serving as guardian to the Johnson children.²⁵⁷

1837-1841 – Tandy K. Kidd first appears on the Campbell County PPTLs in 1837, and is listed annually thereafter through 1841, after which he drops from these PPTLs:

Year	Taxpayer	WM>16	slaves>12	slaves>16	Horses, etc	Other
1837	Tandy K Kidd	2	0	5	0	1 4-wheel carriage
1838	T. K. Kidd	5	0	7	0	1 4-wheel carriage
1839	Tandy K Kidd	4	0	7	0	1 4-wheel carriage
1840	Tandy K Kidd	3	0	8	0	no carriage listed
1841	Tandy K Kidd	0	4	6	0	no carriage listed

1837-1842 – **Tandy K. Kidd** first appears on the Campbell County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1837, taxed on the 283 ½ acre tract on Blackwater Creek, 16 miles North of the County Courthouse that he purchased in December 1835 (see above). Over the next 5 years, he buys 3 more tracts of land and makes other transactions, and continues to appear on the Campbell County LTLs annually through 1842. He drops from these tax lists in 1843, by which time he’s left for Arkansas.²⁵⁸

1838 – February Court, 1838, Campbell County. On the petition of **Tandy K. Kidd**, a writ of *ad quod damnum*²⁵⁹ is awarded him to build a water grist and saw mill and dam (blank) carding machine and other machinery on the waters of Joy Creek in this county, he being the owner of the land in fee simple on both sides of said stream, the said writ to be executed on the 23rd day of the present month.²⁶⁰

March Court, 1838. **Tandy K. Kidd** returned to the court because the writ of *ad quod damnum* (above) had not been executed. The Court ordered that an *alias issue* be executed by or on 23 March 1838.²⁶¹

April Court, 1838. The writ cited above was returned executed to the Court, and the Court confirmed the report, and authorized Kidd to proceed with the construction of the mills according to law.²⁶²

²⁵⁷ *The wills of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 194, citing WB 9, p. 436. This record was retrieved from FHL #30277, image 649 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

²⁵⁸ RK reviewed the Campbell County LTLs, 1782-1850, using Library of Virginia microfilm reels obtained via inter-library loan through the Seattle Public Library. See the Campbell County Source Documents Folder on Dropbox for details and his abstracts of these records, and a screenshot of the 1838 LTL entries for him and William Kidd.

²⁵⁹ *Ad quod damnum* refers to the state or governing body ruling in a case where the requested action might cause loss of property to one or more parties.

²⁶⁰ Campbell County Order Book 23, page 6, retrieved from LoV via interlibrary loan, Feb 2019. Scanned image in the Campbell County Source Documents folder.

²⁶¹ *Ibid*, p. 24.

²⁶² *Ibid*, p. 36.

On 9 October 1838, **Tandy K. Kidd** was one of the deponents in Lynchburg City case 1850-005, Sarah S Lewellin by etc. v John Lewellin etc. In his deposition, he stated that he lived near and was acquainted with some of the property of John Lewellin, namely several of the slaves, which he named, and provided estimates of their value.²⁶³

On 1 November 1838, **Tandy K. Kidd** of Campbell County entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles L. Mosby of the town of Lynchburg, in order to secure a debt of \$933.75 due by three bonds of even date with this indenture owed to Maurice H. Garland, for the purchase from Garland of 62¼ acres of land on Ivy and Blackwater Creeks and adjoining the lands of Garland, Payne and others. In doing so, he used this tract of land as collateral. This deed was admitted to record on 12 November 1838.²⁶⁴

Also on this date, Maurice H. Garland & Caroline M. his wife of Lynchburg sold to **Tandy K. Kidd** of Campbell County for \$933.75 a tract of land on Ivy Creek in Campbell County, adjacent the lands of **Tandy K. Kidd**, Samuel M. Scott and Payne...containing 62 ¼ acres. This deed was admitted to record 10 November 1839.²⁶⁵

1839 – On 9 April 1839, Lucy Tate and Harriet C. Tate of Campbell County sold to **Tandy K. Kidd** of the same place, for \$750, each of their interests in a parcel of land in Campbell County on Mill Pond, Forest Road and Blackwater Creek, along with the Mill House and fixtures. This deed was recorded 19 Sept 1839.²⁶⁶

On 13 April 1839, **Tandy K. Kidd** of Campbell County entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles L. Mosby and M. H. Garland of Lynchburg, in order to secure debts owed to Nathaniel W. Floyd in his own right and also as Administrator of Charles Steward, deceased, in the sum of 2 bonds of \$484.50... and the further sum of \$1200..., using a certain parcel of land on both sides of Black Water Creek in the county of Campbell, and adjoining the lands of Samuel M. Scott, Maurice H. Garland and U. Johnson containing 283 ½ acres,...where Kidd currently resides. This deed was admitted to record in Campbell County Court on 19 April 1839.²⁶⁷

On 15 April 1839, Saml. M. Scott and Camilla his wife of Campbell County sold to **Tandy K. Kidd** of the same place for \$1 a certain tract of land lying between Tandy K. Kidd(s) line and Ivy Creek... containing 3¼ acres. This deed was admitted to record in Campbell

²⁶³ Lynchburg City Chancery case 1850-005, Sarah S Lewellin by etc. v John Lewellin etc., reviewed and abstracted by RK in the Archives department of Library of Virginia, May 2019. This was a large packet – a suit over slaves of the Lewellin family, involving a divorce, etc. I found no other mention of Tandy Kidd in it.

²⁶⁴ Campbell County Deed Book 22, pages 188-189, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 571-572. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁶⁵ Campbell County Deed Book 22, pages 398-399, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 676-677. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁶⁶ Campbell County Deed Book 22, pages 396-398, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 675-676. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁶⁷ Campbell County Deed Book 22, pages 298-299, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 626-627. Scanned images available upon request.

County Court on 9 March 1840.²⁶⁸

On April 19, 1839 in Campbell County, the Deed of Trust from **Tandy K. Kidd** to Mosby and Garland (see above) was presented in court and admitted to record.²⁶⁹

19 September 1839. A deed from Lucy Tate (see above) to **Tandy K. Kidd** was presented in Court and admitted to record.²⁷⁰

Also on this date, the deed from M. H. Garland and wife to **Tandy K. Kidd** was presented in Court and admitted to record.²⁷¹

1840 – The 1840 federal census includes the following Kidds, both on p. 36, adjacent to each other in the NE District of Campbell County:

Tandy K. Kidd: 2M<5, 2 15-19 & 2 20-29; 1F 5-9 & 1 10-14; 10 slaves

Next door is Mary Kidd: 1M 15-19; 1F 10-14 & 1 50-59.

Note: The identity of this Mary Kidd is unknown. Tandy Kidd's mother, Mary, was remarried to Joseph Melton by 1818, and was thereafter known as Mary Melton, so it is not known who this Mary Kidd is.

On May 1, 1840, **Tandy K. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Jno. M. Speed and William W. Mosby in order to secure a debt of \$2000 and interest, due by bond to Charles L. Mosby; in doing so, he used a tract of land in Campbell County containing 360 acres, on which he resided at the time. This deed was recorded in Campbell County Court on 26 June 1841.²⁷²

On 8 June 1840, the Campbell County Court appointed Jesse A. Burton as overseer of the Forrest Road from the County Line to Blackwater Creek, and **Tandy K. Kidd** and some of his neighbors were ordered to assist in keeping the road in good repair.²⁷³

1841 – on 30 April 1841, **Tandy K. Kidd** advertised for sale 360 acres of farmland "situated on the forest road, 2 miles from Lynchburg" in several newspapers, including the *Richmond Whig*:

²⁶⁸ Campbell County Deed Book 23, pages 27-28, retrieved from FHL #31031, images 32-33. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁶⁹ Campbell County Order Book 23, p. 155.

²⁷⁰ Ibid, p. 211.

²⁷¹ Ibid.

²⁷² Campbell County Deed Book 23, pages 405-406, retrieved from FHL #31032, images 220-221. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁷³ Campbell County Order Book 23, p.279. Scanned image available upon request.

A VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE—The subscriber having determined to move to the west, offers his valuable Farm, containing 360 acres, for sale. This land is situated on the forest road, 2 miles from Lynchburg, adjoining the lands of Mr Saml M Scott and others. On this tract there is 100 acres of land heavily timbered. The Plantation is in a high state of improvement, the whole being well set with clover. The improvements are a good and convenient Dwelling House, and all other necessary Houses, together with a large 3 story Barn, Stables, &c, with a Wool Carding Machine, Grist and Saw Mill, all new, and built with stone and brick, sufficiently large for manufacturing purposes. The Farm is partly inclosed with stone, and locust post with oak plank, and well deserves the attention of those wishing to purchase land. Terms accommodating. The premises will be shown to any person who will call upon my brother living on the land. **TANDY K. KIDD.**
Messrs Payne & Turner are fully authorized to effect a sale for me. **T. K. KIDD.**
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On 16 June 1841, **Tandy K. Kidd** and Mary C. Kidd his wife sold to Seth Holsy/Halsy for \$7200 a tract of land in Campbell County on the waters of Ivy and Black Water Creeks containing 358³/₄ acres, the same tract where the said Kidd and his family have lived for several years, together with a saw and grist mill recently erected there, (along with) the said Kidd's interest in 2 carding machines also in operation on the said land... **Tandy K. Kidd** appeared in Campbell County Court on 21 June 1841 and acknowledged this deed to be his intent. At this time, he may have already relocated his family to Washington County, Arkansas, because his wife, Mary C., did not appear in court in Campbell County; rather, she appeared before Justices of the Peace in Washington County, Arkansas on 26 July 1841, and gave her acknowledgment and consent to this deed, apart from her husband. The deed was admitted to record in Campbell County Court on 16 February 1842.²⁷⁴

1842 – **Tandy K. Kidd** appears for the last time on the Campbell County LTLs in 1842. He drops from these annual lists in 1843, having moved to Arkansas in 1841.

1844 – In 1844, Tandy Kidd was the defendant in a Lynchburg City Chancery Court suit – Lynchburg City case 1844-007, John T Johnson v **Tandy K Kidd**, etc:²⁷⁵
In this case, the plaintiff in his plea states that he became bound as the endorser (security) of a bond in which Tandy K. Kidd owed to Richard Perkins for the sum of \$250 by note dated 3 May 1841, negotiable and payable six months after the date thereof. His complaint states that at the time this note was signed, **Tandy K. Kidd** was residing near Lynchburg and was in possession of considerable real and personal estate. Shortly thereafter he sold most of his property and together with his family removed to the state of Arkansas, where he is now a resident. Moreover, the complaint says that Tandy Kidd left without paying off this debt, and is now indebted to the plaintiff.
The complaint says that some of Kidd's personal property, including one or more wool carding machines, are currently in the possession of several merchants in Lynchburg. The plaintiff wanted these sold to pay the debt.

At an Amherst County Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery, held for the town of

²⁷⁴ Campbell County Deed Book 24, pages 112-113, retrieved from FHL #31032, image 296 (unrestricted access).

²⁷⁵ Personally reviewed and abstracted by RK in the Archives section of the Library of Virginia, May 2019

Lynchburg on Wednesday, 12 June 1844: John T Johnson Plt against **Tandy K Kidd**, James Dolan, Andrew Kinnier, Thomas H Towles and Smithson H Davis Jr, merchants and parties trading under the style and firm of Smithson H. Davis Jr. and Company, Defts. This suit is dismissed, the plaintiff not further prosecuting.²⁷⁶

1848 – On 31 October 1848, **Tandy K. Kidd** married Nancy E. Dyer in Washington County, Arkansas.²⁷⁷

1850 – On the federal census in the Mountain township of Washington County, Arkansas, HH 57/57:

Tandy K. Kidd 39MW farmer \$11,000 b. VA
Nancy Kidd 21FW b. TN
William “ 11MW VA
Fred^k. “ 8MW AR
James “ 6MW AR
Mary “ 4FW AR
Cornelius “ 1MW AR

1860 – On the federal census in Canehill township, Washington County, Arkansas, Boonsboro P.O., page 573, HH 689/118:

Tandy Kidd 50MW Merchant \$45,000/\$54,000 VA
Nancy “ 33FW TN
Lucius “ 22MW no occupation listed \$2000/\$400 VA
William “ 21MW no occupation listed VA
Fridric “ 17MW Arkansas attended school within the year
James “ 15MW Arkansas attended school within the year
Margaret “ 8FW Arkansas attended school within the year
Cornelius “ 10MW Arkansas attended school within the year
Laura “ 6FW AR
Clintonica? “ 2FW AR

1862 – **Tandy Kidd** was killed in Boonsboro, Washington County, Arkansas on 19 August 1862. See his entries in our Middlesex County Kidds tree on Ancestry.com for more information on this man.
His descendants have a great deal of information online at Ancestry about his long and prosperous life in Arkansas.

WILLIAM KIDD(s) – two William Kidds appear on the Amherst County PPTLs, designated as William Kidd Sr. and Jr. respectively.

WILLIAM KIDD SR. of Albemarle, Amherst & Nelson Counties, Virginia
most likely the son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish of Albemarle County, VA
William⁴ (John³, William², Thomas¹) Kidd
Born about 1763, likely in Albemarle County
The name of his wife is unknown. No record has been found to document her name, despite unsubstantiated claims.

²⁷⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=680-1844-007

Amherst Chancery Order Book 6, 1836-1845, p. 464, retrieved from FHL #32265, image 264.

²⁷⁷ Arkansas Marriages to 1850, on Ancestry.com.

Died about 1832 in Nelson County, Virginia

Based on their proximity and interactions with each other, we believe that this **William Kidd Sr.** is the brother of **James Kidd Sr.** of Nelson County, Virginia, and that they are the sons of **John Kidd** and **Ruth Farish/Parish** of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandsons of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and great-grandsons of **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. A third brother **John Norman Kidd** died in Amherst County in 1795 before the founding of Nelson County in 1807.

See [Appendix Six](#), explaining our rationale.

We also believe that this **William Kidd Sr.** is likely the father of three proven brothers: **Hudson P. Kidd**, **Robert N. Kidd**, and **Alexander Kidd Sr.**

See [Appendix Five](#) for the evidence we believe supports this hypothesis.

About 1763 – **William Kidd's** year of birth is estimated to be about 1763, based upon the year he first appears on the Albemarle County, Virginia PPTLs in 1784. At this time the age at which a white male became taxable was 21, indicating that he was born by 1768. This is consistent with his 1810 Amherst County, Virginia, census entry, which lists his age as "45 or older" making him born prior to 1765.

1784 – **William Kidd** appears this one year on the Albemarle County PPTLs, and does not appear on the tax lists in Albemarle thereafter.

1785 – **William Kidd** is named in the will of his father John Kidd, written 11 March 1785 and proven September 1785 in Albemarle County. Along with his brother John Norman, he received an equal share of a bequest of land belonging to his mother Ruth Farish/Parish's grandfather Henry Atkinson.²⁷⁸ The abstract of the will reads:

In the name of god, amen

I John Kidd of Albemarle County being in a low state of bodily health but in the full exercise of my reason so make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following [indecipherable] I bequeath my body to the grave by a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I refer that all my Just debts be paid

Item I lend to my beloved wife Ruth during her natural life the land whereon I now live together with all the stock and household Furniture

Item I give to my two Eldest Sons John Norman and **William** to be equally [divided] between them one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Hanover County on Turkey Creek Commonly known by the name of Napiers Ordinary which Said land was given to my wife Ruth and to the heirs of her body lawfull begotton by her grandfather Henry [At]kinson

Item after my wife Decease I give and bequeath to my Son James the land stock household Furniture [I?] lent her

²⁷⁸ Found in Albemarle County, VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5, retrieved from FHL #30212, item 2, image 256 of 433 (unrestricted access). [Note that the will bears the title "Will of John Kidd" in the record, but the name given as the signer at the bottom looks like "Joseph Kidd". We believe that this was clerk's error in recording the text of the will in the Will Book.]

I appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament my Sons John Norman Kidd & **William Kidd**. Abrogating and dissolving all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 11th Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

Joseph Kidd [Note: John Kidd – see footnote]

Signed and Sealed

in presence of: John Wharton

Edw[Edward] X Kearsey

Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

1786 – Amherst County Court, March 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and John Norman Kidd, Defts.} In Debt. Defendants, though solemnly called, failed to appear. Court rules that Judgment be entered for the Plt. against the Defts. and James Wood, common bail for defendant **William Kidd**, and against **William Kidd** as common bail for defendant John Kidd, for the debt in the declaration, unless the defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.²⁷⁹

[From this and subsequent records, we conclude that William and John Norman Kidd moved to Amherst County by March 1786, following the death of their father in 1785.]

Amherst County Court, May 1786. John Thurmond, Plaintiff, against **William Kidd** and John Norman Kidd, Defendants. In Debt. Came the plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid, whereupom Joseph Lively and Thomas Nevil personally appeared and became Special Bail for the said defendants, whereupon the defendants by John Breckenridge Gent their attorney saith that they have paid the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, and of that they put themselves on their Country and the plaintiff doth the same therefore the trial of the Issue between them is referred till the next Court.²⁸⁰

Amherst County Court, August 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and John Norman Kidd, Defts.} In Debt. The defendants waive their plea, and agree that the plaintiff have judgment against them for the debt in the declaration...£5.15, with interest from 5 August 1784 till paid, and his costs. Plaintiff agrees to stay execution on this judgment for two months. Six pence and one shilling as part of this judgment was paid on 7 August 1786.²⁸¹

1786-1807 – **William Kidd** first appears on the Amherst County PPTLs in 1786 with 1 white tithe, along with John Norman Kidd. (No Kidds are listed for years 1782-1785.) Amherst County was divided into two parishes, Amherst and Lexington; Amherst Parish comprised the northern half of Amherst County, and Lexington the southern half. In 1807, the area comprising Amherst Parish became Nelson County.

William Kidd continued to appear on the annual Amherst County PPTLs through 1807, missing only in 1800. For the years 1805-1807, he is listed with 3 white tithes. In 1807, a

²⁷⁹ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 431, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

²⁸⁰ Amherst County Order Book 1784-1787, p 486.

²⁸¹ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 532, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

younger William Kidd, listed as William Jr. but likely not a son of William Sr., appears with 1 white tithes in neighboring Lexington Parish, for one year only.

The Table below depicts William Kidd's and John Norman Kidd's entries on the Amherst County PPTLs between 1782 and 1807 (Amherst Parish became Nelson County in 1807):²⁸²

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Slaves	Notes	Image
1782 - 1785	Amherst	no Kidds listed				
1786	Amherst	John N.	1	1	2 horses	76
		William	1	0	2 horses, 3 cattle	
1787	Amherst	N. John	1	0	2 horses, 2 cattle	94
		William	1	0	1 horse, 3 cattle	
1788	Amherst	N. John	1	0	1 horse	133
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1789	Amherst	N. John	1	0	1 horse	162
		William	1	0	2 horses	
1790	Amherst	N. John	1	0	0	192
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1791	Amherst	John Normond	1	0	0	222
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1792	Amherst	N. John	1	0	0	254
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1793	Amherst	Jno. Norman	1	0	1 horse	285
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1794	Amherst	James	1	0	2 horses	319
		John Norman & Charles Reynolds	2	0	1 horse	
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1795	Amherst	James	1	0	1 horse	349
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1796	Amherst	William	1	0	1 horse	370
1797	Amherst	William	1	0	1 horse	393
1798	Amherst	William	1	0	2 horses	417

²⁸² Amherst County PPTLs are viewable online at familysearch.org (unrestricted access): FHL #2024257 (1782-1803), #2024258 (1804-1823), #2024259 (1824-1847) and #2024260 (1848-1851). The column in this table titled Image contains the microfilm image number of each entry.

1799	Amherst	William	1	0	3 horses	446
1800	Amherst	James	2	0	2 horses	477
		No William				
1801	Amherst	James	1	0	3 horses	511
		William	1	0	4 horses	
1802	Amherst	James	1	0	2 horses	546
		William	1	0	3 horses	
1803	Amherst	Juriah?	1	0	3 horses	582
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1804	Amherst	James	1	0	0	18
		William	2	0	3 horses	
1805	Amherst	James	1	0	2 horses	57
		William	3	0	4 horses	
1806	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1	1 horse	98
		William	3	0	5 horses	
1807	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	0	1 horse	141
		William	3	0	5 horses	
1808		No tax lists				

John Norman Kidd also appeared annually on the Amherst County PPTLs, alongside **William Kidd** in Amherst Parish from 1786 through 1794. Often the two were enumerated on the same day, suggesting that they were neighbors and closely related. Through 1793, he is listed each year with only one white tithe (with no slaves after 1786), variously listed as John N., N. John, John Norman and once as John Normand. In 1794, he has two white tithes and is enumerated as “John Norman Kidd and Charles Reynolds” [likely a hired hand or overseer]. John Norman disappears from the PPTLs after 1794, having died in 1795 (see his will in his section of this compilation).

1787 – Amherst County Court, Eighth of March 1787. **William Kidd**, Plaintiff, against John Bradshaw, Defendant. In Debt. The defendant not being arrested on the motion of the plaintiff, John Breckenridge his attorney, an *Alias Capias* [warrant from the court for the defendant to appear] is awarded him against the said Defendant redeemable to the next term.²⁸³

Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. John Norman Kidd, Deft.} In Debt. **William Kidd** personally appeared in Court and undertook for the defendant John Norman Kidd (to be his appearance bail)...the defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs’ action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration... Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £14.9, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted,

²⁸³ Amherst County Order Book, 1786-1789, pp 182-183.

is to be discharged by the payment of £7.4.6 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.²⁸⁴

Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **William Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt.

John Norman Kidd comes into court and offers special appearance bail for the Deft **William Kidd**. The defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs' action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration... Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £6.15.4, the debt in the declaration, and their costs... But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £3.7.8 with interest thereon from 2 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.²⁸⁵

1788 – On 9 May 1788, James Kidd and **William Kidd** served as securities for John Norman Kidd [their brother] in a complaint over a debt filed in Amherst County: Campbell & Kingston, assignee of John Baisden who was assigned of Leonard Phillips, Plaintiffs, against John Norman Kidd, deft, in debt.

Came the Plaintiffs by John Breckenridge their Attorney, the Defendant being duly arrested and failing to appear, order is granted the Plaintiff against the said Defendant and **William Kidd** and James Kidd his common bail for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, unless the said Defendant shall appear in the next [court?] and plead to Issue.²⁸⁶

1788 – Amherst County August Court 1788. **William Kidd**, plaintiff, vs. John Bradshaw, defendant} On a Replevy Bond. Execution is awarded the plaintiff against the said defendant for the sum of £18.18.2 plus costs. To be discharged (except the costs) by the payment of £8.9.1 with interest on £9.9.1 from 9 February 1788 to the 27th day of May 1788 following. Also interest on the aforesaid sum of £8.9.1 from the aforesaid 27 May 1788 till paid.²⁸⁷ [Note: A replevy bond was a legal motion to secure or protect property a plaintiff claimed to be wrongfully seized.]

Amherst County, October Court, 1788. Thompson & Teas, Plts vs. **William Kidd**, Dft} On a Petition by Penal Bill. The defendant having been warned, failed to appear... judgment granted to the plaintiffs against the defendant for £3.14, and their costs, to be discharged (except the costs) by payment of £1.17 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid.²⁸⁸

1795 – The Amherst County will of Jno. Norman Kidd, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795²⁸⁹ names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Anny and Ruth Kidd. In it, he named his wife Juriah and “**my brother William Kidd**” his executrix and executor. Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.²⁹⁰
An Executor's Bond for the estate of John Norman Kidd was filed in 1795 in Amherst

²⁸⁴ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

²⁸⁵ Ibid.

²⁸⁶ Amherst County, Virginia Court Order Book, 1786-1789, p 465.

²⁸⁷ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 302, image 163. Scanned image available from the authors.

²⁸⁸ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 366.

²⁸⁹ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

²⁹⁰ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

County by Juriah Kidd, in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1798, ff. – William Kidd was the defendant in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1831-006] titled William Maclure etc v. **William Kidd**, that began in fall 1807 and ended in 1831 in Nelson County.²⁹¹ The suit originated in Amherst County, just prior to the formation of Nelson County from part of Amherst County. The complainants, William Maclure, James Miller and Patrick Hart, surviving partners of Maclure, Brydie & Co. state that they had several dealings with one **William Kidd** in 1798, and that at that time they had settled the account and provided him with a receipt for his account. Upon later examination, they discovered that Kidd had been incorrectly credited for £10.9.11 and that he still owed them this amount. They state that this amount, with interest from 31 August 1798, is justly due. In his response (p. 4), apparently in May Court 1816, William Kidd denies the claim against him, and states that the statute of limitations should apply in this case. The case continued until 1831, when in July court it was dismissed, with a decree for the defendant William Kidd's costs.

Also in the record is a subpoena to the Sheriff of Amherst County dated 22 October 1807, indicating that the case began there, prior to the formation of Nelson County from Amherst County in 1807.

This suit also includes receipts submitted as exhibits, including one for a George Kidd's account in 1797 and 1798 (p. 10). The fact this suit includes transactions for a George Kidd is interesting, because it suggests a relationship between William Kidd and George Kidd. The only known George Kidd in the central Virginia area in this timeframe is George Kidd, who married Lydia Chiles in 1805 in Franklin County, VA, and who then migrated to Kanawha County, VA (now WV) and Lawrence County, OH.

1802 – Amherst County Court, May 1802. During this Court term, **William Kidd** served as a witness on behalf of William Blaine against James Brent on three successive days; the Court ordered that the said Blaine pay him fifty-three cents for attending this court for each day.^{292, 293, 294}

1803 – On 12 January 1803, **William Kidd** was a witness to an Amherst County, VA deed from John Colem to Thomas Lumkin, Nathan Reid, Benjamin Moore (of Bedford) and Joseph Shelton. Deed of Trust for debt due to “Wills” of Warminster, merchant, Willis Wills and William Harris. Collateral was six slaves. Other witnesses were William Harris and William Douglas.²⁹⁵

1804 – On 26 January 1804, **William Kidd** was witness to an Amherst County deed from Joseph Roberts & wife Sally of Amherst to son Alexander Roberts, 326 acres on Rockfish [River],

²⁹¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

²⁹² FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 115, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

²⁹³ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 125, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

²⁹⁴ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 135, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

²⁹⁵ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 399, citing Amherst DB I, p. 564.

bounded by James Turner, Sr., Nathan Harris, Jno. Matthew, and Reuben T. Mitchell. Other witnesses were Joseph C. Roberts, William Thorm and Ann Roberts.²⁹⁶

1807 – Nelson County was formed from Amherst Parish, which comprised the northern part of Amherst County. William Kidd and Juriah, the widow of John Norman Kidd, now reside in Nelson County.

An Amherst County, VA, marriage bond for Anney [Ammey] W. Kidd and Jas. McAlexander was issued on 20 April 1807. Permission by Juriah Kidd, “widow” (her mother). **William Kidd**, Wm. Bailey and Richd. C. Pollard witnesses. Marriage performed by Saml. Garland.²⁹⁷

1808 – No taxes were collected in Virginia in 1808, by order of the Virginia General Assembly.

1809-1831 – William Kidd Sr. appears on the Nelson County PPTLs for the first time in 1809 (the first year for which PPTLs are available). He is listed almost annually on the Nelson County PPTLs through 1831, then drops from them. The Table below depicts these entries:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses	Image
1809		Wm	2	0	4	87
1810		Wm	2	0	2	103
1811		No K's				omitted
1812		William	3	1	4	133
1813		Wm	2	0	2	149
1814		Wm	2	1	2	168
1815		William	1	0	1	189
1816	26-Mar	Wm	1	0	2	209
1817		William	1	0		232
1818		Wm [Sr.?.]	1	0	0	258
1819		no William				63
1820		no William				282
1821	30-Apr	William Senr.	1	0	0	301
1822	8-Apr	William	1	0	0	318
1823		no William				332
1824	3-May	William	1	0	0	348
1825	5-May	William Sen.	1	0	0	370
1826	27-Feb	William	1	0	0	392
1827	24-Apr	William	1	0	0	415
1828	25-Feb	William	2	0	0	438

²⁹⁶ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 409, citing Amherst DB K, p. 41.

²⁹⁷ *Marriage Bonds and Returns, 1801-1854 (of Amherst County, Virginia, and comments on some of the families*, Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1965, p. 2K, citing Amherst County Register of Marriages, 1763-1854, page 202. Digital image available upon request.

1829	8-May	William	2	0	0	463
1830	26-Apr	William Senr.	2	0	0	486
1831	28-Feb	Wm.	2	0	0	511
1832		William drops				534

1810 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 23A, line 13:

William Kidd – 1M and 1F, both over 44. No others. [The identity of this William Kidd is unclear, but the Nelson County entry below for William Kidd is more aligned with the known household of William Kidd Sr.]

1810 – On the census in Buckingham district of Nelson County are the following Kidds:²⁹⁸

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

1812 – On 23 October 1812, **William Kidd** of Amherst County entered into a Deed of Trust with Joseph Penn, to secure a debt of £6.10.5 owed to John Penn due by bond dated 12 September 1811, and also an open account amounting to £5.12.8 due to Joseph Penn. In doing so, he used an assortment of livestock, farm implements, and household goods as collateral. These debts along with interest were to be paid by April 1813. This Deed of Trust was proved in Court on 15 March 1813 and ordered to be recorded.²⁹⁹

1815 – On 10 February 1815, **William Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Spotswood Garland and Jas. Garland Jr. of the same county, in order to secure a debt of £58.1.3, the balance of a debt due by bond. In doing so, William Kidd used a combination of livestock, furniture, household goods, a hogshead of tobacco, and other crops as collateral. William Kidd signed this Deed of Trust with an X, as did Robert N. Kidd (whom we believe was one of William's sons), one of the witnesses. This deed was admitted to record on Apr 24, 1815.³⁰⁰

1820 – I do not find William Kidd Sr. on the federal census in Nelson County, Virginia.

1827 – On 11 Sept. 1827, a **William Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1835-005] over a property dispute.³⁰¹ He testified that he actually lived on the land, where the Bryants (one of the families involved in the land dispute) now live, for 9 years in the past. He signed the deposition with an X.

Interestingly, an Alexander Kidd also gave a deposition in this case seven months later.³⁰²

We believe that this is William Kidd Sr. and his son Alexander.

²⁹⁸ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson County, VA."

²⁹⁹ Amherst County VA Deed Book M, pp. 329-331, retrieved from FHL #30290, images 204-205 of 733 via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Images available upon request.

³⁰⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available.

³⁰¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005. This deposition is on image 38.

³⁰² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., two **William Kidds**, William C., and William J. Kidd.

William Kidd – 1M & 1F, each 20-29. No slaves.

William Kidd – 1M 15-19, 1 40-49 & 1 70-79; 1F 70-79. Three slaves.

1831 – The Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1831-006] titled William Maclure etc v. **William Kidd**, begun in 1798, was finally resolved in favor of defendant William Kidd.³⁰³

William Kidd appeared for the last time on the Nelson County PPTLs on 28 February 1831, and does not reappear through 1850, the last year that we have searched. We believe that he died in 1831 or early 1832, prior to the annual PPTL for that year.

WILLIAM KIDD JR., likely the son of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia of Amherst County, VA

Born 10 May 1787,³⁰⁴ likely in Amherst County

Married Susanna/Susannah Logan in 1808 in Amherst County

Served in War of 1812 and then moved to Vermilion County, Illinois

Died in Georgetown, Vermilion County, IL on 16 Nov 1876³⁰⁵

Three Kidd men – William Jr., John Jr., and Hezekiah – all of whom married Logan women in Amherst County, are likely the sons of John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia, though no document has been found that provides proof of this relationship. See [Appendix Three](#) for a full explanation of how we reached this conclusion.

A descendant of this William Kidd Jr. is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match through the paternal line to other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see

www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

TABLE: Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1807-1817 - all Kidd entries in each year

YEAR	TAXPAYER	WMT	B>16	B12-16	Horses	Image #	COMMENTS
1801 Lex. P.	John Kidd (no others)	1	0	0	1	511	FHL #2024457
1802 Lex. P.	John Kidd (no others)	1	0	0	2	566	
1803 Lex. P.	John Kidd (no others)	1	0	0	2	600	
1804 Lex. P.	John Kidd (no others)	1	0	0	1	37	FHL #2024458

³⁰³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

³⁰⁴ Per his headstone, in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, Georgetown, Vermilion County, IL, viewable on Findagrave.com.

³⁰⁵ William Kidd's birth and death dates appear on his headstone in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Vermilion County, IL. See findagrave.com.

1805 Lex. P.	John Kidd (no others)	1	0	0	1	79	
1806 Lex. P.	John Kidd (no others)	2	0	0	0	119	
1807 Lex. P.	John	2	0	0	0	159	Amherst Parish of Amherst Co became Nelson County in Dec 1807
	Richard	1	0	0	0		
	William	1	0	0	2		
1808	NO TAX THIS YR						
1809	John	2	0	0	1	181	Amherst County
	William	1	0	0	1		
1810	William	1	0	0	1	203	
	William Jr.	1	0	0	0		
	John	2	0	0	2		
1811	William Sr.	1	0	0	1	225	
	John Sr.	1	0	0	3		
	William Jr.	1	0	0	0		
	John Jr.	1	0	0	1		
1812	William Sr.	1	0	0	1	246	
	William Jr.	1	0	0	1		
	John Sr.	2	0	0	3		
	John Jr.	1	0	0	1		
1813	William	1	0	0	1	267	
	John	1	0	0	1		
1814	William	1	0	0	0	288	
	no others						
1815A	no Kidds					315	now two lists per yr
1815B	William	1	0	0	0	347	
1816A	William	1	0	0	0	385	
1816B	no Kidds					409	
1817A	no Kidds					431	
1817B	no Kidds					459	

1808 – **William Kidd** married Susanna Logan on 2 June 1808 in Amherst County, VA.³⁰⁶
 Another abstract of this marriage lists Susanna Logan "of Amherst County for upwards of

³⁰⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

12 months," and lists the "parent or guardian" as Anthony Logan, "not of Amherst County" and the security as **Jno. Kidd**. The witness was Saml. Garland.³⁰⁷

1810 – There are two William Kidds on the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 25A, line 14: **William Kidd Jr.** – 1FWM 16-25; 1F 0-9 and 1 16-25.

William Kidd, p. 23A, line 13: William Kidd – 1M and 1F, both over 44. No others.

We do not know the identity of this second, older William Kidd.

1814 – A **William Kidd** was a witness to the will of Burcher Whitehead (Amherst County WB 5, p. 466-469), signed 24 Aug 1814 and recorded 17 Oct 1814. Other witnesses were G. Sand and Charles Duncan.³⁰⁸ Since this is during the time William Kidd Jr. was in War of 1812 service, it appears this is a different William Kidd, perhaps the older William found on the 1810 census (above).

William Kidd served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Cornelius Sale's Company of Light Infantry [90th V.M. under the 8th V.M., Wall's] from 2 Sep 1814 to 10 Feb 1815. He was promoted to Corporal 3 Nov 1814.³⁰⁹ He was present 1 Jan 1815, at Camp Carter near Richmond; on 21 Feb 1815, his record notes he was "discharged on account of inability 10 Feb 1815". Distance from Camp Carter to place of abode was 140 miles. ³¹⁰ Private John Kidd, Jr., likely William Kidd's brother, also served in this same company for the same period of time. ^{311 312 313}

WAR OF 1812 PENSION RECORD OF WILLIAM KIDD

William Kidd applied for a Survivors pension in 1850 in Vermilion County, Illinois, for his War of 1812 service. He stated his age was 63. He also stated that he served as a Sergeant and that he also served in Col. Timberlake's regiment. William Kidd received a land bounty of 80 acres [warrant no. 8464] for his service, issued 10 Nov 1851 in Vermilion County, IL.

In 1855, **William Kidd** of Vermilion County, IL applied for a second allotment of bounty land, evidently based on his service in Col. Timberlake's regiment. He was awarded another 80 acres [warrant no. 32426].

In 1871, **William Kidd** of Vermilion County, IL applied for a survivor's pension. William Kidd was dropped from the pension rolls 13 May 1880 for failure to claim pension in 3 years; the last payment made was dated 4 Sep 1876.

³⁰⁷ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K. "Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853," p. 211, seems to be the basis for these abstracts. A digital image of this record was retrieved by RK via familysearch.org (restricted access) from FHL #30273, image 498, and is available upon request.

³⁰⁸ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 390.

³⁰⁹ John Kidd Jr. CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38767457, 7579, 7690, 7804, 7911, 8018, original at NAB, copies on file.

³¹⁰ William Kidd CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38767459, 7582, 7689, 7803, 7639, 7753, 7867, 7974, original at NAB, viewed 12/30/2009, copies on file.

³¹¹ "Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, vol. 1, from the rolls of the Auditor's Office", pages 102-103, located at LVA, viewed 7.17.2009, WRK.

³¹² William Kidd survivors pension War of 1812, S.O. 18121, S.C. 11684, original at NAB viewed 9.11.2009, copy on file.

³¹³ "War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants" by Patrick G. Wardell, page 221, located at LVA, reviewed 7.17.2009, WRK.

Willis N. Kidd, William's son, was one of the witnesses to his application.

A letter from A.D. Hiller, Assistant to the Administrator to Mrs. Edward P. Seymour stating he is furnishing her with a copy of William Kidd's War of 1812 pension record, S.C. 11684 as well as a copy of his father William Kidd's Revolutionary War pension record, S.C. 31796.
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[Note: This last entry in William Kidd's War of 1812 pension file is an administrative error. The William Kidd, Revolutionary War pension 31796, is William Kidd, son of James Kidd of Lunenburg and Mecklenburg Cos NC, who moved to Oglethorpe County, GA. This William Kidd was not the father of War of 1812 veteran William Kidd of Amherst County, VA and Vermilion County, IL.]

1829 – According to the biography of his grandson Hannibal H. Kidd (the son of Willis N. Kidd), **William Kidd** came to Vermilion County, IL in 1829, establishing their home on a tract of 160 acres of government land. This is consistent with William Kidd receiving two 80-acre allotments of bounty land for his War of 1812 service.³¹⁵

1830 – On the federal census in Vermilion County, IL, p 101:
William Kidd – 2 FWM 15-19 and 1 40-49; 1 FWF 15-19 and 1 40-49

We have not found William Kidd or any Kidd households in Vermilion County on the 1840 census. In 1850, he and wife Susanna are living in the household of their son, Willis N. Kidd.

1850 – On the federal census in Census District No. 21, Vermilion County, IL, p. 327A, HH251:
Kidd, Willis N. 35MW farmer \$1300 VA

" , Nancy 25FW IN

" , Frances 5FW IL

" , Lucinda 3FW IL

" , Louisa 2FW IL

Kidd, William 63MW carpenter \$160 VA

" , Susanna 63FW VA

" , John 40MW farmer \$160 VA

Canady, Mary A. 16FW IN

1860 – On the federal census in Georgetown township, Vermilion County, IL, p. 427, HH 2984/3005:

Kidd, Willis N. 45MW Teacher(?) \$1400/\$1000 VA

" , Nancy 35FW IN

" , Frances 14FW IL

" , Lucinda 13FW IL

" , George 7MW IL

" , John 6MW IL

" , Julietta 3FW IL

" , Charles 1MW IL

Kidd, William 72MW carpenter \$1800 VA

" , Lucinda 72FW VA

³¹⁴ See <https://www.fold3.com/image/314837628> for William Kidd's pension application.

³¹⁵ The History of Vermilion County, Illinois. A Tale of Its Evolution, Settlement, and Progress for Nearly A Century. Vol. II, Pioneer Publishing Company, Chicago, IL, 1911 (found on Google Books), pp. 246-248.

[this is Susanna, William's wife; the census taker erred in recording her name as Lucinda]

Next door is William and Susanna's married daughter Lavinia and her family. Living with them is her brother John:

HH 2983/3004

Jones, Harrison 47MW farmer \$4,000/2000 KY

" , Lavinia 47FW VA

" , Willis 21MW (occupation blank) \$6000/1000 IL

" , Susan 22FW teacher \$0/170 IL

" , Mary 20FW teacher \$0/80 IL

" , Nancy 16FW IL

" , John 14MW IL

" , Russell 10MW IL

" , Alonzo 6MW IL

Kidd, John 50MW farmer \$6000/1000 VA

1870 – On the federal census in Georgetown township, Vermilion County, IL, Georgetown P.O., p. 56, HH 414/399:

Kidd, Willis 55MW Farmer \$7600/\$2500 VA

" , Matilda 36FW keeping house OH

" , George 16MW farm laborer IL

" , John 15MW farm laborer IL

" , Juletta 13FW IL

" , Chas 9MW IL

" , Hannibal 8MW IL

" , Willis 7MW IL

" , Lyman 3MW IL

Kidd, William 84MW VA

Gephart, Florence 12FW IL

Bailey, Edwd. 24MW farm laborer OH

1876 – **William Kidd** and his wife Susanna are buried in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Georgetown, Vermilion County, IL.³¹⁶ William Kidd died 16 Nov 1876 and was born 10 May 1787, according to his headstone, which also reads “Veteran of War of 1812.”

Susanna Kidd's headstone reads “Susanah, wife of Wm Kidd”: she died 18 April 1864 and was born 18 Oct 1792, according to her headstone. Also buried in this cemetery are son Willis Nicholas Kidd and his wife, and numerous other Kidds including son John S. Kidd.

WILLIAM COLEMAN KIDD, son of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin

Born about 1831 in Nelson County, VA

Drops from records after the 1850 census. Nothing more known about him.

1835 – In an Amherst County deed dated 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, John James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd,

³¹⁶ William Kidd: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=13104385>

Susanna Kidd: [http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSl=KID&GSp=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=16&GSctry=4&GSsr=361&GRid=3542625&)

[bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSl=KID&GSp=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=16&GSctry=4&GSsr=361&GRid=3542625&](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSl=KID&GSp=1&GSbyrel=all&GSst=16&GSctry=4&GSsr=361&GRid=3542625&)

William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, Ann Hunt Kidd...for “divers good and valuable considerations ...and for the further consideration of \$1.00” ... a tract of land containing 71.5 acres lying in both Nelson and Amherst County, conveyed by William L. Watts to trustees. This land was bounded by the lands of Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne. The deed was proven in Court and ordered to be recorded on 20 July 1835.³¹⁷

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Jane Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.³¹⁸ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert J. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, **William C. Kidd** & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”³¹⁹

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she apparently had an inheritance from her parents, intended to be passed to her children, but not to Robert J. Kidd, her husband. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd have a guardian’s bond.

1850 – On the federal census in Rockbridge County, Virginia, living with his brother John James Kidd, p. 366, HH 490/506:

Kidd, John J. 23WM Laborer VA

“ , Caroline 21FW VA

“ , **Wm. C.** 19MW Laborer VA

Nothing further is known about William Coleman Kidd. He is not the same person as Coleman W. (C.W.) Kidd of Nelson County.

WILLIAM J. (James) KIDD, son of James Kidd and Lucy Jopling

Born ca 1793, likely in Amherst County, VA

Married Susannah Hamlet in 1813, in Nelson County, VA

Died intestate on 6 Sept 1857, Amherst County, VA

Most of his records are found in Nelson County, VA

Known children of William J. Kidd and Susannah Hamlet

1. Martha Kidd, 1817 - ?

2. William J. Kidd, 1823-1862

3. Robert C. Kidd, 1830-1901

Note: The name William J. is sometimes recorded or transcribed as William I., but William J. is the name that appears in the records most frequently. I and J are difficult letters to distinguish in cursive handwriting, so much so that the indexes of many contemporaneous record books include the surnames beginning with I and those beginning with J in one section. One 1853

³¹⁷ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. Amherst County Deed Book V, page 202, viewable online via Familysearch.org on FHL #30293, image 671 (unrestricted access).

³¹⁸ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes DO descend below that line.

³¹⁹ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

Nelson County Chancery Court suit in which William J. Kidd signs his deposition, and his signature seems to say “William James Kidd” (see Nelson County records for this man).

1813 – A marriage bond was issued for **William J. Kidd** and S. Hamlet (sic) on 25 Dec. 1813 in **Nelson** County. The bondsman was William Hamlet. (Note that this surname is variously spelled Hamblett, Hamlett and Hamlet.)³²⁰

His wife was Susannah Hamlet/Hamblett, and her sister, Lucy, married William C. Kidd.

1814 – **William I. (J.) Kidd** (rank not stated but most likely Private) served in the War of 1812 in Capt. David Jacob’s Calvary [28th V.M.] from 2 Sep 1814 to 18 Sep 1814, 5 days added to his pay for travel time home 110 miles, present on the muster roll (undated), pay roll was dated 22 May 1815, Richmond. He also received pay for his horse. Also listed in this unit was William C. Kidd.³²¹

1815 – On 22 May 1815, William Hamlet, John Hamlet, **William Kidd** (husband of Susannah), William C. Kidd (husband of Lucy), Frances/Francis Hamlet, and Jesse Wood (husband of Nancy) executed a deed of release in Nelson County, VA to Susannah Hamlet, widow of Archer Hamlet, in which they quit-claimed their right and title to four slaves willed to them by Susannah’s deceased husband, Archer Hamlet.

By the last will and testament of Archer Hamlet, in Amherst County, his widow, Susannah Hamlet was entitled to retain certain slaves during her lifetime. These slaves at her decease or marriage were then to be distributed equally among his heirs. In this deed of trust, the children and heirs of Archer and Susannah Hamlet (or their husbands, in the case of the daughters of this couple) quit-claim their interest in these four slaves (who are named in the record).

This deed of release was admitted to record in Nelson County court the same day.³²²

On 1 October 1815, Lee W. Harris and Elizabeth his wife, of Nelson County, Virginia sold to John Hamlett and **William J. Kidd** of the same county for \$258 a tract of land in Nelson County at the headwaters of Dutch Creek, and containing 254 acres, adjoining Lunsford Loving, the estate of Archer Hamlett, Zachariah Phillips, John (Becknold?), (Ch?) Purvis, and Samuel Loving.³²³

This deed contains an unusual clause, in which Lee W. Harris and Elizabeth his wife “covenant and agree to ...defend a good and sufficient right, title & interest, legal and equitable, in and to the said hereby conveyed land...(upon stipulation that if the said John Hamlett & **William J. Kidd**, their heirs or assigns, shall be legally evicted or dispossessed of the said tract of land...then the said Lee W. Harris and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs, executors or administrators to refund the said William C. Kidd and William J. Kidd, their heirs and assigns the said sum of \$528 in four equal installments, to commence eighteen months after such eviction..., with interest from the date of the said eviction...”

This deed was presented in Nelson County Court on 27 April 1818, acknowledged by Lee W. Harris, and ordered to be recorded.

³²⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

³²¹ William I. Kidd CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38804824, 4906, original at NAB, copies on file.

³²² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

³²³ Nelson County Deed Book 3, pages 63-64, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 37 & 38 (restricted access). Digital images available upon request.

1816-1840 – **William J. Kidd** and John Hamblet appear for the first time on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1816, taxed upon 254½ acres on the waters of Dutch Creek, adjacent to Mrs. Susanna Hamblet, 2 miles east of the courthouse.

They then appear almost annually (not found in 1818, but reappear 1819, so evidently missed or overlooked in 1818) with only minor changes in the names of the neighbor their land was adjacent to over the years, through 1840. Then in 1841, William J. Kidd and John Hamblet's land drops from the LTLs.

1816-1850 – **William J. Kidd** also appears for the first time on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1816; he appears on these annual lists nearly annually through 1850, the last year of these records that we have checked so far. In 1843, his WMT drops from 2 to one, he is first referred to as William J. SR., and a William J. Kidd Jr. appears for the first time.

This suggests that he was the father of William J. Kidd Jr. See table below:

YEAR	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	Horses
1816	Wm J. (or I.)	1		
1818	Wm J. (or I.)	2	1	1
1819	William J. (or I.)	2	1	1
1820	Wm J. (or I.)			
1821	William J. (or I.)	1	1	1
1822	William J. (or I.)	1	3	1
1823	William J. (or I.)	NL	2	2
1824	William J. (or I.)	1	2	1
1825	William J. (or I.)	1	2	1
1826	William J. (or I.)	1	1	
1827	William J. (or I.)	1	1	
1828	William J. (or I.)	1	2	
1829	William J. (or I.)	1	3	1
1830	William J. (or I.)	1	2	2
1831	William J. (or I.)	1		
1833	William J. (or I.)	1		
1834	on Albemarle PPTL?			
1835	on Albemarle PPTL?			
1836	William J. (or I.)	2	4	7
1838	Wm J. (or I.)	2	5	1
1840	William J. (or I.)	2	4	1
1841	William J. (or I.)	2	1	1
1842	William J. (or I.)	2	2	1
1843	William J. (or I.) Sr.	1		
1845	William J. (or I.) Sr.	1	2	
1846	William J. (or I.) Sr.	1	2	
1847	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	3	4
1848	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	2	3
1849	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	2	3
1850	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	4	4

1819 – In a deed dated 14 October, 1819, "Susannah Hamlet of the county of Nelson (late Amherst), widow and relict of Archer Hamlet, dec'd., for and in consideration of the natural love and affection to my children, Fanny (who intermarried with John Wright), William, Thomas, Lucy (who intermarried with William C. Kidd), John, Susanna (who intermarried with **William J. Kidd**) Hamlet by my late husband, Archer Hamlet, dec'd, and Archer, Eliza, Sally and Fanny, children of my late daughter Nancy, who intermarried with Jesse Wood, and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars to me in hand paid by the said children as above named, and my said grandchildren as above named, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,"...sell ... for and during the time of my natural life the following Negro slaves, to wit, a negro woman named Alce, a negro man named Patrick, a negro man named Major, a negro man named Micael, a negro boy named Spotswood, a negro girl Morissey, they being devised to me by the last will and testament of my dec'd husband, Archer Hamlet....
Each of her named children received one distributable share and all of her grandchildren by her deceased daughter Nancy received one distributable share.³²⁴

In a deed dated 16 October 1819, Thomas Hamlet gives **William J. Kidd** his power of attorney to secure his share of the estate of his father Archer Hamlet:

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Hamlet for delivered goods causes and causes and considerations me hereunto moving, have constituted and appointed herein by these presents constitute and appoint my friend and brother-in-law **William I. [J.] Kidd** of Nelson county, State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and to my proper use and belief to sue for demands recover and receive all such debts as may be due to me in the state of Virginia and take all such necessary steps, and to receive him portion of the estate of Archer Hamlet dec'd which has been conveyed to the heirs of said Archer Hamlet dec'd by Susannah Hamlet his widow and relict to whom was bequeathed a life estate in said property which shall belong to me by virtue of same bequeath and conveyance fo me and in my name to grant receipts and acquitances and do all and ever thing in the premises which I myself could do if I were present hereby satisfying and confirming all such acts of my said attorney and making them as _____ efficient in law as if I were to do these myself. Given from under hand and seal this 16th day of October 1819. signed, Thomas Hamlet. attestee: S. Garland
Witnesses: John Wright (his X), C. W. Kidd³²⁵

1820 – The 1820 federal census for Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.
William J. Kidd – 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1 male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture.

[Assuming that William J. Kidd was born in 1793, he would have been about 27 at the time of the 1820 census, and thus one of the two males age 26-44. It is possible that the three other males in his household were his brothers James P., Jesse N., and Robert J. Kidd.

In a **Nelson County** deed of trust dated 11 December 1820, John Hamblet granted a Deed of Trust to **William J. Kidd**. John Hamblet acknowledged that he was indebted to Susanna

³²⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:303-304. Scanned images available.

³²⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:361. Scanned images available.

Hamblet for \$62 by bond. Collateral included household goods, a mare, hogs and pigs, and crops.

This deed of trust was signed by John Hamblet, **W.J. Kidd**, and Susannah Hamblet, and witnessed by John Whitehead, C.W. Kidd and Robert J. Kidd.³²⁶

1824 – On 8 April 1824, Coleman W. Kidd and **William J. Kidd** entered into a deed of loan with James Kidd Senior, all of Nelson County, in which they convey to him and his family a long list of household furniture, tools, livestock and other items purchased at an auction of personal property (likely his own) by virtue of an execution of a Court order, and which items were purchased by Coleman W. and **William J. Kidd**.³²⁷

1826 – The Virginia Chancery Records Project online³²⁸ contains this item:

William J. Kidd vs. James P. Garland

Nelson County Case No. 1826-005

William J. Kidd states that in 1818 or early 1819 he became bound as security for a certain John Hamlet in a forthcoming bond which was given to a certain James P. Garland, by virtue of an execution issued from the Clerk's office of this county on a judgment recovered by Garland against the said Hamlet (in some places in this record, the surname is spelled HAMBLET'T), which forthcoming bond was forfeited, and Kidd became liable for the debt, as Hamlet was unable to pay it. Said Kidd states that in the year 1819 he did (some) work for the said defendant, as shown by the several bills presented as evidence, and that some of the work was done in conjunction with "**your orator's brother, Coleman W. Kidd.**" He charges that it was expressly contracted with Garland that his debt was to be paid and satisfied by what was to be paid to him for this work, and that after the work was complete, that a balance was in fact due to him from James P. Garland, but that Garland was pressing for a judgment against William J. Kidd, in spite of their agreement.

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Garland in his response denied that William Kidd ever paid anything on the said debt, and that William J. Kidd and his brother were paid for the work done for him.

The bills submitted in this case (pp. 13, 15, 17) are for lumber, sheeting, shingles and shingling, framing, etc., indicating that the brothers were in the construction business.

The pages in this record do not reveal the eventual outcome. Many of them are receipts between the two businesses.

In Lynchburg Chancery Court on 12 May 1826, **William J (I.) Kidd** against James P Garland: Writ of Certiorari to remove the record of the proceedings of the court of Nelson in the writ aforesaid into this court, notice of which motion being duly proved, the court doth award the said writ, it appearing from a copy of this record that the trial of the said cause hath been unreasonably delayed. But this said writ is not to issue until the Defendant shall give bone with sufficient security in the clerk's office of this court in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned to perform the decree of this court.³²⁹

³²⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

³²⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson County Sources folder.

³²⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-005<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp> - res

³²⁹ Lynchburg (Amherst County) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, pp. 73-74, retrieved from FHL #32264, images 55-56 on this reel.

On 14 October 1826 in Nelson County, Hudson P. Kidd entered into a deed of trust with Wilson Peters, regarding a debt owed to **William J. Kidd** for \$85 due by bond due this date. All three parties signed their names, and the deed of trust was recorded the same day.³³⁰

October Term 1826. The court dismissed a motion by the defendant and referred the accounts to a special commissioner of the court, directing him to settle the same, and report back to the court.³³¹

1827 – On 20 Sept 1827, **William J. Kidd** was a witness in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled Alfred G. Chewning vs. Christopher T. Estes. The suit involved a lengthy business dispute and numerous witnesses.³³²

Lynchburg (Amherst) Chancery Court, October Term 1827. **William J. Kidd**, Plt against James P. Garland, Deft.} This cause which was removed hither by writ of cortoriari of the County court of Nelson came on this day to be heard...the Court decreed that the injunction awarded to the plaintiff by the said county court on the (blank) day of March 1822 to restrain the defendant, his attorneys, agents and all others from further proceeding on the judgment in the bill mentioned be (illegible) as to the sum of \$63.79 with interest thereon...from 1 August 1819 until paid, that the said injunction as to the residue of the said Judgment be perpetual, and that the defendant pay unto the plaintiff his costs, including those in the Nelson County Court.³³³

1828 – On 26 July 1828, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled Executor of Andrew Wright vs. James P. Garland & Co. (His signature appears on image 13 of the file.)³³⁴ (Nothing else pertinent to the Kidd family is found in this record.)

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and **two William J. Kidds:**

William J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 30-39 & 1 60-69; 2F 10-14, 1 30-39 & 1 60-69. Five slaves.

William J. Kidd – 1M & 1F 20-29. No slaves.

1832 – On 20 August 1832 in Nelson County, Virginia, Robert J. Kidd entered into a deed of trust with Robert C. Cutter regarding a debt of “a considerable sum of money” due by account and owed to **William J. Kidd**. In doing so he put up a considerable amount of household and kitchen furniture, tools and considerable livestock.

All the parties signed their names to this deed of trust. It was admitted to record the same day.³³⁵

1834-1835 – William J. Kidd does not appear on the Nelson County PPTLs in these years.

A **William J. or I. Kidd** appears on the Albemarle County PPTLs, taxed only for his own tithe, but no other property. He may or may not be the same William Kidd who was on the

³³⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:500-501.

³³¹ Lynchburg (Amherst County) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, p. 146, retrieved from FHL #32264, image 92 on this reel.

³³² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-018

³³³ Lynchburg (Amherst County) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, p. 301, retrieved from FHL #32264, image 189 on this reel. Scanned image available from the authors.

³³⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-001

³³⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7:377.

PPTLs a few years earlier.

He then drops from the Albemarle PPTLs.

1835 – **William J. Kidd** was appointed guardian of Gilbert W. Bergman in Nelson County, VA, and posted bond for same. WB E, p. 61.³³⁶ [I think this is an abstracting error, and this name is Bowman (see 1836, below).]

1836 – On 27 June 1836, **William J. Kidd** was appointed administrator of the estate of James Kidd (his father), deceased in Nelson County, for the purpose of making a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels and credits of the estate, and posted bond for same.³³⁷ Wilson Peters and Harrod B. Scott were his securities – these two men are frequently involved with several different Nelson County Kidds in this capacity. The bond was for \$200, a relatively small amount, suggesting a relatively small estate.

On 26 December 1836, **William J. Kidd** entered into a performance bond in Nelson County, Virginia in the amount of \$3000, with Wilson Peters as his security, for William J. Kidd's appointment as guardian of Gilbert W. Bowman, infant orphan of Gilbert Bowman and over 14 years of age. Both William J. Kidd and Wilson Peters signed this bond, and it was presented in Court and admitted to record on the same day.³³⁸

1836 – Nelson County Chancery Case No. 1836-032

William J. Kidd & Susanna his wife, plts vs. William C. Kidd and Lucy his wife, Arthur Wood, Sally Wood, and Frances Wood, Defts } In Chancery³³⁹

These individuals were the heirs of Archer Hamblett, deceased, and the purpose of the suit is to authorize the sale of Archer Hamblett's land, so that the proceeds can be distributed among his heirs.

Although the case was not finalized until 1836, a commissioner was appointed to sell this land in 1828.

1837 – On 4 May 1837, **William J. Kidd** and Henry S. Peyton signed a memorandum of understanding regarding their partnership, operating in Nelson County under the name Peyton & Kidd, their store in the town of Lovingston. They dissolved their partnership on 25 April 1837, with all the books, bonds, accounts and evidences of debts transferred to William J. Kidd, to wind up the business. In return, Kidd will provide Peyton with 2/3 of the profits (and losses), keeping one-third for himself.

Both parties signed the agreement, and it was accepted into record on 23 May 1837.³⁴⁰

1839 – On 4 October 1839, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County chancery court case involving other parties, stating that he had been hired to build steps and a portico in the town of Lovingston for one of the parties.³⁴¹

From this and other records, it's clear that William J. Kidd was a carpenter and builder in Nelson County. (Nothing else regarding Kidds found in this record.)

³³⁶ Index to Nelson County Virginia Wills, 1807-1850, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LOV, Sept 2009.

³³⁷ Index to Nelson County Virginia Wills, 1807-1850, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LOV, Sept 2009, citing WB D:491-2. RK reviewed this on microfilm, and confirmed the transcription here.

³³⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Wil Book E, page 61, retrieved from FHL #2047070, image 49 via familysearch.org.

³³⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

³⁴⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:439.

³⁴¹ Nelson County Chancery Court case 1839-012 (26 pages). George W. Taylor vs. James P. Garland

In an Amherst County deed of trust dated 8 October 1839 by James Maxwell and wife Sally.... **W. J. Kidd** was one of the witnesses, along with Jonathan A. Harris and Alex Mundy or Murphy. Collateral, two tracts of land of 50 acres each on both sides of Elk Island Creek.³⁴² [this comes from a book and may not be correct—there's nothing that puts him in Amherst in this time.]

Also in this year, his long-running suit against Frederick Peyton finally settled.³⁴³

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and **William J. Kidd**.

William J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 15-19, 1 20-29 & 1 40-49; 1F 20-29 & 1 40-49. Six slaves. Six employed in Mfg and trade.

On 24 February 1840, Robert J. Kidd entered into a deed of trust with Hiram W. Dawson, both of Nelson County, regarding a debt owed to **Wm. J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd of Nelson County of \$50 “due by open account.” He used his black horse, saddle and bridle as collateral for this loan.

All of the parties signed this document.³⁴⁴

[This is another example of Robert J. Kidd owing money to his brothers William J. and Coleman W. Kidd. - RK]

Also in this year, he and his siblings are named as some of the heirs of Ralph Jopling (their mother was Lucy Jopling, the wife of James Kidd) in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit.³⁴⁵

This case is a dispute among the heirs of Ralph Jopling over the right of property of a certain Negro woman slave named Brittannia, and her increase, an issue unresolved by a prior case in court in October of 1839, at which time the court ordered Charles Perrow and Henry T. Harris, commissioners for this purpose, to sell certain slaves....

p. 24 is a list of those parties with an interest in this estate, and among them are listed "...

William J. Kidd, Coleman W. Kidd, James P. Kidd, Robert J. Kidd, Jesse N. Kidd, Gutheridge Lyon and Mary A. his wife, formerly Mary Kidd, Robert Watkins and Sarah his wife, formerly Sarah Kidd, and _____, heirs of John Thomas, dec'd. ..." (These were the children of Lucy Jopling who married James Kidd.)

No other mention made of them or any other Kidds.

In November 1840, Robert N. Kidd, Alexander Kidd, Jno. Kidd and **W. J. Kidd**³⁴⁶ were among the one-hundred-plus signers of a petition to the Virginia State Assembly, filed by four former slaves emancipated by the will of their owner and father James Halleyburton, asking for a law permitting them to reside in the state. Laws of the time required manumitted (freed) slaves to leave the state of Virginia within 12 months, or be subject to sale as slaves.

³⁴² *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 258, citing DB X, p. 354.

³⁴³ Nelson County Chancery Court case 1839-019 (80 pages). William I Kidd vs. Frederick S. Peyton, etc.

³⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:106.

³⁴⁵ Nelson County Chancery Court case 1840-003 (35 pages). William Jackson vs. Charles Perrow, etc.

³⁴⁶ His name was transcribed as W. T. Kidd, but I believe this to be in error; looking at the original signature, I believe the middle initial is J, not T.

The petition was referred to the Courts of Justice in January 1841. The record does not say whether their petition was granted.³⁴⁷

- 1841 – In 1841, **William J. Kidd** was involved in two Nelson County Chancery Court suits. In the first (case 1841-023 (10 pages), Thomas Hamlet, the son of Archer Hamlet, is the plaintiff in this case, regarding the estate of his deceased father, whose will was recorded in Amherst County. Archer left a widow, Susanna, and the following children as his heirs: Thomas; William; John; Fanny, who intermarried with John Wright; Lucy who intermarried with William C. Kidd; and Susanna, who intermarried with **William J. Kidd**. This case was initiated in 1820, and carried on until 1841, concerning the division of Archer Hamlet's considerable estate. But no other substantive information about the Kidds is found in this record.

In the second case (Nelson County Case No. 1841-073)

William J. Kidd and Coleman W. Kidd, "late merchants and partners trading under the style and firm of W.J. & C.W. Kidd," are suing James Pamplin, John Pritchard and William J. Kidd, who were transacting business as tanners and curriers under the style and firm of Pamplin, Pritchard and Kidd. (This is a dispute between two business entities about their interchanges, and the complications produced because William J. Kidd had been partner in both firms.

Nothing of genealogical interest in this record, otherwise..

1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although it is not explicitly stated in the account, **William J. Kidd**, Coleman W., James P., Robert J. and Jesse N. Kidd seem to be the 5 heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave that Lucy owned at the time of her death.³⁴⁸

Also in 1841, William J. Kidd's name drops from the Nelson County Land Tax Lists. From 1816 through 1840, he and John Hamblet were co-owners of 254 ½ acres on Dutch Creek. We have found no record of the sale of this land, and it's not clear why they drop from the annual LTLs, although it is likely that they lost it due to foreclosure or in a legal dispute.

- 1842 – On 8 August 1842, Charles W. Thacker of Nelson County entered into a deed of trust with Richard L. Taliaferro regarding a debt of \$89.69 owed to **William J.** and **C.W. Kidd**, being the amount of a judgment recovered in Circuit Superior Court and Chancery Court of Nelson County at the April 1840 term. Recorded 10 September 1842.³⁴⁹

On 1 October 1842, Francis B. West entered into a deed of trust with Robert Whitehead regarding debts of \$128.14 owed to C.W. Kidd & Co. and due by bond 27 June 1842, of

³⁴⁷ One can find this (and the other three legislative petitions mentioning Kidd at http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions?_ga=2.76708176.455154769.1579651731-169780960.1579651731, then search on KIDD.

³⁴⁸ Nelson County, VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

³⁴⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:87-88.

\$13.20 to **Wm. J.** and C.W. **Kidd**, and to C.W. Kidd for \$18.10.³⁵⁰

On 24 October 1842, Thomas Farrar entered into a deed of trust with John Burford(?) regarding a debt of ___ owed to **Wm. J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd and Coleman W. Kidd & Co. by judgments of the Superior and Inferior Courts of the County of Amherst, where William H. Kidd took the oath of an insolvent debtor, and to C.W. Kidd for the sum of about \$20 by bond.

This deed was signed by Farrar, but not the others, and admitted to Nelson County Court the same day.³⁵¹

Also in 1842, **William J. Kidd** was one of several defendants in a Nelson County Chancery Court case (1842-043, Henry Bibb, etc. vs. Charles E. Perrow, etc., 8 pages) No complaint or response is found in these few pages, and it's not clear what the suit is about.

1843 – On 22 July 1843, Joshua Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife of Nelson County entered into a deed of trust with Coleman W. Kidd, Christopher J. Estes, **William J. Kidd**, William Murrill, and Wilson P. Kidd as trustees, conveying to them a parcel of land on the headwaters of the south branch of Dutch creek, purchased by Willoughby from Sparks Martin's executor... (physical description of boundaries)... containing one acre, where these trustees will build a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church... "to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein."
[The deed goes on in some length regarding how successor trustees would be named in the event that one or more died, or ceased to be a member, etc.]
Both Joshua and Elizabeth signed with an X. The deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court the same date.³⁵²

On 3 August 1843, Charles W. Thacker entered into a deed of trust with Robert Whitehead regarding a debt of \$56.74, owed to **William J.** and C.W. **Kidd**, due by judgment obtained in County Court. Deed recorded 5 August 1843.³⁵³

On 30 August 1843, William H. Kidd of **Nelson** County entered into a deed of trust with Robert Whitehead over debts of \$27.94, owed to C.W. Kidd (partly by bond and partly by accounts), and of \$63.80 to **Wm J. & C.W. Kidd**. William H. Kidd signed with an X. The deed of trust was recorded in court the same day.³⁵⁴

1845 – **William James (sic) Kidd** was one of the witnesses to the Nelson County will of Joshua Willoughby, which Willoughby signed on 21 August 1845.³⁵⁵ In the document, he is identified as **William James Kidd** in two instances and as **William J. Kidd Jr.** in one other instance.

³⁵⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:117-118.

³⁵¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:31-32.

³⁵² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6. Scans of this deed are in the Nelson County Sources folder.

³⁵³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:347.

³⁵⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

³⁵⁵ Nelson County, VA Will Book G, pp. 335-337. Digital images available upon request.

1847 – The Nelson County will of Joshua Willoughby was proved in Court on 22 March 1847 by the witnesses to that will, **William James Kidd Jr.** (sic) and Walker S. Willoughby.³⁵⁶

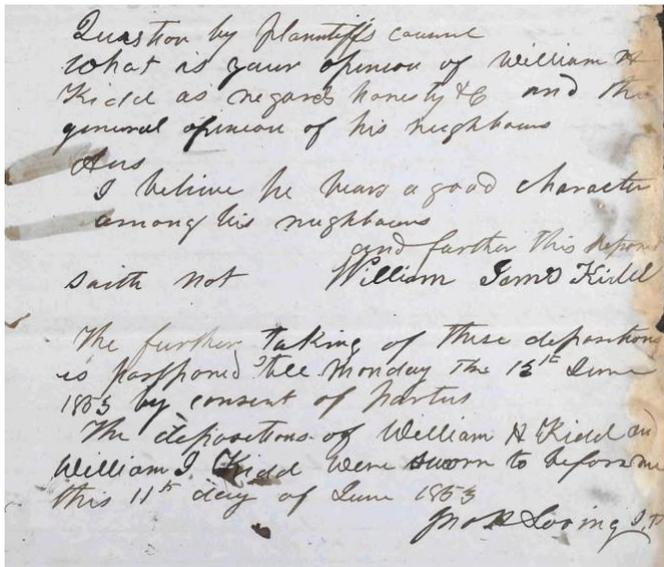
1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 264B, HH 649:

Kidd, Wm. J. 57MW farmer \$0 VA
 " , Susan 55FW VA
 " , Eliza 35FW VA
 " , Robert C. 20MW VA

On 26 June 1850, **William J. Kidd** entered into a Nelson County deed of trust with Parker Allen regarding a debt of "\$500 or thereabout" to Perkins and Ewers, secured by a deed of trust dated 10 March 1849.³⁵⁷

On 15 Oct 1850, **William J. Kidd** entered into a deed of trust with Thomas P. Fitzpatrick and Hezekiah R. Hargrove over a debt of \$152.50 to Penn & Brown due 1 Sept 1850. Used the "property heretofore conveyed in trust to secure the amount then due," and all his crops of oats and tobacco for the present year. Admitted to record 28 Oct 1850.³⁵⁸

1853 – On 11 June 1853, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court case, a dispute over a debt.³⁵⁹ He signed his affidavit (see image below), and his signature reads "William Jams (or James) Kidd. This is one of the two records we've found that provide a middle name for him (the other being in 1845, above).



1857 – **William J. (or I.) Kidd Sr.** died in Amherst County, VA on 6 Sept. 1857 at the age of 63. His death record states that he was born in Amherst County to James and Lucy Kidd, lists his spouse's name as Susan Kidd, and lists his occupation as "farmer." He was married at

³⁵⁶ Ibid, p. 337. Digital image available upon request.

³⁵⁷ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:70.

³⁵⁸ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:105.

³⁵⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1853-032, John W Clyne Jr v. Joseph Thomas et al, 50 images, image 23.

the time of his death.³⁶⁰ The cause of his death is listed as “carbuncle.” His son Robert C. Kidd was the informant for this record.

WILSON P. KIDD, shoemaker (and sometimes jailkeeper), the son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy) Johnson
Born in 1822³⁶¹ in Nelson County, Virginia
Married in 1839 to Harriet E. Morgan in Amherst County
Mentioned in the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950, the daughter of Edmund Tucker Kidd and Elizabeth (Kidd) Craig, the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr and his wife Ann (Nancy) Johnson.³⁶²
Died 16 August 1880 in Nelson County, VA

NOTE: There were two men by this name, both born in Nelson County, VA within a few years of each other. We distinguish them by their primary occupation; one was a shoemaker, and the other was a farmer.

Wilson P. the shoemaker left records in both Amherst and Nelson Counties.

Wilson P. the farmer left records only in Nelson County;
see our Nelson County document for complete information about him.

1839 – Married on 2 Jan 1839 by Rev. Matthew Sturdivant, **Wilson Kidd**, to Miss Harriet E. Morgan, daughter of William Morgan, dec'd, all of Lovingston, Nelson County.³⁶³ An abstract of this record names the bondsman as Elizabeth Morgan.³⁶⁴

1840 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 217, line 20:
Wilson Kidd – 1FWM 20-29; 1F 15-19. Two slaves (a male age 24-35 and a female, age 36-54). Two in Commerce (none in Agriculture)
No other Kidd household heads appear on the federal census in Amherst County in 1840.

1841 – A “William P. Kidd” appears this one year on the Amherst County PPTLs, taxed for himself and one slave. He then drops from these tax lists.³⁶⁵
We have found no other reference to a William P. Kidd, and believe that this entry is a clerical error, most likely referring to the shoemaker **Wilson P. Kidd**, since he had a single slave in other years on the Amherst County PPTLs in 1848-1850 (see below), and because Wilson P. Kidd left other records in Amherst County in 1841.

On 14 June 1841, **Wilson Kidd** was one of the witnesses to an Amherst County deed of

³⁶⁰ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. Scanned image available upon request.

³⁶¹ Both his death record and grave marker have a birth year of 1822.

³⁶² p. 43: “My grandfather James Craig and grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig moved up from Goochland County below Richmond to near Lovingston, Nelson County, VA. With him came 2 of grandmother’s brothers - Uncle Charles and Uncle Wilson Kidd. Uncle Charles married Malinda Kidd. They had a large family - both sons and daughters.”

³⁶³ From the *Lynchburg Virginian*, Monday January 7, 1839, p. 3, col. 3.

³⁶⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

³⁶⁵ Amherst County, VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1824-1847, retrieved from FHL #2024459, image 348 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

trust by George Sprouts. Other witnesses were Edward J. Smith and Robert Tyree.³⁶⁶

On 14 August 1841, **Wilson P. Kidd** entered into an Amherst County Deed of Trust with Albert C. Harrison and Robert N. Pendleton. Below is an abstract of that instrument:

Pendleton is security in a bond of the said **Wilson P. Kidd** executed to Wilkins Watson for the hire of a negro man in the sum of about \$120. The said Watson has instituted a suit against the said Kidd and Pendleton and the said Kidd, anxious to indemnify the said Pendleton against all loss, Kidd for \$1 has granted, bargained and sold to the said Albert Harrison a cow and calf now in the possession of the said Kidd, all of his household and kitchen furniture of every description together with his own assortment of shoemakers tools now housed in his shoemakers shop at Amherst Courthouse. Recorded 16 August 1841.³⁶⁷

1848-1850 – **Wilson P. Kidd** appears briefly on Amherst County PPTLs for the first time in 1848, and repeats the following two years (1850 is currently the last year we've checked so far).

Year	Taxpayer	Tithes
1848	Wilson P.	1 slave
1849	Wilson P.	1 slave, 1 horse
1850	Wilson P.	1 slave, 1 horse

1850 – On the federal census in the Eastern district of Amherst County, VA, p. 145A, HH 990, enumerated 9 December, 1850:

Kidd, Wilson P. 34MW shoemaker (birthplaces blank for entire page)

- " , Hariet (sic) 30FW
- " , Theodore 8MS
- " , Dolly 5FW
- " , Jane 2FW

Note: In 1841, Wilson's shoemaker's shop is described as at Amherst Courthouse. The 1850 census places Wilson's household in the vicinity of other merchants and so likely is in the town of Amherst Courthouse.

1860 – By 1860, Wilson P. Kidd and his family have moved to Lovingson in Nelson County, listed on the federal census in Lovingson P.O., Nelson County, VA, p. 164, HH 1194:

Kidd, Wilson P. 42MW shoe maker and jailor \$0/100 Nelson County.

- " , Harriet 39FW Nelson
- " , Theodore 15MW Nelson
- " , Ladora 12FW Nelson
- " , Idel 10 FW Nelson
- " , Alice 9FW Nelson
- " , William H. 6MW Nelson
- " , Edward 4MW Nelson

³⁶⁶ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 268, citing DB X, p. 481.

³⁶⁷ Amherst County VA Deed Book X, p. 523, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

- 1864 – On 28 November 1864, **Wilson P. Kidd** was “granted letters of administration on the estate of his dec’d son Theodore F. Kidd, late a soldier in the Confederate army...”³⁶⁸
- 1870 – On the federal census in Lovingson township, Nelson County, VA, p. 330, HH 291/303:
Kidd, Wilson P. 50MW shoemaker \$1500/200 VA
" , Harriet 45FW keeping house VA
" , Edward 12MW at home VA
(plus several boarders)
- 1880 – On the federal census in Lovingson township, Nelson County, VA, ED 111, sheet 20D, HH 177/204
Kidd, Wilson P. WM 60M jailor VA VA VA
" , Harriet E. WF 58M wife VA VA VA
" , Edward L son WM 23S VA VA VA
(plus two prisoners in the jail)

Wilson P. Kidd died on 16 August 1880 in Nelson County, VA at the age of 62 years.³⁶⁹
His death record names his parents as Joe and Sallie Kidd, and lists his occupation as "boot and tack maker."

[Note: The name of Sallie is in error, perhaps on the part of the person who provided information for the death record. Joseph Kidd was the husband of Ann (Nancy) Johnson.]

Wilson and Harriet Kidd are buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. Their headstone is a modern marker reading:

Wilson Kidd 1822-1880 [this birth year is later than other birth years given for Wilson]
Harriet Morgan Kidd 1823-1894

The journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950), the daughter of Edmund Tucker Kidd and Elizabeth (Kidd) Craig, the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr and his wife Ann Johnson includes a reference to **Wilson Kidd**: (p 43): “My grandfather James Craig and grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig moved up from Goochland County below Richmond to near Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. With him came 2 of grandmother’s brothers - Uncle Charles and Uncle Wilson Kidd. Uncle Charles married Malinda Kidd. They had a large family - both sons and daughters.”

ZACHARIAH KIDD – the son of Moses Kidd and his wife Milly Clark

Born abt 1774 in Virginia, likely in Albemarle County³⁷⁰

Lived in Amherst Parish of Amherst County from at least 1801-1807³⁷¹

Married Stella Bryant in Amherst County in 1804

Moved to Kentucky by 1810 with his mother and brothers to Knox County, Kentucky, likely following the death of his father in Nelson County

Died by 1857 in Lincoln County, Kentucky

³⁶⁸ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson County, VA Will Book M, p. 276. A digital image of this record was retrieved from Nelson County WB M, page 278, found on FHL #32719, Item 2, Will Book M, which begins on image 288. I failed to record the image number of this page. See Nelson County Source documents on Dropbox for this image.

³⁶⁹ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

³⁷⁰ Age 76 at the time of the 1850 census; age 60-69 in 1840; age 50-59 in 1830.

³⁷¹ His father, Moses, appears on Amherst County PPTLs from 1788-1807.

A descendant of Zachariah Kidd is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match through the paternal line to other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

1801-1802 – A **Zachariah Kidd** appears on the PPTLs, in Amherst Parish, with 1 white tithe, but with no horse and no tax charged.

1804 – **Zach or Zacharias Kidd** married Stella Bryant in Amherst County in August of 1804. This marriage is recorded twice, recording the date as 10 August and 20 August, respectively.³⁷² The earlier date of 10 August was confirmed by a review of the record itself.³⁷³

1806, 1807 – **Zachariah Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTL for each of these two years, paying only his own tithe and evidently has no horse or slaves. He's not found on the Amherst County PPTL in 1809 or afterward. He appears in neighboring Nelson County for the year 1809 only.

1807 – In late 1807, Amherst Parish of Amherst County became Nelson County.

1808 – No taxes were collected in Virginia in 1808, by order of the Virginia General Assembly.

1809 – **Zack Kidd** appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1809, taxed for one tithe and two horses. This is the first year for which these records are available (Nelson County was formed in 1807 and there was no tax statewide in 1808). He appears along with a Moses Kidd and a Moses Kidd Jr.

All three men disappear from Nelson County, VA records after this entry, and do not appear in Nelson County on the PPTLs or the federal censuses through 1850.

1810 – **Zachariah Kidd**, Harmon Kidd, and Moses Kidd appear for the first and only time on the 1810 Knox County, KY tax list (see image below):³⁷⁴ We believe that these are the three surviving sons of Moses and Milly Clark Kidd.



³⁷² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

³⁷³ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

³⁷⁴ FHL #8099, Knox County Kentucky Tax Books, 1800-1812, 1815-1831, 1833-1804, available on Familysearch.org, image 274 of 1149. An Elias Kidd had been in Knox County since 1807, and was there in 1810 (image 273); we believe this to be a coincidence, as Elias is a known descendant of the Kidds of Tazewell County, Virginia, and we know of no close family connection between these two families.

Figure: 1810 Knox County Tax Book, showing Moses Kidd, **Zachariah Kidd**, and Harmon Kidd, all over the age of 21, each charged for one tithe and one horse. Both Moses and Zachariah own small parcels of land on Lynn Creek.³⁷⁵

- 1810 – There are two Kidd households on the 1810 federal census in Knox County, KY.
page 652, line 12:
Elias Kid – 1FWM 16-25 & 1 26-44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. One slave.
page 661, line 13:
Milly Kid – 1FWM<10, 2 16-25 & 1 26-44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>45. No slaves.
The three older males in Milly’s HH are most likely her sons **Zachariah**, Harmon and Moses, given the 1810 tax list (above).
- 1811-1814 – **Zachariah Kidd** appears on the annual tax lists of Casey County, KY, west and slightly north of Knox County, along with Harmon and Moses Kidd.
- 1815-1820 – **Zachariah Kidd** is found on the annual tax lists in Lincoln County, KY, just NE of Casey County, along with Moses Kidd.
- 1820 – Moses Kidd and **Zachariah Kidd** each appear on the federal census in Crab Orchard district, Lincoln County, KY:
p. 386 (printed, but crossed out and 44 written by hand)
Zacariah Kid (mis-indexed on Ancestry as Hid): 1M<10, 1 10-15 & 1>44; 4F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. No slaves.
page 350 (printed, but crossed out, and 27 written by hand)
Moses Kidd 1M<10 & 1 26-44; 1F<10 & 1 16-25. No slaves.
- 1821-1840 – In 1821 Moses Kidd disappears from the Lincoln County tax lists, but **Zachariah Kidd** is listed almost annually through at least 1840 (the last year that we have checked).
- 1822 – On 8 November 1822 in Lincoln County, KY, **Zachariah Kidd** signed a deed of gift conveying the tract of land containing 50 acres on which he currently resides to “Frances Kidd, William Kidd, Milly Kidd, Jincy Kidd, Sophia Kidd, Nancy Kidd, Rosanna Kidd and Bryant Kidd, children of the said Zachariah Kidd...for the natural love and affection which I have and bear to my said children...”³⁷⁶ This deed of gift is Zachariah Kidd’s assignment of his 1817 Lincoln County, Kentucky land warrant for 50 acres on the waters of Buck Creek to Francis, William, Milly, Jane, Sophia, Nancy, Bryant and Rosanna Kidd.
- 1830 – On the federal census in Lincoln County, KY, p. 369:
Kidd, Zacariah 1M<5, 1 5-9, and 1 50-59; 1F 5-9, 2 10-14, 1 15-19 & 1 40-49.
- 1840 – On the federal census in Lincoln County, KY, p. 84:
Zachariah Kid 1M 10-14, 1 20-29, & 1 60-69; 1F 10-14, 1 40-49 and 1 50-59.
- 1850 – On the federal census in District 2, Lincoln County, KY, p. 314, HH 528:
Kidd, Green 24WM laborer b. KY
“ , Anna 23FW KY
“ , James 2MW KY

³⁷⁵ Ibid.

³⁷⁶ Lincoln County, KY Deed Book L, page 36, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #192243, image 554 of 795. Digital image of this deed in in the Kentucky subfolder of Kidd Patriarchs outside of Virginia.

“ , Rebecca 1FW KY
Kidd, Zachr 76MW b. VA

1852 – **Zachariah Kidd** married Emily Ham in Lincoln County, KY on 3 August 1852.³⁷⁷
Zachariah is listed as a widower, age 76, and Emily as a widow, age 20.

1857 – On 31 July 1857, the **heirs of Zachariah Kidd**: “Bryant Kidd and Becky Kidd his wife; Green Kidd and Annie Kidd his wife; Thomas Adams and Milly Adams his wife, late Milly Kidd; Jane Adams, widow of Edgar Adams, late Jane Kidd; Thomas Chappell and Elizabeth Chappell his wife, late Elizabeth Kidd; James Dishion and Nancy Dishion his wife, late Nancy Kidd; and Thomas Plummer and Rosine Plummer his wife, late Rosine Kidd, being the heirs and representatives of Zachariah Kidd, dec’d, sold to Jacob Weaver for the sum of \$47.19 the tract of land in Lincoln County on the waters of Buck Creek...containing 50 acres.” This deed was recorded the same day in Lincoln County Court.³⁷⁸
According to the unsourced information below, the grantee of the above deed, Jacob Weaver, was the husband of Sophia, Zachariah’s daughter.

1859 – On 29 July 1859, Daniel Oaks sold to Bryant Kid a tract of 50 acres of land on Buck Creek in Lincoln County for \$75. It appears that Bryant has repurchased his father’s land.³⁷⁹

Family records (not documented) give Zachariah’s children as:

1. Frances Kidd, born ca 1806, married Elisha Noaks, died ca 1843, Lincoln County, KY
2. Mildred (Millie) Catherine Kidd, born ca 1808, married Thomas Francis Adams, died ca 1881
3. William Kidd, born ca 1808, married Eliza Morgan
4. Lucinda Jane Kidd, born ca 1814
5. Sophia Kidd, born ca 1816, married Jacob Weaver, died ca 1916
6. Nancy (Ann) Kidd, born ca 1818, married James R. Ballard
7. Bryant Kidd, born 14 Feb 1820 at Gilmore’s Lick, Lincoln, Kentucky, married Rebecca Oaks, died 11 Aug 1894

Note: Not listed here is Green Kidd, in whose household Zachariah is living in 1850. This Green Kidd died in Lincoln County, KY on 2 April 1913. His death certificate states that he was the son of **Zachariah Kidd** of VA (mother’s name not given), and that he was born on January 18 1821 in Lincoln County, KY.³⁸⁰

Green was evidently born after his father executed the above 1822 deed of gift to his children, but is named among Zachariah’s children in the 1857 deed above.

³⁷⁷ Lincoln County, KY Marriage register 5, page 8, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #216832, image 56 (unrestricted access).

³⁷⁸ Lincoln County, KY Deed Book Z, pages 550-551, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #192250, image 284 of 326. Digital image in Kentucky subfolder of Kidd Patriarchs outside of Virginia folder on Dropbox.

³⁷⁹ Lincoln County KY Deed Book 1, pages 442-443, retrieved from FHL #192251, image 258 of 709 via familysearch.org. Digital image available upon request.

³⁸⁰ Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1965, on Ancestry.com, with image of this death certificate.

APPENDIX ONE: SOURCES INCLUDED IN THE CREATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

The following sources of genealogical and historical information on Amherst County have been identified, using the web sites for the LDS library, the Library of Virginia, and WorldCat. Those with black text have been reviewed and abstracted, and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document; those in **bold font** have yet to be reviewed and mined for Kidd entries.

PRIMARY SOURCES

Amherst County PPTLs, 1782-1851, LDS microfilm and Binns Genealogy onsite images

County Land Tax Lists (only available at LoV)

Reel 17, 1782-1805, reviewed by RK via ILL, Sept. 6, 2013

Reel 18, 1806-1833, reviewed by RK via ILL, Sept. 6, 2013

Reel 19, 1834-1850, reviewed by RK via ILL, Sept. 6, 2013

Federal censuses, 1810-1850

Amherst County, VA Index to Deeds, Vol 1, 1761-1815, Vol 2, 1815-1843 [microfilm reel 15, LoV], Kidd entries to 1843 reviewed by Nancy Heuser and Kidd grantor/grantee deeds abstracted, Sept 2007

Amherst County Deed Abstracts pertaining to KIDD, 1761-1843, by Nancy Heuser, Library of Virginia, 2007

Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007. Although Nancy Heuser did not state the source she consulted at LoV, it was almost certainly "Register of Marriages, Amherst County, Virginia, 1763-1853." This register is now viewable via familysearch.org (restricted access) as FHL #30273. This register is actually a secondary source, as it was created in 1929 by Eugenia Eleanor Hall at the Virginia State Library; she transcribed the original marriage bonds of Amherst County and ministers' returns into this large register, then returned the originals to the Amherst Court Clerk.

We now have digital images of most but not all of these entries. And the others can be retrieved easily, if desired. The original bonds may or may not be available now.

AMHERST COUNTY COURT ORDER BOOKS

The early Order Books, 1766 to 1782, were reviewed and abstracted by researchers Nancy Heuser and Craig Kilby. Reiley Kidd reviewed and abstracted subsequent Order Books from 1782 to 1802. In 2025, familysearch.org added the capability to perform full-text searches of its extensive digital records collection; using full-text search, Sandra Kidd abstracted additional Kidd references from the Order Books.

County Court Minute Books (only the one index, 1832-1835, reviewed so far)

1804-1805, unpagged – LoV reel 52

1811-1814, pp. 1-384 – ibid

1815-1819, 534 pages – LoV reel 53

1822-1823, 368 pages – LoV reel 54

1823, (no page # listed – LoV reel 55

1826-1828, 351 pages – LoV reel 56

1828-1831, 439 p. – LoV reel 57

1832-1835, INDEX to County Ct Minutes Book, FHL #1888576, item 6:

starts on image 334; Ks section is on image 369: Kidd to Garland, deed of trust, "listed 113)" scanned

Kidd to McDaniel – 234, 264, 303, 332, 363, 392, 410, 436

on image 414 (Ks brought fwd): Kidd v Horsley – dismiss at rules conf, 396; no others

1836-1839, 456 p. – LoV reel 58

General Index to County Court Rules Book, 1786-1789 – LoV reel 55, item 6

Several Kidd items (Kidd vs Bradshaw, 182, 246, 289; N Kidd v Bradshaw, 300, 339) scanned index page

Superior Court of Law Order Books

1809-1814, index, 589 pages – LoV reel 62, item 2 – No Kidds in Index of Plts. Did not browse entire index for Defts. names

1821-1825, pp. 1-225 – LoV reel 62, item 3 – No index. Not examined.

1821-1825, pp. 226-554 – LoV reel 61, item 1

1821-1827 index, 168 pp. – LoV reel 45, item 2 – NO Kidds in index. Not viewed.

1825-1829, 432 pp. – LoV reel 61, item 2 – No index. Not examined.

1830-1831, 119 pp. – LoV reel 45, item 1 – No index. Not examined.

1830-1831 General index to Superior Ct order book – LoV reel 55, item 7 – No Kidds in index as Plts. Did not browse the rest of the index for Kidds as Defts.

County Court Minute Books, 1804-1805, 1811-1839 (including general indexes) - LoV, among others. [According to Craig Kilby, the Amherst Court Minute Books are not really usable; "They are not indexed, and are pages and pages of very cramped writing." For this reason, we do not plan to examine this series.]

SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW AND CHANCERY ORDER BOOKS

Superior Court of Chancery for the Lynchburg District was created in 1814 and covered Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania counties, and the city of Lynchburg. In 1831 it was replaced by the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Lynchburg City. This court was abolished in 1851 (1850) when it became the Circuit Court for Lynchburg City.

For these cases the court sat in chancery which meant it acted as a court of equity. Equity law is a body of legal and procedural rules and doctrines which supplement or override common and statute law to protect rights and enforce duties defined or fixed by substantive law. The court usually dealt with cases which did not need a jury, such as divorces or foreclosures. Orders are judgments based on those laws.

Includes general indexes only to ended chancery cases. Volumes are also individually indexed. Some indexes are found at the back of the volumes (another FHL filming).

General index to ended chancery cases, 1814-1982 – FHL #1994867, item 9 (K-L surnames), starts on image 575 of 832, with Ks on image 590:

June 12, 1844, Kidd, Tandy et al v. John Johnson, Chancery OB 6:464, file #1380
(no others prior to 1900.)

Chancery Order Book 1, 1814-1822 – FHL #32263, item 1 – no Kidds in Index

Chancery Order Book 2, 1822-1825 – FHL #32263, item 2 – no Kidds in Index

Chancery Order Book 3, 1825-1828 – FHL #32264, item 1 – one entry in Index

Chancery Order Book 4, 1829-1831 – FHL #32264, item 2 – no Kidds in Index

Chancery Order Book 5, 1831-1835 – FHL #32264, item 3 – no Kidds in Index

Chancery Order Book 6, 1836-1845 – FHL #32265, item 1 – one entry

Chancery Order Book 7, 1845-1855 – FHL #32265, item 2 – No Kidds

General Index to Wills, Fiduciaries, etc., Vol. 1, 1761-1920, 437 pp. – LoV reel 26 or 98 (only known Kidd will in Amherst is John Norman Kidd's)

John N Kidd, will, WB 3:339

“ “ “ , exer bond, 3:340

Amherst WB 10:288-289 for guardian bond for John J. Kidd et al – LoV reel 21

Scanned. Robt J Kidd, 16 November 1840

No Others

AMHERST CHANCERY RECORDS

Amherst County Chancery cases from 1779-1869 have been digitized and are viewable online at this URL: <https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/>

The surname of Kidd is found in four court cases in this 90-year period; in none of them was a Kidd one of the principals in the case. In two of them, a Kidd provided a deposition in the case; each of these has been incorporated into this compilation. The other two cases (case 1842-012, 726 pages; and case 1843-002, 218 pages) were voluminous; we cursorily browsed the pages and did not find any mention of Kidd in either, but it easily could have been overlooked.

Amherst County Will Books, 1761-ff. (including general indexes) – Nancy Heuser reviewed Index to Wills for early years in Oct 2007. The only known early Amherst County will is that of John Norman Kidd, 1795. LoV, among others. The only known record for 1800-1865 is found in Pippenger, see below.

An index to Amherst County, Virginia wills and administrations (1761-1800) is available at the [Library of Virginia](#) website. (No Kidd records are found in Amherst County in this Index.)

Land Entry Book, 1787-1944 Index, 229 pp. – LoV reel 76 – No Kidds in index

Land Warrants (Entry book of Warrants to survey), 1783-1906, unpagged Index, 229 pp. – LoV reel 40 – SEE BELOW

Plat Book No. 1, 1761-1803, index, 451 pp. – LoV reel 40 – No Kidds in Index

Plat Book No. 2, 1803-1930 unpagged index, 149 pp. – LoV reel 40 – No Kidds in Index

Amherst land warrants, 1783-1906, reel 40, item 3 – No Kidds in Index

Rev War records: [none known except for John Norman Kidd]

SECONDARY SOURCES (arranged here alphabetically by last name of primary author):

1. *Gravestone Inscriptions in Amherst County, Virginia*, compiled by **Amherst** County Museum and Historical Society volunteers and staff, Amherst, VA, 1999. (No Kidds listed prior to 1850 – reviewed by RK at Jones Memorial Library, April 2013)
2. *Gravestone Inscriptions in Amherst County, Virginia*, compiled by Mary Frances **Boxley**, sponsored by the Amherst Chapter of the NSDAR, 1985.
3. *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1979.
4. *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1807-1827, Books L-R*, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985.
5. *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985. [CK reviewed this book at MBWL in March 2014.]

6. *The Wills of Amherst County Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, 1985 (reprinted 1998). Reviewed by RK at SPL March 27, 2013.
7. *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965. (CK, March 2014 – several Kidd entries.)
8. *J, K, and L – will book items dealing with persons whose last names begin with the letters above in 26 will books of the county of Amherst, Virginia, 1761-1919*, compiled by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst, VA, 1964.
9. *Marriage Bonds and Returns, 1801-1854 (of Amherst County, Virginia, and comments on some of the families*, Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, 1965.
10. *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org:
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>
11. *Central Virginia land patents from the county abstracts for Goochland, Albemarle, Cumberland, Buckingham, and Amherst counties in the Virginia Land Office 1735-1774*, by Eric G. **Grundset** and Paula Hollis Grundset, Fairfax, Va. : E.G. Grundset, 1999. Only one Kidd citation, for Aaron Kidd, Albemarle County, 1763 (p.78). None in other counties.
12. *Kidds from Virginia Serving in Wartime, 1800-1848*, by William R. **Kidd** (unpublished, personal correspondence).
13. *Abstracts of wills, inventories, and administration accounts of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1800*, compiled by Junie Estelle Stewart **King**.
14. *Amherst County Minute Men, 1776*, by Barbara Vines **Little**, 2014 (published in Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, vol. 52 (number 2, May 2014), pp. 153-154. No Kidds listed.
15. *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865, Volume 4 (counties of Albemarle, Allegheny, Amherst, Bath, Botetourt, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Highland, Nelson, & Rockbridge)*, by Wesley E. **Pippenger**, Richmond VA, Virginia Historical Society, 2001-2010.
16. *Amherst County Families and History: compiled from Henry Hardesty's Historical and Genealogical Encyclopedia, first published in 1883*, indexed and available from Jim Presgraves, Wytheville, VA, J. **Presgraves**, 1995, 73 pages. No Kidds
17. *Tuckaboes and Cobeys: The Settlers and Cultures of Amherst and Nelson Counties, 1607-1807*, by Catherine Hawes Coleman **Seaman**, Sweet Briar College Printing Press, 1992.
18. *Amherst County, Virginia Land Tax Books, 1782-1805*, edited and published by Ruth & Sam **Sparacio**, McLean, VA, Antient Press, 1997. No Kidds
[N.B. While the title suggests that this work (actually two volumes) covers 1782-1805, they actually cover only 1782-1791 (reviewed by CK at Lov, March 2014):
Amherst Land Tax Books 1782-1788, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio. No Kidds
Amherst Land Tax Books 1789-1791, Ruth & Sam Sparacio. No Kidds
19. *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763-1800*, compiled by William Montgomery **Sweeny**, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1980. No Kidds found in this compilation.
20. *Amherst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, by Lenora Higginbotham **Sweeny**, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998. [There are three Kidd references in this book--in Rev War pension application section--and all are for Nelson County Kidds and have been added to Nelson County document.]

APPENDIX TWO: CENTRAL VIRGINIA DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS1 KIDD OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The Kidd who is believed to be our immigrant ancestor is **Thomas1 Kidd**, who was in the colony of Virginia by 1646. This Thomas Kidd settled in Middlesex County on the Dragon Run, near present-day Church View, Virginia. He and his wife **Jane** (maiden name unproven, despite claims to the contrary) had five children, only two of them sons who could carry on the surname of Kidd.

These sons were **Thomas Kidd, Jr.**, and **William Kidd**. By the terms of their father's will written and proven in 1680, Thomas Jr., as the oldest son, inherited the family's Middlesex County land, while William had the right to live on part of the land until Thomas Sr.'s death, when it reverted to Thomas Jr. and his descendants.

When William Kidd, William's wife Margaret, and Thomas Kidd, Jr., all died within months of each other in spring and summer 1727, their children, ranging in age from 6 to 35, became orphans. (Alice Trigg Kidd, Thomas Jr.'s wife, previously had died in 1720.) This set in motion the eventual westward migration of several of **William and Margaret Kidd's children**, who had been left landless in Middlesex County after their parents' deaths.

Their oldest and youngest sons—**William**, who married Elizabeth Thurston, and **Benjamin**, who married Judith Chowning—stayed in Middlesex County (with some of Benjamin's descendants later migrating to Amelia County, Virginia). Daughters **Agatha**, who may have married Edward Southern, and **Jane**, who married John Gregory, also stayed in the Middlesex County area. Sons **Joseph** and **Samuel** died as children; a daughter **Catherine** also may have died as a child.

Six sons of William and Margaret Kidd – Robert, Duel, Moses, John, Aaron, and James, and one daughter Margaret, who married John Southern – moved westward from Middlesex County and principally settled in central Virginia by the 1750s, in the present-day counties of Goochland, Albemarle, Amherst, Buckingham, Fluvanna, and Nelson Counties.

1. **Margaret Kidd**, born in 1702, married **John Southern** in 1720 in Middlesex County. This couple appears in central Virginia records in 1743, and Margaret's brothers may have followed them to the area. Margaret and John Southern settled on Bear Garden Creek in Albemarle County, in the part that later became Buckingham County. Margaret Kidd and John Southern were the parents of **sons William, James, and Samuel** (each of whom were deeded land by their father in 1755), **Joseph, and Benjamin, and daughters Susanna, Margaret, and Averilla.**
2. **Robert Kidd**, born in 1703, appears in Goochland, Henrico, and Albemarle County records, then is not found in Albemarle County or elsewhere in Virginia records after 1747. He had land surveyed on the Hardware River, but apparently did not occupy the land. **No records naming a wife or children for Robert Kidd have been found. If he had children, they likely were born before 1746.**
3. **Moses Kidd**, born in 1707, married **Dorothy** (maiden name unknown). They had one known **daughter Martha**, born in 1739 in Middlesex County. Moses Kidd apparently disappears from Virginia records after 1753, when he and a son (unnamed, but likely at least 14 and so born by 1738) are cited as survey chain carriers for landowner William Beverly in Beverly Park Manor in King and Queen County. Whether Moses Kidd left King and Queen County is not known, nor do we know the name of his **son who was born no later than 1738.** While it is likely that

Moses had other children born in the mid-1700s, few clues have been found to determine their identities.

4. **John Kidd**, born in 1708, married **Ruth Parish**/Farish, the daughter of Henry Parish of Goochland County, by 1749. Given John's age at the time of this marriage, he may have been married previously, but no documentation of a first wife has been found. John Kidd owned land on the Rivanna River near the land of his brother Aaron. John Kidd died in 1785; his 1785 Albemarle County will names three sons - **William, John Norman, and James** - and no daughters. (If John Kidd had any daughters, their names are not known.) These three sons and their descendants left records in Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties.
5. **Duel Kidd**, born in 1711, died between Nov 1804 and Sept 1805, as recorded in Albemarle County's Overseers of the Poor records. Duel was a poor individual, at least near the end of his long life, who was supported by the parish and then by the county. There is no record of his ever owning land. His only known wife was the widow **Mary Sorrow**, whom he married in Middlesex County in 1736, with whom he had at least two children, **James born 1737 and Margaret born 1739**, both in Middlesex County. He had at least one additional known son **Duel**, who appears in his household named as "son Duel" on the Albemarle County personal property tax lists in 1792-1793. (Note: Due to his age, this son Duel Kidd likely would have had an unknown mother, possibly a younger second wife to Duel.) It is possible that the elder Duel Kidd may have been the father or grandfather of three adult Kidd men who lived in the same area of Albemarle County: Charles, who died in 1856 (wife unknown), Joseph, who married Ann (Nancy) Johnson in 1795, and Pleasant, who married Sarah Farrell in 1802. Further study of the Kidd men who lived in proximity to Duel Kidd in southern Albemarle County may yield more clues about his descendants.
6. **Aaron Kidd**, born in 1714, married **Susannah** (maiden name not known). Aaron Kidd patented land on Roundabout Creek of the Rivanna River, an area that became part of Fluvanna County in 1777. Aaron Kidd died in 1776; his Albemarle County will, written in 1775 and proven in 1776, names **three sons William, Benjamin, and Samuel, and four daughters Mildred/Milly (married James Baltimore), Mary (married John Davis), Sarah/Sally (married Charles Clements), and Ann (married Thomas Elliott)**. A subsequent chancery suit in Fluvanna County over the estate of Aaron's son Samuel Kidd confirms the names of Aaron and Susannah's children and many of their grandchildren. Aaron and Susannah's sons Benjamin and Samuel lived in the area of Fluvanna County formed from Albemarle County; their son William moved to southwest Virginia after his father's death, settling in Tazewell County.
7. **James Kidd**, born in 1716, married 1st **Eliza** (maiden name not known), who appears as his wife in a deed recorded in Caroline County in 1750, and who likely was the mother of his older children. James married 2nd **Mourning Parish**/Farish, the daughter of Henry Parish of Goochland County, by 1755 (and sister to Ruth Parish, who married John Kidd); she was the mother of his younger children. James Kidd patented land on the north side of and adjoining the Slate River, in what is now Buckingham County. From a chancery suit contesting the will of Moses Kidd, who died childless in 1798, that was recorded in Prince Edward County, Virginia, we have reconstructed the probable family of James Kidd, who likely died ca 1789/1790: **sons Moses, John, William, and Benjamin, and daughters Sarah (married James Boatwright), Dicey (married Richard Falwell), Susanna (married an unknown Quarles), Judith (married James Quarles), Martha (married Reuben Southern), and Nancy (married a Smith, possibly Platt Smith)**.

Records for the children of William and Margaret Kidd who settled in the central Virginia region can be found in Middlesex, Essex, Caroline, King and Queen, Henrico, Goochland, Albemarle, Amherst, Buckingham, Fluvanna, and Nelson Counties, Virginia.

Research in the central Virginia region in the mid to late 1700s and early 1800s primarily is built on legal records – land, court, and tax records. While eastern Virginia church parishes kept more vital records—birth, marriage, and death – very few such records are found as families moved westward into Virginia. Court records for early Albemarle County are sparse, due to records destruction during the Revolutionary War. In addition, Caroline, King and Queen, and Buckingham Counties are burned record counties, with Buckingham having virtually no records in existence prior to 1869. As an example, only two of the children of William and Margaret Kidd – John Kidd and Aaron Kidd – left wills, and only a handful of their grandchildren who were born outside of Middlesex County have birth or baptismal records.

For these reasons, constructing the families of the children of William Kidd and his wife Margaret who settled in central Virginia remains a work in progress, as we analyze the available records and use the evidence to determine possible family groups, while continuing to search for additional records that may be un-indexed, in courthouse loose papers, or in special collections. The Kidd Y-DNA project, hosted at Family Tree DNA, provides support for our research by identifying genetic relationships among Kidd male descendants who carry Y-DNA, or paternal-line DNA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about or contact **Sandra Kidd**, project co-administrator, at skkidd@bellsouth.net

In addition to our website at www.kiddroots.org , we also maintain an online family tree of the Middlesex County VA Kidds and their descendants. See www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986

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APPENDIX THREE: WAS JOHN KIDD SR. THE FATHER OF WILLIAM KIDD JR, JOHN KIDD JR, AND HEZEKIAH KIDD OF AMHERST COUNTY?

John Kidd Sr. of Buckingham and Amherst Counties left only a handful of records, and very little is known about his personal life. We know that John married Selia (maiden name not known), because she is named as his wife in deed records. No record of his birth, his marriage to Selia, or their deaths have been found.

Only one record has been found that directly links John Kidd to one of his children: the marriage record of Judith Kidd, who married William Ross on 30 June 1810 in Amherst County, VA. This record names Judith's father as John Kidd.^{381 382} John Kidd was also the security for this marriage bond.

No other record directly linking this couple to any other children has been found, despite claims made in online and undocumented family trees.

However, we believe that indirect evidence exists to support the theory that John Kidd Sr. had at least three sons who were Amherst County before they migrated west during the period 1820 to 1830:

5. William Kidd Jr., 1787-1876, War of 1812 soldier, married Susannah Logan in 1808 in Amherst County, migrated to Georgetown, Vermilion County, IL;
6. John Kidd Jr., ca 1789-1855, War of 1812 soldier, married Lucy Logan in 1812 in Amherst County, migrated to Knox County, TN; and
7. Hezekiah Kidd, ca 1794-1859, married Dicey Logan in 1819 in Amherst County, migrated to Knox County, TN

Clues from the Amherst County, Lexington Parish, Personal Property Tax Lists

When no record that directly names a relationship has been found, Virginia's Personal Property Tax Lists (PPTLs), recorded annually in each county, can provide valuable clues to identify possible family members. The PPTLs identify the number of taxable individuals in a household; the taxable age was sixteen for white males during this timeframe³⁸³; these taxable white males are usually (but not always) family members. When a son reaches the age of 16, he typically appears among his father's taxable males; when he establishes his own household, he typically appears as a named head of household and his father's taxable males may decrease by one, unless a younger son attains the taxable age that same year, in which the number is unchanged.

The first clue is that John Kidd Sr. and his proposed sons were taxed in Lexington Parish, which was in the southern part of Amherst County. Other Kidds resided in and were taxed in Amherst

³⁸¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

³⁸² "Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853," page 222, available via familysearch.org (restricted access) as FHL #30273, image 509. This register, evidently compiled decades after the marriages, contains abstracts of marriage bonds. Among the printed column headings for each marriage bond is one titled "Parent or Guardian of the Wife"; the marriage bond entry for Judith Kidd lists "Kidd, John" in this column. John Kidd was also the Security for this bond. A digital image of this page is available upon request.

³⁸³ "The Annual Virginia Tithables and Tax Lists in Law, and Their Interpretation", by John Barrett Robb, August 2017 (provided by the Library of Virginia), states the following: *From 1788 on, it can be reasonably presumed that the numbers in the first column represent the number of white males aged 16 or over associated with the household of the named chargeable, including himself.* Thus for most households, the number in this category is "1".

Parish of Amherst County; this part of Amherst County became Nelson County in December of 1807 (subsequent to the 1807 PPTLs).

The Table below illustrates how John Kidd Sr.'s White Male Taxables (WMT's) change over the years, as his sons 1) become of taxable age, and then 2) leave their father's home (decreasing his WMTs by one) and are listed themselves as taxpayers on the annual PPTLs.

TABLE: Amherst County PPTL entries for John Kidd Sr. & his likely sons, William Jr. & John Jr.

YEAR	TAXPAYER	WMT	B>16	B12-16	Horses	Image #	COMMENTS
1798 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	1	417	FHL #2024457
1799 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	1	463	
1800 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	1	493	
1801 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	1	511	
1802 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	2	566	
1803 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	2	600	
1804 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	1	37	FHL #2024458
1805 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	1	0	0	1	79	
1806 Lex. P.	John Kidd No others	2	0	0	0	119	
1807 Lex. P.	John	2	0	0	0	159	Nelson Co formed from Amherst P
	Richard	1	0	0	0		
	William	1	0	0	2		
1808	NO TAX THIS YR						
1809	John	2	0	0	1	181	Amherst County
	William	1	0	0	1		
1810	William	1	0	0	1	203	Ibid
	William Jr.	1	0	0	0		
	John	2	0	0	2		

1811	William Sr.	1	0	0	1	225	Ibid
	John Sr.	1	0	0	3		
	William Jr.	1	0	0	0		
	John Jr.	1	0	0	1		
1812	William Sr.	1	0	0	1	246	Ibid
	William Jr.	1	0	0	1		
	John Sr.	2	0	0	3		
	John Jr.	1	0	0	1		
1813	William	1	0	0	1	267	Ibid
	John	1	0	0	1		
1814	William	1	0	0	0	288	Ibid
	no others						
1815A	no Kidds					315	now two lists
1815B	William	1	0	0	0	347	per yr
1816A	William	1	0	0	0	385	"
1816B	no Kidds					409	"
1817A	no Kidds					431	"
1817B	no Kidds					459	"

1798 – After appearing previously on the Buckingham County VA PPTLs, the senior John Kidd appears for the first time on the Amherst County PPTLs in 1798, in Lexington Parish, taxed for one tithe (his own) and one horse. No other Kidd male has been in this parish previously; and the entries of the Kidd household heads in Amherst Parish in 1797 remain unchanged in 1798.

1799-1805 – John Kidd is listed annually in Lexington Parish in each year, taxed for just one tithe.

1806 – John Kidd is taxed for two white males for the first time in 1806, indicating a white male that is likely his son has reached the taxable age of 16, which indicates a birth year of about 1790. No other Kidd household heads are listed in Lexington Parish.

1807 – John Kidd is again listed in Lexington Parish, and taxed for two white males. Also appearing for the first time in Lexington Parish are a Richard Kidd and a William Kidd. Of the two, it seems most likely that William was John Kidd's second taxable in 1806. It also appears that William has established his own household in 1807 before his marriage to Susanna Logan in 1808.

John Kidd's second taxable in 1807, a white male aged 16 or older, is likely John Kidd Jr., who has come of age in the previous year. Because these birth years differ only by 1-2 years, we believe it is feasible that John Kidd's taxables in this period are for himself, then William, and then John Jr.

1808 – William Kidd married Susanna Logan 2 June 1808 in Amherst County, with "Jno. Kidd"

(likely his father), serving as security.³⁸⁴

1808 – No taxes were collected in Virginia in 1808, by order of the Virginia General Assembly. In 1809, Nelson County was formed from Amherst Parish in the northern part of the county, and parish designations in Amherst County are dropped from the tax lists.

1809-1810 – In each of these years John Kidd is again taxed in Amherst County on two taxables, who appear to be John Kidd Sr. and John Kidd Jr., and William Kidd is taxed for his own taxable.

1810 – The federal census for 1810 shows John Kidd (Sr.) in Amherst County, VA, p. 3a, line 4: John Kidd – 4FWM 0-9, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44.

John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia likely are the older man and woman, with the young woman aged 16-25 is likely their daughter Judith, and the young man aged 16-25 likely their son John Jr. We do not know the identity of the four younger white males in the household, whether they are John and Selia's children or perhaps other relatives.

1811 – In 1811, John Jr. has left the family home, and is himself a taxpayer for the first time, taxed only for his own tax. John Kidd Sr. is now taxed for only 1 taxable, with John Jr. And William (Jr.) is again listed, taxed only for himself.

1812 – John Kidd Jr. married Lucy Logan on 5 Feb 1812 in Amherst County, VA. The security for this marriage bond was **John Kidd Sr.**³⁸⁵

In 1812, John Kidd Sr. is once again taxed for 2 taxables, as another son has reached the taxable age. This second taxable male is likely Hezekiah, born ca 1794, who would have been 16 or 17 years old.

Also listed as separate household heads in 1812 are John Kidd, Jr. and William Kidd, each taxed for 1 taxable.

1813-1814 – In 1813, John Kidd Sr. drops from the Amherst PPTLs, and does not reappear; we surmise that John Sr. has died since the 1812 PPTL.

Both William and John (now listed without a descriptor) continue to appear on the annual PPTLs. Meanwhile, presumed son Hezekiah does not appear on his own. He is likely in someone else's household.

1815 – In this year John Kidd (Jr.) drops from the Amherst PPTLs, and does not reappear. William Kidd appears on the PPTLs in 1815 and 1816, then he too drops from these records and does not reappear.

1819 – Hezekiah Kidd married Dicey Logan 27 Sept 1819 in Amherst County.

³⁸⁴ Amherst County, Virginia Register of Marriages, 1763-1853, page 211, retrieved from FHL #30273, image 498 of 786, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁸⁵ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K. A digital image of “Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853, page 230 (retrieved from FHL #30273, image 317) is available upon request from the authors.

By this time, Hezekiah's presumed father, John Kidd Sr., is deceased, and his presumed brothers John Jr. and William no longer appear on the PPTLs. However, there is evidence of a close family relationship:

- All three men — William Jr., John Jr., and Hezekiah — married women named Logan in Amherst County
- A John Kidd (likely William's father) served as security for the marriage bond when William Kidd married Susanna Logan on 2 June 1808 in Amherst County.
- The same minister married John Kidd Jr. and Lucy Logan in 1812 and Hezekiah Kidd and Dicey Logan in 1819
- John Kidd Sr. was security for the 1812 marriage bond of John Kidd Jr. and Lucy Logan
- John Kidd Jr. and Hezekiah Kidd both migrated to Knox County, TN before 1830 and maintained contact with each other, evidenced by Dicey Kidd (Hezekiah's wife) saying in an affidavit in 1871 that she witnessed Lucy Logan's marriage to John Kidd in Amherst County six decades prior.

CONCLUSION

The above records are entirely consistent with the hypothesis that John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia were the parents of William Kidd Jr., John Kidd Jr., and Hezekiah Kidd.

While it is puzzling that Hezekiah Kidd never shows up on his own on the Amherst PPTLs, there can be no doubt that he was in the Amherst County in this era. He was most likely the second WMT in John Sr.'s household in 1812; there are no other likely candidates for that second taxable male. And he married Dicey Logan in Amherst County in 1819, and migrated to Knox County, TN by 1830, where his presumed brother, John Kidd Jr. had moved by 1819.³⁸⁶ Perhaps, because of the death of his father, John Sr. circa 1813, he was in the household of a relative or neighbor from 1813 until married in 1819, and that he left Amherst County by 1820.

It is likely that John Kidd Sr. and his wife Selia had other sons and daughters; the 1810 federal census shows four young white males, all born between 1801-1810, and a young female, born between 1795-1800, in John Sr.'s 1810 household. However, no other records have been found to date to identify any of these individuals by name, or tie them to Selia and John Kidd Sr.

³⁸⁶ This estimated time of his arrival in Tennessee is the place of birth for several of his children (Martha, born abt 1819, and Macager, born abt 1821) purportedly in Tennessee, according to their birthplace listing on multiple federal censuses. Unfortunately, the 1820 census records of twenty east TN counties, including Knox County, are missing from the 1820 census files, and are thus unavailable.

APPENDIX FOUR: AN ABSTRACT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION OF JAMES KIDD OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

[A transcript of the pension application of James Kidd, S [survivors] 18481, can be found at www.revwarapps.org/s18481.pdf

Scanned images from James Kidd's Revolutionary War pension file are available at Fold3.com and Ancestry.com, and are available from the authors.]

At his pension application hearing, James Kidd stated that he was born in Granville County, North Carolina on 22 April 1766, and that his father [regrettably not named] moved back soon after to Albemarle County, Virginia. The hearing was held 24 December 1832 at the Nelson County Courthouse in Lovingson; James Kidd stated that he was aged 66, a resident of Nelson County, and provided the following account of his service.

He enlisted in the army in March of 1781, one month before his 15th birthday, while a resident of Albemarle County, VA, as a substitute for Isaac Bryant. He served until October of 1781, serving under a Major Woods, a Captain James Woods, a Captain Nailor, and a Colonel Richardson. After he joined the army, he was marched with other recent enlistees to the vicinity of Richmond, where they were issued weapons. His commanding Generals were Nelson and Lawson. His unit was then sent east towards Williamsburg. The British were still active in this area. James was assigned various guard duties. His unit played "cat and mouse" with the British forces. During this time, James became ill and was sent to the rear to recover. He indicated he did not recall exactly how long he was sick and out of action, but that the sickness occurred in the vicinity of New Kent Courthouse. About the time he recovered, his initial three-month enlistment period was up. He re-enlisted and was then sent to the Jamestown area under Captain Nailor. He served in this area for some time until the British sent part of their army towards Yorktown and the other part towards Richmond. James' unit, along with others, was sent back towards Richmond to counter the British move. While on this move, James became seriously ill and was sent first to a hospital in Richmond. However, the doctors in Richmond decided to send him further to the west because of an anticipated uprising by slaves in the Richmond area. James was placed in a wagon and sent to Bagwell's Tavern in Louisa County. Before James could be removed from the wagon, it caught on fire and he was badly burned on his shoulders and back. Friends of his finally came to Louisa and took him home to Albemarle County. He was partially disabled the remainder of his life.

The pension application file does not contain information about the date that James Kidd married his wife Lucy Jopling nor the date of his death. He can be presumed to be deceased by 4 September 1834, because the [admr.] of Lucy Kidd, widow of James Kidd, a pensioner on the roll of the Richmond Agency, was paid Twenty Dollars per annum for the period 4 September 1834 through 23 March 1836, ceasing at the time of her presumed death.

Note: The information gleaned from James Kidd's pension application about his family's residence in Albemarle County helps to tie him to the Kidds who settled in Albemarle County in the mid-1700s. John Kidd married Ruth Parish/Farish and named his three sons James, William, and John Norman in his 1785 Albemarle County will. John Norman Kidd died in 1795 in Amherst County. William Kidd and James Kidd are found in Nelson County records from the county's early days through the times of their deaths. By examining their associations in legal records, we believe that these Nelson County men are the sons of John Kidd of Albemarle County.

APPENDIX FIVE: WERE WILLIAM KIDD SR. and JAMES KIDD SR. OF ALBEMARLE, AMHERST & NELSON COUNTIES, VIRGINIA THE SONS OF JOHN KIDD OF GOOCHLAND AND ALBEMARLE COUNTIES, VIRGINIA?

The authors believe that **William Kidd Sr.** and **James Kidd Sr.** of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia, were most likely the sons of **John Kidd** and his wife Ruth Farish/Parrish of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, Virginia. **John Kidd** was the son of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and the grandsons of **Thomas Kidd**, who was in the Virginia colony by 1646 and who died in Middlesex County in 1680. We know that **John Norman Kidd**, son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish, died in 1795 in Amherst County, VA, before the founding of Nelson County; his widow Juriah is found in Nelson County, VA on the 1810 census.

This hypothesis is based upon the following facts.

1. **John Kidd** had three sons **John Norman Kidd**, **William Kidd**, and **James Kidd**, each named in his 1785 Albemarle County, Virginia will. John Norman and William are named as John's "two eldest sons," and James can be inferred as the youngest since he is to receive his inheritance following the death of his mother. In James Kidd's Revolutionary War pension application (see [Appendix Four](#)), he states his birth as 22 April 1766, making him 18 at the time his father wrote his will.

In the name of god, amen

I **John Kidd** of Albemarle County being in a low state of bodily health but in the full exercise of my reason so make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following [indecipherable] I bequeath my body to the grave by a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors. Item I refer that all my Just debts be paid Item I lend to my beloved wife **Ruth** during her natural life the land whereon I now live together with all the stock and household Furniture Item I give to my two Eldest Sons **John Norman** and **William** to be equally [divided] between them one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Hanover County on Turkey Creek Commonly known by the name of Napiers Ordinary which Said land was given to my wife Ruth and to the heirs of her body lawfull begotton by her grand father Henry [At]kinson Item after my wife Decease I give and bequeath to my Son **James** the land stock household Furniture [I?] lent her I appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament my Sons **John Norman Kidd** & **William Kidd**. Abrogating and dissolving all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 11th Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

Joseph Kidd [John, see footnote, below]

Signed and Sealed

in presence of: John Wharton

Edw[Edward] X Kearsey

Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

At Albemarle September Court 1785 –

This will was proved by the Oath of John Wharton, Edward Kearsey & **Benjamin Kidd**, three witnesses thereto and Ord[Ordered] to be Recorded

Test.

Martin D[indecipherable]³⁸⁷

[Note: This Benjamin Kidd is John Kidd’s nephew, the son of his brother Aaron Kidd. Both John and Aaron settled in Albemarle County in close proximity to each other.]

2. These brothers appear in proximity to each other in records of Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties.

The table below shows the Kidd entries on the **Albemarle County** PPTLs for the years 1782 (the first year for which tax lists are available) through 1786.³⁸⁸

YEAR	TAXPAYER	FWM >21	Slaves	Cattle	Horses, etc.	image #
1782	Norman Kidd	1	0	5	2	30
	no others					
1783	John Norman Kidd	1	0	5	2	42
1784	Benjamin Kidd	1	0	2	1	57
	John Norman Kidd	1	0	5	2	
	William Kidd	1	0	5	0	
1785	Moses Kidd	1	0	1	2	72
	no others					
1786	Moses Kidd	1	0	1	2	89
	no others					

In 1787, **James Kidd**, likely William and John Norman Kidd’s brother and the youngest son of John Kidd and Ruth Parish, first appears on the **Albemarle** County PPTLs. He would have been age 21 in 1787, so this is consistent with his stated birthdate of 1766. He appears annually through 1792, then drops from this county’s lists for 3 years.

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property	image # ³⁸⁹
1787	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	108
1788	not listed				149-150
1789	not listed ³⁹⁰				189
1790	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	239-240

³⁸⁷ Albemarle County, VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5, retrieved from FHL #30212, item 2, image 256 of 433 (unrestricted access) [NOTE that the will bears the title "Will of JOHN KIDD" in the record, but the name given as the signer at the bottom looks like "Joseph Kidd." We believe that this was a clerk’s error in recording the will in the Will Book.]

³⁸⁸ The Image # refers to the location of each year’s entries on microfilm of the Personal Property Tax Lists.

³⁸⁹ In this Table, “Image #” refers to the location where each specific entry can be found on the LDS microfilm 2024443, Albemarle County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1799 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁹⁰ In this year, the tax list for St. Ann’s Parish skips from J surnames to L surnames; the clerk making the copy of this tax list appears to have skipped over them. James or other Kidds may have been there, but the records are missing.

1791	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	None	288
1792	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	1 horse	337

The **Table** below lists the entries on the **Amherst County PPTLs** for the years 1782 through 1807 for John Norman [until his death in 1795], William, and James Kidd, all in Amherst Parish of Amherst County, the parish that became Nelson County in 1809]³⁹¹ :

Year	Date	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	Horses	Image # ³⁹²
1782 - 1785		no Kidds listed				
1786	no dates	John N.	1	1	2	76
		William	1	0	2	
1787	29-Mar	N. John	1	0	1	94
		William	1	0	1	
1788	2-Apr	N. John	1	0	1	133
	2-Apr	William	1	0	1	
1789	30-Mar	N. John	1	0	1	162
	30-Mar	William	1	0	2	
1790	20-Apr	N. John	1	0	0	192
	25-Apr	William	1	0	1	
1791	7-May	John Normond	1	0	0	222
	12-Jul	William	1	0	1	
1792	26-May	N. John	1	0	0	254
	3-May	William	1	0	1	
1793	18-Mar	Jno. Norman	1	0	1	285
	27-May	William	1	0	1	
1794	21-Apr	John Norman & Charles Reynolds	2	0	1	319
	30-Apr	James	1	0	2	
	3-Jun	William	1	0	1	
1795	16-Mar	James	1	0	1	349
	10-Apr	William	1	0	1	
1796	4-Apr	William	1	0	1	370
1797	15-Aug	William	1	0	1	393

³⁹¹ Amherst County PPTLs are viewable online at familysearch.org (unrestricted access): FHL #2024257 (1782-1803), #2024258 (1804-1823), #2024259 (1824-1847) and #2024260 (1848-1851).

³⁹² The column in this table titled **Image #** refers to the image number on which each entry may be found. For example, the image of the Kidd entries on the 1786 Amherst parish and County PPTL is image # 76 on FHL #2024457.

1798	no dates	William	1	0	2	417
1799	no dates	William	1	0	3	446
1800	no dates	James	2	0	2	477
		No William				
1801	no dates	James	1	0	3	511
	no dates	William	1	0	4	
1802	no dates	James	1	0	2	546
	no dates	William	1	0	3	
1803	no dates	William	1	0	1	582
	no dates	Jorah	1	0	3	
	no dates	James	1	0	1	
1804	no dates	James	1	0	0	18 ³⁹³
	no dates	William	2	0	3	
1805	no dates	William	3	0	4	57
	no dates	James	1	0	2	
1806	no dates	Wm.	3	0	5	98
	no dates	Jas. (Rfish)	1	1	1	
1807	no dates	William	3	0	5	141
	no dates	James (Rockfish)	1	0	1	
1808		No tax lists				

William and John Norman Kidd are jointly named in several Amherst County court suits for debt, and William is named as co-executor in John Norman Kidd's 1795 Amherst County will. John Kidd, likely John Norman Kidd, is a witness to James Kidd's 1790 marriage in Albemarle County, and, in 1792, James and John Kidd witness deeds in Albemarle County for the Thomas family on the same day.

1786 – Amherst County Court, March 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and **John Norman Kidd**, Defts.} In Debt. Defendants, though solemnly called, failed to appear. Court rules that Judgment be entered for the Plt. against the Defts. and James Wood, common bail for defendant William Kidd, and against William as common bail for defendant John, for the debt in the declaration, unless the defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.³⁹⁴

Amherst County Court, August 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and **John Norman Kidd**, Defts.} In Debt. The defendants waive their plea, and agree that the plaintiff have judgment against them for the debt in the declaration...£5.15, with interest

³⁹³ This and subsequent Image # entries in this Table refer to the image number on microfilm reel FHL #2025458, Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1804-1823, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁹⁴ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 431, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

from 5 August 1784 till paid, and his costs. Plaintiff agrees to stay execution on this judgment for two months. Six pence and one shilling as part of this judgment was paid on 7 August 1786.³⁹⁵

1787 – Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **John Norman Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt. **William Kidd** personally appeared in Court and undertook for the defendant (to be his appearance bail)...the defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs' action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £14.9, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £7.4.6 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.³⁹⁶

Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **William Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt.

John Norman Kidd comes into court and offers special appearance bail for the Deft. The defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs' action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £6.15.4, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £3.7.8 with interest thereon from 2 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.³⁹⁷

1788 – Amherst County August Court, 1788. **John Norman Kidd**, Plaintiff vs. John Bradshaw, Defendant} Trespass, Assault, and Battery. This case is continued between the parties till the next Term.³⁹⁸

1788 – Amherst County August Court 1788. **William Kidd**, plaintiff, vs. John Bradshaw, defendant} On a Replevy Bond. Execution is awarded the plaintiff against the said defendant for the sum of £18.18.2 plus costs. To be discharged (except the costs) by the payment of £8.9.1 with interest on £9.9.1 from 9 February 1788 to the 27th day of May 1788 following. Also interest on the aforesaid sum of £8.9.1 from the aforesaid 27 May 1788 till paid.³⁹⁹ [Note: A replevy bond was a legal motion to secure or protect property a plaintiff claimed to be wrongfully seized.]

1790 – **James Kidd** and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, Virginia, on 29 December 1790. Bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy gives her own consent. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and **John Kidd**, who likely is James Kidd's brother John Norman Kidd.⁴⁰⁰

³⁹⁵ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 532, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

³⁹⁶ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

³⁹⁷ Ibid.

³⁹⁸ Ibid, p. 310.

³⁹⁹ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 302, image 163. Scanned image available from the authors.

⁴⁰⁰ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1792 – On 13 June 1792, a **John Kidd**, again likely James Kidd’s brother, was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas Senr. deeded to his apparent son Michael Thomas Junr., both of Albemarle County, Virginia, a tract of 200 acres on Hog Creek, for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Joseph Thomas, Jno. Kearsley, Benjamin Harris and Philip Gooch.⁴⁰¹

On the same day, a **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas deeded to his apparent son Joseph Thomas, both of Albemarle County, a tract of 200 acres adjacent to Michael Thomas Junr, for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Gdn. Crew, Jno. Kearsley, Michael Thomas, Ben Harris and Philip Gooch.⁴⁰²

1795 – The Amherst County will of **Jno. Norman Kidd**, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795,⁴⁰³ names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Anny and Ruth Kidd. In it, he named his wife Juriah and “**my brother William Kidd**” his executrix and executor.

Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.⁴⁰⁴

An Executor’s Bond for the estate of John Norman Kidd was filed in 1795 in Amherst County by Juriah Kidd, in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1799 – **Jeriah Kidd** was a witness to a 1799 Deed of Trust from Jno. Kesterson of Amherst to Joseph Shelton of Amherst, for debt due to William Turner of Amherst, 90 acres on North fork of Davis Creek, bounded by Lee Harris dec’d, James McAlexander dec’d, Alex McAlexander, and James Tharp. Other witnesses were Edward Thomas Toms and William Lee Harris.⁴⁰⁵ [Davis Creek is found in present-day Nelson County.]

1803 – The name **Jeriah Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs in this year only, with 1 white tithe and 3 horses.⁴⁰⁶ We do not know the identity of this white tithe in her household.

1807 – Anny W. Kidd, daughter of **Jeriah Kidd**, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.⁴⁰⁷

According to another abstract of this marriage record, **Jeriah Kidd** was listed as a widow when she witnessed this marriage (this abstract also interpreted the bride's name as "Anny W. Kidd). The surety witness was W. Kidd.⁴⁰⁸ [This may be William Kidd, uncle of the bride.]

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:⁴⁰⁹

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44

⁴⁰¹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Deeds, 1791-1793*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1997, p. 50.

⁴⁰² *ibid*, pp. 49-50.

⁴⁰³ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

⁴⁰⁴ *The wills of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

⁴⁰⁵ *The deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1979, p. 343, citing DB H, p. 488.

⁴⁰⁶ Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1782-1803, retrieved from FHL #2024457, image 582 of 615, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁰⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁴⁰⁸ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Mineatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1985, p. 2K.

⁴⁰⁹ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson County, VA.”

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44 [widow of John Norman Kidd]

John Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25.

This is the last reference to Juriah Kidd that we have found.

SUMMARY

- All three of these men – John Norman, William and James Kidd – are named in their father, John Kidd's 1785 Albemarle County will.
- John Norman's given name is unique, leaving little question that he is the eldest son of John Kidd named in that will.
- William and James are both fairly common Kidd given names in early Virginia; that said, this William Kidd appears in close proximity to John Norman Kidd, first in Albemarle, & later in Amherst County; and he is named as John Norman's brother in his 1795 Amherst County will. Thus, this William Kidd is the most likely candidate to be John Kidd's second son.
- John Kidd died young in Albemarle County (before his third son, James had reached the age of majority) in 1785. The James Kidd that appears in close proximity to both William in Amherst County, and later (1809-1830) in close proximity to William Kidd and Juriah Kidd in Nelson County is the most logical candidate to be John Kidd's youngest son.

CONCLUSION

While no record definitively connects these three men, their Albemarle County origins and their records in three counties – Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson – supports the hypothesis that they were brothers, and the sons of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish of Albemarle County.

APPENDIX 6: WAS WILLIAM KIDD SR. THE FATHER OF HUDSON P. KIDD, ROBERT N. KIDD and ALEXANDER KIDD SR. OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA?

Nelson County, Virginia records prove that Hudson P. Kidd, Robert N. Kidd, and Alexander Kidd Sr. were brothers.^{410, 411, 412} (See their various sections in this book for the details and sources.)

Hudson P. Kidd, likely born by 1788, was evidently the oldest: he first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1809 (there was no PPTL in 1808), and is found on those lists annually through 1842. On 30 January 1811, Hudson P. Kidd married Lucy Wright, the daughter of Andrew and Lucy Childress Wright.

He drops from the Nelson County PPTLs in 1843, and we believe that he died in that year. We have not found any record that gives a middle name for him.

Robert N. Kidd was born about 1791, judging from his age at the time of the 1850 federal census. On 9 June 1816, he married Agnes (Aggy) Willoughby, the daughter of Joshua and Mary (Bryant) Willoughby, a wealthy landowner on Dutch Creek in eastern Nelson County.⁴¹³ In that year, both Robert N. and Alexander Kidd appear for the first time on the Nelson County PPTLs, and both owned land on Dutch Creek, adjacent to John Melton and the estate of Mary Bryant. Robert N. Kidd died in 1859; his wife and widow, Agnes Willoughby Kidd died in 1878. They are both buried in the Ridgecrest cemetery in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA.

Alexander Kidd Sr. was born about 1792 in Amherst County (according to his affidavits given in his War of 1812 Bounty Land Claim and the entry on the 1850 census).

He served in the War of 1812.

In 1815, he and his brother Robert N. Kidd bought land in Nelson county (see above), and the following year he and Robert N. both appeared for the first time on the Nelson County PPTLs. He married Charity Willoughby, another daughter of Joshua and Mary (Bryant) Willoughby in 1818 in Nelson County, VA.

He died 17 March 1870 at the age of 72. Charity died 16 January 1892 in Nelson County.

None of the records found to date name the father of these three men. The question remains: “Who was the father of these three brothers?”

We believe that their father was **William Kidd Sr.** of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties. See [Appendix Five](#) for our theory about his parents and siblings. On the Amherst County PPTL in 1804, William appears with 2 WM tithes in his household; this is consistent with his presumably eldest son Hudson reaching the age of 16, when white males became taxable. From 1805-1807,

⁴¹⁰ Our evidence for Hudson being the brother of Alexander Kidd Sr. comes from Hudson’s affidavit in Nelson County Chancery case 1835-017, image 24 of 61, in which he states that he was the brother of Alexander Kidd. A scanned image of this excerpt is in the Nelson County Source Documents subfolder on Dropbox. A fuller description of this case is found in our Nelson County compilation, and also in the document, *Nelson County Chancery Court cases, 1817-1860*.

⁴¹¹ Alexander Kidd stated in a suit he brought in Nelson County Chancery Court (1836-022, image 2 of 55) that Robert Kidd was his brother. Scanned image of this statement is in the Nelson County Source Documents subfolder on Dropbox.

⁴¹² If Hudson is Alexander’s brother, and Alexander is Robert N.’s brother, then Hudson is Robert N.’s brother.

⁴¹³ Dutch Creek and Willoughby Mountain are two prominent features on current maps of Nelson County. Dutch Creek drains into the Rockfish River at the base of Willoughby Mountain, just south of the current tiny community of Rockfish, just west of the Nelson-Albemarle county line. South of this, the Rockfish River IS the boundary between these two counties.

William has 3 WM tithes in his household; this is consistent with son Robert N. reaching taxable age.

It is difficult to determine exactly where in Amherst County William Kidd lived, because he never owned land there, that we know of. Our first clue is that he served as a witness to an 1804 deed for land on Rockfish (Creek or River, the deed doesn't specify). The Rockfish River⁴¹⁴ courses roughly from north to south in what is now Nelson County; its headwaters are now in Nelson County, but would have been in Amherst County before Nelson County was formed. The second clue is his deposition in 1827, stating that he had resided near the widow Bryant, who also lived on Dutch Creek.

See Appendix 7 in our Nelson County compilation for a detailed map of this area of Nelson County.

In 1807, Nelson County was formed from the northern portion of Amherst County.

A William Kidd, aged 44 or older, appears in both Nelson County and Amherst County on the 1810 census. We are not certain which of these two men was this William Kidd Sr.

The last record found for him in Amherst County was in 1812; in October of that year he executed a Deed of Trust, to secure a debt. No further records have been found for him in Amherst County.

However, there was a very convoluted and prolonged Chancery Court suit in Amherst County in which William Kidd was a defendant. The suit was initiated in 1807 in Amherst County, and not concluded until 1831 in Nelson County Chancery Court.⁴¹⁵ The suit was decided in William's favor, with his court costs paid by the plaintiffs. **This indicates that William was most likely alive and a resident of Nelson County at the time it concluded.**

1815 – On 10 February 1815, **William Kidd** of the county of Nelson entered into a Deed of Trust with Spottswood Garland and James Garland in order to secure payment of £58.1.3, the balance due on a bond settled and executed this day by him to Richd. C. Pollard, the administrator of James Hopkins, deceased (for the rent of lease willed to Authur H. Pollard). This deed was signed by **William Kidd** with an X, and was witnessed by **Robert N. Kidd**, who also signed with an X.
Admitted to record in Nelson County Court April 24, 1815.⁴¹⁶

1820 – As yet, we have not located William Kidd on the 1820 federal census.

On 8 May 1820, **Alexander Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, a property dispute involving the Bryant family. In his deposition, he stated that he was a neighbor of the Bryant family and testifies about the land where they lived but which they did not own.⁴¹⁷

⁴¹⁴ A topo map of the course of this river is found at <https://www.topozone.com/virginia/nelson-va/stream/rockfish-river/>

⁴¹⁵ Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1831-006.

⁴¹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available from RK.

⁴¹⁷ Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1835-005 (117 pages). Mary Bryant by etc. vs. William H. Digges, etc. Includes the 1803 will of James Hopkins of Amherst County, and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson County. See 'Nelson County Chancery Court suit summary, 1807-1860 in the Nelson County Source Documents folder for more details. Alexander's deposition is on pages 30-31 of this record.

1827 – On 11 Sept. 1827, a **William Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, a property dispute.⁴¹⁸ He testified that he actually lived on the land where the Bryants (one of the families involved in the land dispute) now live for 9 years, in the past. He signed the deposition with an X.

This deposition indicates that he was in the vicinity of, and perhaps living with, Alexander Kidd in the recent past.

1830 – on the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., **2 William Kidds**, plus William C. and William J. Kidd.

William Kidd – 1M & 1F, each 20-29. No slaves.

William Kidd – 1M 15-19, 1 40-49 & 1 **70-79**; 1F 70-79. Three slaves.

1831 – the lengthy Chancery Court suit mentioned above concludes, in William Kidd's favor, and with his court costs paid.

Nothing more is known about him at this time. Unsourced trees on Ancestry state that he died on 4 October 1832, and this may be true, but it is without proof at this time.

SUMMARY

The information above shows that this William Kidd of Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia lived in the neighborhood of Rockfish and Dutch Creek in eastern Nelson County, the same neighborhood that the three brothers – Hudson, Robert N. and Alexander Kidd lived.

The Nelson County PPTLs show that this William had 3 white male tithes in his household from 1805-1807 (recall that no PPTL exists for 1808), and that the three brothers all appeared on these PPTLs shortly thereafter.

William Kidd and Alexander Kidd each testified in the Chancery Court suit regarding the estate of Mary Bryant, each testifying that they lived near her.

Robert N. Kidd was a witness to an 1815 Nelson County Deed of Trust between William Kidd and Spottswood and James Garland.

This William Kidd is the right age to have been their father; he lived in the neighborhood that they did. And no evidence linking or associating him with any other Kidd family has been found.

CONCLUSIONS

It is clear that Hudson P. Kidd, Robert N. Kidd Sr. and Alexander Kidd Sr. were brothers.

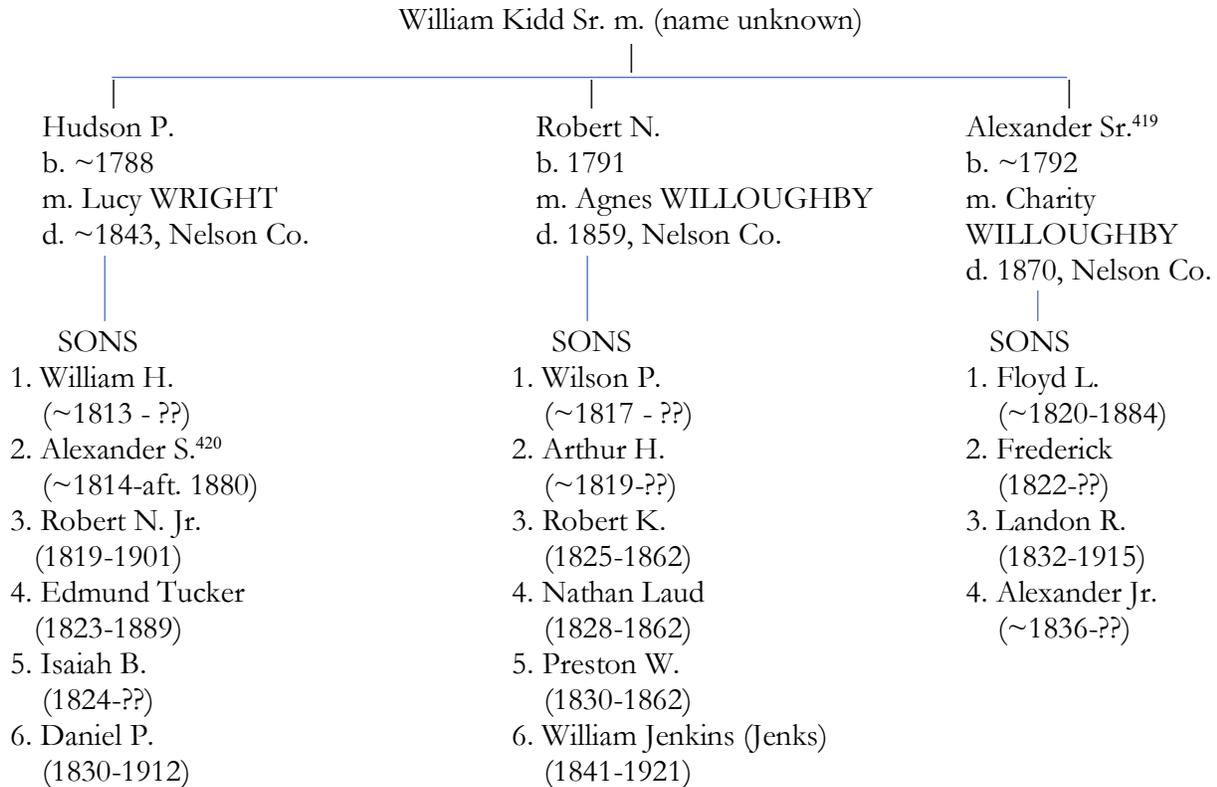
It seems likely that this William Kidd was indeed the father of Hudson P., Robert N. and Alexander Kidd Sr., but this relationship should be considered a hypothesis, not a certainty at this time.

Other men in Nelson County (such as Abner Kidd and William C. Kidd, as two examples) could hypothetically also be his sons, but we have found no evidence to suggest that they were related to

⁴¹⁸ Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1835-005 (117 pages), Mary Bryant by etc. vs. William H. Digges, etc. Includes the 1803 will of James Hopkins of Amherst County, and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson County.

William Kidd Sr., or to Hudson, Alexander, or Robert N. Kidd, other than their proximity over time; and proximity is not proof of relationship. Moreover, there does not seem to be enough “room” in William Kidd Sr.’s household for more sons (see paragraphs above).

The schematic Family Chart below depicts the probable sons of William Kidd Sr., and his known male Kidd grandchildren (assuming this hypothesis to be correct):



⁴¹⁹ The “Sr.” designation here is intended to distinguish him from the two other Alexander Kidds in Nelson County during his lifetime. See his section in this compilation.

⁴²⁰ There is some question as to whether Alexander S. Kidd was Hudson P. Kidd’s son, and no direct evidence names him as such. That said, we believe that he was indeed Hudson’s son. See his section in this compilation for a fuller discussion of this conundrum.