

THE KIDDS OF ESSEX
COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
1723-1850

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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 the first reference to a Kidd in 1723 through 1850. The entries are organized alphabetically by the first or given name of each individual. When more than one individual share 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 1646, and if so, their line of descent; and
3. To distinguish between proven, documented relationships and those which are widely shared and held to be accurate, but for which proof is minimal or non-existent.

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.

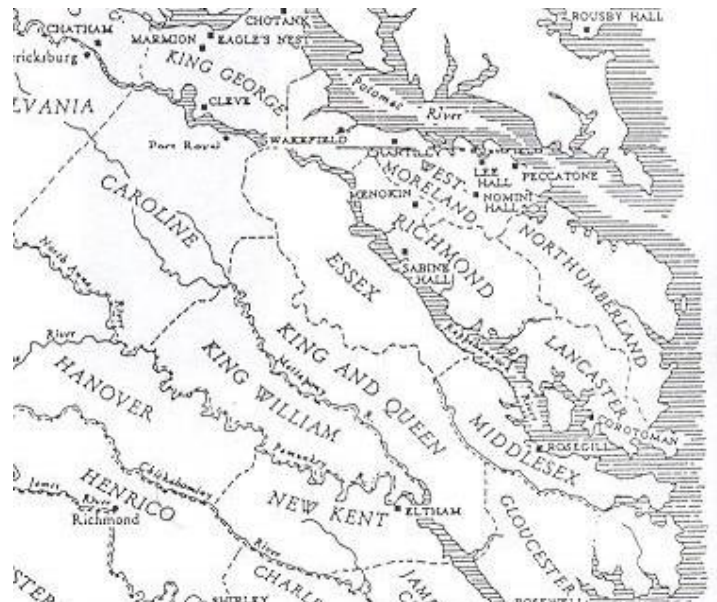


FIGURE: Map of Essex and surrounding counties, circa 1800.

Unlike many Virginia counties, Essex County has had no major records losses.

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 County when Old Rappahannock County was abolished in 1692.

Sittenburne became part of Essex County from the time Old Rappahannock County was abolished in 1692, and remained a part of Essex County until 1704.

St. Mary's became part of Essex County when Old Rappahannock County was abolished in 1692; when Caroline County was formed from part of Essex County in 1728, St. Mary's then became part of Caroline County.

St. Anne's originally was part of Essex County and then was a part of both counties after Caroline County was formed from part of Essex County in 1728.

The Kidds are most associated with South Farnham Parish.

SOME TIPS ON USING THIS DOCUMENT

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in Appendix 1, found on page 94 and following.

Names in **BOLD underlined FONT** have been added to the Family Tree that we are constructing on Ancestry.com. This tree can be found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986/family> This URL is active as of May 2020.

This tree includes all the DOCUMENTED descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia up through 1850; it also includes persons that belong to family units (many of them multigenerational) that we suspect connect to the family of Thomas1 Kidd, but have not proven the connection yet.

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

The number following an individual's name in this compilation indicates the number of generations relative to our common ancestor, Thomas1 Kidd.

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."

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.

All websites cited in this document were accessible at the time of this publication.

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

THE KIDDS OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1723-1852

The Kidd families found in Essex County, Virginia originated in neighboring Middlesex County, Virginia. **Thomas1 Kidd** was in the Virginia colony by 7 October 1646, when he was named in an estate record for Peter Deare in York County. Although we have no record of his passage to Virginia, Thomas is believed to be our immigrant ancestor.

Thomas1 Kidd and his only known wife **Jane**, whose maiden name is not confirmed or documented in any historical record, were married no later than 1669. They were the parents of **two sons Thomas2 Jr. and William, and three daughters Elizabeth, Jane, and Mary**. The births of all their children except Thomas Jr., who was born prior to the formation of Middlesex County, are recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register. **Thomas1 Kidd** wrote his will 28 May 1680 and died by October 1680 at his farm in Middlesex County. Through his will, Thomas left his properties to his eldest son **Thomas2 Kidd Jr.** and Thomas Jr.'s heirs. He also left his younger son **William2 Kidd** a property that William had the right to live on during his lifetime. This practice of leaving the land to the oldest son is called primogeniture or entail, which means the property is passed on only to the eldest son of each successive generation. A custom of British law, this practice was used in the Virginia colony until abolished in the 1780s.

Thomas2 Kidd Jr., the elder son of **Thomas1 Kidd**, likely was born by 1669 before Middlesex County was formed from Lancaster County. No parish books of Lancaster County have survived. **William2 Kidd**, the younger son of **Thomas1 Kidd**, was born 22 March 1675/1676 in Middlesex Co VA and baptized at Christ Church Parish as the son of Thomas and Jane Kidd.

For the next 47 years after their father's death, Thomas and Jane's sons Thomas Jr. and William would live side by side on adjoining plantations close by the Dragon Run, raising their families and their crops. They likely never traveled more than 10 miles from home during their lifetimes. **Thomas2 Kidd Jr.** married **Alice Trigg**, and **William2 Kidd** married a woman named **Margaret**, whose maiden name is not confirmed or documented in any historical record.

In the spring of 1727, it is likely that some sort of disease or epidemic struck Middlesex County. It was to take the lives of **William2 Kidd**, his wife Margaret, and **Thomas2 Kidd Jr.** over a period of two months. Margaret died first in March 1727, then William2 in April 1727 and Thomas2 Jr. in May 1727. Alice, the wife of Thomas2 Jr., had died in 1720. By the summer of 1727, all of **Thomas1 Kidd's** grandchildren were left orphaned.

The deaths of William2 and Thomas2 Jr. in 1727 were to have a major impact on their descendants, setting into motion the transfer of all the Kidd family lands into the ownership of **Thomas3 Kidd**, the eldest son of **Thomas2 Kidd Jr.** By this time, **Thomas3 Kidd** was living in Essex County.

With no land to call their own, most of the descendants of **Margaret and William2 Kidd** left Middlesex County and headed westward across Virginia. The descendants of **Alice and Thomas2 Kidd Jr.** mainly stayed in Middlesex County or settled in nearby Essex, Caroline, and King & Queen and Caroline Counties.

The children of Thomas² Kidd Jr. and Alice Trigg were:

Thomas³ Kidd, who married three times, to Margaret (last name not known), to Elizabeth Laurence, and to Phyllis (last name not known)

John, who married Rebecca Godbee

Daniel

Winifred (may have died as a child)

Frances, who married William Thurston

Henry (likely to have died as a child, not named in his father's will)

Mary

William (died as a young man by 1740)

Anne and Jane, twins

The children of William² Kidd and his wife Margaret were:

William, who married Elizabeth Thurston (his birth is not recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register)

Margaret, who married John Southern

Robert (not known if Robert married or had a family)

Agatha, who married possibly Edward Southern

Moses, who married Dorothy (last name not known)

John, who likely married Ruth Farish/Parish (possibly as his second wife)

Jane, who married John Gregory

Duel, who married a widow Mary Sorrow

Aaron, who married Susannah (last name not known)

James, who married Eliza(beth) (who was possibly a Webb, although this is not confirmed or documented)

Joseph and Samuel, who died as children

Catherine (nothing more known)

Benjamin, who married Judith Chowning (his birth is not recorded in the Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register)

EARLY KIDDS OF ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The earliest Kidds to appear in Essex County were **Thomas³ and Daniel Kidd**, two of the sons of **Thomas² Kidd Jr.** 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 County Kidd document at www.kiddroots.org for records for the Thomas² Kidd family.)

The eldest son of Thomas² Jr. and Alice, **Thomas³ Kidd**, is the first Kidd to appear in the Essex County records, in 1723. Thomas³ Kidd died in Essex County 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 Thomas² Kidd Jr. and Alice Trigg, only appears in the records of Essex County 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 likely the father of **William Kidd** of Essex and Caroline Cos.

Three children of **William2** and **Margaret Kidd** of Middlesex County appear briefly in the Essex County records. William2 Kidd was the younger son of Thomas1 Kidd.

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 County 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

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

BENJAMIN KIDD, named as the “second son” of **Isaac Kidd Sr. in estate and guardianship records.**

Benjamin5 (Isaac4, Daniel3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd

Born between 1758 and 1764, most likely in Essex County, Virginia.

Died about 1829 in Caroline County, Virginia

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 County in 1777.

He is likely the Benjamin Kidd who lived in Caroline County who died ca 1829 (see his section in our Caroline County document at www.kiddroots.org). 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

¹ Essex County Order Book 28A, page 18.

² Essex County Order Book 29, p. 172.

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 County served in the Rev. War. ^{4, 5}

According to testimony given in 1830 by Charles Broach of Henrico County, Virginia 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 County, Virginia 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. His heirs, living in Caroline County Virginia, 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

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 County and Dejarnette of Middlesex County.⁸

1785 – 16 April 1785. **Benjamin Kidd** was a witness at the Fraternal Hunters Lodge (Masonic) in Essex County 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 County deed dated and recorded 15 Dec 1794, **Benjamin Kidd** is named as a grantor with his **wife Sarah**, and his residence given as Caroline County. Other grantors are John Kidd and Lucy his wife, and William Kidd [no wife named], both of King and Queen County, and John Brown and Mary his wife, also of

³ Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, pp. 132-3.

⁴ *A History of Caroline County, Virginia; from its formation in 1727 to 1924*, by Marshall Wingfield, Regional Publishing Company, 1969, p. 228, citing Saffell's List.

⁵ *Colonial Caroline. A history of Caroline County, Virginia*, by T.E. Campbell, Deitz Press, Richmond, Virginia, 1954, p. 374, where Benjamin Kidd's name appears on a list of "Caroline Soldiers and Sailors of the State Revolution (from the archives at the Virginia State Library)."

⁶ BLW 1270, record abstract in Caroline County Virginia 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.

⁸ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 95, citing Essex DB 31, p. 536.

⁹ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

Caroline County. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex County. 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 County 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

BETTY KIDD, born after 1721 probably in Essex County, Virginia. 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.

¹⁰ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp. 205-7.

¹¹ Essex County Order Book 32, page 525.

¹² Essex County Order Book 33, page 124.

¹³ Essex County Virginia Order Book 29, p. 281.

DANIEL KIDD – the son of Thomas Kidd² 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 County records in 1746 and 1750/51.

Daniel Kidd is not found in any Middlesex or Essex County 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 County and likely also the father of William Kidd of Essex and Caroline Counties, Virginia. See [Appendix Two](#) and [Appendix Three](#) of this document for more detail.

[N.B. A Daniel Kidd is subsequently found in Augusta County as early as 1751, in Rockbridge County, and later in Frederick County, 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 Counties, Virginia in the Kidd Y-DNA project.]

1727 – **Daniel Kidd** is named as the son of Thomas² Kidd in his father's Middlesex 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.

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.

¹⁴ He was not named in the lawsuit filed by Thomas⁴ Kidd in 1753, and therefore was likely dead by that time.

¹⁵ Middlesex County Will Book 3, p. 311, ff. We (to RK's knowledge) do not have a copy of this record.

All the rest of my estate shall remain upon the plantation for the maintenance of my said children until they come to age 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 County deed, **Daniel Kidd** and Thomas Kidd, of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, 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 County 4 November 1746.¹⁶

[Note: This tract of land becomes important in 1753, when Thomas⁴ Kidd brings suit against his “uncle” John Kidd, his “cousin” William Kidd, and William Williamson in Middlesex County. 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

1750/1 – An account of the estate of Thomas³ Kidd is recorded in Essex County Will Book 8, p. 415, dated 19 February 1750/51.¹⁸ 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 County.

EDMOND KIDD, son of John Kidd and Rebecca Godbee of Middlesex County, Virginia
Edmond⁴ (John³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

1754 – In an instrument dated 15 February 1754, William Upshaw Davis of Edgecombe County NC appointed Archib’d Ritchie of Essex County, Virginia, merchant, “my attorney to ask, demand and receive of John Kidd and **Edmond Kidd** of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County £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

¹⁶ Middlesex County Virginia Deed Book 7, p. 210.

¹⁷ Middlesex County Virginia Deed Book 7, p. 529.

¹⁸ *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, pp. 99-100.

Middlesex for the recovery of the said sum.” This was proved in court 19 June 1754.¹⁹ John Kidd and **Edmond Kidd** were sons of John Kidd and Rebecca Godbee of Middlesex County, 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.)

No other records for this Edmond Kidd have been found in Essex County.

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.²⁰

ELIZABETH KIDD, likely the wife 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 County 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.²¹

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.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 Eells, John Evans Junr. and Jas Edmonson, to a deed of this date between Micajah Evans of South Farnham Parish, Essex County and Greensbi Evans of the same place. This

¹⁹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 57, citing Essex County DB 27, p. 12.

²⁰ *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1738-1742*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, Virginia, 1989, p. 61, citing DB 22, pages 232-234.

²¹ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1735-1743*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, Virginia, 1989, p. 145, citing Essex WB6:421-422.

²² Essex County OB 13, 1742-1743, p. 120.

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) – there are at least three Henry Kidds in Essex County

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 County.

Lived in South Farnham Parish in Essex County.

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 County 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 County sold to Caleb Lindsey of St. Mary's Parish in Caroline County for £75 current money a tract of land containing 75 acres in St. Ann's parish.²⁵

1753 – 16 January 1753, Essex County 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 Misesy Branch, described as land given to Haile "given by John Haile Sr., deceased father of the aforesaid."

²³ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 2, citing Essex County DB 26, pp. 13-14. A digital image of this deed is available in the Deeds folder for Essex County on Dropbox.

²⁴ Essex County Order Book 31, P. 159.

²⁵ *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1749-1751*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1993, p. 2, citing DB page 276-278.

²⁶ Essex County Order Book 18, page 295.

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 County.

1754 – 17 April 1754, Essex County 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County, Virginia, lists **Henry Kidd** as a witness; the grantors and grantee were both listed as of Essex County so the witnesses would also be of Essex. Abstract reads: "[date blank] 1755 Robert Jones and Mary his wife of Essex County, carpenter, to Benjamin Edmondson of Essex County, planter, £15 for 185 acres on branches of Contrary and North East Creek being the land sd. Jones bought of John Cumption of deed of lease and release 2 Jun 1742, adj. John Tomson, Estes, Roaches, Ambrose Joshua Smith. Sig. Robert (X) Jones, Mary (x) Jones. wit. Joseph Edmondson, **Henry Kidd**, Benja Paul. 27 Jan 1755, acknowledged by Robert Jones."³²

15 July 1755, Essex County court. Ordered that Samuel Fawcett pay unto **Henry**

²⁷ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 26, p. 294.

²⁸ Essex County Order Book 20, pp. 27-28.

²⁹ Ibid, p. 28.

³⁰ Ibid, p. 15.

³¹ Essex County Order Book 20, p. 43.

³² Louisa County Virginia Deed Book B, p 87, abstracted by Janice L. Abercrombie, posted to Louisa County Virginia Genweb site. Also in cited in *Louisa County Virginia Deed Books A and B, 1742-1759*, by Rosalie Edith Davis, Bellevue WA, 1976, p. 111.

Kidd 200 pounds of tobacco for attending this Court eight days as a witness for him at the suit of Archibald Ritchie.³³

1755 – 29 July 1755: the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that John Haile, James Allin and **Henry Kid**, 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.³⁴

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 County Election of Burgesses. Interestingly, William Kidd voted for a different candidate, Capt. James Garnett, in this election. [Only landowners aged 21 or older could vote in the Election of Burgesses.]³⁵

1756 – 17 August 1756, Essex County 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.³⁶

20 October 1756, Essex County 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.³⁷

1757 – 19 July 1757, Essex County 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 County.³⁹

³³ Essex County Order Book 21, p. 117.

³⁴ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 73.

³⁵ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 92-94, citing Essex DB 26, pp. 248-252.

³⁶ Essex County Order Book 21, p. 262.

³⁷ Essex County Order Book 21, pages 296-297.

³⁸ Essex County 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 County Deed Book 28, pp. 95-99, found on FHL #1929940, Essex County DBs 28-29, on extended loan at the Bellevue, WA FHC.

- 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 County 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 County.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 County 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 26th 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
- 1765 – 9 July 1765. **Henry Kidd**, Phill Kidd and Isaac Kidd were among the freeholders voting in the Election of Burgesses in Essex County.⁴⁷
- 1767 – 18 January 1767, Essex County 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

⁴⁰ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 109.

⁴¹ Essex County Order Book 23, p. 148, retrieved from FHL #1929872 (item 2), image 288.

⁴² *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 1, citing Essex DB 29, p. 1-2.

⁴³ Ibid, p. 4, citing Essex DB 26, p. 20.

⁴⁴ Essex County Order Book 24B, p. 266.

⁴⁵ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 113.

⁴⁶ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, citing Essex DB 29, p. 352.

⁴⁷ Essex County Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 235-242. Abstracts of these voter lists are found in the Brewer books (see Secondary Sources).

⁴⁸ Essex County Order Book 26, p. 425.

27 March 1767, Essex County 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 County.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 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

⁴⁹ Essex County Order Book 26B, p. 470.

⁵⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, citing Essex DB 29, p. 101, citing Essex DB 30, p. 165.

⁵¹ Essex County Virginia Land Trials Books, in 3 vols, 1711-1818, p 185, p 193. Abstracted by SKK and CK at Essex County Clerk's Office July 2011.

⁵² Essex County Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 243-248.

⁵³ *Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1766-69*, May 11, 1769, May 12, 1769, November 8, 1769, pp. 200, 207, 231, accessed at Google Books by SKK Nov 2010.

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

1770 – In a deed dated 21 April 1770 and recorded 21 May 1770, Augustine Compton, grantor, to **Henry Kidd**, grantee, 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 Haile 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 County 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 County 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 County 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 County.⁵⁹

18 June 1771, Essex County 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

⁵⁴ *The Virginia Genealogist* 46:169-170, 2002.

⁵⁵ Essex County Deed Book 30, p. 358.

⁵⁶ Essex County Order Book 27, P. 342.

⁵⁷ Essex County Order Book 27, pp. 394-395.

⁵⁸ Essex County Order Book 28A, page 18.

⁵⁹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 63-66, citing Essex DB 31, pp. 398-402.

⁶⁰ Essex County Order Book 28A, p. 114.

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 26th day of November and to finish by 26th 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 County 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 County 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 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.⁶⁸

⁶¹ Ibid.

⁶² *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 128.

⁶³ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 142.

⁶⁴ Essex County Order Book 29, p. 205.

⁶⁵ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 148.

⁶⁶ Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, pp. 106-8.

⁶⁷ Essex County Guardians Book, 1761-1796, pp. 130-132, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 77-78. Scanned images available.

⁶⁸ Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, p. 132-3.

1779 – on 1 October 1779, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered that Richd. T. Haile, **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 26th day of December ... and to make their return as the law directs.⁶⁹

1780 – 22 March 1780. **Henry Kidd** was one of the jurors empaneled in Essex County Court.⁷⁰

1782-1792 – **Henry Kidd** appears on the Essex County Virginia 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 County at the time.

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	B>16	B 12-16	H	COMMENTS
1782	Henry Kidd	1			5	3 Negro tithes; 22 cattle
1783	Henry Kidd	1	1	-	4	6 slaves total; 18 cattle
1784	Henry Kidd	1	5	-	4	4 young slaves; 15 cattle
1785	Henry Kidd	1	2	-	4	4 slaves total; 14 cattle
1786	Henry Kidd	1	2	-	5	4 young slaves; 13 cattle
1787	Henry Kidd	1	2	-	5	5 young slaves; 11 cattle
1788	Henry Kidd	1	0	-	0?	1 young slave; 3 cattle
1789	Henry Kidd	1	3	-	3	1 young slave; cattle no longer taxed
1790	Henry Kidd	1	3	1	3	
1791	Henry Kidd	1	2	1	3	
1792	Henry Kidd	1	2	1	3	

1782, ff. – a **Henry Kidd** appears on the Essex County Land Tax List in 1782 (the year in which these records begin). 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.

⁶⁹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 152.

⁷⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 88-90, citing Essex DB 31, pp. 515-518.

Year	NAME	Acres	Description	CH	COMMENTS
1782	Henry Kidd	225			
1783-1785	No LTLs available				
1786	Henry Kidd	Land	Alterations	List	6 acres transferred from John Haile to Henry Kidd, though not reflected on tax rolls until 1790
1786-1789	Henry Kidd	225			
1790-1792	Henry Kidd	231			"6 acres from John Haile"
1793-1794	Henry Kidd	237			6 new acres, source not stated

1782 – In the Essex County Court records for 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 County 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 “Acct 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 County 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 County. This Masonic Lodge was located at Hobbs Hole in Essex County. 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.

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

⁷¹ *Virginia Revolutionary Claims*, compiled and transcribed by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten, Iberian Publishing County, Athens, GA, 1992 (three volumes in 1, 1113 pages), p. 331.

⁷² *Ibid*, p. 337.

⁷³ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 50.

⁷⁴ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 67.

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 County.⁷⁷
- 1787 – 26 Oct 1787, Essex County 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 County 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
- 1789 – 18 Sept 1789. **Henry Kidd** was a witness to a codicil to the Essex County will of Richard Thomas Haile.⁸¹
- 1793 – In a deed dated and recorded 21 January 1793, John Haile of Essex County 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

⁷⁵ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

⁷⁶ *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, GPC, Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 156, citing Essex County Virginia WB 15:23.

⁷⁷ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 155-156, citing Essex DB 32, pages 405-410.

⁷⁸ Essex County 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.

⁸⁰ Essex County Order Book 31, p. 55.

⁸¹ *Virginia colonial abstracts*, vol. 14, by Beverley Fleet, page 72, reviewed and abstracted by RK at Fiske, Nov. 14, 2011.

⁸² Essex County Virginia Deed Book 33, p. 426.

21 January 1793, Essex County 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 County 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 County in 1793, which correlates to the Essex County PPTLs in 1793 [see Isaac Kidd section].

17 April 1793, Essex County 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

(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.⁸⁶

1793 – Also in this year, **Henry Kidd** drops from the Essex County, Virginia 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 County 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 copys 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 ³/₄.

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

⁸³ Essex County Order Book 32, page 240.

⁸⁴ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

⁸⁵ Essex County Order Book 32, page 264.

⁸⁶ Ibid.

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 County LTLs after 1794, the year in which his heirs sold his 275 acres in Essex County to Thomas Roane [see next record].

1794 – In an Essex County 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 County court. The Final Account and Settlement of **Henry Kidd's** estate, executors John Kidd and John Brown, was certified by the court.

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 County, Virginia on 16 Apr 1785

⁸⁷ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-24 & 144-6.

⁸⁸ Essex County Virginia 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].

⁸⁹ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, p. 146.

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 County Personal Property Tax Lists 1844-1848

1844 – another **Henry Kidd** first appears on the Essex County, Virginia 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 County:

Isaac Kidd (Sr), died by 1770, brother of Henry Kidd and likely son of Daniel³ Kidd

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

Isaac Kidd, found in Essex County 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 likely 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 County. 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, Essex County, and Nathaniel Pendleton. This deed was proved in Essex Court on 22 November 1752 and recorded.⁹¹ Isaac Kidd signed with his mark.

1754 – 17 April 1754, Essex County 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.⁹²

⁹⁰ Essex County DB 26, p. 28. Abstracted in *Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. II*, p. 421, by Beverley Fleet.

⁹¹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 23, citing Essex DB 26, p. 168.

⁹² *Ibid*, p. 28.

1755 – 21 May 1755, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd** against John Griggs } Petition by account. Suit continued till next Court.⁹³

1756 – **Isaac Kid** 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.^{94 95}

20 October 1756, Essex County 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.⁹⁶

1758 – In October of 1758, Henry, **Isaac** and Phillip **Kidd** all voted in an Election of Burgesses for Essex County.⁹⁷

1759 – In 1759, **Isaac Kidd** is named in the Essex County Processioning Records, with the adjacent landowner listed as John Crow.⁹⁸ Isaac Kidd was also present during the processioning of the boundary between the land of James Cauthorn and Joseph Mann.⁹⁹

1761 – 15 June 1761, Essex County court. **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.¹⁰⁰

21 September 1761, Essex County court. Ordered that Richard Brown, **Isaac Kidd**, Thomas Dennit and Thomas Croutcher(?) 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

⁹³ Essex County Order Book 21, P. 108.

⁹⁴ *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, GPC, Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 156, citing Essex County WB 10:110.

⁹⁵ Division of Estate of William Bohannon, Essex County Virginia Will Book 10, p. 110, abstracted by Craig Kilby 2006.

⁹⁶ Essex County Order Book 21, pages 296-297.

⁹⁷ The votes for the various candidates in this election were recorded in Essex County Deed Book 28, pp. 95-99, found on FHL #1929940, Essex County DBs 28-29, on extended loan at the Bellevue, WA FHC.

⁹⁸ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 106.

⁹⁹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 107.

¹⁰⁰ Essex County Order Book 23, p. 291.

¹⁰¹ Essex County Order Book 23, p. 385, retrieved from FHL #1929872, item 2, image 406 on this reel. Scanned image available.

Isaac Kidd married Lucy, daughter of John Minter, before 16 Nov 1761.¹⁰²

In an Essex County 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 Mishell, 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 County court.¹⁰⁴

17 February 1762, Essex County 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

1764 – 21 March 1764, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd**, Dft. Against Luke Covington, Plt Suit continued till next Court.¹⁰⁶

21 March 1764, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd** et al against James Ritchie & County.

James Ritchie & County, 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

23 May 1764, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd**, Dft. Against Luke Covington On hearing the petition brought by Luke Covington against Isaac Kidd, it is Dismissed.¹⁰⁸

24 May 1764, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd** et al against James Ritchie & County – Debt.

Entry is blank after recapitulating the names above, including "...William Dunn (Black)" See next.¹⁰⁹

20 June 1764, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd** et al against James Ritchie & County – Debt.

¹⁰² *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, GPC, Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 156, citing Essex County DB 29:72.

¹⁰³ Essex County DB 29, pp. 72-73. Scanned images of this deed are in the Essex County Sources folder on Dropbox; they include a detailed description of John Minter's land, neighbors, etc.

¹⁰⁴ Essex County Deed Book 29:73.

¹⁰⁵ Essex County Order Book 24, p. 16.

¹⁰⁶ Essex County Order Book 25, p. 154.

¹⁰⁷ Essex County Order Book 25, p. 155.

¹⁰⁸ Essex County Order Book 25, p. 238.

¹⁰⁹ Essex County Order Book 25, p. 256.

James Ritchie & County, Plt against William Dunn, John Smith, Henry Purkins & Isaac Kidd, Dfts} In Debt.

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 County.¹¹¹

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

16 June 1767, Essex County 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 County 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 County.¹¹⁷

1769 – 21 Mar 1769. John Edmondson, Jr. of South Farnham Parish in Essex County 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. Gladly Swamp. Philip Kidd was one of the witnesses to this deed.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁰ Essex County Order Book 25, p. 293.

¹¹¹ Essex County Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 235-242. Abstracts of these voter lists are found in the Brewer books (see Secondary Sources).

¹¹² Essex County Order Book 26B, p. 437.

¹¹³ Essex County Order Book 26B, pp. 505-506.

¹¹⁴ Ibid.

¹¹⁵ Ibid.

¹¹⁶ Essex County Order Book 27, p. 1.

¹¹⁷ Essex County Virginia Land Trials Books, 3 vols, 1711-1818, p. 185, p. 193.

¹¹⁸ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 119, citing Essex County DB 33, p. 226.

In 1769, Henry Kidd, **Isaac Kidd** and Philip Kidd were listed among the voters in the Election of Burgesses in Essex County.¹¹⁹

21 March 1769, Essex County 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.¹²⁰

1770 – 17 September 1770, Essex County 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.¹²¹

19 November 1770, Essex County 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.¹²²

1771 – 18 June 1771, Essex County 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.¹²³

8 October 1771: In a report to the Vestry of South Farnham Parish for 1771 by processioners Francis Brizendine, John Brezindine and John Dobbys, 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.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 County. The appraisers were Robert Mann, John Mann, and William Fletcher. Slaves were named as Negro fellow Dick, Negro wench Suckey, and Negro children

¹¹⁹ *The Virginia Genealogist* 46:169-170, 2002.

¹²⁰ Essex County Order Book 27, p. 202.

¹²¹ Essex County Order Book 27, pp. 394-395.

¹²² Essex County Order Book 28A, page 18.

¹²³ Essex County Order Book 28A, p. 114.

¹²⁴ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, pp. 136-137.

- Michael and Mol (this appears to be a family). Remainder of estate in farm and household goods, no total value given.¹²⁵
- 18 May 1772, Essex County court. An Inventory of the estate of **Isaac Kidd**, dec'd was returned and ordered to be recorded.¹²⁶
- 1774 – 21 March 1774, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd deceased's** account of his administration of the Estate of Isaac Broocke, deceased was returned by the (illegible) appointed to settle the same, which is admitted to record.¹²⁷
- 18 April 1774, Essex County 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.¹²⁸
- 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. First payment listed is to Phillip Kidd for 1.2.9 “on his acct.”¹²⁹
- 18 August 1777, Essex County court. **Isaac Kidd's** administration account was returned and ordered to be recorded. [Henry] Kidd against **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.¹³⁰
- 15 September 1777, Essex County court. Ordered that William Roane, John Warden(?) and Richard Thomas Haile or any two of them divide the estate of **Isaac Kidd, deceased** and report their proceedings thereunto the Court.¹³¹
- 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.¹³²

125 Essex County Virginia Will Book 12, pp. 467-8.

126 Essex County Order Book 28A, p. 283.

127 Essex County Order Book 29, p. 194.

128 Essex County Order Book 29, p. 205.

129 Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, pp. 106-8.

130 Essex County Order Book 29, p. 333.

131 Essex County Order Book 29, p. 336.

132 Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, pp. 132-3.

16 Mar 1778, Essex County 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 County 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 County 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 County to James Fisher of same, male Negro child named Solomon, £25, and 50 acres "up the branch" to James Edmondson's line to Peter Tribble'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 Shackelford, Mary Coates, and Gilbee Tureman, down to Tub River Swamp corner between Pittman, William Tureman,

¹³³ Essex County Order Book 29, p. 351.

¹³⁴ Essex County Order Book 28A, page 18.

¹³⁵ Essex County Guardians Book, 1761-1796, pp. 130-132, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 77-78.
Scanned images available.

¹³⁶ Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, pp. 132-3.

¹³⁷ Essex County Virginia 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 County 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 County 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 County 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).

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	B>16	B 12-16	H	COMMENTS
1785	Isaac Kidd Estate	0	5	-	-	
1786	Isaac Kidd Estate	0	1	-	-	
1787	Isaac Kidd Estate	0	0	-	-	2 young Negroes
1788	Isaac Kidd Estate	0	0	0	1	

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

1787 – 8 September 1787, Essex County 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 County Virginia 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.¹⁴²

1788 – 16 June 1788, Essex County court. On the motion of **Isaac Kidd** [we do not know who this Isaac 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.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. An Isaac Kidd ppears on a Hanover County petition in 1784. In 1789, an Isaac Kidd was identified as living in King and Queen County.

1784 -- **Pitman** and Isaac **Kidd** were two of the Hanover County, Virginia, 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 Wade¹⁴⁴

1785 – **Isaac Kidd** was a witness at the Fraternal Hunters Lodge (Masonic) in Essex County 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].

¹⁴² Essex County Virginia Guardian’s Accounts, 1784-1786, pp. 154-156, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 89-90. Scans of these images are available from the authors.

¹⁴³ Essex County Order Book 31, p. 55.

¹⁴⁴ 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.

Witnesses were named as Benjamin Kidd, **Isaac Kidd**, and Henry Kidd [We do not know who this Isaac and Henry are.]¹⁴⁵

1789 – 19 May 1789, Essex County 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.¹⁴⁶

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

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	B>16	B 12-16	H	COMMENTS
1792	Isaac Kidd	0	4	0	1	
1793	Isaac Kidd	0	4	0	2	
1794	Isaac Kidd	0	3	0	2	

1793 – in Essex County 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 County in 1793, which correlates to the Essex County PPTLs in 1793.

17 April 1793, Essex County 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

¹⁴⁵ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

¹⁴⁶ Essex County Order Book 31, p. 175.

¹⁴⁷ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

¹⁴⁸ Essex County Order Book 32, page 264.

¹⁴⁹ Ibid.

In 1795, he drops from the PPTLs, and doesn't reappear. No Isaac Kidd has been found in his own household on the Hanover County 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 County 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

1800 – 15 September 1800, Essex County court. Mary Kidd, assignee of James Kidd, assignee of **Isaac Kidd**, Pltf against Thomas Wood Junr. and James Dix, Dfdts} 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).¹⁵¹

No further records for this Isaac Kidd have been discovered in any of the counties that we've examined in this era.

JAMES KIDD(s), identity not known

1769 – 18 January 1769. **James Kidd** is named (along with Roger Shackelford, 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 County to William Howerton of South Farnham Parish.¹⁵²

1799 – 20 May 1799, Essex County 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).¹⁵³

1800 – 15 September 1800, Essex County court. Mary Kidd, assignee of **James Kidd**, assignee of Isaac Kidd, Pltf against Thomas Wood Junr. and James Dix, Dfdts} 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).¹⁵⁴

1812 – Essex County Quarterly Court, 19 May 1812. **James Kidd**, assignee of Muse and Crittenden, Plaintiff vs William T. Evans, Defendant} In Debt. The office judgment in this case is set aside...the defendant pleads payment...(case continued).¹⁵⁵

¹⁵⁰ Essex County Order Book 35, page 15.

¹⁵¹ Essex County Order Book 35, page 278.

¹⁵² *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 115, citing Essex DB 30, p. 208.

¹⁵³ Essex County Order Book 35, page 15.

¹⁵⁴ Essex County Order Book 35, page 278.

¹⁵⁵ FHL #1929881, Essex County Order Book 41A, p. 17.

Essex County Quarterly Court, 19 November 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 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.¹⁵⁶

JANE KIDD GREGORY, b ca 1704, Middlesex County, Virginia, daughter of William² and Margaret Kidd. Married John Gregory [Grigory] in Middlesex County 25 Dec 1725 (CCP). Named in Essex County Orders in 1726 and 1727.

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 William² Kidd, because Thomas² 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 County.

1725 – 18 August 1725, Essex County 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 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.¹⁵⁷

19 August 1725, Essex County 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] shillings & 3 pence for ferriages according to law with costs.¹⁵⁸

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.¹⁵⁹

On December 25, 1725, **Jane Kidd** married John Gregory in Middlesex County.¹⁶⁰

1726 – 22 June 1726, Essex County court. **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.¹⁶¹

1727 – 19 July 1727, Essex County court. In ye scire facias brought by Nathanl. Fogg [Hogg?], Assignee of **John Grigory and Jane his wife, late Jane Kidd**, against

¹⁵⁶ FHL #1929881, Essex County Order Book 41A, p. 132.

¹⁵⁷ *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).

¹⁵⁸ Ibid, p. 77

¹⁵⁹ Ibid, p. 79.

¹⁶⁰ Christ Church Parish Register.

¹⁶¹ Essex County Virginia Order Book 7, p. 27.

Thomas Bryant, ye Deft. filed his plea, and Plt. joined issue ye Tryal where is referred till next Court.¹⁶²

16 August 1727, Essex County 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.¹⁶³

Thursday 21 Sept 1727, Essex County 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..^{164, 165}

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

JOEL KIDD(s)

JOEL KIDD, the son of William Kidd Sr. and his wife, Mary Halbert of Caroline County, Virginia

Joel⁵ (William⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born abt. 1775¹⁶⁶ in Caroline County.

Died about 1811¹⁶⁷ in Caroline County.

1809-1810 – a **Joel Kidd** first appears on the annual Essex County, Virginia 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 County? In Caroline County, 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 in our Caroline County compilation at www.kiddroots.org for a complete listing of all citations for him.

JOEL H. KIDD (b abt 1807, Caroline County – d by 1855, Essex County, Virginia), the son of Willis and Lucy Kidd¹⁶⁸ of Caroline County (See our Caroline County

¹⁶² *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 1*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 79, citing OB page 143.

¹⁶³ *Ibid*, p. 92, citing OB page 165.

¹⁶⁴ Essex County Virginia Order Book 7, p. 184, found on FHL #1929866, item 1, image 119 on this reel.

¹⁶⁵ *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.

¹⁶⁶ Based upon the fact that he first appears on the Caroline County PPTLs in 1796, and that the age he became responsible for this tax was 21 years old.

¹⁶⁷ Based upon his appearing on the 1811 Land Tax List, and his estate being listed on the 1812 LTL.

¹⁶⁸ a) he's named as one of Willis Kidd's sons in Willis's will. See his section in our Caroline County compilation at www.kiddroots.org.

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Joel H.6 (Willis5, William4, Daniel3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd

Born abt 1807¹⁶⁹ in Caroline County, Virginia.

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 claims to that effect in many Ancestry trees; these two were the parents of the elder Joel Kidd (above).

His wife was Louisa F. Campbell,¹⁷⁰ whom he married in Dec. 1840 in Essex County (see below).

He died in Essex County 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 County**, Virginia PPTLs, taxed for only one white male tithe, and no property or horse. He doesn't appear again in Caroline County PPTLs until 1829.
- 1829 – **Joel Kidd** again appears on the **Caroline County**, Virginia 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); 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 County** PPTL, taxed for himself and one horse. This repeats in 1839. He then disappears from these PPTLs. This is likely Joel H. Kidd.
- 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 County in a ceremony conducted by Elder Philip Montague.¹⁷¹
- 1841 – In 1841, the first of several Chancery Court cases involving the heirs of Ambrose Hundley Sr. was initiated (Essex County Chancery cause 1841-002, Admr. of Richard Hundley v. Elizabeth Hundley et al). **Joel Kidd's** name appears in this record, as

b) Joel's will was proved by the oaths of Thomas M. Kidd and Henry (W.) Kidd, two other sons named in Willis Kidd's will.

¹⁶⁹ His year of birth is calculated from his entry on the 1850 federal census, which stated he was 43 years old.

¹⁷⁰ Her maiden name is confirmed by the death certificate of her son, James Willis Kidd.

¹⁷¹ A wedding notice appeared in the *Richmond Whig* on Dec. 25, 1840, found on America's GenealogyBank. This marriage is also cited in *Marriage Notices from Richmond, Virginia Newspapers 1821-1840*. Special Publication No. 10. Richmond, Virginia: Virginia Genealogical Society, 1988, p. 99, citing the *Richmond Examiner*, Dec 28, 1840, p. 3; *Richmond Whig*, 25 Dec 1840, p. 2; *Richmond Compiler*, 24 Dec 1840, p. 2.

- husband of Louisa, one of the heirs of Ambrose Hundley.¹⁷²
I saw nothing else of interest to Kidd researchers, but this and subsequent suits¹⁷³ 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.
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 County** 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 Kidd who lives 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.¹⁷⁴

Will of Willis Kidd of Caroline County. Estate to be kept together for wife and children. Children to receive estate of slaves and land at death of Willis's wife, who is not named. To **son Joel** my man Anderson and woman Nutty. To son Henry, negro boy Jerry. To son Thomas, negro man Peter. To daughter Willie Ann Kidd, negro woman Clara and Eliza's child George. To daughter Mary E. Kidd, Eliza and her child Titus. Rest of estate to be divided equally at death of my wife. Executor: **Joel Kidd**. Witnesses: Burton B. Wright, M.H. Jones, William Kidd. Signed Willis Kidd.¹⁷⁵

¹⁷² Essex County Chancery case 1841-002, LoV Chancery records microfilm 223, starting on frame 128.

Reviewed and scanned by RK, July 2018. Images available upon request.

¹⁷³ Essex County Chancery case 1848-025, Ambrose Hundley et al v. William G. Tribble 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.

¹⁷⁴ Caroline County Will Book 33, pp. 246-247, retrieved from LoV microfilm reel 69. Scanned images available upon request.

¹⁷⁵ *Burned County Data 1809-1848, As Found in the Virginia Contested Election Files*, by Benjamin B. Weisinger III, 1986, Caroline County, p. 75. Weisinger's abstract also cited in *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865*, vol. 10, compiled by Wesley E. Pippenger, published by Virginia Genealogical Society, 2010.

1844 - Benjamin Weisiger's book about Virginia Contested Election Files, is in error in saying the following:¹⁷⁶
21 October 1844
Facts admitted to evidence by Andrew Broaddus to votes challenged on the poll of Archibald Samuel:
9. Thomas Kidd, **Joel H. Kidd** and Henry Kidd are sons of late William Kidd of Caroline, who died seized of 268 acres.
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.

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 pending(?) on the Chancery side of said court, in the style of Hundley vs. Tribble (?) 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 1848.¹⁷⁷

¹⁷⁶ *Burned County Data, 1809-1848, As Found in the Contested Election Files*, by Benjamin B. Weisiger, Richmond, Virginia, 1986, p. 70, in the chapter of Caroline County records regarding contested elections.

¹⁷⁷ Essex County DB 47, pp. 518-519. Scans of this deed available from RK.

1848 – Marriage of Thomas M. Kidd and Sarah A.H. Page, 10 Jul 1848 in Caroline County, Virginia, **Joel H. Kidd**, bond.¹⁷⁸

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

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	B>16	B12-16	H	COMMENTS
1849	Joel H. Kidd	1	0	0	1	4-wh carriage (\$50). 2 watches
1850	Joel H. Kidd	1	0	0	1	4-wh pleasure carriage (\$50), 2 watches
1851	Joel H. Kidd	1	0	0	0	1 carry-all (\$60); 1 "other" clock
1852-1855	Not listed					

1850 – on federal census in Caroline County, Virginia, 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 County PPTL, 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.¹⁷⁹

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

¹⁷⁸ *Marriages of Caroline County Virginia 1777-1853*, compiled and edited by Therese Fisher, 1998, Heritage Books, p. 128.

¹⁷⁹ 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.

deed includes a plat of the land. It was acknowledged in Court and admitted to record on 19 December 1853.¹⁸⁰

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.¹⁸¹

1855 – The will of **Joel H. Kidd**, which he had signed on 29 July 1853, was proved in Essex County Court on 15 January 1855.¹⁸² It named his widow, Louisa F. Kidd, as his executor. Thomas M. Kidd and Henry Kidd (each of them Joel's brothers) appeared in Court and verified the writing to be that of Joel H. Kidd, and the will was ordered to be recorded.¹⁸³

1860 – **Joel H. Kidd's** widow Louisa is found on the 1860 federal census, with their family in Essex County, Virginia (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

JOHN KIDD – the son of Thomas Kidd² Jr., and brother of Thomas³ Kidd.

John³ (Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born ca 1694 in Middlesex County, Virginia; died in Middlesex County in 1759 (estate administration granted to his son Edmond Kidd on 4 December 1759).¹⁸⁴ Married in Middlesex County 27 February 1720/1 to Rebecca Godbee.¹⁸⁵ She was born in Middlesex County and baptized there 2 June 1703, a daughter of Edward and Frances Godbee, and died 20 Jan 1742 in Middlesex County.¹⁸⁶

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

i. **Judith Kidd**, b. 8 October 1722, bp. 4 November 1722.¹⁸⁷

¹⁸⁰ 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.

¹⁸¹ Essex County Order Book 51, p. 733 (image 129).

¹⁸² 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.

¹⁸³ Essex County Order Book 51, pages 802-803, retrieved from FHL # FHL #1929888, images 163-164. Digital images are available from the authors.

¹⁸⁴ Will Book E, p. 54, Circuit Clerk's Office, Middlesex County Court House, Saluda, Virginia.

¹⁸⁵ *Christ Church Parish Register*, 163.

¹⁸⁶ *Ibid*, 60.

¹⁸⁷ *Ibid*, 111.

- ii. **Frances Kidd** (female), b. 1 April 1726, bp. 2 April 1726, died the same day, buried 4 April 1726.¹⁸⁸
- iii. **Frances Kidd** (female), bp. 20 August 1727.¹⁸⁹
- iv. **Jemima Kidd**, b. 6 March 1730/31, bp. 22 March 1730/31.¹⁹⁰
- v. **Edmund Kidd**, b. 14 July 1731, bp. 15 August 1731.¹⁹¹
Edmond married first Mary and second Ruth ----. Most records for this family are found in Middlesex County. 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. **John Kidd**, b. 2 August 1734, bp. 16 August 1734.¹⁹²
- vii. **James Kidd**, b. 30 March 1738, bp. 23 April 1738.¹⁹³
James married Mary, acquired a sizable estate, and ran an Ordinary in Urbanna. He died testate in Middlesex County in 1796. He had a large family and their records are found in Middlesex County.
- viii. **Sarah Kidd**, b. 3 October 1740, bp. 2 November 1740.¹⁹⁴

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 County, Virginia 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 – 21 November 1738, Essex County court.

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.¹⁹⁵

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Ordered that **John Kidd** pay unto James Johnson twenty-five pounds of tobacco for attending one day as evidence against James Hogg.¹⁹⁶

p. 58

¹⁸⁸ Ibid, 119, 182.

¹⁸⁹ Ibid, 122.

¹⁹⁰ Ibid, 129.

¹⁹¹ Ibid, 132.

¹⁹² *Christ Church Parish Register*, 139.

¹⁹³ Ibid, 147.

¹⁹⁴ Ibid, 151.

¹⁹⁵ Essex County OB 11, 1738-1740, page 57, retrieved from FHL #1929867, image 450.

¹⁹⁶ Ibid.

John Kidd ordered to pay John Loyd Jr. 25 pounds of tobacco for attending one day as evidence for him against James Hogg.¹⁹⁷

1739 – 20 August 1739, Essex County court.

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.¹⁹⁸

1753 – On 30 May 1753, Thomas⁴ Kidd signed a document while living in Edgecombe County 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 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.¹⁹⁹

1754 – In an instrument dated 15 February 1754/5, William Upshaw Davis of Edgecombe County NC appointed Archibd Ritchie of Essex County, Virginia, merchant, my attorney to ask, demand and receive of **John Kidd** and Edmond Kidd of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County £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 1754.²⁰⁰

JOHN KIDD, the son of Henry Kidd of Essex County

John⁵ (Henry⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

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 will. Married Lucy [unknown] before December 1794.

Died by 1801.

¹⁹⁷ Ibid, p. 58. Scans available of this record.

¹⁹⁸ Essex County, OB 11, 1738-1740, p. 209.

¹⁹⁹ *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.

²⁰⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 57, citing Essex County DB 27, p. 12.

Lived in Stratton Major Parish of King and Queen County, Virginia, 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.”²⁰¹

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.²⁰²

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 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 County-executor with son-in-law John Brown. Witnesses were named as William Jeffries, John Haile, Benjamin Kidd, Isaac Kidd and Henry Kidd.²⁰³ [We do not know the identities of this Isaac and Henry Kidd]

1793 – In Essex County 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.”²⁰⁴

17 April 1793, Essex County 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.²⁰⁵

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Ordered that James Wright, Thomas Dix, John Haile and Thomas Allen or any three

²⁰¹ *Virginia Colonial abstracts*, volume 5, by Beverley Fleet, p. 15.

²⁰² Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 23-4.

²⁰³ Ibid.

²⁰⁴ Ibid.

²⁰⁵ Essex County Order Book 32, page 264.

of them ...do appraise the Negroes (if any) and Personal Estate of Henry Kidd, deceased and that they report to this Court their proceedings.²⁰⁶

1794 – 15 Sept 1794, Essex County 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 copys 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 $\frac{3}{4}$. 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.]²⁰⁷

15 September 1794, Essex County 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.²⁰⁸

In an Essex County 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 County; William Kidd [no wife named] of King and Queen County, Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife [Henry's daughter], of Caroline County and John Brown and Mary his wife [Henry's daughter], of Caroline County. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex County. 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 County court.²⁰⁹ [See Henry Kidd section.]

15 December 1794, Essex County 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.²¹⁰

1795 – 21 April 1795, Essex County 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

²⁰⁶ Ibid.

²⁰⁷ Essex County Virginia Will Book 15, pp. 144-6.

²⁰⁸ Essex County Order Book 32, page 513.

²⁰⁹ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.

²¹⁰ Essex County Order Book 32, page 525.

the Court is admitted and ordered to be recorded.²¹¹

20 October 1795, Essex County 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.²¹²

1797 – **John Kidd** and Francis Anderson of Essex County were the administrators of the estate of Edward Spencer, deceased. In this capacity, they became embroiled in an Essex County 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 1797.²¹³

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.]

1798 – 22 March 1798, Essex County court. **John Kidd &** John Brown, executors of Henry Kidd, deceased, Plaintiffs vs. Gabriel Perkins and William Howerton, Defendants} In Debt. ...On the motion of the Defendants, the office judgment in this cause is set aside... (case continued).²¹⁴

23 August 1798, Essex County 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).²¹⁵

1799 – 22 May 1799, Essex County 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.²¹⁶

²¹¹ Essex County Order Book 33, page 31.

²¹² Essex County Order Book 33, page 124.

²¹³ 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.

²¹⁴ Essex County Order Book 34, page 224.

²¹⁵ Essex County Order Book 34, page 404.

²¹⁶ Essex County Order Book 35, page 50.

October 21, 1799, Essex County court. **John Kidd** and John Brown, exors. of Henry Kidd, dec'd, Pltfs 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.²¹⁷

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

1801 – 16 June 1801, Essex County 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 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.²¹⁸

It appears this John Kidd of King & Queen Co is likely the same person as the man we have identified as John Kidd (1) of K&Q; see his section in our King and Queen County compilation for further details.

JOHN KIDD, died by 1789, father of Fanny Kidd

1789 – 24 April 1789, Essex County 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.²¹⁹

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

²¹⁷ Essex County Order Book 35, page 194.

²¹⁸ Essex County Order Book 36, page 154.

²¹⁹ Essex County Order Book 31, P. 159.

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.²²⁰

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.²²¹

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 1761.²²²

1761 – In an Essex County 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 County General Index to Deeds, 1722-1798, this is recorded as Isaac Kidd et als to John Paterson, 15 Feb 1762 (DB 29, p. 72).²²³ [See Isaac Kidd record.]

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

1794 – In an Essex County 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 County; William Kidd [no wife named] of King and Queen County, Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline County and John Brown and Mary his wife [Henry’s daughter], of Caroline County. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex County. 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 County court.²²⁴ [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

²²⁰ FHL #1929881, Essex County Order Book 40, p. 134.

²²¹ FHL #1929881, Essex County Order Book 40, p. 136.

²²² *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, GPC, Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 156, citing Essex County DB 29:72.

²²³ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 29, p. 72.

²²⁴ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.

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.²²⁵

MARY KIDD(s)

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

1757 – in an Essex County deed dated 31 March 1757, William Kidd to Theophilus 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".²²⁶ 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 had been sold to Theophilus Faver, father of said Thomas Faver. This deed to fulfill obligations of bond in the first sale. No witnesses.²²⁷

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.²²⁸

By 1764, William and Mary Kidd are in Caroline County, Virginia, where he became a prominent landowner. He died in 1802, leaving a considerable estate to his widow Mary and their large family. See our Caroline County compilation at www.kiddroots.org for the all the records for William and Mary Kidd.

MARY KIDD, listed as deceased Essex County 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

²²⁵ Essex County Order Book 36, page 154.

²²⁶ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 28, p. 16.

²²⁷ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 29, pp. 45-49. This William Kidd and his wife Mary had moved to K&Q County by the time of this document. Scans of this deed are in the Essex County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

²²⁸ Essex County Order Book 23, page 385, retrieved from FHL #1929872 (item 2), image 406.

Williamson, executrix of (?) Williamson, decd. Of South Farnham Parish to Robert Mann of the same place.²²⁹

MARY KIDD BROWN, daughter of **Henry Kidd**, married **John Brown** by 1785, was living in **Caroline County** 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.²³⁰

1794 – In an Essex County 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 County; William Kidd [no wife named] of King and Queen County, Benjamin Kidd and Sarah his wife [Henry's daughter], of Caroline County and **John Brown and Mary his wife** [Henry's daughter], of Caroline County. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex County. 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 County court.²³¹ [See Henry Kidd section.]

1795 – 20 October 1795, Essex County 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.²³²

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

1800 – 15 September 1800, Essex County court. **Mary Kidd**, assignee of James Kidd, assignee of Isaac Kidd, Pltf against Thomas Wood Junr. and James Dix, Dfdts} 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).²³³

²²⁹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 42, citing Essex County DB 31, p. 289.

²³⁰ *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, GPC, Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 156, citing Essex County WB 15:23.

²³¹ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.

²³² Essex County Order Book 33, page 124.

²³³ Essex County Order Book 35, page 278.

MOSES KIDD, son of William² and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex County. Also found in Caroline and King & Queen Cos.

Moses³ (William², Thomas¹) Kidd

1736 – 26 March 1736: **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 County 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.²³⁴

See his sections in our Caroline and King & Queen compilations at www.kiddroots.org for more records of this Moses Kidd.

PHILIP KIDD(s)

PHILIP KIDD, son of Thomas³ Kidd of Middlesex and Essex Cos and the administrator of his father's will in January 1748.

Philip⁴ (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born by 1723, probably in Middlesex County

Died by 1801 in Essex County, Virginia. Wife's name not known.

1744 – 18 Sept 1744, Essex County 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 County. This deed was signed 17 May 1744 in the presence of the witnesses, including Philip Kidd.²³⁵

1748 – **Philip Kidd** was a witness to the Essex County will of Edward Williamson, dated 1 Dec 1748, proved 17 January 1748/9, along with Thos. Edmondson and Ann (x) Williamson.²³⁶ This will names Williamson's brother-in-law James Webb as executor and heir.²³⁷

On 17 January 1748/9, **Philip Kidd** was security for Thomas Edmonson and James Webb's bond, as executors of the estate of Edward Williamson.²³⁸

1750/1 – An account of the estate of Thomas³ Kidd was returned to Essex County Court on 19 February 1750/51 by **Philip Kidd**, executor.²³⁹ It included payments to several people amounting to 44 Pounds, 9 shillings and 7 pence. Among those to

²³⁴ *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1733-1738*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1989, p. 71, citing DB 20, pages 207-211.

²³⁵ *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1742-1745*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1991, p. 65-66, citing Essex DB 23, pp. 184-186.

²³⁶ *Virginia colonial abstracts*, vol. 14, by Beverley Fleet, page 25 (citing Essex County Will Book 8:134), reviewed and abstracted by RK at Fiske, Nov. 14, 2011.

²³⁷ Will of Edward Williamson of Essex County Virginia, <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/essex/wills/willmsn1.txt>.

²³⁸ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1748-1750*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1992, pp. 9-10, citing Essex WB 1747-1750, pp. 134-135

²³⁹ *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, pp. 99-100, citing Essex WB 8, pp. 415-416.

- 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, **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 Phillip Parr Edmondson” previously had purchased the mill property at auction. Witnesses: Samuel Smith, William Gordon, and Luke Covington.²⁴⁰
- 1752 – 1 June 1752, Essex County court. Thomas Haile, Plt vs **Philip Kidd**, James Webb & Robert Acree} In Debt. The Dfts confessed judgment to the Plt for the sum of £2.6.7 with interest from 23 April 1751 til paid.²⁴¹
- 1753 – 22 June 1753, Essex County court. Waters Dunn v. **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.²⁴²
- 1755 – 4 December 1755. **Philip Kidd** and Henry Kidd were among the male freeholders voting for John Upshaw in an Essex County 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 Buirgesses.]²⁴³
- 1756 – 17 March 1756, Essex County court. Samuel McCall, Mercht. North Britain? Against James Webb and **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.²⁴⁴
- 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.²⁴⁵
- 1758 – In July 1758, Henry, Isaac and **Philip Kidd** voted in an election for the House of Burgesses in Essex County.²⁴⁶

²⁴⁰ Essex County Deed Book 28, pp. 92-94. Scans of this deed are in the Essex County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

²⁴¹ Essex County Order Book 17, 1751-1752, p. 227.

²⁴² Essex County Order Book 19, p. 41.

²⁴³ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 92-94, citing Essex DB 26, pp. 248-252.

²⁴⁴ Essex County Order Book 21, p. 216.

²⁴⁵ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. ii, citing "Hopewell, *Presbyterians*, p.41."

²⁴⁶ The votes for the various candidates in this election were recorded in Essex County Deed Book 28, pp. 95-99, found on FHL #1929940, Essex County 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.

18 July 1758, Essex County court. **Philip Kidd** acknowledged his deed indented etc to Phill. Farr Edmondson to be his act and deed, and admitted to record.²⁴⁷

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.²⁴⁸

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 Edmondson.²⁴⁹

1761 – 7 May 1761. **Philip** and Henry **Kidd** are listed among the voters in an election in Essex County.²⁵⁰

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.²⁵¹

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 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**." ²⁵²

²⁴⁷ Essex County Order Book 22, page 210, found on FHL #1929872, item 1. (I failed to capture the image number of this page.)

²⁴⁸ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 94.

²⁴⁹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 103.

²⁵⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 1-2, citing Essex DB 29, 1761-1765, pp. 1-7)

²⁵¹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 112.

²⁵² *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, pp. 119-120.

1764 – 17 April 1764, Essex County 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.²⁵³

1764-1765 – **Philip Kidd** is found on the tithable lists of Essex County in these years, in the "Lower precinct of South Farnham Parish, with 198 acres, and two tithables.²⁵⁴ 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.²⁵⁵

1768 – In 1768, both Henry Kidd and **Philip Kidd** were among the freeholders who voted in the Election of Burgesses.²⁵⁶

1769 – In 1769, Henry Kidd, Isaac Kidd and **Philip Kidd** were listed among the voters in the Election of Burgesses.²⁵⁷

21 Mar 1769. John Edmondson, Jr. of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, 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. Gladly Swamp. **Philip Kidd** was one of the witnesses to this deed.²⁵⁸

1770 – 17 September 1770, Essex County 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.²⁵⁹

²⁵³ Essex County Order Book 25, p. 216.

²⁵⁴ *The Virginia Genealogist* 45:168, 2001, citing the two lists "found among loose papers at the Library of Virginia.

²⁵⁵ Essex County Deed Book 30, 1765-1772, pp. 235-242. Abstracts of these voter lists are found in the Brewer books (see Secondary Sources).

²⁵⁶ Sandra Kidd's "Kidd Essex County records summary" document, citing Essex County Deed Book 30, 1765-1772.

²⁵⁷ *The Virginia Genealogist* 46:169-170, 2002.

²⁵⁸ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 119, citing Essex County DB 33, p. 226.

²⁵⁹ Essex County Order Book 27, pp. 394-395.

1771 – 21-22 April 1771. Henry Kidd, **Philip Kidd** and Pitman Kidd were among the voters electing delegates and candidates in Essex County.²⁶⁰

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.²⁶¹

In a report back to the Vestry of South Farnham Parish for 1771, by processioners Francis Brizendine, John Brezindine and John Dobbys, 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. Broocke. Moreover, Robert Broocke had a common boundary with Constant Edmondson, so Isaac and Philip were close neighbors.²⁶²

22 November 1771. Henry Kidd and **Philip Kidd** were among the freeholders voting in an election at the courthouse in Essex County.²⁶³

1772 – 1 October 1772, **Philip Kidd**, Thomas Gordon and Isaac Jordan returned their 1771 procession report to the Vestry of South Farnham Parish.²⁶⁴

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.²⁶⁵

1775 – On 27 October 1775, the Vestry of South Farnham Parish ordered **Philip Kidd**, Thomas Gordon 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.²⁶⁶

1777 – In Feb 1777, Essex County court. **Philip Kidd** ordered to appraise personal estate, including any slaves, of Thomas Gordon dec'd, along with William Dunn, Evan

²⁶⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 63-66, citing Essex DB 31, pp. 398-402.

²⁶¹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 127.

²⁶² *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, pp. 136-137.

²⁶³ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1761-1772*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 176-177, citing Essex DB 30, pp. 496-502.

²⁶⁴ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, pp. 138-139.

²⁶⁵ Essex County Virginia Circuit Court Order Book, Vols 28-29, 1773-1783, p. 191, <http://files.usgarchives.net/va/essex/courts/cob28-29.txt>

²⁶⁶ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 146.

Davis, and Isaac Jordon. Phebe [?] Gordon named as administrator, with Thomas Fogg, Richard St. John, and Henry Purkins her securities.²⁶⁷

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...²⁶⁸

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 ...
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1780 – 15 March 1780. **Philip Kidd** was one of the jurors empaneled for Essex County Court.²⁷⁰

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, Flichter's line, Pitman Kidd, Spring Br and **Philip Kidd**, including 10 acres laying Back of Pitman Kidd's land...²⁷¹

1782 – In the Essex County Court records for 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 County Court Booklet (no date), p. 10. **Philip Kidd**, 1 beef, 150#, £1.17.6.²⁷²
Essex County Lists, p. 4, account of grass beeves collected by Thos. Wood
Commissioner of Essex County from Sept. 9, 1781. List includes "**Philip Kidd**, 1" (but amt. due left blank).²⁷³
The source for the above entries appears to be Essex County 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 County 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.²⁷⁴

²⁶⁷ Essex County Virginia Circuit Court Order Book, Vols 28-29, 1773-1783, p. 309,
<http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/essex/courts/cob28-29.txt>

²⁶⁸ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 58, citing Essex County DB 31, p. 377.

²⁶⁹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 151.

²⁷⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 85, citing Essex DB 31, p. 510.

²⁷¹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 99, citing Essex County DB 32, p. 10.

²⁷² *Virginia Revolutionary Claims*, compiled and transcribed by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten, Iberian Publishing County, Athens, GA, 1992 (three volumes in 1, 1113 pages), p.334.

²⁷³ *Ibid*, p. 336.

²⁷⁴ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 1.

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.²⁷⁵

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 County to Evan Davis of South Farnham Parish, Essex County.²⁷⁶

18 October 1784, Essex County 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.²⁷⁷

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.²⁷⁸

1786 – **Philip Kidd** is among the voters in an election of delegates for Essex County in April 1786.²⁷⁹

17 June 1786, **Philip Kidd** presented his account of the Guardianship of Phillip Brooks, child of Richard Brooks.²⁸⁰

1787 – 8 September 1787, Essex County 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.²⁸¹

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 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 –

²⁷⁵ Ibid, p. 12.

²⁷⁶ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 137, citing Essex County DB 32, p. 266.

²⁷⁷ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 53.

²⁷⁸ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 147, citing Essex County DB 32, pp. 344-347.

²⁷⁹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 155, citing Essex County DB 32, pp. 405-410.

²⁸⁰ *Essex County, Virginia, guardianship and orphans records; a descriptive index*, by Wesley E. Pippenger, Tappahannock, Virginia, 2016, page 11, citing Essex County Will Book 14, page 027.

²⁸¹ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 371.

Moll, Humphrey, Will, Syras/Cyrus, Daniel, Bell and Phill, all named in this record.²⁸²

1794 – 19 May 1794, Essex County 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).²⁸³

1796 – 25 March 1796, Essex County 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.²⁸⁴

25 March 1796, Essex County 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).²⁸⁵

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 Broocke 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 Broocke, 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 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}

Witnesses:

John Tribble

John Mann

Ludy Tribble

²⁸² Essex County Virginia Guardian's Accounts, 1784-1786, pp. 154-156, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 89-90. Scans of these images are available from the authors.

²⁸³ Essex County Order Book 32, page 418.

²⁸⁴ Essex County Order Book 33, pages 232-233.

²⁸⁵ Ibid, p. 234.

Proved in Court and admitted to record 15 Oct. 1798.²⁸⁶

18 October 1798, Essex County court. A Deed Indented bearing the date 13 October 1798 from **Philip Kidd** to Philip Brooke was proved by the oaths of John Tribble, John Mann and Lucy Tribble, the witnesses to the same subscribed, and ordered to be recorded.²⁸⁷

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 Tribble

Ludy Tribble

Thos. (his X mark) Cauthorn

Proved in Court and admitted to record 17 June 1799.²⁸⁸

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 Tribble, Ludy Tribble and Thomas Cauthorn, the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.²⁸⁹

1782-1800 – **Philip Kidd** appears on the 1782 PPTL, the first year in which these lists were created, taxed for one white tith (himself), 1 Negro child, 10 cattle, & 2 horses. Henry Kidd is the only other Kidd male on the 1782 PPTL for Essex County, 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 Kidd, Sr., and a Philip Jr. appears for the first time; this Philip Jr. drops from the Essex County PPTL in 1800, and does not reappear.

²⁸⁶ Essex County DB 35, pp. 45-46. Scans of this deed available from RK.

²⁸⁷ Essex County Order Book 34, page 429.

²⁸⁸ Essex County DB 35, pp. 115-116. Scans of this deed available from RK.

²⁸⁹ Essex County Order Book 35, page 84.

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Year	Taxpayer	WMT	B>16	B 12-16	H	COMMENTS
1782	Philip Kidd	1	0	0	2	One Negro child; 10 cattle
1783	Philip Kidd	1	2	-	2	3 Negro children; 9 cattle
1784	Philip Kidd	1	2	-	3	3 young slaves; 7 cattle
1785	Not found					
1786	Philip Kidd	1	2	-	4	2 young Negroes; 8 cattle
1787	Philip Kidd	1	2	3	3	10 cattle; no WMT 16-21
1788	Philip Kidd	1	0	1	0	2 cattle
1789	Philip Kidd	1	2	1	3	Stopped taxing cattle
1790	Philip Kidd	2	2	0	3	2 nd WMT may be Philip Jr.?
1791	Philip Kidd	2	2	1	2	2 nd WMT may be Philip Jr.?
1792	Philip Kidd	2	3	1	3	2 nd WMT may be Philip Jr.?
1793-1795	Philip Kidd	1	2	1	2	
1796-1797	Philip Kidd	1	4	0	1	
1798	Philip Kidd	1	3	0	1	
1799	Philip Kidd Sr.	1	2	0	1	
	Philip Kidd Jr.	1	-	-	-	
1800	Philip Kidd	1	3	1	1	
	Philip Jr. drops	From	List			

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 County, Virginia. [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.]

Year	NAME	Acres	Description	CH	COMMENTS
1782	Philip Kidd	198			

Year	NAME	Acres	Description	CH	COMMENTS
1783-1785	No LTLs available				
1786-1798	Philip Kidd	198			
1799-1800	Philip Kidd	108			
1801-1805	Philip Kidd Estate	108			
1806	Philip Kidd Estate	135			"Charles Stewart to pay."
1807	Philip Kidd Estate	108			
1809-1817	Philip Kidd Estate	108			

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 County.

PHILIP KIDD JR. (likely son of Philip Sr.), born ca 1769-1774 in Essex County, Virginia. 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 County, Virginia 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

Pitman⁵ (Isaac⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born before 1756, likely in Essex County, Virginia.

Died in Hanover County, Virginia before 25 May 1808.

His 1806 will names “my two daughters” 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 County 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.²⁹⁰
- 1771 – 21-22 April 1771. Henry Kidd, Philip Kidd and **Pitman Kidd** were among the voters electing delegates and candidates in Essex County.²⁹¹
- 1772 – 17 February 1772, Essex County 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.²⁹²
- 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.²⁹³ [Note: Pitman was 18 years old in 1774, which likely marked the end of his apprenticeship.]
- 1777 – 15 August 1777 Essex County 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.²⁹⁴
- 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.²⁹⁵
- 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, Flichter's line, **Pitman Kidd**, Spring Br and Philip Kidd, including 10 acres laying back of **Pitman Kidd's land**...²⁹⁶
- 1782, 1786-1789 – in each of these years, **Pitman Kidd** appears on the Essex County 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 County to James Fisher of same, male Negro child named Solomon, £25, and 50 acres "up the branch" to James Edmondson's line to Peter Tribble's corner to

²⁹⁰ Essex County Order Book 28A, page 18.

²⁹¹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 63-66, citing Essex DB 31, pp. 398-402.

²⁹² Essex County Order Book 28A, p. 229.

²⁹³ Essex County Order Book 29, p. 251.

²⁹⁴ Essex County Guardians Book, 1761-1796, pp. 130-132, retrieved from FHL #31274, images 77-78. Scanned images available.

²⁹⁵ Essex County Virginia Will Book 13, pp. 132-3.

²⁹⁶ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1772-1786*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 99, citing Essex County DB 32, p. 10.

Merriweather Brooks' line to James Edmondson's line to Fletcher's line. Witnessed by James Durham, Samuel Coates, Isaac Kidd [likely Pittman's brother].²⁹⁷

19 May 1783, Essex County 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.²⁹⁸

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 Shackelford, 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].²⁹⁹

15 December 1783, Essex County 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.³⁰⁰

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

1783-1807 – a **Pitman Kidd** appears on the annual PPTLs for **Hanover County**.³⁰¹ 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.]

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	H	C	COMMENTS
1783	Pitman Kidd	2	1	2	0	Buckner Grainger was second WMT paid
1784	Pitman Kidd	1	13	3	2	"Petitioner" as only WMT
1785	Pitman Kidd	1	13	3	15	Plus "William Spur, 16-21"
1786-1787	Pitman Kidd	1	12	5	16	Plus three WMT's, "names not particularized" it reads

²⁹⁷ Essex County Deed Book 32, p. 149.

²⁹⁸ Essex County Order Book 29, p. 393.

²⁹⁹ Essex County Deed Book 30, p. 183.

³⁰⁰ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 308.

³⁰¹ *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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Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	H	C	COMMENTS
1788-1789	Pitman Kidd	3	7	9	-	Self & two unnamed adult males >21
1790	Pitman Kidd	2	9	6	-	Self and 1 unnamed adult male
1791	Pitman Kidd	2	8	5		
1792	Pitman Kidd	1?	8	5	-	
1793	Pitman Kidd	2	10	5	-	Self and one unnamed adult
1794	Pitman Kidd	3	11	4	-	Self and two unnamed adults
1795	Pitman Kidd	2	12	4	-	Self and one unnamed adult
1796-1797	Pitman Kidd	1	12	6	-	Self only
1798	Pitman Kidd	2	12	7	-	Self and one unnamed adult; 2 wheels
1799	Pitman Kidd	2	15	8	-	
1800	Pitman Kidd	2	19	7	-	
1801	Pitman Kidd	2	17	8	-	
1802	Pitman Kidd	2	16	7		
1803	Pitman Kidd	2	20	7		
1804	Pitman Kidd	2	20	9		1 2-wheel riding chair
1805	Pitmond Kidd	2	20	8	-	Self and one unnamed adult; 2 wheels
1806	Pittman Kidd	2	21	10	-	1 riding chair
1807	Pitman Kidd	2	19	9	-	1 riding chair
1809	Agnes Kidd (Pitman's Est. NOT listed)	0	6	2		1 riding chair
1810-1811	Agnes Kidd Pitman Kidd Est.	0 0	6 1	2 0	-	1 riding chair
1812	Agness Kidd (no Pitman Est.)	0	5	1		1 riding chair
1813-1816	Pitman Kidd Est.	0	1	0	-	Grist Mill (valuation varies by year between \$110 and \$80)
1817	Pitman Kidd Est. Agnis Kidd	0 0	1 2	0 3	-	

The Kidds of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1850

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	H	C	COMMENTS
1818	Pitman Kidd Est. (no Agnes)	0	1	0	-	
1819- 1820	No Kidds listed					
1821- 1824	Pitman Kidd Est.	0	1	0		

We have not examined the Hanover PPTLs beyond 1824.

1783, ff. – Pitman Kidd ALSO starts appearing in the Hanover County, Virginia 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:

YEAR	Taxpayer	Parish	Acres	COMMENTS
1783	Pitman Kidd	St. Paul's	169	"bought of Jno. ?Tally? (Saley?)
1784	Pitman Kidd	St. Pauls	169	
1785	No change			
1786	Pitman Kidd	St. Pauls	169	+ 257 acres from Thomas Johnson (=426 acres)
1787- 1794	Pitman Kidd	St. Paul's	426	
1795	Pitman Kidd	St. Paul's	426 131 343 900	Plus (source unstated) "bought of Ben Johnson's executors"
1796	This LTL was	Too dark	To be	Read, no matter how I tried
1797- 1804	Pitman Kidd	St. Paul's	865	
1805	Pitman Kidd	St. Paul's	865 6	Plus "purchased of R. Jones' Estate"
1806- 1807	Pitman Kidd	St. Paul's	871	
1808	No taxes this	Year		
1809	Pitman Kidd Estate	St. Paul's	871	

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.”³⁰²

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 Wade³⁰³

- 1787 – 10 Sept 1787, **Essex** County 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.)³⁰⁴
- 10 Sept 1787, **Essex** County court. **Pitman Kidd**, Plaintiff against John Dickerson, Defendant} In Debt.

³⁰² 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.xml&ad=v1784050004

³⁰³ 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.

³⁰⁴ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 379.

- 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 injury when etc... and states that he has paid the debt in the declaration...(case continued, as above).³⁰⁵
- 1788 – 22 August 1788, **Essex** County 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 administrated, 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.³⁰⁶
- 22 August 1788, **Essex** County 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.³⁰⁷
- 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 £100.³⁰⁸
- 1797 – on 29 Dec 1797, a marriage bond was issued in Henrico County, Virginia for **Pitman Kidd** and **Agnes Sharp**, widow of Richard Sharp. Robert Coleman, security. Witnessed by Susannah H. Bradley.³⁰⁹
- 1800 – Pitman Kidd was a signer of several petitions in **Hanover** County on Dec. 16, 1800.³¹⁰
- 1804 – On 24 Nov 1804, **Pitman Kidd** and wife [Agnes] of **Hanover County** to Samuel Richardson [Agnes's brother] of Goochland County, 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 County. Both sign. Witnesses Reuben George, William George Jr., Henry Hopkins. Recorded 8 Mar 1805, release

³⁰⁵ Ibid.

³⁰⁶ Essex County Order Book 31, p. 106.

³⁰⁷ Ibid.

³⁰⁸ *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.

³⁰⁹ *Marriages of Henrico County Virginia 1680-1808*, by Joyce H. Lindsay, privately published, Richmond, Virginia, 1960, p. 51, citing Marriage Bonds p. 55.

³¹⁰ *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, volume 31, pages 63 and 64.

of dower for Agnes recorded 18 Apr 1805.³¹¹ [Note: The remaining 2/3 were distributed to Samuel Richardson [Jr.] and Mary Richardson Royster, wife of William Royster.³¹²]

1805 – there is a suit in Henrico County Chancery Court, wherein the administrator of Hales Sharp sues Pitman Kidd and others (Cause 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, which is cited in Virginia Chancery Court records online at the Library of Virginia.³¹³

1806 – 17 March 1806, Essex County court. **Pitman Kidd**, Plt vs Thomas Wood Junr., Dft} In Debt. The Office judgment in this case is set aside...The Dft pleads payment...(case continued).³¹⁴

Essex Court of Quarterly Session, 20 May 1806. **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.³¹⁵

Essex County Court of Quarterly Session, 19 August 1806. **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.³¹⁶

1806-1808 – **Pitman Kidd** wrote and signed his will in Hanover County, Virginia 3 November 1806; his will was proved in Hanover County Court 25 May 1808. Below is a transcript of Pitman Kidd's Will.³¹⁷

"In the name of God amen. I, **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.

³¹¹ Goochland County Virginia DB 19, p. 187.

³¹² Information about the Samuel Richardson Family found in *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.

³¹³ 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.

³¹⁴ FHL #1929880, Essex County Order Book 38, p. 315.

³¹⁵ FHL #1929880, Essex County Order Book 38, p. 381.

³¹⁶ FHL #1929880, Essex County Order Book 38, p. 465.

³¹⁷ *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.

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.

Teste, William Pollard, C.H.C.

A Copy, Teste, Philip B. Winston, C.H.C

1834 – Years after **Pitman Kidd's** death, his estate was the subject of a suit in Hanover County, Virginia 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.³¹⁸

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 County will as **Rachel Baker**. No further information on her at this time.

ROBERT KIDD, son of **William²** and **Margaret Kidd** of Middlesex County (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 County 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.³¹⁹ [Note: Jane and Robert came from another location to appear in court, perhaps from Middlesex County, though no ferry was needed to reach court.]

19 August 1725, Essex County 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] shillings & 3 pence for ferriages according to law with costs.³²⁰

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.³²¹

³¹⁸ *Hanover County Virginia Superior Court Records, Vol. II*, by Richard Slatten and Janice Luck Abercrombie, Richmond: The Black Swan, 1967, p. 109.

³¹⁹ *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).

³²⁰ *Ibid*, p. 77

³²¹ *Ibid*, p. 79.

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

1756 – Isaac Kid 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.^{322 323}

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

1794 – In an Essex County 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 County. Other grantors are John Kidd and his wife Lucy and William Kidd [no wife named], all of King and Queen County, and also John Brown and Mary his wife, also of Caroline County. For 400 pounds and 1 shilling, the grantors sold 275 acres in South Farnham Parish to Thomas Roane of Essex County. 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 County court.³²⁴ [See Henry Kidd section.]

1795 – 20 October 1795, Essex County 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.³²⁵
(next entry)

A Commission for the privy examination of **Sarah**, the wife of **Benjamin Kidd**...(the rest as above).³²⁶

SARAH DANIEL KIDD, daughter of Travis Daniel and wife of Burgess Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia. Sarah never lived in Essex County but is named in one 1809 record, along with her female relatives, that seeks relinquishment

³²² *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, by Eva Eubank Wilkerson, GPC, Baltimore, MD, 1983, p. 156, citing Essex County WB 10:110.

³²³ Division of Estate of William Bohannon, Essex County Virginia Will Book 10, p. 110, abstracted by Craig Kilby 2006.

³²⁴ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 34, p. 91, pp 205-7.

³²⁵ Essex County Order Book 33, page 124.

³²⁶ Ibid.

of dower for a sale of land. (See Middlesex County document for records for Burgess and Sarah.)

- 1793 – 22 July 1793, Burges Kidd obtained a marriage bond in Middlesex County to marry **Sarah Daniel**. Nicholas Tuggle was security.³²⁷
Burgess Kidd married **Sarah Daniel** 27 Jul 1793 (CCP) in Middlesex County.³²⁸
- 1805 – Burgess Kidd was one of the witnesses to the Middlesex County will of Travis Daniel of Essex County 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 Middlesex County; 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 Middlesex County. Land bought in the lower end of Essex County 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**.³²⁹
- 1809 – An Essex County, Virginia 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 County to travel to Essex County to get relinquishments of dower. For land sold to Samuel Montague, 54 ½ acres, formerly the property of Abner P. Clowdes [Cloudas].³³⁰

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 County, to Travis Daniel, and Travis Daniel in his will filed in Middlesex County, 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**.³³¹

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 26th June 1809 Thomas Montague and John Jesse of Middlesex to travel to Essex County to get relinquishments of dower. Land sold to Samuel

³²⁷ Craig Kilby's transcript of Kidd Marriages in Middlesex County, Virginia.

³²⁸ *Parish Register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1635-1812*, p. 257.

³²⁹ *Middlesex County, Virginia Wills & Inventories 1673-1812 and Other Court Papers*, by William Lindsay Hopkins, Richmond, Virginia, 1989, p. 165, citing Wills #2, 1799-1812, p. 282, ff.

³³⁰ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 37, p. 517, abstracted by Nancy Heuser for Sandra Kidd as part of Amherst County deeds research in October 2007.

³³¹ Essex County Deed Book 37, p. 514.

Montague – 54-1/2 acres formerly property of Abner P. Clowdes. Recorded 21 Aug 1809.³³²

And here is the related record, from Essex County 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 Daniel³³³

THOMAS³ KIDD, eldest son of Thomas² Kidd Jr. and Alice Trigg.

Thomas³ (Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

His is the first Kidd of record in Essex County, in 1723.

Born circa 1692 in Middlesex County, Virginia.

He was married three times: (1) to Margaret (-----), who died 4 January 1720/21³³⁴; (2) on 27 July 1721 to Elizabeth Laurence, who was alive as of 1741,³³⁵ 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 County court.

He was a planter and miller by trade.

As the eldest son of Thomas² Kidd Jr. of Middlesex County, Thomas³ Kidd inherited the Kidd family lands in Middlesex County, Virginia and passed this land onto his eldest son Thomas⁴ Kidd.

[See our Middlesex County compilation, [including its appendices](#), at www.kiddroots.org 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 Middlesex County, Virginia. No birth record for him has been found, but he's named in his father's will as the son of Thomas² Kidd.

³³³ Essex County DB 37, pp. 514-515. Scans available from RK.

³³⁴ *Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register*, p. 178.

³³⁵ *Ibid*, p. 163.

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 Middlesex County 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 Middlesex County.³³⁶

1721 – Thomas³ and his family were still in Middlesex County at the time of his first wife, Margaret's death, on 4 January 1720/21.³³⁷

7 February 1720/21. William Cardwell and **Thomas Kidd, Jr.** stood as security to the administration bond of Elizabeth Brooks, relict of William Brooks, in Middlesex County.³³⁸

On 27 July 1721, he married (second) Elizabeth Laurence in Middlesex County.³³⁹

1722 – 3 July 1722. Lettice Pateman sued **Thomas Kidd** in Middlesex County. Thomas Kidd was defended by his attorney Mr. Thomas Edwards, who said his client would appear at the next court to answer her petition.³⁴⁰ 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.³⁴¹

6 November 1722. Lettice Pateman sued **Thomas Kidd, Jr.** in Middlesex County. 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.³⁴²

In October 1723, **Thomas³ Kidd** begins to appear in Essex County, Virginia court records:

1723 – 17 October 1723, Essex County 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

³³⁶ Ibid, p. 16, citing Middlesex OB 5:443. This is also recorded in Middlesex County Deed Book 3, p. 498.

³³⁷ Christ Church Parish Register, p. 178.

³³⁸ Ruth and Sam Sparacio, *Middlesex County, Virginia Court Orders 1719-1721*, (McLean, Virginia: Antient Press, 2000), 65, citing Order Book 5, p. 512.

³³⁹ Ibid, p. 163.

³⁴⁰ Ruth and Sam Sparacio, *Middlesex County, Virginia Court Orders 1721-1724*, (McLean, Virginia: Antient Press, 2000), 14, citing Order Book 6, p. 14.

³⁴¹ Ibid, pp, 19, 22, citing OB 6:43, 47.

³⁴² Ibid, p. 25, citing OB 6:51.

securities for which shall appear at next Court unless the Deft. then appears & answers the said Action.³⁴³

1724 – In a Court held for Essex County 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.³⁴⁴

In a Court held for Essex County 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.³⁴⁵

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.³⁴⁶

On 18 July 1724 in Essex County, **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 £150.³⁴⁷ Thomas had made the inventory of this estate per court order of 19 May 1724 and returned it to court on this day.^{348 349}

In a Court held for Essex County 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.³⁵⁰ He filed Errors of Judgment the following day, which the Plt. hath time to consider.³⁵¹

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

³⁴³ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 36, citing OB page 56.

³⁴⁴ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 1*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 79, citing OB page 125.

³⁴⁵ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 1*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 92, citing OB page 146.

³⁴⁶ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 1*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 104, citing OB page 167.

³⁴⁷ John Frederick Dorman, *Essex County Virginia Wills, Bonds, Inventories, Etc., 1722-1730* (Fredericksburg, Virginia: The Author, 1961), 17, citing Will Book 4, p. 71.

³⁴⁸ *Ibid*, p. 18, citing Will Book 4, p. 72.

³⁴⁹ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 2*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 3, citing OB p. 184.

³⁵⁰ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 2*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 7, citing OB page 190.

³⁵¹ *Ibid*, p. 8.

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.³⁵²

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.³⁵³

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.³⁵⁴

This suit was dismissed the following day.³⁵⁵

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.³⁵⁶

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.³⁵⁷

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.³⁵⁸

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, Compls. filed their replication which the Deft. hath time to consider.³⁵⁹

On the same day, the Suit brought by **Thos. Kidd Junr.** against John Williamson, ye Deft. prays an imparlance which is granted him.³⁶⁰

At a Court held for Essex County on 20 September 1727. In the suit brought in

³⁵² *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 2*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 21, citing OB page 215.

³⁵³ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1723-1725, Part 2*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, pp. 25-26, citing OB page 224.

³⁵⁴ *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.

³⁵⁵ *Ibid*, p. 53, citing OB page 94.

³⁵⁶ *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.

³⁵⁷ *Ibid*, p. 68, citing OB page 124.

³⁵⁸ *Ibid*, p. 75, 78, 79..

³⁵⁹ *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.

³⁶⁰ *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,

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 is 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.³⁶¹ **Thomas3 Kidd** was administrator of Thomas Baskett'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.^{362, 363}

At a Court held for Essex County on 21 Sept 1727. In the Action on ye Case brought by **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.³⁶⁴

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 **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. Baskett 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.³⁶⁵

In a Court held for Essex County on 23 November 1727. **Thomas Kidd** was again one of the twelve jurors hearing cases in this Court Session.³⁶⁶

1728 – In a Court held for Essex County 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

³⁶¹ Ibid, p. 102, citing OB page 183.

³⁶² Essex County, Virginia Order Book 7, 1725-1729, p. 184, retrieved from FHL #1929866, Essex County Order Book 6, image 119 on this reel.

³⁶³ *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.

³⁶⁴ *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.

³⁶⁵ Essex County, Virginia Order Book 7, 1725-1729, p. 225 (scanned image available), retrieved from FHL #1929866, item 1, Essex County Order Book 7.

³⁶⁶ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 2*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, pp 9 and 11.

ordered previously, finding that Thomas Cooper was due from **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.³⁶⁷

17 July 1728. In the action upon the case brought by **Thos. Kidd Junr.** against John Williamson, the Deft. prayed Oyer which is granted him.³⁶⁸

20 November 1728. The action upon the case brought by **Thos. Kidd Junr.** against John Williamson is dismissed.³⁶⁹

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.³⁷⁰ 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."³⁷¹

In an Essex County 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.³⁷²

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(?).³⁷³

1733-1737 – **Thos. Kidd, Jr.** was one of the witnesses to the return of the Inventory of William Faulkner in Essex County, Virginia, 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).³⁷⁴

1736 – 21 July 1736. John Gore v. **Thomas Kidd** } Petition
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

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.

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.

³⁶⁹ *Order Book Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1725-1729, Part 2*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1989, p. 82, citing OB page 270.

³⁷⁰ Ruth and Sam Sparacio, *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia 1728-1733* (McLean, Virginia: The authors, 1989), 10, citing Deed Book 19, p. 26.

³⁷¹ Dorman, p. 90, citing Will Book 4, p. 355.

³⁷² Sparacios, *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia 1728-1733*, 88, citing DB 19:293.

³⁷³ Essex County, Virginia Order Book 7, 1725-1729, p. 225 (scanned image available), retrieved from FHL #1929866, item 1, image 312 on this reel.

³⁷⁴ *The Virginia Genealogist*, vol. 15, page 138, 1971, citing Essex County WB 7, 1733-1737 (page not provided?).

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.³⁷⁵

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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 County 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**. [Note: This is an example of a typical deed conveying land for a mill site.] This deed was witnessed by Thomas Edmundson and John Edmondson.³⁷⁶

[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 County 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.³⁷⁷ Also on this date, **Thomas Kidd** was security for Mary Brisendine as she qualified as executor of the estate of Ann Davis.³⁷⁸

1739 – 8 Jan 1739. **Thomas Kidd** is named in the Essex County Processioning Records: "The 8th (of January), Wee processioned the lands of John Davis, Charles Wilson, John Page, John Evans Jr., **Thomas Kidd**, William Williamson, Thomas Williamson, & Robert Acres. Present: Thomas Edmonson Jr., Davis Hall, William Hamor, and John Roden." ³⁷⁹

1740 – 16 September 1740. The Suit brought by petition by **Thomas Kidd** against Robert Edwards is dismissed without plaintiff or defendant appearing thereto.³⁸⁰

1741 – 18 May 1741, an **Elizabeth Kidd** (likely the second wife of Thomas) witnessed an Essex County 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.]³⁸¹

20 November 1741, **Thomas Kidd** was a voter in the Essex County election for the

³⁷⁵ Essex County Order Book 10, 1736-1738, p. 14 (scan of this record available).

³⁷⁶ Deed Book 21, p. 293, Circuit Clerk's Office, Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, VA.

³⁷⁷ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1735-1743*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1988, p. 53, citing Essex C. WB 6, page 149.

³⁷⁸ *Ibid*, p. 54, citing WB 6:150

³⁷⁹ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 10.

³⁸⁰ Essex County OB 12, 1740-1741, p. 76, retrieved from FHL #1929867, image 450. No other details about this suit.

³⁸¹ Sparacios, *Essex County, Virginia, Deeds 1738-1742*, (McLean, VA: The authors, 1989), 93, citing DB 20.

House of Burgesses. He picked the winning candidates: William Beverley and James Garnett.³⁸²

[Note: Thomas⁴ Kidd was born in 1718 and became of legal age ca 1739. Some of the Essex County records dated 1741-1747 may refer either to Thomas³ Kidd or Thomas⁴ Kidd. We have assigned these records to the Thomas Kidd that we think is the most likely man. A record was signed with a “T” is for Thomas³ Kidd.]

1742 – On 16 February 1742, Thomas Kidd Junr. and Robert S. P. Coleman entered into a bond in Essex County 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.³⁸³

1743 – On 11 Jan 1743/4, **Thomas Kidd** is again named in the Essex County 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.³⁸⁴

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.³⁸⁵ **Thomas Kidd** signed with a T.

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 **Thomas Kidd's** name.³⁸⁶ 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 Thomas³ Kidd lived.³⁸⁷

1746 – On 7 July 1746, in a Middlesex County, Virginia deed, Daniel Kidd and **Thomas Kidd**, of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, sell 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 had been sold by **Thomas² and Alice Kidd** to Robert Daniel in 1719.] Both Daniel Kidd and

³⁸² Ibid, p. 71, citing DB 21:309-314.

³⁸³ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1735-1743*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1989, p. 145, citing Essex WB6:421-422. Scanned images available upon request.

³⁸⁴ *The Vestry Book of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, Virginia, 1739-1779*, by Ann K. Blomquist, Heritage Books, 2006, p. 37.

³⁸⁵ *Deed Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1742-1745*, by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, 1991, p. 38, citing DB 25, pp. 108-109.

³⁸⁶ “Account Book of William Beverley, 1745,” transcribed by John M. Weisner, in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, volume 41, pages 193-214 (p. 212).

³⁸⁷ 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).

Thomas Kidd signed by mark. Witnessed by Edward Hayes, William Dunn and Leonard Williamson, all by signature. Recorded in Middlesex County 4 November 1746.³⁸⁸

[Note: This tract of land becomes important in 1753, when Thomas⁴ Kidd brings suit against his “unkle” John Kidd, his “cousin” William Kidd, and William Williamson in Middlesex County [DB 7, p. 210]. It is the same tract as the 70 acres sold by William Upshaw Davis, of Edgecombe County, North Carolina to William Williamson on 6 November 1753 [DB 7, p. 529].

1747 -- 16 September 1747. The action of debt brought by James Gatewood against **Thomas Kidd Senr.** is dismissed.³⁸⁹

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.³⁹⁰

1749 – Thomas³ Kidd signed his will in Essex County, Virginia on 2 January 1748/49.³⁹¹

The Will of Thomas Kidd of Essex County, Virginia³⁹²

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 linet, 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 County lands that were

³⁸⁸ Middlesex County Virginia Deed Book 7, p. 210.

³⁸⁹ Essex County, Order Book 15, p. 89.

³⁹⁰ Sparacios, Essex County, Virginia, Deeds 1742-1745, (McLean, VA: Antient Press, 1991), 6, citing Deed Book 24:444-557.

³⁹¹ *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 he 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>.

³⁹² Essex County, Virginia, Will Book 8, p. 179, Circuit Clerk’s Office, Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, VA. Essex County 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.

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 recorded, having been proved by the oath of Thomas Cox, one of the witnesses.³⁹³,

³⁹⁴ 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 **Thomas Kidd**, deceased.³⁹⁵

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 **Thomas Kidd**, deceased.³⁹⁶

On 21 February 1748/49, an inventory of **Thomas Kidd**'s estate was presented in Essex County Court.³⁹⁷ 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 appraisal of the estate of **Thomas Kidd**, deceased, being returned was ordered to be recorded.³⁹⁸

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 shillings, 5 1/2 pence), and Thomas Kidd (evidently his son Thomas⁴ 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.³⁹⁹

In a deed dated 14 Mar 1750, Phillip 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 Phillip Parr Edmondson" previously had purchased the mill property at auction.

³⁹³ Essex County Order Book 15, p. 246.

³⁹⁴ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1748-1750*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1991, p. 29, citing Essex County 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.

³⁹⁵ Ibid, p. 247, the next entry.

³⁹⁶ Ibid.

³⁹⁷ Essex County Will Book 8, p. 193.

³⁹⁸ Essex County Order Book 15, p. 251.

³⁹⁹ Essex County Order Book 16, p. 236.

Witnesses Samuel Smith, William Gordon, and Luke Covington.⁴⁰⁰

THOMAS4 KIDD, the son of **Thomas3 Kidd** and his first wife **Margaret** [maiden name unknown].

Thomas4 (Thomas3, Thomas2, Thomas1) Kidd

Born in 1718 in Middlesex County, Virginia.

Named in his father's 1749 Essex County will, he was to receive one shilling, but was not named executor of his father's estate. Thomas3 Kidd's will made no specific mention of the lands he owned; 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 County, 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 County records, he signs with an "X," distinguishing from his father, who often signs with a "T."

See our Middlesex County document and its appendices at www.kiddroots.org 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.⁴⁰¹ He becomes of legal age as of 1739.

1741 – 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.⁴⁰²

[NOTE: We do not know the significance of this petition. We searched for other Essex County 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 shillings & 6 pence and two hundred pounds of tobacco due by account.

⁴⁰⁰ Essex County Deed Book 28, pp. 92-94, retrieved from FHL #1929940, images 63-64, via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Scanned images available upon request.

⁴⁰¹ Middlesex Christ Church Parish Register, p. 100.

⁴⁰² Essex County OB 12, 1740-1741, page 177 (scanned image of this record available).

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.⁴⁰³

1742 – On 16 February 1742, **Thomas Kidd Junr.** and Robert S. P. Coleman entered into a bond in Essex County 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.⁴⁰⁴

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.⁴⁰⁵

[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.

1743 – At a Court held for Essex County on 18 May 1743. William Gordon, assignee of Philip Jones, Gent., against Thomas Kidd, **otherwise called J. Thomas Kidd [J. likely signifies Jr.]** of Essex County – Debt.

Came as well the said William by Cavan Dulaney, his attorney as the said Thomas by Edmond Pendleton and Francis Gouldman his attornies; 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 the payment of £11.7.4, with interest of 5% per year thereon from 10 October 1739 till paid... and his costs.⁴⁰⁶

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.⁴⁰⁷ [This Thomas Junr. is Thomas⁴ Kidd.]

1747 – 21 July 1747. William Gordon against **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.⁴⁰⁸

⁴⁰³ Essex County OB 12, 1740-1741, page 186 (scanned image available).

⁴⁰⁴ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1735-1743*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1989, p. 145, citing Essex WB6:421-422.

⁴⁰⁵ Essex County OB 13, 1742-1743, p. 120.

⁴⁰⁶ Essex County OB 13, 1742-1743, pp. 175-176.

⁴⁰⁷ *Will Abstracts of Essex County, Virginia, 1743-1745*, by Ruth Sparacio, McLean, VA, 1991, p. 6, citing WB pp. 16-17.

⁴⁰⁸ Essex County OB 15, p. 35.

- 1748 -- 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 – Thomas³ Kidd's will, dated 2 Jan 1749 and presented for recording 7 Jan 1749 in Essex County court, is proved in Essex County court 21 Feb 1749, with Phillip Kidd as administrator.

The will names Thomas³ Kidd's wife Phillis [Phyllis] and children **Thomas⁴ Kidd**, Phillip Kidd, Rachel Baker, Betty Kidd, and Anney Kidd.⁴⁰⁹ [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 County 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 debt in mercy, etc.⁴¹⁰

22 March 1749. The suit by petition brought by Thomas Dobyns and Boulware Dobyns, exors. Of Daniel Dobyns, dec'd against **Thomas Kidd** and James Webb for £2.5.1 with interest is dismissed, neither party appearing thereto.⁴¹¹

- 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 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.⁴¹²

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

⁴⁰⁹ Will of Thomas Kidd, Will Book 8, pp. 179-180, 193, 145, Circuit Clerk's Office, Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, VA. Abstract of recorded copy. Copies from this book are not allowed. ALSO, according to the LoV's card catalogue, his probate record is found in Wills #8 (1747-1750) (Reel 44): p. 179, will proved 21 Feb. 1748; pp. 179-180, Exors bond rec. 21 Feb. 1748; pp. 193-4, Inv & appraisal rec., 21 Mar 1748; pp. 415-16, Accounts, rec. 19 Feb, 1750.

⁴¹⁰ Essex County Order Book 16, 1749-1751, page 41.

⁴¹¹ Ibid, p. 45.

⁴¹² Essex County Order Book 16, 1749-1751, p. 326.

...the defendant recover against the said plaintiff his costs.⁴¹³

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 County and Greensbe Evans of the same place. This deed was acknowledged in court 21 Apr 1752 and admitted to record.⁴¹⁴ Eliza signed with an X.

1752 – Essex County Court, 17 March 1752. John Webb, Plt vs **Thomas Kidd**, Dft} Attachment.

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.⁴¹⁵

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 County 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 County NC on 26 May 1753, when he gave Power of Attorney to William Upshaw Davis in **Essex County**, Virginia to take steps to "dock the entail" (break the inheritance) of his family land in Middlesex County. This land was entailed in 1680 by his great-grandfather Thomas Kidd, to be inherited 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.⁴¹⁶

30 May 1753, **Thomas Kidd** signed a document while living in Edgecombe County

⁴¹³ Essex County Order Book 17, p. 24.

⁴¹⁴ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 2, citing Essex County DB 26, p. 14.

⁴¹⁵ Essex County OB 17, p. 163. The fact that Thomas is summoned in March 1752 suggests that the Essex County 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.

⁴¹⁶ Thomas Kidd to William Upshaw Davis, Deed Book 26, pp. 219-22, Circuit Clerk's Office, Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, VA.

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.⁴¹⁷

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.

(Next entry)

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.⁴¹⁸

It is not known why this Power of Attorney was recorded in Essex County court 19 Jun 1753, rather than in Middlesex County where the land was located. It is likely because Thomas⁴ Kidd’s father Thomas³ Kidd was resident in Essex County 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.⁴¹⁹

Essex County Court, 23 August 1753. John Webb v **Thomas Kidd** & William Upshaw Davis} In Chancery.

The Plt has filed his bill. Time is therefore given the Respondents till the next Court to file their Answer.⁴²⁰

Essex County Court, 18 September 1753. John Webb v **Thomas Kidd** & William

⁴¹⁷ *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.

⁴¹⁸ Essex County OB 18, p. 375.

⁴¹⁹ Essex County OB 19, p. 72.

⁴²⁰ *Ibid*, p. 197.

Upshaw Davis} In Chancery. Case deferred again, as the Dfts have not filed their answer to the bill of complaint.⁴²¹

1754 – Essex County Court, 17 April 1754. John Webb against **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...⁴²²

Essex County Court, 22 May 1754.
John Webb v **Thomas Kidd** and William Upshaw Davis} In Chancery. By mutual agreement, this case is continued till the next court.⁴²³

Essex County Court, 19 June, 1754.
John Webb against **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.⁴²⁴

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.

Nothing more has been found of Thomas⁴ Kidd in Virginia or North Carolina.

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. **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.⁴²⁵

⁴²¹ Ibid, p. 271.

⁴²² Essex County OB 20, p. 4.

⁴²³ Ibid, p. 106.

⁴²⁴ Ibid, p. 163.

⁴²⁵ FHL #1929881, Essex County Order Book 40, p. 614.

WILLIAM KIDD, SR., of Essex and Caroline County, Virginia

William⁴ (Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born before 1732.⁴²⁶

Married Mary Halbert before 1757, likely in Essex County.

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,⁴²⁷ 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.

Several descendants of this William Kidd Sr. of Caroline County are close Y-DNA matches to a descendant of Henry Kidd of Caroline and Fluvanna Counties VA and to a descendant of Burgess Kidd whose widow and children left Middlesex County VA to move to Clark County KY. Y-DNA evidence shows that this Caroline County Kidd family genetically is not closely related to known descendants of William² Kidd, although records provide evidence they all are of the same family.

1753 – On 30 May 1753, Thomas⁴ Kidd signed a document while living in Edgecombe County 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.⁴²⁸

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

⁴²⁶ 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,

⁴²⁷ Many trees on Ancestry.com and elsewhere claim that this William Kidd was the son of William² Kidd of Middlesex County. 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.

⁴²⁸ *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.

- 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.⁴²⁹
- 1755 – Phillip Kidd and Henry Kidd were among the male freeholders voting for John Upshaw in an Essex County Election of Burgesses on 4 December 1755. Interestingly, **William Kidd** voted for a different candidate, Capt. James Garnett, in this election. [Only landowners aged 21 or older could vote in the Election of Buirgesses.]⁴³⁰
- 1757 – 18 Jan 1757. **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.⁴³¹ 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.]⁴³²
- 31 March 1757. **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.⁴³³
- 20 September 1757. Theophilus Faver presented into Court a Bond from **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.⁴³⁴
- 1758 – **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 County NC on the first part and Thomas Waring and Charles Curtis of the other.⁴³⁵
- On the same date, **William Kidd** was one of the witnesses, with Eliza Fauntleroy and Wm Gordon, to an article of agreement between Thomas Waring of Essex County and Charles Curtis.⁴³⁶
- 1761 – 21 September 1761. In an Essex County deed, **William Kidd and wife Mary of King & Queen County** sold for £52.13 current money to Thos Faver, son of Theophilus Faver of Essex County, ½ interest in estate of John Cooke dec'd., great-

⁴²⁹ Essex County Order Book 19, page 103.

⁴³⁰ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, pp. 92-94, citing Essex DB 26, pp. 248-252.

⁴³¹ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p. 96 citing Essex DB 27, p. 253.

⁴³² *Ibid*, citing DB 27, p. 254.

⁴³³ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 28, p. 16. Scans of this deed are in the Essex County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

⁴³⁴ Essex County Order Book 22, p. 75, retrieved from FHL #1929872, item 2, image 57.

⁴³⁵ *Essex County, Virginia Land Records: 1752-1761*, by Mary Marshall Brewer, Colonial Roots, 2006, p 141, citing Essex County DB 28, p. 123.

⁴³⁶ *Ibid*, p. 155, citing DB 28, p 202.

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.⁴³⁷

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.⁴³⁸

By 1764, this William Kidd is in Caroline County, Virginia, where he became a prominent landowner. He died in 1802, leaving a considerable estate to his large family.

See our Caroline County compilation at www.kiddroots.org for the later records for this William Kidd.

WILLIAM KIDD, Hatter, of Middlesex County

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 County, Virginia 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 County. 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.^{439 440} This is the same person as William Kidd, hatter, of Middlesex County, Virginia, who married Nancy Kidd, daughter of James Kidd of Urbanna.

All other known records for him are found in Middlesex County, Virginia. See our compilation for that county at www.kiddroots.org for more information.

**WILLIAM KIDD, son of Henry Kidd, named in his father's Essex County will written in 1785. When he and his siblings sold his father's land in 1794, he was listed as of King and Queen County. [See Henry Kidd section.]
William⁵ (Henry⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd**

⁴³⁷ Essex County Virginia Deed Book 29, pp. 45-49. This William Kidd and his wife Mary had moved to K&Q County by the time of this document. Scans of this deed are in the Essex County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

⁴³⁸ Essex County Order Book 23, page 385, retrieved from FHL #1929872 (item 2), image 406.

⁴³⁹ Two Kidds—William Kidd of Essex County and John N. Kidd of Albemarle County--are named in the transcription of "The Chesterfield Size Roll: Soldiers Who Entered the Continental Line of Virginia at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 September 1780," transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris, Library of Virginia accession 23816. Roll of troops who joined at Chesterfield Courthouse since 1780. Transcribed from bound photocopies. Revised 23 May 2012. For the full transcription and more information about how this list was compiled, see <http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf>

⁴⁴⁰ "The Chesterfield Supplement: Some Revolutionary War soldiers who enlisted at Chesterfield Virginia after 1 September 1780," *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, October 1966, Vol. 4, No. 4, p. 77, does not list this William Kidd, but only John N. Kidd.

1794 – In an Essex County 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.”⁴⁴¹

1794 – 15 December 1794. The above Essex County 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.⁴⁴²

1795 – 20 October 1795. Essex County 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

⁴⁴¹ Essex County Virginia 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].

⁴⁴² Essex County Order Book 32, p. 525.

with a certificate thereto annexed of her free and voluntary relinquishment of that right; the same is ordered to be recorded.⁴⁴³

Nothing more is known of this William Kidd at this time. We have not been able to link him to another William Kidd elsewhere in Virginia.

WILLIAM KIDD(s), unplaced

1784 – 19 October 1784. Essex County 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.⁴⁴⁴

1788 – 17 June 1788. Essex County court. Samuel Boulware, Petitioner against **William Kidd**, Defendant} Upon a Petition for Debt.

This suit abates by ___ (illegible – appears to be “re cl win”)⁴⁴⁵

1799 – 18 June 1799. Essex County 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...⁴⁴⁶ [This appears to be the same suit as the previous one filed 11 years earlier, in 1788.]

WILLIAM KIDD, resident of Middlesex County, Virginia in 1801-1802

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

1801 – 19 November 1801. Essex County 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.⁴⁴⁷

1802 – 19 March 1802. Essex County 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

⁴⁴³ Essex County Order Book 33, p. 124.

⁴⁴⁴ Essex County Order Book 30, p. 59.

⁴⁴⁵ Essex County Order Book 31, p. 61.

⁴⁴⁶ Essex County Order Book 35, p. 121.

⁴⁴⁷ Essex County Order Book 36, p. 278.

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.⁴⁴⁸

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

Willis⁵ (William⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born about 1780 in Caroline County, Virginia.

Died 2 February 1843 in Caroline County.

Willis Kidd never lived in Essex County, Virginia, but appears in two 1816 Essex County 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.⁴⁴⁹

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.⁴⁵⁰

See his section in our Caroline County BD at www.kiddroots.org for more information on Willis Kidd.

⁴⁴⁸ Essex County Order Book 37, p. 50.

⁴⁴⁹ FHL #1929882, Essex County Order Book 42, p. 138.

⁴⁵⁰ FHL #1929882, Essex County Order Book 42, pp. 214-215.

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

The following sources of genealogical and historical information on Essex County have been identified, using the web sites for the LDS library, the Library of Virginia, and WorldCat. Those with black text have been reviewed and abstracted, and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document; those in **bold font** have not been reviewed and mined for Kidd entries as of May 2020.

PRIMARY SOURCES

1. Essex County, Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1852 (SKK, RK).
2. Essex County, Virginia 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 County, Virginia Chancery Causes Index, www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/ [the Essex County chancery records themselves are not yet online at the Library of Virginia]. Only six Chancery Court causes 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 County, Virginia Land Trials Books, 3 vols, 1711-1818, Essex County 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 County 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 **bold font**.
(See Essex County Source Documents folder for details of this review.)
General Index to Court Orders, 1684-1714, 602 pp. – FHL #1929915, item 2. NO Kidds 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
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**, unpagged 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 County Orphans Accounts, 1731-1760**, index, 261 p – LoV reel 104
13. **Numerous early records of Essex County** (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.

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7. *Essex County militia, 1781*, by Susan B. **Chiarello**, In: Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Orange, Virginia. Volume 51, Number 2 (May 2013), page ibc2. Includes bibliographical references. No Kidds on this list.
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13. *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*, Vol. II, “Records Concerning 18th Century Persons, King and Queen County, 1st through 9th collections, abstracted by Beverley **Fleet**.
14. *Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 29: Essex County Records, 1703-1706*, abstracted by Beverley **Fleet**, Genealogical Publ. Company, 1961 (available on-line through Heritage Quest) – no Kidds in index.
15. *Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 8: Essex County Wills and Deeds, 1711-1714*, abstracted by Beverley **Fleet**, 1961 (available on-line through Heritage Quest) – No Kidds in Index.
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21. *Essex County, Virginia newspaper notices, Volume 2, 1736-1952*, by Wesley E. **Pippenger**, Tappahannock, Virginia, 2010. No Kidd entries of interest to us, mainly 1940s citations.
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23. *Essex County, Virginia, guardianship and orphans records; a descriptive index*, by Wesley E. **Pippenger**, Tappahannock, Virginia, 2016.
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**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 County, Virginia 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 County will of his father; a 1746 Essex County deed with his brother Thomas³; and a 1750/1 estate account for Thomas³. The latter two records place Daniel Kidd in Essex County, Virginia, 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 County, Virginia.

We know that Henry and Isaac are brothers, because the Essex County, Virginia 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 County, Virginia 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 County, and in 1753 is of South Farnham Parish in Essex County, 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 County will, written in 1785 and proven in 1793, names his children as John and William, of King and Queen County; Mary who married John Brown, of Caroline County, and Sarah who married Benjamin Kidd, of Caroline County.

Isaac Kidd was of adult age by 1752 and also living in South Farnham Parish in Essex County 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 County estate and guardian papers as Pitman, Benjamin, and Isaac Kidd Jr.

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

Essex County 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 County will of Thomas³ Kidd as his sons. The only other Kidd man identified as living in Essex County at the time that Henry, Isaac, and William came of age is Daniel Kidd.

Daniel Kidd first appears in the records of Middlesex County, Virginia 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 County.

Nearly 20 years after the death of Thomas² Kidd in 1727, in a deed filed in Middlesex County, Virginia 7 Jul 1746, Daniel Kidd and Thomas³ Kidd, both of South Farnham Parish of Essex County, Virginia, 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 County, Virginia when he receives a payment from the estate of Thomas³ Kidd. The account of the estate of Thomas³ Kidd is recorded in Essex County 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 County, Virginia records. William Kidd, likely another son of Daniel Kidd, first appears in Essex County records in 1753. Although Henry and Isaac are named in Essex County 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 County, Virginia, 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 County.

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 County 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 County, this family lived in Middlesex County.

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

William^{3a} Kidd, the oldest child of William and Margaret Kidd, remained in Middlesex County where he married Elizabeth Thurston. He had no known children named Henry or Isaac and does not appear in Essex County.

Robert Kidd, the second son, had no known residence in Essex County. He is named in only one Essex County court record in 1725, when he traveled 25 miles (presumably from Middlesex County) to appear as a witness. He is next found in Henrico County 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 County.

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 County, Virginia 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 County, who married Mary Halbert by 1757 and moved to Caroline County, Virginia 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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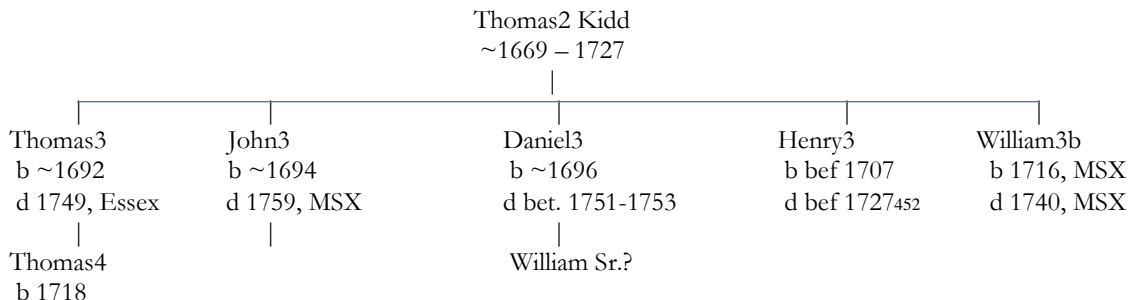
WILLIAM KIDD, SR. of Essex and Caroline Counties, Virginia was born by 1732,⁴⁵¹ and possibly earlier. He is found in the 1750s in Essex County, Virginia before settling in Caroline County, Virginia by 1764. He died there by 1802, leaving a large estate and family. His life is well-documented in Caroline 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 County. Thomas4Kidd, named as “of Edgecombe County 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 County and in a 1753 Essex County 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”):



⁴⁵¹ 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.

⁴⁵² 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 County 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 County 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 County, Virginia. 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 County will of his father, a 1746 Essex County deed with his brother Thomas3, and a 1750/1 estate account for Thomas3. The latter two records place Daniel Kidd in Essex County, Virginia 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.⁴⁵³ 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 County records, so it is important to consider other Kidd men who could be the father of William Kidd Sr. Could Thomas4

⁴⁵³ Had Daniel Kidd been alive at the time, he should have been named in this suit.

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.

Sons of William² Kidd and his wife Margaret

We know that William^{3a} Kidd,⁴⁵⁴ the oldest child of William² and Margaret Kidd, remained in Middlesex County 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 County for Essex County or Caroline County. 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 County. He is named in only one Essex County court record in 1725, when he traveled 25 miles (presumably from Middlesex County) to appear as a witness. He is next found in Henrico County 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 County record when he served as a witness to a 1736 deed. He appears in two Caroline County records in 1734 and 1737, and in four records in King and Queen County 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 County.

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 County records. All these sons except Benjamin left Middlesex County 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 Counties, Virginia.

Only Daniel Kidd and Thomas³ Kidd are found in Essex County, Virginia 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.

⁴⁵⁴ 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 William^{3a}, because he was born earlier, and dubbed William³ Kidd, the son of Thomas² Kidd as William^{3b}, because his birth occurred later than William^{3a} Kidd's.

The other possibility, that William Kidd Sr. was the son of William^{3a} (William², Thomas¹) Kidd and his wife, Elizabeth Thurston, is deemed less likely but cannot be disproven at this time.

[N.B. The authors also believe that Daniel Kidd was the father of Henry Kidd and Isaac Kidd of Essex County. See [Appendix Two](#) of this document for more information.]