

**THE KIDDS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
1764 - 1850**

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INTRODUCTION

This compilation is a compendium (or inventory) of all historical records found to date that mention one or more individuals with the surname of Kidd in Mecklenburg County, Virginia from the time of its founding in 1764 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.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY and its records

Mecklenburg County was formed on 26 May 1764 from Lunenburg County. The county seat is Boydton.

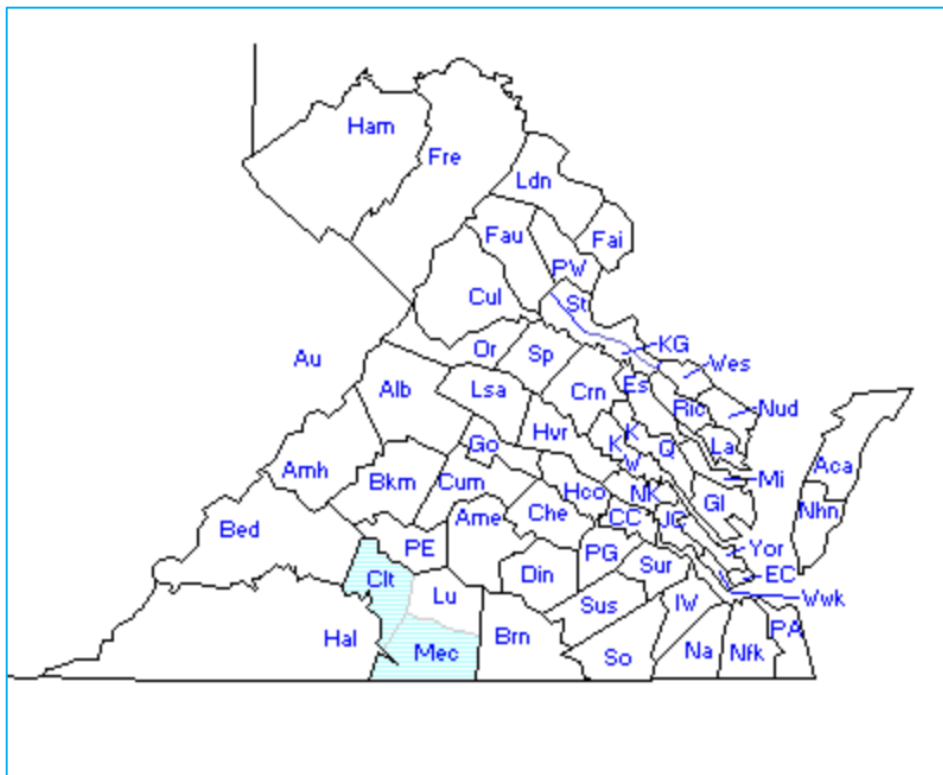


FIGURE: Virginia Counties in 1764, the year that Charlotte (Clt) and Mecklenburg (Mec) Counties were formed out of parts of Lunenburg (Lu) County.¹

¹ Map from : www.mapofus.org/Virginia/, a terrific website that hosts an interactive map demonstrating the formation of Virginia counties over time. Once on this site, scroll down to the Interactive Map; there you can click on a given year, and see the boundaries of each county at that time.

Mecklenburg County borders the North Carolina counties of Warren, Vance, and Granville; and early residents of Mecklenburg County, including members of our Kidd family, can be found in records from counties on both sides of the state line.

The wiki for Mecklenburg County at Familysearch.org has a thorough list of what records exist for this county, and provides links to some of them:

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Mecklenburg_County,_Virginia

Land, Probate and Marriage records are available for Mecklenburg County from 1765 (though the birth, marriage and death records are incomplete), and birth and death records from 1853. There have been no major record losses for this county, but the federal censuses for 1790, 1800, 1810 and 1890 are not available.

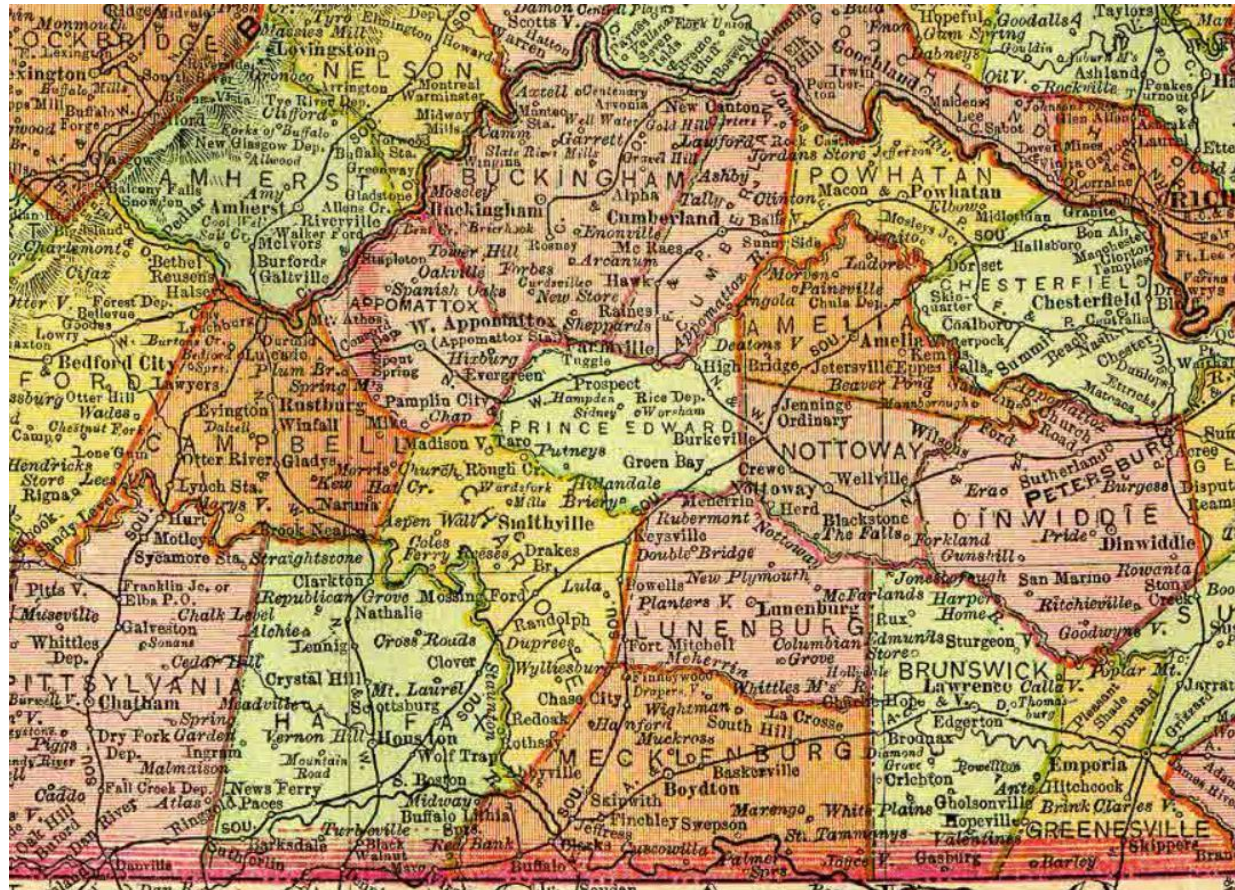


FIGURE: Map of south-central Virginia counties, showing Mecklenburg County (bottom center of this image) and the neighboring counties. Not pictured, the North Carolina counties of Granville, Vance and Warren lie to the south of Mecklenburg County, across the VA-NC state line.

Another, more detailed map of Mecklenburg County is available online, at:

<http://www.vagenweb.org/mecklenburg/1870use.htm>

This map is circa 1870, and contains the local landmarks and roads of that era, as well as the names of many of the residents. It displays in 16 sections, each of which can be enlarged by clicking on it. For example, click on Section 16, in the lower right corner, and you'll see in the upper right of that section "Mrs. Kidd" just west of Blacks Road, south of Marengo. This most likely refers to Mrs. Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Rainey Kidd, the widow of John B. Kidd.

This document is a compilation of all citations of individuals with the surname of Kidd in Mecklenburg County, Virginia from its formation in 1764 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.

The Kidds of Mecklenburg County in this era (1764-1850) consist almost entirely of two distinct groups, each headed by a patriarch named James Kidd.

The earlier James Kidd, whom we've labeled James(1) Kidd because he was the first Kidd to arrive in Mecklenburg County, was in the area prior to the creation of Mecklenburg County. He and his children left many records here, and most of them migrated to Oglethorpe County, Georgia before 1800. **The origins of James(1) Kidd are unproven at this time.**²

The other James Kidd (we call him James(2) Kidd in this compilation) did not arrive in Mecklenburg County until 1816, along with some of his children. We postulate that this James Kidd was the son of George Kidd, Sr. of Amelia County, Virginia, based upon his paper trail and the close Y-DNA match between his descendants and other proven descendants of George Kidd Sr. See James(2) Kidd's section of this compilation for more information.

SOME TIPS ON USING THIS DOCUMENT

This PDF document is completely searchable, using the Search feature in your PDF Viewer.

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in the [APPENDIX](#), found on page 44 and following.

Names in **bold, underlined 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.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS COMPILATION

LTL(s) – Land Tax List(s) PPTL(s) – Personal Property Tax Lists
LoV – Library of Virginia

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

AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF ALL MECKLENBURG COUNTY KIDDS,

² Many family trees on Ancestry.com list this James Kidd's parents, but NONE provide any credible evidence to support their claims. Unsubstantiated claims have no place in genealogical research.

BY GIVEN NAME, THEN CHRONOLOGICAL APPEARANCE

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Remember: names in **bold underlined font** have been added to the MSX Kidds' Tree at Ancestry.com

BARTLETT M. KIDD, the son of John B. Kidd and Elizabeth M. Rainey
born 16 Aug 1826³ in Mecklenburg County, VA
died 19 March 1862 in the Civil War

1850 – **Bartlett Kidd** appears for the first time on the Mecklenburg County, VA PPTL this year, taxed only for his own tithe. (This is the last year of the Mecklenburg PPTLs that we've checked.)

He's on the federal census in 1850 in his parents' household. See the section for John B. Kidd in this paper.

1853 – **Bartlett M. Kidd** married Virender Jones 11 August 1853 in Warren County, NC.⁴

1860 – He is on the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, p. 25, HH 207:

Kidd, B.M. 34MW farmer \$100 VA cannot read or write

" , Verenda 27FW VA cannot read or write

" , Charles 5MW VA

" , George 4MW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , Saml. 5/12MW VA

1862 – **Bartlett M. Kidd** served as a private in the 22nd Battalion/2nd Virginia Artillery Co. D under Captain James Alexander, and died 19 March 1862 at Glebe Hospital in the Richmond/Henrico County, VA area.⁵

EDWARD R. KIDD, the son of John B. Kidd and Elizabeth M. Rainey
Born 5 Jul 1822⁶ in Mecklenburg County, VA

³ The John B. Kidd family Bible record, 1794-1842, Library of Virginia Archives and Manuscripts Room, call #25295a, https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01LVA_INST/9cpp9q/alma990004949270205756

See [Appendix 2](#) for more information.

⁴ Ancestry.com. *North Carolina, U.S., Marriage Records, 1741-2011* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015.

⁵ Bartlett M. Kidd, Civil War Service Records, Confederate Army, Virginia
<https://www.fold3.com/image/7971521?terms=bartlett,kidd>

⁶ The John B. Kidd family Bible record, 1794-1842, Library of Virginia Archives and Manuscripts Room, call #25295a, https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01LVA_INST/9cpp9q/alma990004949270205756
See [Appendix 2](#) for more information.

**Married (1) Tabitha Glover, daughter of Granderson Glover by his first wife,⁷ and (2) Mary H. Burton, daughter of Robert and Jane Burton.
Died August 1870 in Mecklenburg County, VA**

- 1847 – He appears for the first time on the Mecklenburg County, PPTLs in 1847, taxed only for his own tithe. He reappears annually through 1850, the last year we've checked.
- 1850 – I've not found him on the federal census in 1850. He's not in his father's household.
- 1860 – He is on the federal census in Mecklenburg County, living alone:⁸
Edward R. Kidd 35MW farm laborer (b'place blank on entire page)
- 1861 – **Edward Kidd** enlisted in Co. B, 56th Virginia Infantry Regiment on 22 June 1861 as a private.⁹
- 1864 – On 31 March 1864, **Edward R. Kidd** married Tabitha Glover, the daughter of Granderson Glover by his first wife.¹⁰
Tabitha died young, evidently during or soon after the birth of their son Richard Kidd.
- 1866 – **Edward R. Kidd** married his second wife Mary Burton on 21 November 1866 in Mecklenburg County, VA.¹¹ Her mother Rebecca Burton provided a statement of consent to this marriage to the Mecklenburg County Court Clerk.¹²
- 1870 – On the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, South Hill twp., Boynton P.O., p. 10, HH 80/68:
Kidd, Edward R. 46MW miller VA can read and write
" , Mary 20FW keeps house VA cannot read or write
" , Richard 6MW VA

He died in August of 1870 in Mecklenburg County, VA. His death record lists his occupation as "miller," and named his parents as John and Elizabeth Kidd.¹³
Family lore includes a story passed down in several branches of this family, saying that Edward and his second wife Mary died the same night, with young son Richard waking up in the morning and finding them both dead.¹⁴ This story is supported by the fact that his entry in the Mecklenburg County Death Register is followed by hers. Both died of "chills" (the day of their deaths is not listed), and the informant for both deaths was Zach Jones, a

⁷ Julie Cabitto writes: "Edward Kidd (son of John B. Kidd) married Tabitha Glover. Tabitha was d/o Granderson Glover and Clarkey Anderson. After Clarkey died in TN, Granderson brought his two daughters to Mecklenburg and married Arimenta Kidd (d/o John B. Kidd). After Granderson died is when Tabitha and Edward married. So when Tabitha Glover married Edward Kidd, Arimenta Kidd became her step mother and sister-in-law at the same time. Tabitha didn't live very long and most likely died in child birth with Richard Kidd in 1864. Edward married Mary Burton in 1866. Both Edward and Mary Kidd died in Aug 1870 from Consumption and I lost track of where Richard Kidd went. Richard would've only been 6 years old when his father died."

⁸ Mecklenburg County, Virginia 1860 census, 98th Regiment, p. 36, St. Tamany post office, HH 293/290.

⁹ U. S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865, on Ancestry.com

¹⁰ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940 on Ancestry.com.

¹¹ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Book I, page 29.

¹² Virginia, County Marriage Records, 1771-1943, retrieved from FHL #1870814, image 660.

¹³ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Death Registers, 1853-1896, on FHL #2048577, image 309, via familysearch.org (restricted access). Also found on Ancestry.com (same database).

¹⁴ See his Notes section on Reiley Kidd's family tree, or contact the author for more information.

neighbor. Mary's parents are listed in this record as Robert and Jane Burton of Mecklenburg County.

ELIZABETH (BEASLEY) KIDD, the daughter of John Pitts Beasley¹⁵ of Amelia County, VA¹⁶ and Warren County, NC,¹⁷ and the wife of James(2) Kidd, aka James L. Kidd
Born before 1774,¹⁸ probably in Amelia County, VA
Married James(2) Kidd before 1794,¹⁹ most likely in Warren County, NC
Died on 17 June 1821,²⁰ most likely in Mecklenburg County, VA
See her husband's section of this compilation for more details, or visit her page in our Middlesex County Kidds family tree on Ancestry.com at <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37652986/person/19120499430/facts>
Much more information about her father is available from the authors.²¹

ELIZABETH ANN (KIDD) TEMPLE, the daughter of James(2) Kidd and Elizabeth Beasley
Born about 1804,²² most likely in Warren County, NC²³
Married Riddick Temple in 1825 in Mecklenburg County, VA
Died in November 1855 in Brunswick County, VA

1825 – A Mecklenburg County marriage bond was issued 20 July 1825 for the marriage of Riddick Temple and **Elizabeth Ann Kidd**. The surety for this marriage bond was John B. Kidd, her brother. Consent was given by James L. Kidd, her father.²⁴

¹⁵ John Pitts Beasley died testate in Warren County, NC before May Court 1792, when his will was presented in Court and admitted to record. His will did not list his children by name. We know that Elizabeth Beasley was one of them because she and her husband, James Kidd, received one share of JP Beasley's estate when it was distributed to his heirs in 1805. See her husband's section of this document for details.

¹⁶ John Pitts Beasley is found on the Amelia County tax lists in 1765 and again in 1766, without land or slaves; he's also listed under Thomas Tabb, a large landowner (over 6000 acres) and slaveholder (87 slaves in 1765), one of twelve white men (evidently overseers or managers who worked for Tabb) for whom Thomas Tabb paid their tithe/poll tax. JP Beasley drops from the Amelia County Virginia tax lists by 1769 (no lists are available for 1767 or 1768) and does not reappear on them.

¹⁷ John Pitts Beasley was in Bute County, NC by 22 November 1777, when he purchased 209 acres of land on the waters of Haughtree (Hawtree) Creek from Francis Rees and Ann Rees his wife for £100 Virginia money. Bute County ceased to exist in 1779, when it was split to form Warren County and Franklin County. (Warren County, NC Deed Book 6, pages 345-346, retrieved from FHL #20067, images 349-350 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital images available upon request.

¹⁸ The year of her birth is uncertain: she's listed as age 26-44 on the 1800 federal census (so born between 1756 and 1774. We've been unable to find her and her family on the 1810 federal census. She's over 44 years old on the 1820 census, so born prior to 1776.

¹⁹ This estimated date of their marriage is based upon the birth date of their oldest child, John B. Kidd, who was born 26 February 1794 (per John B. Kidd's Copy Book – see his section of this compilation).

²⁰ Per her son's Copy Book. See [Appendix Two](#) of this compilation for details.

²¹ Stored on Dropbox: Kidd Patriarchs other than VA/NC/Warren Co/Beasley folder.

²² Judging from her 1850 federal census entry, and her death record.

²³ Her 1850 federal census entry lists her birthplace as Virginia, but her father was living in Warren County, NC from 1800 through 1815, and it's more likely that she was born there.

²⁴ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1825-1828, retrieved from FHL #1870774, images 241 and 243, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital images available upon request.

1850 – On the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, 98th Regiment, page 68, HH 316:
Roderick Temple 46MW farmer \$2100 real estate VA

Elizabeth “ 46FW VA

James “ 23MW mechanic VA

William “ 21MW do. VA

Frances “ 19FW VA

Louisa “ 17FW VA Attended school within the year

Eliza “ 15FW VA Attended school within the year

Elmira “ 13FW VA Attended school within the year

Roderick “ 10MW VA Attended school within the year

Robert “ 8MW VA

Daniel “ 6MW VA

1855 – **Eliza A. Temple** died of cancer in November (day not listed) 1855 in Brunswick County, VA. Her death record lists her age at death as 50 years, her birthplace as Mecklenburg County, VA, and her parents as Jas. and Eliza Kidd.²⁵

Her husband Roderick Temple was the informant for this record. He outlived her and married again, and died in 1869.

See their entries in our family tree on Ancestry.com for more information:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37652986/person/362124777832/facts>

ELIZABETH M. “BETSY” (RAINEY) KIDD, the daughter of Williamson Rainey, Sr.²⁶ and Edith Morgain/Morgan²⁷ of Mecklenburg County, VA, and the wife of John B. Kidd
Born 15 May 1794,²⁸ most likely in Mecklenburg County, VA
Married John B. Kidd on 19 February 1818 in Mecklenburg County, VA
Died sometime after the 1880 federal census

1818 – A marriage bond for John Kidd and **Betsy M. Rainey** was issued 16 Feb 1818 in Mecklenburg County, VA. The surety was William Rainey, and Williamson Rainey Sr., father of Betsy, gave his consent.²⁹

1820 – In a deed dated 25 August 1827, **John B. Kidd and Betsy M.**, his wife, of Mecklenburg County sold to Roderick Temple of Brunswick County, “For and in consideration of the love and affection for Roderick Temple our brother-in-law and for \$1,” a tract of land on Charles Jones line, a sweet gum on Great Creek, along Jones’ line to Hunters Mill pond, etc.,

²⁵ Brunswick County Death Registers, 1853-1896, cited on Ancestry.com, and available on FHL #2056974, image 343 of 715 via familysearch.org (restricted access – no download permitted).

²⁶ Named in her father’s will (signed 8 January 1846, proved in Court 19 April 1847) as “Elizabeth Kydd.” Mecklenburg County Virginia Will Book 16, pages 374-376, retrieved from FHL #32524, images 218-119 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital images available upon request.

²⁷ Williamson Rainey obtained a marriage bond for his marriage to Edith Morgain on 23 November 1779 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Reuben Morgain provided his consent for this marriage. See Mecklenburg County, Virginia marriage bonds, 1770-1912, FHL #1870766, images 551 and 553 of 904, viewable on familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

²⁸ This date of birth comes from her husband’s Copy Book. See [Appendix Two](#) for details. This year of birth doesn’t match any of her census entries, but seems most likely.

²⁹ *Marriage Records, 1811-1853, Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, by the Prestwoud Chapter, DAR, South Hill, VA, 1962, p. 101

and containing 198½ acres. Signed and sealed by John B. Kidd; signed with mark by **Betsy M. Kidd**.

Witnesses to this deed were James Kidd and Sally Griffith.

On 30 March 1833 the justices of the peace certified that Kidd personally acknowledged the deed and that Betsy relinquished her dower rights. Deed recorded 15 April 1833.³⁰

1830 – The household of John B. Kidd is found on the 1830 federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, part 2, page 58:

John D. (sic) Kidd - one WM<5, 3 5-9, & 1 30-39; 1F 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39 and 1 60-69. Ten slaves. Betsy is believed to be the white woman aged 30-39. The identity of the older white woman is unclear.³¹

1833 – On 30 August 1833, **John B. Kidd** and his wife **Betsy M.** for the sum of \$110 sold to Elizabeth Wall a tract of land in Mecklenburg County adjoining Barber, Z. Jones, and Robin Thomas, containing 50 acres. Signed and sealed by John B. Kidd; signed by mark by **Elizabeth M. Kidd**.

On 20 August 1833, justices of the peace certify as to acknowledgment of this deed by John B. Kidd, and **Elizabeth Kidd's** relinquishment of dower.

Deed recorded 10 February 1834.³²

1846 –The Mecklenburg County will of Williamson Rainey, which he signed on 8 Jan 1846, bequeathed two slaves and other property to his daughter “**Elizabeth M. Kydd**” [wife of **John B. Kidd**].³³

1850 – On the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, 98th Regiment, p. 59A, HH 167/167:
John B. Kidd 58M farmer \$5245 VA

Betsy “ 45F VA

Bartlett “ 22M laborer VA

James “ 21M “ VA

William “ 10M VA

Allen “ 8M VA

Dick “ 6M VA

Elizabeth “ 18F VA

Arminta “ 15F VA

Mary “ 13F VA

1860 – On the federal census in Forksville, Mecklenburg County, VA, Roll 1362 Book 1, Page 236, HH 29/29:

John B. Kidd 67MW \$15,000/8,000 (places of birth all blank on this page)

Elizabeth “ 57FW

Allen “ 20WM farm laborer

³⁰ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 25, p. 369-370, retrieved from FHL #432543, images 456-457 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³¹ 1830 federal census, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, p. 58:

William Rainey 0010001-110001 (older male 40-49; older female 30-39)

John D. Kidd 130001-011001001 (older male and female both 30-39; elderly female 60-69)

³² Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 26, p. 10, retrieved from FHL #32444, image 11 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³³ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 16, pp. 374-376, retrieved from FHL #32524, images 218-219 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Mary Dugger 22WF domestic (possibly daughter Mary, married and widowed?)
Armstead " 5WM

1862 – John B. Kidd died September 1862 in Mecklenburg County, VA.³⁴ His will, dated 12 Jun 1862, leaves bequests to his wife **Betty M. Kidd** and their children.³⁵

His probate documents, listing all his heirs, are available online at this URL:

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/mecklenburg/wills/kiddj.txt>

Several Mecklenburg County Chancery Court suits followed his death, and these are not yet available online (as of July 2021) at the Virginia Digital Archives site at:

<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp#res>

Case 1863-026: **Eliza M. Kidd** v. Exr of John B. Kidd, etc.³⁶

Case 1872-039: Exr of John B Kidd v. Turner etc.³⁷

Case 1872-046: Lett v. Kidd etc.

Case 1873-088: Edward R. Kidd etc. v. **Elizabeth M. Kidd**, widow, etc.

(and others; see the section for John B. Kidd)

1870 – After John B. Kidd's death, **Elizabeth M. Kidd** is found living with her daughter Elizabeth Hall in 1870, next door to her son Allen Kidd.

On the federal census in South Hill twp., Mecklenburg County, VA, Boydton P.O., p. 25-26:
HH 227/199

Kidd, Allen B. 31MW farmer \$200/200 VA

" , Margaret 20FW keeps house VA

" , John R. 1MW VA

HH 228/200

Hall, Miles 47MW farmer \$500/250 VA

" , Elizabeth E. 39FW keeps house VA

" , Sarah E. 16FW VA " , Alice A. 14FW VA cannot write

" , Mary L. 12FW VA cannot write

" , Edward J. 10MW VA cannot write

" , Catherine 2FW VA

Kidd, Elizabeth M. 70WF VA cannot write

1880 – On the federal census in South Hill twp., Mecklenburg County, VA, ED 149, sheet 14B, HH 129:

Hall, Miles C. head WM 48M farmer VA VA VA

" , Elizabeth wife WF 45M keeps house VA VA VA

" , Jennie dau. WF 21S at home VA VA VA

" , Edward son WM 19S farm laborer VA VA VA

" , Catherine dau WF 13S at home VA VA VA

" , Ella dau WF 5S VA VA VA

³⁴ John B. Kidd's Copy Book. See [Appendix Two](#).

³⁵ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 20, p. 383, retrieved from FHL #32526, image 233 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital image available upon request.

³⁶ An abstract of this case is available at: <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/mecklenburg/wills/kiddj.txt>

³⁷ Ibid.

Kidd, Elizabeth mother-in-law WF 84 widow at home VA VA VA
Lambert, Earnest servant BM 13S farm laborer VA VA VA

She died sometime after the 1880 federal census; the date and place of her death are not known. She does not appear on the Mecklenburg County Death Registers, 1853-1896. The most likely place that her death might be recorded is in the Chancery Court records mentioned above. These records have not yet been digitized.

FRANCES (ROBERTSON) KIDD, third wife of James(1) Kidd

Married James(1) Kidd in 1795. They had no known children.

Moved with her husband to Oglethorpe County, GA ca 1797

Died before October 1813³⁸, likely in Oglethorpe County, GA

1795 – A marriage bond dated 8 Aug 1795 was issued in Mecklenburg County, VA for James Kidd and **Frances Robertson**, surety Mark Robertson.^{39 40} This bond includes the signature of James Kidd.

Note: A marriage bond was also issued in Warren County, NC on 16 September 1795, for the marriage of James Kidd to **Frankey Robertson**. Simon Williams was the bondsman, and M. Duke Johnson was the witness. This may indicate that Frances Robertson was from Warren County, NC.]

1795 – In a Mecklenburg County deed dated 11 Nov 1795, **James and Frances Kidd** of Mecklenburg County sold to William Hendrick for £180 a tract of land containing 222 acres, bounded by Nutbush Creek and lands of John Tanner and William Kidd. This deed was recorded 8 September 1800.⁴¹

1810 – In an Oglethorpe County, GA deed dated 10 June 1810, James Kidd conveyed to **Frances Kidd, “his loving wife,”** a life estate on 119 acres on headwaters of Grove Creek in Oglethorpe County, GA, a Negro slave Jenny, and household items. Upon the death of **Frances Kidd**, all this property to go to “my son” Anderson R. Kidd. Also additional property to go to Anderson R. Kidd, including four-year-old male slave Shadrack. If Anderson R. Kidd should die without heirs, then all the above property is to go to “my son” John Kidd and his heirs.⁴²

1813 – On 4 October 1813, Anderson R. Kidd sold this 119-acre tract to Pascal Murphy for \$300,⁴³ evidence that **Frances Robertson Kidd** had died before this date.

³⁸ Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book H, 1812-1816, pages 246-247, FHL #158676, retrieved via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), images 142-143 on this reel.

³⁹ *The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, from 1765 to 1810*, by Stratton Nottingham, 1928, p. 30.

⁴⁰ *Marriage Records 1765-1810 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, published by the author, South Hill VA, 1968, p. 77. A digital image of this marriage bond was retrieved from FHL #1870764, Mecklenburg County Marriage Bonds, vol. J-Mc, image 272 of 735, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), and is available upon request.

⁴¹ Mecklenburg County, NC DB 10, p 376.

⁴² Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book G, p. 106

⁴³ Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book H, 1812-1816, pages 246-247, FHL #158676, retrieved via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), images 142-143 on this reel.

JAMES(1) KIDD – Parents unknown

Likely born by 1737 in Virginia⁴⁴

In Lunenburg County, Virginia by 1758, in the part of Lunenburg that became Mecklenburg County in 1764-5

Married three times, to 1) unnamed daughter of Mary Addaman Stevens, 2) to Winifred/Winny Hudson, daughter of Robert Hudson, and 3) to Frances Robertson (as outlined below).

Remained in Mecklenburg County, Virginia until circa 1797, when he followed his sons to Oglethorpe County, Georgia

Died in Georgia abt. 1816.

This James Kidd has been claimed, *without any proof whatsoever*, to have been the son of James3 (William2, Thomas1) Kidd and his wife Elizabeth. We include this claim here solely for the purpose of refuting it.

Our research shows that James3 (William2, Thomas1) Kidd is most likely the patriarch of a Buckingham County, Virginia Kidd family that does not include this James Kidd, nor his presumed brother Webb Kidd. See Appendix Five of this compilation for a summary of our research on the James3 (William2, Thomas1) Kidd, using the Genealogical Proof Standard.

A descendant of this James Kidd (through his son Zachariah Kidd) is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA Project and is a close Y-DNA match to other known descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia. Y-DNA evidence tells us that this Kidd line shares a common male ancestor, Thomas1 Kidd, with other Kidd lines. It does not, however, tell us how this Kidd line descends from Thomas1 Kidd.

1758 – The earliest record known for James Kidd in **Lunenburg County** is March 1758, when he had a claim for provisions in the French and Indian War: "To William Howard, Ephraim Hudson, and **James Kidd**, £1.5.6 each, providers of Provisions for Militia, French and Indian War."⁴⁵

James Kidd was a witness on 5 Sept 1758 when Mary Stevens⁴⁶ (Stephens) of Lunenburg County sold to John Cunningham of Lunenburg County a 200-acre tract of Lunenburg land, amount not noted. This tract of land was located along **Nutbush Creek** on the south side of the Roanoke River.⁴⁷ Mary Addaman Stevens was the mother-in-law of James Kidd, and left a bequest to his son William Kidd in her will written 4 Aug 1771 and proven 10 Oct

⁴⁴ Although we have found numerous records for him, none of them providing even the YEAR of his birth. The only record that comes close is the 1758 Lunenburg record (the first record for him we've located). He had to be at least 21 years of age then; so he'd have been born by 1737, and perhaps was born earlier.

⁴⁵ See <http://files.usgarchives.net/va/lunenburg/military/frenchindian/fiwlune.txt>, and search on Kidd.

⁴⁶ Mary Stevens had several other deeds in Lunenburg county, all in 1758. These did not mention any Kidds, so I did not add them to this document. But in one of them, in which she purchased 1004 acres from Theophilus Fields, the witnesses included Thomas Addaman and John Cunningham (DB 5:348-349). Images of all the deeds found for her are in the Lunenburg Source Docs folder.

⁴⁷ Lunenburg County Deed Book 5, pages 352-353, retrieved from FHL #32390, image 194, via familysearch.org (restricted access, FHCs only) by RL, January 31, 2020. Digital images available upon request.

1762 – On 2 August 1762, an indenture from John Cunninghame (sic) to **James Kid** (sic) was presented in Lunenburg County Court and recorded.⁵² This order likely relates to the 1761 sale above.

1763/64 – This **James Kidd** and his family were in the portion of Lunenburg County that became Mecklenburg County in 1764; his sons James Kidd [Jr., also known as James H. or James Henry] and William Kidd attested that they were born in Mecklenburg County, VA in their Rev War pension applications [filed in GA in 1832 and 1833, respectively].⁵³ William, the elder son, was more likely born in Lunenburg County, before Mecklenburg County was created on 26 May 1764.

1764 – In Lunenburg County Court on 9 February 1764, the case of John Potter, plaintiff, against **James Kidd**, defendant, on a petition was heard. For reasons appearing to the Court, the suit was dismissed at the Defendant's costs.⁵⁴

On 9 Aug 1764, Lunenburg County Road Orders record that John Johnson was appointed Surveyor of Road in the room of [succeeding] Chesley Daniel, from Kings Road to county line. The hands of Josiah Daniel, **James Kidd**, Miles Johnson, Joseph Michaux, John Stephens, and Thomas Stephens to work on said Road and keep it in repair according to Law.⁵⁵

1765 – In February Court 1765 of Lunenburg County, Elizabeth Cuningham, widow and relict of James Cuningham, dec'd, came into Court and relinquished her right of dower in the land conveyed by her said husband to **James Kidd** and desired that the same might be recorded, which was ordered.⁵⁶

In April Court 1765 of Lunenburg County, **James Kidd**, a witness for Joseph Duprey against Richard Yancy, ordered to be paid for 4 days' attendance and for 25 miles travel each way from Carolina Line to the Old Court House, and once coming and returning 45 miles to this courthouse, and 2 shillings for ferriage. (Another witness, James Griffin, was paid for 45 miles travel from Mecklenburg County.)⁵⁷

In July Court 1765 of Lunenburg County, a similar notice as above to pay **James Kidd** for "Five days attendance and 3 times coming and returning 46 miles from Carolina Line and 2 shillings for ferriages."⁵⁸

⁵² *Lunenburg County, Virginia Order Book 8, 1762*, by June Banks Evans, Bryn Ffyliaid Publications, New Orleans, Louisiana, p. 27, citing Order Book 8, page 77. We have not yet seen the actual record.

⁵³ The pension abstracts are at <http://www.southerncampaign.org/pen/s16436.pdf> and <http://www.southerncampaign.org/pen/s31796.pdf>.

⁵⁴ *Lunenburg County, Virginia Court Order Book No. 9, 1763-1764*, TLC Genealogy, Miami Beach, Florida, page 154, citing page 313 of the actual order book. We've not seen the original record, only this abstract.

⁵⁵ *Lunenburg County [VA] Road Orders 1746-1764*, Nathaniel Mason Pawlett, Virginia Transportation Research Council, Charlottesville VA, Jan 1993, p. 169, citing "9 August 1764, page 129." http://www.virginiadot.org/vtrc/main/online_reports/pdf/93-r17.pdf

⁵⁶ *Lunenburg County Order Book No. 10, 1764-1765*, published by TLC Genealogy, Inc., Miami Beach, Florida, page 171, citing page 205 of the Order Book. We have not seen the original.

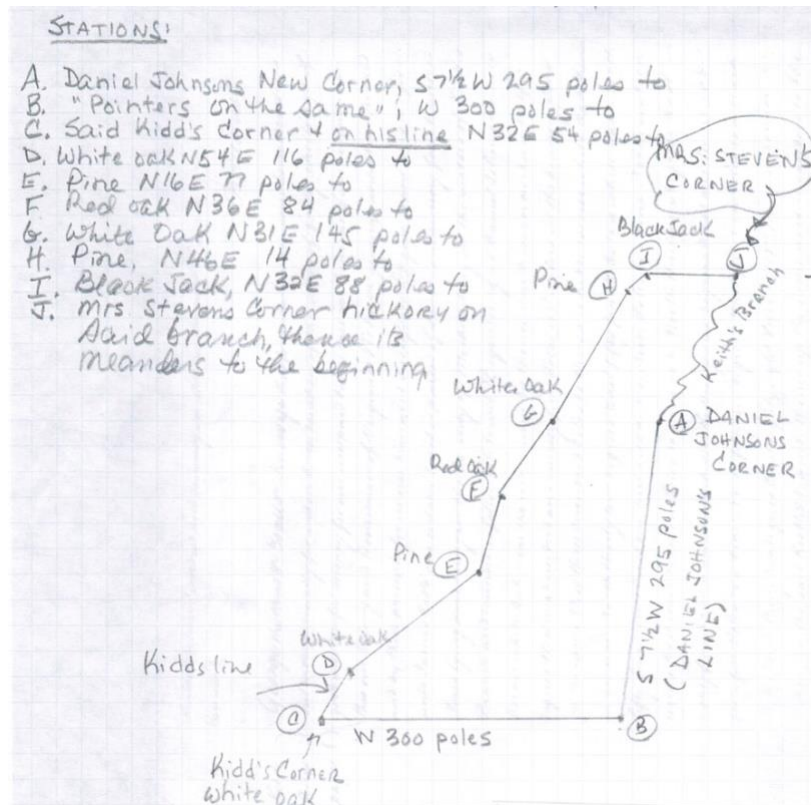
⁵⁷ *Lunenburg County Virginia Order Book No. 11, 1765-1766*, TLC Genealogy, 2000, P. 69, citing page 64 of the original Order Book.

⁵⁸ *Ibid*, p. 109.

Circa 1774 – The name of **James Kidd** appears on a list of colonial soldiers of Lunenburg County, “including rangers and militia” who served in the French and Indian War. No other Kidd citations in this book index.⁵⁹

No further records of **James Kidd** are found in Lunenburg County, because he lived in the portion that became Mecklenburg County in 1764.

1770 – 27 Aug 1770, **Mecklenburg County**, Virginia Land Office Patent to **James Kidd**, Patent Book 39, p. 105: 400 acres. On Keeth’s [Keith’s] Branch. Adjacent to land held by **James Kidd**. Boundaries: from Daniel Johnson’s corner to **Kidd’s corner** and “on his line” to Mrs. Stevens’ corner on the “said branch” as it meanders to the beginning [Daniel Johnson’s corner].^{60, 61} See Figure, below:



1771 – The will of Mary Stevens, signed on 4 Aug 1771 in **Mecklenburg County**, bequeathed land on Nutbush Creek to her **grandson William Kidd**, adjoining land of **James Kidd**. This will was proved in court on 10 October 1791.⁶²

[NOTE: Mary Stevens was the widow of Thomas Addaman of Prince George County, VA

⁵⁹ *The Old Free State. History of Lunenburg County and Southside Virginia*, by Landon C. Bell, Richmond, 1927 (reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1974, p. 195.

⁶⁰ *Early Settlers of Mecklenburg county, Virginia, Volume 1*, by Katherine B. Elliott, 1964, page 43, citing Mecklenburg Patent Book 39, p. 105. [SKK has copy of original patent]

⁶¹ Virginia Land Office Patent Book 39, p. 105, Mecklenburg County, Virginia 27 Aug 1770. [SKK has photocopy of original patent and plat drawn by Craig Kilby. See Figure.]

⁶² Mecklenburg County Will Book 3, page 76, retrieved from FHL # 1870858, image 288 of 699 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital image of this will available upon request.

and second the widow of Thomas Stevens of Brunswick County, VA. She owned more than 1000 acres in Mecklenburg County near the NC line.]

1775 – On 14 January 1775, Giles Carter of Guilford County, NC sold to Robert Carter Jr. of Mecklenburg County for £35 about 200 acres in Mecklenburg County on the south side of Keeth's branch, it being all of the tract that Giles Carter purchased of Charles Carter, and where Robert Carter the elder now lives, and bounded by and between the lines of Daniel Johnson's orphans, Samuel Hopkins, Robert Burton Newton, John Hendrick, Thomas Stephens, and **James Kidd**...deed recorded 13 March 1775.⁶³

Note: A John Kidd was listed as one of the adjoining landowners in a deed dated 11 October 1777 in which Mary Stevens sold one acre of land to John Johnson Jr. on south side of Nutbush Creek, same day that his father Michael Johnson gave him one additional acre adjoining the creek.⁶⁴ We do not know the relationship, if any, of this John Kidd to James Kidd.

1777 – In 1777 [no month or day listed]: **James Kidd and Winny his wife** [Winny/Winifred Hudson] of Mecklenburg County sold for (blank) £ to George Wilson of Bute County, NC, 100 acres bordered by the county line. No witnesses listed. Recorded 12 Jan 1778.⁶⁵

1779 – On 8 Nov 1779, **James Kidd** served on a Mecklenburg County Grand Jury.⁶⁶

1780 – In this year, according to his Revolutionary War pension application, William Kidd entered the militia of Virginia in Mecklenburg County for a second tour of 5 months, as a substitute for his father **James Kidd**, who had been drafted.⁶⁷

1781-1782 – In the Mecklenburg County Court records pertaining to claims submitted for livestock, supplies, provisions, etc. supplied to the County or to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, James Kidd is mentioned several times:
James Kidd, 1 cow, supplied 5 Sept. – 8 Nov. 1781.⁶⁸

At a Mecklenburg County Court on 9 April 1782, **James Kidd** received a certificate for supplying 350# of beef.⁶⁹

1782, ff. – A **James Kidd** appears on the Mecklenburg County Personal Property Tax Lists in 1782 (the first year for which these records are available) and reappears annually through 1796. (See Table below).

⁶³ *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1771-1776*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, page 97, citing Mecklenburg DB 4, page 404.

⁶⁴ *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1777-1779*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, p. 18, citing Mecklenburg County Deed Book 5, pp. 98-99. This deed can be viewed on familysearch.org on FHL #32534, image 75.

⁶⁵ Mecklenburg County Deed Book 5, pp 167-168, retrieved from FHL #32534, images 109-110 of 611 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Scanned images available upon request.

⁶⁶ VA Gen Society Qly, 20:4.

⁶⁷ The Rev. War pension application for William Kidd, S31796, p. 5, available on Fold3.com.

⁶⁸ *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), p. 669

⁶⁹ *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), p. 655.

[Note: The 1782 tax list citation for James Kidd is described as “District enumerated by William Davis, bounded by Roanoke River, North Carolina line, and road running north/south from Taylor’s Ferry”.]

Year	Taxpayer	Other WMTs	Slaves	Cattle	Horses
1782	James Kidd	William Kidd	5	28	3
1783	James Kidd	-	5	29	5
1784	James Kidd	-	5	21	3
1785	James Kidd	-	5	19	5
1786	James Kidd	-	6	17	5
1787	James Kidd	Zachariah Kidd ⁷⁰	6	20	5
1788	James Kidd	Zach. Kidd	5	X ⁷¹	4
1789	James Kidd	Zachariah Kidd	5	-	3
1790	James Kidd	-	6	-	4
1791	James Kidd	-	5	-	5
1792	James Kidd	-	5	-	3
1793	James Kidd	John Kidd	5	-	5
1794	James Kidd	-	3	-	5
1795	James Kidd	-	3	-	6
1796	James Kidd	drops from lists			
1804	James Kidd	-	0	-	1
1805	Again	Drops from list			

1783 – On 14 April 1783, Mary Stevens of Mecklenburg County sold for £225 a certain tract of land on which John Stevens now lives, containing about 199 acres, being part of a tract of 400 acres on which the said Mary Stevens now lives, and bounded by Nut Bush Creek and **James Kidd**. Signed – Mary (m her mark) Stevens. Witnesses to this deed were Michael Johnson, John Stevens, and John (X his mark) Johnson, Recorded 9 June 1783.⁷²

1784 – On 24 Nov 1784, **James Kidd and Winney Kidd** his wife sold for £125 about 200 acres on Keiths Branch and bounded by Daniel Johnson’s line, Wilson, and Stephens, to John Tanner. Witnesses included William (X his mark) Kidd, John Kindrick, and John Kindrick

⁷⁰ In this PPTL, Zachariah is listed as over 16 but under 21. The following year, the age at which white males became tithable dropped from 21 to 16, and Zach became a tithable.

⁷¹ In 1788, cattle were no longer enumerated in the PPTLs.

⁷² *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1779-1786*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, page 56, citing Mecklenburg County Deed Book 6, page 271.

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Winney released her dower interest on 9 May 1785, the date that this deed was recorded.⁷³

Also in this year, their son James Henry Kidd moved to Georgia. James Henry Kidd married Elizabeth (last name unknown). In his pension application, James H. attests that he had been in GA since 1784. He lived in Elbert County, GA and researchers of this line can find deeds and other records in Elbert County.

1785 – In a Mecklenburg County deed dated 26 December 1785, Hailey Johnson of Mecklenburg County sold for £120 to John Chas. Walden of Mecklenburg County about 400 acres in Mecklenburg County, bounded by **James Kidd's** new corner, the Country line, Burcett (Burchett), Keiths Branch. Recorded 9 January 1786.⁷⁴

1787 – On 17 February 1787, Robert Hudson of Mecklenburg County, Virginia signed his will. This will mentions “wife [not named]” and children Ephraim, “**Winney Kidd**,” Mary Hudson, Lucy Kirles[?], William, Elizabeth Percies[?]. Grandson John Hudson. This will was proved April 11, 1796.⁷⁵

On 8 June 1787, Mary Stevens of Mecklenburg County sold “for love and affection” to William Kidd, a tract of land containing 200 acres on Nutbush Creek at the county line. This deed was recorded 11 Jun 1787.⁷⁶

[Recall that this William Kidd was the son of **James Kidd Sr.** by his first wife, the daughter of Mary Addaman Stevens, whose given name is not revealed in the records.]

On 9 July 1787, **James Kidd** was one of the appraisers of the estate of Robert Carter, along with John Kendrick and George Freeman; they returned their appraisal to the Court on this date, and it was recorded.⁷⁷

1791 – On 10 October 1791, the will of Mary Stevens was proved in Mecklenburg County Court and admitted to record.⁷⁸

1792 – On 9 Jan 1792, in Mecklenburg County, an appraisal of the personal estate of Mary Stevens, dec'd, was made by **James Kidd**, John Hopkins, and William Kendrick. WB 3, p. 85.⁷⁹

1795 – A marriage bond dated 8 Aug 1795 was issued in Mecklenburg County for **James Kidd** and Frances Robertson, surety Mark Robertson.^{80 81} This bond includes the signature of this

⁷³ *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1779-1786*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, page 95, citing Mecklenburg County Deed Book 6, p 464.

⁷⁴ *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1779-1786*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, page 107, citing Mecklenburg County Deed Book 6, page 519.

⁷⁵ *Early Wills 1765-1799 Mecklenburg County Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA, 1963, p. 46, citing Mecklenburg County will book 3, pages 337-338. Images of this will were retrieved from FHL #32518, images 554-555 via Familysearch.org (non-restricted access), and are available upon request.

⁷⁶ Mecklenburg County Deed Book 7, p 132.

⁷⁷ *Early Wills 1765-1799 Mecklenburg County Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA, 1963, p. 144, citing Mecklenburg County WB 2, p. 212.

⁷⁸ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 3, page 76, retrieved from FHL #32518, image 423 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Scanned image available upon request.

⁷⁹ *Early Wills 1765-1799 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA, 1963, p. 156.

⁸⁰ *The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, from 1765 to 1810*, by Stratton Nottingham, 1928, p. 30.

⁸¹ *Marriage Records 1765-1810 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, published by the author, South Hill VA, 1968, p. 77. A digital image of this marriage bond was retrieved from FHL #1870764, Mecklenburg

James Kidd.

Note: There also is a marriage bond issued in Warren County, NC, dated 16 Sept 1795, **James Kidd** to Frankey Robertson, Simon Williams bondsman, M. Duke Johnson witness. [Note: this may indicate that Frances Robertson was from Warren County, NC.]

- 1795 – In a Mecklenburg County deed dated 11 Nov 1795, **James and Frances Kidd** of Mecklenburg County sold to William Hendrick for £180 a tract of land containing 222 acres, bounded by Nutbush Creek and lands of John Tanner and William Kidd. This deed was recorded 8 September 1800.⁸²
- 1796 – In 1796, James Kidd drops from the Mecklenburg County PPTLs and, by 1798, he has moved to Oglethorpe County, GA:
- 1798 – In a deed record for Mecklenburg County, VA dated 1 September 1798, **James Kidd** of **Oglethorpe County, GA** gives power of attorney to **William Kidd** to sell land.⁸³ This was recorded 8 Oct 1798, the same date as the following deed.
- 1798 – In a deed dated 9 June 1798, **William Kidd** of Mecklenburg County sold for \$100 to Nathaniel Chamblis, a tract of 150 acres of land on Nutbush Creek. Recorded 8 Oct 1798.⁸⁴
- 1800 – In a deed dated 5 December 1800, **James Kidd of Oglethorpe County, GA** sold to Othaniel Farmer, 2 acres on Roanoke River, for 10£. Recorded 10 Oct 1803.⁸⁵
- 1810 – In an Oglethorpe County, GA deed dated 10 June 1810, **James Kidd** conveyed to Frances Kidd, “his loving wife,” a life estate on 119 acres on headwaters of Grove Creek in Oglethorpe County, GA, a Negro slave Jenny, and household items. Upon the death of Frances Kidd, all this property to go to “my son” **Anderson R. Kidd**. Also additional property to go to Anderson R. Kidd, including four year old male slave Shadrack. If Anderson R. Kidd should die without heirs, then all the above property is to go to “my son” John Kidd and his heirs.⁸⁶
- 1813 – On 4 Oct 1813, **Anderson R. Kidd** sold this 119-acre tract to Pascal Murphy for \$300,⁸⁷ suggesting that Frances Kidd had died before this date.
- 1816 – According to a letter from John P. Kidd to Murray Kidd dated 13 Jul 2001, **James Kidd** died in 1816 while living in Jackson County, GA, where his son John was also living, and the elder James may have been living with son John. However, on 13 April 1816, son James H. Kidd, of Wilkinson County, GA, applied to the Jackson County, GA court for letters of administration for the estate of **James Kidd**, deceased.

County Marriage Bonds, vol. J-Mc, image 272 of 735, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), and is available upon request.

⁸² Mecklenburg County, Virginia DB 10, p 376.

⁸³ Mecklenburg County, Virginia DB 10, p. 13.

⁸⁴ Mecklenburg County, Virginia DB 10, p 14.

⁸⁵ Mecklenburg County, Virginia DB 11, p 451.

⁸⁶ Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Book G, p. 106

⁸⁷ Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Book H, 1812-1816, pages 246-247, FHL #158676, retrieved via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), images 142-143 on this reel.

JAMES2 KIDD, aka James L. Kidd⁸⁸ – the son of George Kidd Sr. of Amelia County, VA
James5 (George4, Benjamin3, William2, Thomas1 Kidd)
Born abt. 1767 in Amelia County, VA
Married Elizabeth Beasley before 1794, probably in Warren County, NC
Died 31 March 1842, most likely in Mecklenburg County, VA

We are now confident that this James Kidd was the father of John B. Kidd of Mecklenburg County, VA. Y-DNA evidence shows a close genetic match between a proven descendant of John B. Kidd and proven descendants of George Kidd Sr. of Amelia County, VA.

See *The Kidds of Amelia, Dinwiddie and Nottoway Counties, Virginia, 1734-1853* at www.kiddroots.org for more information about this branch of the Kidd family.

Records support this family connection: the Copy Book originally belonging to John B. Kidd, containing birth and death dates of the family, includes the date of death for his mother Elizabeth Beasley Kidd and a note that appears to be for the death year of his father James(2) Kidd.⁸⁹

This is also supported by the fact that a James Kidd appeared in Mecklenburg County, VA shortly before John B. Kidd did and later sold land to John B. Kidd, and John B. Kidd served as bondsman for the marriage of one of James Kidd's daughters, Elizabeth Ann Kidd, to Riddick/Roderick Temple. Consent was given by **James L. Kidd**, father of Elizabeth.⁹⁰

1788 – The Amelia County Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists reveal that in this year George Kidd Sr. had two white males of taxable age, Lod. and Jas., in his household.⁹¹

Persons Names Chargable with Tax	Names of White Tithables	Black & Colored	White & Colored	Amos
may 7 Peter Jones	Peter Jones	7	4	5
George Kidd	George Kidd	-	-	4
George Kidd	George Kidd	-	-	1
Moses Louing	Moses Louing	-	-	2

This is the earliest record mentioning this James Kidd by name.

1789-1792 – In each of these years, the above 1788 entries were repeated:
 Taxpayer White male tithes

⁸⁸ So designated in several records during his lifetime (each specifically noted in the chronology here), and in his death record in the family bible belonging to his son, John B. Kidd.

⁸⁹ See earlier footnotes (above) pertaining to this Copy Book, evidently transcribed out of the family Bible.
 A copy of this transcript is in Appendix 1 of this document.

⁹⁰ FHL #1870779, Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1841-1844, images 669-670, obtained online via familysearch.org by Reiley Kidd on Jan 19, 2017. Digital images available from author or on Ancestry.com.

⁹¹ Amelia County, Virginia PPTLs for 1788, retrieved from FHL #2024454, Amelia County PPTLs, 1782-1813, image 180 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

George Kid, Sr.	George Kid, Lod. Kid, JAS KID
George Kid, Jr.	George Kid

1798 - A **James Kidd** witnessed the will of John Brewer in Dinwiddie County, VA on 4 October 1798. This is likely the same James Kidd, since Usley Kidd, George Kidd Sr.'s daughter [and thus sister to James], married John Brewer in Amelia County, VA on 16 April 1794. We have not found any other James Kidd in Amelia or Dinwiddie Cos in this time period.

When and where James Kidd married his wife Elizabeth Beasley is uncertain. No record of their marriage is found in Warren County, NC, and none is found in Mecklenburg County, VA or in Amelia County, VA. He disappears from Amelia County after 1791/2, and likely married Elizabeth around this time in Warren County, NC.

The early annual tax lists (prior to 1800) for Warren County, NC are incomplete, judging from the years that have been microfilmed by the Family History Library. Many of the lists that have survived are fragmentary, and some are unalphabetized and out of chronological order.

We find no evidence of James Kidd in Warren County until 1800.⁹²

1800 – The first record we have of this **James Kidd** in Warren County, NC is his entry on the 1800 Census. In this listing, he's 45 years or older, with a woman (likely his wife Elizabeth) age 26-44, and one male, less than 10 years old (likely his son John B.). This enumerated age is suspect, given the age of his wife; it's more likely that he too was 26-44 at the time of this census.

On 12 March 1800, **James Kidd** served as bondsman to Allen Burton who married Elizabeth Brooks in Warren County, NC.⁹³

1804 – On the 1804 PPTLs for Mecklenburg County, VA, List B, a **James Kidd** appears for the first time since 1795, taxed for 1 white male tithe and 1 horse.⁹⁴ No other Kidd males appear on either of the Mecklenburg PPTL lists in 1804. His name drops from the Mecklenburg PPTLs in 1805, and no Kidds are found on the Mecklenburg PPTLs again until 1816 (see below).

We believe that this citation most likely belongs to this James Kidd, who evidently resided very close to the VA-NC state line, judging from the records below.

1805 – **James Kid** is named in the 1805 Warren County, NC division of the lands of his father-in-law John Pitts Beasley, who died in 1792. James receives his wife Elizabeth's share of her father's estate: 69 acres lying on the branches of Hawtree (Creek).⁹⁵ Hawtree Creek lies in northern Warren County, flowing north to empty into the Roanoke River (and what is now Lake Gaston) in the southeastern corner of Mecklenburg County, VA.

This division was prompted by the marriage of John Pitts Beasley's widow Elizabeth to

⁹² For instance, *Abstracts of Land Entries: Bute County, NC 1778-1779, Franklin County, NC 1779-1781, Warren County, NC 1779-1791*, by Albert Bruce Pruitt, 1992 contains no mentions of any Kidds or Beasleys.

⁹³ Marriages of Bute and Warren Cos, NC, 1764-1868.

⁹⁴ Mecklenburg County, VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1805, retrieved from FHL #1854098, image 1041 of 1116 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁹⁵ Warren County, NC Deed Book 17, pages 251-252, retrieved from FHL #20071 (unrestricted access) via Familysearch.org, images 627-628. Images available upon request. The other heirs of John Pitts Beasley named in this record are his widow; William Jones (the husband of an unnamed daughter; the heirs of JP Beasley's son, William Beasley, who died by the time of this division; Thomas Beasley; the heirs of Wade Brooks (evidently the husband of another unnamed daughter of JPB); Barnett Beasley; Pitts Beasley; and James Beasley.

Abraham Puckett.

James Kidd also served as bondsman to the marriage of his mother-in-law Elizabeth Beasley to Abraham Puckett in Warren County, NC on 27 May 1805.⁹⁶

On 16 December 1805, in Warren County, NC, **James Kidd** was named in an account of sale of the estate of John Pitts Beasley, deceased.⁹⁷

1807 – On 11 Nov 1807, **James Kidd** was the bondsman for the marriage of his brother-in-law Pitts Beasley to Martha Acree in Warren County, NC.⁹⁸

1808 – **James Kid** first appears on the extant Warren County tax lists in 1808, in the Six Pound District,⁹⁹ taxed on the 69 acres inherited from John Pitts Beasley, his father-in-law. He's taxed for one white poll and no black polls.

As seen in the map below, the Six Pound district is in the north-central portion of Warren County, just below the NC-VA state line.

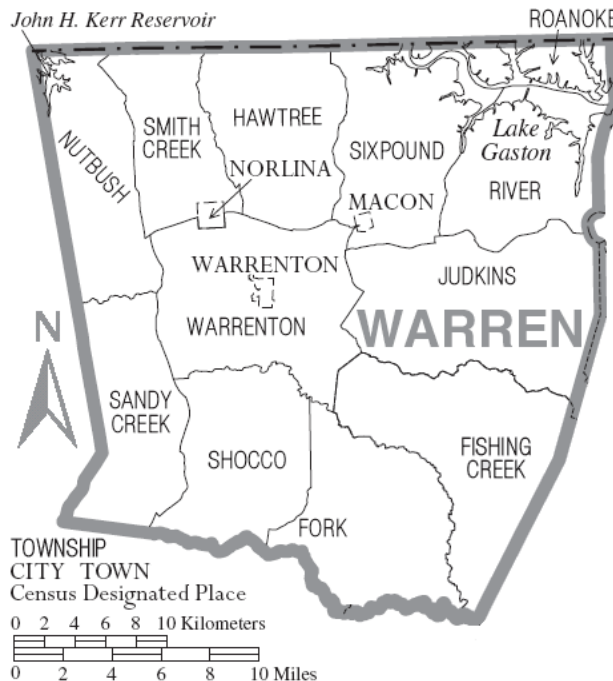


FIGURE: The townships of Warren County, NC. Six Pound Creek has its headwaters just north of the community of Macon, in the SW corner of Six Pound Township; it flows directly north into what is now Lake Gaston, entering it just west of the county line between Mecklenburg County to the west, and Brunswick County to the east.

⁹⁶ Marriages of Bute and Warren Counties, NC, 1764-1868.

⁹⁷ Warren County, NC WB 14, p 221.

⁹⁸ Marriages of Bute and Warren Cos, NC, 1764-1868.

⁹⁹ While we know from other Warren County records that James Kidd was there by 1800, this is the first Warren County tax list on which we have found him.

1810 – On 13 March 1810, William Kimball of Warren County, NC sold to **James Kidd** of the same place for \$150 a tract of 50 acres of land in Warren County, lying on Six Pound (Creek) and adjoining Thomas Beasley's line. This deed was proved in Warren County Court in its February 1811 Term.¹⁰⁰

James Kidd does not appear on the 1810 Census anywhere in North Carolina, and the 1810 federal census is not extant for Mecklenburg County, VA.

However, the records below suggest he remained in North Carolina.

1811-1815 – **James Kidd** appears on the Warren County, NC tax lists in these years, as follows:¹⁰¹

YEAR	DISTRICT	TAXPAYER	Land	W. polls	B. polls
1811	Six Pound	James Kidd	109	1	1
1812	Six Pound	James Kidd	119	1	1
1813	Hawtree	James Kidd	119	1	1
1814	Six Pound	James Kidd	119	1	1
1815	Warrenton	James Kidd	119	2	1

We have not been able to locate subsequent tax lists for Warren County, to see if he appears on the tax lists for 1816.

1816 – Sometime in 1816, **James Kidd** moved to Mecklenburg County, VA, just over the state line from Warren County, NC. The family may not have traveled far; several of John B. Kidd's children later married in Warren County, NC, suggesting that they lived very near the state line. Another possible explanation, offered by Wayne Rainey, is that "the Kidds, like many other families of the southeastern part of Mecklenburg County, VA, married in neighboring Warren County mostly because the Warren County courthouse was closer than the one in [Mecklenburg's county seat] Boydton, Virginia, plus after the railroad came in, it was very much closer, as the railroad went into Warrenton, NC," the county seat of Warren County.

1816 – On 24 January 1816 in Mecklenburg County, VA, **James Kidd** of Warren County, NC entered into a Deed of Trust with James Critchlow of Brunswick County, VA, in order to obtain the purchase price for a 500-acre tract in Mecklenburg County, purchased from Winnifred Winn for \$500.¹⁰²

On the same date, Winnifred Winn of Mecklenburg County, VA sold to **James Kidd** of

¹⁰⁰ Warren County, NC DB 19, p 28, retrieved from FHL #20072, image 514 of 931 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹⁰¹ The Warren County, NC Tax Lists for 1811-1814 were recorded in the county's Will Books 16-18 for unknown reasons. Digital images of the listings for James Kidd were retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #531533, Warren County NC will books, v. 14-18.
1811: WB 16, p. 146 (image 465 of 932); 1812: WB 17, p. 109 (image 659 of 932), 1813: WB 17, p. 309 (image 767 of 932); and 1814: WB 18, p. 206 (image 904 of 932). 1815 - Warren County, NC Tax Lists 1779-1808 (1815), retrieved from FHL #453671 (unrestricted access), image 102. Digital image available upon request.

¹⁰² Mecklenburg County Deed Book 19, page 262-263, retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #32541, image 156.

Warren County, NC for \$500 the above-described tract in Mecklenburg County, VA.

Both deeds were recorded in the Mecklenburg County Clerk's office on 17 October 1821.¹⁰³

1816 – After a hiatus of 12 years, a **James Kidd** again appears on the Mecklenburg County, VA PPTLs (see Table below). A William Beasley appears on these PPTLs the year prior; likely James Kidd's brother-in-law, he is a man of similar taxable wealth, and both appear to have moved north across the NC-VA state line from Warren County, NC. James Kidd continued to appear annually on these lists through 1822.

Year	Taxpayer	WMT tithes	Slaves	Cattle	Horses
1816	James Kidd	2	3	-	2
1817	James Kidd	1	3	-	3
1818	James Kidd	2	3	-	3
1819	James Kidd	2	2	-	2
1820	James Kidd	2	2	-	3
1821	James Kidd	X ¹⁰⁴	2	-	3
1822	James Kidd		3	-	6
1823	John Kidd		2	-	4
1824	John B. Kidd		2	-	2
1825	John B. Kidd		3	-	4
1826	L. James Kidd ¹⁰⁵		1	-	4
1827	B. John Kidd		3	-	2

In 1823, James Kidd's name drops from the Mecklenburg County PPTLs, and his son, John B. Kidd, is listed in his place, with the number of slaves over 12 and of livestock remaining essentially the same. We conclude that they most likely lived together, and that John B. Kidd began to take more of the head of household role in 1823. John B. continued to be listed as the taxpayer in 1824 and 1825.

In 1826, John B. Kidd is not listed, and the taxpayer was "L. James Kidd."

For some reason, James Kidd is listed instead of John B. this one year.

This is the last appearance of James Kidd on the Mecklenburg PPTLs.

1816-1827 – **James Kidd** also appears on the Mecklenburg County Land Tax Lists in 1816, when he is taxed on 500 acres, valued at \$250. In this entry, he's listed as "James Kidd Sr."

In 1817, this parcel of land is described as "west side, Great Creek, 14.8 miles from Courthouse".

[NOTE: Great Creek is in the southeastern part of Mecklenburg County, flowing south to the Roanoke River and lying just east of the community of Maringo; it is less than two miles

¹⁰³ Ibid, pages 263-264, images 156-157 on that reel. Digital images available from the authors.

¹⁰⁴ In this year, the PPTLs changed, and no WMTs were listed; only slaves and horses.

¹⁰⁵ Recall that this James Kidd is listed as James L. Kidd in a few records, most notably in John B. Kidd's Copy book, listing the dates of birth and death for family members, including James L. Kidd, his father.

west of the Mecklenburg-Brunswick county line, which it parallels. It is visible on sections 12 and 16 of the 1870 map of Mecklenburg County, coursing past the lands of William Reany/Rainey and "Mrs. Kidd's."

Hawtree and Six Pound Creeks in NE Warren County are directly across the Roanoke River from Great Creek, less than ten miles to the south. Thus, James Kidd did not move far when he left Warren County.]

In 1820, he's taxed on 510 acres, "east and west sides of Great Creek," and a \$240 evaluation was added for buildings. In 1822, his entry describes revenue returned to **James Kidd**, "debit for too much charged," and his acreage drops back to 500 acres.

These entries repeat annually through 1827, when he sold this land to his son John B. Kidd.

1820 – On the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, p. 33, line 13:

James Kidd: 1M 16-25 & 1>44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44. Three slaves. Three individuals in agriculture.

1825 – On 20 July 1825, Elizabeth Ann Kidd and Riddick [Roderick] Temple obtained a marriage bond, surety John B. Kidd, her brother, consent by her father **James L. Kidd**.¹⁰⁶

1827 – In a deed dated 3 March 1827, **James Kidd** sold a tract of land adjoining Presly Hinton, James Carrol, Charles Jones, and the estates of John Martain and William Jones, containing 500 acres, to John B. Kidd of Mecklenburg County for \$500. This deed was recorded the same day.¹⁰⁷

In a deed dated 25 August 1827, John B. Kidd and Betsy M., his wife of Mecklenburg County, sold to Roderick Temple of Brunswick County, "For and in consideration of the love and affection for Roderick Temple our brother-in-law and for \$1," a tract of land on Charles Jones line, a sweet gum on Great Creek, along Jones' line to Hunters Mill pond, etc., and containing 198½ acres. Signed and sealed by John B. Kidd; signed with mark by Betsy M. Kidd.

James Kidd and Sally Griffith witnesses.

On 30 March 1833 the justices of the peace certify that Kidd personally acknowledged the deed and that Betsy relinquished her dower rights. Deed recorded 15 April 1833.¹⁰⁸

It appears that this land conveyed by John B. Kidd to his brother-in-law Roderick Temple in August 1827 was part of the larger tract that James Kidd had sold to John B. Kidd a few months earlier in March 1827. Since John B. Kidd and Elizabeth, wife of Roderick Temple, are the only known children of James Kidd, these transactions may represent James Kidd's transfer of his property to his heirs.

¹⁰⁶ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1825-1828, retrieved from FHL #1870774, images 241 and 243, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital images available upon request.

¹⁰⁷ Mecklenburg County Deed Book 22, Page 342, retrieved from FHL #32542 (unrestricted access) via familysearch.org, image 197. Digital image available upon request.

We are not sure whether this is the same parcel that James Kidd had bought a few years earlier, but it most likely is.

¹⁰⁸ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 25, p. 369-370, retrieved from FHL #432543, images 456-457 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

No further mention of this **James Kidd** is found in Mecklenburg County, VA records, to our knowledge. We have not found him on the 1830 federal census; we've found his two known children John B. Kidd and Elizabeth Kidd Temple, and there is no older white male who could be their father in either household.

1840 – no James Kidd appears by name of the 1840 federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA. In 1840, John B. Kidd headed the only Kidd household in Mecklenburg County.¹⁰⁹ In his household was an older male, age 60-69, who likely is his father James Kidd.

No will has been found in Mecklenburg County, VA for James Kidd. According to the Copy Book of John B. Kidd: “**James L. Kidd** died in 1842.”¹¹⁰ Because the only other death recorded in the Copy Book is that for Elizabeth Kidd (James' wife Elizabeth Beasley), we feel sure that this is the date of death for his father James L. Kidd. John B. Kidd also had a son named James L. Kidd, but this son was alive at the time of the 1850 federal census and so did not die in 1842.

JAMES HENRY KIDD, the son of James(1) Kidd and his second wife Winifred/Winny Hudson
Born about 1764 in Mecklenburg County, VA
Migrated to Georgia in 1784
Died after September 1840 in Georgia

What we know of James H. Kidd's life in Virginia comes from his Revolutionary War pension application, in which he states he was born in 1764 in Mecklenburg County, VA. The application contains his signature “Jas H Kidd.”¹¹¹ See [Appendix Three](#) for a transcription of this application.

1779-1781 – **James H. Kidd** served for several tours of militia duty, one alongside his brother William Kidd, according to their Revolutionary War pension applications.

1784 – In his pension application, **James H. Kidd** states that he “removed from Virginia to Georgia in 1784.”

1785 – On 4 January 1785, **James Henry Kidd** was issued a Land Warrant in Wilkes County, GA for 400 acres on Beaver Dam Creek.¹¹²

1833 – His pension application was filed 13 Aug 1833 in DeKalb County, GA, when he was aged 68. His brother William Kidd signed an affidavit in Oglethorpe County, GA 15 Sept 1832 stating that he served with his brother **James H. Kidd** in the Virginia militia “in the year in which the Battle of Guilford was fought [1781].”

¹⁰⁹ 1840 federal census, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia, East District, p. 411A:

John B. Kidd 211200101-030201 (oldest males 40-49 and 60-69; oldest female 30-39)

¹¹⁰ The dates of James L. Kidd's birth and death are recorded in a Copy Book, apparently copied from the John B. Kidd family Bible. A typed transcript from this Copy Book, entitled “Kidd family Bible record, 1794-1842” is available on-line at the Library of Virginia, Archives and Manuscripts Room, Manuscript call #25295a, 1 leaf, and is viewable online, at the URL below:

Kidd family Bible record, 1794-1842, Library of Virginia Archives and Manuscripts Room, call #25295a, https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01LVA_INST/9cpp9q/alma990004949270205756 The citation reads: “March 31 – 1842 was the Day that James L. Kidd died 10 o'clock in the night.”

¹¹¹ <http://revwarapps.org/s16436.pdf> contains a transcript of this pension application.

¹¹² For the image of this warrant and land plat, see <https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/looseplats/id/28042/rec/5977>

1838 – **James H. Kidd** appears on the 1835 list of Revolutionary War pensioners in Jackson County, GA, aged 69, for service in the Virginia militia.¹¹³

1831-1847 – **James H. Kidd** appears on the Georgia Revolutionary War pension pay rolls during this period, with the last payment noted in September 1840.¹¹⁴

Many more records for **James Henry Kidd** can be found in Georgia.

JAMES L. KIDD, the son of John B. Kidd and Elizabeth M. Rainey
Born 11 August 1828 in Mecklenburg County, VA¹¹⁵

1850 – He appears for the first time on the Mecklenburg County, VA PPTL this year, taxed only for his own title. (This is the last year of the Mecklenburg PPTLs that we've checked.)

1850 – He is listed in his father's household on the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, 98th Regiment, p. 59A, HH 167/167:

John B. Kidd 58M farmer \$5245 VA

Betsy “ 45F VA

Bartlett “ 22M laborer VA

James “ 21M laborer VA

William “ 10M VA

Allen “ 8M VA

Dick “ 6M VA

Elizabeth “ 18F VA

Arminta “ 15F VA

Mary “ 13F VA

We have not found any further records of this James L. Kidd.

JOHN KIDD – most likely the son of James(1) Kidd and Winifred/Winny Hudson
Likely born ca 1771 in Mecklenburg County, VA
Likely died between Dec 1833 and March 1834 in Oglethorpe County, GA

This John Kidd appears only briefly in Mecklenburg County, in 1793, in the household of James Kidd.

Year	Taxpayer	Other WMT's	Slaves	Cattle	Horses
1792	James Kidd	-	5	-	3
1793	James Kidd	John Kidd	5	-	5
1794	John Kidd	drops from list			

¹¹³ The Pension Roll of 1835, 4 vols. 1968. Reprint, with index. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992.

¹¹⁴ For the image of this pay roll: https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1116/images/T718_8-0380?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryId=60f3430f45529c7556b54f39456ca7cf&usePUB=true&_phsrc=Gpw613&_phstart=successSource&usePUBjs=true&pId=32802

¹¹⁵ This date of birth comes from the Copy Book of John B. Kidd. See [Appendix Two](#) for more information.

No further records for this John Kidd have been found in Mecklenburg County, VA to our knowledge.

1810 – In an Oglethorpe County, GA deed dated 10 June 1810, James Kidd conveyed to Frances Kidd, “his loving wife,” a life estate on 119 acres on headwaters of Grove Creek in Oglethorpe County, GA, a Negro slave Jenny, and household items. Upon the death of Frances Kidd, all this property to go to “my son” Anderson R. Kidd. Also additional property to go to Anderson R. Kidd, including four year old male slave Shadrack. If Anderson R. Kidd should die without heirs, then all the above property is to go to “**my son**” **John Kidd** and his heirs.¹¹⁶ On 4 October 1813, Anderson R. Kidd sold this 119-acre tract to Pascal Murphy for \$300,¹¹⁷ evidence that Frances Robertson Kidd had died before this date.

He may be the **John Kidd** whose will was written 23 Dec 1833 and proven in March term 1834 in Oglethorpe County, GA.¹¹⁸

JOHN B. KIDD – the son of James(2) Kidd and Elizabeth Beasley

John B. (James⁵, George⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Kidd)

Born 26 February 1794 in Virginia

Married Elizabeth M. (Betsy) Rainey in 1818

Died in September 1862 in Mecklenburg County, VA

John B. Kidd created a family record in his Copy Book listing his wife, children, and parents. See Appendix Two for a transcript of this Book passed down through his descendants.

(See his page in our family tree at <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37652986/person/19120499431/facts> for a list of his children, and more information.

We are now confident that **John B. Kidd** was the son of James(2) Kidd of Mecklenburg County, VA and the grandson of George Kidd Sr. of Amelia County, VA. Y-DNA evidence shows a close genetic match between a proven descendant of John B. Kidd and proven descendants of George Kidd Sr. of Amelia County, VA.

Records support this family connection: the Copy Book originally belonging to **John B. Kidd** includes the date of death for James Kidd’s wife Elizabeth Beasley Kidd and also notes that James L. Kidd died in 1842.¹¹⁹

This is also supported by the fact that a James Kidd appeared in Mecklenburg County, VA shortly before **John B. Kidd** did and later sold land to John B. Kidd, and John B. Kidd served as bondsman

¹¹⁶ Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book G, p. 106

¹¹⁷ Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book H, 1812-1816, pages 246-247, FHL #158676, retrieved via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), images 142-143 on this reel.

¹¹⁸ Oglethorpe County, GA Will Book D, pp 11-12. <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/oglethorpe/wills/kiddjohn.txt>

¹¹⁹ See earlier footnotes (above) pertaining to this Copy Book, evidently transcribed out of the family Bible.

A copy of this transcript is in Appendix 1 of this document.

for the marriage of one of James Kidd's daughters, Elizabeth Ann Kidd, to Riddick/Roderick Temple. Consent was given by James L. Kidd, father of Elizabeth.¹²⁰

1800 – **John B. Kidd** is likely the young male listed in the household of James Kidd in the 1800 Warren County, NC census, with one male 45 years or older, one female (likely his wife Elizabeth) age 26-44, and one male, less than 10 years old (likely his son John B.). (At the time of this census, James Kidd was likely 26-44, not 45 or older.)

1818 – A marriage bond for **John Kidd** and Betsy M. Rainey was issued 16 February 1818 in Mecklenburg County, VA. The surety was William Rainey, and Williamson Rainey Sr., father of Betsy, gave his consent.¹²¹

1820 – The 1820 federal census has only one Kidd household, that of James Kidd, in Mecklenburg County, VA; **John B. Kidd** is likely the young man listed in the household of James Kidd (p. 33, line 13):
James Kidd: 1M 16-25 & 1>44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44. Three slaves. Three individuals in agriculture.

1823 – From 1816 through 1822, James Kidd was the only Kidd taxpayer found on the Mecklenburg County PPTLs. In 1823, James Kidd drops from the PPTLs, replaced by his son **John B. Kidd** (listed as John Kidd), with a similar number of slaves and horses to those found under James Kidd in earlier years. John B. Kidd continued to be listed each year as either B. John or John B. Kidd through 1850, the last year we've checked. The sole exception occurred in 1826, when John B. Kidd is NOT found on the PPTL that year, but an "L. James Kidd" is listed. We believe that in the period from 1823 through 1827, John B. Kidd was gradually assuming the role of household head, taking over for his aging father. In his Copy Book, John B. Kidd referred to his father as "James L. Kidd."

Year	Taxpayer	WMT's	Slaves >12	Horses
1821	James Kidd	X ¹²²	2	-
1822	James Kidd		3	-
1823	John Kidd	X	2	4
1824	John B. Kidd	-	2	2
1825	B. John Kidd	-	3	4
1826	L. James Kidd	-	1	4
1827	B. John Kidd	-	3	2
1828	B. John Kidd	-	3	2
1829	B. John Kidd	-	3	2

¹²⁰ FHL #1870779, Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1841-1844, images 669-670, obtained online via familysearch.org by Reiley Kidd on Jan 19, 2017. Digital images available from author or on Ancestry.com.

¹²¹ *Marriage Records, 1811-1853, Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, by the Prestwoud Chapter, DAR, South Hill, VA, 1962, p. 101

¹²² In this year, the PPTLs changed, and no WMT's were listed; only slaves and horses.

Year	Taxpayer	WMT's	Slaves >12	Horses
1830	B. John Kidd	1 ¹²³	3	2
1831	B. John Kidd	1	3	3
1832	B. John Kidd	1	4	3
1833	B. John Kidd	1	6	3
1834	B. John Kidd	1	5	5
1835	B. John Kidd	1	8	5
1836	B. John Kidd	1	6	5
1837	B. John Kidd	1	6	6
1838	B. John Kidd	1	6	6
1839 ¹²⁴	B. John Kidd	1	6	6
1840	B. John Kidd	2	7	6
1841	B. John Kidd	3	6	7
1842	B. John Kidd	3	6	8
1843	B. John Kidd	3	8	9
1844	John B. Kidd	3	7	9
1845	John B. Kidd	2	6	9
1846	John B. Kidd	2	6	12
1847	John B. Kidd ¹²⁵	2	6	12
1848	John B. Kidd	2	8	13
1849	John B. Kidd	2	3	11
1850	John B. Kidd	1	9	9

1825 – **John B. Kidd** served as surety for the Mecklenburg County, VA marriage bond issued 20 July 1825 for his sister Elizabeth Kidd and Riddick Temple. Consent was given by James L. Kidd, their father.¹²⁶

1827 – In a deed dated (blank) January 1827, Samuel Jones of the County of Rutherford, State of Tennessee, and Mary Jones, his wife, “who holds a life estate in the land” sold to **John Kidd**

¹²³ In 1830, they resumed enumerating the number of WMT's.

¹²⁴ In 1839, a William J. Kidd appears on the Mecklenburg County PPTL this one year only (see his section in this paper). Because John B. Kidd's number of tithables doesn't change in this period, he does not appear to be one of John B. Kidd's sons. [note: This William J. Kidd married Jane Puryear in 1838.]

¹²⁵ In this year, John B. is joined for the first time on the PPTLs by his son, Edward R. Kidd. See his section in this paper.

¹²⁶ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1825-1828, retrieved from FHL #1870774, images 241 and 243, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital images available upon request.

of Mecklenburg County, VA a tract of 50 acres. This deed was signed by mark of Samuel Jones and Mary Jones. Justices of the peace certify that Samuel Jones appeared in person to acknowledge the deed and that Mary relinquished dower rights. This deed was recorded 20 August 1827.¹²⁷

In a deed dated 3 March 1827, James Kidd sold a tract of land adjoining Presly Hinton, James Carrol, Charles Jones, and the estates of John Martain and William Jones, containing 500 acres, to **John B. Kidd** of Mecklenburg County for \$500. This deed was recorded the same day.¹²⁸

In a deed dated 25 August 1827, **John B. Kidd** and Betsy M., his wife of Mecklenburg County, sold to Roderick Temple of Brunswick County, "For and in consideration of the love and affection for Roderick Temple our brother-in-law and for \$1," a tract of land on Charles Jones line, a sweet gum on Great Creek, along Jones' line to Hunters Mill pond, etc., and containing 198½ acres. Signed and sealed by **John B. Kidd**; signed with mark by Betsy M. Kidd. James Kidd and Sally Griffith witnesses.

On 30 March 1833 the justices of the peace certify that Kidd personally acknowledged the deed and that Betsy relinquished her dower rights. Deed recorded 15 April 1833.¹²⁹

It appears that this land conveyed by John B. Kidd to his brother-in-law Roderick Temple in August 1827 was part of the larger tract that James Kidd had sold to John B. Kidd a few months earlier in March 1827. Since John B. Kidd and Elizabeth, wife of Roderick Temple, are the only known children of James Kidd, these transactions may represent James Kidd's transfer of his property to his heirs.

This deed wasn't recorded until 1833, and perhaps this is the explanation as to why John B. Kidd continued to be taxed on 550 acres in Mecklenburg County through 1830 (see below).

1828-1830 – **B. John Kidd** appears for the first time on the Mecklenburg County, VA Land Tax Lists in 1828, taxed for two parcels of land.

- 1) 500 acres, east and west sides of Great Creek, from James Kidd; and
- 2) 50 acres on Great Creek, from Samuel and Mary Jones.

These entries repeat in 1829 and 1830, the last year that we've examined so far.

1830 – He appears on the 1830 federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, part 2, page 58:

John D. (sic) Kidd - one WM<5, 3 5-9, & 1 30-39; 1F 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39 and 1 60-69. Ten slaves. The identity of the older white woman is unclear.¹³⁰

1833 – On 30 August 1833, **John B. Kidd** and his wife Betsy M. sold 50 acres of land in Mecklenburg County to Elizabeth Wall for \$110, bordered by Barber and Z. Jones corner,

¹²⁷ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 22, p. 488, Jones to Kidd, retrieved from FHL #32542 (unrestricted access) via familysearch.org, images 271-272. Digital image available upon request.

¹²⁸ Mecklenburg County Deed Book 22, Page 342, retrieved from FHL #32542 (unrestricted access) via familysearch.org, image 197. Digital image available upon request.

We are not sure whether this is the same parcel that James Kidd had bought a few years earlier, but it most likely is.

¹²⁹ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 25, p. 369-370, retrieved from FHL #432543, images 456-457 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹³⁰ 1830 federal census, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, p. 58:

William Rainey 0010001-110001 (older male 40-49; older female 30-39)

John D. Kidd 130001-011001001 (older male and female both 30-39; elderly female 60-69, someone's mother?)

along Jones line, along Rubin Haenia's (?) line. This deed was signed and sealed by John B. Kidd; Elizabeth M. Kidd signed with an X.

That same day, John B. Kidd acknowledged the deed to be his own, and Elizabeth Kidd relinquished her dower right to the land. The deed was recorded 10 February 1834.¹³¹

1834 – In a deed dated 8 December 1834, Thomas Palmer of Northampton County, NC sold a parcel of land containing 310 acres to **John B. Kidd** of Mecklenburg County. This deed was recorded 19 January 1835.¹³²

1840 – In 1840, John B. was the only Kidd household head in Mecklenburg County, VA.¹³³
John B. Kidd: 2M<5, 1 10-14, 2 15-19, 1 40-49 AND 1 60-69 (likely his widowed father James Kidd); 3F 5-9, 2 15-19 & 1 30-39. Eleven slaves.

On 3 November 1840, Benjamin Taylor of Mecklenburg County, VA sold to **John B. Kidd** of the same place for \$718.50, a tract of land in Mecklenburg County,, adjoining the lands of John B. Kidd, Isaac Cole and others, and containing by survey 266½ acres. This deed was proved in court on 16 November 1840 and admitted to record.¹³⁴

1841 – On 12 January 1841, James M. Harwell, Commissioner of Mecklenburg County, VA sold to **John B. Kidd** of the same place for \$714, a tract of land known as the estate of John and Luraney Griffis(?), dec'd, supposed to contain 140 acres, bounded on the west by Great Creek, on the north by the lands known as Blanton's Mill Tract, on the east by lands of David Thomas, and on the south by lands of John B. Kidd and the estate of Saml. McKinny. This deed was recorded 15 March 1841.¹³⁵

1846 – The Mecklenburg County, VA will of Williamson Rainey, signed on 8 Jan 1846, bequeathed two slaves and other property to his daughter "Elizabeth M. Kydd," the wife of **John B. Kidd**.¹³⁶

1850 – In this year, the number of **John B. Kidd**'s tithables drops, and two new Kidds appear on the Mecklenburg PPTLs; these are his sons Bartlett M. and James L. Kidd. See their sections in this paper.

1850 – On the federal census in Mecklenburg County, VA, 98th Regiment, p. 59A, HH 167/167:
John B. Kidd 58M farmer \$5245 VA

Betsy " 45F VA

Bartlett " 22M laborer VA

James " 21M " VA

William " 10M VA

Allen " 8M VA

Dick " 6M VA

¹³¹ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 26, p. 10, retrieved from FHL #32444, image 11 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹³² Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, vol. 37(1), p. 36, citing Mecklenburg County DB 26, p. 240.

¹³³ 1840 federal census, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, East District, p. 411A: 211200101-030201.

¹³⁴ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 29, page 98, retrieved from FHL #32545 (item 2), image 383 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹³⁵ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 29, page 184, retrieved from FHL #32545 (item 2), image 436 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹³⁶ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 16, pp. 374-376, retrieved from FHL #32524, images 218-219 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Elizabeth “ 18F VA
Arminta “ 15F VA
Mary “ 13F VA

1860 – On the federal census in Forksville, Mecklenburg County, VA, Roll 1362, Book 1, Page 236, HH 29/29:

John B. Kidd 67MW \$15,000/8,000 (places of birth all blank on this page)

Elizabeth “ 57FW

Allen “ 20WM farm laborer

Mary Dugger 22WF domestic (his daughter, Mary, married and widowed?)

Armstead " 5WM

1862 – **John B. Kidd** died September 1862 in Mecklenburg County, VA.¹³⁷ His will, dated 12 Jun 1862, left bequests to his wife Betty M. Kidd and to their children.¹³⁸

On 15 September 1862, Peter M. King entered into an executor's bond in the sum of \$20,000 for John B. Kidd's estate.¹³⁹

John B. Kidd's estate was appraised on 11 November 1862. The appraisal was returned to court and admitted to record on 19 January 1863; it included thirteen slaves.¹⁴⁰

1863 – An account of the sale of his property was returned to Court and recorded on 16 March 1863.¹⁴¹

1864 – The final account of his estate was admitted to record on 16 May 1864.¹⁴²

His probate documents, listing all his heirs, are available online at this URL:

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/mecklenburg/wills/kiddj.txt>

Several Mecklenburg County Chancery Court suits followed his death. These are not yet available online (as of July 2021), but are indexed at the Virginia Chancery Records site at:

<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp#res>

Case 1863-026: Eliza M. Kidd v. Exr of **John B. Kidd**, etc.¹⁴³

Case 1872-039: Exr of **John B Kidd** v. Turner etc.¹⁴⁴

Case 1872-046: Lett v. Kidd etc.

Case 1873-088: Edward R. Kidd etc. v. Elizabeth M. Kidd, widow, etc.

Case 1874-055 – Samuel W. Puryear et al v Grayson F. Puryear et al (original case # 1874-052 Cc)

Case 1875-075 – Tappey Lumsden & Co et al v E. R. Kidd

Case 1878-002 – Robert Carroll & wife v. Elizabeth M. Kidd

Case 1878-004 – Robert M. Thomas & wife v. E. M. Kidd

Case 1879-010 – Archer Cannon & wife v. Exer of **John B Kidd** et al

Case 1879-048 – R. M. Thomas & wife v. Exr of **John B Kidd**

Case 1880-006 – Edward Cleaton v. Robert Carroll & wife

¹³⁷ John B. Kidd's Copy Book. See [Appendix Two](#).

¹³⁸ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 20, p. 383, retrieved from FHL #32526, image 233 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Digital image available upon request.

¹³⁹ Ibid, page 389, image 236.

¹⁴⁰ Ibid, page 457, image 270.

¹⁴¹ Ibid, page 479, image 281.

¹⁴² Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 21, pages 57-59, retrieved from FHL #32526, images 405-406.

¹⁴³ An abstract of this case is available at: <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/mecklenburg/wills/kiddj.txt>

¹⁴⁴ Ibid.

Case 1881-032 – E. M. Kidd v. Charles Kidd et al

Case 1882-029 – E. M. Kidd v. Carroll and wife

Case 1882-030 – E. M. Kidd v. W. Cannon

Case 1890-018 – Richard F. Glover v. T. L. Clary & wife et al

Until these records are digitized, they can be reviewed in the Archives Room at the Library of Virginia.

JUDITH (CARTER) KIDD, daughter of Thomas Carter of Mecklenburg County, VA, and wife of William Kidd of Mecklenburg County, VA and Oglethorpe County, GA

1781 – On 8 October 1781 in Mecklenburg County, VA, William Kidd entered into a marriage bond, with Simon Williams as his security, for his intended marriage to **Judy Carter**. William Kidd signed this bond with an X.¹⁴⁵

1795 – The Mecklenburg County, VA will of Thomas Carter names wife Mary and sons John, Charles, Thomas, daughter Elizabeth Johnson, “daughter **Judith Kidd**,” Sally Johnson, Mary Freeman. Secretary [?] Carter and Sarah Carter, by Robert Carter [likely minor children]. Among his bequests were “ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Johnson, one Negro named Milley. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, **Judith Kidd**, one Negro called Cato.” This will was signed 21 December 1795, and recorded 8 August 1796.¹⁴⁶

More information about Judith can be found in the section for her husband William (below).

LEWIS KIDD – The only records for this man are found in Lunenburg County, the parent county for Mecklenburg County, formed 26 May 1764 from Lunenburg. He is included here because a James Kidd was also in Lunenburg County at this time, and it’s possible, but not proven, these two men were somehow related.

1764 – **Lewis Kidd** appears on the 1764 Lunenburg County PPTL, with 1 tithe and no land to be taxed.¹⁴⁷

We do not know who this Lewis Kidd is, but the book "Property Lines from An Old Survey Book, Halifax County, VA, 1741 to 1901," by Roger C. Dodson, 1987, VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society, contains a survey recorded 2 Oct 1765 for a **Lewis Kidd**, for 337 acres on Aaron's Creek (a tributary of the Dan River). Bounded by surveys of John Sizemore, Thomas Loftis, William Gill, Henry Stafford (his survey done 1 Oct 1765). This land is on the Mecklenburg County line.¹⁴⁸

Records for a Lewis Kidd have been found in a number of different counties, but there is no evidence these men share any relationship:

Goochland, 1759

Lunenburg, 1764

¹⁴⁵ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, surnames J (cont.) – Mc, 1770-1810, retrieved from FHL #1870764, image 276 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access). The year of this bond is unclear: it is indexed on this reel as 1781, but it looks more like 1784 to RK, but either is plausible.

¹⁴⁶ Mecklenburg County Will Book 3, pages 367-368, retrieved from FHL #32518 (unrestricted access), images 570-571 via familysearch.org. Digital images available upon request.

¹⁴⁷ *Early Settlers of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Volume 1*, by Katherine B. Elliott, 1964. Reprinted by Southern Historical Press, Easley SC, 1983, p. 156.

¹⁴⁸ From Sandra Kidd's "James Kidd Summary, 4.2009."

Halifax, 1764

Albemarle, 1774-1779

Buckingham, 1774-1807

Fluvanna, 1777-1791

These records have been compiled in a separate document: *Lewis Kidd – Pre-1800 citations*, which can be found in our Statewide Records folder on Dropbox.

REBECCA J. (KIDD) CANNON, the daughter of John B. Kidd and Elizabeth M. Rainey
Born 10 December 1818¹⁴⁹ in Mecklenburg County, VA
Married Archibald Cannon in 1844
Died in Mecklenburg County in 1897

1844 – On 23 Dec 1844, Archibald Cannon entered into a marriage bond in Mecklenburg County, VA for his marriage to **Rebecca J. Kidd**. The surety was Roderick Temple. The ceremony was performed by Minister James McAden.¹⁵⁰

Rebecca is found on the U.S. Federal censuses with her husband and children in Mecklenburg County in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.

1897 – She died sometime in 1897. She had signed her will in Mecklenburg County on 4 March 1889; it was proved in Court on 19 April 1897. Her son, Willis Cannon was appointed administrator, since she did not name an executor in her will.¹⁵¹

See her section in our family tree on Ancestry.com for more information:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37652986/person/19120499433/facts>

WILLIAM KIDD, the son of James(1) Kidd and his first wife, who was [first name not known] Addaman, daughter of Mary and Thomas Addaman.
Born 16 December 1763 in Lunenburg County, VA or Mecklenburg County, VA
Married Judith Carter in Mecklenburg County, VA in 1781
Died in Oglethorpe County, GA on 8 March 1845

1763 – **William Kidd** was born 16 December 1763 in Mecklenburg County, VA, according to his Revolutionary War pension application, although he may have been born in Lunenburg County, from which Mecklenburg County was formed in 1764. He served several terms in the Revolutionary War, one term as a substitute for his father, and received a pension for his service. His pension application is the source of additional information we have about him.¹⁵² See [Appendix Three](#) for a transcription of this application.

¹⁴⁹ The John B. Kidd family Bible record, 1794-1842, Library of Virginia Archives and Manuscripts Room, call #25295a, https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01LVA_INST/9cpp9q/alma990004949270205756

See [Appendix 2](#) for more information.

¹⁵⁰ Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850, on Ancestry.com.

¹⁵¹ Mecklenburg County Will Book 27, pages 155-156, retrieved from FHL #1870870, item 1, images 86-87 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹⁵² <http://revwarapps.org/s31796.pdf> contains a transcript of this application.

1781 – A marriage bond dated 8 Oct 1781 was issued in Mecklenburg County, VA for **William Kidd** and Judy/Judith Carter. Simon Williams was security.^{153, 154, 155}

This is misindexed as 1764 at FamilySearch and Ancestry, but the cited record set is Mecklenburg Marriage Bonds, 1770-1810. See image below:

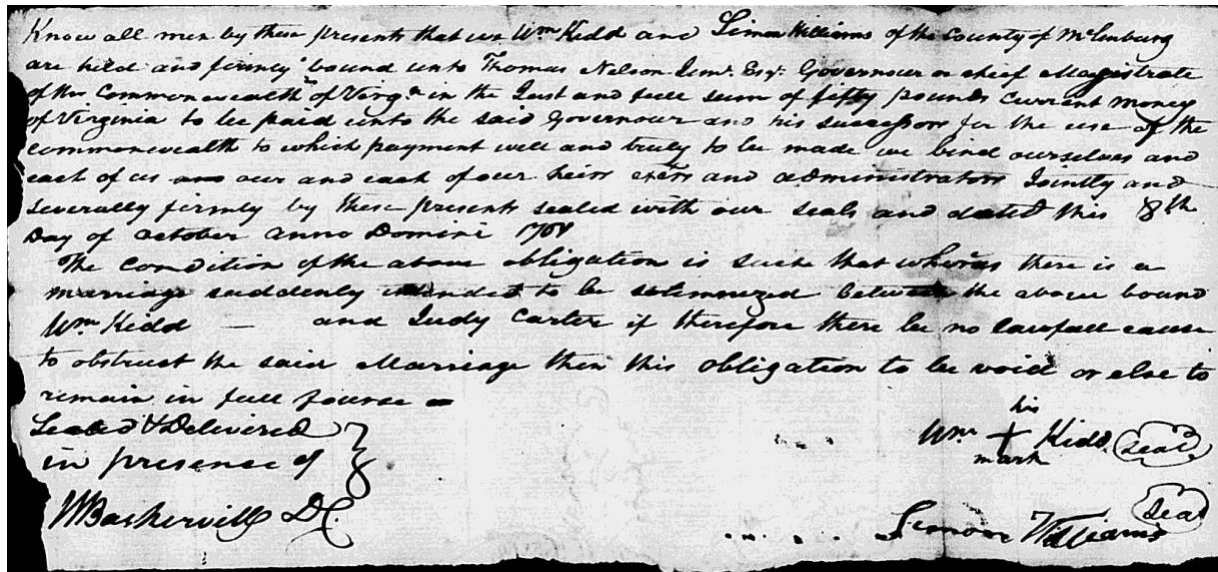


FIGURE: Image of the Mecklenburg County marriage bond for William Kidd and Judy/Judith Carter. The year is 1781 or 1784, although 1781 seems more likely.

1782 – **William Kidd** appears on the 1782 Mecklenburg County Virginia Personal Property Tax List (the first year for which these tax lists are available), in the household of his father James Kidd, who is fairly wealthy. The following year, he is out on his own. The table below shows his annual listings:

Year	Taxpayer	Other WMT's	Slaves	Cattle	Horses
1782	James Kidd	William Kidd	5	28	3
1783	William Kidd	-	0	2	2
1784	William Kidd	-	1	3	2
1785	William Kidd	-	1	0	0
1786	William Kidd	-	1	4	2
1787	William Kidd	-	1	2	4
1788	William Kidd	-	0	X	2
1789	William Kidd	-	0	-	1

¹⁵³ *The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, from 1765 to 1810*, by Stratton Nottingham, 1928, p. 30.

These authors deciphered the year as 1781.

¹⁵⁴ *Marriage Records 1765-1810 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, published by the author, South Hill VA, 1968, p. 77. These authors deciphered the year as 1781.

¹⁵⁵ *Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853*, by John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., p.84. These authors deciphered the year as 1781.

Year	Taxpayer	Other WMT's	Slaves	Cattle	Horses
1790	William Kidd	-	0	-	1
1791	William Kidd	-	0	-	2
1792	William Kidd	-	0	-	2
1793	William Kidd	-	1	-	2
1794	William Kidd	-	0	-	3
1795	William Kidd	-	1	-	3
1796	William Kidd	-	2	-	2
1797	William Kidd	-	2	-	3
1798	William Kidd	-	1	-	2
1799	William Kidd	drops from list			

1784 – On 24 November 1784, James Kidd and Winney Kidd his wife sold for £125 about 200 acres on Keiths Branch and bounded by Daniel Johnson's line, Wilson, and Stephens, to John Tanner. Witnesses included **William (X his mark) Kidd**, John Kindrick, and John Kindrick Jr.

Winney released her dower right on 9 May 1785, the date that this deed was recorded.¹⁵⁶

1787 – On 8 June 1787, Mary Stevens of Mecklenburg County conveyed to **William Kidd**, “for love and affection,” a tract of land containing 200 acres on Nutbush Creek at the county line. This deed was recorded 11 June 1787.¹⁵⁷

1778-1781 – **William Kidd** served several tours of duty in the Revolutionary War, one alongside his brother James H. Kidd, according to his Revolutionary War pension application.¹⁵⁸

1791 – The Mecklenburg County, VA will of Mary Stevens names son Thomas Addaman, daughter Mourning Matthews, grandson **William Kidd**, and sons John and Thomas Stevens. Her will was signed 4 August 1791 and recorded 10 October 1791.¹⁵⁹

Mary Addaman Stevens was the mother of James(1) Kidd's first wife, who was an Addaman and the mother of their son **William Kidd**. This wife evidently died at or soon after childbirth. See records for James(1) Kidd, above.

1795 – Judith Carter Kidd, the wife of William Kidd, is named in the Mecklenburg County, VA will of Thomas Carter, which names his wife Mary and sons John, Charles, Thomas, daughter Elizabeth Johnson, “daughter **Judith Kidd**,” Sally Johnson, Mary Freeman. Secretary [?] Carter and Sarah Carter, by Robert Carter [likely minor children]. Among his bequests were: “ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Johnson, one Negro named Milley. I

¹⁵⁶ *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1779-1786*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, page 95 citing Mecklenburg County, Deed Book 6, p 464.

¹⁵⁷ Mecklenburg County, Deed Book 7, p 132.

¹⁵⁸ <http://revwarapps.org/s31796.pdf> contains a transcript of this application.

¹⁵⁹ *Early Wills 1765-1799 Mecklenburg County Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA, 1963, p. 83, citing Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 3, page 76. Digital image retrieved from FHL #32518, image 423, available upon request.

give and bequeath unto my daughter, **Judith Kidd**, one Negro called Cato.” This will was signed 21 December 1795, and recorded 8 August 1796.¹⁶⁰

1797 – On 21 August 1797, **William and Judy Kidd** of Mecklenburg County sold to John Tanner of the same place for £200 a tract of land containing 200 acres on the county line, formerly belonging to Mary Stevens. This deed was recorded 9 Apr 1798.¹⁶¹

1798 – On 9 June 1798, **William Kidd** of Mecklenburg County sold to Nathaniel Chamblis 150 acres on Nutbush Creek, for \$100. This deed was recorded on 8 Oct 1798.¹⁶²

On 1 September 1798, James Kidd of Oglethorpe County, GA granted power of attorney to “my son **William Kidd**” to sell land in Mecklenburg County, VA. This power was recorded on 8 October 1798, the same date as the deed cited above.¹⁶³

1799 – **William Kidd** drops from the Mecklenburg County, VA PPTLs and does not reappear. This is consistent with his Revolutionary War pension application, in which he states that he moved to Oglethorpe County, GA in 1799.

1832 -- On 4 Sept 1832, William Kidd gave an affidavit for his Revolutionary War pension application in Oglethorpe County, GA. He gave his age as 69 and signed his application with his mark (X).¹⁶⁴

This William Kidd and his descendants have been well researched and documented by others, and more records can be found for him in Georgia. See his section (especially his Media Gallery) in our MSX Kidds Family Tree: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/37652986/person/19120499178/facts> for a chronology of his life, an abstract of his Revolutionary War pension application, and other details.

WILLIAM J. KIDD, married Jane C. Puryear in 1838

1838 – A marriage bond dated 15 Oct 1838 was issued in Mecklenburg County, VA for **William Kidd** and Jane C. Puryear. Surety was John G. Puryear. The minister was John B. Smith.¹⁶⁵

1839 – A William J. Kidd appears for the first and only time on the 1839 Mecklenburg PPTL, taxed for his own tithe and one horse. He drops from the list the following year and does not reappear.

¹⁶⁰ Mecklenburg County Will Book 3, pages 367-368, retrieved from FHL #32518 (unrestricted access), images 570-571 via familysearch.org. Digital images available upon request.

¹⁶¹ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 9, p 407.

¹⁶² Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 10, p 14, retrieved from FHL #32536, image 298 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

¹⁶³ Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 10, p. 13, retrieved from FHL #32536, image 297 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access)..

¹⁶⁴ ¹⁶⁴ <http://revwarapps.org/s31796.pdf> contains a transcript of this application.

¹⁶⁵ *Marriage Records, 1811-1853, Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, by the Prestwoud Chapter, DAR, South Hill, VA, 1962, p. 101.

We have found no further records for this William J. Kidd and do not know what became of him or his wife.

WINIFRED (HUDSON) KIDD, the daughter of Robert Hudson of Mecklenburg County, VA, and second wife of James(1) Kidd. With James, she likely had at least four children: Anderson R., James Henry, Zachariah, and John Kidd
Married James(1) Kidd before 1787
Died before August 1795, when James(1) Kidd married Frances Robertson

1777 – In 1777 [no month or day listed]: **James Kidd and Winny his wife** of Mecklenburg County, VA sold for (blank) £ to George Wilson of Bute County, NC, 100 acres bordered by the county line. No witnesses listed. This deed was recorded on 12 January 1778.¹⁶⁶

1784 – On 24 Nov 1784, **James Kidd and Winney Kidd** his wife sold for £125 about 200 acres on Keiths Branch and bounded by Daniel Johnson's line, Wilson, and Stephens, to John Tanner. Witnesses included William (X his mark) Kidd, John Kindrick, and John Kindrick Jr.
Winney released her dower interest on 9 May 1785, the date that this deed was recorded.¹⁶⁷

1787 – The Mecklenburg County, VA will of Robert Hudson, signed 17 February 1787, & proved in Court 11 April 1796, names "wife [not named]" and children Ephraim, "**Winney Kidd**," Mary Hudson, Lucy Kirles[?], William, Elizabeth Percies[?], and grandson John Hudson.¹⁶⁸

1795 – Winifred Hudson Kidd was deceased by August 1795, when a marriage bond dated 8 Aug 1795 was issued in Mecklenburg County, VA for James Kidd and Frances Robertson.^{169 170}

ZACHARIAH KIDD, the son of James(1) Kidd and his second wife Winifred/Winny Hudson
Born abt 1765 in Mecklenburg County, VA¹⁷¹
Moved to Oglethorpe County, GA by 1794
Died in late 1803 or early 1804 in Oglethorpe County, GA¹⁷²

¹⁶⁶ Mecklenburg County, Deed Book 5, pp 167-168, retrieved from FHL #32534, images 109-110 of 611 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Scanned images available upon request.

¹⁶⁷ *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1779-1786*, by T.L.C. Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, page 95, citing Mecklenburg County, Deed Book 6, p 464.

¹⁶⁸ *Early Wills 1765-1799 Mecklenburg County Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA, 1963, p. 46, citing Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 3, p. 337. Images of this will were retrieved from FHL #32518, images 554-555 via Familysearch.org (non-restricted access), and are available upon request.

¹⁶⁹ *The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, from 1765 to 1810*, by Stratton Nottingham, 1928, p. 30.

¹⁷⁰ *Marriage Records 1765-1810 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, published by the author, South Hill VA, 1968, p. 77. A digital image of this marriage bond was retrieved from FHL #1870764, Mecklenburg County Marriage Bonds, vol. J-Mc, image 272 of 735, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access), and is available upon request.

¹⁷¹ This estimated year of his birth is calculated from when he first appears on the Mecklenburg PPTLs, at which time he would have been 21 years or older.

¹⁷² Oglethorpe County, GA, Bonds, 1799-1830, retrieved from FHL #158746, item 2 via family search.org (restricted access), image 65.

1787 – **Zachariah Kidd** first appeared on the Mecklenburg County, VA PPTLs in 1787, in the household of his father James Kidd. He continued to be listed there annually through 1789, then drops from the Mecklenburg County PPTLs until 1795, when he appears this one year only. No further record of him is found in Mecklenburg County, VA to our knowledge.

Year	Taxpayer	Other WMT's	Slaves	Cattle	Horses
1787	James Kidd	Zachariah Kidd ¹⁷³	6	20	5
1788	James Kidd	Zach. Kidd	5	X ¹⁷⁴	4
1789	James Kidd	Zachariah Kidd	5	-	3
1790	Zachariah Kidd	Drops from PPTLs			
1795	Zachariah Kidd	-	0	-	1

Zachariah Kidd next appears in Oglethorpe County, GA in 1794.

1794 – On 24 November 1794, Herrod Thornton and Phebe his wife of Oglethorpe County, GA sold to **Zachariah Kidd** of the same place for £30 a parcel of land in Oglethorpe County containing 200 acres.¹⁷⁵

1795 – In the spring of 1795, he again appears on the Mecklenburg County, VA PPTL (see above), and sometime soon after that he evidently returned to Oglethorpe County, GA, where, on 25 June 1795, a marriage record is found for **Zachariah Kidd** to Sally Sorrow in Oglethorpe County, GA.¹⁷⁶

1804 – **Zachariah Kidd** died before 18 January 1804, when the Oglethorpe County Court of Ordinary bound Henry Sorrow for the sum of \$1500 and appointed him as the administrator of the estate of **Zachariah Kidd, deceased**. The Court at that time also appointed Commissioners to make an inventory of the estate.¹⁷⁷ Henry Sorrow may have been the brother of Zachariah's wife Sally Sorrow.

A descendant of Zachariah Kidd, the son of James(1) Kidd, is a participant in the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match to other proven descendants of Thomas Kidd, who died in 1680 in Middlesex County, VA.

¹⁷³ In this PPTL, Zachariah is listed as over 16 but under 21. The following year, the age at which white males became tithable dropped from 21 to 16, and Zach became a tithable.

¹⁷⁴ In 1788, cattle were no longer enumerated in the PPTLs.

¹⁷⁵ Oglethorpe County, GA Deed Book A, pages 250-251, retrieved from FHL #158673 (unrestricted access), image 152 via familysearch.org.

¹⁷⁶ *Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978*, on Ancestry.com.

¹⁷⁷ Oglethorpe County, GA, Bonds, 1799-1830, retrieved from FHL #158746, item 2 via family search.org (restricted access), image 65.

APPENDIX ONE: SOURCES INCLUDED IN THE CREATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

The following sources were used in the creation of this document; those with regular text have been abstracted and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document; those yet to be viewed are in **bold text**):

PRIMARY SOURCES

1. Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1850 (Reviewed and transcribed by Nancy Heuser, researcher for Paula Kidd, 2008)¹⁷⁸
2. Mecklenburg Land Tax Lists, 1815-1830, reviewed and transcribed by Nancy Heuser, researcher for Paula Kidd, 2008.¹⁷⁹

NOTE THAT Mecklenburg LTLs for 1782-1814 and 1831-1850 have not been reviewed yet. Because we have all the deeds for this period, we've elected to not pursue these LTLs at this time.

LoV Reel 188 – 1782-1811A **or** 1782-1800, FHL #511949.¹⁸⁰

LoV Reel 189 – 1811B-1824A

LoV Reel 190 – 1824B-1836

LoV Reel 191 – 1837-1850

The Land Tax Lists for 1801-1850 have not been filmed by the Family History Library, and are not available online at this time.

3. Federal censuses, 1820-1850
4. MECKLENBURG KIDD DEEDS – all below have been examined
General Index to Deeds, 1765-1933, Grantees F-L: LoV reel 21 or FHL #32530
General Index to Deeds, 1765-1933, Grantors F-L: LoV reel 19 or FHL #32528
Mecklenburg County Deed Books 1-33, 1765-1852: LoV reels 1-16 or FHL #s 32532 - 32547
5. County Court Order Books, 1765-1853 (LoV Reels 34-46)
6. Superior Court Order Books, 1801-1831 (LoV Reels 126, 116, 118)
7. Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery Order Books and Common Law Order Books, 1831-1860
8. Guardian Accounts, 1766-1793, 1802-1825: LoV Reel 50
, 1826-1865: Reel 51
(and other Guardian records – See LoV web site at:
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/local/results_all.asp?CountyID=VA173)
9. Marriage bonds and minister's returns (LONG list of books, all unindexed – see above URL for details, if interested)

¹⁷⁸ “Mecklenburg County Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1850,” in “Kidd Mecklenburg County VA Shared Folder” on Dropbox.

¹⁷⁹ This document is in the same folder, above.

¹⁸⁰ The 1782-1800 LTLs on this reel were reviewed and abstracted by RK, May 2021; this abstract is stored in the Mecklenburg County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

10. Mecklenburg County Will Books, 1765-1853: LoV Reels 23-29.
General Index to Wills, and Lists of Heirs, Decedents, 1765 – 1948: Reel 33.

SECONDARY SOURCES (arranged alphabetically by **author**) (those with regular text have been abstracted and all Kidd entries in them have been added to this document; those yet to be reviewed are in **bold text**):

11. *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).
12. *Marriage Records, 1811-1853, Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, by the Prestwoud Chapter, **DAR**, South Hill, VA, 1962 (SPL)
13. *Bible Records and Tombstone Inscriptions of Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, by the Prestwoud Chapter, **DAR**, South Hill, VA, 1960 (includes Bible records for Kidds)
FHL #849499, item 5, viewable via familysearch.org without restriction (images 336-603, internal index in front). One Kidd Bible cited (p. 38, image 407), the bible of John B. Kidd. No others.
14. *Family Records, Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, edited by Susan Bracey Sheppard and Carol Bracey Corker, compiled by the Prestwoud Chapter, **DAR**, South Hill, VA, 1997 (This seems to be a follow-on book to the earlier DAR Bible Records book).
This is one print source of John Kidd's Copy Book, 1794-1874 (the bible record of John B. Kidd of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.)
15. *Early Settlers of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Volumes 1 & 2*, by Katherine B. **Elliott**, 1964.
Reprinted by Southern Historical Press, Easley SC, 1983
16. *Early Wills 1765-1799 Mecklenburg County Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. **Elliott**, South Hill, VA, 1963
17. *Marriage Records 1765-1810 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, compiled by Katherine B. **Elliott**, published by the author, South Hill VA, 1968
18. *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at **familysearch.org**
19. *Kidds Serving in Wartime, 1800-1848*, by William R. **Kidd** (No Kidds from Mecklenburg County)
20. *Cemetery and tombstone records of Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, by Munsey Adams **Moore**, Chase City, Virginia, 1982 (Several Kidds, all later than the era covered in this compilation; PDF of Kidd entries available.)
21. *The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, from 1765 to 1810*, by Stratton **Nottingham**, 1928 (SPL)
22. *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865. v. 7. Counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Cumberland, Goochland, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Powhatan, and Prince Edward*, by Wesley E. **Pippenger**, Virginia Genealogical Society, Richmond, VA, 2001 – only records for John B. Kidd of Mecklenburg County.
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25. *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1777-1779*, by **T.L.C.** Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1994, 117 pp. Received via ILL 5/2/2020 – 3 Kidd mentions; no Southernns.
26. *Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1779-1786*, by **T.L.C.** Genealogy, Miami Beach, FL, 1991, 165 pp. Received via ILL 5/2/2020 – several Kidd mentions, and several mentions of a William Southern/Southera, etc.
27. *Virginia in 1740: A Reconstructed Census*, compiled by **T.L.C.** Genealogy, 1992 (No Kidds)
28. *Virginia in 1760: A Reconstructed Census*, compiled by **T.L.C.** Genealogy, 1996 (No Kidds)
29. *Mecklenburg County Marriages, 1765-1853*, by John **Vogt** and T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1989 (SPL)

APPENDIX 2: TRANSCRIPT OF THE COPY BOOK OF JOHN B. KIDD¹⁸¹

THE KIDD FAMILY

John B. Kidd married to Betsey Raney 19th February 1818
John B. Kidd was born February they 26 – 1794
Betsey M. Kidd was born they 15th of May 1794
John B. Kidd married to Betsey M. Raney 19th February 1818

Rebekah I. (J.) Kidd was born the 10th of December 1818
Juley Ann Kidd was born they 5th of March 1820
Edward R. Kidd was born they 5th of July 1822
Bartt M. Kidd was born they 16th of August 1826
James L. Kidd was born they 11th of August 1828
Elizabeth E. Kidd was born they 8 of October 1830
Arrimintor Derman Kidd was born August the 14th 1832
William F. Kidd was born November the fifteenth 1836
Allen B. Kidd was born the 7^t of May 1839
Richard J. Kidd was born 13 of July 1841

June they 17th – 1821 was they Day that Elizabeth Kidd died in the evening
March 31 – 1842 was the day that Lames (James) L. Kidd died 10 a clock in the night

Taken from the Copy Book of John Basey [Kidd]¹⁸² now in the possession of Mr. John M. Hall, La Crosse, Va, started Tuesday, July 1813, pasted inside the cover of the notebook.

Miles Hall was born January the 11 1823
Mary L. Hall was born September the 24, 1857
Edward J. Hall was born August the 25 1858
Cattie Hall was born July the 21 1867
Ella Hall was born July the 24 1874

Taken from the Copy Book of John Kidd, now in the possession of Mr. John M. Hall, La Crosse, Va, Started in 1808. This is the same book that Judy Tudor refers to as the Baisey Book, because it was passed down to Etta Gertrude "Gertie" Kidd, the great-great granddaughter of John B. Kidd; she married Dillard B. Baisey, and the copy book then went to her daughter, who married a Hall. An alternative provenance of this copy book is that it went to John B. Kidd's daughter, Elizabeth Kidd, who married Miles Hall. This is actually a better explanation for the passing down of the copy book, although it doesn't explain why Judy calls it the Baisey Book. Her note on the large scroll she prepared says that this book was "left at Hunt Club in 1992."

¹⁸¹ Kidd family Bible record, 1794-1842, Library of Virginia Archives and Manuscripts Room, call #25295a, https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01LVA_INST/9cpp9q/alma990004949270205756

¹⁸² The actual transcript reads just as listed here. However, since the copy book belonged to John B. Kidd, perhaps this notation (i.e., Basey) indicates what his middle initial stood for. I believe instead that the copy book was passed down to the Hall and Basey/Baisey families, who intermarried with the Kidd family.

**APPENDIX THREE: REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION OF JAMES
H. KIDD, S31796, VIRGINIA**

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

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Retrieved from Southern Campaigns Revolutionary War Pension
Statements & Rosters, <http://revwarapps.org/s16436.pdf>

State of Georgia } SS.

Gwinnett County } Inferior Court of said County

On this thirteenth day of August in the year eighteen hundred & thirty three personally in open court before Hudson H Allen, Jesse A Reeve, N Akers, G Vanwilkingburgh Esquires, Justices of said Inferior county court James H Kidd a resident of the county of DeKalb and State aforesaid aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he the said James H Kidd was drafted in the militia of Virginia and entered the service of the United States in the month of January in the year 1779 as a private in the company commanded by Capt Reuben Vaughn [Reuben Vaughan] & served in the regiment commanded by Col. Lewellen Burwell the General under whom he first served was Gen Francis Mason whom he joined at Granville Court house North Carolina he was then marched by the way of Hillsborough, Salisbury, & Charlotte in North Carolina & Camden in South Carolina & joined General [Benjamin] Lincoln at Bacons Bridge near Charleston S.C. was in a skirmish near the place and afterwards in the battle of Stono [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779], he was then marched back to Virginia & discharged by Capt. Vaughn in the month of July having served at this time a six months tour but his discharge has been long since lost. From his desire to go in the army he reported himself old enough to be put on the Militia roll which was done and he was in a few days after drafted for the above service and entered the army at about fifteen years of age, he was born & raised, & entered the service in every instance during the revolutionary war in the county of Mecklenburg State of Virginia

He knows of no living witness by whom to establish the above mentioned service except Ansel Cunningham [pension application S31636] whose affidavit is hereto attached, it being the only way in which it could be furnished it being out of the power of this declarant to get him to attend court he living a great way off and being very old & infirm—

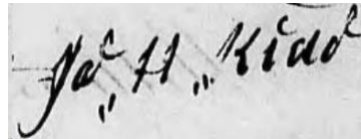
In the year 1780 he was again drafted as a private for a three months tour of Duty in the Virginia Militia & marched under the command of Captain John Kendrick from Mecklenburg to Williamsburg in Virginia & was then ordered back how long he served this term he does not know precisely but he knows not less than two months, this part of the service he does not rely on not being able to give the time of service exactly—

Again in the year seventeen hundred & eighty one he Volunteered in the County of Mecklenburg in of Virginia & served a three months tour of duty commencing in January & ending in April in the company commanded by Captain John Brown whose company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Robert Muntford [sic: Robert Munford] & Major [St. George] Tucker. The regiment joined the command of General [Robert] Lawson at Skipwiths ferry on the roanoak river [sic: Roanoke River, possibly near present Skipwith in Mecklenburg County VA], after which he with Gen Lawsons command joined Gen. [Nathanael] Greene at haw river in North Carolina, he was at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & afterwards at Ramsey's Mill on the deep river & was then detached as Guard or part of guard and sent with prisoners to

Albemarle Courthouse in Virginia & was then marched back to Mecklenburg & discharged by Capt Brown. After his discharge, the company was to draw some salt at which time they were required to present their discharges, in order to show their right to draw he presented his discharge & never received it back and it was lost to him, he knows of but one person by whom he can prove the last mentioned service whose evidence is herewith furnished the name of that witness is William Kidd [S31796] And deponent further states that he has no record of his age, that he was born in the year 1764 – that he removed from Va to Georgia in 1784 & has resided in various Counties in Geo till this time & that he now resides in Dekalb County And deponent would state the names of Archibald Hamilton and Joseph Thompson Esq &c who can testify to their belief of his [word illegible]

& he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or territory

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 13th day of August 1833

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jesse H. Kidd", written in a cursive style.

Georgia }
Oglethorpe County }

Personally came before me Jesse Carter a Justice of the Peace in & for the county & state aforesaid William Kidd who being duly sworn deposes & says that in the month of January of the year in which the battle of Guilford was fought he & his brother James H. Kidd served a three months tour of military service in the militia of Virginia in the Revolutionary War between the United States and great Britain on the American side.

Sworn to & subscribed before
me this 15th day of September 1832

William hisXmark Kidd

APPENDIX FOUR: REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION OF WILLIAM KIDD, S31796, VIRGINIA

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Georgia } Ss.
Oglethorpe County }

On this fourth day of September eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court while sitting for ordinary purposes, William Kidd a resident of the county & state aforesaid aged nearly sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June of the present year entitled “an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Revolution.” That he entered the American service in the Revolutionary struggle under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. That he was born in Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] county in Virginia on the 16th December 1763, according to the account handed down to him by his parents, there being no record of his age as far as he knows – That he lived in Mecklinburg when he entered the militia service in the revolutionary war, & lived there until he moved to Georgia in 1799, & settled in Oglethorpe county where he has lived ever since & where he now lives. That when he was near fifteen years old – to wit in the summer of 1778– being well grown of his age he was employed as a substitute in the place of one William Perry for a tour of five months military service in the Revolutionary war against Great Britain — he was received as a substitute & performed the whole tour under the command of General Lewis [see endnote] & Captain Anderson– he marched first to Portsmouth & then to Turkey Point not far from Baltimore & his only duty during the expedition was simply marching & guarding — he had no battle & not so much as a skirmish — when the time expired he was discharged at Portsmouth, but has lost his discharge.

In the year 1780, he performed another tour of military service in the militia of Virginia, of five months duration, as a substitute for his father James Kidd, who had been drafted for that length of time. He left home this trip he thinks in the month of May. During this tour he marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina under the command of Captain Benjamin Ferrel his regiment (the number of which he does not now recollect) was commanded by Colonel Lukes or Lucas [James Lucas]. From Hillsborough he marched to the Gum swamp near Camden South Carolina, when under General [Horatio] Gates he was defeated by Cornwallis & Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton; Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]– During this engagement he was severely wounded by a cut on the left shoulder which he received from the sword of the enemy. His post in this battle was among the regulars on the right wing of the army — the evening before the battle the following plan was formed, which was executed the next day. Four men were selected out of the company of each militia captain so as to correspond with the number of regulars, & these select militia men & regulars were placed alternately along in the right wing of the army & of this number deponent was one [see endnote]. He fought in the Brigade commanded by General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens]. Being defeated he retreated to Charlotte & thence to Hillsborough. Deponent was carried home, where he received a permit to remain until he had sufficiently recovered, from under the hand of Colonel [Robert] Munford, which will appear by reference to a small document hereunto annexed & marked A. which together with such further testimony as deponent may be enabled to obtain in support of

his claim before its final adjustment at the War Department, he respectfully prays may be taken & considered as a part of this his Declaration. His time expired before he got well enough to march & he never received a discharge from this campaign.

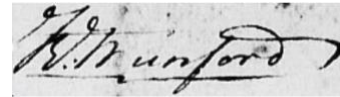
In 1781, he volunteered for seven weeks, under the command at first of Captain Swepston [possibly Richard Swepson] & after a little while he joined a corps of rifle men under the command of Captain Brown [probably John Brown] — he does not recollect the precise date of the beginning or end of this short tour; but he knows that he was in the Battle of Guilford during its continuance — his principle officer here was General [Nathanael] Greene — he belonged to General [Robert] Lawson's Brigade and Colonel Munford's Regiment — his situation in this Battle was in the right wing of the army. He was discharged from this tour near Deep River in N. Carolina, but has lost his discharge. He thinks he can establish this last tour by his brother James Kidd [James H. Kidd, pension application S16436] who was with him when it was performed & whose testimony he will endeavor to obtain before his claim is presented for final adjustment. His neighbours are the honorable William H. Crawford, Major Joseph J. Moore, Robert Freeman Esquire, Richard Gregory [31712], & Charles Carter [S31593], the two last of whom are reputed to be soldiers of the Revolution & others, any of whom he doubts not will cheerfully establish his character as a man of honesty & truth. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year first aforesaid

William hisXmark Kidd

Mecklenburg County

William Kidd being wounded in Gen'l. Gates' last Engagement when he acted as a Militia Soldier in Gen'l Stephens' Brigade He is permitted to remain at Home untill he recovers of his wound, & then he is to attend his Duty as required. Given under my Hand this 10 th Day of Sept'r. Anno Dom 1780

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. H. Munford", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

NOTES: The only known General Lewis from Virginia was Andrew Lewis, who resigned on 15 Apr 1777. Kidd's account of the mixing of regular soldiers and militiamen in the line at the Battle of Camden is apparently not found elsewhere.

APPENDIX FIVE: Was James Kidd of Slate River the Father of Moses Kidd of Buckingham County, Virginia, and His Siblings? And Who Was This James Kidd?

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Buckingham County was created in 1761 from Albemarle County. In 1869, a courthouse fire in Buckingham County destroyed nearly all records, making Buckingham among the worst of Virginia's "burned record counties." Only one plat book and wills or documents found in the court records of other locales survived. The loss is even more severe since Buckingham County was formed from Albemarle County in 1761, and the Albemarle courthouse was burned by the British in 1781, destroying many early Albemarle records. Very few pre-1861 county records are available. However, researchers have the Buckingham County Virginia personal property tax lists (PPTLs) and land tax lists (LTLs), because the law required that copies of these annual lists be sent to Richmond every year.

With few surviving records to work with, researchers must extract as much as possible from those records that remain, in an attempt to weave them into a plausible, coherent story that fits with the known facts and that can withstand scrutiny.

This paper represents our efforts to answer the two questions posed in the title; here we lay out our case for two related hypotheses:

- that the James Kidd who received a patent for 290 acres of land in 1760 in that part of Albemarle County that became Buckingham County in 1761 was the father of Moses Kidd of Buckingham County and his siblings; and
- that this James Kidd was most likely the James Kidd born on 27 March 1716 in Middlesex County, Virginia to William² Kidd and his wife Margaret.

Of necessity, our reasoning relies on multiple disparate pieces of evidence, some of which may at first seem unrelated. For this reason, we thought it might be useful to provide readers with a synopsis of the main points we address in this paper, in the order that they appear in this document.

1. The 1808 Chancery suit over the estate of Moses Kidd, which survives because it was filed in Superior Court of the District held in Prince Edward County, provides the names of his three brothers (John, William and Benjamin) and six sisters.
2. Buckingham County PPTL and LTL entries for Moses' brother William Kidd name the father of William as James Kidd. Therefore, a James Kidd must have been the father of Moses and his other siblings as well.
3. Two of Moses' brothers, John and William, were also landowners in Buckingham County, near Moses' land.
4. Moses Kidd received his first Buckingham County land from his father (who was not named in the chancery record).
5. a James Kidd received a patent for 290 acres on the north side of the Slate River in Albemarle County in 1760. This land was in the part of Albemarle County that formed Buckingham County in 1761.
6. Five sons and one daughter of William² Kidd and his wife Margaret also migrated to Albemarle County in the same time frame as this James Kidd.

7. James³ Kidd, the son of William² (Thomas¹) Kidd and his wife, Margaret is the best (if not the only) fit for the known facts about the James Kidd of early Buckingham County.

See the full exposition below for the evidence we've reviewed and analyzed, to reach the conclusion that James³ Kidd, son of William² Kidd, was the father of Moses Kidd and his siblings.

FACTS RELATED TO OUR HYPOTHESIS

In early July 1798, Moses Kidd of Tillotson Parish, Buckingham County, VA, died at his home near New Canton in northeastern Buckingham County. At his death, he owned 367 acres of land on Phelps Creek (also known as Bear Garden Creek) near the community of New Canton.

The years following his death found Moses' siblings – three brothers and six sisters – in court bringing a chancery suit over the rightful ownership of his land, against his widow Elizabeth Toney Kidd and her Toney relatives. Because the case was heard in the Superior Court of the District, located in Prince Edward County, VA, before being settled in favor of the defendants the Toney, the papers detailing the suit have survived in the Prince Edward County chancery files. Since Buckingham is a severely burned record county, this is a remarkable piece of fortune for researchers of the Buckingham County Kidds.

At issue in the suit was the will of Moses Kidd, written in 1781 as he was leaving for militia service in the Revolutionary War. This will was presented by his executors (wife Elizabeth, her brother John Toney, and William Wilkinson) on 9 July 1798, the Monday following his death. Moses and Elizabeth were childless, so the inheritance of his large estate, consisting of 367 acres of property and slaves, was clearly a matter of great importance.

The siblings of Moses Kidd, represented initially by his brother John Kidd as the lead plaintiff, contended that the 1781 will was not Moses' rightful will. Without a valid will, the plaintiffs knew that the property of the childless Moses Kidd would revert to his Kidd relatives, with only a dower portion for his widow Elizabeth.

To further complicate matters, some of the numerous witnesses testified in the suit that Moses had written a second will leaving his estate to Sarah (Sally) Falwell, a woman of color with whom he reputedly had at least eight children (named in testimony as Elisha, Mary, Elizabeth, Dinah, Judith, Sarah, Nancy, and John). Although the attorney for Sally Falwell presented the will in her possession immediately following Moses' death, it was quickly tossed out by the court (this was, perhaps, inevitable, given that Sally, though likely free, was a woman of color with little legal standing in 18th century Virginia).

This constellation of events led the siblings of Moses Kidd to sue his widow over his estate in 1803 in the Superior Court of Richmond District, Prince Edward District Court.¹⁸³ Thanks to this suit, we are able to learn the names of all his surviving siblings. With this information, we can theorize about the identity of the father of this large Buckingham County, VA family of Kidds.

¹⁸³ John Kidd et al v Elizabeth Kidd, widow of Moses Kidd et al, Superior Court of Richmond District (VA), Prince Edward District Court (VA), 1803-1807. Final disposition Sept. 1808. See Library of Virginia, Prince Edward County Chancery Causes. File 1808-018. Images of this record are available at this URL: http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=147-1808-018#img

Brothers of Moses Kidd (named in the 1803-1808 Chancery suit)

1. **John**, listed in early records as of Tillotson Parish¹⁸⁴, and a large landowner of 324 acres of property on the Slate River in Buckingham County, died by 1804. Known sons: James¹⁸⁵, Joseph¹⁸⁶, Sherwood¹⁸⁷, Absalom¹⁸⁸, Archibald/Archer¹⁸⁹, Edmond¹⁹⁰, William¹⁹¹. Another possible son is John (Jr.). Testimony in the suit attested that John and Moses were both prosperous landowners, and that Moses had intended his brother John and family to have his property along with his sister Sarah's family.
2. **William**, a smaller landowner of 100 acres in Buckingham County near New Canton on Phelps Creek, died by 1807.¹⁹² Wife Ann(e). Known sons: William, Jr., Shadrack, and Robert. Another possible son is Henry. Testimony in the suit attested that Moses believed that if his brothers William and Benjamin got his land, they would not know "how to possess it."¹⁹³ This suggests they were not as prosperous as Moses and John. In the years following William's death, at least part of his holdings were subject to a sheriff's sale, which possibly indicated insolvency.¹⁹⁴
3. **Benjamin**, named as a party to the suit and as Moses' brother, so presumably alive in 1803. Benjamin appears once, in 1786, on the personal property tax lists for Buckingham County (with one white tithe) and is not found on the land tax lists.¹⁹⁵

We believe this to be the Benjamin Kidd who is found in Pittsylvania County, VA and Surry County, NC¹⁹⁶, and who in his Revolutionary War pension application attested that he was born

¹⁸⁴ Tillotson Parish was created in 1757 from St. Anne's Parish in Albemarle County, Virginia. Most if not all of the area comprising Tillotson Parish was in current-day Buckingham County. Buckingham was created in 1758 out of Albemarle and Appomattox counties. For more information, see

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Tillotson_Parish,_Virginia

¹⁸⁵ Listed on the 1790 Buckingham County PPTL as "James, son of John."

¹⁸⁶ Named as a son of John in the Kidd v. Kidd suit

¹⁸⁷ Named as a son of John in the Kidd v. Kidd suit; listed as "Archibald, son of John" in 1797 Buckingham County PPTL.

¹⁸⁸ listed as "Absalom, son of John" in the 1797 Buckingham County PPTL.

¹⁸⁹ listed as "Archibald, son of John" in the 1797 Buckingham County PPTL.

¹⁹⁰ On the 1793 Buckingham PPTL tax for John's HH, the initials S, A, and E appear as his white tithables. There is no other given name of Kidd starting with E. Edmond appears in his own HH 1796-1799. We consider this evidence supporting the inclusion of Edmond as one of John's sons.

¹⁹¹ listed as "William, son of John" in the 1799 Buckingham County PPTL.

¹⁹² In 1807, his widow, Ann Kidd, first appears on the Buckingham PPTLs, with one WMT and two taxable slaves. She's found on most but not all of the annual PPTLs through 1819, after which she drops from the list. In some years, she pays a tithe for son Robert; in others, either Robert or "William, son of Ann" are listed adjacent to her on the PPTLs. This is evidence that William, son of James died before 1807, despite his continuing to appear on the LTLs through 1813.

¹⁹³ Prince Edward County (Va.) Chancery Causes, 1754-1913. John Kidd *et al* v. Elizabeth Kidd, widow of Moses Kidd *et al*. 1808-018. Local Government Records Collection, Prince Edward District Court Records. The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. See http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=147-1808-018

¹⁹⁴ See William4 Kidd's section of the Buckingham County BD for details.

¹⁹⁵ We believe that he's the Benjamin Kidd who is found on the 1830 and 1840 federal censuses in Surry County, NC, and who applied for a Revolutionary War pension from there in 1845, in which he states that he was born in Buckingham County, VA in 1752 [though Buckingham not formed until 1761]. This Benjamin was dead by 1852, and probably by 1850, since he's not found on the 1850 Surry County, NC census that year.

¹⁹⁶ See Benjamin Kidd's section of the Buckingham County BD for details and specific citations.

in Buckingham County in 1752 [*sic*, Buckingham County not formed until 1761.]
Known sons are Jesse and Allen Kidd.

Sisters of Moses Kidd

4. **Sarah**, m James Boatright; their son Benjamin Boatwright was named as the second plaintiff in the suit, which suggests that Sarah, and perhaps James, were both deceased by the time of the suit in 1803.
5. **Dicey**, m Richard Falwell
6. **Susanna**, m unknown Quarles, widowed by time of suit in 1803.¹⁹⁷
7. **Judith**, m James Quarles¹⁹⁸
8. **Patsy (Martha)**, m Reuben Southern. The Southern family intermarried with the Kidds; Margaret Kidd, daughter of William² and Margaret Kidd, married John Southern and they were part of the Kidd family migration to central Virginia, where they owned land on Bear Garden Creek. Reuben is believed to be the son of John and Margaret Southern. This family moved to Stokes County, NC, where Reuben and Patsy Southern sold land in Stokes County in 1828 to Peter Hairston.¹⁹⁹
9. **Nancy**, m unknown Smith, no husband named in suit and not identified as a widow. It is possible that this is the Anna Kidd who married Platt Smith in 1790 in Buckingham County.²⁰⁰

While rich in detail about the life of Moses Kidd, the 1803 suit, *Kidd v Kidd*, names neither father nor mother of Moses and his siblings--but it does provide important clues that help us to determine the possible identity of the father of these Kidds.

Among the testimony of the witnesses was a deposition made on 3 July 1804 by Moses' estate executor William Wilkinson, stating that Moses received 200 acres from his father and later added significantly to his initial land holdings.²⁰¹ See Figure below:

¹⁹⁷ She is likely the Susanna Quarles on the federal census in Buckingham County on the 1810 census: Susannah Quarls – 1M 26-44; 2F 16-25, 2 26-44 & 1 45 and older. No slaves. Next door is a William Quarls, age 26-44, with his family. I don't find her after 1810. Judging from her age on this census, Susanna was born by 1775, perhaps considerably earlier.

¹⁹⁸ On federal census in Buckingham County, VA in 1810 – Judith Quarls 2M<10, 1 10-15; 2F<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25, 2F 45 & older, no slaves. Thus Judith too would have been born prior to 1775, perhaps much earlier. Not found in Buckingham in 1820 or later.

¹⁹⁹ Stokes County, NC Deed Book 9, p 257.

²⁰⁰ On 15 December 1790, Baptist minister Rev. Rene Chastain Jr. solemnized the marriage of **Anna Kidd** to Platt Smith, per Chastain's personal papers ("Diary of Rev. Rene Chastain Jr.," *Buckingham County Virginia Church and Marriage Records, 1764-1822*, compiled and abstracted by Mary Bondurant Warren, Heritage Papers, Athens GA, 1993, p 48). This same minister performed the 1785 marriage of Dicey Kidd to William Goss; the 1786 marriages of Absolom Kidd to Lettice Owen and of Mary Kidd to John Walker; the 1789 marriage of James Kidd to Elizabeth Meglason; and the 1793 marriage of James Kidd to Elizabeth Baltimar (Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, volume 30, pp. 247-251).

²⁰¹ Prince Edward County (Va.) Chancery Causes, 1754-1913. John Kidd *et al* v. Elizabeth Kidd, widow of Moses Kidd *et al*. 1808-018, image 12 of 19 at URL below. Local Government Records Collection, Prince Edward District Court Records. The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. See http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=147-1808-018

...did the property then willed come by his wife? Answer, No. - Question by the same, did Moses Kidd buy the land conveyed by that will, and did he not buy land after that will was made? Answer, The land owned by Moses Kidd when the will was made, was given him by his father, and Moses Kidd purchased the balance of the tract now in the possession of Mrs. Kidd, since said will was made. -
 William Wilkinson
 Sworn to before us at house of Benjamin Holland in the Town of New Canton 3rd July 1804.

FIGURE: Statement of Moses Kidd's executor William Wilkinson, made on 3 July 1804, regarding the source of Moses Kidd's land in Buckingham County. Unfortunately for us, it does not name Moses' father. But it does confirm that Moses Kidd's father was a landowner in Buckingham County.

Location and proximity: Kidd lands, Slate River and Bear Garden Creek

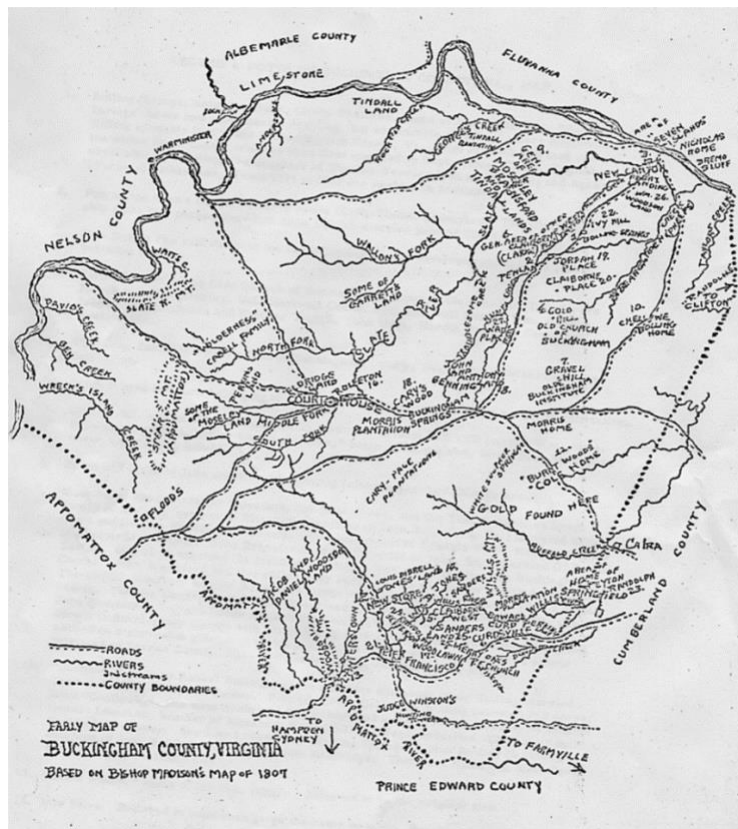


FIGURE: 1807 map of Buckingham County, showing its waterways and its borders with neighboring counties.

It is possible to determine through Buckingham County land tax records the approximate location of the lands of Moses Kidd, and the proximity of the land of his known Kidd siblings, as well as the land belonging to James3 Kidd. The parcels that are of interest here are in the northeastern portion of Buckingham County. See Figure below:

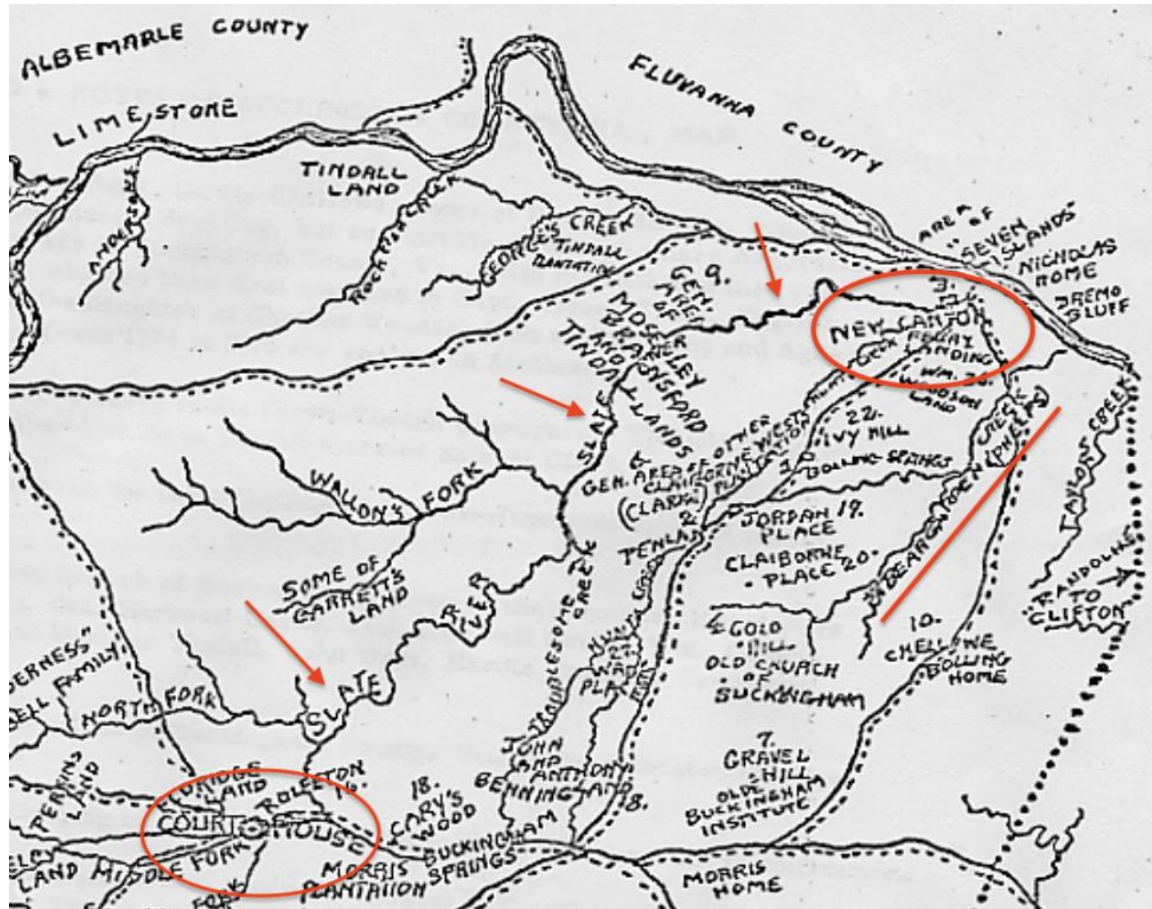


FIGURE: Cropped image of the previous Figure, showing the NE area of Buckingham County. The community of New Canton is in the upper right of this image, within the oval. The County Courthouse is marked by the oval in the lower left corner. Bear Garden (Phelps) Creek is underlined with the diagonal line below New Canton. And the Slate River is denoted by the red arrows. Using a USGS map, the distance between Buckingham Courthouse and New Canton is 19.7 miles “as the crow flies.” It would have been farther by the roads of the day.

In the land tax list descriptions, Moses' land was consistently noted as lying on Glover Road and on Phelps Creek (also known as Bear Garden Creek), 23 miles east of the Courthouse, near New Canton. John's land was noted as lying on the Slate River. William's land was also on Phelps Creek, and near New Canton. Furthermore, William's widow Ann was noted as living near the land of the deceased Moses Kidd, and later William and Ann's sons Shadrack and Robert had possession of 70 acres of the Moses Kidd estate, which they sold in 1824 to F.B. Dean.²⁰²

William and John are very popular American names, and the Kidd family in 18th and 19th century Buckingham County was no exception. When men of the same name appeared on the tax lists, the tax collector often noted additional family information or geographic location, in order to identify

²⁰² We have personally reviewed the extant Buckingham County Land Tax Books from their inception in 1782 through 1863, found on FHL microfilms #29901 (1782-1803), #29902 (1804-1807, 1809-1819, #29903 (1820-1831), #29904 (1832-1835), #29905 (1836-1844), #29906 (1845-1850), #29907 (1851-1858), and #29908 (1859-1863). Digital images of some of these entries are available upon request from the authors.

which man was being taxed. In this case, William of New Canton, a landowner with 100 acres, was noted consistently on the tax lists as “son of James.”²⁰³

We know from this descriptor, then, that James Kidd is the father of William Kidd of Phelps Creek, also known as Bear Garden Creek, near New Canton. Since the *Kidd v Kidd* suit identifies William along with John and Benjamin as brothers of Moses Kidd, it stands to reason that this James Kidd is the patriarch of this Buckingham County, VA family.

Given that Moses and Benjamin both served in the Revolutionary War—and that Benjamin stated in his RW pension application that his date of birth was 1752—a man old enough to be their father would most likely have been born by 1720. The Kidd men found in central Virginia who are old enough to fit this date parameter are all believed to be sons of William² and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex County, VA, six of whom migrated out of Middlesex in the years following the 1727 deaths of both their parents. One of the six sons who left Middlesex County was James Kidd.

In 1760, James Kidd received a land patent in Albemarle County, for the sum of 30 shillings, for 290 acres on the north side of and joining the Slate River, adjoining the land of Edward Kersie.²⁰⁴ This land was in the part of Albemarle that became Buckingham County soon thereafter, in 1761.

Also acquiring land in Albemarle County were James’s brothers, Robert, Aaron and John Kidd. The first Kidd land reference found in Albemarle County was in 1746, when a survey dated 13 Oct 1746 was made for Robert Kidd, for 200 acres on both sides of the Hardware River.²⁰⁵ However, Robert Kidd likely did not retain possession of this land, since a note on the plat reads “Kidd insolvent.”²⁰⁶

Aaron and John Kidd’s tracts were further north on the Rivanna River, at Roundabout Creek. Aaron Kidd patented an 80-acre tract in 1763 on the Roundabout Creek.²⁰⁷ John Kidd was named in several deeds (1752,²⁰⁸ 1756,²⁰⁹ 1760,²¹⁰ and 1761²¹¹) as a landowner or neighboring landowner in Albemarle County.²¹²

²⁰³ Ibid. See this William’s section of this document for specifics.

²⁰⁴ James Kidd, grantee, Virginia Land Office Patents database, online at Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756-1765, p. 710 (reel 33-34). See Albemarle County source documents for image scan.

²⁰⁵ *Land lying in the county of Albemarle : Albemarle County, Virginia surveyor's plat books, volumes 1, part land 2, and volume 2, 1744-1853, [and 1892]*, by Eric G. Grundset, Fairfax, Va. : E.G. Grundset, 1998, p. 9, citing Survey Book 1, p. 29, abstracted by C Kilby 2007]. Images of this page, and of Robert Kidd’s individual survey may be found in the Albemarle Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

²⁰⁶ Also cited in *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, pp. 2-3., citing Order Book 1744-1777, p. 290.

²⁰⁷ Aaron Kidd, grantee, Virginia Land Office Patents database, online at Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 35, 1762-1764 (v.1 & 2 p.1-556), p. 434 (Reel 35). Scanned image in Albemarle County source documents folder.

²⁰⁸ *Land lying in the county of Albemarle : Albemarle County, Virginia surveyor's plat books, volumes 1, part land 2, and volume 2, 1744-1853, [and 1892]*, by Eric G. Grundset, Fairfax, Va. : E.G. Grundset, 1998, p. 49, citing Survey Book 1, [part 1?], p. 215, abstracted by C Kilby 2007].

²⁰⁹ Ibid., p. 82, citing Survey Book 1, part 2, p. 22. Images of this plats page and of John Kidd’s survey are available upon request.

²¹⁰ Ibid., p. 87, citing Survey Book 1, p. 42, abstracted by C Kilby 2007]. Images of this plats page and of John Kidd’s survey are available upon request.

²¹¹ William Melton, grantee, Virginia Land Office Patents database, online at Library of Virginia, Land Office Patents No. 34, 1756-1765, p. 803 (Reel 33-34). Scanned image in Albemarle County source documents.

²¹² See their entries in the Albemarle BD for more information.

Also in this area were John Southern and his wife Margaret Kidd, the daughter of William and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex County. In 1749, John Southern purchased from William Webb a tract of 325 acres, lying on Bear Garden Creek, later known as Phelps Creek.²¹³

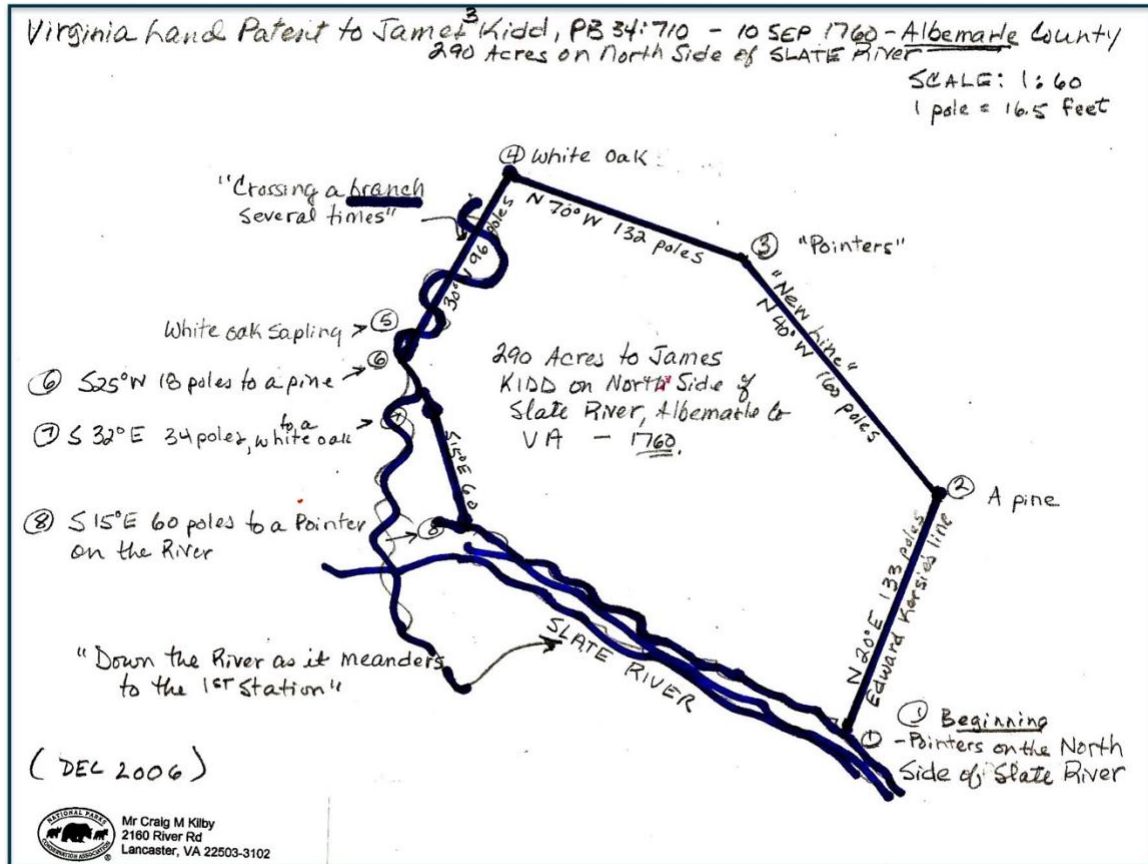


FIGURE: Land plat of James Kidd, 1760, Albemarle County, drawn by Craig Kilby, researcher, Lancaster County, VA

The Slate River runs across Buckingham County from southwest to northeast, where it flows into the James River near New Canton.

Moses Kidd's land was on Glovers Road and Phelps Creek (formerly known as Bear Garden Creek), 23 miles east of the Courthouse, according to the annual Land Tax List descriptions. This location is just south of New Canton, on the south side of the James River.

Moses' brother John Kidd died with 324 acres on the Slate River by 1804. His land was listed for nearly a decade under the name of his son Joseph Kidd before dropping from the land tax lists in 1812.²¹⁴

²¹³ *Deed and Will Abstracts of Albemarle County, Virginia (1748-1752)*, compiled by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean VA, 1990, p. 51.

²¹⁴ See his section in the Buckingham County BD for full details.

Moses' brother William Kidd: there were several men by this name in Buckingham County records, and three were land owners. One of them, listed in the LTLs and PPTLs as "William, son of James," owned 100 acres in 1782; its location was given as on Phelps Creek, near New Canton & 25 miles east of the courthouse. Starting in 1814, the 100 acres is listed as Estate of William Kidd. The estate continues through 1846, when the last of the acreage has been sold, apparently by Shadrack Kidd (William's son) in 1844. The land is subject to several sheriff's sales, which may indicate insolvency of the estate.

Also supporting this relationship is that in 1834, Shadrack and Robert Kidd sold 70 acres of the Moses Kidd estate to F.B. [Francis] Dean. [footnote LTLs and suit]

The other two William Kidds who were landowners weren't proximate to Moses. One, named in the Buckingham LTLs as "William Sr.," owned 190 acres from 1787-1803, after which he drops from the LTLs in 1804. A second William Kidd, listed as "William, son of John" in the LTLs, is likely the nephew of William Kidd of New Canton and first appears with land (60 acres) in Buckingham County in 1806. His land was described as "on the Slate River, 20 miles NE of the courthouse.

We find no land in Buckingham County in the name of Benjamin Kidd.

CONCLUSION ONE:

We believe that the record makes it highly probable that the father of Moses Kidd and his siblings was the James Kidd who in 1760 patented land on the Slate River, in proximity to these other Kidds.

Identifying James Kidd of early Buckingham County

Having made the case that the James Kidd who patented 290 acres of land on the Slate River is the father of Moses Kidd and his siblings, we turn to the next question: what is the identity of this James Kidd?

We believe that this James Kidd is likely James Kidd, son of William² and Margaret Kidd of Middlesex County, VA.

Supporting evidence for this theory:

1. A man old enough to be the father of children born in the early 1750s would likely have been born by 1720 in this era.
James Kidd, son of William and Margaret, was baptized 28 Apr 1716 in Christ Church Parish in Middlesex County, VA.
2. Six of William² and Margaret Kidd's sons—Robert, John, James, Aaron, Duel, and Moses—and one daughter Margaret Kidd Southern, wife of John Southern, have been identified in central Virginia records, confirming their migration from Middlesex County to central Virginia by the mid-1700s.
3. There is a connection between the Parish family of Goochland County and James Kidd and John Kidd. By 1755, according to the records kept by Rev. William Douglas, this James Kidd had married Morning Parish, daughter of Henry Parish.²¹⁵ At least six years earlier, James' brother John Kidd had married Ruth Parish, daughter of Henry Parish and sister to Morning.

²¹⁵ *The Douglas Register*, pp. 30, 80, citing p. 2 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

The Parish connection is a useful clue to identifying this James Kidd and tying him to John Kidd, son of William² Kidd of Middlesex County.

4. Three of the daughters of James Kidd and Morning Parish are listed in Rev. William Douglas's register of marriages and births. Dicea Kidd, daughter of James Kidd [published as Kill] and Morning Parish, was born 6 Aug 1756 and baptized 5 Sept 1756.²¹⁶ Mary Kidd, daughter of James Kidd [published as Caid] and Morning Parish, was born 11 Jan 1759 and baptized 18 Feb 1759.²¹⁷ Sally Kidd, daughter of James Kidd and Morning Parish, was born 3 Feb 1761 and was baptized 29 Mar 1761.²¹⁸

The names of two of these daughters – Dicea/Dicey and Sarah/Sally – reasonably match the names of two siblings of Moses Kidd given in the suit *Kidd v Kidd* in Buckingham County, VA (1803). Dicey Kidd was listed as the wife of Richard Falwell, and Sarah as the wife of James Boatwright.

5. The absence of any other known James Kidd in central Virginia records during the mid-1700s. **Our reasonably exhaustive search has not found evidence of any other James Kidd, born by 1716, anywhere in Virginia. There is no other James Kidd to consider as an alternative suspect.**

All records found to date indicate that all the Kidds in eastern or central Virginia prior to 1760 are by definition the descendants of Thomas¹ Kidd of Middlesex County. No records have been found to indicate the presence of another unrelated branch of Kidds.

Thomas¹ Kidd had two sons, Thomas² and William² Kidd.

Thomas² had five known sons, and none of them were named James Kidd.

Thomas²'s first son, Thomas³, had two known sons. Neither was named James, and both were born after 1716.

Thomas²'s second son, John³, did have a son named James, born in 1738. This James Kidd could not have been the father of Moses, who was likely born by 1743. He lived out his life in Middlesex County where he was a tavern owner in the town of Urbanna and left numerous records in Middlesex County.

Thomas² Kidd's third son Daniel³ was born abt 1696 and had no known son James; the Essex County men suspected to be his sons were named Henry, Isaac, and William. Thomas² Kidd's fourth son Henry, born in 1707, was not named in his father's 1727 will and likely died before 1727.

Thomas² Kidd's fifth son, William was born in 1716, and could not have had a son born before 1730.

William² Kidd did have a son named James, born in 1716 in Middlesex County. This James is our top candidate for the father of Moses and his siblings.

²¹⁶ *The Douglas Register*, p. 167, citing p. 49 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

²¹⁷ *The Douglas Register*, p. 230, citing p. 54 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

²¹⁸ *The Douglas Register*, p. 230, citing p. 59 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

What about the other sons of William² Kidd? Might any of them have a son named James, born by 1720 or so, who was enough to have fathered Moses and his siblings? This seems improbable, to say the least.

William³, the eldest son of William², was born circa 1707; his two known sons (William⁴ and John⁴) were born in 1729 and 1733 respectively in Middlesex County.

Robert³, William²'s second son, was born circa 1703, and would be very unlikely to have fathered a son by 1720. He had no known descendants and disappears from the central Virginia records by 1746.

All eight of William²'s other sons were born after 1706, too late to have fathered a son by 1720. Of these sons, only Duel had a known son named James, who was born in 1737 in Middlesex County and so was too young to be the father of Moses Kidd.

CONCLUSION TWO

By process of elimination, James³ Kidd, son of William² Kidd, is by far the most likely to be the James Kidd of Slate River in Albemarle/Buckingham County in 1760.

Based upon the above analysis, the James Kidd who patented 290 acres on the north side of the Slate River in 1760, was James³ Kidd, the son of William² Kidd and his wife Margaret, born in 1716 in Middlesex County.

Evidence against this theory is that James Kidd, if he were the father of Moses Kidd, was likely married at least a decade before 1755. In 1764, Moses Kidd appears on an early Buckingham County, VA tax list fragment that was found in the records of Prince Edward County. In order for Moses to be old enough in 1764 to be on a tax list, he would have been born by 1743. Did James have a first wife (which seems likely); or was this marriage date an estimated "no later than" marriage date, as were many others in the published version of Rev. William Douglas's register?

Other unreconciled evidence is that the Douglas Register includes the 1759 birth/baptism of a Mary as a child of James Kidd and Mourning Parish. There is no Mary or Polly among the siblings of Moses Kidd. It is possible, however, that Mary had died or moved away prior to the *Kidd v Kidd* suit.

Research into the Boatwright, Quarles, and Falwell families – and additional research into the landowners and neighbors of the Kidds who lived near New Canton in Buckingham County – may help to confirm or refute this theory.