

THE KIDDS OF HANOVER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1720 – 1850

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INTRODUCTION

This document is a compilation of all citations of individuals with the surname of Kidd in Hanover County, Virginia from its formation in 1720 to 1850. Within it, individuals appear in alphabetical order, by their given name. Entries for each individual are arranged in chronological order, and where more than one person has the same given name, we've attempted to distinguish between them by other factors, such as varying amounts of land, slaves or other property, etc. When that is not possible, we've left the data elements under one name, while recognizing that those facts may represent more than one person.

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.

In the course of our research, we discovered one or more mentions of only twelve individuals (7 males and 5 females) with the surname of Kidd in the records of Hanover County between 1720 and 1850; many of these were just one or two brief mentions, without enough context to place them in a family group, or to suggest a connection to another county. Nevertheless, they are all included here for completeness' sake.

The two Kidd individuals who left the most records in Hanover County prior to 1850 are Pitman Kidd (~1756, Essex County – 1808, Hanover County) and his wife and widow, Agnes (Richardson) Sharp Kidd. See their sections in this paper. This couple left no male heirs.

HANOVER COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS

Hanover County was created on 2 November 1720 from New Kent County. The county seat is Hanover.

Hanover County has experienced heavy record losses. A courthouse fire in April 1865 destroyed county marriage records, wills (with the exception of two unindexed volumes containing wills dating from 1785-1865), and land records (with the exception of 3 volumes, covering 1733-1735 and 1783-1792).

On the next page you'll find a map of Hanover County circa 1861:



FIGURE: Map of Hanover County, Virginia (circa 1861) and surrounding counties. Hanover is in the center of this map, surrounded (in clockwise order from the North side) by Caroline, King William, New Kent, Henrico, Goochland, and Louisa counties. Littlepage's Bridge (maintained by Benjamin Kidd of Caroline County from as early as 1793 to at least)1815 is discernable in the upper center of this image, just above the O of Hanover County, and just to the left of "Hanover C.H."

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in [APPENDIX ONE](#), found on page 29 and following.

SOME TIPS ON USING THIS DOCUMENT

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Names in **RED FONT** have been added to the Family Tree that we are constructing on Ancestry.com, that includes all the DOCUMENTED descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia. This tree can be found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986/family>

You may have to copy this URL and paste it into your browser to reach this tree. Once there, be

sure to look in the Media Gallery of these individuals, to see what documents and other sources have been added.

EXPLANATION OF THE GENERATIONAL NUMBERING SYSTEM WE USE

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

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

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

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

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

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AGNESS (RICHARDSON) SHARP KIDD, the widow of Pitman Kidd of Henrico and Hanover Counties, VA
Born between 1771-1775¹
Married (1) Richard Sharp of Henrico County², and (2) Pitman Kidd in 1797 in Henrico County
Died in the latter part of 1830 or early 1831³
She and Pitman Kidd had no children; Agnes had two daughters by her first husband, and Pitman had two daughters (named in his will): Mary Crenshaw Kidd and Sarah Bohannon Kidd, by his first wife, Mary Austin.

Note – Because Agnes and Pitman lived and owned property and slaves in both Henrico and Hanover Counties, records from both counties appear in this compilation.

- 1797 – On 29 Dec 1797, a marriage bond was issued in Henrico County, VA for **Pitman Kidd** and **Agnes Sharp**, widow of Richard Sharp. Robert Coleman, security. Witnessed by Susannah H. Bradley.⁴
- 1805 – There is a suit in **Henrico County** Chancery Court, wherein the administrator of Hales Sharp sues Pitman Kidd and others (Case 1805-007).⁵ 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. This Chancery record has not been digitized, and reviewing it will require a visit to the Library of Virginia in Richmond. We have not seen this document (just found the citation in VA Chancery Court records online at the library of Virginia).
- 1808 – Pitman Kidd died in **Hanover County**, Virginia before 25 May 1808, when his will was admitted to record in Hanover County Court. See Pitman's section of this compilation for full details, including a transcription of this will.
- 1809-1812 – **Agnes Kidd** appears on the **Hanover** County, VA PPTLs (see Table below)

¹ Based on her entries on the 1820 & 1830 federal censuses.

² Agnes was the wife and widow of Richard (not John) Sharp. She had two daughters by him, Susan H. Sharp and Mary R. Sharp. Agnes was the sister of Samuel Richardson and Mary Royster, wife of William Royster. William Royster had been administrator of Richard Sharp's estate in Henrico. This information is in the will of Pitman Kidd.

³ Judging from her entries on the Henrico County Personal Property Tax Lists and the 1830 federal census.

⁴ *Marriages of Henrico County Virginia 1680-1808*, by Joyce H. Lindsay, privately published, Richmond VA, 1960, p. 51, citing Marriage Bonds p. 55.

⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=087-1805-007 .

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	H	C	COMMENTS
1809	Agnes Kidd	0	6	2	-	2 wheels
1810-1811	Not listed?					
1812	Agnes Kidd	0	5	1		No indication of wheels

Not listed after 1812 on the Hanover County VA PPTLs.

1812 – On 7 January 1812, Richard Randolph of Henrico County sold to **Agnes Kidd of Hanover County** for \$910 a parcel of land in Henrico County on Four Mile Creek containing 136.5 acres, adjoining (among others) Peter Sharp’s estate.⁶ This record includes a plat of the land.

1812-1830 – **Agness Kidd** first appears on the **Henrico County** PPTLs in 1812, in the List from the Lower District of Henrico. She appears again in 1813 and 1814, as follows:

1812 – no WMT, 1 slave over 16, and 1 horse

1813 – no WMT, 6 slaves over 16, 1 over 12, 2 horses, and 2 wheels valued at \$100.

1814 – no WMT, 5 slaves over 16, 1 over 12, and a carriage valued at \$60.

She continues to be listed annually through 1830 (see PPTLs abstract summary on Dropbox for details).

1815 – She is found on the 1815 Directory of Virginia Landowners, listed as “**Agness Kedd**,” in **Henrico County** (which is just south of Hanover County), in New Market, 12 miles SE of the Courthouse.⁷

1819 – In a **Henrico County** deed dated 5 September 1819, Ballard Ammons and Frances K. his wife of Henrico County sold to **Agnes Kidd** of the same county for \$242 a parcel of land in Henrico County containing 22 acres and lying on Four Mile Creek, adjacent to Agnes Kidd’s land. The deed was proved in County Court and admitted to record the following day.⁸

1820 – Agness’s the only household with this surname in **Hanover County** at the time of the federal census, p. 583, line 5, but she does not appear to be a resident, as her entry shows only slaves in the household:

Agness Kid – no free whites, either male or female. Eleven slaves, 6 of them over 14 years of age.

MEANWHILE, Agnes is found on the 1820 census in **Henrico County**, p. 105 (5th entry from bottom of page (and mis-indexed at Ancestry as having a male in her HH, which she does NOT):

Agness Kidd – 1F<10, 1 10-16 & 1 45 or older; 7 slaves

1830 – On the federal census in **Henrico County**, VA (the only Kidd household there), p. 308 (4th entry from bottom of page):

Agness Kidd: 2F 5-9, 1 10-14, 2 15-19, 1 20-29, & 1 50-59. Twenty-five slaves.

⁶ Henrico County DB 9:439-441. Scanned images available upon request.

⁷ *1815 directory of Virginia landowners (and gazetteer). Vol. 1, Central region : Albemarle, Amelia, Amherst, Buckingham, Charles City, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, Nelson, New Kent, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince George, & the independent cities of Petersburg and Richmond*, by Roger G. Ward, Iberian Publishing County, Athens, GA, 1997.

⁸ FHL #31802, Henrico County Deed Book 19, pages 533-534, available online at Familysearch.org (restricted access), images 286-287 on this reel.

On May 3, 1830, **Agnes Kidd**, Ballard Ammons and William Gay entered into a security bond agreement with James Lindsey. Agnes Kidd had been appointed administratrix of the estate of Thomas Acree, deceased on May 3, 1826, and Lindsey was one of her securities for this administration. Now he was seeking a bond of counter-security, and she provided it.⁹

1831 – Agnes evidently died in 1831 in Henrico County, because records dealing with her estate appear in 1831 and 1832.¹⁰

1840, ff. – she drops from the censuses after 1830. We have found no further records for her.

BENJAMIN KIDD SR., of Caroline County

Benjamin Kidd Sr., a **Caroline County** resident, was responsible for the maintenance and repair of Littlepage's bridge across the Pamunkey River, from at least 1793 through 1815. This river defines the border of Caroline County to the north and Hanover County to the south. Caroline County records about this Benjamin Kidd's upkeep of the bridge survive, but none have been found in Hanover's county records.

These records are provided here for completeness sake.

SEE OUR CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA COMPILATION FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS BENJAMIN KIDD.

1794 – the July 1794 Court for Caroline County ordered the Treasurer to pay **Benjamin Kidd** £17.2.2½ as his proportion for the upkeep of Littlepage Bridge for the year 1793.¹¹

1800 – In a Court held for Caroline County in October 1800, the Court authorized the payment of \$58.36 for this County's portion for keeping up Littlepage's bridge from October 1799 to October 1800.¹²

1801 - In a Court held for Caroline County in October 1801, the Court authorized the payment of \$58.36 for this County's portion for keeping up Littlepage's bridge from October 1800 to October 1801.¹³

1802 – From Caroline County Court Papers 1800-1802: "Payment to **Benjamin Kidd** of Hanover Co. for keeping Littlepage's bridge for 1801-1802 (authorized 25 Oct. 1806)".¹⁴

In 1802, **Benjamin Kidd** sought reimbursement from the Virginia legislature for the expenses of maintaining Littlepage's Bridge over the Pamunkey River in southern Caroline Co bordering Hanover Co. In 1815, his Caroline and Hanover neighbors again took up this cause with the legislature. Contemporary maps show Littlepage's Bridge as lying on present-

⁹ Henrico County DB 32:188. Scanned image available.

¹⁰ Henrico County WB 8, p. 18 (Sale), p. 26 (account) and p. 82 (inventory), cited in Pippenger (vol. 7, p. 379).

¹¹ *Caroline County, Virginia Court Records: probate and other records from the Court Order and Minute Books 1781-1799*, by Kimberly Curtis Campbell, Athens, GA, 1999, reviewed for Kidd citations by Nancy Heuser, June 2012, p. 175.

¹² *Caroline County, Virginia Court Records: probate and other records from the Court Order and Minute Books, 1800-1804, Vol. 3*, by Kimberly Curtis Campbell, Athens, GA 2001, p. 91.

¹³ *Caroline County, Virginia Court Records: probate and other records from the Court Order and Minute Books, 1800-1804, Vol. 3*, by Kimberly Curtis Campbell, Athens, GA 2001, p. 92.

¹⁴ *Caroline County, Virginia Court Records, 1742-1833, and Marriages, 1787-1833*, by William Lindsay Hopkins, Richmond, VA, 1990, p. 169.

day Route 301 on the main road to Richmond; this is likely the Stage Road fitting the description from the LTLs.¹⁵

(See also Virginia Legislative Petitions database, Library of Virginia.)¹⁶

In a Court held for Caroline County in October 1802, the Court authorized the payment of \$58.36 for this County's portion for keeping up Littlepage's bridge from October 1801 to October 1802.¹⁷

1803 – In a Court held for Caroline County in September 1803, Anthony New, Paul Woolfolk, and John Scot were appointed Commissioners to meet at Littlepage's Bridge, and confer with Hanover Co Commissioners whether it be necessary to repair said Bridge or not...or whether they will consent to **Benjamin Kidd** keeping up the bridge at joint expense of both Counties.¹⁸

In a Court held for Caroline County in October 1803, the Court ruled that Littlepage's Bridge will be kept in repair by **Benjamin Kidd** for Three years at the sum of \$100 per annum, the bridge being the joint property of Hanover and Caroline counties.¹⁹

1804 – In a Court held for Caroline County in May 1804, the Court authorized the payment of \$58.34 for this County's portion for keeping up Littlepage's bridge from October 1803 to October 1804.²⁰

1815 – 15 Dec 1815, in Legislative petition #6640, a number of citizens of Caroline and Hanover counties pray the General Assembly to provide relief in the form of tolls for **Benjamin Kidd**, who is represented as "having ruined himself financially in building Littlepage's Bridge at a price far below costs."^{21 22}

See [Appendix Two](#) of this document for a full transcription of this petition.

We found no records for this Benjamin Kidd in Hanover County. SEE OUR CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA COMPILATION FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS BENJAMIN KIDD.

REV. BENJAMIN KIDD (a later Benjamin Kidd, a minister, found in Hanover County from 1835-1850; no further information)

¹⁵ "Benjamin Kidd and Littlepage's Bridge," Hanover County Historical Society magazine, Vol. 39, pp. 4-5, Nov 1988.

¹⁶ Virginia Legislative Petitions, Caroline County, Reel 35 and Box 49, Folders 75, 89. Indexed under Inhabitants of Hanover & Caroline. See http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/rn18_legspet.htm

¹⁷ *Caroline County, Virginia Court Records: probate and other records from the Court Order and Minute Books, 1800-1804, Vol. 3*, by Kimberly Curtis Campbell, Athens, GA 2001, p. 94.

¹⁸ Ibid, p. 112.

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ *Caroline County, Virginia Court Records: probate and other records from the Court Order and Minute Books, 1800-1804, Vol. 3*, by Kimberly Curtis Campbell, Athens, GA 2001, p. 96.

²¹ *A History of Caroline County, Virginia; from its formation in 1727 to 1924*, by Marshall Wingfield, Regional Publishing Company, 1969, p. 59.

²² Virginia Legislative Petitions, Caroline County, Reel 35 and Box 49, Folders 75, 89. Indexed under Inhabitants of Hanover & Caroline <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/petitions>, and cites Reel 79, Box, 106, Folder 12.

1835 – On 22 July 1835, “**Reverend Benjamin Kidd** married Miss Susan Wesley Anderson, daughter of Mr. John Anderson of Hanover County, Virginia.”²³

1839 – A **Benjamin Kidd** first appears on the **Hanover County** PPTLs in 1839, charged with one white male tithe, 1 slave 12-16 and 1 over 16, one horse, and a gig.

1840 – A **Benjamin Kidd** appears on the 1840 federal census in Hanover County (the only Kidd in Hanover County on this census), p. 91, line 3:

Benjamin Kidd: 2M<4, 1 15-19 & 1 30-39; 1F 15-19. Three slaves. Five in agriculture. The ages in this HH do not match up well with the Benjamin Kidd HH in Caroline County in 1830 (but not found in 1840), and we conclude that is not Benjamin Kidd of Caroline County.

1840-1850 – **Benjamin Kidd** is on the Hanover County PPTLs every year in this time span, as outlined in the Table, below. He drops from these tax lists in 1851 (the last year that we have checked to date):

YEAR	WM>16	Slaves >12	Slaves >16	Horses	COMMENTS
1840	1	2	1	1	
1841	1	1	2	2	
1842	1	0	2	2	
1843	1	1	4	3	
1844	1	0	7	4	plus 1 metallic clock
1845	1	8	9	4	plus 1 metallic clock
1846	1	6	7	4	plus 1 4-wheel pleasure carriage worth \$100 and 1 metallic clock
1847	1	6	7	3	plus 1 4-wheel pleasure carriage worth \$100 and 1 metallic clock
1848	1	5	6	3	plus 1 4-wheel pleasure carriage worth \$100 and 1 metallic clock
1849	1	5	6	4	plus 1 4-wheel pleasure carriage worth \$75 and 1 metallic clock
1850	1	5	5	2	plus 1 4-wheel pleasure carriage worth \$50 and 1 metallic clock
1851	not listed				

We found no other sightings of this Benjamin Kidd in Hanover County. He’s not there in 1850 on the federal census (and no Kidd household is found in Hanover in that year). We do not know what became of him.

Some Kidd households are found in Henrico County, but not Benjamin Kidd.

²³ *Deaths and marriages indexed from various Virginia Methodist newspapers, 1832-1901* by Julia Edwards Woodson Saunders (Library of Virginia Accession 23679). Principally from the Christian Sentinel (or Virginia Methodist Advocate), 1832-1836. The originals are not available at the Library of Virginia. Christian Advocate & Journal (later the Methodist Advocate); New York; 14 August 1835 (Retrieved online on the Library of Virginia’s website on their Marriage Records Collections Search Page, <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/marriage-records/search.asp> .

HENRY KIDD

1794 – a Henry Kidd first appears on the Hanover County, VA PPTL, in St. Paul’s Parish (the eastern part of Hanover County). See Table below.

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	H	C	COMMENTS
1794	Henry Kidd	1	1	1	-	
1795	Henry Kidd	2	2	2	-	Other WM not named

He drops from the PPTLs in St. Paul’s Parish in 1796, and does not reappear through 1850.

ISAAC KIDD – this is likely Pitman Kidd’s younger brother Isaac Kidd, a son of Isaac Kidd of Essex County. The younger Isaac Kidd’s records are principally found in Essex County. He is not otherwise found in Hanover County records.

1784 – **Pitman** and **Isaac Kidd** were two of the signers of a legislative petition dated November 16, 1784, asking that the act entitled “An Act Authorizing the Manumission of Slaves” be repealed, and that no free negroes or mulattoes be permitted to pass as free men unless they produce proof of their right to freedom. The said proof must be in the hand of the Hanover Clerk of Court. Signatures are:

- Absolom Melton
- John Melton
- Elias White
- Pleasant Martin
- David Martin
- Littlebury Wade
- Hampton Wade
- Moses Wade
- Pitman Kidd**
- Henry Wade
- Isaac Kidd**
- Thomas White
- Zachariah Wade ²⁴

JOANE KIDD

1784 – This individual appears only on the 1784 Hanover County, VA PPTL, listed as “petitioner only,” with no slaves or personal property.²⁵

He/she does not appear on other PPTLs in St. Paul’s parish, and his/her identity is unknown.

The reference includes a signature of this individual (taken from a county petition), which

²⁴ *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*; Virginia Genealogical Society Publications, Vol. 31(1), page 17, Legislative Petitions of Hanover County.

²⁵ *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.

would suggest that the individual is a male. This is also suggested by the fact that a tithe appears to have been paid.

JOEL H. KIDD, the son of Willis and Lucy (Saunders) Kidd²⁶ of Caroline County, VA
Joel H.6 (Willis⁵, William⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd
Born abt 1807²⁷ in VA
Married Louisa F. Campbell²⁸ in December 1840 in Essex County
He died in Essex County sometime between 15 May 1854²⁹ and 15 January 1855³⁰

Some Ancestry Trees claim that he was the son of William Kidd and his wife Mary Halbert, but in fact these two were the parents of a different, earlier Joel Kidd of Caroline County.

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

1822 – In this year, for the first time in a decade, the name **Joel Kidd** appears in the **Caroline County**, VA PPTLs, taxed for only one white male tithe, and no property or horse. He doesn't appear again in Caroline County PPTLs until 1829. Since Joel H. Kidd was born ca 1807, he would have been approximately 16 in 1822 and of taxable age.

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

1830 – We do not find a **Joel Kidd** on the federal census in Caroline County, Hanover County or elsewhere in Virginia in 1830.

1831-1832 – A **Joel H. Kidd** appears on the **Hanover County** PPTLs for the first time in 1831, charged only 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.

On 23 March 1832, **Joel H. Kidd** was among the citizens of Hanover County, Virginia who signed a testimonial promoting a new wheat threshing machine being offered for sale in Hanover County by its builder Pleasant Terrell.³¹

²⁶ Joel is named as one of Willis Kidd's sons in Willis's 1843 Caroline County will, and served as executor of his father's estate. And Joel H. Kidd's will was proved by the oath of Thomas H. Kidd and Henry (W.) Kidd, two other sons named in Willis Kidd's will.

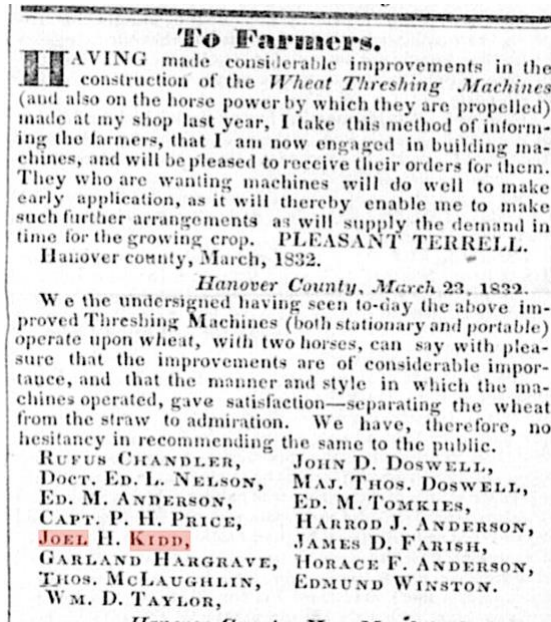
²⁷ His year of birth is calculated from his entry on the 1850 federal census, which stated he was 43 years old.

²⁸ Her maiden name is confirmed by the death certificate of her son, James Willis Kidd.

²⁹ When he was appointed to conduct an upcoming election in Essex County.

³⁰ When his will was presented in Essex County Court and proven by the oaths of witnesses.

³¹ The *Richmond Enquirer* (newspaper), April 20, 1832, page 4, column 3, retrieved from *Chronicling America*, Library of Congress.



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. Is this Joel H. Kidd? We believe that it probably is.

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

1840 – On 17 December 1840, **Joel Kidd** married Miss Louisa Campbell in **Essex** County in a ceremony conducted by Elder Philip Montague.³²

1841 – In 1841, the first of several Essex County Chancery Court cases involving the heirs of Ambrose Hundley Sr. was initiated (Admr. of Richard Hundley v. Elizabeth Hundley et al). **Joel Kidd's** name appears in this record, as husband of Louisa, one of the heirs of Ambrose Hundley.³³

We saw nothing else in this record that would be of interest to Kidd researchers, but this and subsequent suits³⁴ 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 case 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.

³² 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, VA: 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.

³³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=057-1841-002. Reviewed and scanned by RK, July 2018. Images available upon request.

³⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=057-1848-025
https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=057-1849-030
https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=057-1852-014

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 families, on or near the Mattapony River.

This same entry repeats through 1848, after which Joel H. Kidd drops from the K&Q LTLs. The 1849 LTLs provide no mention of his land in the Alterations column.³⁵

[He apparently moved to Caroline County in 1848, because he appears on the Caroline County PPTLs in 1849-1851. See below.]

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.

However, more that 25 years later, according to the Court Clerk's entry in Caroline County on 8 November 1868, Willis's son and executor, **Joel Kidd**, had a copy that he produced in the Clerk's office, and the attested copy was admitted to record anew.³⁶

However, this Joel Kidd died by 1855 (see below). We cannot explain the discrepancy, but the clerk's entry does indeed state that Joel Kidd produced a copy of the will in Court in 1868. It is possible that one of Joel's heirs brought the copy to the courthouse to be recorded; in the case of courthouse fires, residents often provided documents within their possession to be recorded.

The will of Willis Kidd of Caroline County specified that his estate was to be kept together for the benefit of his wife and children. The children were to receive their share of slaves and land at the death of Willis's wife, who is not named in the will. He devised several specific bequests in his will as follows: "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." The rest of the estate was to be divided equally at death of his wife. Executor: **Joel Kidd**. Witnesses: Burton B. Wright, M.H. Jones, and William Kidd. Signed Willis Kidd.³⁷

1844 – At a meeting of the Democratic Association of King & Queen County, held at the Courthouse on Monday, 12 February 1844, a resolution was passed, appointing members of a committee charged with distributing papers and documents pertaining to the Spring and Presidential elections.

³⁵ We browsed the entire 1849 LTL for K&Q, retrieved from FHL #29943, images 153-189, viewable online via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access), and saw no mention of someone else receiving Joel Kidd's land in the prior year. But Joel H. Kidd appears first on the Essex County PPTLs in 1849.

³⁶ Caroline County Will Book 33, pp. 246-247, retrieved from LoV microfilm reel 69. Scanned images available upon request.

³⁷ *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.

Joel H. Kidd was one of the individuals appointed for the Clarkston precinct in K&Q County:³⁸

For the Clarkston Precinct—R. M. Davis, Robert Pendleton, John T. Hoskins, Wm. B. Davis, Washington Skelton, John H. Watkins, John W. Watkins, Dr. G. Fauntleroy, Carter B. Fogg, Dr. Lyne, Lineus Archer, Leroy Boulware, **Joel H. Kidd**, A. M. Boulware, Peter D. Samuel, Richard H. Pollard, David P. Wright Joseph H. Skelton, Lawrence Muse.
Resolved, As the most efficient means of informing the aforesaid gentlemen of their appointment, that a list of their names be forwarded to the Richmond Enquirer for publication.

Benjamin Weisiger's book about Virginia Contested Election Files is in error in saying the following:³⁹

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 depending(?) 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

³⁸ *Richmond Enquirer* (newspaper), 23 February 1844, page 2, column, column 1, retrieved via *Chronicling America*, Library of Congress.

³⁹ *Burned County Data, 1809-1848, As Found in the Contested Election Files*, by Benjamin B. Weisiger, Richmond, VA, 1986, p. 70, in the chapter of Caroline County records regarding contested elections.

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 1848.⁴⁰

1848 – On 10 Jul 1848, Thomas M. Kidd (the son of Willis Kidd) married Sarah A.H. Page in **Caroline** County, VA. **Joel H. Kidd** served as security for this marriage.⁴¹

1849-1851 – **Joel H. Kidd** first appears on the **Caroline County**, VA 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 the federal census in **Caroline** County, VA, p. 228A, HH 80:

Kidd, Joel H. 43MW Manager (birthplaces blank for entire page)

" , Louisa F. 27FW

" , John H. 7MW

" , Joseph F. 5MW

" , James W. 2MW

Joel H. Kidd is also found on the 1850 federal census Slave Schedule for Caroline County, which shows him responsible for 41 enslaved people.⁴² Though he is listed as the slave owner, it is more likely that he's the overseer or farm manager, given his occupation shown on the census itself, and his personal ownership of no taxable slaves on the 1850 PPTLs, above.

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.)

⁴⁰ Essex County DB 47, pp. 518-519. Scans of this deed available from RK.

⁴¹ *Marriages of Caroline County, Virginia 1777-1853*, compiled and edited by Therese Fisher, 1998, Heritage Books, p. 128.

⁴² Ancestry.com - 1850 federal census for Caroline County, VA, Schedule 2: Slave Inhabitants, page number (handwritten) 18.

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.⁴³

On 14 Dec 1853, Frances Brooks and Polly Brooks sold to **Joel H. Kidd** the tract of land on which the late James Brooks formerly resided, adjacent to the lands of Lewis D. Brooks and the said Joel H. Kidd...containing 10 acres for the sum of \$80. This deed includes a plat of the land. It was acknowledged in Court and admitted to record on 19 December 1853.⁴⁴

1854 – **Essex County** 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.⁴⁵

1855 – The will of **Joel H. Kidd**, signed on 29 July 1853, was proved in **Essex** County Court on 15 January 1855.⁴⁶ It named his widow Louisa F. Kidd as his executor. Thomas M. Kidd and Henry Kidd (two of 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.⁴⁷

1860 – **Joel H. Kidd’s** widow is found on the 1860 federal census, with their family in **Essex** County VA (Lloyd's P.O.), p. 87, HH 816/792:

Kidd, Louisa F. 35FW farmer \$800/850 VA

" , Jno. H 18MW

" , Joseph I. 14MW

" , James W. 11MW

" , Mary E. 9FW

" , Joel C. 6MW

JOHN KIDD

1825-1827 – A **John Kidd** appears for the first time on the Hanover County PPTLs in 1825, charged for one white male tithable and one horse, but no slaves. This entry repeats in 1826 and 1827. He then drops from these tax lists and does not reappear.

MARY (possibly Austin) KIDD, first wife of Pitman Kidd

No marriage record has been found for Pitman Kidd’s marriage to his first wife and the mother of his daughters Sarah Bohannon Kidd, who married Hugh Watt Sr. and Mary C.

⁴³ 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.

⁴⁴ 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.

⁴⁵ Essex County Order Book 51, p. 733 (image 129).

⁴⁶ Essex County Will Book 27, 1851-1858, pages 477-478, retrieved from FHL # FHL #1929910, item 1, images 268-269.

⁴⁷ Essex County Order Book 51, pages 802-803, retrieved from FHL # FHL #1929888, images 163-164. Digital images are available from the authors.

Kidd, who married John Jones. Information about the Kidd family cemetery in Hanover County reads:⁴⁸

KIDD CEMETERY

According to a note by Joseph R. Haw dated July 1928, he states that Hugh Watt Sr. and his wife, Sarah Bohannon Kidd are buried at the home of Pitman Kidd, Sarah Bohannon's father. The place adjoins Springfield, the Watt farm which was part of Pitman Kidd's farm. There are no stones in the graveyard. The cemetery is probably adjacent to the two standing chimneys of the old house. It is located in back of the Watt house off Cold Harbor Road.

According to the family bible, the following persons are buried here:

Hugh Watt	Sarah Bohannon (Kidd) Watt
Sept. 12, 1774	Born 1785.

As Sarah Watt was the daughter of Pitman Kidd and lived on the adjoining farm to Hugh Watt, it is probable that Pitman Kidd and his wife Mary Austin Kidd are also buried here, but there are no grave markers for them.

On the Hanover County PPTLs, a John Austin Sr and a John Austin Jr. appear annually from 1804 through 1815; in 1816, both men drop from the Hanover PPTLs, and a Mary Austin appears for the first and only time on the 1816 PPTL. Both men also appear on the Hanover County LTLs as large landholders in 1810 and 1815. In 1816, the estates for both men appear for the first time, which is consistent with the claim that a John Austin who died in 1815 was the father of Mary Austin who married Pittman Kidd.

MARY C. KIDD, daughter of Pitman Kidd and his first wife Mary (possibly Mary Austin)

Date of birth unknown

Married John Jones

Died by 1833 in Hanover County

Essentially everything that we know about her has been gleaned from her father, Pitman Kidd's will, and from the Hanover County Chancery suit (Case 1845-015) (see Pitman's section of this compilation for details).

Pitman Kidd's will, signed in 1806 and proved in 1808, names Mary C. Kidd as his second daughter. By the time of his signing, she was married to John Jones, and her husband, John Jones was named as one of Pitman's executors.

The Chancery Court case began in 1833, by which Mary C. Jones and her husband John Jones were both dead. The suit names their eight children,⁴⁹ five of whom were of age, and three still minors (so born after 1812). These latter children were under the guardianship of Ezekiel Talley, who had married Mildred P. Jones, Mary C. and John's eldest daughter.

Their eight children, all named in this chancery suit, were Mildred P. Jones, who married Ezekiel Talley; Mary Jones, who married John S. Atkinson; William A. Jones; John A. Jones, who died by 4

⁴⁸ *Family Graveyards in Hanover County, VA (vols. 1 & 2)*, compiled by Helen Kay Yates and W.E. Winfrey, Hanover County Historical Society, Hanover, VA, 2000, Vol. 1, p. 102.

⁴⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=085-1845-015

October 1837; Callom Bohannon Jones; Thomas K. Jones; James E. Jones, who had reached the age of majority by 11 October 1839; and Henrietta Jones, who married William Gibson.

PITMAN KIDD, the eldest son of Isaac Kidd of Essex County Virginia, named in his father's will.

Pittman⁵ (Isaac⁴, Daniel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born by 1756

Married (first) Mary Austin, the mother of his two daughters, Mary Crenshaw Kidd and Sarah Bohannon Kidd

Married (second) Agnes Richardson Sharp widow of Richard Sharp of Henrico County; he had no children by his second wife Agnes

No surviving male children

Died before 25 May 1808 in Hanover County, Virginia

Note – Because Agnes and Pitman lived and owned property and slaves in both Henrico and Hanover Counties, records from both counties appear in this compilation.

1778 – On 16 March 1778, in **Essex County**, VA, the final division of Isaac Kidd's estate was filed by Henry Kidd, administrator. It named 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 each for slaves, being their "apportionable part" of the value of the slaves "together with interest from 1 Jan 1771." Division of the 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.⁵⁰

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**.

1783-1807 – **Pitman Kidd** appears on the annual PPTLs for **Hanover County**.⁵¹ 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

⁵⁰ Essex Co VA Will Book 13, pp. 132-3.

⁵¹ *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.

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	H	C	COMMENTS
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
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	-	

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		

1783, ff. – **Pitman Kidd** ALSO starts appearing in the Hanover County VA Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1783, having not been listed in either Parish on the 1782 LTLs. For the years 1784-1786, the LTLs themselves are not available, and only Alterations for these years have been microfilmed. See Table below:

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 <u>343</u> 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 – On 1 May 1784, **Pitmon Kidd**, living in the “lower part of Hanover,” placed 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.**”⁵²

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 Wade⁵³

1790 – On 5 Oct 1790, Nathaniel Talley of Halifax County and Sarah his wife sold for £100 to **Pitman Kidd** of Hanover County 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.⁵⁴

1797 – On 29 Dec 1797, a marriage bond was issued in Henrico County, VA for **Pitman Kidd** and **Agnes Sharp**, widow of Richard Sharp. Robert Coleman, security. Witnessed by Susannah H. Bradley.⁵⁵

1800 – **Pitman Kidd** was a signer of several petitions in Hanover County on Dec. 16, 1800.⁵⁶

⁵² The Geography of Slavery in Virginia website, University of Virginia, at http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/saxon/servlet/SaxonServlet?source=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/vg1784.xml&style=/xml_docs/slavery/ads/display_ad.xsl&ad=v1784050004

⁵³ *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*; Virginia Genealogical Society Publications, Vol. 31(1), page 17, Legislative Petitions of Hanover County.

⁵⁴ *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.

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

⁵⁶ *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, volume 31, pages 63 and 64.

- 1804 – On 24 Nov 1804, **Pitman Kidd** and wife [Agnes] of **Hanover County** sold to Samuel Richardson [Agnes's brother] of Goochland County, for £500 current money of Virginia, a parcel of land on the waters of the Byrd Creek adjoining John Moore, Daniel Ross, and Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, M Pace, and Richard Adams, containing 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 Pitman and Agnes signed this deed. Witnesses were Reuben George, William George Jr., & Henry Hopkins. The deed was recorded 8 Mar 1805; Agnes's release of dower was recorded 18 Apr 1805.⁵⁷ [SKK note: The remaining 2/3 was distributed to Samuel's other children, Samuel Richardson [Jr.] and Mary Richardson Royster, wife of William Royster.⁵⁸]
- 1805 – There is a suit in Henrico County Chancery Court, wherein the administrator of Hales Sharp sues **Pitman Kidd** and others (Case 1805-007). This is most likely related to his wife, Agnes Richardson Sharp Kidd, the widow of Richard Sharp, and rent due from her first husband's estate. But we have not seen this document (just found the citation in VA Chancery Court records online at the library of Virginia).⁵⁹
- 1808 – **Pitman Kidd** wrote and signed his will on 3 November 1806; it was admitted to court on 25 May 1808. In this will, he left considerable property, which was divided between his wife and his two daughters. He left no male heirs. A scan of his will is available online in the chancery suits over the disposition of his estate.^{60, 61}

Pitman Kidd's Will, ^{62, 63} signed 3 November 1806, proved in Court on 25 May 1808:

"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.

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

⁵⁷ Goochland County, VA DB 19, p. 187.

⁵⁸ 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.

⁵⁹ Details at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=087-1805-007
Unlike many Virginia Chancery records, this one has not been digitized yet (October 2022).

⁶⁰ http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=085-1845-015, in a Hanover County Chancery Court case in 1845, a lengthy case covering 15 or more years, and consuming 126 pages. A description of the Pitman Kidd cemetery is found on image 46, a commissioners' report dated 5 Oct. 1830. Pitman's will is found on images 120-121.

⁶¹ *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*, by William Ronald Cocke, GPC 1978, p. 80-81 – a transcript of his will. RK did not make a photocopy of this, but can do so in the future if needed.

⁶² Images of this will are included in the Hanover County Chancery Court case, 1845-015, Ezekiel Talley, guardian vs. Thomas K. Jones, et al. This LENGTHY case, 126 images in all, may contain more info about Mary and John Jones.

⁶³ A transcription of this will is also available 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*, by William Ronald Cocke, GPC 1978, pages 80-81.

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 (sic) 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

(No other papers of this suit found)

The Kidd family cemetery is thought to be on the property once owned by **Pitman Kidd**.⁶⁴ No headstones are left, but according to family stories, Pitman and his first wife, Mary Austin Kidd are buried there, as is his daughter, Sarah Bohannon Kidd (born 1785) and her husband, Hugh Watt, born Sept. 12, 1774 (this date from a family bible, according to this reference).

1815 – His estate is listed in the 1815 Directory of Virginia Landowners, evidently as two parcels. The abstract reads, "**Kidd, Pitman** (estate) Hanover Town, 8E, 20SE."⁶⁵
In this year, his widow Agnes is in New Market, Henrico County, just south of Hanover County.

1830 – John Jones, one of the executors of the will of **Pitman Kidd**, filed a motion in Chancery Court in Hanover County, VA, requesting that the lands of Pitman Kidd be surveyed for division among his heirs.⁶⁶ Thus John Jones was alive at this time.
Both John Jones and his wife, Mary C. Kidd were dead by 1834, when this suit began in earnest. In this suit, John Jones is triggering the process of dividing Pitman's estate between his two daughters. Below is an abstract of this segment of the suit, on pages dated either August 25, 1830, or October 5, 1830:

Pitman Kidd owned two tracts of land, one on Chickahominy Swamp called "the Mansion tract," where the said Kidd died, containing 719 acres, exclusive of one-quarter acre square around the burying ground, rather the graveyard of said deceased, to be hereafter laid out. The other tract a few miles below the first, containing 218 acres with a griss (sic) mill upon it now in operation.

On the first mentioned tract are two dwelling houses, situated about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from each other. This tract can be divided in half, with a line between the two houses, so as to give each half an equal share of high land and swamp land in quality. The east and lower half of this tract has on it Mr. Kidd's family grave yard, and the house in which he lived and died (designated Lot 1). The other half on which Mr. Hugh Watt (and his wife Sarah B. Kidd Watt) resides is called Lot 2.

The other tract ... the commissioners cut off (carved out) 40 (later revised to 41) acres, containing the mill, located in the east and lower part of the tract. They called this Lot 1,

⁶⁴ *Family Graveyards in Hanover County, Virginia*, by Helen Kay Yates & W.E. Winfrey, 1995, Volume 1, p. 102, reviewed by RK at the Fiske Genealogical Library in Seattle, 3/8/2012.

⁶⁵ *1815 directory of Virginia landowners (and gazetteer). Vol. 1, Central region : Albemarie, Amelia, Amherst, Buckingham, Charles City, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddle, Fluvanna, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, Nelson, New Kent, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince George, & the independent cities of Petersburg and Richmond*, by Roger G. Ward, Iberian Publishing County, Athens, GA, 1997.

⁶⁶ Hanover County Chancery Court case, 1845-015, Ezekiel Talley, guardian vs. Thomas K. Jones, et al. Viewable on-line at the Library of Virginia's Chancery Courts Records site (pages 45-46). The pages of this suit are not in chronological order on-line, making it very difficult to determine the proper sequence of events. The main information captured here was the division of Pitman's estate, and the names of Mary C. Jones's eight surviving children. Others may glean more information from a careful examination of this record.

and deemed it equal in worth to the other 171 acres of this tract, which was the upper or western part of this tract. They termed Lot 2, which included a dwelling house.

To decide which daughter got which parcels, the commissioners created two shares, one containing the eastern/lower part of each tract (lot 1s), and the other containing the western or upper part of each tract (lot 2). They determined to draw lots from a hat (really), and Mrs. Watt being the oldest, drew first, and drew #2. Thus she got the old family home and graveyard, and the larger lower parcel but not the mill.

Mary C. and John Jones received the other half of the upper parcel (including, evidently, the house that Sarah and Hugh Watt HAD been living in) and the grist mill.

Unfortunately, while the land is described in some detail, and surveys and plats are described in the records, no plat is included in the record itself.

1833-1845 – A Hanover County suit (Hanover Chancery Court Case 1845-015⁶⁷) involving the lands bequeathed to Pitman's daughter, Mary C. Kidd Jones, began in 1833, after the deaths of Mary C. and her husband, John Jones. On 24 Dec 1833,⁶⁸ Ezekiel Talley, the husband of Mildred P. Jones (whom we believe was the eldest child of John and Mary C. Jones) and the guardian of the youngest three children of John and Mary C. Jones (Thomas K., James E. and Henrietta Jones, still minors at this time, under the age of 21) is suing to distribute the land and property that Mary C. received from her father, according to the terms of Pitman Kidd's will. This will (a copy of which is within the court papers) specified that upon the death of his daughters, the property was to be equally divided among their children "in fee." Mary C. Kidd and her husband, John Jones had received 359 acres of land in one body (tract), and a mill with 41 acres in the other, for her and her children. Both Mary and John "have departed this life, leaving eight children, viz. the above-named wards of your orator; Mildred P., the wife of your orator; Mary, the wife of John S. Atkinson, William A., John A., and Callom B. Jones...and that it is impossible to divide the land without almost total destruction of the value of the several parts." He requests permission to sell the land, rather than dividing it in 8 parts. In the end, it appears that the court approved the sale of the tract containing the mill (recorded in court on 10 Nov 1834, and the proceeds were divided among the 8 heirs. The same record seems to say that at the same time, a sale of "nearly 360 acres" of the other tract of land "on the swamp and known by the name of Kidds, with improvements" was purchased by William A. Jones for \$3000. The proceeds were paid out to the children (or placed in the bank for the minor children).

Several events occurred during the drawn-out process, which didn't conclude until 1845.

James E. Jones, one of the minor children, reached the age of 21 by Oct. 11, 1839.

Henrietta Jones, another minor in 1834, had married William Gibson by 1845 (and perhaps earlier). And John A. Jones had died by Oct. 4, 1837; his share went to his brother Callom B. Jones.

In addition, a Travis Bagby⁶⁹ of Hanover County purchased William A. Jones' share of this bequest in February 1837 for \$1402.41.

⁶⁷ Viewable online via Virginia Memory: https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=085-1845-015

⁶⁸ Ibid, images 3-4.

⁶⁹ Recall that Travis Bagby was the husband of Mary Ann Kidd Bagby. Mary Ann Kidd was the daughter of John Kidd Sr. of K&Q.

SARAH BOHANNON KIDD, daughter of Pitman Kidd and his first wife Mary (likely Mary Austin)
Born in 1784
Married Hugh Watt in Hanover County in 1802
Died in April 1863 in Hanover County

The main source of our information about her comes from the Historical Marker about her family home and plantation (see below). This house, still standing on Watt House Road, is now part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park.

1784 – She’s said to have been born on 15 December 1784 in Hanover County, Virginia. This date of birth fits with her age at the time of the 1850 and 1860 federal censuses.

She was evidently named for her father’s mother Sarah Bohannon.

1802 – She is said to have married Hugh Watt, an immigrant from Ireland, in 1802 in Hanover County. No record of this marriage has been found, to our knowledge.

1850 – She is on the federal census in the Southeast District of Hanover County, Virginia, page 446A, HH 140:

Sarah B. Watt	65FW	\$7,000	VA
Hugh “	75MW		Ireland
Pitman K. “	42MW		VA
George “	3MW		VA

1860 – On the federal census in St.Paul’s Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, page 385A, Ashland P.O., HH 455:

S. B. Watt	76FW	Farmer	\$10,543/\$20,763	VA
P. K. Watt	53MW		\$4,445	VA
S. K. Hard	27FW	Prof. Com. School		VA

1862 – On 27 June 1862, the Watt home was confiscated by the Union Army for use as a headquarters in the days leading up to the Battle of Gaines’ Mill. The home is located near Mechanicsville, Virginia. Below is a transcription of the highway historical marker, about her and her home:

SPRINGFIELD PLANTATION⁷⁰

In 1862 this farmhouse was home to the widow Sarah Watt, her granddaughter Mary Jane Haw, and a maid. It was a typical Hanover County plantation of several hundred acres with some 28 slaves who produced a modest income from grains, potatoes, and livestock. Around the house stood a kitchen, slave quarters, and other outbuildings. A series of roads, now abandoned, connected the Watt family to their neighbors and Richmond.

Their lives drastically changed on the morning of June 27, 1862. The Union commander selected the house for his temporary headquarters, forcing the family to leave. When Mary Jane returned after the battle, she found “the walls and roof were torn by shot and shell, the weatherboarding honeycombed by minie balls, and ever pane of glass shattered.” Inside, evidence of a field hospital was everywhere. “Now, from garret to cellar,” she wrote, “there

⁷⁰ These paragraphs were transcribed from a historical marker near Mechanicsville, Virginia, and posted online by the Historical Marker Database: <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=34618>

was scarcely a space of flooring as large as a man's hand that did not bear the dark purple stain of blood."

Erected: 2010 by the Richmond National Battlefield Park.

This marker has a photograph of Sarah B Kidd Watt, along with an inscription which reads, "Sarah Bohannon Kidd was born in 1784. She married Hugh Watt, an Irish immigrant, in 1802 and was widowed in 1854."

On the right side of the plaque is a drawing with the caption, "Before the battle, two of the Watt slaves carried the ill 77-year-old Sarah Watt from her house to a waiting carriage, while others placed a trunk filled with clothing and valuables on a farm wagon. This would be the last time Sarah Watt saw her home of 60 years. She sought safety with a nearby relative where she remained until her death in April 1863."

1863 – She is said (on the historical plaque cited above) to have died in April of 1863 in Hanover County, Virginia. No death record has been found for her,⁷¹ or for her husband.

Information about the Kidd family cemetery in Hanover County reads:⁷²

KIDD CEMETERY

According to a note by Joseph R. Haw dated July 1928, Hugh Watt Sr. and his wife Sarah Bohannon Kidd are buried at the home of Pitman Kidd, Sarah Bohannon's father. The place adjoins Springfield, the Watt farm which was part of Pitman Kidd's farm. There are no stones in the graveyard. The cemetery is probably adjacent to the two standing chimneys of the old house. It is located in back of the Watt house off Cold Harbor Road. According to the family bible, the following persons are buried here:

Hugh Watt	Sarah Bohannon (Kidd) Watt
Sept. 12, 1774	Born 1785.

As Sarah Watt was the daughter of Pitman Kidd and lived on the adjoining farm to Hugh Watt, it is probable that Pitman Kidd and his wife Mary Austin Kidd are also buried here, but no headstones or other grave markers for them have survived.

⁷¹ A search of the Hanover County, Virginia Register of Deaths, 1853-1871, found on FHL #31945, item 3, starting with image 459 of 857, found no record for either of them (other than noting the deaths of some of their slaves). Careful review of the images shows that none of the pages in these registers was for the year 1863; they skip from 1862 to 1864. Perhaps the Civil War interrupted the collection or preservation of this year's deaths.

⁷² *Family Graveyards in Hanover County, VA (vols. 1 & 2)*, compiled by Helen Kay Yates and W.E. Winfrey, Hanover County Historical Society, Hanover, VA, 2000, Vol. 1, p. 102.

APPENDIX: SOURCES INCLUDED IN THE CREATION OF THIS DOCUMENT:

The following sources of genealogical and historical information on Hanover County have been identified, using the web sites of the LDS library, the Library of Virginia, and WorldCat. **Those with red text have been reviewed and abstracted, and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document;** those in black have yet to be reviewed and mined for Kidd entries.

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Deeds, wills, inventories & settlement of estates, 1733-1735, FHL #31942, item 1
Deeds, 1783-1791 FHL #31942, items 2-3
 2. **Land Tax Lists of Hanover County, VA, 1782-1863**
1782-1807, 1809 FHL #29931 – reviewed by RK, 3/20/12
1810-1820 FHL #29932 – available online at Familysearch.org
1821-1833 FHL #29933 – available online at Familysearch.org
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LoV Reel 139 1818-1829
LoV Reel 140 1830-1838A
LoV Reel 141 1838B-1847A
 3. **Personal Property Tax Lists of Hanover County, VA, 1782-1863** (8 reels)
1782-1803 FHL #31946 –reviewed by RK March 2012
1804-1807, 1809-1824 FHL #31947 – reviewed via familysearch (restricted access) by RK March 2012
(incorporated into this document – only Pitman, Agnes and Henry Kidd appear during this time period; no other Kidds)
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Common Law Order Books – none prior to 1855
Superior Court of Law
 - a) Common Law Order Book, 1827-1831 – LoV ILL Reel 21
 - b) Order Book, 1809-1827, 483 pp., index – LoV ILL Reel 68
 - c) Order Book, 1815-1826, 68 pp., partial index – Reel 66
(and other Order books – see this URL:
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/local/results_all.asp?CountyID=VA119
- Hanover County Deed Books (none available prior to 1865)
- Wills
- a) **Old wills, 1785-1893** – LoV Reel 1 (index on ppl 522-567)

- b) Will Book, 1827-1831, incomplete index – LoV Reel 61, incomplete index
- c) Will Book, 1831-1850, 112 pages (no index?) – LoV Reel 54
- 5. **County Chancery Court cases, from Library of Virginia**, at:
<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp#res>
(only one case prior to 1850, involving the heirs of Pitman Kidd. See his section)
- 6. County-specific sources (microfilms of primary records) in the Familysearch.org catalogue
- 7. **Federal censuses, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840 and 1850.**
- 8. **An index to Virginia wills and administrations (1761-1800)** is available at the Library of Virginia, at this URL: <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/wills>
[This is in addition to or supplemental to the Chancery Cases web site above.]
- 9. Rev War records

SECONDARY SOURCES (arranged alphabetically by **author**) (those with **red** text have been abstracted and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document):

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2. *Virginia Revolutionary Claims*, compiled and transcribed by Janice L. **Abercrombie** and Richard Slatten, Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1992 (three volumes in 1, 1113 pages). (No Kidds from Hanover County in this reference)
3. *Virginia Families of Hanover, Louisa and Monroe County, Virginia*, by Gayle King **Blankenship**, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 2010. FHL #**6105212** (on permanent loan at Bellevue WA FHC) [reviewed by RK, 2/10/2012 – Only 1 Kidd in Index: p. 175 – a description of the ancestry of Winny HUDSON, who married (James) Kidd in Mecklenburg County, VA.]
4. *Hanover County, Virginia Court Record Book, 1733-1735, Abstract and Index*, compiled by Charles P. **Blunt**, IV, Richmond, VA, 1978, 71 pp. LoV F232.H24 B65. No Kidds in Index.
5. *Land Patents and Grants of Hanover County Virginia (1721 - 1800)*, compiled by Charles P. **Blunt** IV.⁷³
6. *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*, by William Ronald **Cocke**, GPC 1978 Fiske (1 Kidd entry, Pitman Kidd's Will)
7. *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 SPL 929.37554 C645H 2000 – reviewed and photocopied by RK, 3/14/12
8. *Hanover County Virginia Deeds, 1783-1792*, abstracted and compiled by Rosalie Edith **Davis**, (includes Index), Heritage Trails Press, 1985. (CK, March 2014)

⁷³ Checked by Lookup volunteer who owns this book. No Kidd mentions in Index.

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LoV F232.H24 D26. No Kidds in Index.*Hanover County, Virginia*.
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15. *Virginia Kidds Serving in Wartime, 1800-1848*, by William R. **Kidd**. (No Hanover County Kidds)
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<http://www.virginiadot.org/vtrc/main/online%5Freports/pdf/04-r17.pdf>
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⁷⁵ No Kidds from Hanover County in index (but several from Buckingham County). Reviewed by RK at Fiske, 3/8/2012.

APPENDIX TWO: 1815 PETITION BY CITIZENS OF CAROLINE AND HANOVER COUNTIES ON BEHALF OF BENJAMIN KIDD, KEEPER OF LITTLEPAGE'S BRIDGE ON THE PAMUNKEY RIVER

On Dec. 15, 1815, in Legislative petition #6640, a number of citizens of Caroline and Hanover counties petitioned the General Assembly to provide relief in the form of tolls for Benjamin Kidd, who is represented as "having ruined himself financially in building Littlepage's Bridge at a price far below costs."^{76 77 78}

As transportation by water began to slow and inland roads were being established, bridges began to take the place of many ferries. One example is Littlepage's Bridge.

People living near these bridges and using them most often were typically the ones appointed by the County authorities to maintain the bridge, just as road maintenance was delegated to those landowners and slaveholders who lived along the roads.

The Pamunkey River is the boundary between Caroline and Hanover counties. Littlepage's Bridge crossed the Pamunkey where Route 301 crosses the river today, north of the Hanover County courthouse.

Benjamin Kidd was the person appointed by Caroline and Hanover Counties to maintain Littlepage's Bridge, and the increasing traffic on the bridge resulted in more frequent and more costly repairs, which evidently placed Benjamin Kidd in financial peril, because his neighbors wrote a petition to the Justices of the courts of both Hanover and Caroline Counties on his behalf.⁷⁹

To the worshipful Courts of Caroline and Hanover – the petition of Benjamin Kidd and sundry others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Counties, who think that the said Kidd has justice on his side, humbly sheweth:

That when the said Benjamin Kidd contracted by your worships for the rebuilding of Littlepage's Bridge, and keeping the same in repair for ten years, he did it under the well understood and implied condition that the ware and tare (sic) on the said bridge would be little or no greater for the ten years to come than for the ten years past, neither he nor anyone else imagined that all the weight of merchandize which had hitherto floated on our rivers would be brought to pass over Littlepage's Bridge, and that instead of eight or ten wagons a day, with two to three thousand weight each, ninety to one hundred with three to four thousand weight each would cross it, racking the timbers, hastening the destruction of the said bridge and keeping him and his hands employed almost every other day in repairing the damages of the previous day. Had such an idea ever occurred to him or been suggested by others, he would not, because he could not, have undertaken to build and keep it in repair for ten years, for double the sum agreed upon. In that case it would have required timber of much greater strength and magnitude, materials for the abutments of more durability than poles

⁷⁶ *A History of Caroline County, Virginia; from its formation in 1727 to 1924*, by Marshall Wingfield, Regional Publishing Company, 1969, p. 59.

⁷⁷ Virginia Legislative Petitions, Caroline County, Reel 35 and Box 49, Folders 75, 89. Indexed under Inhabitants of Hanover & Caroline.

⁷⁸ This transcription was taken from Hanover County Historical Society, vol. 39 (November 1988), pp. 5-6 (an article about ferries and bridges in Caroline and Hanover counties), and not from the petition itself.

⁷⁹ Virginia Legislative Petitions, Caroline County, Reel 35 and Box 49, Folders 75, 89. Indexed under Inhabitants of Hanover & Caroline, and cites Reel 79, Box, 106, Folder 12.

and earth, double the labor to have complied with his contract and greater expense, in many respects, to have done justice to the counties and credit unto himself. As it is he will be compelled to haul stone thither at a great expense for the said abutment, and if this present unforeseen state of things should continue for any time longer, he must be eventually ruined, unless your Worships should take his hard, his uncommonly hard case into tender consideration, and grant him such additional aid as you, in your wisdom and justice may think him fairly entitled to. He begs leave further to state that when the rebuilding of the said bridge was contracted for, no Act of Assembly had passed to establish it as a toll bridge, nor was it expected that such an act would pass. But of consequence of it being exited into a toll bridge, the very same causes which are likely to effect his ruin, are pouring into the coffers of the two counties great and unexpected treasures. That is to say in one word the two large and respectable counties of Caroline and Hanover are growing rich at the expense of poor Benjamin Kidd!

He, therefore, and those whose names are here unto subscribed, humbly pray that your worships may take his hard case into consideration and grant him, out of the surplus tolls of the said bridge, a fair equivalent for his additional expense and labor bestowed thereon, or do in the premises, as to your wisdom and justice, and Honour, may seem right and proper. And he and they, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc. etc. the damages of the previous day. Had such an idea ever occurred to him or been suggested by others, he would not, because he could not, have undertaken to build and keep it in repair for ten years, for double the sum agreed upon. In that case it would have required timber of much greater strength and magnitude, materials for the abutments of more durability than poles and earth, double the labor to have complied with his contract and greater expense, in many respects, to have done justice to the counties and credit unto himself. As it is he will be compelled to haul stone thither at a great expense for the said abutment, and if this present unforeseen state of things should continue for any time longer, he must be eventually ruined, unless your Worships should take his hard, his uncommonly hard case into tender consideration, and grant him such additional aid as you, in your wisdom and justice may think him fairly entitled to. He begs leave further to state that when the rebuilding of the said bridge was contracted for, no Act of Assembly had passed to establish it as a toll bridge, nor was it expected that such an act would pass. But of consequence of it being exited into a toll bridge, the very same causes which are likely to effect his ruin, are pouring into the coffers of the two counties great and unexpected treasures. That is to say in one word the two large and respectable counties of Caroline and Hanover are growing rich at the expense of poor Benjamin Kidd!

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