THE KIDDS OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1724-1852

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We have also included a Table of Contents with hyperlinks to most but not all of the individuals in this compilation (27 males & 14 females in total)
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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 Essex County, Virginia from the time of its founding in 1724 through 1852. The entries are organized alphabetically by the first or given name of each individual. When more than one individual shares a given name, we've attempted to list those individuals in chronological order.

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 1648, 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.

ABOUT ESSEX COUNTY and its records

Essex County was formed in 1692 from Old Rappahannock County, which was abolished the same year. The rest of Old Rappahannock County became Richmond County in 1692. (Old Rappahannock County is not to be confused with modern-day Rappahannock County in Virginia.) Caroline County was founded from parts of Essex County in 1728.

Middlesex County is Essex’s neighbor to the south, and King and Queen and Caroline Counties are its western neighbors. To the north and east, on the other side of the Rappahannock River, lie Richmond, King George, and Westmoreland Counties.

FIGURE: Map of Essex and surrounding counties, circa 1800.
The Church of England parishes of Essex County were South Farnham Parish, Sittenburne, St. Mary’s, and St. Anne’s.
South Farnham became part of Essex Co when Old Rappahannock County was abolished in 1692.
Sittenburne became part of Essex Co from the time Old Rappahannock County was abolished in 1692, and remained a part of Essex Co until 1704.
St. Mary’s became part of Essex Co when Old Rappahannock County was abolished in 1692; when Caroline Co was formed from part of Essex Co in 1728, St. Mary’s then became part of Caroline Co.
St. Anne’s originally was part of Essex Co and then was a part of both counties after Caroline Co was formed from part of Essex Co in 1728.

The Kidds are most associated with South Farnham Parish.
SOME TIPS ON USING THIS LENGTHY DOCUMENT

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in APPENDIX ONE, found on page 96 and following.

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Names in RED FONT have been added to the Family Tree that we are constructing on Ancestry.com, that includes all the DOCUMENTED descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia. 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 document 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, William and Benjamin 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 ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA!
EARLY KIDDS OF ESSEX COUNTY, VA

All the Kidds with known Essex Co connections have been placed in this document with a summary of their records.

The earliest Kidds to appear in Essex County were Thomas3 and Daniel Kidd, two of the sons of Thomas2 Kidd Jr. (Thomas1 Kidd) and his wife Alice Trigg of Middlesex County, Virginia. Thomas Jr. and Alice Kidd had five known sons: Thomas3, John, Daniel, Henry and William, all listed in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. Of these sons, Henry is believed to have died as a child because he was not named in his father’s 1727 will, and William died in 1740 without any known wife or heirs. (Please see our Middlesex Co Kidd document for records for the Thomas2 Kidd family.)

The eldest son of Thomas Jr. and Alice, Thomas3 Kidd, is the first Kidd to appear in the Essex Co records, in 1723. Thomas3 Kidd died in Essex Co in 1748. He had two known sons Thomas4, the eldest son, and Phillip, the younger son, who was administrator of his father’s estate in 1748.

Daniel Kidd, the third son of Thomas Kidd Jr. and Alice Trigg, only appears in the records of Essex Co twice, in 1746 and 1750/1751 [so far as we have found to date.] Though mentions in the county records are brief for Daniel, our theory is that he was the father of Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd of Essex County, and also possibly the father of William Kidd of Essex and Caroline Cos.

Three children of William2 and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex Co appear briefly in the Essex Co records:

Jane Kidd and Robert Kidd, most likely the daughter and son of William2 and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex County, are named as witnesses in a 1725 court case, receiving payment for travel to court from a distance of 37 miles. Jane Kidd also appears as the wife of John Gregory/Grigory in 1726 and 1727 court cases; they were married in Middlesex Co 25 Dec 1725. Moses Kidd, most likely the son of William2 and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex County, appears as a witness in a 1736 deed.

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

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BENJAMIN KIDD (born ca 1760-1 and died ca 1829 in Caroline Co VA), named as the “second son” of Isaac Kidd Sr. in estate and guardianship records.

Benjamin was still a minor under the guardianship of Henry Kidd when his father Isaac’s estate was settled in 1778 but was likely at least 14 years of age in 1774 when he was indentured as an apprentice. He also appears to be the Revolutionary War soldier who enlisted in Essex Co in 1777.
He is likely the Benjamin Kidd who lived in Caroline Co who died ca 1829 (see Caroline Co paper). This Benjamin Kidd is believed to be the same man as the Benjamin Kidd who married Sarah, the daughter of Henry Kidd. If so, Benjamin married his first cousin, since Isaac Kidd Sr. and Henry Kidd were brothers.

1770 – Essex County Court, 19 November 1770. Henry Kidd is appointed guardian to Pitman, Benjamin and Isaac Kidd, orphans of Isaac Kidd, deceased, whereupon the said Henry with William D. Roane as his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the same.1

1774 – Essex County Court, 21 February 1774. An Indenture of Apprenticeship between Benjamin Kidd, orphan, and Nathl. Crow was acknowledged by the parties, approved by the Court, and ordered to be recorded.2

1778 – 16 Mar 1778. The final division of Isaac Kidd’s estate was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Names Isaac’s “three children Pitman, Benjamin, and Isaac.” To Pitman Kidd, “the eldest son,” “all the Negroes” Dick, Suckey, and children Michael and Mol, valued at 150 lbs. Pitman to pay to “Henry Kidd, guardian of the younger sons Benjamin and Isaac” 50 lbs each for slaves, being their “apportionable part” of the value of the slaves “together with interest from 1 Jan 1771.” Division of estate, after reimbursements to guardian Henry Kidd, was allocated among the three sons of Isaac Kidd: Pitman Kidd, named as the “elder brother,” Benjamin Kidd, named as the “second son,” and Isaac Kidd, named as the “youngest son.” A John Walden was witness to the final division of the estate.3

1777-1780 – a Benjamin Kidd of Caroline Co. served in the Rev. War. 4, 5 According to testimony given in 1830 by Charles Broach of Henrico Co VA for the Bounty Land Warrant application of Benjamin Kidd deceased,6 this Benjamin Kidd enlisted as a private in the Continental Line on or about December 1777 in Essex Co VA and served out his term of 3 years as a Matross of Artillery. Benjamin was deceased by Sept. 1830, when his heirs applied for the bounty land he (and thus they, after his death) were entitled to. Hs heirs, living in Caroline Co VA, did not receive the BLW certificate (#9470) until 29 December 1852, for 100 acres. Unfortunately, the BLW record does not name the heirs, or say where the land was located. Nothing more about them is known at this time.7

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5 Colonial Caroline. A history of Caroline County, Virginia, by T.E. Campbell, Deitz Press, Richmond, VA, 1954, p. 374, where Benjamin Kidd’s name appears on a list of “Caroline Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution (from the archives at the Virginia State Library).”
6 BLW 1270, record abstract in Caroline Co VA sources.
7 Kevin Shupe, an archivist at the Library of Virginia, advises that there is almost no way to find more about where this land was, or who claimed it. He did look in the Kentucky archives (they have cross-referenced Virginia BLWs with Kentucky land records), and found nothing under this BLW.
1780 – 21 February 1780. **Benja. Kidd** was of age in 1780 when he was one of the witnesses (along with Jno. Healy, Richd Bray, Staige Davis, James Evans and Thos. Evans) to a bond agreement between William and Williamson Young of Essex Co. and Dejarnette of Middlesex Co.⁸

1785 – 16 April 1785. **Benjamin Kidd** was a witness at the Fraternal Hunters Lodge (Masonic) in Essex Co to the will of Henry Kidd, dated 16 April 1785 and proved in court 15 April 1793. Executors were named as son John Kidd and John Brown [Henry’s son-in-law]. Witnesses were named as **Benjamin Kidd**, Isaac Kidd, and Henry Kidd.⁹ [We do not know who this younger Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd are. Isaac Kidd, son of Isaac Kidd Sr., had died by 1784.]

1794 – In an Essex Co deed dated and recorded 15 Dec 1794, **Benjamin Kidd** is named as a grantor with his **wife Sarah**, and his residence given as Caroline Co. Other grantors are John Kidd and Lucy his wife, and William Kidd [no wife named], both of King and Queen Co, and John Brown and Mary his wife, also of Caroline Co. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex Co. Land described as “being those tracts of land whereon Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, Mary Brown and **Sarah Kidd [wife of Benjamin Kidd]** are entitled to under the last will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.” Sarah Kidd, Mary Brown, and Lucy Kidd relinquish their dowers in separate examinations by men appointed by the Essex Co court.¹⁰ [See Henry Kidd section.]

Essex County Court, 15 December 1794. A Deed bearing date the 15th of December 1794 from John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and **Benjamin Kidd** to Thomas Roane of the county of Essex being acknowledged by the said John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and **Benjamin Kidd** to be their act and deed, is ordered to be recorded.¹¹

1795 – Essex County Court, 20 October 1795. A Commission for the privy examination of Mary the wife of John Brown respecting her right of dower in two certain tenements and tracts of land lying in this county and parish of South Farnham and containing 275 acres, more or less, conveyed by deed of Bargain and Sale bearing the date the (30th?) day of December 1794 from John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and **Benjamin Kidd** to Thomas Roane of the County of Essex, being returned together with a certificate thereto annexed of her free and voluntary relinquishment of that right; the same is ordered to be recorded.¹²

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¹⁰ *Essex County VA Deed Book 34*, p. 91, pp. 205-7.
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BETTY KIDD, born after 1721 probably in Essex Co VA. Parents were Thomas3 Kidd and his second wife Elizabeth Laurence. Named in her father's will. Nothing more known.

CALEB KIDD – died by 1775. Nothing more known.

1775 – Essex County Court, 15 May 1775. On the motion of James Cooper and his performing what the Laws in the like cases require, a Certificate is granted to him for obtaining letters of administration of the Estate of Caleb Kidd, Deceased in due form. James Cooper together with James Emerson his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the said James Cooper his true and faithful administration of the Estate of Caleb Kidd, Dec’d.13

Ordered that Henry Allen, Pittman Clements, John Edmondson and William Gatewood (Carpenter) or any three of them (they being first duly sworn according to Law) do appraise the slaves if any and Personal Estate of Caleb Kidd, Deceased and that the administrator return an Inventory thereof to the Court.

DANIEL KIDD – the son of Thomas Kidd Jr. and Alice Trigg.
Daniel3 (Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd.
Born abt 1694 in Middlesex County, Virginia.
Likely named after his grandfather Daniel Trigg.
Appears in Essex Co records in 1746 and 1751.
Daniel Kidd is not found in any Middlesex or Essex Co record after 1751, to our knowledge; we believe that he died bet. 1751-175314, presumably in Essex County.
We believe he was likely the father of Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd of Essex Co and likely also the father of William Kidd of Essex and Caroline Counties, Virginia. See Appendix Two and Appendix 3 of this document for more detail.

[N.B. A Daniel Kidd is subsequently found in Augusta Co as early as 1751, in Rockbridge Co, and later in Frederick Co, where he died ca 1792. It is unlikely this is the same Daniel Kidd, because he would have been about 100 years of age when he died. We do not have a descendant of Daniel Kidd of Augusta/Frederick Cos VA in the Kidd Y-DNA project.]

1727 – Daniel Kidd is named as the son of Thomas2 Kidd in his father’s MSX County will, written and signed on 6 May 1727, proved in Court on 4 July 1727.15

An abstract of this will was published by John Frederick Dorman in his Virginia Genealogist magazine, Volume 5, No. 2, April/June 1961 issue (p. 70):
“Will of Thomas Kidd, being sick and weak in body, dated 6 May 1727.

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14 He was not named in the lawsuit filed by Thomas4 Kidd in 1753, and therefore was likely dead by that time.
15 MSX Co. Will Book 3, p. 311, ff. We (to RK's knowledge) do not have a copy of this record.
Unto my son Thomas Kidd all my plantation and land lying in this county on the west side of white oak swamp.

Unto my son John Kidd my land and plantation whereon I now live…by the main road and running along Jos. Jacode’s line to the mouth of the Spr[ing] branch…to the white oak swamp…to Marvel Moseley’s line…to the main road.

Unto my son Daniel Kidd all that parcel of land on the south side of the Spring branch commonly called the Mill Neck.

Unto my son William Kidd all my land and plantation whereon my brother William Kidd formerly lived on excepting ninety acres joining to the tree commonly called the halfway tree which I desire should be sold.

Unto my son John Kidd my bay horse.

Unto my daughter Frances Kidd my gray horse.

The four smallest of my children shall live here upon my plantation untill my two youngest daughters comes to the age of sixteen to be brought up by my daughters Frances Kidd and Mary Kidd in case they do not marry.

All the rest of my estate shall remain upon the plantation for the maintenance of my said children until they come to aforesaid and then be equally divided among them all.

To my son John Kidd and Frances Kidd my daughter executors

Thomas Kidd

Wit: John Godbee, Ann (A) Blackly, Janet Chowning.

1746 – On 7 July 1746, in a Middlesex Co deed, Daniel Kidd and Thomas Kidd, of South Farnham Parish, Essex Co, to William Williamson of the same, for 40 pounds current money, 75 acres of land called “Thomas Kidd” in Middlesex County, on the White Oak Swamp, adjacent to “John Kidd’s Spring, along the Spring Branch,” with “half acre of land excepted that a Mill did formerly stand on which was Called Capt. Daniel’s Mill.” [Note: this mill site was sold by Thomas and Alice Kidd to Robert Daniel in 1719.] Both Daniel Kidd and Thomas Kidd signed by mark. Witnessed by Edward Hayes, William Dunn and Leonard Williamson, all by signature. Recorded in Middlesex Co 4 November 1746. 16

[Note: This tract of land becomes important in 1753, when Thomas Kidd brings suit against his “unkle” John Kidd, his “cousin” William Kidd, and William Williamson in Middlesex Co. It is apparently the same tract as the 70 acres sold by William Upshaw Davis, of Edgecombe County, North Carolina back to William Williamson on 6 November 1753.] 17

17 Middlesex Co VA Deed Book 7, p. 529.
1750/1 – An account of the estate of Thomas3 Kidd is recorded in Essex Co Will Book 8, p. 415, dated 19 February 1750/51. It included payments to several people amounting to 44 Pounds, 9 shillings and 7 pence. Among those to whom monies were paid were Robert Farish, Nicholas Smith, Jr., Thomas Haile, Daniel Kidd (likely Thomas's brother, who received 9 pounds, 7 shillings, 5 1/2 pence), and Thomas Kidd (evidently his son Thomas4 Kidd, who received 1 pound, 1 shilling, 10 pence). The executor of this estate was Philip Kidd.

No further records for this Daniel Kidd have been found in Essex Co.

EDMOND KIDD, son of John Kidd and Rebecca Godbee of Middlesex Co VA

1754 – In an instrument dated 15 February 1754, William Upshaw Davis of Edgecombe Co NC appointed Archib'd Ritchie of Essex Co VA, merchant, “my attorney to ask, demand and receive of John Kidd and Edmond Kidd of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex Co. £59.9 with interest from November last till paid, together with the costs of a suit that is now pending in the county court of Middlesex for the recovery of the said sum.” This was proved in court 19 June 1754. John Kidd and Edmond Kidd were sons of John Kidd and Rebecca Godbee of Middlesex Co, and this suit is no doubt related to the sale of the Kidd family lands after their cousin Thomas4 Kidd successfully petitioned the Virginia General Assembly to allow him to break the chain of inheritance. (See Thomas4 Kidd section.)

ELIZA/ELIZABETH LAURENCE KIDD, second wife of Thomas3 Kidd

1741 – Eliza. Kidd was one of the witnesses to a deed on 18 May 1741 between Robert Leveritt of the parish of South Farnham and County of Essex to Mary Clark of the same place on the branches of Piscataway Creek. Eliza. signed with the letter E.

ELIZABETH KIDD, likely a relative (wife or sister) of Thomas4 Kidd

Thomas3 Kidd died in January 1748, so he cannot be the Thomas Kidd named below as witnessing a deed in 1751.

1742 – On 16 February 1742, Thomas Kidd Junr. and Robert S. P. Coleman entered into a bond in Essex Co. in the amount of £100, with Thomas Kidd Senr. as their security, to serve as executors of the goods and chattels of William Faulkner, dec'd.

21 Dec 1742. On the petition of Robert (illegible) Coleman for administration of the estate of William Faulkner, dec'd, It is ordered that the Sheriff do summon Thomas

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Kidd, heir at law of the said William to appear at the next Court. [22] We do not know the relationship between this William Faulkner and Thomas4 Kidd, nor how he was an heir-at-law of Faulkner. We hypothesize that Thomas4 Kidd’s wife, Eliza/Elizabeth was possibly the daughter of this William Faulkner (or at least one of his heirs), making her husband, Thomas4 an heir at law of William Faulkner. This would fit with Thomas also being named one of the administrators of Faulkner’s estate (see below).] Unfortunately, this William Faulkner died intestate, and we’ve not been able to find any record to substantiate this hypothesis.

1751 – 14 October 1751. Thomas and Eliza. Kidd were witnesses, with Cath Ells, John Evans Junr. and Jas Edmonson, to a deed of this date between Micajah Evans of South Farnham Parish, Essex Co and Greensbi Evans of the same place. This deed was acknowledged in court on April 21, 1752 and admitted to record. [23] Eliza signed with an X.

FANNY KIDD, daughter of John Kidd, who was deceased by 1789

1789 – Essex County Court, 24 April 1789. Fanny Kidd, orphan of John Kidd came into Court and chose Thomas Johnson her guardian, whereupon the said Thomas Johnson entered into and acknowledged bond together with Evan Davis his security for the same. [24]

HENRY KIDD(s)

HENRY KIDD (1) – We believe that this Henry Kidd, along with Isaac Kidd Sr. and possibly William Kidd Sr. of Caroline County, were sons of Daniel3 (Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd. See Appendix Two of this document to see our evidence and analysis to support this claim. Henry4 (Daniel3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd Likely born no later than 1729 because he is of age by 1750 when he witnessed a deed in Essex Co. Lived in South Farnham Parish in Essex Co. Died testate in Essex County in 1793; his will names his four children: John Kidd, William Kidd, Sarah Kidd (who married her first cousin Benjamin Kidd) and Mary Kidd, who married John Brown. We have no confirmed descendants of Henry Kidd of Essex Co in the Y-DNA project.

1750 – 19 November 1750. Henry Kidd was one of the witnesses to a deed in which James Bates & Ann his wife of the parish of St. Ann’s in Essex Co. sold to Caleb Lindsey

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[22] Essex Co. OB 13, 1742-1743, p. 120.
of St. Mary’s Parish in Caroline Co. for £75 current money a tract of land containing 75 acres in St. Ann’s parish.25

1753 – 16 January 1753, Essex Co court. Dinah, a Negro belonging to Henry Kidd, is adjudged to be thirteen years of age, which is ordered to be certified.26

In a deed dated 7 February 1753 and recorded 21 Aug 1753: John Haile, of South Farnham Parish, grantor, to Henry Kidd, of same, grantee, for the sum of 64 lbs, 18 shillings, 100 acres on the Mariner’s Branch to the mouth of Misey Branch, described as land given to Haile “given by John Haile Sr., deceased father of the aforesaid.” Witnesses Thomas Barber[s], William Cox, Sr. There is a margin note that reads: “The original deed delivered to John Latanes by order of Henry Kidd.”27

This note may mean that Henry was indebted to John Latane[s] and so was offering the land as security. Whatever the purpose of the deed, Henry held on to this land for 40 years until his death, when it was part of the land sold by his heirs to Thomas Roane in 1794. Mariner’s Branch was a branch of Piscataway Creek in Essex Co.

1754 – 17 April 1754, Essex Co court. Samuel Fawcett against Henry Kidd} Petition by account. After hearing the arguments, the Court rules that this case be discontinued, and that the Defendant recover against the plaintiff his costs in this behalf expended.28

17 April 1754, Essex Co court. It is ordered that Henry Kidd pay unto Isaac Kidd one hundred pounds of tobacco for attending this Court four days as an evidence for him at the suit of Samuel Fawcett.29

17 April 1754, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd against Greensby Waggoner} Petition by note of hand. Dft confesses to the Plt the debt of £1.12.10. Court orders that the Plt recover from the Dft this sum, plus his costs. And the Dft in mercy, etc.30

21 May 1754, Essex Co court. Greensby Waggoner against Henry Kidd} Petition for £4.0.0. After hearing the arguments in this case, the court rules that this case be dismissed, and that the Dft recover from the Plt his costs in this behalf expended, and that the Dft have execution thereof, etc.31

1755 – 27 Jan 1755, a deed recorded in Louisa Co VA, lists Henry Kidd as a witness; the grantors and grantee were both listed as of Essex Co. so the witnesses would also be of Essex. Abstract reads: “[date blank] 1755 Robert Jones and Mary his wife of

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27 Essex Co VA Deed Book 26, p. 294.
29 Ibid, p. 28.
31 Essex Co. Order Book 20, p. 43.

15 July 1755, Essex Co court. Ordered that Samuel Fawcett pay unto Henry Kidd 200 pounds of tobacco for attending this Court eight days as a witness for him at the suit of Archibald Ritchie.

1755 – 29 July 1755: the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that John Haile, James Allin and Henry Kidd, or any two of them procession every person's land in their precincts from Boughan's Mill and so across to Waring's Mill and so up to Hail's Bridge and so across to Waring's Mill Swamp, beginning 26 November and to finish by 26 December, and to make their return as the law directs.

They completed their processioning and presented to the Vestry a report dated December 9. In it, Henry Kidd's neighbors were listed as John Latane and John Haile.

1755 – 4 December 1755. Phillip Kidd and Henry Kidd were among the male freeholders voting for John Upshaw in an Essex Co. Election of Burgesses. Interestingly, William Kidd voted for a different candidate, Capt. James Garnett, in this election. [Only landowners aged 21 or more could vote in the Election of Burgesses.]

1756 – 17 August 1756, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd is appointed surveyor of the roads in the room and precinct of Ambrose Gatewood and it is ordered that he with the male laboring tithables in his precinct keep the same in repair, according to law.

20 October 1756, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd came into Court and made oath that he bought John Ritcheson of one Wm. Hemmings, who sold him for seven years, and that he also sold him to his brother Isaac Kidd for £14 current money of Virginia, which said servant has enlisted himself as a soldier according to the act of Assembly in that case made and provided and that at the time of his said servant's entering as such, he had about two years and a half to serve the said Isaac Kidd, which is ordered to be certified to his honor the governor.


33 Essex Co. Order Book 21, p. 117.


36 Essex Co. Order Book 21, p. 262.

1757 – 19 July 1757, Essex Co court. Ordered that Thomas Burnett pay unto **Henry Kidd** 75 pounds of tobacco for attending this Court 3 days as a witness for him at the suit of Peter Copeland, exe’r of George Reeves, dec’d.\(^{38}\)

1758 – In October of 1758, **Henry**, Isaac and Phillip Kidd all voted in the Election of Burgesses in Essex Co.\(^ {39}\)

1759 – July 9, 1759. **Henry Kid** was one of the processioners of lands in their precinct (along with Ambrose Gatewood and James Allen).\(^ {40}\) The description of the procession was as in 1755, above.

1760 – 19 May 1760, Essex Co court. Thomas Dix is appointed Surveyor of the road in the room of **Henry Kidd** and it is ordered that he do with the male laboring tithables in his precinct keep the said road in repair, according to law.\(^ {41}\)

1761 – 6 May 1761: **Henry Kidd** is one of the freeholders voting for candidate John Upshaw in an Election of Burgesses for Essex Co.\(^ {42}\)

15 June 1761. **Henry Kidd** was one of the witnesses (along with John Richards) to a deed from Smith Young and Elizabeth his wife of South Farnham Parish to Vincent Cauthorn of the same place.\(^ {43}\)

1763 – 21 June 1763, Essex Co court. Ordered that John Samuel, an infant by James Davis his next friend, pay unto **Henry Kidd** 125 pounds of tobacco for attending this Court five days as a witness for him against Stephen Johnson.\(^ {44}\)

4 Aug 1763: At a Vestry meeting for South Farnham Parish, the Vestry ordered **Henry Kidd**, Richard Thomas and Ambrose Gatewood or any two of them to "procession every person's land in their precinct between Brouhans Mill and across to Warings Old Mill and up to Hale's Bridge and across to sd. Warings Old Mill Swamp, beginning the 26\(^{th}\) day of November and to finish by 26 December."\(^ {45}\)

1764 – 13 July 1764. **Henry Kidd** was one of the witnesses, along with John Upshaw, James Webb Junr. And James Upshaw, to a deed from Thomas Roane of South Farnham Parish to Robert Johnson. This deed was acknowledged 18 February 1765 and recorded.\(^ {46}\)

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\(^{38}\) Essex Co. Order Book 22, p. 46, retrieved from FHL #1929872, item 1, image 57.

\(^{39}\) The votes for the various candidates in this election were recorded in Essex Co. Deed Book 28, pp. 95-99, found on FHL #1929940, Essex Co. DBs 28-29, on extended loan at the Bellevue, WA FHC.


\(^{41}\) Essex Co. Order Book 23, p. 148, retrieved from FHL #1929872 (item 2), image 288.


\(^{43}\) Ibid, p. 4, citing Essex DB 26, p. 20.

\(^{44}\) Essex Co. Order Book 24B, p. 266.


1765 – 9 July 1765. **Henry Kidd**, Phill Kidd and Isaac Kidd were among the freeholders voting in the Election of Burgesses in Essex Co.47

1767 – 18 January 1767, Essex Co court. It is ordered that **Henry Kidd**, Samuel Allen, Joseph Ryland and George Wright or any three of them (they being first duly sworn) do appraise the estate of James Herndon, deceased and that the executrix return an Inventory thereon to the Court.48

27 March 1767, Essex Co court. At a Court of Oyer and Terminer appointed and held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 27th day of March 1767 for the trial of Fortune, a Negro man slave belonging to **Henry Kidd** for Felony and Burglary. Present: Archibald Ritchey, Samuel Peachy, Mer. Smith & John Carrie, Gent. The Prisoner being brought to the Barr and argument for the Felony foresaid pleaded Not Guilty whereupon sundry witnesses were examined against him touching the same and the prisoner's defense heard. The Court on mature consideration thereon are of opinion that he is not guilty of Felony but a misdemeanor for which he ought to be burnt on the hand and receive thirty-nine Lashes on his bare back, Execution whereof the Sheriff is ordered to do immediately and then to discharge him out of Custody.
(signed) Archibald Ritchie 49

23 May 1767. **Henry Kidd** was an adjoining neighbor (along with John Latane, Richard Thomas Haile, Stodgill, Farguson, Barker and others) to a tract of land in South Farnham Parish on Piscataway Creek, sold by John Smith and Mary his wife to Thomas Roane.50

1768 – Both **Henry Kidd** and Isaac Kidd served on grand juries in Essex Co.51

1768 – 24 Nov 1768: both **Henry Kidd** and Philip Kidd were among the freeholders who voted in the Election of Burgesses.52

1769 – May 11, May 12, and Nov 8, 1769: “A Petition of **Henry Kidd** was presented to the House of Burgesses and read, setting forth, That Fortune, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of Essex County, accused of Felony and Burglary, was acquitted of the Burglary, the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, before whom he was tried, being equally divided in their Opinions, as to his Guilt, of that Crime, and was convicted of Felony, and burned in the Hand, and received corporal Punishment; but that, by the Inclemency of the Weather, the said Slave, during his Confinement in Gaol before his Trial, was so Frost-bitten, that, notwithstanding extraordinary Care was taken of him, he lost his

47 Essex Co Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 235-242. Abstracts of these voter lists are found in the Brewer books (see Secondary Sources).
Feet, and soon afterwards perished, and praying to be allowed the Value of the said Slave, as well as a reasonable Satisfaction for the Trouble and Expence of endeavouring to cure him. Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public, to the said Henry Kidd, for the said Slave. 53

Also in 1769, Henry Kidd, Isaac Kidd and Philip Kidd were listed among the voters in the Election of Burgesses for Essex Co. 54

1770 – In a deed dated 21 April 1770 and recorded 21 May 1770, Augustine Compton, grantor, to Henry Kidd, grantees, for £65 current money, 175 acres in South Farnham Parish, land devised by the will of William Compton to the said Augustine Compton, bounded by Dix to Latane, “formerly Hailes,” to Hail and Allen to his line and Roane’s “formerly Gatewood’s” No witnesses named. Henry Kidd also held this land until his death. This land, added to the 100 acres Henry purchased in 1753, makes up the 275 acres his heirs sold to Thomas Roane in 1794. 55

21 May 1770, Essex Co court. Augustin Compton acknowledged an Indenture together with the Receipt for the consideration money thereon endorsed to Henry Kidd to be his act and deed, which is to be recorded. 56

17 September 1770, Essex Co court. On the motion of Henry Kidd and his performing what the Law in the __ __, Certificate is granted to him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of Isaac Kidd, deceased in due form. Henry Kidd together with Philip Kidd his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the said Henry’s true and faithful administration of the estate of Isaac Kidd, deceased.

Ordered that Robert McCann, John McCann, Ambrose Wright, and William Fletcher or any three of them (being first sworn according to Law) do appraise the Estate of Isaac Kidd deceased and that the administrator return an Inventory thereof to the Court. 57

19 November 1770, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd is appointed guardian to Pitman, Benjamin and Isaac Kidd, orphans of Isaac Kidd, deceased, whereupon the said Henry with William D. Roane as his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the same. 58

1771 – April 21 and 22, 1771. Henry Kidd, Philip Kidd and Pitman Kidd were among the voters electing delegates and candidates in Essex Co. 59

55 Essex Co. Deed Book 30, p. 358.
56 Essex Co. Order Book 27, P. 342.
57 Essex County Order Book 27, pp. 394-395.
18 June 1771, Essex Co court. On hearing the petition of Pitman Clomonts(?), executor of John Clomonts, deceased against Henry Kidd, administrator of Isaac Kidd, deceased, the same is dismissed.\(^{60}\)

Essex County Court, 18 June 1771. Ordered that Henry Kidd administrator of Isaac Kidd, dec’d do pay unto Berry Taylor 25 pounds of tobacco for attending this Court one day as a witness for him at the suit of Pitman Clomonts, exr. Of John Clomonts.\(^{61}\)

8 Oct 1771: At the Vestry meeting of South Farnham Parish, Richard Thomas Haile, Henry Kidd, and Thomas Allen or any two of them were ordered to procession every person’s land in their precinct, between Broughans Mill and across to Waring’s Mill, and to Haile’s bridge, and across to Waring’s Mill Swamp, beginning the 26\(^{th}\) day of November and to finish by 26\(^{th}\) day of December.\(^{62}\)

These three returned their report to the vestry in a report dated Dec. 18 and 21, 1771.\(^{63}\)

1774 – 18 April 1774, Essex Co court. On the motion of Henry Kidd, It is ordered that Thomas Roane, John Upshaw, and William Roane, gent. or any two of them do settle the account of administration of the Estate of Isaac Kidd, dec’d, also the guardians’ accounts of the decedent’s orphans’ estates, and report their proceedings therein to the Court.\(^{64}\)

1775 – on 27 October 1775, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that Richard Thomas Haile, Henry Kidd, and Thomas Allen or any two of them procession every person’s land in their precinct (as above).\(^{65}\)

1777 – 15 August 1777. The account of Isaac Kidd’s estate was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Account totals 119 lbs, 8 shillings, 0 pence.\(^{66}\)

1777 – 15 August 1777, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd’s accounts of his guardianship for both Pitman Kidd and Isaac Kidd for the years 1771-1776 were returned to the Court; they were examined, allowed and ordered to be recorded.\(^{67}\) [Why Benjamin, the “second son,” is not named here is not known.]

1778 – 16 Mar 1778. The final division of Isaac Kidd’s estate was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Names Isaac’s “three children Pitman, Benjamin, and Isaac.” To Pitman Kidd, ”the eldest son,” “all the Negroes” Dick, Suckey, and children Michael

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\(^{61}\) Ibid.


\(^{64}\) Essex Co. Order Book 29, p. 205.


\(^{67}\) Essex Co. Guardians Book, 1761-1796, pp. 130-132, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 77-78. Scanned images available.
and Mol, valued at 150 lbs. Pitman to pay to “Henry Kidd, guardian of the younger sons Benjamin and Isaac” 50 lbs each for slaves, being their “apportionable part” of the value of the slaves “together with interest from 1 Jan 1771.” Division of estate, after reimbursements to guardian Henry Kidd, was allocated among the three sons of Isaac Kidd: Pitman Kidd, named as the “elder brother,” Benjamin Kidd, named as the “second son,” and Isaac Kidd, named as the “youngest son.” A John Walden was witness to the final division of the estate.\footnote{Essex Co VA Will Book 13, p. 132-3.}

1779 – on 1 October 1779, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that Richd. T. Haile, \textbf{Henry Kidd}, and Thos. Allen or any two of them procession every person's land in their precincts, beginning between Broughan's Mill and across to Waring's Mill Swamp, beginning the 26\textsuperscript{th} day of December … and to make their return as the law directs.\footnote{The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 152.}


1782-1792 – \textbf{Henry Kidd} appears on the Essex Co VA Personal Property Tax Lists (PPTLs) in 1782, the year in which they begin, taxed on himself (no other white male tithes), 3 Negro tithes, 22 cattle, and 5 horses (by Kidd family standards, he was fairly well off). Since there are no other WMTs in his household, his sons John and William are likely older than 21 and in their own households by 1782. As proven by the sale of their inherited land in 1794, none of Henry’s heirs were residents of Essex Co at the time.

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1782, ff. – a **Henry Kidd** appears on the Essex Co Land Tax List in 1782 (the first year available). Though he owns 275 acres by 1782, and this is the amount of land sold by his heirs in 1794, he is taxed only on 225 to 237 acres. In 1794, the listing is for his estate (though not named as such), since he has died in 1793.

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1782 – In the Essex Co Court records pertaining to claims submitted for livestock, supplies, and provisions supplied to the County or to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, Henry Kidd's name appears several times:

- Essex Co. Court booklet, (no date), p. 4. **Henry Kidd**, 2 beefs, 525#, £6.1.3... (and later, on same list) **Henry Kidd**, 5 barrels, £2.10.71
- Same list, p. 12 “Act of cattle collected by Thos. Wood and stalled for public use (all monies in dollars)” – list includes “**Henry Kidd**, 2, 2100.72

1784 – 18 August 1784, Essex Co court. **Henry Kidd** is appointed overseer of the road from the fork of the road by Col. William Roane’s to Gouldman’s old Mill Bridge.73

15 November 1784. It is ordered that (among others) the four tithables of **Henry Kidd**...be listed. (The list to which these were added was not specified.)74

1785 – The will of **Henry Kidd** was dated 16 April 1785 and signed before witnesses at the Fraternal Hunters Lodge (Masonic) in Essex Co. This Masonic Lodge was located at Hobbs Hole in Essex Co. Unlike many wills of the time, this will was written nearly 8 years to the day before it was proven in court 15 April 1793.

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72 Ibid, p. 337.
73 Essex Co. Order Book 30, p. 50.
Among the terms of the will: Estate to be equally divided among “my four children John and William my sons, and Sarah Kidd and Mary Brown my daughters.” If any die “without issue or lawful heirs of their body” then their share equally to the others. No wife named in will, so presumably she was dead by 1785.

There is a curious clause about son John Kidd [who may have been the eldest of the four children] that suggests John was in debt to his father and also that Henry feared that John might attempt to deprive his siblings of part of their inheritance: “But in case my son John should lay claim to any of my land whereon I now live the bond I died possessed of be put into execution against him, and the money arising from the bond be equally divided among my surviving children.” However, whatever his qualms, Henry did name son John Kidd as co-executor with son-in-law John Brown. Witnesses were named as Benjamin Kidd, Isaac Kidd, and a second Henry Kidd [we do not know who this Isaac or Henry are], William Jeffries, and John Haile.75

[Note: A possible theory, since this will was witnessed at the Masonic lodge and was written so long before Henry died, that writing a will was perhaps something the Masons encouraged of their members. This is not proven and only a theory.]

1785 – Mary Kidd, daughter of Henry Kidd, had married John Brown by 1785, when she was named as Mary Brown in her father Henry’s will.76

1786 – April 1786. Henry Kidd was among the voters for the election of delegates for Essex Co.77

1787 – 26 Oct 1787, Essex Co court. [The – County name left blank] Sheriff was ordered to seize the chattels of William Jeffries and John Webb in order to satisfy a judgment recently granted to Henry Kidd in the late general Court for an unpaid debt of £57.18 current money, also 85 pounds of gross tobacco and 50 shillings or 500 pounds of tobacco, the latter amount being his costs in this suit.78 This record also included Henry Kidd’s signed receipt, showing that this judgment was paid as of July 13, 1790, and bears Henry Kidd’s signature.79

1788 – 16 June 1788, Essex Co court. On the motion of Isaac Kidd [we do not know who this Isaac Kidd is], William Latane, James Jones, Joseph Bohannon and Richard Banks Senr. or any three of them are appointed to inspect Henry Kidd’s Guardianship of the said Isaac Kidd’s estate while his ward and report to Court whether the principal sum and interest due by the said Henry as Guardian aforesaid has been duly paid and accounted for.80

78 Essex Co. Chancery Court Case 1797-001, Jeffries v. Admr of William Youn Jr., found on Lov Chancery cases reel 157, frame 150, retrieved by RK July 2018.
79 Ibid, frame 151. Scanned images available upon request.
1789 – 18 Sept 1789. **Henry Kidd** was a witness to a codicil to the Essex Co will of Richard Thomas Haile.\(^{81}\)

1793 – In a deed dated and recorded 21 January 1793, John Haile of Essex Co to **Henry Kidd** of same, for £9 current money, land in South Farnham Parish, "at a beach down to the branch," signed John Haile. Witness Samuel Mullins.\(^{82}\)

21 January 1793, Essex Co court. A Deed of Indenture bearing the date 21 January 1793 from John Hail (sic) to **Henry Kidd** being acknowledged by the said Jno. Haile to be his proper act and deed the same is ordered to be recorded.\(^{83}\)

1793 – 15 April 1793, Essex Co court. The will of **Henry Kidd** is presented by John Kidd and John Brown, executors, and proven by the oaths of Isaac Kidd and John Haile, “two of the subscribing witnesses.” A £300 executor’s bond filed the same day by John Kidd, with his security Captain Thomas Dix, and John Brown, with his security Isaac Kidd. Executors ordered by the court to make a “true and perfect inventory.”\(^{84}\) [This indicates that this Isaac Kidd was in Essex Co in 1793, which correlates to the Essex Co PPTLs in 1793 [see Isaac Kidd section].

17 April 1793, Essex Co court. The Last Will & Testament of **Henry Kidd** being presented into court by John Kidd and John Brown the executors therein named, proved by the oaths of Isaac Kidd and John Haile, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and also by the oaths of the said executors is ordered to be recorded. Whereupon a Certificate is granted to to the said John Kidd and John Brown in order to their obtaining Probate of the said testament in due form, the said John Brown having together with Isaac Kidd his security, and the said John Kidd with Capt. Thomas Dix security entered into and acknowledged bonds for the same according to Law, which said bonds are ordered to be recorded.\(^{85}\)

Ordered that James Wright, Thomas Dix, John Haile and Thomas Allen or any three of them …do appraise the Negroes (if any) and Personal Estate of **Henry Kidd**, deceased and that they report to this Court their proceedings.\(^{86}\)

1793 – Also in this year, **Henry Kidd** drops from the Essex Co., VA PPTLs, the year in which he dies; the PPTLs have no notation of his estate being taxed, but his will was proven in court in April.

1794 – 15 Sept 1794, Essex Co court, the executors John Kidd and John Brown present the Account of **Henry Kidd’s Estate** dating from 1 January 1794 to the court. Numerous payments were recorded from those who owed the estate on accounts and payments made for services provided.

Among payments made: to William Kidd [the son of Henry Kidd], 11.10 (11 shillings, 10 pence) for paying “the gentlemen appraisers” and 9.10 for “2 copy of

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\(^{81}\) *Virginia colonial abstracts*, vol. 14, by Beverley Fleet, page 72, reviewed and abstracted by RK at Fiske, Nov. 14, 2011.

\(^{82}\) Essex Co VA Deed Book 33, p. 426.

\(^{83}\) Essex Co. Order Book 32, page 240.

\(^{84}\) Essex Co VA Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

\(^{85}\) Essex Co. Order Book 32, page 264.

\(^{86}\) Ibid.
Deeds and searching the office of Essex Court which he paid the Clerk thereof.”
Sales of the estate from the date of 1 January 1794 totaled 190.10.5 ¼.

Payments also received by the Estate for the hire of Henry Kidd’s 13 negroes from 1 Jan 1794, with John Brown, Benj Kidd, John Kidd, and John Mitchell paying for the hire of the negroes. Seven slaves were listed by name as: Sam, a Negro boy; Ben, a Negro boy; Mary, a Negro woman with child; Nelson, a Negro boy; Lucy (?), a Negro woman; James, a Negro man; and Daphney, a Negro woman. 87

1794 – Henry Kidd’s land drops from the Essex Co LTLs after 1794, the year in which his heirs sold his 275 acres in Essex Co to Thomas Roane [see next record].

1794 – In an Essex Co deed dated: 15 Dec 1794
Grantors: John Kidd and Lucy his wife]
William Kidd ] of King and Queen County
John Brown and Mary his wife]
Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife] of Caroline County
Grantee: Thomas Roane of Essex County
Consideration: 400 Pounds and one shilling current money
Tract: A Parcel of land in County of Essex and Parish of South Farnham containing 275 acres. Metes and bounds description, mostly referencing distances to certain trees, naming boundary lines of Haile, Allen and Dix. Included two tracts of land, one containing 124 ½ acres, the second 151 acres. Referenced them as “being those tracts of land whereon Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd are entitled to under the last will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.”

Signed and sealed: Jno Kidd
William Kidd
John Brown
Benjamin Kidd
Witnesses: William Wood
John Allen
Philemon Purkins
James Allen
Deed recorded: 15 Dec 1794

Note: The deed bears a “P.S. Two graveyards excepted with half an acre of land around the one where the white people are buried and the privilege of carrying any corps to the same.” 88

1795 – 21 April 1795, Essex Co court. The Final Account and Settlement of Henry Kidd’s estate, executors John Kidd and John Brown, was certified by the court.

88 Essex County VA Deed Book 34, p. 91 (also pp. 205, 206 and 207), John Kidd et al to Thomas Roane, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser at LVA for Sandra Kidd, Oct. 2007. Pp. 205, 207 and 207 are the relinquishments of dower by the three women, Lucy Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd [the latter the wife of Benjamin Kidd].
Total value of the estate: 234.3.6 ¼, less 84.3.6 ¼ in expenses, for final account of estate totaling £150.89

HENRY KIDD (2), witness to will of Henry Kidd (1) at Fraternal Hunters Lodge (Masonic) at Hobbs Hole in Essex Co VA on 16 Apr 1785

1785 – A Henry Kidd was one of the witnesses to the will of the above-named Henry Kidd. We do not know his identity.

HENRY KIDD (3), in Essex Co Personal Property Tax Lists 1844-1848

1844 – another Henry Kidd first appears on the Essex Co., VA PPTLs in 1844, taxed only for his own tithe, and no personal property. He appears annually through 1848, then drops from the PPTLs.

ISAAC KIDDs

There are at least three Isaac Kidds in Essex Co VA:

Isaac Kidd (Sr), died by 1770, brother of Henry Kidd and likely son of Daniel Kidd

Isaac Kidd (Jr), died by 1784, son of Isaac Kidd (Sr)

Isaac Kidd, found in Essex Co records 1784-1795 (after Isaac (Jr) has died)

ISAAC KIDD SR. – The parentage of Isaac Kidd Sr. is not proven, but we believe that Isaac and Henry, and possibly William, were sons of Daniel3 (Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd. See Appendix Two of this document to see our evidence and analysis to support this claim.

Isaac4 (Daniel3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd

Born no later than 1731, because he is named as a witness in a 1752 deed.

Married first Sarah Bohannon by 1756, and second Lucy Minter by 1761.

Died intestate in Essex County in 1770.

We have no proven descendants of Isaac Kidd Sr. in the Y-DNA study.

1752 – On 21 April 1752, Isaac Kidd witnessed a deed in South Farnham Parish, when Nathaniel Pendleton and his wife Betty of South Farnham Parish sold 200 acres to Robert Spilsby Coleman of Drysdale Parish, King and Queen Co. Land originally part of 1563 acres granted to Edwin Thacker (20 Apr 1687). Isaac (x) Kidd signed by mark; the other two witnesses were John Clark and Richard Richards.90

21 July 1752. Isaac Kidd was a witness (along with Thomas Crutcher and W. Roane) to a deed of mortgage between Waters Dunn of South Farnham Parish,
The Kidds of Essex County, Virginia, 1724-1852

Essex Co., and Nathaniel Pendleton. This deed was proved in Essex Court on 22 November 1752 and recorded.\textsuperscript{91} Isaac Kidd signed with his mark.

1754 – 17 April 1754, Essex Co court. It is ordered that Henry Kidd pay unto \textbf{Isaac Kidd} one hundred pounds of tobacco for attending this Court four days as an evidence for him at the suit of Samuel Fawcett.\textsuperscript{92}

1755 – 21 May 1755, Essex Co court. \textbf{Isaac Kidd} against John Griggs} Petition by account. Suit continued till next Court.\textsuperscript{93}

1756 – \textbf{Isaac Kidd} married Sarah Bohannon, daughter of William Bohannon, before 2 Jul 1756, when William Bohannon’s estate division granted Isaac Kidd in right of his wife Sarah, “eldest daughter of William Bohannon,” a one-third share of Bohannon’s estate.\textsuperscript{94 95}

20 October 1756, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd came into Court and made oath that he bought John Ritcheson of one Wm. Hemmings, who sold him for seven years, and that he also sold him to \textbf{his brother Isaac Kidd} for £14 current money of Virginia, which said servant has enlisted himself as a soldier according to the act of Assembly in that case made and provided and that at the time of his said servant’s entering as such, he had about two years and a half to serve the said \textbf{Isaac Kidd}, which is ordered to be certified to his honor the governor.\textsuperscript{96}

1758 – In October of 1758, Henry, \textbf{Isaac} and Phillip \textbf{Kidd} all voted in an Election of Burgesses for Essex Co.\textsuperscript{97}

1759 – In 1759, \textbf{Isaac Kidd} is named in the Essex Co Processioning Records, with the adjacent land owner listed as John Crow.\textsuperscript{98} Isaac Kidd was also present during the processioning of the boundary between the land of James Cauthorn and Joseph Mann.\textsuperscript{99}

1761 – 15 June 1761, Essex Co court. \textbf{Isaac Kidd} is appointed Surveyor of the road in the room and Precinct of William Tureman, and it is ordered that he do with the male laboring tithables in his precinct keep the said road in repair, according to law.\textsuperscript{100}

21 September 1761, Essex Co court. Ordered that Richard Brown, \textbf{Isaac Kidd},

\textsuperscript{92} Ibid, p. 28.
\textsuperscript{93} Essex Co. Order Book 21, P. 108.
\textsuperscript{95} Division of Estate of William Bohannon, Essex Co VA Will Book 10, p. 110, abstracted by Craig Kilby 2006.
\textsuperscript{96} Essex Co. Order Book 21, pages 296-297.
\textsuperscript{97} The votes for the various candidates in this election were recorded in Essex Co. Deed Book 28, pp. 95-99, found on FHIL. #1929940, Essex Co. DBs 28-29, on extended loan at the Bellevue, WA FHC.
\textsuperscript{100} Essex Co. Order Book 23, p. 291.
Thomas Dennit and Thomas Croucher(?) or any three of them, they being first sworn, do appraise the estate of Edward Hayes, decd. and return an inventory thereof to this Court.101

Isaac Kidd married Lucy, daughter of John Minter, before 16 Nov 1761.102
In an Essex Co deed dated 16 Nov 1761, Isaac Kidd and his wife Lucy, one of the heirs of John Minter the elder, deceased, sell 178 acres on Webb’s Mill Swamp (and all the buildings, houses, gardens, etc. on it to John Patterson for the sum of £62. Heirs are named as Isaac Kidd and Lucy his wife, Joseph Minter and Ann his wife, Richard Cauthorn, John Minter and Susanna his wife, and William Minter.
Witnessed by H. Young, John Crow, James Webb, Jr., James Breedlove, Newman Mihell, S. Smith and Isaac Kidd (we do not know who this Isaac Kidd is.)103 Isaac Kidd (Sr.) signed his name, and his wife Lucy signed with an X.

1762 – 15 Feb 1762, the above deed was recorded in Essex Co. court.104

17 February 1762, Essex Co court. Ordered that James Atkins pay unto Isaac Kidd the sum of 275 lb. of tobacco for attending this court seven days as a witness for him against James Emerson & John McWilliams.105


21 March 1764, Essex Co court. Isaac Kidd et al against James Ritchie & Co. James Ritchie & Co., Plt against William Dunn, John Smith, Henry Purkins & Isaac Kidd, Dfts} Debt. Case appears to be continued to the next court. [William Dunn, security for the others, has the notation Black. but this likely was to distinguish him from another William Dunn, not a race identifier.]107


24 May 1764, Essex Co court. Isaac Kidd et al against James Ritchie & Co. – Debt. Entry is blank after recapitulating the names above, including “…William Dunn (Black)” See next.109

101 Essex Co. Order Book 23, p. 385, retrieved from FHL #1929872, item 2, image 406 on this reel. Scanned image available.
103 Essex Co. DB 29, pp. 72-73. Scanned images of this deed are in the Essex Co. Sources folder on Dropbox; they include a detailed description of John Minter's land, neighbors, etc.
104 Essex Co. Deed Book 29:73.
105 Essex Co. Order Book 24, p. 16.

The Dfts state that they cannot gainsay the claim against them, and they confess to owe to the Plt the sum of £33.13.5, the debt in the declaration. The Court awards the Plt this amount and also his costs. The Dfts in mercy plead, and the Court decreased the judgment to £16.16.7, with interest from 21 February 1764, and his costs. In this entry, William Dunn is referred to as William Dunn, Junr. And was Common Bail for the others.110

1765 – 9 July 1765. Henry Kidd, Phill Kidd and Isaac Kidd were among the freeholders voting in the Election of Burgesses for Essex Co.111

1767 – 16 March 1767, Essex Co court. The petition brought by Luke Covington against Isaac Kidd is continued for the Defendant.112

16 June 1767, Essex Co court. On hearing the petition brought by Luke Covington against Isaac Kidd and the defendant agreeing to Release and acquit the Petitioner of a Judgment obtained by him against the Petitioner before M—Smith, Gent for twenty-four shillings and costs, it is considered by the Court that the petitioner recover against the Defendant the sum of four shillings and three pence and costs.113

Ordered that Isaac Kidd pay unto Edward Simcoe(?) 275 pounds of tobacco for attending this court eleven days as witness for him at the suit of Luke Covington.114

Ordered that Isaac Kidd pay unto William Tureman 275 pounds of tobacco for attending this court eleven days as witness for him at the suit of Luke Covington.115

17 August 1767, Essex Co court. Isaac Kidd, late Guardian to Robert Broocke, orphan of Isaac Broocke, deceased, returned and made account of the said orphan’s estate which being examined by the Court and allowed is ordered to be recorded.116

1768 – Both Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd served on grand juries in Essex Co.117

1769 – 21 Mar 1769. John Edmondson, Jr. of South Farnham Parish in Essex Co. sold to Isaac Kidd of the same place a plantation and 50 acre parcel on the south side of Piscattaway Creek in the said parish, which land was granted to Daniel Taylor by Thos Edmondson and Constant his wife...afterwards devised to Henry Purkins Taylor ...adj. Glady Swamp. Philip Kidd was one of the witnesses to this deed.118

110 Essex Co. Order Book 25, p. 293.
111 Essex Co Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 235-242. Abstracts of these voter lists are found in the Brewer books (see Secondary Sources).
114 Ibid.
115 Ibid.
In 1769, Henry Kidd, **Isaac Kidd** and Philip Kidd were listed among the voters in the Election of Burgesses in Essex Co.\textsuperscript{119}

21 March 1769, Essex Co court. John Edmondson Junr. acknowledged his deed Indenture together with the receipt thereon endorsed and the Memorandum of ?Livery & seisen? to **Isaac Kidd**, on whose motion they are admitted to record.\textsuperscript{120}

1770 – 17 September 1770, Essex Co court. **Isaac Kidd** was deceased by this date (and also died intestate), when on the motion of Henry Kidd and his performing what the Law in the ___ __, Certificate is granted to him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of **Isaac Kidd, deceased** in due form. Henry Kidd together with Philip Kidd his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the said Henry’s true and faithful administration of the estate of Isaac Kidd, deceased. Ordered that Robert McCann, John McCann, Ambrose Wright, and William Fletcher or any three of them (being first sworn according to Law) do appraise the Estate of Isaac Kidd deceased and that the administrator return an Inventory thereof to the Court.\textsuperscript{121}

19 November 1770, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd is appointed guardian to Pitman, Benjamin and Isaac Kidd, orphans of **Isaac Kidd, deceased**, whereupon the said Henry with William D. Roane as his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the same.\textsuperscript{122}

1771 – 18 June 1771, Essex Co court. On hearing the petition of Pitman Clomonts(?), executor of John Clomonts, deceased against Henry Kidd, administrator of **Isaac Kidd, deceased**, the same is dismissed.\textsuperscript{123}

8 October 1771: In a report to the Vestry of South Farnham Parish for 1771 by processioners Francis Brizendine, John Brezindine and John Dobbyns, they stated that they processioned numerous property boundaries, including the one between Philip Kidd and Constant Edmondson, and the boundaries between **Isaac Kid** and his neighbors, William Fletcher and Robt. Broocke. Moreover, Robert Broocke had a common boundary with Constant Edmondson, so Isaac and Philip were close neighbors.\textsuperscript{124} [There is no mention in this report that Isaac Kidd was deceased. However, his brother Henry, as guardian to Isaac’s sons, likely was overseeing his land on their behalf.]

1772 – 18 May 1772. The inventory and appraisement of **Isaac Kidd's estate** was filed in Essex Co. The appraisers were Robert Mann, John Mann, and William Fletcher. Slaves were named as Negro fellow Dick, Negro wench Suckey, and Negro children

\textsuperscript{119} *The Virginia Genealogist* 46:169-170, 2002.
\textsuperscript{121} Essex County Order Book 27, pp. 394-395.
\textsuperscript{122} Essex Co. Order Book 28A, page 18.
\textsuperscript{123} Essex Co. Order Book 28A, p. 114.
Michael and Mol (this appears to be a family). Remainder of estate in farm and household goods, no total value given.\textsuperscript{125}

18 May 1772, Essex Co court. An Inventory of the estate of \textbf{Isaac Kidd}, dec’d was returned and ordered to be recorded.\textsuperscript{126}

\textbf{1774 – 21 March 1774, Essex Co court. Isaac Kidd deceased’s} account of his administration of the Estate of Isaac Brooke, deceased was returned by the (illegible) appointed to settle the same, which is admitted to record.\textsuperscript{127}

18 April 1774, Essex Co court. On the motion of Henry Kidd, It is ordered that Thomas Roane, John Upshaw, and William Roane, gent. or any two of them do settle the account of administration of the \textbf{Estate of Isaac Kidd, dec’d}, also the \textbf{guardians’ accounts of the decedent’s orphans’ estates}, and report their proceedings therein to the Court.\textsuperscript{128}

\textbf{1777 – 15 August 1777.} The account of \textbf{Isaac Kidd’s estate} was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Account totals 119 lbs, 8 shillings, 0 pence. First payment listed is to Phillip Kidd for 1.2.9 “on his acct.”\textsuperscript{129}

18 August 1777, Essex Co court. \textbf{Isaac Kidd’s} administration account was returned and ordered to be recorded. [Henry] Kidd against \textbf{Kidd’s orphans Guardians Account} was returned and ordered to be recorded, having first been sworn to by the said Kidd and allowed by the Court.\textsuperscript{130}

15 September 1777, Essex Co court. Ordered that William Roane, John Warden(?) and Richard Thomas Haile or any two of them divide the estate of \textbf{Isaac Kidd, deceased} and report their proceedings thereunto the Court.\textsuperscript{131}

\textbf{1778 – 16 Mar 1778.} The final division of \textbf{Isaac Kidd’s estate} was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Names Isaac’s “three children Pitman, Benjamin, and Isaac.” To Pitman Kidd, “the eldest son,” “all the Negroes” Dick, Suckey, and children Michael and Mol, valued at 150 lbs. Pitman to pay to “Henry Kidd, guardian of the younger sons Benjamin and Isaac” 50 lbs each for slaves, being their “apportionable part” of the value of the slaves “together with interest from 1 Jan 1771.” Division of estate, after reimbursements to guardian Henry Kidd, was allocated among the three sons of Isaac Kidd: Pitman Kidd, named as the “elder brother,” Benjamin Kidd, named as the “second son,” and Isaac Kidd, named as the “youngest son.” A John Walden was witness to the final division of the estate.\textsuperscript{132}

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\item[125] Essex Co VA Will Book 12, pp. 467-8.
\item[127] Essex Co. Order Book 29, p. 194.
\item[128] Essex Co. Order Book 29, p. 205.
\item[130] Essex Co. Order Book 29, p. 333.
\item[132] Essex Co VA Will Book 13, pp. 132-3.
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16 Mar 1778, Essex Co court. A division of **Isaac Kidd’s estate** was returned and admitted to record.\(^{133}\)

**ISAAC KIDD JR., the youngest son of Isaac Kidd Sr. (above)**

Isaac5 (Isaac4, Daniel3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd. Born between 1762-1765. Isaac was born possibly by 1762, if he is the same Isaac who witnessed a deed for Pittman Kidd in 1783. He was still a minor in 1778 when his guardian and uncle Henry Kidd finalized his father Isaac’s estate settlement. He was dead by 1784 when Phillip Kidd administered his estate.

1770 – 19 November 1770, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd is appointed guardian to Pitman, Benjamin and **Isaac Kidd**, orphans of Isaac Kidd, deceased, whereupon the said Henry with William D. Roane as his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the same.\(^{134}\)

1777 – 15 August 1777, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd’s accounts of his guardianship for both Pitman Kidd and **Isaac Kidd** for the years 1771-1776 were returned to the Court; they were examined, allowed and ordered to be recorded.\(^{135}\)

1778 – 16 Mar 1778. The final division of Isaac Kidd’s estate was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Names Isaac’s “three children Pitman, Benjamin, and **Isaac**.” To Pitman Kidd, "the eldest son," “all the Negroes” Dick, Suckey, and children Michael and Mol, valued at 150 lbs. Pitman to pay to “Henry Kidd, guardian of the younger sons Benjamin and **Isaac**” 50 lbs each for slaves, being their “apportionable part” of the value of the slaves “together with interest from 1 Jan 1771.” Division of estate, after reimbursements to guardian Henry Kidd, was allocated among the three sons of Isaac Kidd: Pitman Kidd, named as the “elder brother,” Benjamin Kidd, named as the “second son,” and **Isaac Kidd, named as the “youngest son.”** A John Walden was witness to the final division of the estate.\(^{136}\)

1783 – in a deed dated 7 April 1783 and recorded 19 May 1783, Pittman Kidd of Essex Co to James Fisher of same, male Negro child named Solomon, £25, and 50 acres “up the branch” to James Edmondson’s line to Peter Trible’s corner to Merriweather Brooks’ line to James Edmondson’s line to Fletcher’s line. Witnessed by James Durham, Samuel Coats, and **Isaac Kidd** [Pittman’s brother?]\(^{137}\)

In a deed dated 25 July 1783 and recorded 15 Dec 1783, Pittman Kidd of South Farnham Parish sells 192 acres to Isaac Jordan of same for sum of £192. Bounded by Susannah Crow and Pitman’s line at the corner of Tub River Swamp to John Crow, thence to line of Pitman and Thomas Howerton, to corner of Pitman’s line, William Brizendine, Thos Howerton, Roger Shackleford, Mary Coates, and Gilbee Tureman, down to Tub River Swamp corner between Pittman, William Tureman, William Brizendine, Thos Howerton, Roger Shackleford, Mary Coates, and Gilbee Tureman, down to Tub River Swamp corner between Pittman, William Tureman,

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\(^{133}\) Essex Co. Order Book 29, p. 351.


\(^{135}\) Essex Co. Guardians Book, 1761-1796, pp. 130-132, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 77-78. Scanned images available.


\(^{137}\) Essex Co VA Deed Book 32, p 149.
and Benjamin Dunn. Witnessed by William Edmondson, Edmund Edmondson, Edmund Dunn, and Isaac Kidd [Pittman’s brother?]138

1784 – 16 February 1784, Essex Co court. James Edmondson the Elder and John Edmondson, Gent. and Leroy Daingerfield or any two of them are appointed to examine, state and settle Philip Kidd’s account of his guardianship of the estate of Isaac Kidd, orphan of Isaac Kidd, deceased.139

21 June 1784, Essex Co court. A Settlement of Philip Kidd’s account of his Guardianship of the Estate of Isaac Kidd, orphan of Isaac Kidd, deceased, was returned and ordered to be recorded.140

1785-1788 – the Estate of Isaac Kidd appears on the Essex Co PPTL for four years, with no WMTs but with taxable slaves. This was 15 years after he died, and 10 years from the final settlement of his estate. Evidently his estate was kept intact; this is ambiguous at best, but it appears that an inquiry was opened after the death of Isaac Kidd Jr., son of Isaac Kidd Sr., to ensure that Henry Kidd’s guardianship accounts were in order (see below).

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In 1789, his estate drops from the PPTLs, and doesn’t recur.

1787 – 8 September 1787, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd returned and made oath to an account of his guardianship of Isaac Kidd, his ward’s estate, which is ordered to be recorded.141

On September 17, 1787, Philip Kidd’s guardian’s account for Isaac Kidd, was received by the Essex County Court, examined, accepted, and ordered to be recorded. [This must be the same Isaac Kidd who was orphan of Isaac Sr., and who is now deceased, but Phillip Kidd is now listed as guardian of his estate, not Henry.] The first item of the account is a bond owed to Pitman Kidd (this Isaac’s older brother) for 12.0.0. The account runs from April 1784 to November 1786. Most items were for clothing, and for the taxes and care of the Negroes who presumably were Isaac’s inheritance from his father. There is one payment for books.

138 Essex Co VA Deed Book 32, p. 183.
139 Essex County Order Book 30, p. 1.
140 Ibid, p. 12.
141 Essex County Order Book 30, p. 371.
Tax was paid in 1784 on “two young Negroes,” in 1785, tax was paid on “three young Negroes,” in 1785, one quart rum was purchased for “Negro Milley,” and in 1786, the tax was paid on “Negro Tom.” In all, Isaac owned seven slaves – Moll, Humphrey, Will, Syras/Cyrus, Daniel, Bell and Phill – all mentioned in this record.\textsuperscript{142}

1788 – 16 June 1788, Essex Co court. On the motion of Isaac Kidd [we do not know who this Isaac is], William Latane, James Jones, Joseph Bohannon and Richard Banks Sen. or any three of them are appointed to inspect Henry Kidd’s Guardianship of the said Isaac Kidd’s estate while his ward and report to Court whether the principal sum and interest due by the said Henry as Guardian aforesaid has been duly paid and accounted for.\textsuperscript{143}

ISAAC KIDD (3), This Isaac is of record after Isaac Kidd (Jr.), son of Isaac Kidd Sr., had died. We do not know his identity. In 1789, an Isaac Kidd was identified as living in King and Queen Co.

1784 – 16 Nov 1784: Pittman Kidd, Isaac Kidd, and Paul Thilman among those who signed a petition in Hanover Co VA, so that no free negroes or mulattoes be permitted to pass as free men unless they produce proof of their right to freedom. The said proof must be in the hand of the Hanover Co Clerk of Court.\textsuperscript{144}

1785 – Isaac Kidd was a witness at the Fraternal Hunters Lodge (Masonic) in Essex Co to the will of Henry Kidd, dated 16 April 1785 and proved in court 15 April 1793. Executors were named as son John Kidd and John Brown [Henry’s son-in-law]. Witnesses were named as Benjamin Kidd, Isaac Kidd, and Henry Kidd [We do not know who these two men are.].\textsuperscript{145}

1789 – 19 May 1789, Essex Co court. Ordered that Richard Holt pay unto Isaac Kidd 208 pounds of tobacco for attending this court four days and with coming and returning 18 miles from King and Queen County as evidence for him against Owen Jones.\textsuperscript{146}

1792, ff. – The first mention of an Isaac Kidd not listed as the Estate of Isaac Kidd first appears on the Essex Co., VA PPTLs in 1792. See the Table below.

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\textsuperscript{142} Essex Co VA Guardian’s Accounts, 1784-1786, pp. 154-156, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 89-90. Scans of these images are available from the authors.

\textsuperscript{143} Essex Co. Order Book 31, p. 55.

\textsuperscript{144} Sandra Kidd's "Kidd Essex Co records summary" document, citing Hanover Legislative Petitions.

\textsuperscript{145} Essex Co VA Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

\textsuperscript{146} Essex Co. Order Book 31, p. 175.
1793 – in Essex Co court 15 April 1793, the will of Henry Kidd is presented by John Kidd and John Brown, executors, and proven by the oaths of Isaac Kidd and John Haile, “two of the subscribing witnesses.” A £300 executor’s bond filed the same day by John Kidd, with his security Captain Thomas Dix, and John Brown, with his security Isaac Kidd. Executors ordered by the court to make a “true and perfect inventory.”147 This suggests Isaac Kidd was in Essex Co in 1793, which correlates to the Essex Co PPTLs in 1793.

17 April 1793, Essex Co court. The Last Will & Testament of Henry Kidd being presented into court by John Kidd and John Brown the executors therein named, proved by the oaths of Isaac Kidd and John Haile, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and also by the oaths of the said executors is ordered to be recorded. Whereupon a Certificate is granted to to the said John Kidd and John Brown in order to their obtaining Probate of the said testament in due form, the said John Brown having together with Isaac Kidd his security, and the said John Kidd with Capt. Thomas Dix security entered into and acknowledged bonds for the same according to Law, which said bonds are ordered to be recorded.148

(next entry)
Ordered that James Wright, Thomas Dix, John Haile and Thomas Allen or any three of them … do appraise the Negroes (if any) and Personal Estate of Henry Kidd, deceased and that they report to this Court their proceedings.149

In 1795, he drops from the PPTLs, and doesn't reappear. No Isaac Kidd has been found in his own household on the Hanover Co tax lists. Nor does Isaac Kidd appear on the PPTLs of King & Queen County during this period. Alternatively, since this Isaac Kidd is listed with no WMTs, could this be a continuation of PPTLs for the Estate of Isaac Kidd Sr. or Jr.?

1799 – 20 May 1799, Essex Co court. Henry Gaines, assignee of John Temple, who was assignee of Samuel Montague, who was assignee of James Kidd, who was assignee of Isaac Kidd, Plaintiff against Thomas Wood Junior and James Dix} In Debt.
…On the motion of the Defts by their attorney, the Judgment obtained at the Rules in the Clerk’s office is set aside…Deft pleads payment…(case continued).150

…On the motion of the Deft by his attorney, the Judgment obtained at the Rules in the Clerk’s Office in this cause is set aside… (case continued).151

No further records for this Isaac Kidd have been discovered in all the counties that we’ve examined in this era. We have no idea where he might have gone or what became of him.

149 Ibid.
JAMES KIDD –error in abstract—should be Capt. James Webb (see footnote)

1763 – at a Vestry meeting for South Farnham Parish on 4 Aug 1763: "Ordered that Thomas Newbill, William Bonds, and Andrew Allen or any two procession every person's lands in their precinct, beginning at Joshua Boughton's, from thence to Capt. James Kidd's Webb's Quarter on the Old Mill Swamp that leads to Piscataway Creek, from thence to William Cheney's on the Dragon, beginning the 20th day of November and to finish by the 20th day of December, and to make their return as the law directs." 152

[This actually refers to "Capt. James Webb," who owned an Ordinary in this area. See 1763 under Philip Kidd for this entry.]

JAMES KIDD, identity not known

1769 – 18 January 1769. James Kidd is named (along with Roger Shackleford, the heirs of Griffing Purkins decd., John Crow and James Townley) among the bounding neighbors to a parcel of land in South Farnham Parish sold by William Watkins and Mary his wife of Halifax Co. to William Howerton of South Farnham Parish.153

1799 – 20 May 1799, Essex Co court. Henry Gaines, assignee of John Temple, who was assignee of Samuel Montague, who was assignee of James Kidd, who was assignee of Isaac Kidd, Plaintiff against Thomas Wood Junior and James Dix} In Debt. …On the motion of the Defts by their attorney, the Judgment obtained at the Rules in the Clerk’s office is set aside…Deft pleads payment…(case continued).154

1800 – 15 September 1800, Essex Co court. Mary Kidd, assignee of James Kidd, assignee of Isaac Kidd, Ptf against Thomas Wood Junr. and James Dix, Dfııts} In Debt. …On the motion of the Deft by his attorney, the Judgment obtained at the Rules in the Clerk’s Office in this cause is set aside…(case continued).155

1812 – Essex County Quarterly Court, 19 May 1812. James Kidd, assignee of Muse and Crittenden, Plaintiff vs William T. Evans, Defendant} In Debt. Court rules that the plaintiff recover from the defendant and his special appearance bail the sum of £16.6.0, the debt in the declaration, and his costs…but the defendant in mercy

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152 The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 111, citing page 80 in the original record. However the original record., retrieved from FHL #33934, clearly reads James WEBB. See scanned image of that page in Essex Source Docs on Dropbox.


156 FHL #1929881, Essex Co. Order Book 41A, p. 17.
pleads…this judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £7.3.3, with interest thereon from 4 October 1810 till paid, plus his costs.\textsuperscript{157}


There is no record of Jane Kidd’s birth or baptism in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register, but a Jane Kidd married John Gregory in Middlesex County 25 December 1725 (CCPR). This Jane Kidd must be the daughter of William Kidd, because Thomas Kidd Jr.’s daughter Jane was not born until 1716. Jane Kidd also is found in the 1725 record below with Robert Kidd, likely her older brother. They were traveling from another location as witnesses, perhaps from Middlesex Co.

1725 – 18 August 1725, Essex Co court. \textit{Jane Kidd} and \textit{Robert Kidd} each make oath that they had attended four days as a witness in the suit of Thomas Bryant against James Turner. Thomas Bryant was ordered to pay each of them for same, and for three times coming 37 miles with three shillings & nine pence for ferriages, according to Law with costs.\textsuperscript{158}

19 August 1725, Essex Ci court. Both \textit{Jane Kidd} and \textit{Robert Kidd} made oath that they had attended five days as an evidence for Thos. Bryant against James Turner and three times going 37 miles and 1 (sic – different amt) shilling & 3 pence for ferriages according to law with costs.\textsuperscript{159}

Later on the same day, Thomas Bryant was ordered to pay Jane Kidd and Robert Kidd for one day’s attendance as an Evidence according to Law, with costs.\textsuperscript{160}

On December 25, 1725, \textit{Jane Kidd} married John Gregory in Middlesex County.\textsuperscript{161}

1726 – 22 June 1726, Essex Co court. \textit{John Grigory} brought suit against Nathaniel Hogg [Fogg?] for slander, and Hogg’s response to the declaration was found to be unsuitable and he was ordered pay damages of 15 shillings sterling money, plus an additional 15 shillings for court costs.\textsuperscript{162}

1727 – 19 July 1727, Essex Co court. In ye scire facias brought by Nathani. Fogg [Hogg?], Assignee of \textit{John Grigory and Jane his wife, late Jane Kidd}, against Thomas Bryant, ye Deft. filed his plea, and Plt. joined issue ye Tryal where is referred till next Court.\textsuperscript{163}

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\textsuperscript{157} FHL \#1929881, Essex Co. Order Book 41A, p. 132.
\textsuperscript{158} \textit{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 2}, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 69, citing OB page 304 (Jane) and 305 (for Robert).
\textsuperscript{159} Ibid, p. 77
\textsuperscript{160} Ibid, p. 79.
\textsuperscript{161} Christ Church Parish Register.
\textsuperscript{162} Essex Co VA Order Book 7, p. 27.
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16 August 1727, Essex Co court. The Scire facias brought by Nathl. Fogg [Hogg?], assignee of John Grigory & Jane his wife, late Jane Kidd against Thos. Bryant is continued at ye Deft’s costs, his attorney being sick.\footnote{Ibid, p. 92, citing OB page 165.}

Thursday 21 Sept 1727, Essex Co court. In the suit by Scire Facias brought Nathanel Hogg [Fogg?] assignee of John Grigory and Jane his wife, late Jane Kidd agst Thos Bryant, a jury was impaneled….jury found in favor of the defendant. The suit was dismissed at the plts costs.\footnote{Essex Co VA Order Book 7, p. 184, found on FHL #1929866, item 1, image 119 on this reel.}

We searched for John and Jane Grigory/Gregory in later Essex County records and have found no further mentions of them in Essex County.

**JOEL KIDD(s)**

**JOEL KIDD**, the son of William Kidd Sr. and his wife, Mary Halbert of Caroline Co., VA (see the Caroline County BD)

Born abt. 1775\footnote{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 102, citing OB page 183.} in Caroline County, VA

Died about 1811\footnote{Based upon the fact that he first appears on the Caroline Co. PPTLs in 1796, and that the age he became responsible for this tax was 21 years old.} in Caroline County.

1809-1810 – a Joel Kidd first appears on the annual Essex Co., VA PPTLs in 1809, taxed for himself, one slave 12-16, and one horse. This entry recurs in 1810, and then this Joel drops from the lists. [There was no tax statewide in 1808.] Is this Joel Kidd of Caroline Co? In Caroline Co, for 1809-1810, Joel Kidd appears on the PPTLs with no WMTs. In 1811, he appears on the PPTLs with 1 WMT. Joel Kidd does not appear on the 1810 census index for any Virginia county, although he is listed on PPTLs for both Caroline and Essex Cos in that year.

The records above are the only mentions of this Joel Kidd in Essex County.

See his section of the Caroline County BD for a complete listing of all citations for him.

**JOEL H. KIDD** (b abt 1807, Caroline County – d by 1855, Essex Co., VA), the son of Willis and Lucy Kidd\footnote{Based upon his appearing on the 1811 Land Tax List, and his estate being listed on the1812 LTL.} of Caroline Co (See the Caroline County BD)

Born abt 1807\footnote{His year of birth is calculated from his entry on the 1850 federal census, which stated he was 43 years old.} in VA.

Records for this man are found in Essex, Hanover, Caroline and King & Queen counties, Virginia. We have combined them here.

He was NOT son of William Kidd and his wife, Mary Halbert, despite clais to
that effect in many Ancestry trees; these two were the parents of the elder Joel Kidd (above).

His wife was Louisa F. Campbell, whom he married in Dec. 1840 in Essex Co. (see below)

He died in Essex Co. sometime between 15 May 1854 and 15 January 1855 (see chronology below.

1822 – in this year, for the first time in a decade, the name Joel Kidd again appears in the Caroline Co., VA PPTLs, taxed for only one white male tithe, and no property or horse. He doesn’t appear again in Caroline Co. PPTLs until

1829 – Joel Kidd again appears on the Caroline Co., VA PPTLs, this one year. Whether these two entries above are for this Joel Kidd (listed without his identifying middle initial) is unclear, but there is no other likely candidate for these two records. The only other Joel Kidd of this era was Joel, the son of William Kidd Sr. of Caroline (and thus this Joel’s uncle), and the elder Joel Kidd died by 1812 in Caroline County.

1830 – I do not find a Joel Kidd on the federal census in K&Q or elsewhere in eastern Virginia in 1830.

1831-1832 – a Joel H. Kidd appears on the Hanover County PPTLs for the first time in 1831, charged for one white mail tithe, and no slaves or property. This entry repeats in 1832. He drops from these tax lists in 1833 and does not reappear.

1838-1839 – a Joel Kidd appears on the Essex Co. PPTL, taxed for himself and one horse. This repeats in 1839. He then disappears from these PPTLs. Is this Joel H. Kidd? We believe that it probably is.

1840 – I am unable to find a Joel Kidd on the federal census anywhere in Virginia in 1840.

1840 – Dec. 17, 1840, Joel Kidd married Miss Louisa Campbell in Essex Co. in a ceremony conducted by Elder Philip Montague.

1841 – In 1841, the first of several Chancery Court cases involving the heirs of Ambrose Hundley Sr. was initiated (Essex Chancery case 1841-002, Admr. of Richard Hundley v. Elizabeth Hundley et al). Joel Kidd’s name appears in this record, as husband of Louisa, one of the heirs of Ambrose Hundley. I saw nothing else of interest to Kidd researchers, but this and subsequent suits are a treasure trove for Ambrose Hundley’s descendants. These records mention that one of his sons moved to Arkansas. Also some of his heirs (including Louisa, prior to her marriage to Joel) have the surname of Campbell, rather than Hundley, suggesting a maternal connection to the Hundley family.

171 Her maiden name is confirmed by the death certificate of her son, James Willis Kidd.
174 Essex Co Chancery case 1848-025, Ambrose Hundley et al v. William G. Trible et al, LoV reel 441, frame 450-ff; Case 1849-030, LoV reel 441, frame 545, ff; Case 1852-014, LoV reel 263, frame 041-ff.
In the one instance in this particular record where a middle initial appears for Joel, his name is listed as Joel R. Kidd.

1841 – He first appears on the annual PPTL in K&Q Co. in this year, with 1 white male tithe, 4 taxable slaves, 3 horses and a gig worth $50.

1842-1846 – he continues to appear annually on the K&Q PPTLs (each time paying only one WM tithe), then drops from the lists.

1842-1848 – Joel H. Kidd first appears on the K&Q Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1842 (he might have appeared in 1841, but the K page for that LTL is missing from the microfilm). In 1842, he’s taxed for 209 acres "adj. Samuel Gresham, 28 miles NW of the courthouse." This is in the northern parish, and in the vicinity of the John Kidds, on or near the Mattapony River. This same entry repeats through 1848, after which Joel H. Kidd drops from the K&Q LTLs. Not noted on LTLs what became of his land.

1843 – Willis Kidd wrote and signed his will in Caroline County on 7 Jan 1843, and it was recorded in Caroline County court on 13 Feb 1843. The original will was destroyed in the fire that destroyed the Caroline County courthouse in April 1865, but his son and executor, Joel Kidd, had a copy that he produced in the Clerk’s office in Caroline County on 8 November 1868, and the attested copy was admitted to record anew.175


1844 - Benjamin Weisiger's book about Virginia Contested Election Files, is in error ins saying the following:177
21 October 1844
Facts admitted to evidence by Andrew Broaddus to votes challenged on the poll of Archibald Samuel:
This record is incorrect in that none of the three above are this William Kidd's sons; they were the sons of Willis Kidd, and the grandsons of William Kidd Sr.

175 Caroline Co. Will Book 33, pp. 246-247, retrieved from LoV microfilm reel 69. Scanned images available upon request.
177 Burned County Data, 1809-1848, As Found in the Contested Election Files, by Benjamin B. Weisiger, Richmond, VA, 1986, p. 70, in the chapter of Caroline County records regarding contested elections.
1848 – This Indenture made this 20th day of April 1848 between Joel H. Kidd of the one part and Robert G. Haile of the county of Essex of the other part. Whereas the County Court of Essex did on the 15th day of November 1847 in a suit depending(?) on the Chancery side of said court, in the style of Hundley vs. Trible (?) among other things adjudge, order and decree that the Commissioners named in the said decree for that purpose and upon the terms and conditions specified in the said decree "sell the lands assigned by Elizabeth Hundley as her dowry in the division of the lands of her late husband, Ambrose Hundley, dec'd. And Ambrose Hundley and Joel H. Kidd, two of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, after processing as required by the said decree, did on the 6th day of December 1847 sell the said land at public auction upon the terms and conditions in the said decree specified, and N. J. P. Whitlocke became the purchaser for the sum of $1720, and having fully complied with the terms required by the said decree on his part, the said Court did on the 17th day of April 1848 in the same cause enter another decree stating that it appearing from an exhibit filed in this cause that N. J. P. Whitlocke having conveyed, transferred and assigned to Robert G. Haile and his heirs, all right, title, claim, interest and demand which he the said Whitlocke has or might claim by virtue of this purchase of the said land. And at the request of the said Whitlocke doth adjudge, order and decree that the Commissioners or either of them heretofore appointed by this Court do make to the said Robert G. Haile a deed with special warranty conveying the tract of land in the proceedings mentioned appointed by this Court, do make to the said Robert G. Haile a deed with special warranty conveying the tract of land in the proceedings mentioned …

Joel H. Kidd, one of the Commissioners appointed in the decree aforesaid …in consideration of the premises and in the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Robert G. Haile …doth give, grant, bargain, sell and convey …the lands assigned to Elizabeth Hundley, dec'd, as her dowry in the division of the lands of her late husband, Ambrose Hundley, dec'd …

(signed) Joel H. Kidd {seal}

This deed was acknowledged by Joel H. Kidd as his act and deed and admitted into record on 18 September 1848.178

1848 – Marriage of Thomas M. Kidd and Sarah A.H. Page, 10 Jul 1848 in Caroline Co., VA, Joel H. Kidd, bond.179

1849-1851 – Joel H. Kidd first appears on the Caroline Co VA PPTLs in 1849, and appears annually thereafter through 1851, but not through 1855, the last year we have checked.

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178 Essex County DB 47, pp. 518-519. Scans of this deed available from RK.
1850 – on federal census in Caroline Co., VA, p. 228A, HH 80:  
**Kidd, Joel H.** 43MW Manager (birthplaces blank for entire page)  
" , Louisa F. 27FW
" , John H. 7MW
" , Joseph F. 5MW
" , James W. 2MW

1851 – In 1851, a **Joel H. Kidd** appears on the annual Essex Co. PPTLs, taxed for his own tithe, one slave, one horse, 2 cattle or hogs, & a carriage valued at $25.  
(This is the last year we've checked these PPTLs.)

1853 – On 11 January 1853, Peter Campbell of Essex County sold to Joel H. Kidd of Essex County a tract of land in Essex “without regard to the number of acres (it being the same conveyed by John H Clark and Sallie Ann his wife to the said Peter Campbell by and bearing the date the 29th of December 1851”… for $1750. This deed was acknowledged by Peter Campbell in Essex County Court on 17 January 1853 and ordered to be recorded.\(^{180}\)

On 14 Dec 1853, Frances Brooks and Polly Brooks sold to Joel H. Kidd the tract of land on which the late James Brooks formerly resided, adjacent to the lands of Lewis D. Brooks and the said Joel H. Kidd…containing 10 acres for the sum of $80. This deed includes a plat of the land. It was acknowledged in Court and admitted to record on 19 December 1853.\(^{181}\)

1854 – Court of Quarterly Sessions held 15 May, 1854.  
Ordered that **Joel H. Kidd** be appointed the Conductor of the Election to be held for this County on the fourth Thursday in this month at ?Bestland in the place of Charley H. Muse, who is dead.\(^{182}\)

1855 – The will of **Joel H. Kidd**, which he had signed on 29 July 1853, was proved in Essex County Court on 15 January 1855.\(^{183}\) It named his widow, Louisa F. Kidd, as his executor. Thomas M. Kidd and Henry Kidd (each of them Joel's brothers) appeared

\(^{180}\) FHL #1929951, image 205 – Essex County DB 50, page 358, retrieved via Familysearch.org (restricted access) at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center on July 30, 2019.

\(^{181}\) FHL #1929951, images 267-268 – Essex County DB 50, pages 483-484, retrieved via Familysearch.org (restricted access) at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center on July 30, 2019. Images available upon request.

\(^{182}\) Essex County Order Book 51, p. 733 (image 129).

\(^{183}\) Essex County Will Book 27, 1851-1858, pp. 477, retrieved from FHL # FHL #1929910, item 1, image 268. A digital image of this will is available from the authors.
in Court and verified the writing to be that of Joel H. Kidd, and the will was ordered to be recorded.\footnote{184}

1860 – \textbf{Joel H. Kidd}'s widow is found on the 1860 federal census, with their family in Essex Co. VA (Lloyd's P.O.), p. 87, HH 816/792:
Kidd, Louisa F. 35FW farmer $800/850 VA 
" , Jno. H 18MW 
" , Joseph I. 14MW 
" , James W. 11MW 
" , Mary E. 9FW 
" , Joel C. 6MW

\textbf{JOHN KIDD} – the son of Thomas Kidd Jr., and brother of Thomas3 Kidd. 
Born ca 1694 in Middlesex County, Virginia; died Middlesex Co in 1759 (estate administration granted to his son Edmond Kidd on 4 December 1759).\footnote{185} Married in Middlesex Co 27 February 1720/1 to Rebecca Godbee.\footnote{186} She was born in Middlesex Co and baptized there 2 June 1703, a daughter of Edward and Frances Godbee, and died 20 Jan 1742 in Middlesex Co.\footnote{187}

John Kidd likely never lived in Essex Co, but is found in several Essex Co records. The majority of records for this family are found in Middlesex Co. Known children of John and Rebecca (Godbee) Kidd, all born in Middlesex Co:

i. \textbf{Judith Kidd}, b. 8 October 1722, bp. 4 November 1722.\footnote{188}

ii. \textbf{Frances Kidd} (female), b. 1 April 1726, bp. 2 April 1726, died the same day, buried 4 April 1726.\footnote{189}

iii. \textbf{Frances Kidd} (female), bp. 20 August 1727.\footnote{190}

iv. \textbf{Jemima Kidd}, b. 6 March 1730/31, bp. 22 March 1730/31.\footnote{191}

v. \textbf{Edmund Kidd}, b. 14 July 1731, bp. 15 August 1731.\footnote{192}
Edmond married first Mary and second Ruth -----. Most records for this family are found in Middlesex Co. He had at least two sons William and John with wife Mary, and at least one daughter Ruth with second wife Ruth, who possibly was a Thurston.

vi. \textbf{John Kidd}, b. 2 August 1734, bp. 16 August 1734.\footnote{193}

vii. \textbf{James Kidd}, b. 30 March 1738, bp. 23 April 1738.\footnote{194}

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\footnotetext[184]{Essex County Order Book 51, pages 802-803, retrieved from FHL # FHL #1929888, images 163-164. Digital images are available from the authors.}
\footnotetext[185]{Will Book E, p. 54, Circuit Clerk's Office, Middlesex County Court House, Saluda, VA.}
\footnotetext[186]{\textit{Christ Church Parish Register}, 163.}
\footnotetext[187]{Ibid, 60.}
\footnotetext[188]{Ibid, 111.}
\footnotetext[189]{Ibid, 119, 182.}
\footnotetext[190]{Ibid, 122.}
\footnotetext[191]{Ibid, 129.}
\footnotetext[192]{Ibid, 132.}
\footnotetext[193]{\textit{Christ Church Parish Register}, 139.}
\footnotetext[194]{Ibid, 147.}
\end{footnotes}
James married Mary, acquired a sizable estate, and ran an Ordinary in Urbanna. He died intestate in Middlesex in 1796. He had a large family and their records are found in Middlesex Co.

viii. **Sarah Kidd**, b. 3 October 1740, bp. 2 November 1740.\(^{195}\)

Note: A **William Kidd** was named in 1753 by Thomas4 Kidd as his “Cousin William Kidd” along with his “Unkle John Kidd”. This suggests that John may have had a son William. However, there is no William listed as a son of John and Rebecca in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register, nor was a William named in the 1736 Goochland Co VA will of Frances Godbee Cheadle (Rebecca’s mother) as were Rebecca’s other children born by that time. We have concluded that “Cousin William Kidd” is not a son of John Kidd. [See Appendix Three.]

1738 – Essex Co. Court, 21 November 1738.

**John Kidd** against James Hogg } Trespass & assault
Came as well the said John by his attorney (not named) as the said James by Peter Waggoner his attorney, and the jurors of a jury, to wit (Jurors listed by name)... The jury do say that the said James on the day year and place in the declaration specified on the said John did make an assault did beat, wound and __ in manner and form as the said John against him hath complained, and assess the damages of the said John by reason of the premises to five shillings Sterling ... The court rules that he recover these damages, plus his costs.\(^{196}\)

(same page)

Ordered that **John Kidd** pay unto James Johnson twenty-five pounds of tobacco for attending one day as evidence against James Hogg.\(^{197}\)

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**John Kidd** ordered to pay John Loyd Jr. 25 pounds of tobacco for attending one day as evidence for him against James Hogg.\(^{198}\)

1739 – 20 August 1739

James Boulware the younger v. **John Kidd & Joseph Cross** } Petition for 880 pounds of tobacco, due by account.

In this suit, James Boulware the younger sued **John Kidd** and Joseph Cross for a debt due by account. The Court rules that the plaintiff recover against **John Kidd** the 880 pounds of tobacco, and also his court costs. But as to Joseph Cross, the Court rules against Boulware, and orders him to pay Cross's court costs.\(^{199}\)

1753 – On 30 May 1753, Thomas4 Kidd signed a document while living in Edgecombe Co NC, granting William Upshaw Davis his power of attorney “to ask, demand recover and receive for me all my Lands and Houses with all other the appurtenances thereunto belonging which I have or claim right to in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex within the Colony of Virginia as also do empower my said Attorney to break or cause to be broken the Entails of all the lands &c. & sell and convey the same to

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\(^{195}\) Ibid, 151.

\(^{196}\) Essex Co. OB 11, 1738-1740, page 57, retrieved from FHL #1929867, image 450.

\(^{197}\) Ibid.

\(^{198}\) Ibid, p. 58. Scans available of this record.

\(^{199}\) Essex Co., OB 11, 1738-1740, p. 209.
any person my said Attorney shall think fit, and the money that shall arise from the
sale or sales thereof to apply to what uses my said Attorney shall think most best:

*I give my Attorney full power and authority to take peaceable possession of all the
lands which I brought suit against my Unkle John Kidd & Cousin William Kidd and
William Williamson in County of Middlesex...In witness whereof I the said Thomas
Kidd have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of May 1753”
At a Court held for Essex County on 19 June 1753, this power of attorney was
presented in Court by the said William Upshaw Davis, and prove by the oaths of the
witnesses, and recorded.200

1754 – In an instrument dated 15 February 1754/5, William Upshaw Davis of Edgecombe
Co NC appointed Archibd Ritchie of Essex Co VA, merchant, my attorney to ask,
demand and receive of John Kidd and Edmond Kidd of Christ Church Parish,
Middlesex Co. £59.9 with interest from November last till paid, together with the
costs of a suit that is now pending in the county court of Middlesex for the recovery
of the said sum. This was proved in court 19 June 1754.201

JOHN KIDD, the son of Henry Kidd of Essex Co. Was of age (at least 21 years old)
by 16 April 1785 when he is named as executor and heir in his father Henry’s
Lived in Stratton Major Parish of King and Queen Co VA, in the southern part
of the county.

Circa 1783 – a Henry Kidd and a John Kidd appear on “Miss Anne Walker Reddy’s list of
persons rendering Revolutionary Service, Military and Non-military, from King and
Queen County.”202

1785 – The will of Henry Kidd, dated 16 April 1785 and proved in court 15 April 1793,
names son John Kidd as executor along with Henry’s son-in-law John Brown.203
Among terms of will: Estate to be equally divided among “my four children John
and William my sons, and Sarah Kidd and Mary Brown my daughters.” If any die
“without issue or lawful heirs of their body” then their share equally to the others.
No wife named in will, so presumably she was dead by 1785.
There is a curious clause about son John Kidd [who may have been the eldest of the
four children] that suggests John was in debt to his father and also that Henry feared
that John might attempt to deprive his siblings of part of their inheritance: “But in
case my son John should lay clam to any of my land whereon I now live the bond I
died possessed of be put into execution against him, and the money arising from the
bond be equally divided among my surviving children.” However, whatever his
qualms, Henry did name son John Kidd as co-executor with son-in-law John Brown.

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200 Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1751-1753, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1993, p. 86,
citing Deed Book 25, pp. 219-222.
Essex Co. DB 27, p. 12.
202 Virginia Colonial abstracts, volume 5, by Beverley Fleet, p. 15.
Witnesses were named as William Jeffries, John Haile, Benjamin Kidd, Isaac Kidd and Henry Kidd.\[^{204}\] [We do not know the identities of this Isaac and Henry Kidd]

1793 – In Essex Co court 15 April 1793, the will of Henry Kidd is presented by **John Kidd** and John Brown, executors, and proven by the oaths of Isaac Kidd and John Haile, “two of the subscribing witnesses.” A £300 executor’s bond filed the same day by John Kidd, with his security Captain Thomas Dix, and John Brown, with his security Isaac Kidd. Executors ordered by the court to make a “true and perfect inventory.”\[^{205}\]

17 April 1793, Essex Co court. The Last Will & Testament of Henry Kidd being presented into court by **John Kidd** and John Brown the executors therein named, proved by the oaths of Isaac Kidd and John Haile, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and also by the oaths of the said executors is ordered to be recorded. Whereupon a Certificate is granted to to the said **John Kidd** and John Brown in order to their obtaining Probate of the said testament in due form, the said John Brown having together with Isaac Kidd his security, and the said **John Kidd** with Capt. Thomas Dix security entered into and acknowledged bonds for the same according to Law, which said bonds are ordered to be recorded.\[^{206}\]

(Ordered that James Wright, Thomas Dix, John Haile and Thomas Allen or any three of them …do appraise the Negroes (if any) and Personal Estate of Henry Kidd, deceased and that they report to this Court their proceedings.\[^{207}\]

1794 – 15 Sept 1794, Essex Co court. The executors **John Kidd** and John Brown present the Account of Henry Kidd’s Estate, dating from 1 January 1794, to the court. Numerous payments were recorded from those who owed the estate on accounts and payments made for services provided. Among payments made: to William Kidd [the son of Henry Kidd], 11.10 (11 shillings, 10 pence) for paying “the gentlemen appraisers” and 9.10 for “2 copy of Deeds and searching the office of Essex Court which he paid the Clerk thereof.” Sales of the estate from the date of 1 January 1794 totaled 190.10.5 ¾. Payments also received by the Estate for the hire of Henry Kidd’s 13 negroes from 1 Jan 1794, with John Brown, Benjamin Kidd, **John Kidd**, and John Mitchel paying for the hire of the negroes. [See Henry Kidd section.]\[^{208}\]

15 September 1794, Essex Co court. On the motion of **John Kidd** that James Upshaw junior, Ambrose Greenhill, Thomas Dix and James Wright or any three of them, settle the Executorship of the said **John Kidd**, and of John Brown, Executors of Henry Kidd; the same is ordered accordingly, and that they report to this Court their proceedings.\[^{209}\]

In an Essex Co deed dated and recorded 15 Dec 1794, the heirs of Henry Kidd sold

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\[^{204}\] Ibid.
\[^{205}\] Ibid.
\[^{207}\] Ibid.
\[^{208}\] Essex Co VA Will Book 15, pp. 144–6.
the land they inherited from their father Henry Kidd: **John Kidd and wife Lucy** of King and Queen Co; William Kidd [no wife named] of King and Queen Co, Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline Co and John Brown and Mary his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline Co. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex Co. Land described as “being those tracts of land whereon Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd are entitled to under the last will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.” Sarah Kidd, Mary Brown, and Lucy Kidd relinquish their dowers in separate examinations by men appointed by the Essex Co court.210 [See Henry Kidd section.]

15 December 1794, Essex Co court. A Deed bearing date the 15th of December 1794 from **John Kidd**, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to Thomas Roane of the county of Essex being acknowledged by the said **John Kidd**, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to be their act and deed, is ordered to be recorded.211

1795 – 21 April 1795, Essex Co court. A report of the settlement of the account of John Brown and **Jno. Kidd**'s executorship of Henry Kidd, dec’d, being examined by the Court is admitted and ordered to be recorded.212

20 October 1795, Essex Co court. A Commission for the privy examination of Mary the wife of John Brown respecting her right of dower in two certain tenements and tracts of land lying in this county and parish of South Farnham and containing 275 acres, more or less, conveyed by deed of Bargain and Sale bearing the date the (30th?) day of December 1794 from **John Kidd**, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to Thomas Roane of the County of Essex, being returned together with a certificate thereto annexed of her free and voluntary relinquishment of that right; the same is ordered to be recorded.213

1797 – **John Kidd** and Francis Anderson of Essex Co were the administrators of the estate of Edward Spencer, deceased. In this capacity, they became embroiled in an Essex Co Chancery Court case. Edward Spencer and Sarah/Sally Royston were the administrators of one William Watkins, and in that capacity, Royston had become indebted to Spencer. Spencer died, and subsequently Royston brought a suit against **John Kidd** and Francis Anderson in 1797.214

John Kidd is mentioned several times in these records, dated 1797 and 1799, but not thereafter (he died by 1801). The outcome of this case is not clear. In one instance, he is referred to as “**Capt. John Kidd.**” [This title can signify a man of property, not necessarily a military officer.]

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210 Essex County VA Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.
214 Library of Virginia Chancery reel 168, case 1808-019, starting on Frame 207. reviewed and scanned by RK, July 2018. Scanned images and abstract available upon request.

23 August 1798, Essex Co court. Sarah Royston, plaintiff against Francis Anderson and **John Kidd**, Defendants} In (Issue?) On the motion of the defendants by their counsel, they are now permitted to put in their answer, which is filed and sent to the Rules for (illegible; looks like resolution).216

1799 – 22 May 1799, Essex Co court. **John Kidd** & John Brown, exors. Of Henry Kidd, dec’d, Plaintiffs, against Gabriel Purkins & William Howerton, and John Howerton, Special Bail for their appearance, Defendants} In Debt. The defendants through their attorney waive their former plea, and acknowledge the plaintiffs’ action…Therefore it is considered by the Court that the plaintiffs recover of the said defendants and Bail aforesaid the sum of £10.9, the debt in the declaration, and also their costs…the defendants in mercy, etc…but this judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £5.4.6 in like money with interest thereon from 1 January 1794 till payment, and their costs.217

October 21, 1799, Essex Co court. **John Kidd** and John Brown, exors. of Henry Kidd, dec’d, Plts against Ambrose Hunley, Dfdt} In Issue (?). Motion for award of Exen (Execution?) on a Bond bearing date the 30th day of August 1799 entered into by Gabriel Purkins and the defendant for the forthcoming and delivery of one sorrel horse and two cows (the property of said Gabriel Purkins at Croxton’s(?) Tavern in Tappahannock on the second day of September next ensuing the date of said Bond; Taken by John Jones Deputy for ____ Rennolds, Sheriff of Essex by virtue of writ of ____ Sued out of the Court of said County by the Plaintiffs against the Estate, Gabriel Purkins, William Howerton & John Howerton, appl. Bail. The plaintiffs failed to appear though solemnly called…It is considered by the Court that the Plaintiffs may have Execution against the defendant for the sum of £18.11.10, the amount of the said bond, and also their costs…The defts in mercy, etc. …This execution is to be discharged by the payment of £9.11.10, with interest from 30 August 1799 till paid, and their costs.218

**John Kidd** is dead by June 1801, when his widow Lucy is named in an Essex Co case:

1801 – 16 June 1801, Essex Co court. **Lucy Kidd**, executrix of **John Kidd**, deceased, Petitioner against Thomas Dix and John Croxton, Defendants} On Petition Defendants though solemnly called failed to appear…Court rules that the petitioner recover of the defendants the sum of £4.5.2, and also her costs…the defendants in

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The Kidds of Essex County, Virginia, 1724-1852

mercy, etc…this Judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £1.2 with interest from 1 January 1794 till payment, and her costs.219

John Kidd appears to have lived in King and Queen Co for most of his adult life, and the county is rife with John Kidds, but none are a good match for him.

JOHN KIDD, died by 1789, father of Fanny Kidd

1789 – 24 April 1789, Essex Co court. Fanny Kidd, orphan of John Kidd came into Court and chose Thomas Johnson her guardian, whereupon the said Thomas Johnson entered into and acknowledged bond together with Evan Davis his security for the same.220

JOHN KIDD, named in 1810 record

1810 - Essex County Quarterly Court, 21 March 1810. Patsey Bates, widow, administratrix with the last will & testament of Meraday Bates, deceased, annexed, plaintiff vs. Joseph Ryland & John Sale, his appearance bail, defendants}In Debt [note in margin says “Benefit, John Kidd”]. Defendants waive their plea and confess to the plaintiff’s action…Court orders that the plaintiff recover against the defendant and his special bail the sum of £13.14, the debt in the declaration, and her costs…the defendant in mercy pleads…this judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £1.14.11 with interest thereon from 7 March 1806 and her costs.221

Essex County Quarterly Court, 21 March 1810. Gatewood & Tibbs, plaintiffs vs. Joseph Ryland, deft.} In Case [Note in margin: “Benefit John Kidd”]
Defendant waives his plea and acknowledged the plaintiff’s action…Court rules that the plaintiff recover the sum of £11.10.3, the debt aforesaid, with interest from 1 October 1804 till paid, and their costs.222

John Kidd’s benefit from the outcome of this case is not clear.

LUCY MINTER KIDD, who married Isaac KIDD before 16 Nov 1761 (second wife)

1761 – Isaac Kidd married Lucy, daughter of John Minter, before 16 Nov 1761.223

1761 – In an Essex Co deed dated and recorded 16 Nov 1761, the heirs of John Minter deceased are listed as grantors of 178 acres on Webb’s Mill Swamp. No grantee is named, nor is any financial consideration, so this deed may have been recorded to establish the heirs’ ownership. Heirs are named as: John Minter, Isaac Kidd and Lucy his wife, Joseph Minter and Ann his wife, Richard Cauthorn, and William Minter. Witnessed by John Patterson. Note: in the Essex Co General Index to

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220 Essex Co. Order Book 31, P. 159.
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Deeds, 1722-1798, this is recorded as Isaac Kidd et als to John Paterson, 15 Feb 1762 (DB 29, p. 72). [See Isaac Kidd record.]

LUCY _____ KIDD, wife of John Kidd, who died by June 1801

1794 – In an Essex Co deed dated and recorded 15 Dec 1794, the heirs of Henry Kidd sold the land they inherited from their father Henry Kidd: **John Kidd and wife Lucy** of King and Queen Co; William Kidd [no wife named] of King and Queen Co, Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline Co and John Brown and Mary his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline Co. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex Co. Land described as “being those tracts of land whereon Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd are entitled to under the last will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.” Sarah Kidd, Mary Brown, and Lucy Kidd relinquish their dowers in separate examinations by men appointed by the Essex Co court. [See Henry Kidd section.]

1801 – Essex County Court, 16 June 1801. **Lucy Kidd**, executrix of **John Kidd**, deceased, Petitioner against Thomas Dix and John Croxton, Defendants} On Petition Defendants though solemnly called failed to appear…Court rules that the petitioner recover of the defendants the sum of £4.5.2, and also her costs…the defendants in mercy, etc…this Judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £1.2 with interest from 1 January 1794 till payment, and her costs.

MARY KIDD(S)

MARY HALBERT KIDD (ca 1740-1809), wife of William Kidd Sr. of Caroline Co and great-granddaughter of John Cooke of Essex Co VA. Married by 1757, likely in Essex Co.

1757 – in an Essex County deed dated 31 March 1757, William Kidd to Theophilis Faver, trust deed, for 250 lbs. **Mary, wife of Wm Kidd**, equal right with sister Sarah Charles to half of land of John Cooke, great-grandfather to said **Mary Kidd** and Sarah Charles, 80 acres, 52 lbs, "all his right". Mary listed as "now wife". Notes when wife Mary "shall come of age". This must have happened by September 1761, when William and Mary sell the land.

1761 – in a deed dated 21 September 1761, **William Kidd and wife Mary of King & Queen** sold for £52.13 current money to Thos Faver, son of Theophilus Faver of Essex, ½ interest in estate of John Cooke dec’d., great grandfather of said **Mary Kidd** and her sister Sarah Charles, who owns the other ½ interest, which previously

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224 Essex Co VA Deed Book 29, p. 72.
225 Essex County VA Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.
227 Essex Co VA Deed Book 28, p. 16.
had been sold to Theophilus Faver, father of said Thomas Faver. This deed to fulfill obligations of bond in the first sale. No witnesses.\textsuperscript{228}

21 September 1761. **William Kidd and Mary his wife** (she being first privily examined and voluntarily granting thereto) acknowledged their deed of lease and release … to Thomas Faver, which was admitted to record.\textsuperscript{229}

By 1764, William and Mary Kidd are in Caroline Co VA, where he became a prominent landowner. He died in 1802, leaving a considerable estate to his widow Mary and their large family. **See Caroline Co for the records for William and Mary Kidd.**

**MARY KIDD, listed as deceased Essex Co landowner in 1777**

1777 – 17 February 1777. **Mary Kidd, deceased**, is listed among the adjoining landowners (along with Webb and Ritchie’s mill dam, Byrom’s lands, the Glebe swamp, Treble’s land, land formerly Hardy’s and Meggs) to a parcel of land being sold by Mary Williamson, executrix of (?) Williamson, deed. Of South Farnham Parish to Robert Mann of the same place.\textsuperscript{230}

**MARY KIDD, daughter of Henry Kidd, married John Brown by 1785, was living in Caroline Co in 1794. Likely born by 1765, given that she was married by 1785.**

1785 – **Mary Kidd**, daughter of Henry Kidd, had married John Brown by 1785, when her father Henry’s will was written. He was executor of her father’s estate along with her brother John Kidd.\textsuperscript{231}

1794 – In an Essex Co deed dated and recorded 15 Dec 1794, the heirs of Henry Kidd sold the land they inherited from their father Henry Kidd: John Kidd and wife Lucy of King and Queen Co; William Kidd [no wife named] of King and Queen Co, Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline Co and **John Brown and Mary his wife** [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline Co. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex Co. Land described as “being those tracts of land whereon Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, **Mary Brown** and Sarah Kidd are entitled to under the last will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.” Sarah Kidd, **Mary Brown**, and Lucy Kidd relinquish their dowers in separate examinations by men appointed by the Essex Co court.\textsuperscript{232} [See Henry Kidd section.]

1795 – 20 October 1795, Essex Co court. A Commission for the privy examination of **Mary the wife of John Brown** respecting her right of dower in two certain

\textsuperscript{228} Essex Co VA Deed Book 29, pp. 45-49. This William Kidd and his wife Mary had moved to K&Q Co. by the time of this document. Scans of this deed are in the Essex Co. Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

\textsuperscript{229} Essex Co. Order Book 23, page 385, retrieved from FHL #1929872 (item 2), image 406.


\textsuperscript{232} Essex County VA Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.
tenements and tracts of land lying in this county and parish of South Farnham and containing 275 acres, more or less, conveyed by deed of Bargain and Sale bearing the date the (30th?) day of December 1794 from John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to Thomas Roane of the County of Essex, being returned together with a certificate thereto annexed of her free and voluntary relinquishment of that right; the same is ordered to be recorded. 233

MARY KIDD, assignee of James Kidd, assignee of Isaac Kidd, relationship not known

1800 – 15 September 1800, Essex Co court. Mary Kidd, assignee of James Kidd, assignee of Isaac Kidd, Plf against Thomas Wood Junr. and James Dix, Dfpts} In Debt. …On the motion of the Deft by his attorney, the Judgment obtained at the Rules in the Clerk’s Office in this cause is set aside… (case continued). 234

MOSES KIDD, likely the son of William and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex Co. Also found in Caroline and King & Queen Cos.

1736 – 26 March 1736: A Moses Kidd was one of the witnesses (along with William Goulding Junr.) to a deed made 26 March 1736 in which John Hines of Essex Co. sold land to Ralph Farmer of the same place. Moses Kidd signed with an X. The deed was acknowledged in court on 20 July 1736 and admitted to record. 235

PHILIP KIDD(s)

PHILIP KIDD, born by 1723, probably Middlesex Co, and died by 1801, Essex Co VA. Wife’s name not known. Son of Thomas3 Kidd of Middlesex and Essex Cos and the administrator of his father’s will in January 1748.

1744 – 18 Sept 1744, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Vincent Hudson, millwright of the Parish of South Farnham in the County of Essex gave to John Evans of the same place a parcel of 10 acres of land in Essex Co. This deed was signed 17 May 1744 in the presence of the witnesses, including Philip Kidd. 236

1748 – Philip Kidd was a witness to the Essex Co will of Edward Williamson, dated 1 Dec 1748, proved 17 January 1748/9, along with Thos. Edmondson and Ann (x) Williamson. 237 This will names Williamson’s brother-in-law James Webb as executor

and heir.\textsuperscript{238}

On 17 January 1748/9, \textbf{Philip Kidd} was security for Thomas Edmonson and James Webb's bond, as executors of the estate of Edward Williamson.\textsuperscript{239}

1750/1 – An account of the estate of Thomas3 Kidd was returned to Essex Co Court on 19 February 1750/51 by \textbf{Philip Kidd}, executor.\textsuperscript{240} It included payments to several people amounting to 44 Pounds, 9 shillings and 7 pence. Among those to whom monies were paid were Robert Farish, Nicholas Smith, Jr., Thomas Haile, Daniel Kidd (Thomas3 Kidd’s brother), who received 9 pounds, 7 shillings, 5 1/2 pence, and Thomas4 Kidd (Thomas3 Kidd’s son), who received 1 pound, 1 shilling, 10 pence.

1750 – In a deed dated 14 Mar 1750, \textbf{Philip Kidd} of South Farnham Parish, executor of Thomas Kidd deceased, sells to Philip Parr Edmondson for “ten pounds and two pence” the Kidd’s Mill property, “consisting of one acre and a water grist mill” belonging to his late father Thomas3 Kidd. “Thomas Edmonson deceased, father of Philip Parr Edmondson” previously had purchased the mill property at auction. Witnesses: Samuel Smith, William Gordon, and Luke Covington.\textsuperscript{241}

1752 – 1 June 1752, Essex Co court. Thomas Haile, Plt vs \textbf{Philip Kidd}, James Webb & Robert Acre\} In Debt. The Dfts confessed judgment to the Plt for the sum of £2.6.7 with interest from 23 April 1751 til paid.\textsuperscript{242}

1753 – 22 June 1753, Essex Co court. Waters Dunn v. \textbf{Philip Kidd}\} Petition £1.14.1 due by account. The Dft though solemnly called did not come forth… Court rules that the Plt recover this sum plus his costs. And the said Dft in mercy, etc.\textsuperscript{243}

1755 – 4 December 1755. \textbf{Philip Kidd} and Henry Kidd were among the male freeholders voting for John Upshaw in an Essex Co Election of Burgesses. Interestingly, William Kidd voted for a different candidate, Capt. James Garnett, in this election. [Only landowners aged 21 or more could vote in the Election of Burgesses.]\textsuperscript{244}

1756 – 17 March 1756, Essex Co court. Samuel McCall, Mercht. North Britain? Against James Webb and \textbf{Philip Kidd}\} In Debt. The Dfts state that they cannot gainsay the complaint of the Plt, and accept that they owe to him the sum of £6.17.4, the debt in the complaint. The Court reduced their payment to £3.8.8, with interest from 1 September 1752, till paid, plus his costs.\textsuperscript{245}

\textsuperscript{238} Will of Edward Williamson of Essex Co VA, \url{http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/essex/wills/willmsn1.txt}.


\textsuperscript{241} Essex Co. Deed Book 28, pp. 92-94. Scans of this deed are in the Essex Co. Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

\textsuperscript{242} Essex County Order Book 17, 1751-1752, p. 227.

\textsuperscript{243} Essex County Order Book 19, p. 41.


\textsuperscript{245} Essex County Order Book 21, p. 216.
1758 – Philip Kid was among the group of 41 male citizens of South Farnham Parish who notified the County Court that they intended to establish a Church in South Farnham Parish on the lands of Thomas Miller.246

1758 – In July 1758, Henry, Isaac and Philip Kidd voted in an election for the House of Burgesses in Essex Co.247

18 July 1758, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd acknowledged his deed indented etc to Phill. Farr Edmondson to be his act and deed, and admitted to record.248

1759 – On 9 July 1759, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that Philip Kid, William Dunn Jr. and William Gordon or any two of them procession the lands in their precinct, beginning at Capt. Benjamin Smith's Landing, and so up Piscataway Creek to the Old Mill, from thence along the road to Capt. James Webb's Ordinary, from thence down the branch to the Dragon & to William Cheney's … and to finish by 15 January, and to make their return, as the law directs.249

On the report of their processioning dated 3 Dec 1759, Philip Kid's neighbors (with whom he shared a common boundary, were listed as Thomas Cox and Constant Edmonson.250

1761 – 7 May 1761. Philip and Henry Kidd are listed among the voters in an election in Essex Co.251

1763 – On 4 Aug 1763, Philip Kid, William Gordon and William Fletcher or any three of them were ordered to procession the land in their precinct, "beginning with Capt. Benjamin Smith's Landing, and so up tp Piscataway Creek, to the Old Mill, from thence along the road to Capt. James Webb's Ordinary, from thence down the branch to the Dragon and to William Cheney's, from thence to Capt. Benj. Smith's Landing … beginning the fifth of December and to finish by the 15th day of January.252

Later in this year or early in 1764, these three commissioners returned their report. In it, they report processioning "the line between Thomas Cox and Thomas Williamson, in the presence of Thomas Cox and Philip Kid. The line between Thomas Cox and Philip Kidd, in the presence of Thomas Cox and Philip Kid. The

247 The votes for the various candidates in this election were recorded in Essex Co. Deed Book 28, pp. 95-99, found on FHL #1929940, Essex Co. DBs 28-29, on extended loan at the Bellevue, WA FHC. Also cited in Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p133-134.
248 Essex County Order Book 22, page 210, found on FHL #1929872, item 1. (I failed to capture the image number of this page.)
line between Joseph Mann and Philip Kidd, in the presence of Joseph Mann and Philip Kid … The line between Constant Edmondson and James Edmondson in the presence of John Mann and Philip Kid. The line between John Rodden and Philip Kid, in presence of John Rodden and Philip Kid. The line between Thomas Williamson and Philip Kid, in the presence of John Williamson Jr. and Philip Kid. The line between William Gordon and Thomas Williamson in the presence of John Williamson Jr. and Philip Kid. The line between William Gordon and John Davis in presence of Davis and Philip Kid. The line between John Davis and Isaac Jordon in presence of Davis and Philip Kid."

1764 – 17 April 1764, Essex Co court. John Goode and Ann his wife (who first being privily examined and voluntarily assenting thereto) acknowledged their deed …to William Fletcher, on whose motion they are admitted to record. And the Deed, Memorandum and Receipt (as to Ruth Sales) were proved by the oath of Philip Kidd, William Gordon, and John Winn, and were ordered to be recorded.

1764-1765 – Philip Kidd is found on the tithable lists of Essex Co. in these years, in the "Lower precinct of South Farnham Parish, with 198 acres, and two tithables. The entry states that the two tithables were "Philip Kidd and Nan" (the latter most likely representing a female slave, since free individuals were listed by both given and surnames).

1765 – 9 July 1765. Henry Kidd, Phill Kidd and Isaac Kidd were among the freeholders voting in the Election of Burgesses.

1768 – In 1768, both Henry Kidd and Philip Kidd were among the freeholders who voted in the Election of Burgesses.

1769 – In 1769, Henry Kidd, Isaac Kidd and Philip Kidd were listed among the voters in the Election of Burgesses.

21 Mar 1769. John Edmondson, Jr. of South Farnham Parish, Essex Co, sold to Isaac Kidd of the same place a plantation and 50 acre parcel on the south side of Piscattaway Creek in the said parish, which land was granted to Daniel Taylor by Thos Edmondson and Constant his wife…afterwards devised to Henry Purkins Taylor …adj. Glady Swamp. Philip Kidd was one of the witnesses to this deed.

1770 – 17 September 1770, Essex Co court. On the motion of Henry Kidd and his performing what the Law in the __ __, Certificate is granted to him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of Isaac Kidd, deceased in due form.

254 Essex County Order Book 25, p. 216.
255 The Virginia Genealogist 45:168, 2001, citing the two lists "found among loose papers at the Library of Virginia.
256 Essex Co Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 235-242. Abstracts of these voter lists are found in the Brewer books (see Secondary Sources).
Henry Kidd together with Philip Kidd his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the said Henry's true and faithful administration of the estate of Isaac Kidd, deceased.

Ordered that Robert McCann, John McCann, Ambrose Wright, and William Fletcher or any three of them (being first sworn according to Law) do appraise the Estate of Isaac Kidd deceased and that the administrator return an Inventory thereof to the Court.260

1771 – 21-22 April 1771. Henry Kidd, Philip Kidd and Pitman Kidd were among the voters electing delegates and candidates in Essex Co.261

On 8 October 1771, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that Philip Kidd, Thomas Gordon and Isaac Jordan procession every person's land in their precinct, beginning at Mrs. Elizabeth Wright's landing, and go up Piscataway Creek to the Old Mill, from thence along the road to Mr. James Webb's Ordinary, from thence down the branch to the Dragon and to William Cheney's … beginning the 5th day of December and to finish by the 15th day of January.262

In a report back to the Vestry of South Farnham Parish for 1771, by processioners Francis Brizendine, John Brezindine and John Dobbyns, they stated that they processioned numerous property boundaries, including the one between Philip Kid and Constant Edmondson, another between Philip Kid and Evan Davis, and a third between Philip Kid and Thomas Cox; and the boundaries between Isaac Kid and his neighbors, William Fletcher and Robt. Brooke. Moreover, Robert Brooke had a common boundary with Constant Edmondson, so Isaac and Philip were close neighbors.263

22 November 1771. Henry Kidd and Philip Kidd were among the freeholders voting in an election at the courthouse in Essex Co.264

1772 – 1 October 1772, Philip Kidd, Thomas Gordon and Isaac Jordan returned their 1771 procession report to the Vestry of South Farnham Parish.265

1774 – Feb 1774, Essex Ci court. Philip Kidd ordered to appraise estate of Thos. Cox dec'd along with John Webb, Thomas Cox, and John McCain [?]. Merriweather Smith, administrator of estate of Thomas Cox, with John Edmundson as security.266
1775 – On 27 October 1775, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered Philip Kidd, Thomas Gorden and Evan Davis or any two of them to procession the land of every person in their precinct (names similar or identical to the last processioning order), and report back to the Vestry.267

1777 – In Feb 1777, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd ordered to appraise personal estate, including any slaves, of Thomas Gordon dec’d, along with William Dunn, Evan Davis, and Isaac Jordon. Phebe [?] Gordon named as administrator, with Thomas Fogg, Richard St. John, and Henry Purkins her securities.268

22 November 1777. Philip Kidd was among the neighbors (along with Evan Davis and James Webb) to a tract of land given by Evan Davis of South Farnham Parish to his son, Philip Davis of St. Stephen Parish, King and Queen County…269

1779 – On 1 October 1779, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that Philip Kidd, Evan Davis and Richard Broocke or any two of them procession every person's land in their precinct, beginning at Mrs. Wright's Landing formerly, and so up Piscataway Creek to the Old Mill, then along the road to Mr. Wm. Haverton's [Howerton’s?] Ordinary, from thence down the branch to the Dragon, and to William Cheney's …270

1780 – 15 March 1780. Philip Kidd was one of the jurors empaneled for Essex County Court.271

1781 – 19 March 1781. Philip Parr Edmondson of Charles City sold to James Edmondson of Essex County a tract of 100 acres…bounded by Kidd's old mill swamp, John Roddi, Fliitcher's line, Pitman Kidd, Spring Br and Philip Kidd, including 10 acres laying Back of Pitman Kidd's land…272

1782 – In the Essex Co. Court records pertaining to claims submitted for livestock, supplies, provisions, etc. supplied to the County or to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, Philip Kidd's name appears several times: Essex Co. Court Booklet (no date), p. 10. Philip Kidd, 1 beef, 150#, £1.17.6.273

Essex Co. Lists, p. 4, account of grass beesves collected by Thos. Wood Commissioner of Essex Co. from Sept. 9, 1781. List includes “Philip Kidd, 1” (but amt. due left blank).274

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The source for the above entries appears to be Essex Co. Order Book 29, p. 519: Essex County Court, 17 April 1782. On 17 October 1781, Philip Kidd was granted a certificate for 150 pounds of grass beeves, for a sum of £1.17.6.

1784 – 16 February 1784, Essex Co court. James Edmondson the Elder and John Edmondson, Gent. and Leroy Daingerfield or any two of them are appointed to examine, state and settle Philip Kidd’s account of his guardianship of the estate of Isaac Kidd, orphan of Isaac Kidd, deceased.275

Essex County Court, 21 June 1784. A Settlement of Philip Kidd’s account of his Guardianship of the Estate of Isaac Kidd, orphan of Isaac Kidd, deceased, was returned and ordered to be recorded.276

2 September 1784. Philip Kidd was among the neighbors (along with Jas. Webb, Willm Prosser and Evan Davis) to a tract of land sold by Philip Davis and Salley his wife of St. Marget Parish, Caroline Co. to Evan Davis of South Farnham Parish, Essex Co.277

18 October 1784, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd is appointed Guardian to Philip Broockes, orphan of Richard Broockes, dec’d. Whereupon the said Philip Kidd together with James Edmondson his security entered into and acknowledged a bond according to Law which is ordered to be certified.278

1785 – 15 August 1785. Philip Kidd was one of the witnesses (along with Jas. Edmondson and Thos. Jeffries) to two deeds from Richard Jeffries of South Farnham Parish to Richard Cauthorn of the same place.279

1786 – Philip Kidd is among the voters in an election of delegates for Essex County in April 1786.280

17 June 1786, Philip Kidd presented his account of the Guardianship of Phillip Broocks, child of Richard Broocks.281

1787 – 8 September 1787, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd returned and made oath to an account of his guardianship of Isaac Kidd, his ward’s estate, which is ordered to be recorded.282

On September 17, 1787, Philip Kidd’s guardian’s account for Isaac Kidd [deceased son of Isaac Kidd], was received by the Essex County Court, examined, accepted, and ordered to be recorded. The first item of the account is a bond owed to Pitman

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275 Essex County Order Book 30, p. 1.
278 Essex County Order Book 30, p. 53.
282 Essex County Order Book 30, p. 371.
Kidd (Isaac’s older brother) for 12.0.0. The account runs from April 1784 to
November 1786. Most items were for clothing, and for the taxes and care of the
Negroes who presumably were Isaac’s inheritance from his father. There is one
payment for books. In 1784, tax was paid on “two young Negroes,” in 1785, tax was
paid on “three young Negroes,” in 1785, 1 quart rum was purchased for “Negro
Milley,” and in 1786, the tax was paid on “Negro Tom.” Isaac owned seven slaves –
Moll, Humphrey, Will, Syras/Cyrus, Daniel, Bell and Phill, all named in this
record.283

1794 – 19 May 1794, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd for the benefit of Philip Broocks,
 Plaintiff against Reubin Shepherd, Defendant} In Debt.  
…on the motion of the Defendant, the office judgment is set aside, who pleads
 payment, also usury in the Contract. To which said Pleas the Plaintiff replies
generally… (appears to have been continued).284

1796 – 25 March 1796, Essex Co court. Philip Kidd, plaintiff against Reuben Shepherd
Defendant} In Debt. (Shepherd waives his plea, and confesses to the debt …the
Court orders that the plaintiff recover from the defendant £7.12.6 or gold or silver at
the value thereof on the 22nd day of July 1789, the debt in the declaration, and his
costs. But this judgment is to be satisfied by the payment of £3.16.3 with legal
interest from 22 July 1789 until payment, and his costs.285

25 March 1796, Essex Co court. Ordered that Philip Kidd pay John Dunn fifty-
three cents for one days attendance at this court as a witness for him against Reuben
Shepherd (in an Action of Debt).286

1798 – This Indenture made this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord 1798 between
Philip Kidd of the County of Essex of the one part and Philip Broocke of the same
county of the other part Witnesseth that the said Philip Kidd for and in
consideration of the sum of Ten Pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand
well and truly paid by the said Philip Broocke at or before the sealing and delivery of
these presents, the receipt whereof he the said Philip Kidd doth hereby
acknowledge, Hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, and confirmed …
unto the said Philip Broocke a piece or parcel of land whereon he the said Philip
Brooke now lives, bounded as follows, viz. Beginning at a large red oak corner to
sd. Kidd and William Croston, thence a straight course to a red oak dividing line
between sd. Kidd and Croston, thence a direct course to a Post oak, thence to
another post oak near the head of a bottom, thence …(more tree landmarks) …near
a branch which is corner to sd. Kidd and Brooke, and the land that formerly
belonged to John Rodden, dec'd. ... adj. James Webb ... containing 90 acres more or
less together with all and singular the appurtenances ... In witness whereof he the sd.
Philip Kidd to these presents has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal
the day and year within written.

(signed) Philip (his X mark) Kidd {seal}

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283 Essex Co VA Guardian’s Accounts, 1784-1786, pp. 154-156, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 89-90.
Scans of these images are available from the authors.
Witnesses:
John Trible
John Mann
Ludy Trible

Proved in Court and admitted to record 15 Oct. 1798.  

18 October 1798, Essex Co court. A Deed Indented bearing the date 13 October 1798 from Philip Kidd to Philip Brooke was proved by the oaths of John Trible, John Mann and Lucy Trible, the witnesses to the same subscribed, and ordered to be recorded.

1799 – Know all men by these presents that I Philip Kidd of the County of Essex for and in consideration of my son in law Charles Stewart agreeing to make himself responsible to Pitman Kidd and Benjamin Kidd, administrators of Isaac Kidd, dec’d [likely their brother Isaac Jr.] for a debt I owe to the estate of the said deceased amounting to forty-five pounds current money, and has discharged me from the said debt by giving his bond to the sd. administrators …

“I do give and grant to my friend and son-in-law [name not recorded, but is Charles Stewart; see below] the land and plantation whereon I now live, with my still and all my stock of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep and household furniture, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demands …In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of May 1799.

(signed) Philip (his X mark) Kidd {seal}

Witnesses:
John Trible
Ludy Trible
Thos. (his X mark) Cauthorn

Proved in Court and admitted to record 17 June 1799.

A Deed of Gift bearing date the 7th day of May 1799 from Philip Kidd to Charles Stewart was proved by the oaths of John Trible, Ludy Trible and Thomas Cauthorn, the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

1782-1800 – Philip Kidd appears on the 1782 PPTL, the first year in which these lists were created, taxed for one white tithe (himself), 1 Negro child, 10 cattle, & 2 horses. A Henry Kidd is the only other Kidd male on the 1782 PPTL for Essex Co., and he is in a different district. Like Henry, Philip is well-off, by Kidd standards, but not as well off as Henry is (see Henry Kidd section).

From 1790-1792, he has 2 white male tithes in his HH; in all other years, he has just one.

Philip appears annually on these PPTLs until 1800. In 1799, he's listed as Philip

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287 Essex Co. DB 35, pp. 45-46. Scans of this deed available from RK.
289 Essex Co. DB 35, pp. 115-116. Scans of this deed available from RK.
Kidd, Sr., and a Philip Jr. appears for the first time; this Philip Jr. drops from the Essex Co. PPTL in 1800, and does not reappear.

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In 1801, Philip Kidd drops from the annual PPTLs, and as we learn from the LTLs below, he died in 1800 or early 1801.

1782, ff. – Philip Kidd appears on the first available Land Tax List (LTL) for Essex Co VA. [The acres change in 1799s.]

[Note: On the 1806 Essex LTLs, Charles Stewart is named to pay the tax on the Estate of Philip Kidd. Charles Stewart was identified as Phillip’s son-in-law in recording the 1799 deed of gift, above.]

See the table below for Philip’s annual land tax listings. [Note: This acreage changes in 1806 to 135 acres and then reverts to 108 acres. The 1806 notation may be an error.]
The Kidds of Essex County, Virginia, 1724-1852

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In 1818, Philip’s estate drops from the PPTLs (it is listed on the LTLs from 1801-1817) and doesn’t reappear.

Likely near death, Philip Kidd made a 1799 deed of gift of all his land and possessions to Charles Stewart, identified as his son-in-law [see above]. Likely for this reason, there is no estate record for Phillip Kidd in Essex Co.

**PHILIP KIDD JR.** (likely son of Philip Sr.), born by 1769 to 1774 in Essex Co VA. He first appears as a second WMT in Philip Sr.’s HH in 1790 and in his own household in 1799. Nothing more known.

1799 – a second Philip Kidd, designated Philip Kidd Jr., appears for the only time on the 1799 Essex Co VA PPTL, taxed only for his own tithe, with no slaves or horses. Drops off the PPTL in 1800. Nothing more known.

**PITMAN KIDD**, eldest son of Isaac Kidd, born before 1756, likely in Essex Co VA, died in Hanover County VA before 25 May 1808. His 1806 will names “my two daughters” given as Sarah B. Watt and Mary C. Jones, wife of John Jones. Married 2nd Agnes Richardson Sharp, who also had two daughters named in his will.

1770 – 19 November 1770, Essex Co court. Henry Kidd is appointed guardian to **Pitman**, Benjamin and Isaac **Kidd**, orphans of Isaac Kidd, deceased, whereupon the said
Henry with William D. Roane as his security entered into and acknowledged a bond for the same.291

1771 – 21-22 April 1771. Henry Kidd, Philip Kidd and Pitman Kidd were among the voters electing delegates and candidates in Essex Co.292

1772 – 17 February 1772, Essex Co court. An Indenture of Apprenticeship from Pitman Kidd to Thomas Sholson [Shelton?] was acknowledged by the parties and approved by the Court, which is ordered to be certified.293

1774 – Essex County Court, 18 July 1774. Pitman Kidd, an apprentice to Thomas Shelson (Shelton?) is discharged from his apprenticeship on reasons appearing to the Court.294 [Note: Pitman was 18 years old in 1774, which likely marked the end of his apprenticeship.]

1777 – 15 August 1777 Essex Co court. Henry Kidd’s accounts of his guardianship for both Pitman Kidd and Isaac Kidd for the years 1771-1776 were returned to the Court; they were examined, allowed and ordered to be recorded.295

1778 – 16 March 1778. The final division of Isaac Kidd’s estate was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. Names Isaac’s “three children Pitman, Benjamin, and Isaac.” To Pitman Kidd, "the eldest son," “all the Negroes” Dick, Suckey, and children Michael and Mol, valued at 150 lbs. Pitman to pay to “Henry Kidd, guardian of the younger sons Benjamin and Isaac” 50 lbs each for slaves, being their “apportionable part” of the value of the slaves “together with interest from 1 Jan 1771.” Division of estate, after reimbursements to guardian Henry Kidd, was allocated among the three sons of Isaac Kidd: Pitman Kidd, named as the “elder brother,” Benjamin Kidd, named as the “second son,” and Isaac Kidd, named as the “youngest son.” A John Walden was witness to the final division of the estate.296

1781 – 19 March 1781. In a deed on this date, Philip Parr Edmondson of Charles City sold to James Edmondson of Essex County a tract of 100 acres…bounded by Kidd’s old mill swamp John Roddi, Fletcher’s line, Pitman Kidd, Spring Br and Philip Kidd, including 10 acres laying back of Pitman Kidd’s land…297

1782, 1786-1789 – in each of these years, Pitman Kidd appears on the Essex Co. Land Tax Lists, but not the PPTLs. In each of these years, he's taxed on 128 acres in Essex County.

1783 – In a deed dated 7 April 1783 and recorded 19 May 1783, Pitman Kidd of Essex Co to James Fisher of same, male Negro child named Solomon, £25, and 50 acres “up the branch” to James Edmondson’s line to Peter Trible’s corner to Merriweather

295 Essex Co. Guardians Book, 1761-1796, pp. 130-132, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 77-78. Scanned images available.
Brooks’ line to James Edmondson’s line to Fletcher’s line. Witnessed by James Durham, Samuel Coats, Isaac Kidd [likely Pittman’s brother].

19 May 1783, Essex Co court. A Deed Indented with the receipt thereon endorsed from Pitman Kidd to James Fisher were proved by James Durham, Samuel Coates, and Isaac Kidd thereto and ordered to be recorded.

In a deed dated 25 July 1783 and recorded 15 Dec 1783, Pitman Kidd of South Farnham Parish sells 192 acres to Isaac Jordan of same for sum of £192. Bounded by Susannah Crow and Pitman’s line at the corner of Tub River Swamp to John Crow, thence to line of Pitman and Thomas Howerton, to corner of Pitman’s line, William Brizendine, Thos Howerton, Roger Shackleford, Mary Coates, and Gilbee Tureman, down to Tub River Swamp corner between Pittman, William Tureman, and Benjamin Dunn. Witnessed by William Edmondson, Edmund Edmondson, Edmund Dunn, and Isaac Kidd [likely Pittman’s brother].

15 December 1783, Essex Co court. A Deed Indented with the receipt thereon endorsed from Pitman Kidd to Isaac Jordan were proved by the oaths of William Edmondson, Edmond Edmondson, and Edmund Dunn, three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Bet. 1783-1789 – Some time during this period, Pitman Kidd moved from Essex Co to Hanover Co VA, although he continues to appear in the Essex Co records.

1783-1807 – a Pitman Kidd appears on the annual PPTLs for Hanover Co. RK personally reviewed these PPTLs on microfilm from the Family History Library, and found minor discrepancies from the printed transcript; he went with the original records in these instances in the Table below. Pitman invariably was found in St. Paul's Parish, evidently in the eastern part of the county.

[In this table, underage slaves (<16) and those above 16 have been combined.]

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<td>5</td>
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<td>Self &amp; two unnamed adult males &gt;21</td>
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298 Essex Co Deed Book 32, p. 149.
300 Essex Co Deed Book 30, p. 183.
301 Essex Co. Order Book 30, p. 308.
302 Hanover County Taxpayers, St. Paul's Parish, 1782-1815: a register of taxpayers, with legends, together with individual lists and descriptions of their assessable personal property, by William Ronald Cocke, Clearfield, 1956, p. 75.
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1783, ff. – Pitman Kidd ALSO starts appearing in the Hanover Co. VA Land Tax Lists (LTLS) in 1783, having not been listed in either Parish on the 1782 LTLs. For the years 1784-1786, the LTLs themselves are not available, and only Alterations for these years have been microfilmed. See Table below:

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<td>St. Pauls</td>
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<td>To be</td>
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1784 – 1 May 1784, Pitmon Kidd, living in the “lower part of Hanover,” places an ad in the Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser, published in Richmond, seeking the return of a runaway slave named Humphrey:

“Twenty Dollars Reward. RUN away from the subscriber on the 8th of March last, a negro man named Humphrey, 26 years of age, about 6 feet high, strong made, and
very likely; he is fond of playing on the banjo. He was born and bred up in Essex
county, and is supposed to be now lurking in that county, Caroline or Amelia, in
both which he has relations; he is very artful and sensible, and unless great care is
taken he will make his escape when apprehended; he has been much indulged and
never whipped, as may be seen by his back. Whoever will bring him to me in the
lower part of Hanover, near the New Bridges, shall be paid the above reward.
PITMON KIDD.”

Pitman and Isaac Kidd were two of the Hanover County signers of a legislative
petition dated November 16, 1784, asking that the act entitled "An Act Authorizing
the Manumission of Slaves" be repealed and that no free negroes or mulattoes be
permitted to pass as free men unless they produce proof of their right to freedom.
The said proof must be in the hand of the Hanover Clerk of Court. Signatures are:
Absolom Melton
John Melton
Elias White
Pleasant Martin
David Martin
Littlebury Wade
Hampton Wade
Moses Wade
Pitman Kidd
Henry Wade
Isaac Kidd
Thomas White
Zachariah Wade

1787 – 10 Sept 1787, Essex Co court. Pitman Kidd, Plaintiff against John Dunn,
administrator of Isaac Jordan, deceased} In Debt.
Came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys and on the motion of the defendant by
his attorney the office Judgment in this suit is set aside and the Defendant defends
the force and injury(?) etc…. and for plea saith that he has well and truly paid to the
plaintiff the debt in the declaration mentioned and of this he puts himself upon the
County and the plaintiff doth likewise the same. Therefore the Sheriff is commanded
...(the entry just tails off – evidently it’s being continued at a later date. See
below.)

10 Sept 1787, Essex Co court. Pitman Kidd, Plaintiff against John Dickerson,
Defendant} In Debt.
William Edmondson offers bail for the Deft. Thereupon upon the motion of the
Deft. the office judgment in this case is set aside and the Deft. defends the force and

303 The Geography of Slavery in Virginia website, University of Virginia,
http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/saxon/servlet/SaxonServlet?source=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/vg1784.xml
&style=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/display_ad.xsl&ad=v1784050004

304 Wesley E Pippenger, "" Magazine of Virginia Genealogy; Virginia Genealogical Society, VGS Publications
(vgs.org/magazine : accessed).a Genealogical Society, VGS Publications. vgs.org/magazine, Vol. 31, NO.1,
page 17, LEGISLATIVE PETITIONS HANOVER COUNTY.

injury when etc… and states that he has paid the debt in the declaration…(case continued, as above).\textsuperscript{306}

1788 – 22 August 1788, Essex Co court. **Pitman Kidd**, Plaintiff against John Dunn, administrator of Isaac Jordan, dec’d, with the will attached, Defendant} In Debt. This day came the parties by their attorneys and the said Defendant waives his former plea and acknowledges the P’s action…The Court rules that the P recover against the D £128, the debt in the declaration, and his costs. But this Judgment is to be satisfied by the payment of £64, with legal interest thereon from 25 July 1783 till paid. To be levied on the proper goods and chattels of the Decedent, if the Defendant hath so much thereof in his hands to be administered, from which Judgment the Defendant prayed an appeal…which was granted to him, with Nathaniel S. Crow and James Paul his securities…entered into and acknowledged a Bond for prosecuting the said appeal with effect.\textsuperscript{307}

22 August 1788, Essex Co court. **Pitman Kidd**, Plaintiff against John Dickerson, Defendant} In Debt. This day came the Plaintiff by his attorney and this suit is discontinued. Therefore Judgment is granted the Defendant against the said Plaintiff for his costs about his defence in this behalf expended.\textsuperscript{308}

1790 – 5 Oct 1790. Nathaniel Talley of Halifax County and Sarah his wife to **Pitman Kidd** of Hanover. 130 acres of land “given to me by my father bounded by Joshua Acree dec’d, Mathew Witlock, John Chapel, William Thurman dec’d & Richard Jones. For £100.\textsuperscript{309}

1797 – on 29 Dec 1797, a marriage bond was issued in Henrico Co VA for **Pitman Kidd** and Agnes Sharp, widow of Richard Sharp. Robert Coleman, security. Witnessed by Susannah H. Bradley.\textsuperscript{310}

1800 – Pitman Kidd was a signer of several petitions in Hanover Co on Dec. 16, 1800.\textsuperscript{311}

1804 – On 24 Nov 1804, **Pitman Kidd** and wife [Agnes] of Hanover Co to Samuel Richardson [Agnes’s brother] of Goochland Co, for £500 current money of Virginia. On the waters of the Byrd Creek adjoining John Moore, Daniel Ross, and Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, M Pace, and Richard Adams. 540 acres. Said Pitman and wife entitled to 1/3 part of the distribution, wife [Agnes] being daughter of Samuel Richardson deceased of Goochland Co. Both sign. Witnesses Reuben George, William George Jr., Henry Hopkins. Recorded 8 Mar 1805, release of dower for Agnes recorded 18 Apr 1805.\textsuperscript{312} [SKK note: The remaining 2/3 were

\textsuperscript{306}Ibid.
\textsuperscript{307}Essex Co. Order Book 31, p. 106.
\textsuperscript{308}Ibid.
\textsuperscript{309}Hanover County Virginia Deeds, 1783-1792, abstracted and compiled by Rosalie Edith Davis, (includes Index), Heritage Trails Press, 1985, p. 111, citing page 527 of this deed book.
\textsuperscript{310}Marriages of Henrico County Virginia 1680-1808, by Joyce H. Lindsay, privately published, Richmond VA, 1960, p. 51, citing Marriage Bonds p. 55.
\textsuperscript{311}Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, volume 31, pages 63 and 64.
\textsuperscript{312}Goochland Co VA DB 19, p. 187.
distributed to Samuel Richardson [Jr.] and Mary Richardson Royster, wife of William Royster.\footnote{Information about the Samuel Richardson Family found in \textit{Hanover County Chancery Wills And Notes: A Compendium of Genealogical, Biographical And Historical Material As Contained in Cases of the Chancery Suits of Hanover County, Virginia}, originally published 1940, reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company, 1978, 1992, p. 121.}

1805 – there is a suit in Henrico Co. Chancery Court, wherein the administrator of Hales Sharp sues Pitman Kidd and others (Case 1805-007). This is most likely related to his wife, Agnes Richardson Sharp Kidd, the widow of Richard Sharp, and rent due from her first husband's estate. But we have not seen this document (just found the citation in VA Chancery Court records online at the library of Virginia).\footnote{This case has not been digitized by the staff at the Library of Virginia as of this date (August 2019), and thus it is not viewable online. A visit to the Library of Virginia will be required to view this suit.}


Essex Court of Quarterly Session, 20 May 1806. \textbf{Pitman Kidd}, Plt vs Thomas Wood Junr. & Joseph Wood, his special bail, Dfts.\} In Debt. Court rules that the Plt. recover against the Defts. the sum of £26, the debt in the declaration, plus his costs… but this judgment is to be satisfied by the payment of £13, with interest thereon from 1 January 1804 till paid, and his costs.\footnote{FHL \#1929880, Essex Co. Order Book 38, p. 381.}

Essex Co. Court of Quarterly Session, 19 August 1806. \textbf{Pitman Kidd}, administrator of Isaac Kidd, Plt. vs. Thomas Wood, Junr., Deft.\} In Debt. Court rules that the Plt. recover against the Deft. £22, the debt in the declaration…but this debt is to be discharged by payment of £7.12.11, with interest thereon from 21 May 1798 till paid, plus his costs.\footnote{FHL \#1929880, Essex Co. Order Book 38, p. 465.}

1806-1808 – \textbf{Pitman Kidd} wrote and signed his will in Hanover Co VA 3 November 1806; his will was proved in Hanover Co Court 25 May 1808. Below is a transcript of Pitman Kidd's Will.\footnote{\textit{Hanover County chancery wills and notes: a compendium of genealogical, biographical, and historical material as contained in cases of the chancery suits of Hanover County, Virginia}, reprint, by William Ronald Cocke, Genealogical Publishing Company: 30 April 1940, pp. 80-81.}

"In the name of God amen. I, \textbf{Pitman Kidd} of the County of Hanover being of sound science and memory do make and ordain this to my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

Imprimis.
My will and desire is that my whole Estate be kept together as land as my wife continues a widow except such things as shall hereafter be mentioned.
My will and desire is that my wife Agnes Kidd shall remain in the house she now resides in undisturbed and receive annually one third part of the incomes of my
estate except my mill plantation & that my two daughters shall receive the other two thirds of the incomes of my estate and the income of the mill plantation all so my will and desire is that my two daughters retain the property I have let them have on a lone during their lives. I lend to my wife's two daughters Susan H Sharp and Mary R Sharp two negro girls Ginney and Nancy to take in possession at any time they think proper.

I give to my wife all my Household and Kitchen furniture that she had at the time we were married also all she has bought, made and repaired that came by her, and after her decease or marreing any other man I lend to my wife's two daughters during their lives and give to their children four negroes whose names are as follows: Dicky, Jacob, Rachael and Milley together with their increase if Either of them should die without issue, I give it to the other children and if both should die without issue, my will and desire is Both of their parts should be equally divided between my wife's Brother Samuel Richardson and her sister Mary Royester's children in case my wife should die before myself I give all the household and Kitchen furniture I have given her, to her two children.

I give to my wife's two daughters all my wright and title that I have to any part of the rents of Richard Sharp dec'd land after the decease of my wife.

I lend to my two daughters Sarah B. Watt and Mary C. Jones during their lives and give to their children all my estate that has not be given nor lent before to be equerly divided between them so as for each ones Children to have one half if either of my Daughters should die and leave no living child my will and desire is the others children should have the hole of my estate at the decease of both of my two Daughters if the managers of the estate of Richard Sharp dec'd should call on me or my children or Executors for the things my wife bought at his sail I shall charge board for keeping her children, if not I shall charge nothing.

In case my daughter Mary C. Jones should die before John Jones who is her husband my will and desire is that he may have the same interest in my estate during his life as I have given her and at his death for it to go as I have before mentioned in this my last will and testament.

My will and desire is that my daughter Sarah B. Watt receive her part of the incomes of my estate as I have devised to herself and make what use she pleases with it and lastly I appoint Thomas Starke and John Jones, Thomas Accree and my wife my executors and extx to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this third day of November eighteen hundred and six."

Pitman Kidd
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
Thos Acree
John Acree
Daniel + Tyler
Samuel + Boaze.

At a Court of Monthly Session held for Hanover County at the Courthouse on Wednesday the 25th of May 1808. This last will and testament of Pitman Kidd dec'd was offered for proof by John Jones one of the executors therein named and was proved by the oaths of Daniel Tyler and by the oath of Samuel Boaze witnesses thereto and also by the oath of the said executor and is ordered to be recorded.
1834 – Years after Pitman Kidd’s death, his estate was the subject of a suit in Hanover County VA and ordered to be sold at auction. The suit involved the heirs of his daughter Mary C. Jones: Plaintiffs were Ezekial Talley, suing in his “own right” and as guardian of “infants under age 21” Thomas K, James E., and Henrietta Jones, and defendants were William A. Jones, John A. Jones, Mildred P. Talley, and John S. Atkinson and Mary his wife. Henry G. Street was named guardian ad litem of the “infants under age 21” Thomas, James, and Henrietta.  

RACHEL KIDD, daughter of Thomas3 Kidd (most likely by his second wife, Elizabeth Laurence). Was married by January 1748 when she is named in her father’s Essex Co will as Rachel Baker. No further information on her at this time.

ROBERT KIDD, son of William2 and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex Co (and brother of Jane Kidd, who married John Gregory). Named in a 1725 record. Also found in the records of Henrico, Goochland, and Albemarle Cos through 1746.

1725 – 18 August 1725, Essex Co court. Jane Kidd and Robert Kidd each make oath that they had attended four days as a witness in the suit of Thomas Bryant against James Turner. Thomas was ordered to pay each of them for same, and for three times coming 37 miles with three shillings & nine pence for ferriages, according to Law with costs. [Note: Jane and Robert came from another location to appear in court, perhaps from Middlesex Co, though no ferry was needed to reach.]

19 August 1725, Essex Co court. Both Jane Kidd and Robert Kidd made oath that they had attended five days as an evidence for Thos. Bryant against James Turner and three times going 37 miles and 1 (sic – different amt) shilling & 3 pence for ferriages according to law with costs. Later on the same day, Thomas Bryant was ordered to pay Jane Kidd and Robert Kidd for one day’s attendance as an Evidence according to Law, with costs.

SARAH BOHANNON KIDD, daughter of William Bohannan, married Isaac Kidd of Essex Co by 1756. Died before 16 Nov 1761, by which time Isaac has married his second wife Lucy Minter.

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321 Ibid, p. 77
322 Ibid, p. 79.

SARAH KIDD, daughter of Henry Kidd of Essex Co, married Benjamin Kidd (her first cousin and son of Isaac Kidd, Sr.) by 1785. Was living in Caroline Co as of 1794.

1794 – In an Essex Co deed dated and recorded 15 Dec 1794, Sarah Kidd is named as a grantor with her husband Benjamin Kidd, and their residence given as Caroline Co. Other grantors are John Kidd and his wife Lucy and William Kidd [no wife named], all of King and Queen Co, and also John Brown and Mary his wife, also of Caroline Co. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex Co. Land described as “being those tracts of land wherein Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd are entitled to under the will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.” Sarah Kidd, Mary Brown, and Lucy Kidd relinquish their dowers in separate examinations by men appointed by the Essex Co court.325 [See Henry Kidd section.]

1795 – 20 October 1795, Essex Co court. A Commission for the privy examination of Mary the wife of John Brown respecting her right of dower in two certain tenements and tracts of land lying in this county and parish of South Farnham and containing 275 acres, more or less, conveyed by deed of Bargain and Sale bearing the date the (30th?) day of December 1794 from John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd [husband of Sarah Kidd] to Thomas Roane of the County of Essex, being returned together with a certificate thereto annexed of her free and voluntary relinquishment of that right; the same is ordered to be recorded.326

A Commission for the privy examination of Sarah, the wife of Benjamin Kidd…(the rest as above).327

SARAH DANIEL KIDD, daughter of Travis Daniel and wife of Burgess Kidd of Middlesex Co VA. Sarah never lived in Essex Co but is named in one 1809 record, along with her female relatives, that seeks relinquishment of dower for a sale of land. (See Middlesex Co document for records for Burgess and Sarah.)

325 Essex County VA Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.
327 Ibid.
1793 – 22 July 1793, Burges Kidd obtained a marriage bond in Middlesex Co to marry Sarah Daniel. Nicholas Tuggle was security.\(^{328}\)

Burgess Kidd married Sarah Daniel 27 Jul 1793 (CCP) in Middlesex Co.\(^{329}\)

1805 – Burgess Kidd was one of the witnesses to the Middlesex Co will of Travis Daniel of Essex Co. dated 1 April 1805 and proved 22 July 1805. This will names wife Peggy Daniel, two sons Robert Daniel and Christopher Daniel (both underage) to receive land in MSX Co.; my mother Sarah Taff; my children, viz Sarah Daniel, Suzanna Daniel, William Daniel and John Daniel. My sister Molly Hardie to continue to live in the house her husband built on my land in MSX Co. Land bought in the lower end of Essex Co. from Edmond Reed and wife Lucy Reed (formerly owned by Abner Cloudas) to be conveyed to my brother, Eben Parsons Cloudas when he comes of age. Exors: Wife and her brother, George Dillard. Wit: John Montague, James Mickelburrough and Burgess Kidd.\(^{330}\)

1809 – An Essex Co VA Deed recorded 21 Aug 1809 names Sarah Kidd as one of five women relinquishing their dower rights: Sarah Taff, Mary Hardie, Sarah Kidd, Susanna Michelburrough, and Lucy Daniel. By order bearing date of 26 June 1809, Thomas Montague and John Jesse of Middlesex Co to travel to Essex Co to get relinquishments of dower. For land sold to Samuel Montague, 54 ½ acres, formerly the property of Abner P. Clowdes [Cloudas].\(^{331}\)

This 54.5 acres belonged initially to Abner Cloudas, and was devised to his daughter Lucy Cloudas; Lucy and her husband sold the land, which lay in lower Essex Co, to Travis Daniel, and Travis Daniel in his will filed in Middlesex Co, specified that this land was to be sold, and the proceeds to go to five women, all relatives, one of whom was his daughter Sarah Kidd.\(^{332}\)

1809, 5 August Kidd, Sarah & others, Commr. & Excr.,
to Montague, Samuel

Deed Book 37, p. 514 Abstract:
Relinquishment of dower rights by
Sarah Taff [mother of Travis Daniel]
Mary Hardie [his sister]
Sarah Kidd [his daughter]
Susanna Michelburrough [his daughter]
Lucy Daniel [daughter of Abner Clowdas]

By order bearing date 26\(^{th}\) June 1809 Thomas Montague and John Jesse of Middlesex to travel to Essex County to get relinquishments of dower. Land sold to Samuel Montague – 54-1/2 acres formerly property of Abner P. Clowdes. Recorded 21 Aug 1809.\(^{333}\)

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\(^{328}\) Craig Kilby's transcript of Kidd Marriages in MSX Co., VA.

\(^{329}\) Parish Register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex Co., Virginia, 1635-1812, p. 257.

\(^{330}\) Middlesex County, Virginia Wills & Inventories 1673-1812 and Other Court Papers, by William Lindsay Hopkins, Richmond, VA, 1989, p. 165, citing Wills #2, 1799-1812, p. 282, ff.

\(^{331}\) Essex Co VA Deed Book 37, p. 517, abstracted by Nancy Heuser for Sandra Kidd as part of Amherst Co deeds research in October 2007.

\(^{332}\) Essex Co Deed Book 37, p. 514.
And here is the related record, from Essex Co. Deed Book 37, pp. 515:
This Indenture made this 14th day of January in the year of our Lord 1809 between George Dillard, executor of Travis Daniel, deceased of the one part and Samuel Montague of the other part. Witnesseth that the said George Dillard ...by virtue of the sd. Travis Daniel's last will and testament recorded in the county court of Middlesex, for and in consideration of the sum of the sum of £54.10 ...hath given, granted, bargained and sold unto the said Samuel Montague ...all and singular that part and parcel of land lying in the lower end of Essex County which was allotted to Lucy Clowdas in the division of her dec'd father, Abner Clowdas's land, containing 54½ acres and sold by her husband to Travis Daniel, and he devising the same in his will to be sold by his executor or legal representative and by virtue of the said will the said George Dillard ...sold to the said Montague as the highest bidder this tract of land with all and singular the appurtenances, etc. ...which said 54½ acres of land (illegible insert) binding on the land sold by Abner P. Clowdas's heirs and the heirs of John Owen, John Montague and the said Samuel Montague ...In witness whereof the sd. George Dillard, executor of Travis Daniel have hereunto set his hand and seal the day and date above written.
(signed) George Dillard, executor of Travis Daniel

THOMAS3 KIDD, b ca 1692, Middlesex Co VA, eldest son of Thomas2 Kidd Jr. and Alice Trigg. First Kidd of record in Essex Co, 1723. He was married three times: (1) to Margaret (-----), who died 4 January 1720/21; (2) on 27 July 1721 to Elizabeth Laurence, who was alive as of 1741 and after 1741 to (3) Phyllis (-----) who was his wife when he wrote his will 2 Jan 1748. Deceased by 7 Jan 1748 when his son Philip filed his will with the Essex Co court. He was a planter and miller by trade.

As the eldest son of Thomas2 Kidd of MSX Co, Thomas3 Kidd inherited the Kidd family lands in Middlesex Co VA and passed this land onto his eldest son Thomas4 Kidd. See the MSX Co document and its appendices for more information about the Kidd family lands and how they were passed down from Thomas1 Kidd to successive generations.

circa 1692 – Thomas3 Kidd was born in MSX Co VA. No birth record for him has been found, but he's named in his father's will as the son of Thomas2 Kidd. We know he is the eldest son because he inherits the land of his grandfather Thomas1 Kidd.

1718 – Thomas3 Kidd and his family were living in MSX Co at the time of the birth of his son, Thomas4 Kidd, whose birth was recorded in the Christ Church Parish Register.

1719 – On 1 September 1719. Thomas Kidd and Thomas Kidd, Jr. stood as security for William Cardwell to act as guardian of Mary Goodrich, in MSX Co.

334 Essex Co. DB 37, pp. 514-515. Scans available from RK.
335 Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register, p. 178.
336 Ibid, p. 163.
337 Ibid, p. 16, citing MSX OB 5:443. This is also recorded in Middlesex County Deed Book 3, p. 498.
1721 – Thomas3 and his family were still in MSX Co at the time of his first wife, Margaret’s death, on 4 January 1720/21.338


On 27 July 1721, he married (second) Elizabeth Laurence in MSX Co.340

1722 – 3 July 1722. Lettice Pateman sued Thomas Kidd In MSX Co. Thomas Kidd was defended by his attorney Mr. Thomas Edwards, who said his client would appear at the next court to answer her petition.341 This suit was continued on 4 September 1722 and again on 2 October 1722. This defendant is Thomas3 Kidd, as listed in the next citation.342

6 November 1722. Lettice Pateman sued Thomas Kidd, Jr. in MSX Co. In this suit, she complains that her sons Thomas and Richard Pateman “have been hard used by their Master, Thomas Kidd, Jr.” and prays “they may be bound out according to law.” Thomas Kidd, Jr. was present in court and consented to be bound with his father, Thomas Kidd, as his security, and agreed to provide “wholesome dyet and cloathing and lodging during the whole time of their service” and “to teach them to read and write and the Cooper’s Trade.” Lettice Pateman was ordered to pay John Johnson and Anne his wife for four days attendance as her witnesses in court.343

In October 1723, Thomas3 Kidd begins to appear in Essex Co VA court records:

1723 – 17 October 1723, Essex Co Court. Wm. Mathews being arrested at ye Suit of Jane Brown, Admrs &c. of Richd. Brown decd on ye Case and not appearing, Judgmt. is granted the said Plt. agst. the Deft and Thos. Kidd & Jno. Williams, his securities for which shall appear at next Court unless the Deft. then appears & answers the said Action.344

1724 – In a Court held for Essex Co. on 21 April 1724. Thomas Kidd being arrested at the Suit of Jno. Bryant in Debt and not appearing nor any Security being filed, Judgmt. is granted the said Plt. against the Deft. and Robert Brooke gent. Sheriff for wt. shall appear due at next Court unless the Deft. then appears and answers the said action.345

338 Christ Church Parish Register, p. 178.
340 Ibid, p. 163.
342 Ibid, pp, 19, 22, citing OB 6:43, 47.
In a Court held for Essex Co. on 20 May 1724. In the action of Debt brought by John Bryant against Thomas Kidd, the Deft. on motion had oyer granted him of ye Note in ye Declaration mentioned.\(^{346}\)

17 June 1724. In the action of Debt brought by Jas. Bryant against Thomas Kidd, the Deft. filed his plea & ye Plt. joined issue, the trial whereof is referred till next Court.\(^{347}\)

On 18 July 1724 in Essex Co, Thomas Kidd was given administration of the estate of Thomas Basket (Baskett) during the minority of the Baskett orphans. John Williamson and William Williamson were securities to his bond in the penal sum of £150.\(^{348}\) Thomas had made the inventory of this estate per court order of 19 May 1724 and returned it to court on this day.\(^{349}\)\(^{350}\)

In a Court held for Essex Co. on 15 September 1724. In ye Action of Debt brought by John Bryant against Thomas Kidd, a jury was impaneled and sworn …who having heard the matter and awarded the Plt. fifteen pounds of tobacco damage. The Court ruled that the Plt. recover this amount, plus his costs. The Deft. on motion was granted time to file errors in arrest of judgment.\(^{351}\) He filed Errors of Judgment the following day, which the Plt. hath time to consider.\(^{352}\)

At a Court held for Essex County on 20 October 1724. The petition of Thomas Kidd for the Guardianship of Basket Field, son of Thomas Field, is rejected, and the Court granted this guardianship instead to Abel Duckworth, with the negro and other estate left by Thomas Field, decd. be and remain in the custody of said Abel till it shall be otherwise ordered by ye Court.\(^{353}\)

At a Court held for Essex County on 17 November 1724. In the Action of Debt brought by John Bryant against Thomas Kidd, the errors filed in September Court last being argued is adjudged good and thereupon ye suit is dismissed, and ye Plt. is ordered to pay the Deft. his cost.\(^{354}\)


\(^{350}\) Ibid, p. 18, citing Will Book 4, p. 72.

\(^{351}\) Ibid, p. 8.


1726 – At a Court held for Essex County on 19 October 1726. In the Action on the Case brought by Wm. Gray against Thomas Kidd, ye Sheriff having left a copy of the Writ at the Deft.’s dwelling house, & he not appearing, it is ordered that an alias capias be issued against ye said Deft.\footnote{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 38, citing OB page 64.}
This suit was dismissed the following day.\footnote{Ibid, p. 53, citing OB page 94.}

1727 – At a Court held for Essex County on 21 June 1727. In the suit in Chancery brought by Thomas Cooper & Sarah his wife against Thomas Kidd, Admr. &c. of Thomas Baskett dec’d., the said Respondt. not appearing, an Attachment is ordered to issue against his body returnable to ye next Court.\footnote{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 61, citing OB p. 110.}

At a Court held for Essex County on 22 June 1727. Thomas Kidd failing to prosecute his action against John Williamson is nonsuited & ordered to pay for ye same according to Law, with costs and one attorney’s fee.\footnote{Ibid, p. 68, citing OB page 124.}

At a Court held for Essex County on 19 July 1727. Thomas Kidd was one of the twelve jurors hearing several cases on this day.\footnote{Ibid, p. 75, 78, 79.}

At a Court held for Essex County on 16 August 1727. In the suit brought in Chancery by Thos. Cooper and Sarah his wife against Thos. Kidd, Admr. &c. pf Thomas Baskett dec’d, Complts. filed their replication which the Deft. hath time to consider.\footnote{Ibid, p. 75, 78, 79.}

On the same day, the Suit brought by Thos. Kidd Junr. against John Williamson, ye Deft. prays an imparlance which is granted him.\footnote{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 92, citing OB page 166.}

At a Court held for Essex County on 20 September 1727. In the suit brought in Chancery by Thomas Cooper & Sarah his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas Baskett, late of this County dec’d., ye said suit is set for trial on ye replication & answer, and by consent it it ordered that William Covington, Samuel Clayton and Henry Purkind Junr. or any two of them settle the account of ye Admin. of ye said Decedent’s estate and make their report to the next Court.\footnote{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 96, citing OB page 172.}

Thomas Kidd was administrator of Thomas Baskettt’s estate; see above.

At a Court held for Essex County on 21 Sept 1727. It is ordered that Thomas Bryant pay Thomas Kidd one hundred and twenty pounds of tobacco and costs for
attending three days as an evidence for him against Nathl. Hogg.\footnote{363}{Essex Co., VA Order Book 7, 1725-1729, p. 184, retrieved from FHL #1929866, Essex Co Order Book 6, image 119 on this reel.} \footnote{364}{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 103, citing OB page 184. I cannot account for the discrepancy between these two citations.}

At a Court held for Essex County on 21 Sept 1727. In the Action on ye Case brought by \textbf{Thos. Kidd Junr.} against John Williamson, ye deft. failing to answer, order is granted against him for £30 current money as in case of nil dicit returnable to next Court for Judgment.\footnote{365}{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 106, citing OB page 189.}

At a Court for Essex County on 14 Oct 1727. In the suit in Chancery brought by Thomas Cooper & Sarah his wife, one of the daughters of Thos. Basket, dec'd, the Auditors having reported as followeth: "In Obedience to an order of Essex County Court, we the subscribers have settled (sic) the account between Thos. Cooper and Sarah his wife, one of the daughter of Thomas Basket, late of the county to \textbf{Thos. Kidd}, admr. of the said Basket, and we find that there is due from the said Kidd to the said Thomas Cooper the just sum of nineteen pounds three shillings & eleven pence, excepting one hundred and seventy-seven pounds of tobacco & five shillings ___ (illegible) to be reduced when the sd. Kidd proves that he paid (illegible) a fee on account of the sd. Basket estate. And ten pounds of tobacco a summons on behalf of the sd. Estate paid to (illegible), Sheriff of Middlesex Oct. 16, 1727." Samuel Clayton, _ Covington, Henry Purkins jun. It is therefore decreed that the sd Complt. have and recover of the said Respondt the sum of fifteen pounds sixteen shillings & nine pence half-penny to be paid out of the said Decedent's estate with costs.\footnote{366}{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 2, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, pp 9 and 11.}

In a Court held for Essex Co. on 23 November 1727. \textbf{Thomas Kidd} was again one of the twelve jurors hearing cases in this Court Session.\footnote{367}{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 2, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 25, citing OB page 226.}

1728 – In a Court held for Essex Co. on 18 June 1728. In the suit in Chancery brought by Thos. Cooper & Sarah his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas Basket, decd…the Commissioners appointed by the last Court returned their settlement as ordered previously, finding that Thomas Cooper was due from \textbf{Thomas Kidd} £19,3,11 excepting 177 pounds of tobacco and 5 shillings, which is to be reduced when the said Kidd proves that he paid a lawyer's fee on account of the said Baskett's estate. The Court decreed that the Complt. hath time to consider.\footnote{368}{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 2, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 47, citing OB page 243.}

17 July 1728. In the action upon the case brought by \textbf{Thos. Kidd Junr.} against John Williamson, the Deft. prayed Oyer which is granted him.\footnote{369}{Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 2, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 47, citing OB page 243.}
20 November 1728. The action upon the case brought by Thos. Kidd Junr. against John Williamson is dismissed.\textsuperscript{370}

1729 – On 17 May 1729, Thomas Kidd and Eliza. Kidd witnessed a deed from Thomas and Constant Edmundson to Daniel Taylor for 50 acres of land on Deep Swamp.\textsuperscript{371} They each signed with their mark [a T for Thomas, and an E for Eliza].

1730 – On 19 May 1730, Thomas Kidd and Thomas Dunn, planters, both of Essex County, were securities to Elizabeth and William Cooper as administrators of the estate of William Cooper. Thomas Kidd signed by mark, “T.”\textsuperscript{372}

In an Essex Co deed 16 June 1730, Thomas Kidd’s land was named in a deed from William and Katherine Gatewood to Thomas Williamson, Jr. Other bounds named were the Mill Road, Gleady Swamp, and property of Thomas Cooper, Benjamin Fisher, and Thomas Edmundson.\textsuperscript{373}

1731 – At a Court held for Essex County on 15 June 1731. It is ordered that Thos. Bryant pay unto Thomas Kidd one hundred twenty pounds of tobacco and costs for attending four days as a witness for him against James Garnett(?).\textsuperscript{374}

1733-1737 – Thos. Kidd, Jr. was one of the witnesses to the return of the Inventory of William Faulkner in Essex Co VA, created 18 June and returned to court 22 June (this will book covers 1733-1737, but the year of this inventory is not stated in the abstract, unfortunately).\textsuperscript{375}

Came into Court as well the aforesaid John as the said Thomas, and all and singular the premises being seen & by the Court heard, fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had, it is considered that the said John recover against the said Thomas the sum of three pounds ten shillings & his costs by him in this behalf expended.\textsuperscript{376}

(same page)
It is ordered that Thomas Kidd do pay unto Abraham Montague sixty pounds of tobacco for two days as a witness for him against John Gore.

1737 – In an Essex Co deed 17 May 1737: Thomas Williamson, Jr., and Jane his wife, to Thomas Kidd, both of South Farnham Parish. For the consideration of one ewe and one year’s free grinding of Kidd’s corn, Williamson conveys one acre of land on both sides of a branch of Piscataway Creek, adjacent to Thomas Kidd’s mill dam.

\begin{footnotes}
\item[372] Dorman, p. 90, citing Will Book 4, p. 355.
\item[373] Sparacios, Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia 1728-1733, 88, citing DB 19:293.
\item[374] Essex Co., VA Order Book 7, 1725-1729, p. 225 (scanned image available), retrieved from FHL #1929866, item 1, image 312 on this reel.
\item[375] The Virginia Genealogist 15:138, 1971, citing Essex Co. WB 7, 1733-1737 (page not provided?).
\item[376] Essex County Order Book 10, 1736-1738, p. 14 (scan of this record available).
\end{footnotes}
[Note per Craig Kilby: This is an example of a typical deed conveying land for a mill site.] This deed was witnessed by Thomas Edmundson and John Edmondson.377 [It is possible but not proven that Jane, the wife of Thomas Williamson, may have been Jane Kidd, daughter of Thomas2 and Alice Kidd. The Williamsons were frequently associated with the Kidd family.]

1738 – **Thomas and Eliza Kidd** witnessed the Will of Ann Davis of Essex Co. signed October 7, 1738, both signing with the first letter of their given names (T and E).

They appeared in Court on 17 October 1738 to prove the will.378 Also on this date, **Thomas Kidd** was security for Mary Brisendine as she qualified as executor of the estate of Ann Davis.379


1740 – 16 September 1740. The Suit brought by petition by **Thomas Kidd** against Robert Edwards is dismissed without plaintiff or defendant appearing thereto.381

1741 – 18 May 1741, an **Elizabeth Kidd** ([likely the second wife of Thomas]) witnessed an Essex Co. deed from Robert Leveritt to Mary Clark for 50 acres of land on Piscataway Creek. [It is unusual to find a married woman acting as a witness, and to see the grantee as a female.]382

20 May 1741. **Thomas Kidd** v. Austin Parsons ] Petition for his wife's part of her dec'd(?) father's estate.

Came as well the said **Thomas** by his attorney John Lewis as the said Austin by his attorney Cavan Dulany Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon …the Court rules that the said **Thomas** take nothing by his petition, but for his false claims be in mercy and that the said Austin go thereof without day (sic) … and that the said Austin recover against the said **Thomas** his costs in this behalf expended, and that the said Austin have thereof execution.383

[NOTE: We do not know the significance of this petition. We searched for other Essex Co. Order Book entries for Austin Parsons, in hopes of learning whether he was the administrator or executor of someone's estate, without success.]

20 May 1741. Robert Snodding v. **Thomas Kidd**) Petition for one pound two
The Kidds of Essex County, Virginia, 1724-1852

shillings & 6 pence and two hundred pounds of tobacco due by account. Came as well the said Robert by Peter Wagoner his attorney as the said Thomas by John Lewis his attorney Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen and by the Court heard, fully understood and mature deliberation thereupon had, It is considered by the Court that the said Robert recover against the said Thomas his debt aforesaid and also his costs in this behalf expended.384

20 November 1741, Thomas Kidd was a voter in the Essex Co election for the House of Burgesses. He picked the winning candidates: William Beverley and James Garnett.385

[Note: Thomas4 Kidd, born in 1718, became of legal age ca 1739. Some of the Essex Co records dated 1742-1747 may refer to Thomas4 Kidd rather than to Thomas3 Kidd. Where a record was signed with a “T,” it is for Thomas3 Kidd.]

1742 – On 16 February 1742, Thomas Kidd Junr. and Robert S. P. Coleman entered into a bond in Essex Co. in the amount of £100, with Thomas Kidd Senr. as their security, to serve as executors of the goods and chattels of William Faulkner, decd.386

At a Court held for Essex Co. on 21 Dec 1742.
On the petition of Robert (illegible) Coleman for administration of the estate of William Faulkner, dec’d, It is ordered that the Sheriff do summon Thomas Kidd, heir at law of the said William to appear at the next Court.387
[It is possible that this record is for Thomas4, son of this Thomas Kidd.]

1743 – On 11 Jan 1743/4, Thomas Kidd is again named in the Essex Co Processioning Records when his land was among those tracts processioned. Names of neighbors were similar to the above processioning record, along with Micajah Evans and William Hathaway.388

20 March 1743. Thomas Kidd was one of the witnesses to the signing of the will of William Fitts Jeffries who made oath to this effect, and the will was admitted to Record.389 Thomas Kidd signed with a T.

18 May 1743. William Gordon, assignee of Philip Jones, Gent., against Thomas Kidd, otherwise called J. Thomas Kidd of Essex Co. – Debt. [It is likely the J. signifies Jr. in this context. This record may belong to Thomas4 Kidd.]
Came as well the said William by Cavan Dulaney, his attorney as the said Thomas by Edmond Pendleton and Francis Gouldman his attorneys; and the Jurors (named in the record) … rules that the said Thomas did owe unto William Gordon £26.11,

384 Essex Co. OB 12, 1740-1741, page 186 (scanned image available).
387 Essex Co. OB 13, 1742-1743, p. 120.
the debt aforesaid, and award him the damages of one penny, along with the debt in the declaration and his costs. The court rules that the judgment is to be discharged by the payment of £11.7.4, with interest of 5% per year thereon from 10 October 1739 till paid… and his costs.\footnote{390}

At a court held for Essex County at Tappa. on 21 June 1743, \textbf{Thomas Kidd Junr.} and Robert Coleman were named as the administrators of the estate of William Faulkner at the presentation of the inventory of his estate. Thomas Junr. signed with an X.\footnote{391}

1745 – In an article, “Account Book of William Beverley, 1745,” transcribed by John M. Weisner (pp 193-214), Thomas Kidd’s name appears in a ledger of planters depositing their tobacco. His ledger entry indicates that 831 pounds of tobacco were received in \textbf{Thomas Kidd}’s name.\footnote{392} While it’s not explicit what this entry means, we don’t think this is a rent payment, but a transaction related to tobacco warehousing and shipping. The warehouse listed for this set of entries was Bowler’s Wharf, which is close to Mill Creek where Thomas Kidd lived.\footnote{393}

1746 – On 7 July 1746, in a Middlesex Co VA deed, Daniel Kidd and \textbf{Thomas Kidd}, of South Farnham Parish, Essex Co VA, sell to William Williamson of the same, for 40 pounds current money, 75 acres of land called “\textbf{Thomas Kidd}” in Middlesex County, on the White Oak Swamp, adjacent to “John Kidd’s Spring, along the Spring Branch,” with “half acre of land excepted that a Mill did formerly stand on which was Called Capt. Daniel’s Mill.” [Note: this mill site had been sold by \textbf{Thomas and Alice Kidd} to Robert Daniel in 1719.] Both Daniel Kidd and \textbf{Thomas Kidd} signed by mark. Witnessed by Edward Hayes, William Dunn and Leonard Williamson, all by signature. Recorded in Middlesex Co 4 November 1746.\footnote{394}

[Note: This tract of land becomes important in 1753, when Thomas Kidd brings suit against his “unkle” John Kidd, his “cousin” William Kidd, and William Williamson in Middlesex Co [DB 7, p. 210]. It is the same tract as the 70 acres sold by William Upshaw Davis, of Edgecomb County, North Carolina to William Williamson on 6 November 1753 [DB 7, p. 529].]

1747 – 21 July 1747. William Gordon against \textbf{Thomas Kidd}, Petition by account for £4.18.6 current money. Defendant Kidd failed to appear, although summoned. The court awarded the above amount, the debt in the declaration, plus his costs.\footnote{395}

\footnotetext{390}{Essex Co. OB 13, 1742-1743, pp. 175-176.}
\footnotetext{391}{Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1743-1745, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1991, p. 6, citing WB pp. 16-17.}
\footnotetext{392}{“Account Book of William Beverley, 1745,” transcribed by John M. Weisner, in Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, volume 41, pages 193-214 (p. 212).}
\footnotetext{393}{Ibid, p 205 gives and explanation of the various columns in this ledger. Scanned images of this article can be found in our Statewide Shared Folder on Dropbox (stored there because William Beverley owned land in several different counties).}
\footnotetext{394}{Middlesex Co VA Deed Book 7, p. 210.}
\footnotetext{395}{Essex Co. OB 15, p. 35.}
16 September 1747. The action of debt brought by James Gatewood against Thomas Kidd Senr. is dismissed.396

1748 – On 22 June 1748, Thomas Kidd again voted for the winning candidates to the House of Burgesses election: William Beverley and Major Francis Smith.397

At a Court for Essex County held on 20 July 1748, the action of trespass, assault and battery brought by Thomas Kidd against Philly Dobyns is dismissed.

1749 – Thomas Kidd signed his will in Essex County, Virginia on 2 January 1748/49.398

The Will of Thomas Kidd of Essex County, Virginia399
Dated 2 January 1748/49

Thomas Kidd, “sick of body but in perfect sense and memory”, signed his will by his mark “#”. It named his wife Fillis [Phyllis], to whom he bequeathed a small feather bed and furniture, “my horse and saddle”, a dish, a small basin, 3 plates and a red “con.”

To his son Thomas Kidd, one shilling.
To daughter Rachel Baker, a small chest, a pair of small fire tongs, a dish, 4 plates, and a large pot.
To son Phillip Kidd, a large chest and a pair of pot hooks.
To daughter Betty, a large pot, spice mortar and pestil, and the bed “that she now lies on and furniture.”
To daughter Anney, a box of linen, an iron and heaters, and a brass steamer.
He directs that his “cart and stores and mill” be sold at auction and the proceeds divided equally among all his children except for his son Thomas.

Last, he makes his son Phillip Kidd his executor.

Note: The will of Thomas3 Kidd does not name any land other than the grist mill to be sold at auction. The reason is that the Middlesex Co lands that were entailed in 1680 by Thomas1 Kidd automatically become the property of Thomas4 Kidd upon the death of Thomas3 Kidd. Thomas4 Kidd’s bequest of one shilling ensured that he was named in his father’s will, but since he would inherit his father’s land that had been passed down, his father’s will specifies that he receive nothing further from the estate.

On 7 Jan 1749, Philip Kidd presented the will of Thomas Kidd in court and it was

396 Essex Co., Order Book 15, p. 89.
398 Double Year Dates: Some dates before 1752 are expressed in this form: 1648/9. In Britain under the Julian calendar, the legal beginning of the year was Lady Day, March 25. Thus, dates from January 1 to March 25 before 1752 are often given both their Old Style and New Style years. For our purposes, the document bears the date 2 January 1748, but after the calendar adjustment in 1752 (the process that resulted in the New Style), the date his signed his will was “actually” 2 January 1749. See this URL for more detail: https://www.monticello.org/site/research-and-collections/old-style-os.
399 Essex County, Virginia, Will Book 8, p. 179, Circuit Clerk’s Office, Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, VA. Essex Co does not allow copies to be from the original will book. Craig Kilby examined it in Tappahannock at the Essex CH and made this abstract.
recorded, having been proved by the oath of Thomas Cox, one of the witnesses.\textsuperscript{400, 401}

Philip Kidd, Thomas Edmondson and Thomas Cox acknowledged their bond for the said Philip in his due execution of the last will and testament of \textbf{Thomas Kidd}, deceased.\textsuperscript{402}

The Court ordered that Thomas Edmondson, Nicholas Smith Junior, John Edmondson Jr. and John Evans or any three of them do appraise the estate of \textbf{Thomas Kidd}, deceased.\textsuperscript{403}

On 21 February 1748/49, an inventory of \textbf{Thomas Kidd}’s estate was presented in Essex County Court.\textsuperscript{404} The total value of the estate was £36.10.9. It included 2 oxen, 2 cows, one yearling, 3 ewes, 2 lambs, a spinning wheel, a chest and lock key, a musket, “appurtenances of one grist water mill”, a horse and a mare. The appraisers were Thomas Edmondson, Nicholas Smith, Jr. and Jno. Evans, Jr. No slaves were named in the inventory.

21 March 1749. An inventory and appraisement of the estate of \textbf{Thomas Kidd}, deceased, being returned was ordered to be recorded.\textsuperscript{405}

1750 – 19 February 1750. An account of the \textbf{Thomas Kidd} estate is recorded in Will Book 8, p. 415. It included payments, likely for debts, to several people amounting to 44 Pounds, 9 shillings and 7 pence. Among those paid were Robert Farish, Nicholas Smith, Jr., Thomas Haile, Daniel Kidd (likely his brother, who received 9 pounds, 7 shillings, 5 1/2 pence), and Thomas Kidd (evidently his son Thomas Kidd, who received 1 pound, 1 shilling, 10 pence).

20 February 1750. Phillip Kidd returned his account of the estate of Thomas Kidd, and it was recorded.\textsuperscript{406}

In a deed dated 14 Mar 1750, Phillip Kidd of South Farnham Parish, executor of \textbf{Thomas Kidd} deceased, sells to Philip Parr Edmondson for “ten pounds and two pence” the Kidd’s Mill property, “consisting of one acre and a water grist mill” belonging to his late father Thomas Kidd. “Thomas Edmonson deceased, father of Phillip Parr Edmondson” previously had purchased the mill property at auction. Witnesses Samuel Smith, William Gordon, and Luke Covington.\textsuperscript{407}

\textbf{THOMAS4 KIDD}, born 1718, Middlesex Co VA, the son of Thomas3 Kidd and his first wife Margaret [maiden name unknown]. Named in his father’s 1749 Essex County will, he was to receive one shilling, but was not named executor of his

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textsuperscript{400} Essex Co. Order Book 15, p. 246.
  \item \textsuperscript{401} \textit{Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1748-1750}, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1991, p. 29, citing Essex Co. Wills, 1747-1750, pages 179-180. This will book has evidently not been microfilmed, and the County Clerk would not permit Craig Kilby to photocopy it in (?)2006.
  \item \textsuperscript{402} Ibid, p. 247, the next entry.
  \item \textsuperscript{403} Ibid.
  \item \textsuperscript{404} Essex Co Will Book 8, p. 193.
  \item \textsuperscript{405} Essex Co. Order Book 15, p. 251.
  \item \textsuperscript{406} Essex Co. Order Book 16, p. 236.
  \item \textsuperscript{407} Essex Co. Deed Book 28, pp. 92-94, retrieved from FHL #1929940, images 63-64, via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Scanned images available upon request.
\end{itemize}
father's estate. Thomas3 Kidd’s will made no specific mention of the lands he owned; we believe this is due to the fact that the land was entailed, and thus automatically devolved to Thomas4, the eldest surviving son of Thomas3 Kidd. As the eldest son, Thomas4 was the heir to the Kidd family lands through the terms of his great-grandfather Thomas1 Kidd's will.

Thomas4 Kidd is “of Edgecombe County, NC” in 1753 when he grants his power of attorney to William Upshaw Davis to appeal successfully to “dock the entail’ on the Kidd family land in Middlesex Co, thus allowing him to sell the land out of the family. Nothing more is known of Thomas4 Kidd, regrettably. We’ve been unable to find any further mentions of him in either Virginia or in North Carolina. In several Essex Co records, he signs with an “X,” distinguishing from his father, who often signs with a “T.”

See the MSX Co document and its appendices for more information about the Kidd family lands and how they were passed down from Thomas1 Kidd to successive generations.

1718 – Thomas Kidd, the son of Thomas3 Kidd and first wife Margaret was born 22 July 1718, baptized 10 Aug 1718 in Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County.408

1742 – On 16 February 1742, Thomas Kidd Junr. and Robert S. P. Coleman entered into a bond in Essex Co. in the amount of £100, with Thomas Kidd Senr. as their security, to serve as executors of the goods and chattels of William Faulkner, decd.409

21 Dec 1742. On the petition of Robert (illegible) Coleman for administration of the estate of William Faulkner, dec’d, It is ordered that the Sheriff do summon Thomas Kidd, heir at law of the said William to appear at the next Court.410

[We do not know the relationship between this William Faulkner and Thomas4 Kidd, nor how he was an heir-at-law of Faulkner. We hypothesize that Thomas4 Kidd’s wife, Eliza/Elizabeth was possibly the daughter of this William Faulkner (or at least one of his heirs), making her husband, Thomas4 an heir at law of William Faulkner. This would fit with Thomas also being named one of the administrators of Faulkner’s estate (see below).] Unfortunately, this William Faulkner died intestate, and we’ve not been able to find any record to substantiate this hypothesis.


Came as well the said William by Cavan Dulaney, his attorney as the said Thomas by Edmond Pendleton and Francis Gouldman his attorneys; and the Jurors (named in the record) … rules that the said Thomas did owe unto William Gordon £26.11, the debt aforesaid, and award him the damages of one penny, along with the debt in the declaration and his costs. The court rules that the judgment is to be discharged by

408 Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register, p. 100.
410 Essex Co. OB 13, 1742-1743, p. 120.
the payment of £11.7.4, with interest of 5% per year thereon from 10 October 1739 till paid… and his costs.411

At a court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on 21 June 1743, **Thomas Kidd Junr.** and Robert Coleman were named as the administrators of the estate of **William Faulkner** at the presentation of the inventory of his estate. Thomas Junr. signed with an X.412

1749 – **Thomas3 Kidd**'s will, dated 2 Jan 1749 and presented for recording 7 Jan 1749 in Essex Co court, is proved in Essex Co court 21 Feb 1749, with Phillip Kidd as administrator.

The will names Thomas3 Kidd’s wife Fillis [Phyllis] and children **Thomas4 Kidd**, Phillip Kidd, Rachel Baker, Betty Kidd, and Anney Kidd.413 [Note: See entry for Thomas3 Kidd (above) for an abstract of the will.] Thomas3 Kidd left his eldest son Thomas “one shilling.” He also directs his “cart and stores and mill” be sold at auction and the proceeds divided equally among all his children except for his son Thomas.

Note: The will of Thomas3 Kidd does not name any land other than the grist mill to be sold at auction. The reason is that the Middlesex Co lands that were entailed in 1680 by Thomas1 Kidd automatically become the property of Thomas4 Kidd upon the death of Thomas3 Kidd. Thomas4 Kidd’s bequest of one shilling ensured that he was named in his father’s will, but since he would inherit the Kidd family land through inheritance, his father leaves him nothing further from the estate.

1749 – 22 March 1749. Henry Purkins Tayler against **Thomas Kidd**, a petition for £1.12.6 due by account. Kidd didn’t appear. Court awarded the plaintiff the debt plus his costs. And the deft in mercy, etc.414

22 March 1749. The suit by petition brought by Thomas Dobyns and Boulware Dobyns, exrs. Of Daniel Dobyns, dec’d against **Thomas Kidd** and James Webb for £2.5.1 with interest is dismissed, neither party appearing thereto.415

1750 – 19 February 1750. An account of the Thomas Kidd estate is recorded in Will Book 8, p. 415. It included payments, likely for debts, to several people amounting to 44 Pounds, 9 shillings and 7 pence. Among those paid were Robert Farish, Nicholas Smith, Jr., Thomas Haile, Daniel Kidd (likely his brother, who received 9 pounds, 7

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411 Essex Co. OB 13, 1742-1743, pp. 175-176.
415 Ibid, p. 45.
shillings, 5 1/2 pence), and Thomas Kidd (evidently his son Thomas4 Kidd, who received 1 pound, 1 shilling, 10 pence).

1751 – 21 May 1751. Waters Dunn v. Thomas Kidd, a petition for £3.9.0 due by account. Kidd didn’t appear although thrice called. Dunn awarded the debt and his costs.\(^{416}\)

Essex County Court, 17 July 1751. Thomas Kidd, plaintiff v. John Lewis, Gent., defendant} On Petition. The said suit is discontinued, the plaintiff not prosecuting …the defendant recover against the said plaintiff his costs.\(^{417}\)

14 October 1751. Thomas and Eliza Kidd were witnesses (along with Cath. Ells, John Evans Junr. and Jas Edmonson to a deed dated 14 Oct 1751 between Micajah Evans of South Farnham Parish, Essex Co and Greensbe Evans of the same place. This deed was acknowledged in court 21 Apr 1752 and admitted to record.\(^{418}\) Eliza signed with an X.


Thomas Kidd, though summoned, failed to appear, regarding a debt owed to the Plt of £1.14.6 & half-penny due by bond. The Court ruled that the Plt recover against the Dft this debt, and also the sum of £47; but this judgment is to be discharge by the payment of £23.10, with interest from 10 June 1751 till paid, and also his costs. The Dft in mercy, etc. The Sheriff had attached some of Kidd’s personal property in the hands of John Lewis and John ____, including a bedstead, two iron pots, one old chest, 3 flagg chairs, one chair frame, one old table, one spinning wheel, one iron spit, etc…. The Sheriff was ordered to take these items as the Dft’s estate, and sell them at public auction, the pay the Plt the money arriving thereon as part of his judgment, and costs.\(^{419}\)

Three years after his father’s death, it appears that Thomas4 Kidd is indebted to the point that his personal household goods, already in the hands of John Lewis, have been seized by the Essex Co sheriff. Although Thomas, upon the death of his father in 1749, became sole heir to the Kidd family lands, he could not legally sell the entailed property. With apparently no other assets to his name, he takes action in 1753 to “dock the entail,” or break the chain of inheritance, so that he can sell the land.

1753 – 26 May 1753. Thomas4 Kidd was in Edgecombe Co NC on 26 May 1753, when he gave Power of Attorney to William Upshaw Davis in Essex Co VA to take steps to “dock the entail” (break the inheritance) of his family land in Middlesex Co. This land was entailed in 1680 by his great-grandfather Thomas Kidd, to be inherited

\(^{419}\) Essex Co. OB 17, p. 163. The fact that Thomas is summoned in March 1752 suggests that the Essex Co court has reason to believe he is in the county; his failure to appear could mean he has left the county, or simply that he chose not to appear. The Library of Virginia staff is researching this question as of August 2019 and we will update this entry if we receive further information.
solely by the eldest son of the eldest son of each generation. Thomas4 Kidd was the third generation to inherit the land and successfully petitioned to break the inheritance so that he could sell the lands once he recovered them. This he did through a suit he had brought against his “Unkle John Kidd,” his “Cousin William Kidd,” and William Williamson.420

30 May 1753, Thomas Kidd signed a document while living in Edgecombe Co NC, granting William Upshaw Davis his power of attorney “to ask, demand recover an receive for me all my Lands and Houses with all other the appurtenances thereunto belonging which I have or claim right to in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex within the Colony of Virginia as also do empower my said Attorney to break or cause to be broken the Entails of all the lands &c. & sell and convey the same to any person my said Attorney shall think fit, and the money that shall arise from the sale or sales thereof to apply to what uses my said Attorney shall think most best: I give my Attorney full power and authority to take peaceable possession of all the lands which I brought suit against my Unkle John Kidd & Cousin William Kidd and William Williamson in County of Middlesex…In witness whereof I the said Thomas Kidd have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of May 1753.”

At a Court held for Essex County on 19 June 1753, this power of attorney was presented in Court by the said William [Upshaw Davis], and proved by the oaths of the witnesses, and recorded.421

Essex County Court, 19 June 1753. A Power of Attorney from Thomas Kidd to William Upshaw Davis was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses thereto and thereupon it is admitted to record.

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A Power of Attorney, Otherwise called a Letter of (Issue?) from Thomas Kidd to William Upshaw Davis was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses thereto and thereupon it is admitted to record.422

It is not known why this Power of Attorney was recorded in Essex Co court 19 Jun 1753, rather than in Middlesex Co where the land was located. It is likely because Thomas4 Kidd’s father Thomas3 Kidd was resident in Essex Co at the time of his death.

Essex County Court, 17 July 1753. John Webb v Thomas Kidd & William Upshaw Davis} In Chancery.

On the motion of the Plt, time is given him till the next Court to be held for this County to file his Bill of Complaint against the said Respondents.423

Essex County Court, 23 August 1753. John Webb v Thomas Kidd & William

420 Thomas Kidd to William Upshaw Davis, Deed Book 26, pp. 219-22, Circuit Clerk’s Office, Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, VA.
422 Essex Co. OB 18, p. 375.
423 Essex Co. OB 19, p. 72.
Upshaw Davis} In Chancery.
The Plt has filed his bill. Time is therefore given the Respondents till the next Court
to file their Answer.\textsuperscript{424}

Essex County Court, 18 September 1753. John Webb v \textbf{Thomas Kidd} & William
Upshaw Davis} In Chancery. Case deferred again, as the Dfts have not filed their
answer to the bill of complaint.\textsuperscript{425}

1754 – Essex County Court, 17 April 1754. John Webb against \textbf{Thomas Kidd} & William
Upshaw Davis} In Chancery.

(Respondents still have not filed their answer to this Bill of Complaint. Time is
given them till next Court...\textsuperscript{426}

Essex County Court, 22 May 1754.
John Webb v \textbf{Thomas Kidd} and William Upshaw Davis} In Chancery. By mutual
agreement, this case is continued till the next court.\textsuperscript{427}

Essex County Court, 19 June, 1754.
John Webb against \textbf{Thomas Kidd} & William Upshaw Davis} In Chancery.

Upon hearing the bill and answer only, and the arguments of the Counselors from
both sides, the Court holds that the said William Upshaw “hath in his hands of the
said Thomas Kidd’s the sum of £23.11.2. The Court orders that the said Davis pay
unto the said Complainant this sum, deducting out lawyer’s fees and costs by him
expended in this behalf.\textsuperscript{428}

Note: It appears that after two years, John Webb was able to recover payment for
the 1752 debt from Kidd’s agent William Upshaw Davis.

\textbf{Nothing more has been found of Thomas Kidd in Virginia or North Carolina.}

\textbf{THOMAS KIDD of 1812, identity not known}

1812 – Essex County Court of Quarterly Sessions, 16 March 1812.
John Daingerfield, Sheriff of this County, Plaintiff vs. \textbf{Thomas Kidd}, Defendant} In
a Summary against the Defendant as a Garnishee of William Montague in the
insolvent case June since, assignee of Simeon Simco, John Drum assignee of Joseph
Janey, assignee of Henly & Phileman Woodward, and Thomas St. John, assignee of
Richard St. John assignee of Robert Dobbins against the said William Montague.
The defendant acknowledges that he is indebted…the sum of 4 shillings & six pence
with interest thereon from 18 July 1803 till paid. Court rules that the plaintiff recover
of the defendant this sum and his costs.\textsuperscript{429}

\textsuperscript{424} Ibid, p. 197.
\textsuperscript{425} Ibid, p. 271.
\textsuperscript{426} Essex Co. OB 20, p. 4.
\textsuperscript{427} Ibid, p. 106.
\textsuperscript{428} Ibid, p. 163.
\textsuperscript{429} FHL #1929881, Essex Co. Order Book 40, p. 614.
WILLIAM KIDD, SR., of Essex and Caroline Co VA

Born before 1732.430
Married Mary Halbert before 1757, likely in Essex County. Was in K&Q County by 1760. Moved to Caroline County by 1764, where he had considerable property.
Died by 1802, Caroline County, Virginia.
The parentage of William Kidd Sr. is not proven,431 but we believe that he and the Isaac and Henry Kidd of Essex County were sons of Daniel3 (Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd. See Appendix Three of this document to see our evidence and analysis to support this statement.
William4 (Daniel3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd

Several descendants of this William Kidd Sr. of Caroline Co are close Y-DNA matches to a descendant of Henry Kidd of Caroline and Fluvanna Cos VA and to a descendant of Burgess Kidd whose widow and children left Middlesex Co VA to move to Clark Co KY. Y-DNA evidence shows that this Caroline Co Kidd family is not closely related to known descendants of William2 Kidd.

1753 – On 30 May 1753, Thomas4 Kidd signed a document while living in Edgecombe Co NC, granting William Upshaw Davis his power of attorney “to ask, demand recover an receive for me all my Lands and Houses with all other the appurtenances thereunto belonging which I have or claim right to in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex within the Colony of Virginia as also do empower my said Attorney to break or cause to be broken the Entails of all the lands &c. & sell and convey the same to any person my said Attorney shall think fit, and the money that shall arise from the sale or sales thereof to apply to what uses my said Attorney shall think most best: I give my Attorney full power and authority to take peaceable possession of all the lands which I brought suit against my Unkle John Kidd & Cousin William Kidd and William Williamson in County of Middlesex…In witness whereof I the said Thomas Kidd have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of May 1753.”
At a Court held for Essex County on 19 June 1753, this power of attorney was presented in Court by the said William, and prove by the oaths of the witnesses, and recorded.432

1753 – 21 August 1753. John Elphingston & Comp. Mercht. in Aberdeen (?) against William Kidd; Petition for £3.10.8 by account.

430 He was of legal age by August 1753 when he was sued in Essex County over a debt. He could have been born earlier, but not later than 1732,
431 Many trees on Ancestry.com and elsewhere claim that this William Kidd was the son of William2 Kidd of MSX Co. No evidence to support this claim has ever been put forward, and lacking evidence for this statement, we the authors of this compilation believe that he was instead the son of Daniel3 (Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd, and make our case for this hypothesis.
Dft confessed the debt claimed by the Plts was justly due. Court rules that he pay the said amount plus seven shillings, 6 pence for Lawyer’s fee. Deft. in mercy, etc.\textsuperscript{433}

1755 – Phillip Kidd and Henry Kidd were among the male freeholders voting for John Upshaw in an Essex Co. Election of Burgesses on 4 December 1755. Interestingly, \textbf{William Kidd} voted for a different candidate, Capt. James Garnett, in this election. [Only landowners aged 21 or more could vote in the Election of Burgesses.] \textsuperscript{434}

1757 – 18 Jan 1757. \textbf{William Kidd} was one of the witnesses, with Joel and William Halbert, to a deed of lease dated 18 January 1757 between James Charles and Sarah his wife of Caroline County and Theophilus Favour of Essex County.\textsuperscript{435} The same witnesses also witnessed a deed of release between the above parties on the same date. [A deed of lease and release transfers title in a sale of land.]\textsuperscript{436}

31 March 1757. \textbf{William Kidd} to Theophilis Faver, trust deed, 250 lbs, 31 Mar 1757. Mary, wife of Wm Kidd, equal right with sister Sarah Charles to half of land of John Cooke, great-grandfather to said Mary Kidd and Sarah Charles, 80 acres, £52, "all his right". Mary listed as "now wife". Notes when wife Mary "shall come of age". This must have happened by September 1761 when William and Mary sell this land.\textsuperscript{437}

20 September 1757. Theophilus Faver presented into Court a Bond from \textbf{William Kidd} to him, which was proved by the oaths of Theophilus Faver Junior, Thomas Faver and Sli___a? Kaling, three of the witnesses thereto, and on his motion was admitted to record.\textsuperscript{438}

1758 – \textbf{William Kidd} was one of the witnesses, with Eliza Fauntleroy, William Gordon, Saml. Maynard, and Hanna Newell, to a deed dated 18 October 1758 between Samuel Thompson of Granville Co NC on the first part and Thomas Waring and Charles Curtis of the other.\textsuperscript{439} On the same date, \textbf{William Kidd} was one of the witnesses, with Eliza Fauntleroy and Wm Gordon, to an article of agreement between Thomas Waring of Essex Co and Charles Curtis.\textsuperscript{440}

1760 – In an \textbf{Essex Co.} deed dated 21 September 1760, \textbf{William Kidd} and wife Mary of \textbf{K&Q} to Thos Faver of \textbf{Essex}, 1/2 interest in estate of John Cocke dcd, grandfather of said Mary Kidd and her sister Sarah Charles, who owns the other 1/2 interest,

\textsuperscript{433} Essex Co. Order Book 19, page 103.
\textsuperscript{436} Ibid, citing DB 27, p. 254.
\textsuperscript{437} Essex Co VA Deed Book 28, p. 16. Scans of this deed are in the Essex Co. Source Documents folder on Dropbox.
\textsuperscript{438} Essex Co. Order Book 22, p. 75, retrieved from FHL #1929872, item 2, image 57.
\textsuperscript{440} Ibid, p. 155, citing DB 28, p 202.
which previously had been sold to Theophilus Faver, father of said Thomas Faver. This deed to fulfill obligations of bond in the first sale. No witnesses.441

1761 – 21 September 1761. In an Essex Co deed, William Kidd and wife Mary of King & Queen Co sold for £52.13 current money to Thos Faver, son of Theophilus Faver of Essex Co, ½ interest in estate of John Cooke dec'd., great-grandfather of said Mary Kidd and her sister Sarah Charles, who owns the other ½ interest, which previously had been sold to Theophilus Faver, father of said Thomas Faver. This deed is to fulfill obligations of bond in the first sale. No witnesses.442

21 September 1761. William Kidd and Mary his wife (she being first privily examined and voluntarily granting thereto) acknowledged their deed of lease and release … to Thomas Faver, which was admitted to record.443

By 1764, this William Kidd is in Caroline Co VA, where he became a prominent landowner. He died in 1802, leaving a considerable estate to his large family. See Caroline Co for the later records for this William Kidd.

WILLIAM KIDD, Hatter, of Middlesex Co
Born ~1762 in Essex County, per record below. Lived in Middlesex County.

1780 – A William Kidd is listed among the men who were enlisted in the Revolutionary War at Chesterfield Co VA after 1 Sept 1780. The data for this entry is noted as lined through, so it is unclear if this was an error. His age was given as 18, his occupation was given as hatter, and his place of birth and his residence were both given as Essex Co. His physical appearance was described as: size 5 feet 6 inches, hair light, eyes gray, and complexion fair. He was enlisted 18 September 1780 for a period of 1 year, 6 months.444 445 This is the same person as William Kidd, hatter, of Middlesex Co VA, who married Nancy Kidd, daughter of James Kidd of Urbanna.

All other known records for him are found in Middlesex Co VA. See that county’s BD for more information.

WILLIAM KIDD, son of Henry Kidd, named in his father’s Essex Co will written in 1785. When he and his siblings sold his father’s land in 1794, he was listed as of King and Queen Co. [See Henry Kidd section.]

441 Essex Co DB 29, p 45, abstracted by Sandra Kidd.
442 Essex Co VA Deed Book 29, pp. 45-49. This William Kidd and his wife Mary had moved to K&Q Co. by the time of this document. Scans of this deed are in the Essex Co, Source Documents folder on Dropbox.
443 Essex Co. Order Book 23, page 385, retrieved from FHL #1929872 (item 2), image 406.
444 Two Kiffs—William Kidd of Essex Co and John N. Kidd of Albemarle Co--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
1794 – In an Essex Co deed dated: 15 Dec 1794
Grantors: John Kidd and Lucy his wife] William Kidd ] of King and Queen County
John Brown and Mary his wife] Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife] of Caroline County
Grantee: Thomas Roane of Essex County
Consideration: 400 Pounds and one shilling current money
Tract: A Parcel of land in County of Essex and Parish of South Farnham containing 275 acres. Metes and bounds description, mostly referencing distances to certain trees, naming boundary lines of Haile, Allen and Dix. Included two tracts of land, one containing 124 ½ acres, the second 151 acres. Referenced them as “being those tracts of land whereon Henry Kidd lately lived and of which he died seized and which the said John and William Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd are entitled to under the last will and testament of the said Henry Kidd.”
Signed and sealed: Jno Kidd
William Kidd
John Brown
Benjamin Kidd
Witnesses: William Wood
John Allen
Philemon Purkins
James Allen
Deed recorded: 15 Dec 1794
Note: The deed bears a “P.S. Two graveyards excepted with half an acre of land around the one where the white people are buried and the privilege of carrying any corps to the same.”

1794 – 15 December 1794. The above Essex Co deed bearing the date of 15 December 1794 from John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to Thomas Roane of the county of Essex, being acknowledged by the said John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to be their act and deed, is ordered to be recorded.447

1795 – 20 October 1795. Essex Co court. A Commission for the privy examination of Mary the wife of John Brown respecting her right of dower in two certain tenements and tracts of land lying in this county and parish of South Farnham and containing 275 acres, more or less, conveyed by deed of Bargain and Sale bearing the date the 15th day of December 1794 from John Kidd, William Kidd, John Brown and Benjamin Kidd to Thomas Roane of the County of Essex, being returned together with a

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446 Essex County VA Deed Book 34, p. 91 (also pp. 205, 206 and 207), John Kidd et al to Thomas Roane, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser at LVA for Sandra Kidd, Oct. 2007. Pp. 205, 207 and 207 are the relinquishments of dower by the three women, Lucy Kidd, Mary Brown and Sarah Kidd [the latter the wife of Benjamin Kidd].

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certificate thereto annexed of her free and voluntary relinquishment of that right; the same is ordered to be recorded. 448

WILLIAM KIDD(s), unplaced

1784 – 19 October 1784. Essex Co court. Eleanor Walker, administratrix of John Walker, deceased, Plt vs William Kidd and John Jones, Dfts} Upon a Petition for Debt. Dfts admit to the debt of £4.3 and costs. Judgment reduced to £2.1.6 gold or silver with interest from 18 December 1783 till paid. 449

1788 – 17 June 1788. Essex Co court. Samuel Boulware, Petitioner against William Kidd, Defendant} Upon a Petition for Debt. This suit abates by ___ (illegible – appears to be “re cl win”). 450

1799 – 18 June 1799. Essex Co court. Samuel Boulware, Plaintiff against William Kidd, Defendant} In a petition on a Promissory Note. Cometh the Petitioner by his attorney as did the defendant by his attorney and Pleads “Non Assumpsit” within five years; to which the Petitioner replied generally …On argument of Counsel and on hearing evidence, it is considered that the petitioner payment, and his costs… 451 [This appears to be the same suit as the previous one filed 11 years earlier, in 1788.]

WILLIAM KIDD, resident of Middlesex Co VA in 1801-1802

This may be William Kidd Jr. of Middlesex Co. The distance of 24 miles is approximately the distance from present-day Church View VA (crossroads near the Kidd family lands) to the Essex Co courthouse in Tappahannock.

1801 – 19 November 1801. Essex Co court. Ordered that Solomon Poston pay William Kidd four dollars and four cents for attending here 5 days and once coming and returning twenty-four miles from Middlesex County as a witness for him at the suit of Washington N. (v.? Dunn an infant under the age of 21 years by Henry Dunn his next friend in an action of trespass assault and battery. 452

1802 – 19 March 1802. Essex Co court. Ordered that Solomon Boston [sic, Poston] pay William Kidd $3.55 for attending here three days and once coming and returning 24½ miles from Middlesex (sic) County as a witness for him at the suit of Washington V. Dunn an infant under the age of 21 years by Henry Dunn his next friend in an action of trespass assault and battery. 453

WILLIS KIDD (ca. 1780 – 2 Feb 1843) – son of William Kidd Sr. of this document, so named in this William’s will.

452 Essex Co. Order Book 36, p. 278.
453 Essex Co. Order Book 37, p. 50.
Willis Kidd never lived in Essex County, VA, but appears in two 1816 Essex Co court records as an assignee of the plaintiffs to recover a debt (see below).

1816 – Essex County Quarterly Court, 19 March 1816. Willis Kidd, assignee William Smither, who was assignee of Thomas Fogg, Plt. vs. George P. Keesee and John Keesee, Defts.} In Debt. On the motion of the Defts’ attorney, the office judgment in this case is set aside…and the case was continued.454

Essex County Quarterly Court, 22 May 1816. Willis Kidd, assignee William Smither, who was assignee of Thomas Fogg, Plt. vs. George P. Keesee and John Keesee,, and John T. Hill, their appearance bail, Defts.} In Debt. The court rules that the Plt. recover from the Defts. the sum of thirty pounds specie, the debt in the declaration, and his costs. And the Defts in mercy plead…But this judgment is to be satisfied by the payment of £15 with interest thereon from 1 January 1814 till paid and his costs.455

See his section in the Caroline County BD for more information on Willis Kidd.

APPENDIX ONE: SOURCES INCLUDED IN THE CREATION OF THIS DOCUMENT:

The following sources of genealogical and historical information on King & Queen 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 red font have yet to be reviewed and mined for Kidd entries.

PRIMARY SOURCES

1. Essex Co VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1852 (SKK, RK).
2. Essex Co VA Land Tax Lists, 1782-1828 (SKK).
3. Federal censuses, 1810-1850, ff. (RK)
4. Essex County, Virginia Chancery Causes, 1749-1874 (301 microfilm reels at Library of Virginia).
   RATHER than attempt to review these reels, we instead relied on the Essex Co VA Chancery Causes Index, www.lva.virginia.edu/chancery [the Essex Co chancery records themselves are not yet online at the Library of Virginia].
   Only SIX Chancery Court cases in the above Index mention Kidd in our time frame (cases in 1797, 1808, 1841, 1848, 1849 & 1851, respectively); in none of these is Kidd the plaintiff or defendant. The latter 4 cases involve the Hundley family. The first 3 of these cases WERE examined by RK at LoV in July 2018.
5. Essex Co VA Land Trials Books, 3 vols, 1711-1818, Essex Co Circuit Clerk’s Office
6. Essex County Wills and Deeds Index B, 1691-1722, reviewed by Nancy Heuser in 2007; no Kidd entries, according to her report
7. Essex County General Index to Deeds C, 1722-1798, reviewed by Nancy Heuser in 2007, and all citations abstracted.
8. Essex County General Index to Deeds D, 1791-1867, reviewed by Nancy Heuser in 2007, and all citations abstracted.
9. Essex Co Will Book Indexes have been reviewed and abstracted for Kidd entries,
10. Essex County Order Books – RK has reviewed and abstracted the all the OBs with except the ones in red font.
   (See Essex Co. Source Documents folder for details of this review.)
   General Index to Court Orders, 1684-1714, 602 pp. – FHL #1929915, item 2. NO Kids in this index.
   General Index to Court Orders, 1714-1728, 137 pp. – LoV Reel 129
   Unfortunately this index only contains the A, B and C surnames. The LoV archivists suggest that the county ran out of funds or time in creating this index.
   OB 5, 1716-1723, (LoV reel 67 and FHL #1929864, item 2) – this OB contained an index, but the index skips from F to L, on each reel. Either there were no entries (which seems unlikely) or the persons filming the index skipped pages.)
   OBs v. 7-9, 1725-1736 (FHL #1929866)
   OBs v. 10-12, 1736-1741 (#1929867)
   OBs v. 13-15a, 1742-1784 (#1929868)
   OBs v. 15b-16, 1748-1751 (#1929869)
   OBs, v. 17-19a, 1751-1754 – FHL# 1929870
   OBs, v. 19b-21, 1753-1757 – FHL# 1929871

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OBs, v. 22-24a, 1757-1763 – FHL# 1929872
OBs, v. 24b-26a, 1763-1766 – FHL #1929873
OBs, v. 26b-28a, 1766-1772 – FHL #1929874
OBs, v. 28b-29, 1772-1783 – FHL#1929875 (see notes in Catalogue)
OBs, v. 30-31, 1784-1790 – FHL #1929876
OBs, v. 32-33, 1790-1797 – FHL # 1929877
OBs, v. 34-35, 1797-1800 – FHL #1929878
OBs, v. 36-37, 1800-1804 – FHL# 1929879
OBs, v. 38-39, 1804-1809 – FHL #1929880
OBs, v. 40-41a, 1809-1814 – FHL #1929881
OBs, v. 41b-42, 1814-1817 – FHL #1929882
OBs, v. 43-44, 1817-1823 – FHL #1929883
OBs, v. 45-46, 1823-1829 – FHL #1929884 (restricted access)
OBs, v. 46-48, 1830-1834 – FHL #1929885 (restricted access)
OBs, v. 48-50, 1834-1842 – FHL #1929886 (restricted access)
OBs, v. 50-51, 1842-1852 – FHL # 1929887 (restricted access)
OB 51 (cont.) 1852 – 1858 – FHL #1929888 (restricted access)

11. Guardian and Orphan Records. Because Wesley Pippenger’s book (Secondary source 23, below) is an abstract of these records, we relied on his book, and did not personally examine the microfilms below.

Guardians Book, 1761-1796, unpaged index, 228 pp. – LoV reel 104
Guardians Book, 1796-1811, index, 260 pp. – LoV reel 104
Guardians Book, 1811-1821, index, 253 pp. – LoV reel 105
Guardians Book, 1825 (sic) 1829, index, 319 pp. – LoV reel 105
Guardians Book, 1831-1837, indexes front and back, 508 p – Reel 105
Guardians Books, 1838-1844 & 1844-1851, indexes – Reel 106

12. Essex Co Orphans Accounts, 1731-1760, index, 261 p – LoV reel 104

13. NUMEROUS early records of Essex Co. (including but not limited to Wills, Deeds, Chancery Causes, County Court Orders and Records, Superior Court of Law Order Books, Guardians’ Records, Land Records, Marriage Bonds (1804-1853) and Wills have been microfilmed and are available at either the Library of Virginia, or the LDS Catalogue. These are not listed individually at this time, due to the sheer volume of them. Many of these records have been abstracted or indexed – see Secondary Sources, below. These secondary sources may be used as a "finding tool" to more specifically target individual early records.

SECONDARY SOURCES (arranged alphabetically by author) (all below have been abstracted and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document):


3. Deed and Will Book, Essex County, Virginia: Deeds, 1753-1754; Wills, 1750 (transcript of the original book by Lydia Sparacio Bontempo, indexing by Ruth Sparacio), 2004 (LoV)
17. *Virginia Kidds Serving in Wartime, 1800-1848*, by William R. Kidd. (No Kidds from Essex Co. are found in this document.)
22. *Essex County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds 1804-1850, annotated*, by Wesley E. Pippenger, Tappahannock, VA, 2015. NO KIDDs IN THE INDEX TO THIS BOOK
23. *Essex County, Virginia, guardianship and orphans records; a descriptive index*, by Wesley E. Pippenger, Tappahannock, VA, 2016. Since this book was based on his review of ALL the extant guardianship records and orphans accounts (See the relevant pages from the intro of his book in the Sources file), we elected to not review those microfilm reels.


27. *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia*, by Ruth Sparacio (multiple volumes):
   - 1728-1733, 1989 (LoV)
   - 1733-1738, 1989 (LoV)
   - 1738-1742, 1989 (LoV)
   - 1742-1745, 1991 (LoV)
   - 1745-1749, 1992 (LoV)
   - 1759-1751, 1993 (LoV)
   - 1751-1753, 1993 (LoV)


29. *Record Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia* (multiple small volumes) by Ruth Sparacio:
   - 1692-1693, 1991 (LoV)
   - 1693-1694, 1991 (LoV)
   - 1694-1695, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries

30. *Deed and Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia* (multiple small volumes) by Ruth Sparacio:
   - 1695-1697, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1697-1699, 1991, (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1699-1701, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1701-1704, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries

31. *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia* (multiple small volumes) by Ruth Sparacio,
   - 1730-1735, (1988 (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1735-1743, 1989 (LoV)
   - 1743-1745, 1991 (LoV)
   - 1745-1748, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1748-1750, 1992 (LoV)

32. *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia*, by Ruth Sparacio:
   - 1695-1699, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1699-1702, 1991 (LoV) – No Kidd entries
   - 1716-1723, 1990 (FOUR Volumes) (LoV) – No Kidd entries in any of the 4.
   - 1723-1725, 1989 (TWO Volumes) (LoV)
   - 1725-1729, 1989 (TWO Volumes) (LoV)

33. *Extracts from the records of the counties of Old Rappahanock, Essex, Middlesex, King George, and Richmond: with an index*, compiled by William G. Stanard, 1890.
   
34. Extracts from the Records of Virginia Counties, 1633-1875, by William G. Stanard, (Personal Papers Collection, Library of Virginia), five volumes, LoV accession number 31167.
   
[Extracts from the records of the following counties: York County, 1633-1700, 1672-1852; Henrico County, 1677-1771; Surry, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, and Sussex Counties, 1634-1875; Old Rappahannock, Essex, Middlesex, King George, and Richmond Counties, 1654-1804. Extracts were made by William G. Stanard (1859-1933).]
35. *The Virginia Genealogist, volumes 1-50*. All entries for Essex County Kidds found in the Indexes to these volumes have been added to this document.


APPENDIX TWO:

GENEALOGICAL PROOF STATEMENT FOR DANIEL3 KIDD BEING THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR THE FATHER OF ISAAC KIDD SR. AND HENRY KIDD OF ESSEX COUNTY

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Daniel Kidd, the grandson of Thomas1 Kidd, was born ca 1696 in Middlesex Co VA to parents Thomas2 Kidd and Alice Trigg. We know little about Daniel’s life. He was likely named after his grandfather Daniel Trigg. Neither Daniel’s birth, marriage, nor death is recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. He appears in only three records: the 1727 Middlesex Co will of his father; a 1746 Essex Co deed with his brother Thomas3; and a 1750/1 estate account for Thomas3. The latter two records place Daniel Kidd in Essex Co VA, in the mid-1700s, which is a vital piece of information in determining who is most likely to be the father of Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd of Essex Co VA.

We know that Henry and Isaac are brothers, because the Essex Co VA Order Book entry for 20 Oct 1756 shows that Henry Kidd testified that he sold the remaining term of an indentured servant named John Ritcheson to Isaac Kidd, whom Henry identifies as his brother. Henry and Isaac are consistently found in Essex Co VA from the early 1750s until the time of their deaths, Isaac’s in 1770 and Henry’s in 1793 (see below for a summary).

Henry Kidd was of adult age by 1750, when he witnesses a deed in Essex Co, and in 1753 is of South Farnham Parish in Essex Co, when he registers a 13-year-old slave named Dinah and purchases 100 acres from John Haile of the same parish. To be at least 21 by 1750, Henry was born no later than 1729. Henry’s Essex Co will, written in 1785 and proven in 1793, names his children as John and William, of King and Queen Co; Mary who married John Brown, of Caroline Co, and Sarah who married Benjamin Kidd, of Caroline Co.

Isaac Kidd was of adult age by 1752 and also living in South Farnham Parish in Essex Co when he witnesses a deed, signing by his mark. To be at least 21 by 1752, Isaac was born no later than 1731. Isaac was survived by three sons at the time of his death in 1770, identified in Essex Co estate and guardian papers as Pitman, Benjamin, and Isaac Kidd Jr.

William Kidd first appears in the Essex Co record in 1753, when he is named in Thomas4 Kidd’s power of attorney filed in Essex Co and in a 1753 Essex Co order to repay a debt. To be at least 21 by 1753, William was born no later than 1732.

Essex Co records show that five Kidd men were of adult age in the county in the 1750s: Henry Kidd, Isaac Kidd, William Kidd, Philip Kidd, and Thomas4 Kidd. Of these five, Philip and Thomas4 Kidd are named in the 1749 Essex Co will of Thomas3 Kidd as his sons. The only other Kidd man identified as living in Essex Co at the time that Henry, Isaac, and William came of age is Daniel Kidd.

Daniel Kidd first appears in the records of Middlesex Co VA when he is named in the will of his father Thomas2 Kidd, written and signed on 6 May 1727, proved in Court on 4 July 1727. In his will, Thomas2 Kidd makes specific bequests of land to his four sons Thomas3, John, Daniel, and William Kidd. A fifth son Henry’s birth appears in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register, but he is not named in his father’s will and so presumably died as a child. Son William’s death was recorded in 1740 in Middlesex Co.
Nearly 20 years after the death of Thomas2 Kidd in 1727, in a deed filed in Middlesex Co VA 7 Jul 1746, Daniel Kidd and Thomas3 Kidd, both of South Farnham Parish of Essex Co VA, sell to William Williamson, of same, for 40 pounds current money, 75 acres of land called “Thomas Kidd” lying in Middlesex on the White Oak Swamp, adjacent to “John Kidd’s Spring along the Spring Branch.” Both Daniel Kidd and Thomas3 Kidd signed the deed to Williamson by mark.

The last known record in which Daniel Kidd is named is found in 1750/1 in Essex Co VA when he receives a payment from the estate of Thomas3 Kidd. The account of the estate of Thomas3 Kidd is recorded in Essex Co Will Book 8, p. 415, dated 19 February 1750/51. Among those to whom monies were paid were Daniel Kidd (9 pounds, 7 shillings, 5 1/2 pence), and Thomas4 Kidd (1 pound, 1 shilling, 10 pence). Daniel's payment from the estate likely was repayment for a debt Thomas3 owed to Daniel.

At the same time that Daniel Kidd receives payment from the estate of his brother Thomas3 Kidd, the brothers Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd, both adults, make their first known appearances in the Essex Co VA records. William Kidd, likely another son of Daniel Kidd, first appears in Essex Co records in 1753. Although Henry and Isaac are named in Essex Co records before William appears by name, it is possible that William may be the oldest son of Daniel Kidd. [See Appendix 3 for more on the theory that William Kidd is Daniel’s son.]

OTHER CANDIDATES FOR HENRY AND ISAAC’S FATHER?

Are there other candidates for Henry and Isaac’s father? In order to determine this, we considered the other grandsons of Thomas1 Kidd, all sons of Thomas2 Kidd or of his brother William Kidd.

**Sons of Thomas2 Kidd and Alice Trigg, Other than Daniel Kidd**

Thomas3 Kidd lived in Essex Co VA, but he is not the father of Henry and Isaac Kidd, because they are not named in his 1749 will that was written and proven in Essex Co.

John Kidd and his wife Rebecca Godbee did not have Henry and Isaac named among their children’s’ births recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. Furthermore, both Henry and Isaac were born by the time Rebecca’s mother Frances Godbee Cheadle makes her will in Goochland Co in 1736, and no Henry or Isaac are named among Rebecca’s children receiving bequests from their grandmother Frances. Finally, though there are a few court records for John Kidd in Essex Co, this family lived in Middlesex Co.

Henry Kidd and William Kidd are the remaining children of Thomas2 Kidd and Alice Trigg named in CCPR birth records. This Henry Kidd, born in 1707, is not named in his father’s will and is thought to have died prior to 1727, probably as a child. William Kidd, son of Thomas2 Kidd, was born in 1716 and died in 1740 and is too young to be the father of either Henry or Isaac Kidd.

**Sons of William2 Kidd and his wife Margaret**

William3a Kidd, the oldest child of William and Margaret Kidd, remained in Middlesex Co where he married Elizabeth Thurston. He had no known children named Henry or Isaac and does not appear in Essex Co.
Robert Kidd, the second son, had no known residence in Essex Co. He is named in only one Essex Co court record in 1725, when he traveled 25 miles (presumably from Middlesex Co) to appear as a witness. He is next found in Henrico Co in 1735/1736, in Goochland/Albemarle Cos in the 1740s, and disappears after 1746.

William and Margaret’s remaining sons Moses, John, Duel, Aaron, James, and Benjamin Kidd were born between 1707-1716 and were all too young to be the father of Henry and Isaac Kidd. All these sons except Benjamin left Middlesex Co.

CONCLUSION

Daniel Kidd, son of Thomas2 Kidd, is the best candidate for the father of Henry and Isaac Kidd.

Only Daniel Kidd and Thomas3 Kidd are found in Essex Co VA in the mid-1700s, and Henry and Isaac are not named as sons of Thomas3 Kidd in his 1749 will. They are not among the children of John Kidd, brother of Thomas3 and Daniel Kidd. Their geographic proximity and interactions with Philip Kidd, son of Thomas3, suggests a close family connection. And no evidence has been found to suggest a different person as their father.

[N.B. The authors also believe that this Daniel Kidd was most likely the father of William Kidd Sr. of Essex Co, who married Mary Halbert by 1757 and moved to Caroline Co VA by 1764, where he died in 1802 leaving a large family and sizeable estate. See Appendix Three of this document for more information.]
APPENDIX THREE:
GENEALOGICAL PROOF STATEMENT FOR DANIEL3 KIDD BEING THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR THE FATHER OF WILLIAM KIDD SR. OF ESSEX AND CAROLINE COUNTIES
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WILLIAM KIDD, SR. of Essex and Caroline Counties, Virginia was born by 1732,456 and possibly earlier. He is found in the 1750s in Essex County, Virginia before settling in Caroline County, Virginia by 1764. He died there by 1802, leaving a large estate and family. His life is well-documented in Caroline County, but who was his father?

A major clue to the identity of this William Kidd may be found in the wording of a 1753 power of attorney filed in Essex Co. Thomas4 Kidd, named as “of Edgecombe Co NC,” signed a document on 30 May 1753 giving his power of attorney to William Upshaw Davis “to ask, demand recover and receive for me all my Lands and Houses with all other the appurtenances thereunto belonging which I have or claim right to in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex within the Colony of Virginia…. I give my Attorney full power and authority to take peaceable possession of all the lands which I brought suit against my Unkle John Kidd & Cousin William Kidd and William Williamson in County of Middlesex…In witness whereof I the said Thomas Kidd have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of May 1753.”

This “Cousin William Kidd” must have been at least 21 by 1753, when he is named in Thomas4 Kidd’s power of attorney filed in Essex Co and in a 1753 Essex Co order to repay a debt. Thus he was born no later than 1732. This matches William Kidd Sr. perfectly.

Thomas4 Kidd had inherited his land through the terms of his great-grandfather Thomas1 Kidd’s will: the land was entailed to the oldest son of each generation and had passed to Thomas2 Kidd, then to his oldest son Thomas3 Kidd, and then to Thomas4 Kidd in 1749 when his father Thomas3 died. Thomas4 Kidd was filing suit in 1753 to claim the land in order to dock the entail, or break the inheritance, so that he could sell the family properties.

Below is a schematic diagram, showing the sons of Thomas2 Kidd, and thus listing the uncles of Thomas4 Kidd (and potential fathers of “Cousin William Kidd”):

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\begin{align*}
\text{Thomas2 Kidd} & \quad \sim1669 - 1727 \\
\text{Thomas3} & \quad \text{b ~1692} \quad \text{d 1749, Essex} \\
\text{John3} & \quad \text{b ~1694} \quad \text{d 1759, MSX} \\
\text{Daniel3} & \quad \text{b ~1696} \quad \text{d bet. 1751-1753} \\
\text{Henry3} & \quad \text{b bef 1707} \quad \text{d bef 1727457} \\
\text{William3b} & \quad \text{b 1716, MSX} \quad \text{d 1740, MSX} \\
\text{Thomas4} & \quad \text{b 1718} \quad \text{William Sr.?}
\end{align*}
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456 He was of legal age in 1753, when he was sued for debt and also sued by his cousin Thomas4 Kidd. See his section in the Essex County Kidds document for more detail, as well as the sources of these statements.

457 He’s not named in his father’s 1727 will, and evidently died prior to the writing of that will.
“Cousin William Kidd” clearly was not the son of Thomas3 Kidd, because that would have made him the brother, rather than cousin, of Thomas4 Kidd.

Is John3 Kidd, the “Unkle John Kidd” named in this suit, possibly William’s father? This John Kidd and his wife Rebecca Godbee did not have a son William named among their children’s births recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. Nor was a son William named in the 1736 Goochland Co will of Rebecca’s mother Frances Godbee Cheadle, who specified bequests to all Rebecca’s children who were born by the time Frances wrote her will in 1736. Thus John3 Kidd is not a candidate for the father of “Cousin William Kidd.”

What of Thomas2 Kidd’s other sons: Henry, William and Daniel?

The births of Henry Kidd and William Kidd are recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. Henry3 Kidd, born in 1707, is not named in his father’s 1727 Middlesex Co will and so appears to have died prior to 1727, probably as a child. William3b Kidd, son of Thomas2 Kidd, was born in 1716 and died in 1740, when his death was recorded in the Middlesex CCPR, and there is no evidence he ever married. He also is too young to be the father of the William Kidd born before 1732.

The only remaining son of Thomas2 Kidd and Alice Trigg is Daniel Kidd. Daniel Kidd was born ca 1696 in Middlesex Co VA. We know little about Daniel’s life. He was likely named after his grandfather Daniel Trigg. Neither Daniel’s birth, marriage, nor death is recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. He appears in only three records that we have found: the 1727 Middlesex Co will of his father, a 1746 Essex Co deed with his brother Thomas3, and a 1750/1 estate account for Thomas3. The latter two records place Daniel Kidd in Essex Co VA in 1746 and 1750, just 3 years prior to the first appearance of William Kidd Sr. in a 1753 Essex County Order, and to “Cousin William Kidd” being named in the 1753 power of attorney.

We believe that Daniel Kidd died between 1751 (when he received funds from his father’s estate) and 1753, when this action occurred. For William to be named in lieu of Daniel, he would have been his oldest son. Though Henry and Isaac Kidd appear in records earlier than William does, this fact does not automatically make them older than William Kidd. [See Appendix Two for more information about Henry and Isaac.]

Daniel Kidd is the only Kidd male in Essex County in this time frame who could be the father of William Kidd Sr. And Daniel Kidd is the only uncle of Thomas4 Kidd who could have had a son named William. For these reasons, it is most likely that Daniel3 Kidd, the son of Thomas2 Kidd, was the father of William Kidd Sr.

OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE FATHER OF WILLIAM KIDD SR?

The name William Kidd appears frequently in Middlesex Co records, so it is important to consider other Kidd men who could be the father of William Kidd Sr. Could Thomas4 Kidd have been referring to a second cousin? In order to determine this, we must consider the other grandsons of Thomas1 Kidd who were the sons of William2 Kidd.

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458 Had Daniel Kidd been alive at the time, he should have been named in this suit.
Sons of William2 Kidd and his wife Margaret
We know that William3a Kidd, the oldest child of William2 and Margaret Kidd, remained in Middlesex Co where he married Elizabeth Thurston. William and Elizabeth had at least two sons: William, whose birth is recorded in the Middlesex CCPR in 1729, and John, whose birth is recorded in the Middlesex CCPR in 1733. Nothing more is known about this William or his brother, John. While William4 could conceivably be William Kidd Sr., this seems less likely to us, for several reasons. First, this William would be Thomas4 Kidd’s second cousin, not his first cousin. Second, there is no evidence that any of this particular Kidd family ever left Middlesex Co for Essex Co or Caroline Co. Third, the descendants of Thomas2 Kidd generally were wealthier than those of William2 Kidd, and William Kidd Sr. came to possess substantial wealth and property.

Robert Kidd, the second son, had no known residence in Essex Co. He is named in only one Essex Co court record in 1725, when he traveled 25 miles (presumably from Middlesex Co) to appear as a witness. He is next found in Henrico Co in 1735/1736, in Goochland & Albemarle Cos in the 1740s, and disappears after 1746.

Moses Kidd, the third son, was born in 1707 and is named in only one Essex Co record when he served as a witness to a 1736 deed. He appears in two Caroline Co records in 1734 and 1737, and in four records in King and Queen Co from 1747 to 1751. Apparently without property or wealth, Moses seems unlikely to be the father of William Kidd, who amassed considerable property in Caroline Co.

William and Margaret’s remaining sons John, Duel, Aaron, James, and Benjamin Kidd were born between 1708-1716 and were all too young to be the father of William Kidd. None of them ever appear in Essex Co records. All these sons except Benjamin left Middlesex Co and settled in central Virginia.

CONCLUSION
Daniel Kidd, son of Thomas2 Kidd, is the best candidate for the father of William Kidd Sr. of Essex and Caroline Cos VA.

Only Daniel Kidd and Thomas3 Kidd are found in Essex Co VA in the mid-1700s, and William Kidd is not named as a son of Thomas3 Kidd in his 1749 will. He is not among the children of John Kidd, brother of Thomas3 and Daniel Kidd. Since he is named as a cousin to Thomas4 Kidd, son of Thomas3, it is most likely that he is the son of Daniel Kidd.

The other possibility, that William Kidd Sr. was the son of William3a (William2, Thomas1) Kidd and his wife, Elizabeth Thurston, is deemed less likely but cannot be disproven at this time.

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459 Both Thomas2 Kidd and William2 Kidd had sons named William. Both are 3rd generation Kidds and grandsons of Thomas1 Kidd, the immigrant and patriarch of our Kidd family. To distinguish between the two, we dubbed William, son of William2 as William3a, because he was born earlier, and dubbed William3 Kidd, the son of Thomas2 Kidd as William3b, because his birth occurred later than William3a Kidd’s.
[N.B. The authors also believe that Daniel Kidd was the father of Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd of Essex Co. See Appendix Two of this document for more information.]