

THE KIDDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1785-1865

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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 Franklin County, Virginia from the time of its founding in 1785 through 1850.

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

1. To find virtually every existing record mentioning the surname of Kidd in these Virginia counties prior to 1850;
2. To analyze these records and ascertain (if possible) whether the individuals are descendants of the Thomas Kidd who arrived in the Virginia colony by 1648, and if so, their line of descent; and
3. To distinguish between proven, documented relationships and those which are widely shared and held to be accurate, but for which proof is minimal or non-existent.

FRANKLIN COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS

Franklin County was formed on 17 October 1785 from Bedford and Henry Counties.

Marriage, land and probate records for this county began in 1786, and have survived.

Census records for 1790 and 1800 are not available for most of Virginia, including Franklin County.

The first record of Kidds in Franklin County was in 1802.

There were two families of Kidds in Franklin County in this era. The patriarchs of these two families were John Kidd who arrived in Franklin County by 1802, and George Kidd, who arrived in Franklin County by 1805:

John Kidd married Lucy Melton in 1792 in Albemarle County VA, first appears in Franklin County in 1802, and then lived out his life in Franklin County in the area of Turkeycock Mountain and Crab(tree) Creek, a branch of Snow Creek. Many of the records in this document are for John Kidd and his family.

George Kidd married Lydia Chiles in 1805 in Franklin County. He migrated to Kanawha County VA (now WV) by 1815, and then on to Lawrence County KY. George and Lydia died between 1860-1870 while living with their son Jesse Kidd in Greenup County KY.

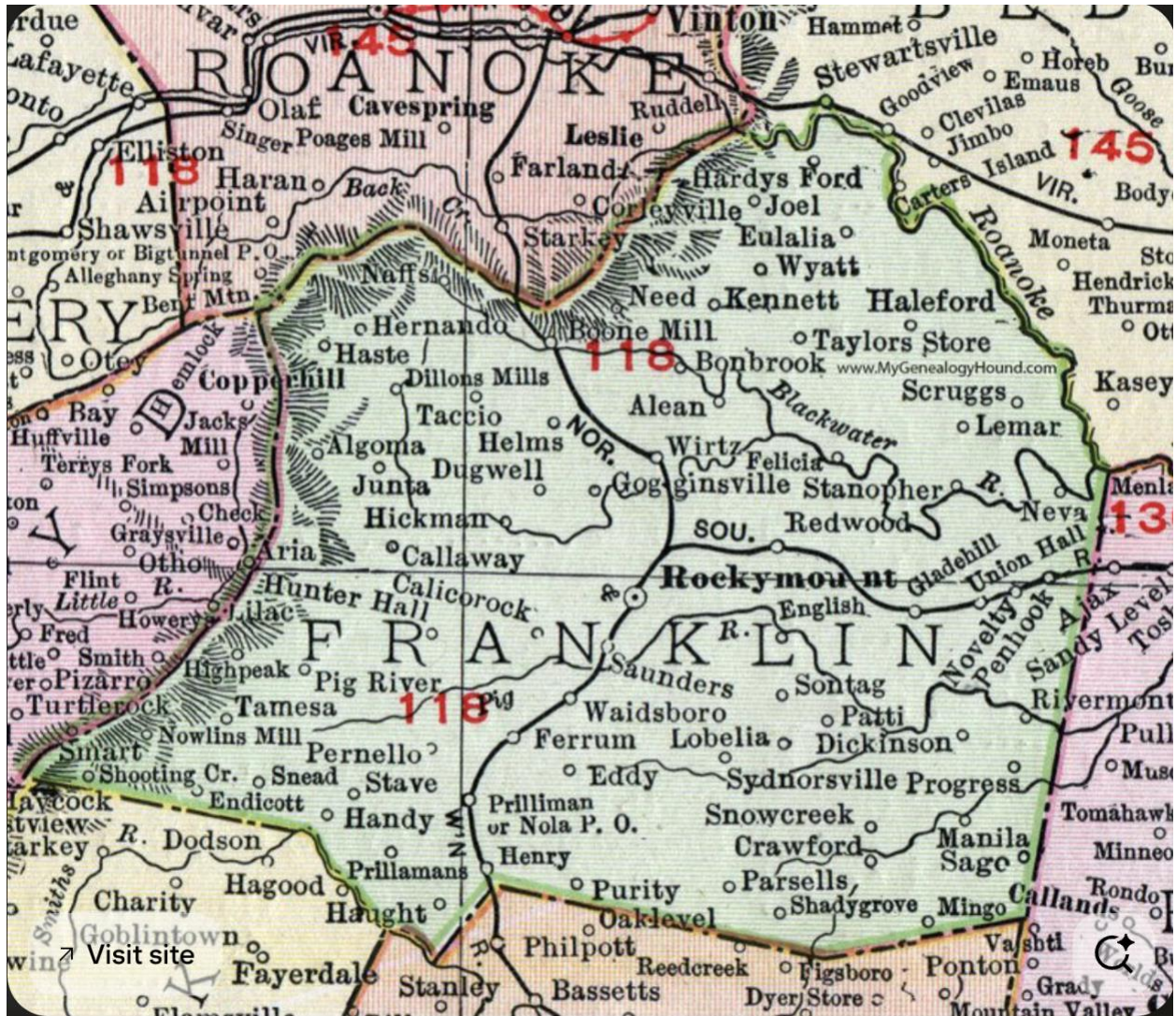
There is a detailed settlement map of early Franklin County, showing the names and locations of early settlers of this county,

<https://www.franklincountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/619/Settlement-Map-PDF>

This is the map that is most often used by Franklin County genealogists and historians. It predates John Kidd's settlement, so his name does not appear on this map.

The area where John Kidd and his family lived, in the area of Turkeycock Mountain, is visible in the lower right corner of this map, just north of the county line separating Franklin County to the north and Henry County to the south.

Below is a much later (1910) map, nicely illustrating Franklin County and its neighbors (clockwise from upper left: Roanoke, Bedford, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Floyd, and Montgomery counties):



SOME TIPS ON USING THIS DOCUMENT

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in the [APPENDIX](#), found on page 31 and following.

Names in **RED FONT** have been added to the Family Tree that we are constructing on Ancestry.com, that includes all the DOCUMENTED descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia. This tree also includes John Kidd of Franklin County, his wife and their descendants, even though we don't know how he is related to our Middlesex County Kidds at this time.

This tree can be found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986/family>
Once there, be sure to look in the Media Gallery of these individuals, to see what documents and other sources have been added.

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

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

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Remember: names in **red font** have been added to the MSX Kidds Tree at Ancestry.com:
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986/family?cfpid=362174085360>

This document is a compilation of all citations of individuals with the surname of Kidd in Franklin County, Virginia from 1785 to 1865. Within it, individuals appear in alphabetical order, by their given name. Entries for each individual are arranged in chronological order, and where more than one person has the same given name, we've attempted to distinguish between them by other factors, such as varying amounts of land, slaves or other property, etc. When that is not possible, we've left the data elements under one name, while recognizing that those facts may represent more than one person.

AMERICA MANNING KIDD, wife of Benjamin F. Kidd and daughter of Benjamin F. and Charity Manning
Born 25 August 1834 in Virginia¹
Married Benjamin F. Kidd 26 July 1850 in Franklin County²

1860 – on the federal census in the SW District of Franklin County Virginia, p. 153, HH 1094/1093:
Benj. F. **Kidd** 29MW farmer \$0/25 VA

America “ 26FW

Mary 7FW

William 5MW

Jno. 4MW

Andrew P. 1MW

1863 – In its July 1863 Term, the Franklin Court authorized allowances (support payments) for the indigent soldiers and families, among whom was **America Kidd, widow of Benjamin F.**, who received \$15.00.³ Most of the entries on these lists, which go on for pages, list the names of the widows, and the number of minor children. America's entry doesn't list the number of her children, although there were minors in her household.

1864 – In the October 1864 Term of the Franklin County Court, **America Kidd** again received an allowance of \$15.00 as a widow of a Confederate soldier. As before, the entry does not list the number of her children.⁴

See her husband Benjamin F. Kidd's entry for her Confederate widow's pension application following his death in 1962.

1870 – On the federal census in Snow Creek township, Franklin County VA, Glade Hill P.O., page 450, HH 102/113, in the HH of Robert Prunty, a wealthy farmer, and his family:
Kidd, America 39FW keeping house VA

¹ The place of her birth is unclear at this time. One son's death certificate says she was born in Rockingham County, VA, while a daughter's death certificate says it was Henry County, VA. She is said to be the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Manning and his wife Charity (maiden name unproven).

² The date and place of their marriage comes from her widow's pension application in 1884 in Franklin County.

³ Franklin County Order Book, 1860-1865, p. 311 (image 225 on FHL #31514, via Familysearch.org).

⁴ Ibid, page 433 (image 286) on FHL #31514, item 1.

- “ , Mary 18FW without occupation VA
- “ , William 16MW farm laborer VA CROW
- “ , John 14MW VA CROW
- “ , Andrew 11MW VA CROW
- “ , Jane 40FW VA [identity not known]

1880 – On the federal census in Snow Creek district, Franklin County VA, ED 109, sheet 4, HH 34/34:

Kidd, William WM 26S head Farmer VA VA VA

“ , **America** WF 45W Mother Keeping house VA VA VA

“ . John R. WM 24S Brother works in Tobacco M VA VA VA

“ , Pearce WM 21S Brother Farm hand VA VA VA

Kidd, Sally BF 6S Servant [identity not known]

BENJAMIN KIDD, a Methodist Episcopal Church minister

1831 – June Court 1831. On the motion of **Benjamin Kidd** who produced credentials of his ordination to the ministry of the Gospel by the Methodist Episcopal Church in this Country, took the oath of allegiance and gave bond and security in the sum of [illegible – Five?] hundred dollars, conditioned as the law directs, Credential is granted him to celebrate the rights of matrimony according to the laws of this state.⁵

Note: We do not know the identity of this Benjamin Kidd. He apparently did not reside in Franklin County, as he's not found on the 1830 federal census, nor in the PPTLs of this time.

BENJAMIN F. KIDD, son of Jane Kidd and grandson of John and Lucy Melton Kidd

Father is unknown, but may have been a member of the Terry family⁶

Born ca 1830 in Franklin County

Married America Manning 26 July 1850 in Franklin County⁷

Died in Henry County in 1862 while on furlough during the Civil War

Their proven children, all born in Franklin County, were:

Mary Columbus Kidd, b ca 1853, married George W. Wingfield 7 January 1877

William Marshall Kidd, b ca 1855

John Kidd, b ca 1856

Andrew Pearce/Pierce Kidd, b 14 February 1859

1849 – **Benjamin F. Kidd** first appears on the Franklin County PPTLs in 1849.

1850 – **Benjamin F. Kidd** again appears on the Franklin County PPTL. This is the last year of these records that we have checked.

⁵ Franklin County Court Order Book, 1830-1835, retrieved from FHL #31518, item 3, page 96, image 582, via Familysearch.org, unrestricted access, Sept 21, 2018. Scanned image available upon request.

⁶ Y-DNA testing at the 111-marker level of a proven descendant of Benjamin F. Kidd shows multiple close matches to men with the Terry surname.

⁷ The date and place of their marriage come from her widow's pension application in 1884 in Franklin County.

Benjamin F. Kidd married America Manning 26 July 1850 in Franklin County.⁸ Another transcription of this record lists the groom as “**Kidd, Benjamin**, s. Jane,” [son of Jane Kidd].⁹ The surety for this marriage was Lorenzo D. Brock, whose wife was Mary Kidd, Benjamin F. Kidd’s maternal aunt.

B. F. Kidd is found on the federal census in Franklin County VA, p 181, HH 1783/1775, aged 21, enumerated in a long list of students attending a school, many of them over 20 years of age but each with the “Attended school within the year” box checked.

Benjamin F. Kidd also appears on this same census, 5 houses from John and Lucy Kidd, on page 171B, HH 1644/1638:

Benjamin F. Kidd 20MW farmer \$100 VA

“ , America 16FW

Charity Maning 40FW [America’s mother]

Lucy “ 15FW

Franklin Kidd 10MW [possibly could be Franklin Manning]

Note: These entries appear to be for the same Benjamin F. Kidd, enumerated both at school and in his newly formed household.

1860 – on the federal census in the SW District of Franklin County VA, p. 153, HH 1094/1093:

Benj. F. Kidd 29MW farmer \$0/25 VA

America “ 26FW

Mary 7FW

William 5MW

Jno. 4MW

Andrew P. 1MW

1861 – **B. F. Kidd** was one of the soldiers from Franklin County who served in the Confederate Army, Co F, 57th Virginia Regt., Armistead’s Brigade, Pickett’s Division, as a second Sergeant in the regiment known as the "Henry and Pittsylvania Rifles." ^{10 11}

1862 – **Benjamin F. Kidd** died of chronic diarrhea, or dysentery, 27 November 1862 while at home on furlough from service in the Civil War, according to America Kidd’s widow’s pension application; this record states that he died in Henry County, Virginia. His death record also says that he died in Henry County, that he died of consumption, and lists his mother as Jane Kidd.¹² Neither record names his father.

He is likely buried in the Kidd-Carter family cemetery on Snow Creek in Franklin County, in an unmarked grave.¹³

⁸ Virginia Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850. We’ve not seen the original record yet.

⁹ *Marriage bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858 Transcribed from the original records, annotated and alphabetically arranged*, by Marshall Wingfield, published by the West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939, reprinted by Virginia Book Co 1967, p. 135.

¹⁰ Per his widow America Kidd’s pension application.

¹¹ *Franklin County, Virginia: a history*, by Marshall Wingfield, reprinted for Clearfield by Genealogical Publishing Co Baltimore, MD, 1996, page 164.

¹² FHL #31989, item 3, Henry County Death Registers, 1853-1871, page 28, retrieved via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), image 323 of 347.

¹³ See <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87190384/benjamin-franklin-kidd>

- 1863 – In its July 1863 Term, the Franklin Court authorized allowances (support payments) for the indigent soldiers and families, among whom was America Kidd, **widow of Benjamin F.**, who received \$15.00.¹⁴ Most of the entries on these lists, which go on for pages, list the names of the widows, and the number of minor children. America's entry doesn't list any children, although there were minors in her household.
- 1864 – In the October 1864 Term of the Franklin County Court, America Kidd again received an allowance of \$15, as a widow of a Confederate soldier. As before, the entry does not list the number of her children.¹⁵

ELISHA KIDD, son of John and Lucy Melton Kidd

Born between 1804-1809¹⁶

Moved briefly to Tazewell County VA where he married Peggy [Margaret] Peery in 1829

Returned to Franklin County, then migrated to Montgomery County VA, then to Raleigh County VA (now WV) by 1860, where he lived the rest of his life.

Died in 1890 in Raleigh County WV

Descendants identify the children of Elisha Kidd and Margaret Peery as:

- John Edward Kidd, married Elizabeth Maynor
- Charles Preston Kidd, married Emily Bailey
- Mary Joyce Kidd, married Green W. Bailey
- George Alexander Kidd, married 1st Mary Elizabeth Sweeney, 2nd Elizabeth Evelyn Kidd
- Deborah Ann Kidd, married Tollison Stover
- Rebecca Kidd, married Pleasant Williams
- Elisha Lafayette Kidd, married Mary Ann Evans
- James Crockett Kidd, married Jemima Adeline Williams
- Lucinda Kidd, married Isham Belcher
- Elizabeth Kidd, nothing more known

A descendant of Elisha Kidd is a participant in the Kidd Y-DNA project and closely matches known descendants of Thomas Kidd of Middlesex County VA. While Y-DNA testing alone cannot confirm the identity of Elisha's Kidd grandfather, we do know he descends directly from Thomas Kidd.

- 1829 – **Elisha Kidd** and Peggy [Margaret] Peery, the daughter of John Peery and Deborah Kidd of Tazewell County VA¹⁷, were married in Tazewell County VA on 5 Feb 1829 by minister John Perry [Peery], who certified the marriage to the clerk of the Tazewell court.¹⁸

¹⁴ Franklin County Order Book, 1860-1865, p. 311 (image 225 on FHL #31514, via Familysearch.org).

¹⁵ Ibid, page 433 (image 286) on FHL #31514, item 1.

¹⁶ His year of birth is uncertain; his headstone evidently lists it as 1808, but his census entries suggest he could have been born as early as 1804 (he's listed as 46 in 1850, 51 in 1860, 65 in 1870, and 72 in 1880).

¹⁷ Deborah Kidd Peery was the daughter of Tazewell County, VA pioneer William Kidd, the ancestor of Sandra Kidd.

¹⁸ *Annals of Tazewell County Virginia*, Vol. 1, Chapter 4, list of marriages 1800 to 1852, p 84.

Elisha's brother George Kidd also migrated to Tazewell County and settled on Hunting Camp Creek in present-day Bland County VA. Like Elisha, their sister Tabitha Kidd Terry and her husband Carter Terry moved briefly to Tazewell County, but also returned to Franklin County.

1830 – on the federal census in Tazewell County, Virginia:

Elisha Kidd: 1FMW<5 & 1 20-29; 1F 10-15. No slaves.

1832 – On 14 February 1832, a marriage bond was issued in Franklin County for the marriage of Lorenzo Dow Brock and Mary Kidd. The surety for this bond was **Elisha Kidd**, brother of the bride.¹⁹

1832-1841 – **Elisha Kidd** first appears on the Franklin County VA PPTLs in 1832, and annually through 1841, then drops from these lists.

1840 – on the federal census in Franklin County Virginia:

Elisha Kidd: 1FWM<5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49; 1F 5-9 and 1 20-29. Three in agriculture. No slaves.

1850 – on the federal census in District 41, Montgomery County Virginia, p. 10, HH 128:

Kidd, Elisha 46WM farmer \$0 VA
“ , Margaret 36FW VA
“ , Preston 17MW farmer VA
“ , Edward 15MW VA Attended school within the year
“ , Mary 13FW VA
“ , Elizabeth 10FW VA
“ , George 8MW VA Attended school within the year
“ , Deborah 4FW VA
“ , Rebecca 2FW VA
“ , Lucinda 3/12FW VA

1860 – on the federal census in Beckley, Raleigh County Virginia, Raleigh C.H. P.O., page 949, HH 49/49:

Elisha Kidd 51MW farmer VA CROW
Margaret “ 46FW matron VA
Mary Jayne “ 22FW spinster VA CROW
George A. “ 18M farmer VA attended school within the year
Deborah A. “ 16FW spinster VA attended school within the year
Rebecca “ 14FW VA attended school within the year
Lafayette “ 8MW VA attended school within the year
Crockett “ 6MW VA

1870 – on the federal census in Trap Hill township, Raleigh County Virginia, p. 401, HH 410/70:

Kidd, Elizah 65MW Farming \$500/150 VA
“ , Margaret 55FW keeping house VA
“ , Delia A. 23FW VA

¹⁹ *Marriage bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858 Transcribed from the original records, annotated and alphabetically arranged*, by Marshall Wingfield, published by the West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939, reprinted by Virginia Book Co 1967, p. 46.

“ , Fayette 17MW VA

“ , Crockett 15MW VA

1880 – on the federal census in Raleigh County West Virginia, Trap Hill District, ED 132, sheet 19C:

Elisha Kidd 72WM farmer VA VA VA CROW

Margaret “ 67WF wife VA England VA disabled

1890 – **Elisha Kidd** died in 1890. He is buried in the Vass Cemetery in Cirtsville in Raleigh County under a double headstone with his wife Margaret Peery Kidd, who died ca 1892.²⁰ All their children lived in or near Raleigh County WV.

GEORGE KIDD, lived in Franklin County ca 1805 to 1812; parents unknown

Born ca 1776/1777²¹

Married Lydia Chiles in 1805 in Franklin County

Moved from Franklin County ca 1813 to Kanawha County, VA [WV] by 1815

In Kanawha County records from 1815 through 1838

By 1840, moved across the Ohio River to Lawrence County, OH, along with his adult son Jesse Kidd

After 1850, moved to Greenup County, KY, to live in the household of his son Jesse

Died there sometime after the 1860 federal census. Actual date and place of death are unknown.

Note: While the name George Kidd is found in other areas of Virginia, it is uncommon in the central Virginia counties. Descendants of this George Kidd who are in the Kidd Y-DNA project are close Y-DNA matches to John Kidd of Franklin County VA and to other documented descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County. However, Y-DNA results alone cannot confirm the father of George Kidd or of John Kidd.

1797-1798 – **George Kidd** is named in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit for William Kidd, citing accounts in 1797 and 1798 in what was then Amherst County.²² That George Kidd's accounts are an exhibit in this suit suggests some relationship between George Kidd and this William Kidd, who was the son of John Kidd and Ruth Parish of Albemarle County.

William Kidd was the defendant in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, titled William Maclure etc v. William Kidd, that began in fall 1807 and ended in 1831 in Nelson County. The suit originated in Amherst County, just prior to the formation of Nelson County from part of Amherst County. The complainants, William Maclure, James Miller and Patrick Hart, surviving partners of Maclure, Brydie & Co. state that they had several dealings with one William Kidd in 1798, and that at that time they had settled the account and provided him with a receipt for his account. Upon later examination, they discovered that Kidd had been incorrectly credited for £10.9.11 and that he still owed them this amount. They state that this amount, with interest from 31 August 1798, is justly due.

In his response (p. 4), apparently in May Court 1816, William Kidd denies the claim against him, and states that the statute of limitations should apply in this case. The case continued

²⁰ See <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39909412/elisha-kidd>

²¹ He is listed as 73 on the 1850 census and 84 on the 1860 census.

²² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

until 1831, when in July court it was dismissed, with a decree for the defendant William Kidd's costs.

Also in the record is a subpoena to the Sheriff of Amherst County dated 22 October 1807, indicating that the case began there, prior to the formation of Nelson County from Amherst County in 1807.

Among the receipts submitted as exhibits in this case was one for a **George Kidd's** account in 1797 and 1798 (p. 10). This account lists a number of cloth goods, which may indicate a man in some sort of trade.

1799 – A **George Kidd** appears on the Albemarle County VA PPTL in this one year.

1801 – **George Kidd** and Isham Bailey were witnesses to an Albemarle County deed, dated 1 June 1801, between Samuel Hensley and Samuel Brown.²³

George Kidd's first appearance in Franklin County is in 1805.

1805 – A marriage bond was issued for the marriage of **George Kidd** and Lidia Chiles on 17 April 1805 in Franklin County.²⁴ David Hunt was the surety for this bond.

1806-1812 – **George Kidd** first appears on the Franklin County PPTLs in 1806; he appears annually thereafter through 1812 (each time with one WM title), then disappears from these lists.

1809 – 3 April 1809 court term: In a case involving James and John Dunlop v John Kidd, the defendant John Kidd was allowed to take the depositions of **George Kidd and Lidia Kidd de bene esse**. No details of the case are included, but this record gives evidence that John Kidd and George Kidd had some connection to each other. [Note: *De bene esse* is a legal term, defined as testimony requested at a certain time in order to preserve it for the future.]²⁵

George Kidd was among the jurors in a case of Ejectment in the August 1809 term of Franklin County Court.²⁶

On 21 August 1809, Landon J. Bishop and Mary his wife of the county of Franklin sold to **George Kidd** for £25 a parcel of land in Franklin containing 100 acres and lying on the waters of Pig River, bounded by lands of Reuben (Brown?) decd, John Scott, William Horseley, and Jesse Prunty. The deed was admitted to record in Franklin County Court on 1 January 1810.²⁷

1810 – January Term 1810. Deed from Landon Bishop to **George Kidd** proved by two witnesses.²⁸

On the federal census in Franklin County, Virginia, page 299 (printed in lower right corner) **George Kidd**: 2FWM<10, 1 26-44; 1F<10, 1 10-15, 1 26-44 and 1 >44.

On 2 December 1810, Landon Bishop and **George Kid** of Franklin County sold to William Horseley of the same county for £20 a parcel of land containing 100 acres [the same land as

^{23,25} Albemarle County Order Book 1800-1801, p. 380.

²⁴ Virginia Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com, citing FHL #315123, item 1, Index to Franklin County Marriage Bonds, 1786-1853, image 84 of 608 on this reel, viewable without restriction via familysearch.org.

²⁵ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 261, retrieved from FHL, image 136.

²⁶ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 296, retrieved from FHL #31516, image 481.

²⁷ Franklin County Deed Book 6, pp 23-24. Scanned images available.

²⁸ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 327, retrieved from FHL #31516, image 496.

above]. Both Bishop and Kidd signed with an X. The deed was admitted to record on 3 December 1810.²⁹

1812 – **George Kidd** appears for the last time on the Franklin County PPTLs in 1812, then drops from these lists when he migrates to Kanawha County VA [now WV].

1815-1817 – **George Kidd** appears for the first time on the Kanawha County PPTLs in 1815, joining a Jesse Kidd and a William Kidd there. He appears again in 1816 and 1817, then drops from these PPTLs until 1821. However, he is listed on the 1820 federal census.

1820 – On the federal census in Kanawha County, Virginia:

George Kidd: 1 FWM < 10, 2 10-15 & 1 26-44; 1 F < 10, 1 10-15 & 1 26-44. Two in Agriculture.

There is also an 1820 Kanawha County Court case involving a debt, in which **George Kidd** was the defendant. We have not seen this actual record.³⁰

1821-1838 – **George Kidd** appears again on the Kanawha County PPTLs in 1821, and continues to be listed annually through 1838; in 1839 he drops from them and doesn't reappear through 1848 (the last year of these records that we have checked so far).

1826 – In a deed signed on 5 April 1826, Benjamin Hensley of the county of Kanawha sold to **George Kidd** of the same county for \$100 a tract of 100 acres of land. The witnesses to this deed were Meredith Landers, Lewis S. Hollingback and Jesse Kidd (who signed with an X). The deed was recorded in Court on 12 June 1826.³¹

Note: Meredith Landers married Elizabeth Kidd in Albemarle County in 1793, and the couple settled in Putnam County, VA (now WV), which borders Kanawha County, before 1830. William Hensley was bondsman for the marriage and Samuel Hensley signed as Elizabeth's guardian.

1827 – **George Kidd** appears on the 1827 Land Tax List (LTL) in the Lower Division of Kanawha County in 1827, taxed for 100 acres on Pocatalico (River), 19 miles NW of the courthouse, receiving this land from Benjamin Hensley.³²

1828-1836 – In 1828, **George Kidd** first appears on the Kanawha County LTLs.

1830 – On the federal census in Kanawha County, p. 199:

George Kidd: 1 FWM 10-14 & 1 50-59; 1 F 15-19 & 1 50-59. No slaves.

1836 – On 3 September 1836, **George Kidd** and Lidda/Liddy/Lydia of Kanawha County sold to Wiet Turley for \$200 a tract of land in Kanawha containing 100 acres. The deed was proved in Court on 18 October 1836.³³

1839 – **George Kidd** drops from the PPTLs in Kanawha County, VA.

1840 – On the federal census in Lawrence County, Ohio, Lawrence township, p. 37, line 6:

George Kidd (indexed at Ancestry.com as "HILD"): 1 WM 60-69 & 1 F 60-69. No others.

²⁹ Franklin County Deed Book 6, p 269. Scanned image available.

³⁰ Case 1820-27, Thomas Richards v George Kidd, Debt.

³¹ Kanawha County Deed Book G, page 80, retrieved from FHL #460419 (item 2), image 341. Scanned image available.

³² FHL #468689, image 405, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³³ Kanawha County Deed Book I-J, page 417, retrieved from FHL #460420 (item 2), image 442. Scanned image available.

Also in Lawrence County, Ohio, in the Upper twp., page 27: Jesse Kidd: 1M<5, 1-5-9 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14, 1 20-29 & 1 30-39.

On this same page, twelve households away, is the family of “Tho. Ditie,” likely the father of Jesse Kidd’s second wife Hannah Ditty.

1850 – On the federal census in Lawrence County, Ohio, Mason twp., P. 368, HH 172/175:

George Kidd 73MW farmer VA CROW³⁴

Lidia “ 75FW VA

Caroline “ 12FW OH

1860 – On the federal census in Greenup County, Kentucky (just across the Ohio River from Lawrence County, Ohio, where they were in 1850), in the household of their son Jesse Kidd: Hoods Run P.O., page 43, HH 318/314:

Jesse Kidd 50MW farmer \$1200/\$800 VA

Hannah³⁵ “ , 34FW VA

Rebecca “ , 23FW KY

Asenith “ , 16FW KY attended school within the year

George³⁶ “ , 14MW KY attended school within the year

Eliza “ , 12FW KY attended school within the year

Sarah “ , 9FW KY attended school within the year

Albina³⁷ “ , 8FW KY attended school within the year

Lydia “ , 3FW KY

Willard³⁸ “ , 1/12WM

Jackmolina Easterling 3FW adopted KY

George M. Kidd 84MW inmate VA [this record gives George a middle initial M.]

Lydia Kidd 84FW inmate VA

[Several others, apparently workers who are unrelated. Note: Inmate, in this context, means resident in household.]

George Kidd is said, without documentation, to have died on 1 December 1862 in Greenup County, KY. His wife Lidia is said to have died there in 1870. Neither of them are living in their son’s household at the time of the 1870 census (see below).

1870 – Their son Jesse Kidd is on the federal census in Greenup County, KY, precinct No. 5, Hunnewell Furnace P. O., page 137, HH 391/385:

Kidd, Jesse 60MW wagonmaker \$0/\$600 WV

“ , Hannah 44FW keeping house WV

“ , Eliza 22FW works at home KY

“ , Alice 17FW works at home KY

³⁴ Cannot read or write.

³⁵ Jesse Kidd married Hannah Ditty in Lawrence County, Ohio on 28 February 1841, according to Ancestry.com, citing FHL #317716,

³⁶ This George Kidd died in Greenup County, KY on 27 January 1929 at the age of 83. His death certificate states that he was born on 5 July 1845 in Greenup County, and names his parents as Jesse Kidd, born in VA and Hannah Ditty, born in Greenup County. See Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1965 on Ancestry.com.

³⁷ A birth record for Albina J. Kidd shows that she was born 18 August 1853 in Perma Furnace, Greenup County, to Jesse Kidd and Hannah Ditty

³⁸ The death record of Charles Willard Kidd, who died 13 October 1938 in So. Portsmouth, Greenup County, KY, lists his parents as Jesse Kidd (born in KY) and Anna (last name blank) born in Ireland [likely in error]. It lists C.W.’s date of birth as 5 May 1860.

- “ , Lydia 13FW attending school KY
- “ , James 11MW attending school KY
- “ , William 9MW attending school KY

GEORGE KIDD, son of John and Lucy Melton Kidd

Born ca 1802, likely in Franklin County

Married Evalinda Dills Suiter in 1828 in Tazewell County, Virginia

Settled on Hunting Camp Creek in Tazewell County (present-day Bland County)

Died in Bland County 25 August 1870

Descendants identify the children of George Kidd and Evalinda Dills Suiter as:

- William A. Kidd, married Mary (Polly) Suiter
- John Melton Kidd, married Rebecca Elizabeth Suiter
- James M. Kidd, married Margaret Ann Martin
- Addison Winston Kidd, married 1st Rebecca Elizabeth Suiter, the widow of his brother John, married 2nd Laura Jane Muncy
- Elbert S. Kidd, married Clara Muncy
- Rebecca G. Kidd, married George W. Martin

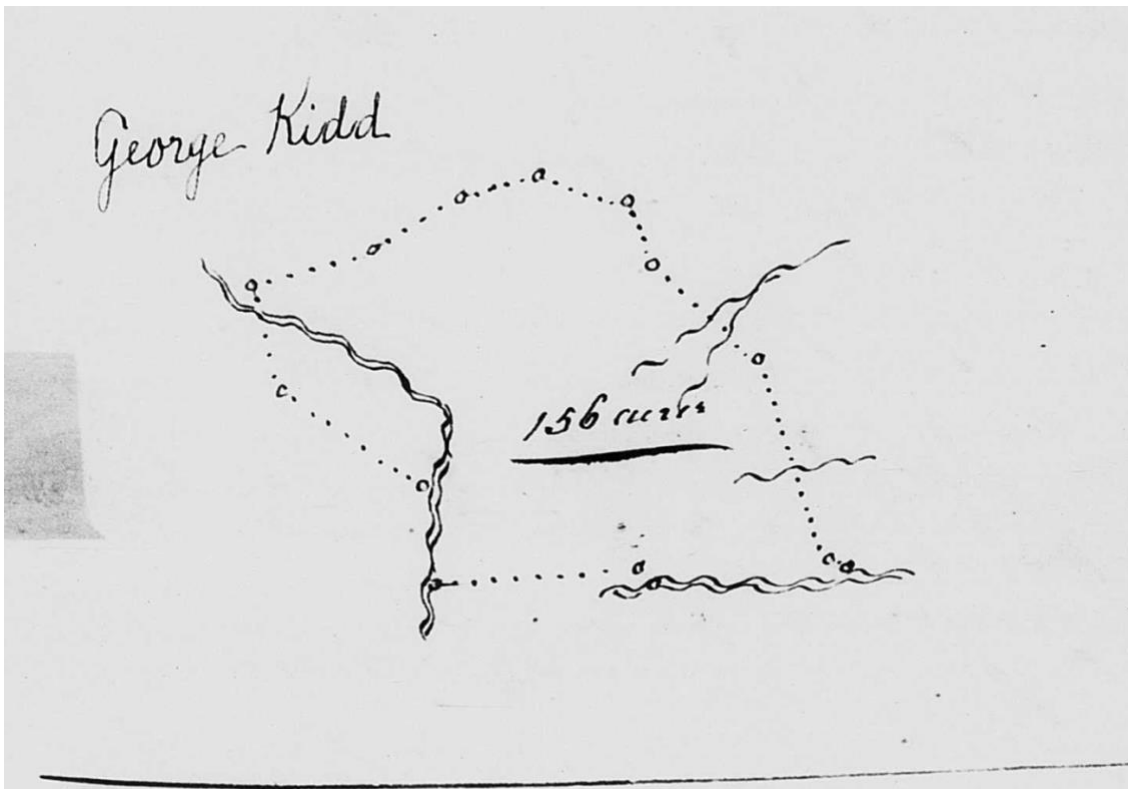
A descendant of George Kidd is a participant in the Kidd Y-DNA project and closely matches known descendants of Thomas Kidd of Middlesex County VA. While Y-DNA testing alone cannot confirm the identity of George's Kidd grandfather, we do know he descends directly from Thomas Kidd.

1826 – On 13 April 1826, a survey was conducted for **George Kidd** for 156 acres on Snow Creek, adjoining the land of John Kidd and others.³⁹

On the next page are images of this land survey, and the plat map.

³⁹ Franklin County, Virginia, Plat Book 2, 1809-1891, p 52

Franklin County the 13 Day of April 1826
 Surveyed for George Kidd 156 acres of land on the Waters of the
 West fork of Snow Creek by Value of a Land Office Treasury Warrant
 Granted James Davis the 4 day of January 1826 N 80 20 containing
 500 acres Beginning at a Chestnut Oak in Private line North 22
 1/2 E 1/2 to poles to a black Oak place of a 10.0 S 65 W 23 poles to a
 Branch to a Chestnut Oak New line Due S. 46 poles to a Double
 Cypress tree S 33 E 32 poles to a black Oak S 46 E 44 poles to a
 Small black Oak S 33 E 32 poles to a Small Maple on a branch
 N 66 E 45 poles to 2 branches to a point N 20 E 72 poles to a
 Poplar on the West fork of Snow Creek thence down the same 46
 to Meander V 2 Cops 38 poles to a W 0 in John Kidds line North 12
 N 20 W 96 poles to a point on said Creek to a point tree in John Pinkards
 line North 12 N 28 E 88 poles to a Chestnut Oak on the Western
 Road North 12 N 20 W 118 poles to a point tree in John Kidds 10. 77.
 S 29 W 118 poles to a Chestnut Oak S 50 W 84 poles to a point
 Branch to the Beginning
 James Davis SFB



George Kidd apparently did not take ownership of the land, because no deed records its sale.
 By 1828, George had migrated to Tazewell County, Virginia, where he remained the rest of his life.

- 1828 – On 18 Feb 1928, **George Kidd** married Evalinda Dills Suiter, daughter of William Suiter and Rebecca Dills, and granddaughter of Alexander Suiter, Jr., in Tazewell County, Virginia.⁴⁰
- 1829 – **George Kidd** was a witness to the will of John Justice of Tazewell County VA, written 20 Jun 1829, proven 25 Jan 1830 (p. 290).⁴¹
- 1840 – **George Kidd** appears on the 1840 Tazewell County census:
2 males under 5, 2 males 5-9, 1 male 10-14, 1 male 30-39
[William A., John M., James M., Albert S., George]
1 female under 5, 1 female 30-39
[Rebecca, Evalinda]
3 persons in agriculture
1 person over 20 who cannot read and write
- 1850 – **George Kidd** appears on the 1850 Tazewell County census, Western District, enumerated 24 July 1850, as follows [mis-indexed as Kio]:
Family number 287, all born in Virginia
Go, 48 [George, b ca 1802], Farmer, \$600 real estate
Evaline, 48 [b ca 1802], cannot read and write
Jno M., 19 [b ca 1831]
James M., 17 [b ca 1833]
Addison W., 14 [b ca 1836]
Albert S., 12 [b ca 1838]
Rebecca S., 10 [b ca 1840]
- Wm A. Kidd** appears on the 1850 Tazewell County census, Western District, enumerated 22 July 1850, in the Alexander T. Suiter household, his future father-in-law:
Family number 242:
Wm A. Kidd, 21 [b ca 1829], Farmer, born Virginia [mis-indexed as Kio]
- 1860 – **George Kidd** appears on the 1860 Tazewell County census, Eastern District, Hicksville P.O., enumerated 4 July 1860:
Dwelling number 588, Family number 579, all born in Virginia [mis-indexed as Kirtch]
George, 58 [b ca 1802], Farmer, real estate \$2000, personal estate \$390
Evaline, 58 [b ca 1802]
Addison W., 24 [b 1836]
Elbert S., 22 [b ca 1838], cannot read and write
L – [Luemma?] Hopkins, 17 [b ca 1843], Domestic
The households of George and Evalinda's sons William, John M., and James M. are enumerated next door to their parents.
- 1869 – After the death of George Kidd's father, John Kidd in Franklin County in 1862, John Kidd's heirs and creditors were part of a lengthy Chancery Court suit over his assets. On 25 November 1869, **George Kidd** wrote a letter to the Franklin County Court from Bland County Virginia, stating that he'd received a summons to appear in Franklin County Court

⁴⁰ Tazewell County Marriage Register 1, page 85

⁴¹ Abstracted from Tazewell County Will Book 1, 1800-1832, p. 157, in *Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia*, by Netti Schreiner-Yantis, Springfield VA 1973, p. 195.

regarding his father's estate, and stating that he was too old to comply with the summons.⁴²
A subsequent note in the Chancery file states that George Kidd died 25 August 1870.

JAMES M. KIDD, named in a 1829 Franklin County land survey

1829 – in November 1829, a Franklin County survey was done for Henry Woods, with the land identified as part of a land office treasury warrant granted to James M. Kidd 6 Jan 1829, number 10175, containing 400 acres on Shooting Creek.⁴³ [Note: The identity of this James M. Kidd is not known; he apparently did not take ownership of the land, which lies in a rugged and remote part of Franklin County.]

JANE KIDD, daughter of John and Lucy Melton Kidd

Born ca 1800, likely in Albemarle or Franklin County, Virginia

Apparently never married

Mother of Benjamin F. Kidd

Died after 1870

1850 – on the federal census in Franklin County Virginia, page 171, HH 1639/1633:

John Kidd 80WM farmer \$1500 VA

Lucy Kidd 76FW VA

Jane Kidd 50FW VA

1860 – on the federal census in the SW District of Franklin County Virginia, p. 154, HH 1100/1100:

Jno. Kidd 89MW farmer \$1500/8500

Jenny Kidd 61FW

Nancy Manning 89FW

(nearby is Jane's son Benjamin F. Kidd, who married Nancy Manning's daughter America)

1870 – On the federal census in Snow Creek twp., Franklin County VA, Glade Hill P. O., page 452, HH 122/132:

Kidd, Jinsey 60FW keeping house VA

“ , Puss 30FB domestic servant VA

“ , John 3MB VA

“ , Fannie 3/12FB VA (born March)

Next door is the household of Jane's sister Mary and brother-in-law Lorenzo Brock:

HH 123/133:

Brock, Lowrensey [Lorenzo] 65MW farmer \$300/0 VA

“ , Mary 65FW keeping house VA

“ , Laticia 20FW without occupation VA

“ , Benjamin 25MW farm laborer VA

⁴² Franklin County Chancery Court case 1884-027, image 53 of 121.

⁴³ Franklin County, Virginia, Plat Book 2, 1809-1891, p 71

JESSE KIDD, named in a Franklin County court record in 1798

1798 – 6 August 1798. A **Jesse Kidd** appeared in court, evidently to testify in a case involving Ephraim Thomas, who was discharged from his debt and ordered to recover his costs from the court. The identity of this Jesse Kidd is not known.⁴⁴

JOHN KIDD of Franklin County VA, parents unknown

Born about 1769⁴⁵ in Virginia

Married Lucy Melton, daughter of William Melton, in Albemarle County in 1792

In Franklin County VA by 1802

Died in Franklin County on Turkeycock Mountain in 1862

Descendants identify the children and spouses as:

- Elizabeth, b ca 1795, d bet 1880-1884, likely in Claiborne County TN, married William Lookadoo [Lucado/Luckado]⁴⁶
- Jane, b ca 1800, apparently never married, mother of Benjamin F. Kidd
- George, b ca 1802, d 25 Jul 1870 Bland County VA, married Evalinda Dills Suiter (1804-1873) on 12 Feb 1828 in Tazewell County VA
- Tabitha, b 10 Aug 1806, d 4 Nov 1892 Franklin County married Carter B. Terry 30 Dec 1822 in Franklin County
- Elisha, b ca 1808, d ca 1890 Raleigh County VA, married Margaret (Peggy) Peery (1813-1892) on 5 Feb 1829 in Tazewell County VA
- Mary, b ca 1810, d ca 1900, married Lorenzo Dow Brock 14 Feb 1832 in Franklin County

The father of this John Kidd has not been identified, though John has some connection to other Albemarle County Kidds. William Melton of Albemarle County, John's father-in-law, was the neighbor of John Kidd and Aaron Kidd on Roundabout Creek in Albemarle County. This John Kidd, however, is not a son of Aaron Kidd or John Kidd of Albemarle County. Both men left wills: Aaron Kidd had no son named John, while John Kidd's son John was named John Norman Kidd and died in 1795 in Amherst County.

Descendants of John Kidd of Franklin County who are in the Kidd Y-DNA project are close Y-DNA matches to other proven descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, including descendants of Aaron Kidd and other Kidds in central Virginia. However, Y-DNA results alone cannot confirm the father of John Kidd.

Franklin County Chancery Court records name the children of John Kidd as George, Elisha, Jane, Tabitha, Mary, and an unnamed daughter who had married a Lookadoo and left children James J., Cynthia, George and Joel Lookadoo, identified in 1884 as the "children of a deceased daughter." This daughter was Elizabeth, who married William Lucado/Luckado.

⁴⁴ Franklin County, VA Court Order Book 1793-1799, p 354

⁴⁵ This estimated year of birth is based upon his appearance on the Albemarle PPTLs in 1790 (when he had turned 21 years of age) and on his listed age (94) at the time of his death in 1862 in Franklin County.

⁴⁶ Elizabeth Luckadoo appears on the 1870 and 1880 Claiborne County, TN censuses as a widow born in Virginia, living in the household of John Flemon in 1870 and in the household of Green Luster, where she is identified as stepmother, in 1880.

- 1790 – A **John Kidd** appears in the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1790, paying a tithe for himself and for William Kidd, whose relationship to him is not known. [Note: This is not John Norman Kidd, who is living in Amherst County in 1790.] He does not appear on the PPTLs in 1791 or 1792.
- 1792 – A marriage bond was granted on 2 May 1792 in Albemarle County to **John Kidd** for his marriage to Lucy Melton.⁴⁷ A transcription of this record states that the bondsman was William Melton and the witness Joshua Nicholas.⁴⁸
- 1793-1800 – **John Kidd** reappears on the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1793 and appears annually after that through 1800. In 1799, for the first time, two John Kidds appear, with no notations to distinguish between them. The second John Kidd is not found on the 1800 Albemarle County PPTL, and no John Kidd is found in 1801 or for eight years thereafter.
- By 1802, John Kidd moved to Franklin County, VA. He lived in Franklin County on Turkeycock Mountain for the remainder of his life, dying there in 1862.
- 1802-1850 – **John Kidd** appears on the Franklin County PPTLs for the first time in 1802, and continues to be listed annually there through 1850, the last year that we have checked.
- 1805 – On 1 March 1805, Robert Innes of Franklin County sold to **John Kidd** for £40 a parcel of land in Franklin County on the waters of Crabtree Fork of Snow Creek, containing 145 acres. The deed was admitted to record on 1 April 1805.⁴⁹
- 1806 – Franklin County September Court 1806. **John Kidd** appointed surveyor of the road from John Napier's to Sterling Cooper's with the allotment of hands.⁵⁰
- 1807 – On 20 April 1807, **John Kidd** served on a jury in the Superior Court of Law for the District counties of Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania, held at Franklin Courthouse, in the case of Stephen Smith v Guy Smith in a dispute over the ownership of a slave George, the jury finding for the plaintiff Stephen Smith.⁵¹
- 1808 – On 26 August 1808, a Franklin County marriage bond for the marriage of Landon Bishop to Polly Haislip was issued. The surety for the bond was **John Kidd**. The marriage was performed by John Ashworth.⁵²
- 1809 – 3 April 1809 court term: In a case involving James and John Dunlop v **John Kidd**, the defendant John Kidd was allowed to take the depositions of George Kidd and Lidia Kidd *de bene esse*. No details of the case are included, but this record gives evidence that John Kidd and George Kidd had some connection to each other. [Note: *De bene esse* is a legal term, defined as testimony requested at a certain time in order to preserve it for the future.]⁵³

⁴⁷ Albemarle County, Virginia Record of Marriage Bonds, vol. 1, 1780-1805, page 75, retrieved from FHL #30271, item 2, image 345 via familysearch.org (restricted access, affiliated libraries).

⁴⁸ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁴⁹ Franklin County DB 5, p. 65. Scanned image on file.

⁵⁰ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 64, retrieved from FHL #31516, image 365.

⁵¹ Franklin County, Virginia District Court 1805-1818, page , retrieved from FHL, image 52.

⁵² *Marriage bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858 Transcribed from the original records, annotated and alphabetically arranged*, by Marshall Wingfield, published by the West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939, reprinted by Virginia Book Co 1967, p. 36.

⁵³ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 261, retrieved from FHL, image 136.

John Kidd served as a juror in Franklin County Court in the March and July 1809 terms.⁵⁴

8 August 1809 court term: The case of James and John Dunlop v **John Kidd** is heard by a Franklin County jury, which found for the plaintiff. Kidd was ordered to pay four pounds nine shillings and three pence, and costs. No details of the case are included.⁵⁵

1810 – Franklin County January Term 1810. **John Kidd** v. Joseph Bishop. Defendant not appearing, judgment for Plaintiff according to Specialty, & costs.⁵⁶

March 1810 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁵⁷

June 1810 term. John Cook v. **John Kidd**. Defendant being examined on oath says that he owes John Cook nothing.⁵⁸

On the 1810 federal census in Franklin County, Virginia, page 320:

John Kidd: 2FWM<10 & 1 26-44; 1F<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 and 1 26-44

1811 – **John Kidd** again served as a juror in Franklin County Court in the June, August, and November 1811 Terms.⁵⁹

1812 – February 1812 term. **John Kidd** was appointed surveyor of the road from William Hawkins' gate to the Baptist meeting house with the allotment of hands filed.⁶⁰

March 1812 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁶¹

Franklin County September 1812 term. **John Kidd** was one of seven men who came into court and acknowledged themselves to be indebted to the Governor for \$100 each, to be levied from their property, goods and chattels, unless they personally appear at the October 15 session of Franklin County Superior Court to "give evidence touching the offense wherewith Samuel Brown stands charged..."⁶²

1813 – March 1813 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁶³

1815 – June 1815 term. **John Kidd** was paid \$3.00 by the court for the hire of a wagon and team ox cart for one day.⁶⁴

⁵⁴ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, pages 259 and 282, retrieved from FHL #31516, images 462, 474.

⁵⁵ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 297, retrieved from FHL, image 152.

⁵⁶ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 329, retrieved from FHL #31516, image 497.

⁵⁷ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 339, retrieved from FHL #31516, image 502.

⁵⁸ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, page 352, retrieved from FHL #31516, image 509.

⁵⁹ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1806-1811, pages 441 and 458, retrieved from FHL #31516, images 553, 562; Order Book, 1811-1817, pp 15-16, image 92.

⁶⁰ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1811-1817, page 28, retrieved from FHL #31517, image 98.

⁶¹ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1811-1817, pages 34, 36, 39, 41, retrieved from FHL #31517.

⁶² Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1811-1817, page 85, retrieved from FHL #31517, image 126.

⁶³ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1811-1817, page 120, retrieved from FHL #31517, image 144.

⁶⁴ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1811-1817, page 262, retrieved from FHL #31517, image 215.

1817 – On 6 January 1817, a marriage bond for the marriage of Wm. Wingfield and Polly Brooks Tench was issued in Franklin County. The surety for this bond was **John Kidd**.⁶⁵

1819 – On 23 April 1819, Francis Cooper signed a Deed of Trust to Thomas S. Keen and **John Kidd**, to secure the payment of a debt of \$400.94 owed by Cooper to Pleasant Dickenson and a debt of \$795 owed to Sterling Cooper Jr., using a parcel of 300 acres of land on the Grassy Fork of Snow Creek, livestock, and personal property as collateral.⁶⁶

1820 – On the federal census in Franklin County, Virginia, page 153: (this census list is in alphabetical order by surname):
John Kidd: 2FWM<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F 10-15, 2 16-25 & 1>44. Four people engaged in agriculture.

March 1820 term. Robert N. Dickenson v William Lookadoo. **John Kidd** is named, perhaps providing a bond for Lookadoo.⁶⁷

1821 – August 1821 term. Robert N. Dickenson on account of Spencer Haizlip [Haislip] v **John Kidd**, special bond. No further details.⁶⁸

1822 – On 30 December 1822, a Franklin County marriage bond for the marriage of Carter Terry and Tabitha Kidd, daughter of **John Kidd**, was issued. Sur. Chas Hunt.⁶⁹

1823 – May 1823 term. **John Kidd** was paid \$.50 for two days' service as one of the surveyors of the roads.⁷⁰

June 1823 term. The Court doth appoint the following persons as Constables in this County, to wit: In the Snow Creek district – Andrew Brooks, **John Kidd** and Stephen English Jr....⁷¹

June 1823 term. **John Kidd** and the other men appointed Constables came into Court and gave bond and security according to law, and qualified by taking the oath of office, the oath of Fidelity, the oath against dueling, and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States.⁷²

August 1823 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁷³

October 1823 term. Ordered that Peter C Stockton, Zachariah (Finney?), John Cook and

⁶⁵ *Marriage bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858 Transcribed from the original records, annotated and alphabetically arranged*, by Marshall Wingfield, published by the West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939, reprinted by Virginia Book Co 1967, p. 244.

⁶⁶ Franklin County DB 8, pp. 450-452, retrieved from FHL #31499, item 2, images 586-587; scanned images on file.

⁶⁷ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1819-1822, page 218, retrieved from FHL, image 117.

⁶⁸ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1819-1822, page 377, retrieved from FHL, image 196.

⁶⁹ *Marriage bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858 Transcribed from the original records, annotated and alphabetically arranged*, by Marshall Wingfield, published by the West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939, reprinted by Virginia Book Co 1967, p. 222.

⁷⁰ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1822-1835, page 128, retrieved from FHL #31518.

⁷¹ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1822-1835, page 145, retrieved from FHL #31518, image 146.

⁷² Ibid, page 148 (image 148).

⁷³ Ibid, page 181 (image 164).

John Kidd or any three of them do appraise the slaves if any and personal estate of Richard Mitchell dec'd, and return the appraisement to Court.⁷⁴

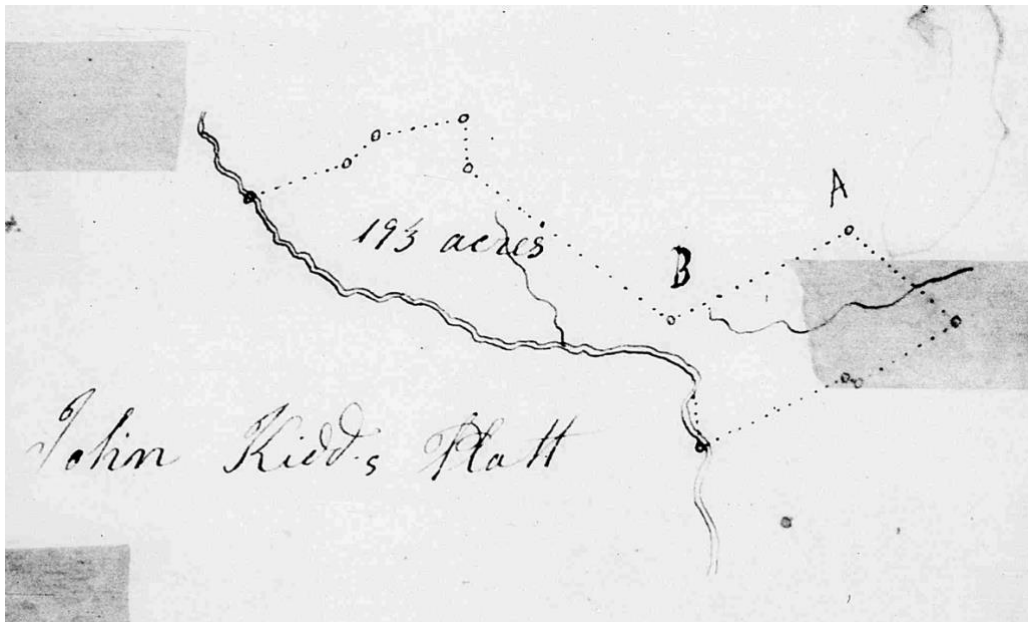
A **John Kidd** was one of the witnesses to the Inventory of the estate of John Kemp Jr, dated 12 December 1823, recorded 2 Feb 1824 in Franklin County.⁷⁵

1824 – March 1824 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁷⁶

On 7 June 1824, **John Kidd** of Franklin County purchased from commissioners appointed by the court a parcel of land owned by the estate of Joshua Brock, dec'd, containing 50 acres and lying on both sides of the Grassy Fork of Snow Creek for the sum of \$40, on one, two and three years credit. The land was bordered by John Pinkard and others. The deed was admitted to record the same day on 7 June 1824.⁷⁷

June Court 1824. A deed from Jesse Prunty et al to **John Kidd**, ach'd [attested?] by Peter Finney.⁷⁸

1825 – On 13 June 1825, a survey was conducted for **John Kidd** for 193 acres. The survey is illegible in parts. The survey included a plat map (see below):⁷⁹



1830 – On the federal census in Franklin County, Virginia, page 74 (this census list is in alphabetical order by surname):

John Kid: 1FMW 50-59; 2F 20-29 & 1 40-49. Four slaves.

⁷⁴ Ibid, page 203 (image 175).

⁷⁵ *Franklin County, Virginia will book 2, 1812-1825*, by Barbara Crumpton, Creative Copies, Duncan, OK, 1999, citing Franklin County Deed Book 2, p 582.

⁷⁶ Ibid, page 269 (image 209).

⁷⁷ Franklin County, Virginia Deed Book 11, pp. 409-410, retrieved from FHL #31501, item 1, images 235-236. Scanned images available on file.

⁷⁸ Franklin County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1822-1825, p 289

⁷⁹ Franklin County, Virginia, Plat Book 2, 1809-1891, p 74

1831 – On 2 April 1831, William Carmickel and Elizabeth his wife of Franklin County sold to **John Kidd**, also of Franklin County for \$130 a tract of land containing 100 acres and on the waters of Pig River, bounded by lands of John Huff, Jacob Huff, Robert Jones and Fleming Jones. The deed was proven in Court and recorded on 4 April 1831.⁸⁰

On 5 July 1831, **John Kidd** received a patent for a parcel of 193 acres on the waters of Snow Creek in Franklin County, VA. This parcel was adjacent to Pinkard, and to John Kidd's "old line," suggesting that he owned an adjoining tract at this time.⁸¹

On 15 July 1831, **John Kidd** gave an affidavit in a Franklin County Chancery Court case titled John Cook v Jones & Watkins.⁸²

1832 – June 1832 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁸³

August 1832 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁸⁴

1833 -- June 1833 term. **John Kidd** was paid \$2.10 for his service as a surveyor of the roads for 3 days, plus 2 sign boards.⁸⁵

1834 – March 1834 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁸⁶

June 1834 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror in Franklin County Court.⁸⁷

1835 – August 1835 term. **John Kidd** was paid \$2.50 for his service as surveyor of the roads for 3 days, plus 2 sign boards.⁸⁸

1836-1838 – The Franklin County Court Clerk's Minute Book, 3 April 1836 to 4 May 1840, has been abstracted⁸⁹ and contains five mentions of John Kidd:

On 6 March 1836, **John Kidd** was appointed to supervise the election "at Snow Creek"⁹⁰

On 7 March 1836, **John Kidd** was appointed a Commissioner by the court.⁹¹

Also on 7 March 1836, **John Kidd** served as a juror.⁹²

On 8 March 1836, **John Kidd** served as a juror.⁹³

On 8 August 1838, **John Kidd** was among those appointed to view a road from the Snow Creek meeting house to the Henry County line.⁹⁴

⁸⁰ Franklin County, Virginia Deed Book 13, pp. 160-161, retrieved from FHL #31502, item 1, images 95-96. Scanned images on file.

⁸¹ Virginia Land Office Grants No. 79, 1830-1831 (Reel 145), p 590, retrieved online from the Library of Virginia's online database of Land Office Grants. Scanned image available, in Franklin County folder on Dropbox.

⁸² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=067-1839-031, image 23 of 28.

⁸³ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1822-1835, page 215, retrieved from FHL #31518, image 641.

⁸⁴ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book 1822-1825, p 244.

⁸⁵ Franklin County, Virginia Order Book, 1822-1835, page 311 (image 689).

⁸⁶ Franklin County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1822-1825, p 385.

⁸⁷ Franklin County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1822-1825, p 428.

⁸⁸ Ibid, page 494 (image 782).

⁸⁹ *Franklin County Court records as found in the Rocky Mount, Virginia Courthouse, 1836-1840*, by Beverly Merritt, B & C Publ. County, Henry, VA, 1998. (Court Clerk's minute books, April 3, 1836 - May 4, 1840).

⁹⁰ Ibid, citing MB page 86. See also Franklin County, Virginia Order Book 1836-1840, image 9.

⁹¹ Ibid, citing MB page 9.

⁹² Ibid, citing MB page 91.

⁹³ Ibid, citing MB page 92.

⁹⁴ Ibid, citing MB page 199.

1837 – March 1837 term. **John Kidd** served as a juror.⁹⁵ In the same term, he was appointed among others to “superintend” elections at Snow Creek.⁹⁶

1840 – on the federal census in Franklin County, Virginia:

John Ked: 1FMW<5, 1 15-19, & 1 50-59; 1F 30-39& 1 50-59. Four slaves.

4 August 1840 term. On the motion of Thomas S. Keen, it is ordered that John Cook Jr., John Pinckard Jr., and **John Kidd** after being sworn for the purpose do view a way for a public road from Stockton’s and [Choice’s?] store to the Henry line in the direction of Watkins’ store in Henry County and report to Court the conveniences and inconveniences resulting therefrom as well to the public and to individuals.⁹⁷

On 18 November 1840, John Pinchard/Pinckard and Mary his wife of Franklin County, VA sold to **John Kidd** a tract of land in Franklin County adjoining James Meredith, Charles Hunt and George Cooper containing 72¼ acres for the sum of \$180.37. This deed was proved in Court and ordered to be recorded on 3 May 1841.⁹⁸

1841 – July 1841 term. The commissioners appointed to view a way for a public road from [Choice’s?] store to the Henry line in the direction of Watkins’ store this day made their report, and it appearing that there is no objection by any party interested, to the establishment of the said road, the same is ordered to be opened and established as a public highway, and that Thomas S. Keen and George Cooper and Lawson Williamson and Wm Belcher’s list of hands as surveyor of roads, do open the same, and that **John Kidd** be appointed as commissioner to superintend the opening thereof, and report to the Court, when the same is completed.⁹⁹

1842 – October 1842 term. Ordered that Andrew S. Brooks be appointed a commissioner to superintend the opening of the road established from [Choice’s?] store to the Turnpike Road near Pleasant Dickinson’s, and that the following Surveyors of road with their respective lists of hands cut out and open the same to wit: John Cook, Thomas I. Lacy, James Amos, Benjamin Bernard, Geo Cooper, William Belcher, Lawson Williamson, **John Kidd**, and the hands of Pleasant Dickinson and Andrew S. Brooks, and that the said Brooks report the opening of said Road to Court when completed.¹⁰⁰

1843 – June 1843 term. A case involving William Belcher v **John Kidd** was continued.¹⁰¹

In the same June term, **John Kidd** is paid \$5.00 for 6 days as surveyor of roads and payment for 3 ½ days’ use of his cart and steers, apparently for the above work to establish a road.¹⁰²

August 1843 term. The case involving William Belcher v **John Kidd** was agreed to be dismissed.¹⁰³

⁹⁵ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1836-1840, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, images 50-1.

⁹⁶ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1836-1840, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 48.

⁹⁷ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1840-1845, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 16.

⁹⁸ Franklin County Deed Book 17, pages 90-91, retrieved from FHL #31504, image 59.

⁹⁹ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1840-1845, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 57.

¹⁰⁰ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1840-1845, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 120.

¹⁰¹ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1840-1845, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 145.

¹⁰² Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1840-1845, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 153.

¹⁰³ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1840-1845, no page listed, retrieved from FHL, image 160.

- 1845 – On 26 December 1845, **John Kidd** and Lucy his wife of Franklin County sold to Fleming Jones of the same place a parcel of land in Franklin County on the waters of the Pig River adjoining Fleming Jones, Sophrona Hill and others for the sum of \$100. This deed was proved in Court and ordered to be recorded on 19 May 1846. John Kidd signed this deed, and Lucy signed with an X.¹⁰⁴
- 1846 – On 25 April 1846, James Brewer and Polly his wife of Franklin County sold to **John Kidd** of the same place for \$437.50 a parcel of land lying on both sides of Crabtree Creek, a branch of Snow Creek, and adjacent to Kidd's old line and William Brewer, containing by recent survey 211 acres more or less. This deed was proved in Court and ordered to be recorded on 13 May 1846.¹⁰⁵
- 1847 – In a February 1847 special term of the Franklin County Superior Court of Law and Chancery, the Court ordered that Frederick Cook not be allowed to collect on a case decided in his favor on 18 October 1844, in the case of Frederick Cook, plaintiff, v Carter B. Terry and **John Kidd**, defendants. The court order does not specify the details of the earlier 1844 case, nor why Cook was not allowed to collect.¹⁰⁶
- John Kidd** gave a deposition in a separate Chancery Court case in Franklin County on 5 October 1847.¹⁰⁷
- October 1847 term. Ordered that Charles Hunt and hands be taken from George Cooper's list and added to **John Kidd's** list.¹⁰⁸
- 1850 – On the federal census in Franklin County, Virginia, page 171, HH 1639/1633:
John Kidd 80WM farmer \$1500 VA
Lucy Kidd 76FW VA
Jane Kidd 50FW VA
- John Kidd** is listed as a slaveholder on the 1850 federal census, with 8 slaves: females aged 50, 40, 23, 8, 6, and 6 months, and males aged 23 and 11.
- 1855 – In Jan 1855, Bob, a male slave owned by **John Kidd**, was born.¹⁰⁹
- 1856 - In May 1856, James, a male slave owned by **John Kidd**, was born. His mother was Lucy.¹¹⁰
- 1857 – In May 1857, James, a male slave owned by **John Kidd**, died in Franklin County.¹¹¹

¹⁰⁴ Franklin County Deed Book 19, pages 301-302, retrieved from FHL #31505, via familysearch.org (no restrictions), images 169-170.

¹⁰⁵ Franklin County Deed Book 19, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #31505, via familysearch.org (no restrictions), images 170-171.

¹⁰⁶ "Franklin, Virginia, United States records," images, FamilySearch. Virginia. Circuit Court (Franklin County). Image Group Number: 008141193, image 163 of 505

¹⁰⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=067-1847-029, images 21-22 of 78, viewable online.

¹⁰⁸ Franklin County, Virginia, Order Book 1836-1840, page not listed, retrieved from FHL, image 102.

¹⁰⁹ *Franklin County, Virginia Birth Records, 1853-1870*, transcribed by Beverly Merritt, J & J Publications, Ferrum, Virginia, 2001, page 22.

¹¹⁰ *Ibid.*, page 44.

¹¹¹ *Franklin County birth and death records, 1855-1862*, by Beverly Merritt, Ferrum, Virginia, 2002, volume 1, 1786-1853, page 20.

- 1860 – On Jan 11 (year not certain, appears to be 1860), an unnamed male slave was born to Lucy, who was owned by **John Kidd**.¹¹²

On the 1860 federal census in the southwest district of Franklin County, Virginia, p. 154, HH 1100/1100:

Jno. Kidd 89MW farmer \$1500/8500

Jenny Kidd 61FW

Nancy Manning 89FW

(nearby is Benjamin F. Kidd, the son of Jane/Jenny Kidd)

Note: Lucy apparently has died by 1860.

John Kidd is listed as a slaveholder on the 1860 federal census, with 11 slaves: females aged 65, 45, 30, 17, 14, and 5 months, and males aged 20, 12, 8, 7, and 5.

- 1861 – On Dec 1, 1860, Lucy, a female slave owned by **Jno. H. Kidd**, died in Franklin County of fever.¹¹³ [Note: this is the only record found for John Kidd giving a middle initial H. and is believed to be a clerk's error.]

- 1862 – In 1862 (date not recorded), five slaves owned by **John Kidd** died in Franklin County:¹¹⁴

Hannah, a female slave aged 60

Mary, a female slave aged 40

Lucy, a female slave aged 34

Charles, a male slave aged 14

Anna, a female slave aged 10

On September 10, 1862, Thomas, a 4-year-old black male owned by **John Kidd**, dec'd, died.¹¹⁵

John Kidd died intestate on 1 December 1862 in Franklin County, VA, at the age of 94.¹¹⁶

This record states that he died of "fever" and lists his birthplace (incorrectly) as Franklin County, his occupation as 'farmer,' and his marital status as 'unmarried' (in this case, signifying that he was widowed). The informant for this record was S. Stockden/Stockton, named as "friend" (rather than a family member).

John Kidd's death of fever in 1862, along with the deaths of a number of his slaves that same year, suggest an epidemic of some type hit his household. [His grandson Benjamin F. Kidd also died in November 1862 of dysentery while home on furlough from the Civil War.]

- 1863 – At the January 1863 Court for Franklin County, William Pinckard, was granted letters of administration on 5 January 1863 for the estate of **John Kidd, dec'd**. Thomas S. Keen, Robert Prunty, Wesley F--- (illegible), Benjamin F. Belcher and Benjamin Pinckard or any

¹¹² *Franklin County, Virginia Birth Records, 1853-1870*, transcribed by Beverly Merritt, J & J Publications, Ferrum, Virginia, 2001, page 68.

¹¹³ *Ibid.*, page 61.

¹¹⁴ *Franklin County birth and death records, 1855-1862*, by Beverly Merritt, Ferrum, Virginia, 2002, volume 1, 1786-1853, pages 101-102.

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*, page 115.

¹¹⁶ Virginia, Deaths and Burials, 1853-1916, on Familysearch.org. Image retrieved from FHL #31524, Franklin County Death Register, 1853-1871, p. 50 (image 390 on this reel). Image available upon request.

three of them were ordered the personal estate of John Kidd, dec'd.¹¹⁷ They returned to the court with an inventory of his estate, which was admitted to record in January 1863.¹¹⁸

John Kidd's heirs and his creditors fought a lengthy battle in Chancery Court over his estate that was not concluded with a final decree until 1884.¹¹⁹

At his death he owned about 671 acres on Crabtree Creek and Turkey Cock Mountain, as well as considerable personal property. **John Kidd and his wife Lucy** are said to be buried in the Carter-Kidd family cemetery in Snow Creek in Franklin County. There is a headstone there that says J. Kidd, and a headstone that says Lucy, with no dates.¹²⁰

His descendants settled in Tazewell County, VA, Montgomery County, VA, and Raleigh County, WV.

MARY KIDD, daughter of John and Lucy Melton Kidd

Born ca 1804¹²¹

Married Lorenzo Dow Brock in Franklin County on 14 February 1832

Died sometime after the 1880 federal census

1832 – **Mary Kidd** married Lorenzo Dow Brock in Franklin County on 14 February 1832.¹²² The surety for this marriage was her brother Elisha Kidd.

1840 – on the federal census in Franklin County VA, p.
Lorenzo D. Brock: 3 FWM<5 & 1 30-39; 1F 30-39. No slaves.

1850 – on the federal census in Franklin County VA, p. 171, HH 1643/1637:

Brock, Lorenzo D 46MW farmer \$600 VA

“ , **Mary** 46FW

“ , Fountain 15MW

“ , Tarlton F. 13MW

“ , John 10MW

“ , Benjamin F. 8MW

“ , Letitia 5F

1860 – on the federal census in the SW district of Franklin County VA, p. 151, HH 1080/1079:

Brock, Lorenzo D. 55WM farmer \$2000/175 VA

“ , **Mary** 53FW

“ , Jno. F. 21MW

“ , Benj. F. 16MW

(next door is her sister Tabitha, who married Carter Terry, and their family)

¹¹⁷ Franklin County Order Book 1860-1865, p. 248, retrieved from FHL #31514, item 1, image 194

¹¹⁸ Franklin County WB 12, pp. 425-427 (scanned images retrieved).

¹¹⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=067-1884-027, viewable online (121 images). Key images in this file are images 4-5 (which name his administrator and surviving heirs); image 53 (1869 letter from John Kidd's son George, and subsequent notice of the death of this George Kidd in 1870); image 94 (providing a list of land parcels owned by John Kidd at the time of his death.)

¹²⁰ See Findagrave.com. The other Kidd that is buried there is John's grandson Benjamin F. Kidd (1830-1862). In 1976, descendant Dan S. Kidd of Bland County and Roanoke VA reported visiting the cemetery and viewing the stones of "J. Kidd" and "Lucy" with descendant William Harold Kidd.

¹²¹ Her estimated year of birth is calculated from her age on the various censuses: 30-39 in 1840; 46 in 1850, 53 in 1860; 65 in 1870; and 73 in 1880.

¹²² Franklin County, Virginia Marriage Bond Index, 1786-1858, on Ancestry.com.

1870 – On the federal census in Snow Creek twp., Franklin County VA, Glade Hill P. O., page 452, HH 123/133:

Brock, Lowrensey [Lorenzo] 65MW farmer \$300/0 VA

“ , **Mary** 65FW keeping house VA

“ , Laticia 20FW without occupation VA

“ , Benjamin 25MW farm laborer VA

(next door is her sister Jane, HH 122/132)

Kidd, Jinsey 60FW keeping house VA

“ , Puss 30FB domestic servant VA

“ , John 3MB VA

“ , Fannie 3/12FB VA (born March)

1880 – On the federal census in Snow Creek twp., Franklin County VA, ED 109, sheet 199A, HH 140/143:

Brock, Lorenzo D. WM 75M head Farmer VA VA VA

“ , **Polly** WF 73M wife keeps house VA VA VA

“ , Latisha WF 31S daughter laborer VA VA VA

“ , Benjamin F. 33S son laborer VA VA VA

MATTHEW KIDD, named in a Franklin County court record in 1788

1788 – July 1788 Court. A **Matthew Kidd** came to court over the charge of an insolvent account and giving a schedule of his estate, it was ordered to be recorded.¹²³

No further records for this man; we do not know his identity.

TABITHA KIDD, daughter of John and Lucy Melton Kidd

Born ca 1800/1806¹²⁴

Married Carter B. Terry

Died 4 Nov 1892 in Franklin County

1822 – **Tabitha Kidd** married Carter Terry in Franklin County on 30 December 1822.¹²⁵

1830 – She and her family are on the federal census in Tazewell County VA,
Carter, Terry: 2FWM<5 & 1 30-39; 1F 5-9 and 1 20-29. No slaves.

1840 – on the federal census, in Franklin County, VA:

Carter B. Terry: 2 FWM 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 2 5-9, 1 15-19 & 1 40-49. No slaves.

1850 – On the federal census in Franklin County, VA, p. 171, HH 1641/1635, two doors from her father, and two doors from her sister Mary:

Terry, Carter 48MW farmer VA \$600

¹²³ *An old Virginia court : being a transcript of the records of the first court of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1789*, by Marshall Wingfield, published by the West Tennessee Historical Society, 1948, p 251

We've not been able to locate the original record; this record book has not been digitized, and Full Text Search of other court records from this era found no mentions of him.

¹²⁴ Her estimated year of birth is based upon her age on the various censuses: age 20-29 in 1830, so born bet 1801-1810; age 40-49 in 1830, so born bet. 1791-1800; 50 in 1850 (b. ~1800); 63 in 1860 (b. ~1797); 72 in 1870 (b. ~1798); and 82 in 1880 (b. ~1798).

¹²⁵ Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850, on Ancestry.com.

“ , **Tabitha** 50FW VA

“ , Charlotte 15FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in the SW district of Franklin County, VA, p. 151, HH 1081/1080:

Terry, Carter B. 59MW farmer \$500/100 VA

“ , **Tabitha** 63FW VA

“ , Mary J. 28FW VA

“ , Charlotte 20FW VA

(next door is her sister Mary and her family)

1870 – On the federal census in Snow Creek twp., Franklin County, VA, Glade Hill P.O. p. 10, HH 66/75:

Terry, Carter 69MW Farmer \$200/0 VA

“ , **Tattithea** 72FW keeping house VA

“ , Mary 38FW without occupation VA

“ , Charlotte 33FW without occupation VA

1880 – On the federal census in Snow Creek twp., Franklin County, VA, E.D. 109, page 193A, HH 38/38:

Terry, Carter B. WM 79M head farmer VA VA VA

“ , **Tabitha** WF 82M wife keeps house VA VA VA

“ , Mary J. WF 47S Daughter Laborer VA VA VA

“ , Elly MuF 14S servant VA VA VA

APPENDIX: AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

PRIMARY SOURCES

U.S. Federal Censuses, 1810-1860

Franklin County Personal Property Tax Lists, 1786-1850 (abstracted by SKK and RK)

Franklin County Land Tax Lists, 1786-1850 – not searched.

Not available on Familysearch.org. Available at LoV via ILL.

1786-1805A – Reel 102

1805B-1818A – Reel 103

1818B-1826A – reel 104

1826B-1833B – reel 105

1834-1840 – reel 106

1841-1850 – reel 107

1851-1855 – reel 443

1856-1861 – reel 444

1861-1866 – reel 445

1866-1870 – reel 446

Virginia Deaths and Burials index, 1853-1917, FHL #31989

Several Kidd death records, incorporated into this BD.

Franklin County Land Records

District Court for Franklin County District Deed Records, 1786-1814, FHL #31510, available online at Familysearch.org without restrictions.

Item 1, District Court DB 1, with internal index, starts on image 4. No Kidds in index.

Item 2, District Court DB 2, 1802-1814, starts on image 207 of 276, with internal index.

No K's, much less Kidds.

General Index to Deeds, Grantors, 1786-1897, FHL #31494

General Index to Deeds, Grantees, 1786-1897, FHL #31495

Deed Book 5, 1804-1811, FHL #31498, item 1 (internal index)

John Kidd from Robt Innes, p. 65 (image

Deed Book 6, 1811-1814 FHL #31498, item 2 (starts on image 380 of 624)

Deed Book 8, 1817-1819, FHL #31499, item 2 (starts on image 330 of 627)

Deed Book 11, 1824-1827, FHL #31501, item 1

Deed Book 13, 1830-1833, FHL #31502, item 1

Deed Book 17, 1841-1842, FHL #31504, item 1

Deed Book 19, 1845-1847, FHL #31505, item 1

Deed Book 37, 1884-1886, FHL #1986642, item 2

Franklin County Plat Books, 1792-1891 – FHL #31511, items 2 and 3 – plats for John Kidd and George Kidd, son of John Kidd

Franklin County Wills

General Index to Will Books, 1786-1948, FHL #31485, available online at Familysearch.org without restrictions.

John Kidd – Inventory, WB 12, p. 425 (image 205 of 428 on this reel)
no other Kidds

Will books 11-12, 1859-1863, FHL #31491, available online at Familysearch.org without restrictions.
Will Book 12 begins on image 270 of 523. The photographer excluded the page numbers by cropping too closely, and the images are poorly focused. John Kidd's inventory appears on images 507-508 (scanned), but is in parts illegible.

Guardian Accounts, 1833-1902

Guardian Accounts, 1833-1844 – FHL #1978029, available via Familysearch without restricted access. No internal or external index. Not reviewed. 1217 images, loose papers, not scanned in any discernable order.

Guardian Accounts, 1844-1864 – as above; no index and not reviewed.

Guardian Accounts, 1863-1889 – as above; no index and not reviewed.

Guardian Accounts, 1889-1902 – as above; no index and not reviewed.

Chancery Records

General Index to ended Chancery cases, 1814-1982, Ks (defendants) – FHL #1994867, item 9, available online at Familysearch.org (restricted access)

Chancery Court Order Books, 1814-1920 – vols. 1-7 (1814-1855) are available online via Familysearch (restricted access); later volumes have not been digitized yet (as of Sept. 2018), but may be available from LoV via interlibrary loan.

Chancery Superior Court of Law and Chancery Order Books, 1831-1865 - FHL #31521

Item 1 – Chancery order book, v. A, 1831-1850 – no index; John Kidd in one 1847 reference

Item 2 – Chancery Order Book, v. B, 1851-1865 – index in front (plaintiffs only) – no Kidds
Scanned Defendants' names in entire index for Kidds, and found none.

Court Records

Franklin County Court Order Books, 1786-1865. Most books were individually indexed at a later date, with typed indexes. All of these Order Books are available online via Familysearch.org and have been abstracted using full-text search in May 2026.

Order Books, 1786-1799 – FHL #31515

Item 1 – Order Book 1786-1789. Typed index at front. No Kidds

Item 2 – Order Book 1789-1793. Begins on image 285. Typed index at front. No Kidds

Item 3 – Order Book 1793-1799. Begins on image 470. Typed index at front. No Kidds

Order Books 1800-1811 – FHL #31516

Item 1 – Order Book 1800-1805. Typed index at front, with Ks on images 56-58, BUT images very faint, and in part indecipherable.

Order Book 1806-1811 – FHL # 31514, Typed index at front; many Kidd entries

Order Books 1811-1822 – FHL #31517

Item 1 – Order Book 1811-1817. begins on image 4 of 542. Great typed index at front.

Order Book starts on image 84. Numerous Kidd entries.

Item 2 – Order Book 1817-1822. Begins on image 302 of 542. No index

Order Books 1822-1835 – FHL #31518

Item 1 – Order Book, 1822-1824 (begins on image 4). Nice typed index at front. Multiple Kidd entries.

Item 2, Court Order Book 1824-1828. Starts on image 278 of 803.

Item 3, Court Order Book 1830-1835. Starts on image 465 of 803. Several entries (see Court Order Books Research Notes in the Franklin County folder on Dropbox for details)

Order Books 1836-1850 – FHL #31519

Item 1 – County Court Order Book, 1836-1840 –

Item 2 – County Court Order Book, 1840-1845. Starts on image 189 of 663.

Order Books 1850-1860 – FHL #31520

Item 1 – Order Book, 1850-1855 – No index at front.

Item 2 – Order Book, 1855-1860- typed index at front (starts on image 263 of 598). No Kidd entries in Index.

Order Books 1860-1865 – FHL #31514, item 1

Virginia District Court Order Books, 1789-1809. This district included Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, Pittsylvania, Henry and later Patrick County. Sometimes referred to as Superior Court. All available online via Familysearch.org without restriction. Five Volumes, each with an internal index that appears to be of Plaintiffs only (not Defendants). No Kidds in the index of any of these Order Books. Found one reference to John Kidd serving on a jury.
FHL # 31512, Order Books 1-3
Order Book 1, 1789-1793
Order Book 2, 1794-1796 (starts on image 225 of 561)
Order Book 3, 1797-1782 (starts on image 373)
FHL #31513, Order Books 4-5
Order Book 4, 1802-1804
Order Book 5, 1804-1809 (starts on image 97 of 320)

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Volume 1, Deed Book 1 (1786-1789) and Deed Book 2 (1789-1793) - no Kidds in index.
Volume 2, Deed Book 3, 1793-1799 - no Kidds in index.
LoV F232.F8 B4
2. *Entry Record Books (Franklin County, VA)*, by Marian Dotson **Chiarito**, Clarkton Press, Nathalie, Virginia, 1984, 1988. Two Volumes. V. 1 1737-1770 (land entries in the present-day counties of Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin and Patrick); v. 2, 1770-1796 (land entries in the present-day counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin and Patrick).
LoV F232.F8 C56 1988 and F225 C57
3. *Franklin County, Virginia (will book 2)*, by Barbara **Crumpton**, Creative Copies, Duncan, OK, 1999.
LoV F232.F8 C74 1999

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5. *Virginia, Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, on **Familysearch.org**
6. *Cemeteries of Franklin County, Va.*, compiled by the **Franklin** County Heritage Society, Henry, Virginia, 1998, 541 pp.
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7. *Cemetery records of Franklin County, Virginia*, compiled by the **Franklin** County Historical Society, Gateway Press, Baltimore, MD, 1986, 582 pp.
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8. *Franklin County Virginia deaths and burials, 1853-1896*, by Nell **Hailey**, Iberian Publishing Co Athens, GA, 1997
LoV F232.F8 H35 1997
9. *Marriage bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1853: as recorded in the Franklin County Courthouse, Rocky Mount, Virginia*, by Beverly **Merritt**, Ferrum, Virginia, 1997.
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12. *Index to Franklin County, Virginia records found in the archives of the Library of Virginia*, by Beverly **Merritt**, Ferrum, VA, 2002.
LoV F232.F8 M475 2002 - no Kidds in index.
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LoV F232.F8 F72 1991
16. *Franklin County, Virginia: a history*, by Marshall **Wingfield**, reprinted for Clearfield by Genealogical Publishing Co Baltimore, MD, 1996.
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Digital images in Franklin County Secondary Sources folder on Dropbox.

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SPL R929.3755 W7286Mf
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