

THE KIDDS OF NELSON
COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
1807-1850

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INTRODUCTION

This document is a compendium of all historical records found to date that mention one or more individuals with the surname of Kidd in Nelson County, Virginia from the time of its founding in 1807 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.

NELSON COUNTY

Nelson County was created 25 December 1807 from Amherst Parish, the northern part of Amherst County, and is named after Virginia Governor Sir Thomas Nelson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The county seat of Nelson County is Lovingston.

Before its creation, the land in present-day Nelson County was part of Goochland County (1728-1744), then Albemarle County (1744-1761), and then Amherst County (1761-1807).¹

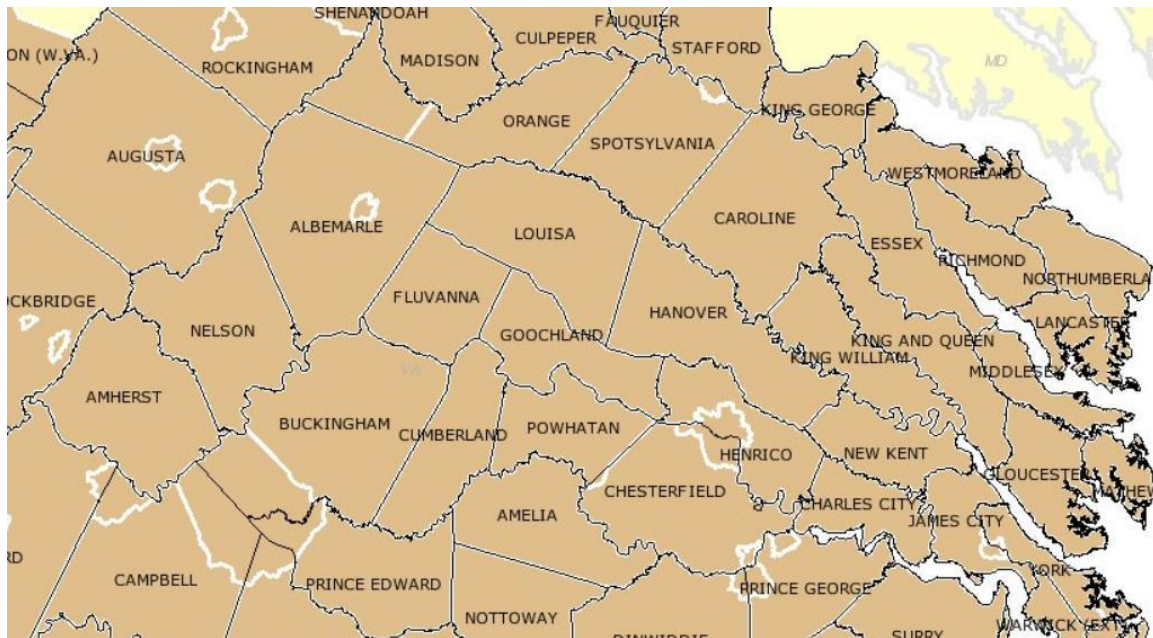


FIGURE 1: Map of central and eastern Virginia Counties, as of 1820, showing relative location of Nelson County (in left side of this map, between Amherst and Albemarle counties, and just west of Buckingham County).

¹ www.mapofus.org/Virginia/ is a terrific website that hosts an interactive map demonstrating the formation of Virginia counties over time.

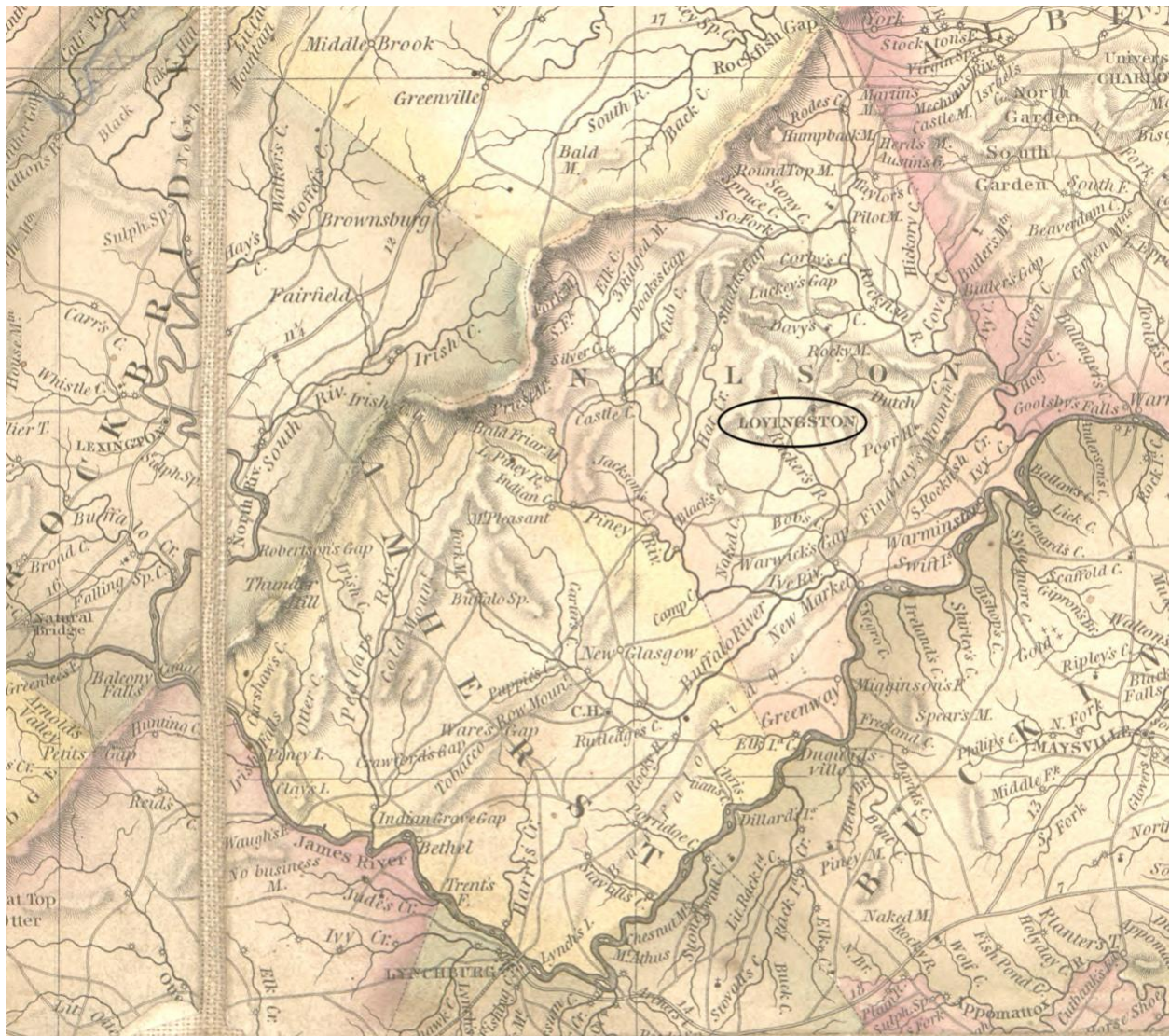


FIGURE 2: 1827 MAP OF AMHERST AND NELSON COUNTIES, including roads, watercourses, and other landmarks, several of which are mentioned in this compilation. Lovington, the county seat of Nelson County, is denoted by an oval. Note Dutch Creek (where the families of James Kidd Sr. and William Kidd Sr. lived) just above and to the right of Lovington. Rockfish River, also associated with James Kidd Sr. lies just north of Dutch Creek (which flows into Rockfish River). Buffalo River, Tye River, and Naked Creek, also mentioned in this work, lie directly south of Lovington, in the lower corner of Nelson County. SEE [Appendix 7](#) for an 1866 map of the Dutch Creek area of NE Nelson county, where some members of both Revolutionary War veteran James Kidd and William Kidd Sr. lived.

Nelson County has suffered no record losses, other than the 1890 census, though only a fragment of the 1810 census survives. The wiki at familysearch.org for Nelson County contains a good summary of what records are online or published for Nelson County, and in some instances, provides direct

links to specific records or indexes. See:

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

The Library of Virginia has an online index to county records on microfilm www.lva.virginia.gov/public/local. Many but not all of these have been filmed by the LDS Family History Library. Records that have not been microfilmed by LOV or LDS will usually be found in the county courthouse.

This work is a compilation of all citations of individuals with the surname of Kidd in Nelson County, Virginia from 1807 (when Nelson County was formed) to 1850 (or later, in some instances). 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.

In the course of our research, we discovered one or more records of at least 95 distinct individuals (60 males and 35 females) with the surname of Kidd in the records of Nelson County between 1807 and 1850. For many of these, we found sufficient information to confirm familial connections and to distinguish them from others with the same or similar names. Every citation for all 95 individuals is included here for completeness sake.

NOTE: Many of the individuals lived in that part of Amherst County that was carved out to form Nelson County in 1807; others moved to Nelson from Amherst, or vice versa. In each instance where an individual left records in both counties, we have included those records in this compilation, specifying the county in which each record occurred. In other words, **not every record cited in this document was produced in Nelson County.**

Sources used in the creation of this document are listed in [Appendix 1](#), found on page 221 and following.

THE LORENA KIDD GOODWIN JOURNAL

In addition to the usual genealogical resources available in most Virginia counties, Nelson County also has a valuable resource about the Kidd families that lived there almost from its founding in 1807 to the present day – the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin.

Mrs. Goodwin (1865-1950) was the daughter of Edmund Tucker Kidd, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright, and Elizabeth Craig, the daughter of Elizabeth M. Kidd and James W. Craig. Her grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig was most likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd and Ann Johnson. In her later years, she began a handwritten journal detailing all she knew about her family. Judging from its contents, she added entries to it from late 1946 until shortly before her death on 18 November 1950.

The genealogical portion of this journal consists of 44 pages of handwritten text, outlining the family relationships of her grandparents, her parents and all their descendants that she could recall, and most of whom she knew personally.

Like any personal memoir written decades after the events, her account is not error-free.² Nevertheless this journal is a valuable resource to anyone interested in the Kidd family of Nelson County.

The journal was passed down to family member Lorene Kidd Smith. Lorene has owned it for decades, and has researched the Nelson County Kidds for years. Several years ago, Lorene shared it with Barbara J. Taylor, another Nelson County Kidd researcher, who has published it, with additional updated family information.³ They have generously shared this journal with us, and have been most helpful in our research about the Nelson County Kidds.

NELSON COUNTY PATRIARCHS

Nearly all the individuals with the surname of Kidd who were in Nelson County prior to 1850 were the descendants of or otherwise related to three men: **1) William Kidd Sr. of Albemarle and Amherst Counties; 2) James (Revolutionary War veteran) Kidd Sr. and his wife Lucy Jopling, of Albemarle and Amherst Counties; and 3) Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife Ann Johnson of Albemarle and Nelson Counties.**

All three of these men were born between 1760 and 1770, and we believe they are closely related, due to the fact that they or their children appear in Nelson County soon after it was created in 1807 from Amherst County, and all three branches lived in the same part of Nelson County, did business and borrowed money from each other, and had other documented interactions with each other.

See the sections of this compilation for each of these three men for more information, and a chart showing their children and male grandchildren for each man.

See also the Ancestry Tree that we have constructed for these individuals “The Kidds of Nelson County, Virginia,”

at <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/115452800/family/familyview>.

If you do visit this Tree, be sure to search it **by name** for each individual you are interested in, since most of the Nelson County Kidd family units are “free-floating”, i.e. not connected by a common ancestor with the other families. Once there, be sure to look at the Media Gallery of each individual, to see what documents and other sources have been added for that person.

Despite years of exhaustive research, we have not found primary original sources to confirm a link for any Nelson County Kidds to our immigrant ancestor **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. However, we have put together a theory based on indirect evidence that Nelson County patriarchs **James Kidd Sr.** and **William Kidd Sr.** are the sons of **John Kidd and Ruth Parish** of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandsons of William Kidd of Middlesex County, Virginia, and great-grandsons of **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. See their sections of this paper and [Appendix 4](#).

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² For instance, she lists Alexander S. Kidd who married Fannie Willoughby, the daughter of Joshua Willoughby, as her grandfather’s brother, when in fact we’re confident that he was Hudson P. Kidd’s son. Perhaps her confusion stemmed from the fact that Hudson DID have a brother named Alexander Kidd, and that brother ALSO married a daughter of Joshua Willoughby.

³ *Descendants of Hudson P. Kidd: The Family Journal of Lorena (Kidd) Goodwin*, edited by Barbara J. Taylor, Rainbows & Miracles etc, November 2019.

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

The information here is freely shared with Kidd family researchers for their personal use. We ask that you credit this book or the KiddRoots.org website when using this information, and that you use it in its original form. Thank you.

ABNER KIDD, b ca 1785 – Parents unknown.

Although this name appears on two Nelson County, VA censuses, apparently as a single man, no man named Abner appears on the PPTLs there.

1820 – The 1820 federal census shows the following Kidds in Nelson County: Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman W., John, Joseph, Robert N., William C. and William J. Kidd.

Abner W. Kidd – 1M 26-44; no other whites, and no slaves.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 238A, are two households containing Kidds, living nearly next door to one another. I list them together because this proximity suggests kinship.

HH 249

Martin, William 32MW carpenter VA

" , Eliza A. 26FW VA

" , Elizabeth 10FW VA attended school within the year

" , Elmira 8FW VA attended school within the year

" , Catherine 6MW VA

" , John J. 4MW VA

" , Sarah 7/12FW VA

Willoughby, Milton 18MW VA

Kidd, Abner 65MW VA pauper

HH 251

Kidd, Robert N. 59MW farmer \$600 VA [probably the son of William Kidd Sr.]

" , Agnus 55FW VA

" , Eliza 17FW VA

" , William J. 8MW VA attended school within the year

White, Thomas 17MW VA

Kidd, Robert H. 25MW carpenter VA

ABSALOM KIDD – This man never appears on the Nelson PPTLs, 1809-1850. His only mention is on the 1820 census. He is not the Absalom Kidd of Buckingham County, VA, who died prior to 1820.

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AGNES (WILLOUGHBY) KIDD, the wife of Robert Nelson Kidd and daughter of Joshua Willoughby
Born circa 1795
Married Robert Nelson Kidd in 1816; he died in 1859, and after his death, she lived in the Willoughby home she had shared with him.
Died circa 1878 [See her husband's section for more information, including a list of their children.]

1816 – A marriage bond was issued for R.N. Kidd and **A. Willoughby** on 8 June 1816 in Nelson County, VA. The bondsman was Joshua Willoughby (her father) and the minister was John Shepherd. The marriage occurred the following day.⁴

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled Alexander Kidd & wife, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc⁵

The complainants in this case are:

Alexander Kidd and Charity his wife;

Robert N. Kidd and Aggy (Agnes) his wife;

Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife;

Alexander S. Kidd and Fanny his wife;

Alfred Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife;

which said Charity, **Aggy**, Margaret, Fanny and Alfred are children and devisees of Joshua Willoughby, dec'd; and

William Bryant and Laurena his wife (granddaughter of Joshua Willoughby); and

Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, (and) Cynthia Kidd (children of Alexander and Charity Kidd); and

Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (**children of Robert N. and Aggy Kidd**);

All above the age of 21 years.

The purpose of this chancery cause apparently is to partition the land owned by the deceased Joshua Willoughby for his heirs. Happily it lists many of these heirs by name.

The complaint (images 2-3) states that Joshua Willoughby's will included many devisees, and established Trustees to distribute his estate, but the individuals named as his executors and trustees (Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters) were not willing to accept that role, "because they have no idea of undertaking such a task when in all probability it cannot be settled during their lives, and which may be injurious to their own children after their deaths, and if they should live, there is no knowing how many children and grandchildren there will be to settle with, who will be descendants of your orators and oratrixes."

They also state that the proceeds of the sale of the remaining lands will be so small (after division between so many heirs) as to not be worth the trouble, "and would compel your orators to seek homes in some distant part, and cause them to sell their interest for little or nothing." Instead they ask that "the land (be) laid off and divided (so that) each of them could get a comfortable home of good land ..."

⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said land, "free from the claim of their several husbands for life, and after their respective deaths to be divided among their several children according to the intent of the said testator."

The defendants in this case are all infants (children under 21):

Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William, children of **Robert and Aggy Kidd**;

Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd, children of Alexander & Charity Kidd;

Elizabeth, Lucinda, Nehemiah, Parena(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and

Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, children of Alexander S. and Fanny Kidd; and

Sarah, Mary Jane, Ann Maria, Sissa and Richard Bryant, infant children of William Bryant and Lourena Bryant; and

Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Martha, and John Willoughby, children of Alfred Willoughby and Milton Willoughby, all infants.

The complainants "pray for a suspension of the sale of said lands until the deaths of the respective children and grandchildren who are entitled for life, that the said lands be divided into seven shares according to quality and quantity, after first setting apart the tract for the widow, for life, and the tract left in trust for the wife and children of Walker S. Willoughby. The bill was filed 25 October 1847.

Image 5: Executor Wilson Peters agrees with the plaintiffs on all points.

Images 7-8: The court appoints commissioners (Lunsford Loving, Terrisha Bailey, John H. Loving, Christopher T. Estes and William J. Robinson or any three of them) to allot 200 acres to the widow of Joshua Willoughby, and then to divide the remaining land into seven equal parts.

Image 15: The allocation of lots to each of the 7 devisees, dated 22 November 1847.

Image 18: A photocopy of the original plat. [Note: The original has been removed from the file, and is evidently in the Clerk's office in Nelson County.]

[Note: In 1847, Agnes is named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 2](#) for this document.]

1848-1850 – In 1848, three of Joshua Willoughby's daughters, each of whom married Kidd men in Nelson County, appear for the first time on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists.

In the prior year, each of them received their share of their father's estate.

Charity Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/125 ½ /lot 1 from est Joshua Willoughby/E4

Aggy Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/111 ac/lot 2 from above/E4

Fanny Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/104 ac/lot 3 from above/E4

These entries repeat annually through 1850, the last year of these records that we have checked.

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White, Thomas 17MW VA
Kidd, Robert H. 25MW carpenter VA

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:

HH 817

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW⁶
" , Frances P. 57FW \$500/100 Nelson CROW
" , Lorenzo D. 21MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW
" , Margaret 19FW Nelson
" , Louisa 14FW Nelson
" , Mary 12FW Nelson

HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r. Kidd, Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 b. Nelson County
" , Charity 61FW Nelson
" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

HH 819

Kidd, Robert K. 37MW farmer \$0/80 Nelson
" , Martha 33FW Nelson
" , Lucas W. 4MW Nelson
" , Elijah C. 2MW Nelson

HH 820

Kidd, Agnus 66FW Nelson
" , William I. (definitely not like 'J's on this page) 18MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson)
" , Paulus 8MW Nelson

HH 121

Kidd, Isaiah B. 35MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson
" , Ann 43FW Nelson CROW⁷
" , Susan A. 22FW Nelson CROW
" , Alex'r. B. 18MW Nelson
" , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle
" , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson

⁶ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

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- " , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson
- " , Rosa E. 9FW Nelson
- " , Silas B. 6MW Nelson
- " , Walter M. 3MW Nelson
- " , Isaiah I. 1MW Nelson
- " , Megginson 4MW Nelson

1870 – On the 1870 Nelson Co census, page 318B, **Agnes Kidd**, aged 75, is living in a household headed by her son William J. Kidd, aged 28, who had \$800 in real estate, \$300 in personal estate. Also in the household are Sarah L. Kidd, aged 15, and Emma Kidd, aged 13. [These are the orphaned daughters of Nathan Laud Kidd, who died in the Civil War.] Living next door is A.S. [Alexander S.] Kidd and a few households away is her sister Charity Kidd, widow of Alexander Kidd.

1878 – **Agnes Kidd** died in 1878. She and her husband are both buried in the Ridgecrest Cemetery in Lovington, Nelson County, VA, and share a common grave marker that reads:

Robert Nelson Kidd
1791-1859

Agnes Willoughby Kidd
1795-1878

[Note: This is a modern-day marker.]

ALEXANDER KIDD(s) – Three Alexander Kidds left records in Nelson County, Virginia between its founding in 1807 and 1850:

1. **Alexander Kidd Sr. (ca. 1792 – 1870)**
2. **Alexander Kidd (1836 – aft. 1900), the son of Alexander Kidd Sr.**
3. **Alexander S. Kidd (abt 1814 – 1892?), the son of Hudson P. Kidd and nephew of Alexander Kidd Sr.**

ALEXANDER KIDD, SR. – husband of Charity Willoughby and brother of Robert Nelson Kidd (Sr.)⁸ and Hudson P. Kidd⁹
Born ca 1792 in Amherst County¹⁰
Married Charity Willoughby in 1818 in Nelson County, VA
Died 17 March 1870 in Nelson County
He was literate, having signed multiple instruments.
Alexander and Charity Kidd's proven children were: Sarah Ann, Frederick, Floyd L. & Cynthia Kidd,¹¹ as well as Landon R. Kidd and Alexander Kidd Jr.;¹² also Semariah, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd.¹³

⁸ So named in Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1836-022,

⁹ So named in Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1835-017, in an affidavit signed 20 July 1833, images 24-25 of 61. Digital images of this affidavit are available upon request.

¹⁰ Per his affidavits given in his War of 1812 Bounty Land Claim, and his entry on the 1850 census.

¹¹ These four children were named as children of Alexander and Charity (Willoughby) Kidd in the *Kidd v. Kidd* Nelson County Chancery Court suit, 1847-028.

¹² both were named as Alexander's sons in the 1848 Nelson Co. record – see above.

¹³ The latter 5 children were named as children of Alexander and Charity Kidd in the Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1847-028. This list didn't include the older children of this couple, named in earlier records.

We now believe that he is the son of William Kidd, Sr., of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson counties. See [Appendix 5](#), which outlines our theory.

The older Alexander Kidd is consistently recorded as Alexander, with no initial. His nephew is recorded as Alexander S., likely to distinguish him from his uncle Alexander.

1814-1815 – **Alexander Kidd** enlisted in the War of 1812, as a Private, serving in Capt. Lawrence T. Dade’s Company, 2nd Regiment, VA Militia, for six months from June 1814 to Feb 1815. The unit he served from was evidently organized in Amelia County. Applied for Bounty Land based on his service, and awarded 80 acres but never claimed it (see 1852/1855 entries below). His widow Charity Kidd later was entitled to his pension under the Act of 9 Mar 1878 (application of Charity Kidd, file nos. W.O. 28297 and W.C. 24721).¹⁴

1815-1850 – An **Alexander Kidd**, whom we have identified as Alexander Kidd, Sr., appears first on the Nelson County, VA **PPTLs** in 1815 and continues to appear almost annually through 1850.

Beginning in 1835, there are clearly two Alexander Kidds in Nelson County, as outlined in their PPTL listings below.¹⁵ The younger Alexander is typically listed as Alexander S., and is taxed on less property. This is not Alexander Sr.’s son Alexander (who was not born until 1834), but his nephew Alexander S. Kidd, the son of Hudson P. Kidd.

Year	Date	NAME	WT	Slaves	Horses	image #
1815		Alex.	1	0	1	189
1816		Alex	1	0	1	209
1817		Alexander	1	1	2	232
1818		Alexander	1	0	0	258
1819		not listed				63
1820	29-Mar	Alexander	1	0	3	282
1821	27-Feb	Alexander	1	0	2	301
1822	8-Apr	Alexander	1	0	2	318
1823	28-Apr	Alexander	NL	0	2	332
1824	4-May	Alexander	1	0	2	348
1825	5-May	Alexander	1	1	3	370
1826	27-Feb	Alexander	1	1	2	392
1827	26-Mar	Alexander	1	1	2	415
1828	25-Feb	Alexander	1	1	2	438
1829	23-Mar	Alexander	1	2	2	463

¹⁴ Photocopy of original pension application in files of Sandra Kidd, obtained from NARA by William R. Kidd. “Kidd, Alexander, widow Charity Kidd. Private, Capt. Lawrence T. Dade’s Co, VA Militia, W.O. 28297, W.C. 24721.”

¹⁵ The Nelson County PPTLs are now available online via familysearch.org, found on FHL #1870172 (1809-1845) and #1870173 (1846-1850). The column titled "image #" indicates the image number for that particular entry. Each year's PPTL was recorded by the first letter of the taxpayer's surname, so all Kidd entries for a given year can be found on the image numbers listed here.

1830	22-Feb	Alexander	1	1	2	486
1831	25-Feb	Alexander	1	1	3	511
1832	13-Apr	Alex'r	1	0	4	534
1833	9-Feb	Alex'r	1	0	4	556
1834	22-Feb	Alexr S.	1	0	0	580
		no Alexander Sr.				
1835	3-Apr	Alexr.	1	0	3	604
	3-Apr	Alexr S.	1	0	0	
1836	22-Feb	Alexander	1	0	3	625
	22-Feb	Alexr. S.	1	0	0	
1837	25-Mar	Alexr.	1	0	2	648
	28-Apr	Alexr. Jr.	1	0	1	
1838	26-Feb	Alexr.	1	0	3	672
	1-Mar	Alexr. S.	1	0	1	
1839	25-Apr	Alexr.	1	0	3	694
	25-Apr	Alexr [?] S.	1	0	0	
1840	11-Apr	Alex'r	2	0	5	720
	4-May	Alex'r S.	1	0	0	
1841	8-Apr	Alexander S.	1	0	0	745
	11-May	Alexander	3	0	5	
1842		Alexander S.	1	0	0	771
		Alex'r	3	0	5	
1843	11-May	Alexander S.	1	0	0	796
	2-Jun	Alexander	1	0	3	
1844	13-Apr	Alexander	2	0	3	832
	13-Apr	Alexander S.	1	0	0	
1845		Alexander	1	0	3	876
		Alex'r S.	1	0	1	
1846		Alexander	1	0	3	49
		Alexander I.	1	0	0	48
1847		Alex'r	1	0	2	90
		Alex'r S.	1	0	0	
1848		Alexander S.	1	0	0	135
		Alex'r	1	0	1	136
1849		Alexander	1	0	1	179
		Alexander S.	1	0	0	
1850	this yr	Alexander	1	0	2	224
		Alexander S.	1	0	0	225

1815 – On 23 October 1815, John Wright of Nelson County sold to Robert N. Kidd & **Alexander Kidd** of the same county, for \$120, a tract of land lying in Nelson County on the waters of Dutch Creek¹⁶ containing 199 acres, it being the same tract deeded to Wright in Amherst County. John Wright signed with an X. This deed was admitted into record on 27 October 1815.¹⁷ See [Appendix 7](#) for a map of this area of Nelson County.

Also on 23 October 1815, John Wright sold a second parcel of land to Robert N. Kidd and **Alexander Kidd**, for £80, a tract of land containing 163 acres, it being the same tract conveyed to him by Richard C. Pollard and Elizabeth his wife, the deed of which is on record in the Amherst County courthouse.

As in the deed above, John Wright signed with an X.¹⁸

On 23 October 1815, Robert N. Kidd and **Alexander Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Jas. Garland Jr and Robt. J. Kincaid regarding a debt of \$200 due by bond to John Wright in March 1818, and a bond of \$200, payable 1 March 1819, using the tract of land on the waters of Dutch Creek and containing 129 acres.

Robert N. Kidd and **Alexander Kidd** signed their names. The Deed of Trust was admitted into Nelson County court records on 27 November 1815.¹⁹

1816-1845 – **Alexander Kidd** and Robert N. Kidd first appear on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1816, taxed upon the two parcels noted above. The two parcels were described this way: "on Dutch Creek, adj. to John Melton...3 miles E of the Courthouse" on this and subsequent listings. [That this land adjoins the land of John Melton is interesting, since the Meltons were neighboring landowners on the original Kidd land patents in Albemarle County, VA.]

Alexander and Robert N. Kidd continue to appear annually on the Nelson LTLs (with minor changes in neighbors listed) through 1845, when both Robert N. and Alexander are found for the last time on these LTLs.²⁰

[Also in 1816, William J. Kidd (the son of James Kidd Sr. & Lucy Jopling) appears for the first time on the Nelson County LTLs; see his section.]

1818 – A marriage bond for **Alexander Kidd** and C. (Charity) Willoughby was issued 26 October 1818 in Nelson County. The bondsman was J. Willoughby (her father Joshua). The marriage was performed on 29 October 1818 by John Shepherd.²¹

¹⁶ Dutch Creek is an important geographic feature for several Kidd family landowners. The headwaters of Dutch Creek lie just east of the county seat, Lovingston. It first courses east to the small community of Elma, then turns NNE in a valley below Willoughby Mountain to the west, until it enters the Rockfish River just east of the community of Rockfish. See [Appendix 7](#) for a detailed map of this area.

¹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:296-97.

¹⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:297.

¹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 321-23.

²⁰ Robert N. Kidd lost a Chancery court suit in 1845, and this resulted in the forced sale of their land. See Robert N.'s notes.

²¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39. A digital image of this record is available in the Nelson Co. Marriages subfolder.

1820 – The federal census of 1820 lists the following Kidds in Nelson County: Abner, Absalom, **Alexander**, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd. **Alexander Kidd** – 1M 26-44; 1F <10 & 1 16-25; and one male slave <14; 1 in Ag.

1827 – On 12 December 1827, William C. Kidd²² entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow. Robert N. Kidd, **Alexr Kidd** and Sparks Martin had served as security for William C. Kidd in a bond dated 8 December 1827 and made payable to Wilson Peters, administrator of Susanna Hamblet, dec'd, for the sum of \$231.14 and payable 12 months after the date.

William C. Kidd, “desirous to secure the said parties in their undertaking as securities for him,” entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow, putting up "one negro girl slave named Milly," which Kidd had purchased from Wilson Peters as administrator, as collateral. But the slave girl Milly is to remain in the possession of William C. Kidd until the said Charles Perrow "shall call for her to answer the purposes of this trust and then to be sold as hereinafter directed."

(signed)	W.C. Kidd	{seal}
	Chas. Perrow	{seal}
	Ro. N. Kidd	{seal}
	Alexr. Kidd	{seal}
	Sparks Martin	{seal} ²³

1828 – On 8 May 1828, **Alexander Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in a property dispute involving the Bryant family. In his deposition, he stated that he was a neighbor of the Bryant family and testifies about the land where they lived but which they did not own.²⁴

A **William Kidd** had given a deposition in this case seven months earlier.

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, **Alexander** (Alex'r misindexed as "Mens" on Ancestry.com), Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.

Alex'r Kidd – 1M<5, 1 5-9 & 1 30-39; 2F<5, 2 10-14 & 1 20-29. No slaves.

1835 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1835 [1835-017], John Whitehead & Co. vs. James P. Garland, etc., these two merchants are fighting over the (limited) assets of Hudson P. Kidd, who was indebted to both firms. The suit was apparently filed in 1832, but contains records from much earlier.

Hudson Kidd gave his answer to this suit on 28 August 1832, stating that he did not pay the debt, and that the Sheriff sold all his property, and that he considered that sufficient to cover the debt, and asks to be dismissed, with his court costs paid by the plaintiffs.

A subsequent deposition by Hudson P. Kidd was given on 20 July 1833. In this deposition he states that he took the oath of an Insolvent Debtor, around the time that his property was sold, and that he considers his debt to Whitehead and Co. exonerated. His property was purchased by **his brother Alexander Kidd**, and a complete inventory of it is listed here, including the value of each article. It appears from his deposition that the property was then turned over to said Hudson Kidd, "to take care of it. I lived on his land and rented a house

²² We do not know who this William C. Kidd's parents were. See his section in this compilation.

²³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:183-184.

²⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005 Mary Bryant by etc. vs. William H. Digges, etc. Includes the 1803 will of James Hopkins of Amherst Co., and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson Co. Alexander's deposition is on pages 30-31 of this record.

from him, having hired myself to him that year."

Question by same - at the time of the sale made by W. Whithead was my partner Mr. Garland, or my self or any agent for us, present?
 Answer. No.
 Question by same - after the sale by W. Whithead, and Alex. Kidd became the purchaser, on what terms was the property left in your possession?
 Answer. My brother Alexander Kidd told me to take care of it - I lived on his land and rented a house of him, having hired myself to him that year.

FIGURE: Image of the 20 July 1833 affidavit of Hudson P. Kidd, in which he states that he is the brother of Alexander Kidd.²⁵

He signed his name to this deposition. The plaintiffs appear to have prevailed in this suit (p. 49).

1836 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1836 [1836-022], titled

Alexander Kidd vs. Nathan Lofftus etc. [and others]

Alexander Kidd, the complainant, charges that "some years ago, there existed in the town of Lovington a firm of merchants consisting of Nathan Lofftus, Lee W. Harris, and Wilson Peters, trading under the firm of Nathan Lofftus & Co." He states that he became indebted to this firm, and upon the dissolution of this firm, the debt which he and Robert N. Kidd, his brother, owed to that concern fell into the hands of Nathan Lofftus, who on 24 May 1832 settled the account with the Kidd brothers, and took their bond for \$299.54, with each brother liable for half of that amount.

Your orator Alexander Kidd humbly complaining respectfully represents that some years ago there existed in the town of Lovington a firm of merchants consisting of Nathan Lofftus Lee W. Harris and Wilson Peters trading under the firm of Nathan Lofftus & Co. to this firm your orator became indebted and upon the dissolution of that concern there was a division of the debts among the partners and the debt which your orator and Robert Kidd his broe - they owed to that concern fell into the hands of Nathan Lofftus who on the 24th day of May 1832 settled the account with your orator and his brother and took their bonds for the sum of \$299.54 one half of which your orator owed him and the other was due from the brother of your orator the said Robert this bond was executed to Nathan

²⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-017.

FIGURE: Section of Alexander Kidd's statement in Nelson County Chancery Case 1836-022, in which he specifically names Robert N. Kidd as his brother.

This suit contains a lengthy account of the financial transactions involving Alexander and Robert N. Kidd, and also William C. Kidd. Alexander's bill seems to state that he could pay his share, but Robert N. cannot pay his, and he is looking for a remedy to absolve himself of the debt (p. 3B). This statement was signed by Alexander Kidd on 7 June 1836. Robert N. Kidd gave his answer (pp. 12-13), dated 28 Sept. 1836.²⁶

Also on 1 September 1836, Robert N. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Albert G. Loving regarding debts of \$55.57 owed to John J. Hargrove & Co., and of \$628.21 and \$56.96 due by judgment and owed to Lofftus, Hargrove & Co. In doing so, Robert N. Kidd put up a tract of land in Nelson County containing 363 acres, one moiety [share] of which belongs to **Alexander Kidd**, and the other to the said Robert N. Kidd....on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, adjoining the lands of John Allen, Albert G. Loving, the estate of John Melton, **Alexander Kidd** and the estate of Mary Bryant, Lee W. Harris and Daniel Wheeler. He also put up livestock, furniture and crops. All parties signed their names, and the deed was admitted into record the same day.²⁷

[This is the land that Robert N. and Alexander Kidd purchased from Wright in 1815. A moiety is an equal share of land.]

- 1838 – On 17 October 1838, Sarah A. Kidd married James Johnson in Nelson County, VA.²⁸ Another abstract of this same record lists the date of the bond as 8 October 1838, and names the bondsman as **Alexander Kidd**. The minister was Edward L. Warren, who performed the ceremony on 17 October 1838.²⁹
- 1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: **Alexander**, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Micajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd. **Alexander Kidd** – 1M<5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14, 1 15-19 & 1 40-49; 1F 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49. No slaves. Three in Agriculture. (He's distinct from the Alexr S. Kidd, also on this census.)
- 1840-1841 – In November of 1840, Robert N. Kidd, **Alexander Kidd**, Jno. Kidd and W. T. Kidd were among the one-hundred-plus signers of a petition to the Virginia State Assembly, filed by Lucy, Ottey Rose, Alexander Rose, and Polly Rose, four former slaves emancipated by the will of their owner and father James Halleyburton, asking for a law permitting them to reside in the state. Laws of the time required manumitted slaves to leave the state of Virginia within 12 months, or be subject to sale as slaves. The petition was referred to the Courts of Justice in January 1841. The record does not say whether their petition was granted.³⁰

²⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-022

²⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:329-330.

²⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

²⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³⁰ One can find this (and the other three legislative petitions mentioning Kidd at this URL http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions?_ga=2.76708176.455154769.1579651731-169780960.1579651731, then search on KIDD.

1843 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1843 [1843-033], titled **Alexander Kidd vs. Albert G. Loving**:

Alexander Kidd, plaintiff, states that on 19 March 1836, he became indebted to Nathan Lofftus for \$262.30, with interest thereon from that date until paid, and court costs of \$7.88 plus \$8.50 damages (this seems to be a reference to the outcome of Case 1836-022 (above), which he was unable to pay. He then applied to Albert G. Loving to aid him in the payment of this obligation, and Loving did so, requiring a bond in the sum of \$400 payable 1 Dec 1837, and also the execution of a Deed of Trust to Charles E. Perrow upon Alexander Kidd's whole real and personal estate for the purpose of securing payment to Albert G. Loving.

Kidd is now complaining that the said agreement is usurious, and therefore unlawful, by virtue of the act of the General Assembly. He further states that sometime in the year 1836 or 1837 he formed a co-partnership with Loving, to work a plantation and operate a distillery, which by the terms of the partnership was to exist for 5 years, with the agreement that if the partnership was dissolved before the 5 years was up, that Loving would pay Kidd \$150 per year and also pay Kidd for the service of his two sons \$115 per year. It was also agreed that Loving and Kidd would apply equal force in working the plantation, and would share the profits equally. Kidd's wife undertook to cook for the hands employed, for which she was to be paid \$30 per year, and Kidd was entitled to one-third of the profits of the distillery. Kidd further says that the written agreement was left in the possession of Loving, and that he cannot obtain a copy of it for the court from Loving. This suit was filed on 20 January 1843.

Alexander Kidd obtained an injunction by the court, stopping execution of the Deed of Trust to Charles Perrow, while he pursued his case in Court.

The original Deed of Trust mentions Alexander's land, in which he was a co-tenant with Robert N. Kidd, which Alexander had cultivated, adjoining the lands of John Bryant, the estate of John Melton, and Albert G. Loving.³¹

On 19 January 1843, **Alexander Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert E. Cutter regarding debts owed to multiple creditors, including Stephen R. Ewers, who was Kidd's security for a previous bond (among others). Deed signed by Alexander Kidd and admitted in court the same day.³²

On 11 December 1843, **Alexander Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding a debt he owed to Perkins & Ewers, in the amount of \$157.49, due by bond bearing the date of __ December 1843.

Alexander Kidd signed this deed, and it was admitted to record in Nelson County Court the same day.³³

1844 – On 11 November 1844, **Alexander Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding a debt of \$70.09 owed to Perkins & Ewers by bond due the 1st of September 1844. Kidd signed the deed, and it was admitted to record the same day.³⁴

³¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1843-033

³² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:208.

³³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:405-6.

³⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:103-4.

1845 – This case is dated 28 July 1845. Robert N. Kidd, who had lost a case in Chancery Court brought by Lofftus & Whitehead, surviving partners of Lofftus, Hargrove & Co. on 22 August 1842, and Robert C. Cutter had been appointed by a decree of the court as trustee, in room (place) of Albert G. Loving in a Deed of Trust executed by Robert N. Kidd on 1 Sept. 1836 (the purpose of which was to secure certain debts to Lofftus, Hargrove & Co.). In this Deed of Trust, Kidd conveyed to Loving a tract of land containing 363 acres, “one moiety of which belonged to **Alexander Kidd**, and the other moiety to Robert N. Kidd. The latter moiety of land was on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, adjoining the lands of John Allen, Albert G. Loving, the estate of John Melton, **Alexander Kidd**, the estate of Mary Bryant, Lee M. Harris, and Daniel Wheeler [very dark image, but this is the same land as named in the 1836 Deed of Trust above]. Robert N. Kidd had defaulted in this debt. So Robert Cutter as trustee auctioned off said land on 26 July 1845 to the highest bidder, to satisfy Kidd’s debt.

The case was admitted to record in Nelson County Court the following day.³⁵

[This is the same tract as 1836 above. The 1847 chancery cause (see below) has a plat of this land (image 18). Dutch Creek is a branch of the Rockfish River, near the Rockfish PO. One of the neighbors for this tract is Nelson Phillips; in 1808 in Amherst County, VA, James Kidd and his wife Lucy sold a tract of land to Nelson Phillips.]

1846 – In this year, **Alexander Kidd** and his brother drop from the Nelson County Land Tax Lists, having lost their land to foreclosure in 1845.

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled **Alexander Kidd & wife**, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc³⁶

The complainants in this case are:

Alexander Kidd and Charity his wife;

Robert N. Kidd and Aggy (Agnes) his wife;

Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife;

Alexander S. Kidd and Fanny his wife;

Alfred Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife;

which said Charity, Aggy, Margaret, Fanny and Alfred are children and devisees of Joshua Willoughby, dec'd; and

William Bryant and Laurena his wife (granddaughter of Joshua Willoughby); and

Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, (and) Cynthia Kidd (**children of Alexander and Charity Kidd**); and

Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (children of Robert N. and Aggy Kidd);

All above the age of 21 years.

The purpose of this chancery cause apparently is to partition the land owned by the deceased Joshua Willoughby for his heirs. Happily it lists many of these heirs by name.

The complaint (images 2-3) states that Joshua Willoughby's will included many devisees, and established Trustees to distribute his estate, but the individuals named as his executors and trustees (Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters) were not willing to accept that role, "because they have no idea of undertaking such a task when in all probability it cannot be settled

³⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:213-4.

³⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

during their lives, and which may be injurious to their own children after their deaths, and if they should live, there is no knowing how many children and grandchildren there will be to settle with, who will be descendants of your orators and oratrixes."

They also state that the proceeds of the sale of the remaining lands will be so small (after division between so many heirs) as to not be worth the trouble, "and would compel your orators to seek homes in some distant part, and cause them to sell their interest for little or nothing." Instead they ask that "the land (be) laid off and divided (so that) each of them could get a comfortable home of good land ..."

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said land, "free from the claim of their several husbands for life, and after their respective deaths to be divided among their several children according to the intent of the said testator."

The defendants in this case are all infants (children under 21):

Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William, children of Robert and Aggy Kidd;

Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd, children of **Alexander & Charity Kidd**;

Elizabeth, Lucinda, Nehemiah, Parena(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and

Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, children of Alexander S. and Fanny Kidd; and

Sarah, Mary Jane, Ann Maria, Sissa and Richard Bryant, infant children of William Bryant and Lourena Bryant; and

Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Martha, and John Willoughby, children of Alfred Willoughby and Milton Willoughby, all infants.

The complainants "pray for a suspension of the sale of said lands until the deaths of the respective children and grandchildren who are entitled for life, that the said lands be divided into seven shares according to quality and quantity, after first setting apart the tract for the widow, for life, and the tract left in trust for the wife and children of Walker S. Willoughby. The bill was filed 25 October 1847.

Image 5: Executor Wilson Peters agrees with the plaintiffs on all points.

Images 7-8: The court appoints commissioners (Lunsford Loving, Terrisha Bailey, John H. Loving, Christopher T. Estes and William J. Robinson or any three of them) to allot 200 acres to the widow of Joshua Willoughby, and then to divide the remaining land into seven equal parts.

Image 15: The allocation of lots to each of the 7 devisees, dated 22 November 1847.

Image 18: A photocopy of the original plat. [Note: The original has been removed from the file, and is evidently in the Clerk's office in Nelson County.]

[Note: In 1847, Alexander Kidd and his wife Charity are named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 2](#) for this document.]

1848 – On 1 January 1848, **Alexander Kidd** of Nelson County, "being embarrassed by his present circumstances, and his two sons, Landon Kidd and Alexander Kidd Jr. having heretofore lived with him and worked for him, and the proceeds of their labor being at any time to be taken for the father's debts without leaving a support for the said sons Landon and Alexander Jr., and whereas the said Landon and Alexander are now competent to support and maintain themselves, and are desirous of having the proceeds of their own labor secured unto themselves, to maintain and support themselves," hereby release Landon and

Alexander Kidd Jr. to keep the proceeds of their labor from their father or anyone else. Alexander signed the deed, and was able to write. The deed was admitted into record this same date.³⁷

Also on 1 January 1848, **Alexander Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow regarding a debt of \$75 borrowed from Frederick Kidd due by bond bearing the date of this instrument, and a debt of \$88.50 due by bond bearing this date, and a debt to Hiram W. Dawson, both the amount and the date due no longer recalled. In doing so, he used a parcel of land containing 7¼ acres in Nelson County, adjoining the lands of John Bryant and others, situated near the base of the Rocky Mountain on the west side thereof; and also the following personal estate: 1300 weight of pork, 11 head of cattle and their increase, twenty head of sheep and their increase; 31 head of hogs and their further increase; crops of corn and oats now on hand, and crop of wheat now sowed and growing; one two-horse wagon, plantation tools of every description, and all the household and kitchen furniture; and also a debt due from the estate of Hardin Perkins, and one other debt due by execution from Joseph Kidd Jr., in the hands of John H. Wingfield. Alexander Kidd signed this instrument, and it was admitted into Nelson County Court record the same day.³⁸

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 223B, HH 49:

Kidd, Alexander 58MW farmer \$1400 b. Amherst County
" , Charity 53FW b. Amherst County
" , Landon 19MW carpenter b. Nelson County
" , Alexander 14MW b. Nelson County
" , Elizabeth 12FW b. Nelson County
" , Caroline 9FW b. Nelson County

1852 – On 7 Aug 1852, **Alexander Kidd** filed a Bounty Land Claim for service in the War of 1812, and attests he is aged 60. On 30 Nov 1852, as part of his application for Bounty Land, he provided a document dated 4 Feb 1815 and written by Capt. Lawrence T. Dade, Capt., 2nd Reg't, VA Militia, at Camp Holly, attesting that Alexander Kidd had served 6 months in the War of 1812 and was honorably discharged.

1855 – Contained in his widow's pension application for the War of 1812 is an affidavit from **Alexander Kidd** dated 26 Mar 1855. Alexander signed his name to the affidavit he made to Thomas Martin, J.P. (note: his signature appears in several documents in this file, and all are identical.) He attests that he is 62 years old, that he served as a private in the company commanded by Jesse Jopling, attached to Capt. Dade's, in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Militia commanded by Col. Yancey.

He attested that he has "heretofore made application for Bounty Land under the Act of September 28, 1850, and received a Land Warrant No. [blank] for 80 acres, which he has since legally disposed of and cannot now return." He "makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act approved March 3, 1855." His witnesses were Benjamin Wright and Robert B. Stratton.

On 2 Nov 1855, H.C. Loving, clerk of the pension office [in Nelson Co?] stated:

³⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:182.

³⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:183-4.

“I hereby certify that Mr. John W. Clyne, who acted as agent for **Alexander Kidd** in his application for Bounty Lands under the Act of 28 Sept 1850, which was suspended for some informality in the declaration, informed me six or eight weeks ago, that he had never received a Land Warrant for the said Alexander Kidd under that or any other Act, nor had he Kidd received any, his application being suspended. He [Clyne] also stated that Mr. Kidd is an ignorant man, and that he Clyne having advanced him money upon his claim, produced the impression upon his mind that Clyne had received the Warrant and disposed of it, which accounts for his averring in his declaration under the Act of March/'55 that he had received 80 acres. Mr. Kidd was not aware that an assignment was necessary to effect a legal transfer. In testimony whereof I hereby set my hand, this 2nd day of November 1855. H.C. Loving, Clk, Pension Office”

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingsston twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:

HH 817

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW³⁹

" , Frances P. 57FW \$500/100 Nelson CROW

" , Lorenzo D. 21MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW

" , Margaret 19FW Nelson

" , Louisa 14FW Nelson

" , Mary 12FW Nelson

HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r., Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 b. Nelson Co [1850 census gives Amherst Co as birthplace for Alexander and Charity]

" , Charity 61FW Nelson

" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

HH 819

Kidd, Robert K. 37MW farmer \$0/80 Nelson

" , Martha 33FW Nelson

" , Lucas W. 4MW Nelson

" , Elijah C. 2MW Nelson

HH 820

Kidd, Agnus 66FW Nelson

" , William I. (definitely not like J's on this page) 18MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson)

" , Paulus 8MW Nelson

HH 121

Kidd, Isaiah B. 35MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson

" , Ann 43FW Nelson CROW⁴⁰

" , Susan A. 22FW Nelson CROW

" , Alex'r. B. 18MW Nelson

" , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle

" , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson

" , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson

" , Rosa E. 9FW Nelson

" , Silas B. 6MW Nelson

" , Walter M. 3MW Nelson

³⁹ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

⁴⁰ Cannot read or write.

" , Isaiah I. 1MW Nelson

" , Megginson 4MW Nelson

1870 – **Alexander Kidd** died in Nelson County, VA in March of 1870 at the age of 72, according to the mortality schedule of the 1870 federal census. The record lists his occupation as "farmer," and the cause of death as "wore out."⁴¹

Charity Kidd's War of 1812 widow's pension application says he died 17 Mar 1870 in Nelson County. The late Linda Kidd Bounds Smith said that he is believed to be buried in the graveyard above Mrs. Wright's place on Dutch Creek.

1878 – Following the Act of 8 Mar 1878, widow Charity Kidd, aged 81 years, filed for a War of 1812 widow's pension dated 17 May 1878 based on **Alexander Kidd's** service.

Biographical details from the pension application:

Alexander was described by his widow as being "about six feet tall, grayish eyes, light hair, fair complexion, and rather a large nose."

Charity and Alexander's address was given as Arrington, Nelson County, VA. She attested that he volunteered at Lovingson and served under Capt. Dade from 30 July 1814 to 4 Feb 1815. His certificate of discharge was dated 4 Feb 1815.

Witnesses James P. Ireland and James Martin of Nelson Co, in an affidavit dated 22 Jun 1878, said they knew the soldier for 50 and 60 years, respectively, and that they knew Charity Kidd for 30 and 40 years, that Alexander and Charity were known to be man and wife, and that "said Martin is enabled the better to testify to, he having lived with said Kidd and wife for a considerable time." They stated that "said Alexander Kidd died on or about the 17th day of March 1870 and that such is the opinion of the community, generally. The said Ireland states that he acted as undertaker and made the coffin in which said Kidd was buried." [We are glad the community opined he was dead before they buried him!]

Charity Kidd attested that she, Charity Willoughby, and Alexander Kidd were married 29 Oct 1818 in Nelson Co by John Shepherd, that neither had previously been married, and furnished a copy of public record of marriage.

On 2 Jul 1878, the Deputy Clerk of Nelson Co Court [G. Eleaskie or Leaskie?] attested that he finds the marriage license was issued 26 Oct 1818 and that "the following is a true copy of a paper now on file in my said office":

"This is to certify that I performed the rites of matrimony between **Alexander Kidd** and Charity Willoughby on October 29, 1818, in pursuance of a license produced to me from the Clerk of Nelson County. Given under my hand this 3rd Day of January 1819. John Shepherd, Minister of the Gospel in the M.E. Church."

Charity Kidd also attested that her husband did receive a land warrant [see 1852 entry, above], but the details and number of the warrant "were not remembered."

There is an odd entry in the file: In a letter dated 4 Mar 1879, Charity attested that her "husband **Alex'r Kidd** was a member of the Fourth Guard, 9th or 109th Regiment, stationed at Stingray Point from June 26 to July 26 and was taken from Capt. Blakey's Company." The pension office reported that it did not find Alexander Kidd on the rolls of Capt. Robert Blakey's Company. Interestingly, this was a Middlesex Co militia unit, and an Alex Kidd

⁴¹ *The Virginia Genealogist*, vol. 32, p. 18, 1988.

does appear on the unit's militia roll for the period of 27 Jun to 26 Jul 1815. This is the only mention of an Alex Kidd we find in Middlesex Co, and we rarely find the name Alexander in Virginia Kidd records. Did someone appropriate the Middlesex Alex Kidd's identity in an effort to build Charity's claim? If so, how would they have known of this service?⁴²

Charity Kidd signed her affidavit by mark. Her application was successful: she later received \$12.00 per month, according to a reimbursement receipt stamped 5 Nov 1886.

1893 – The pension folder records that Charity Kidd died 16 Jan 1893, and that her final pension payment was \$12.00, paid on 4 Dec 1892.

ALEXANDER KIDD [JR.], the son of Alexander and Charity Willoughby Kidd

Born February 1836

Died after 1900. He apparently never married and left no descendants.

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁴³

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, **Alexander**, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1848 – On 1 January 1848, Alexander Kidd of Nelson County, "being embarrassed by his present circumstances, and his two sons, Landon Kidd and **Alexander Kidd Jr.** having heretofore lived with him and worked for him, and the proceeds of their labor being at any time to be taken for the father's debts without leaving a support for the said sons Landon and **Alexander Jr.**, and whereas the said Landon and **Alexander** are now competent to support and maintain themselves, and are desirous of having the proceeds of their own labor secured unto themselves, to maintain and support themselves," hereby release Landon and **Alexander Kidd Jr.** to keep the proceeds of their labor from their father or anyone else. Alexander signed the deed, and was able to write. The deed was admitted into record this same date.⁴⁴

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 223B, HH 49:

Kidd, Alexander 58MW farmer \$1400 b. Amherst County

" , Charity 53FW b. Amherst County

" , Landon 19MW carpenter Nelson County

" , **Alexander** 14MW Nelson County

⁴² See William R. Kidd War of 1812 research notes on file in statewide source documents.

⁴³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:182.

" , Elizabeth 12FW Nelson County

" , Caroline 9FW Nelson County

1861 – An **Alexander Kidd** enlisted in Company G of the 19th VA Infantry on 1 May 1861. This is the same unit where at least two of his brothers were also enlisted.

1870 – **Alexander Kidd** appears on the federal census living with his widowed mother Charity Kidd.

1880 – **Alexander Kidd** appears on the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, living with his sister Cynthia and her husband John Johnson. His occupation is listed as Wheelwright, and his relationship is boarder.

1900 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, ED 83, sheet 11B, HH 201, Alexander is now living with his sister Caroline and her husband: Harris, Thomas J. head WM January 1838 62M wheelwright VA VA VA
" , Caroline G. wife WF May 1840 60M 4children/1living VA VA VA
" , Thomas A. son WM Aug 1883 16S VA VA VA
Kidd, Alexander bro-in-law WM Feby 1836 64S VA VA VA shoe repairer

ALEXANDER S.⁴⁵ KIDD – most likely the son of Hudson P. Kidd and his wife, Lucy Wright.⁴⁶

Born abt 1814 in VA

Married Fanny/Frances Willoughby, daughter of Joshua Willoughby. He and his wife had four known children: Lorenzo Dow (b. ~1839), Margaret C. (b. ~1841), Louisa L. (b. ~1846) and Mary E. (b. ~1849).

He is not the son of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby.⁴⁷

Died sometime after the 1880 federal census, the last record we have mentioning him.

1834-1850 – **Alexander S. Kidd** appears for the first time on the annual Nelson County PPTLs in 1834. In this year, the older Alexander Kidd is not listed for the first time since 1820; he was evidently overlooked, because he reappears on the 1835 PPTL and continues to be listed

⁴⁵ Alexander's middle name remains unknown. No one has ever (to our knowledge) produced any record that reveals what his middle initial, S., stood for. Any claim to the contrary should be viewed with skepticism.

⁴⁶ No primary record that would identify either of his parents has been found. That said, in 1834, the number of taxable males in the household of Hudson P. Kidd drops from 3 to 1, and both Alexander S. Kidd and William H. Kidd appear on the Nelson County PPTLs for the first time. This supports the hypothesis that both men were the sons of Hudson P. Kidd. In addition, the ages of these two men match the 1830 census entry for Hudson Kidd's household. Moreover, the two were enumerated on the Nelson County PPTLs on the same day that Hudson was in four of the six years between 1834-1839.

Second, Nelson County records prove that Hudson P. Kidd had two brothers, Robert Nelson Kidd and Alexander Kidd Sr. Hudson's named his second son Robert N., undoubtedly named for Hudson's brother. By the same token, Alexander S. is most likely the namesake of Alexander Sr.

Third, Alexander S. married Fanny Willoughby, the daughter of Joshua Willoughby and the sister of Agnes Willoughby (who married Robert N. Kidd Sr.) and of Charity Willoughby, who married Alexander Kidd Sr. Thus, we and others believe that Lorena's journal was incorrect in not naming Alexander S. among Hudson's children.

⁴⁷ We state this because he's not listed as one of their children in the lengthy and informative Chancery Case involving all the heirs of Joshua Willoughby. THAT SAID, he IS named in this suit, because he married Fanny/Frances Willoughby, another of Joshua Willoughby's daughters. Hudson P. Kidd doesn't appear in this suit, since he didn't marry into the Willoughby family, as did Robert N., Alexander Sr., and Alexander S. Kidd.

annually through 1850, along with Alexander S. Kidd.

Like all the other Kidds in Nelson County, he's found in the Anderson District of the county.

The Table below depicts their respective listings on the Nelson County PPTLs in this period.⁴⁸

YEAR	DATE	TAXPAYER	WMT	Slaves	Horses	image #
1834	22-Feb	Alexr S.	1	0	0	580
		no Alexander Sr.				
1835	3-Apr	Alexr.	1	0	3	604
	3-Apr	Alexr S.	1	0	0	
1836	22-Feb	Alexander	1	0	3	625
	22-Feb	Alexr. S.	1	0	0	
1837	25-Mar	Alexr.	1	0	2	648
	28-Apr	Alexr. Jr.	1	0	1	
1838	26-Feb	Alexr.	1	0	3	672
	1-Mar	Alexr. S.	1	0	1	
1839	25-Apr	Alexr.	1	0	3	694
	25-Apr	Alexr [?] S.	1	0	0	
1840	11-Apr	Alex'r	2	0	5	720
	4-May	Alex'r S.	1	0	0	
1841	8-Apr	Alexander S.	1	0	0	745
	11-May	Alexander	3	0	5	
1842		Alexander S.	1	0	0	771
		Alex'r	3	0	5	
1843	11-May	Alexander S.	1	0	0	796
	2-Jun	Alexander	1	0	3	
1844	13-Apr	Alexander	2	0	3	832
	13-Apr	Alexander S.	1	0	0	
1845		Alexander	1	0	3	876
		Alex'r S.	1	0	1	
1846		Alexander	1	0	3	49
		Alexander I.	1	0	0	48
1847		Alex'r	1	0	2	90
		Alex'r S.	1	0	0	
1848		Alexander S.	1	0	0	135

⁴⁸ The Nelson County PPTLs are now available online via familysearch.org, found on FHL #1870172 (1809-1845) and #1870173 (1846-1850). The column titled "image #" indicates the image number for that particular entry. Each year's PPTL was recorded by the first letter of the taxpayer's surname, so all Kidd entries for a given year can be found on the image numbers listed here.

		Alex'r	1	0	1	136
1849		Alexander	1	0	1	179
		Alexander S.	1	0	0	
1850	this yr	Alexander	1	0	2	224
		Alexander S.	1	0	0	225

1836 – An **Alex G.** (the middle initial was misread, and is actually S., as the name of his bride matches the 1850 census below) **Kidd** married "Franc. Willoughby" on 21 April 1836 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁹ She was the daughter of Joshua Willoughby, who died in Nelson County in early 1847, so named in his will (see [Appendix 2](#)).

Another abstract of this marriage lists the bride's name as Frances, and states that the bondsman was Robert N. Kidd, and the minister Edward L. Warren.⁵⁰

A third abstract of this record lists the groom's middle initial as L., then adds an S in parentheses.⁵¹ [note: she is listed as Fanny in the 1847 chancery cause]

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, **Alexander S.**, Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Alexr. S. Kidd – 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 1F 30-39. No slaves. One in agriculture.

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled Alexander Kidd & wife, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc⁵²

The complainants in this case are:

Alexander Kidd and Charity his wife;

Robert N. Kidd and Aggy (Agnes) his wife;

Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife;

Alexander S. Kidd and Fanny his wife;

Alfred Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife;

which said Charity, Aggy, Margaret, Fanny and Alfred are children and devisees of Joshua Willoughby, dec'd; and

William Bryant and Laurena his wife (granddaughter of Joshua Willoughby); and

Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, (and) Cynthia Kidd (children of Alexander and Charity Kidd); and

Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (children of Robert N. and Aggy Kidd);

All above the age of 21 years.

The purpose of this chancery cause apparently is to partition the land owned by the deceased Joshua Willoughby for his heirs. Happily it lists many of these heirs by name.

The complaint (images 2-3) states that Joshua Willoughby's will included many devisees, and

⁴⁹ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, on Ancestry.com.

⁵⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

⁵¹ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54.

⁵² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

established Trustees to distribute his estate, but the individuals named as his executors and trustees (Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters) were not willing to accept that role, "because they have no idea of undertaking such a task when in all probability it cannot be settled during their lives, and which may be injurious to their own children after their deaths, and if they should live, there is no knowing how many children and grandchildren there will be to settle with, who will be descendants of your orators and oratrixes."

They also state that the proceeds of the sale of the remaining lands will be so small (after division between so many heirs) as to not be worth the trouble, "and would compel your orators to seek homes in some distant part, and cause them to sell their interest for little or nothing." Instead they ask that "the land (be) laid off and divided (so that) each of them could get a comfortable home of good land ..."

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said land, "free from the claim of their several husbands for life, and after their respective deaths to be divided among their several children according to the intent of the said testator."

The defendants in this case are all infants (children under 21):

Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William, children of Robert and Aggy Kidd;

Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd, children of Alexander & Charity Kidd;

Elizabeth, Lucinda, Nehemiah, Parena(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and

Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, children of **Alexander S. and Fanny Kidd**; and Sarah, Mary Jane, Ann Maria, Sissa and Richard Bryant, infant children of William Bryant and Lourena Bryant; and

Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Martha, and John Willoughby, children of Alfred Willoughby and Milton Willoughby, all infants.

The complainants "pray for a suspension of the sale of said lands until the deaths of the respective children and grandchildren who are entitled for life, that the said lands be divided into seven shares according to quality and quantity, after first setting apart the tract for the widow, for life, and the tract left in trust for the wife and children of Walker S. Willoughby. The bill was filed 25 October 1847.

Image 5: Executor Wilson Peters agrees with the plaintiffs on all points.

Images 7-8: The court appoints commissioners (Lunsford Loving, Terrisha Bailey, John H. Loving, Christopher T. Estes and William J. Robinson or any three of them) to allot 200 acres to the widow of Joshua Willoughby, and then to divide the remaining land into seven equal parts.

Image 15: The allocation of lots to each of the 7 devisees, dated 22 November 1847.

Image 18: A photocopy of the original plat. [Note: The original has been removed from the file, and is evidently in the Clerk's office in Nelson County.]

[Note: In 1847, Alexander S. Kidd and his wife Fanny are named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 2](#) for this document.]

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households. I've listed them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a familial relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW⁵³

" , Frances 47FW Amherst County CROW

" , L.D. 11 MW Nelson County attended school within the year

" , Margaret C. 4FW Nelson County

" , Louisa L. 4FW Nelson County

" , Mary E. 1FW Nelson County

HH 53

Kidd, Isaiah B. 26MW farmer \$0 Nelson County CROW

" , Ann 32FW Nelson County CROW

" , Susan 11FW Nelson County

" , Alexander B. 8MW Nelson County

" , Sarah F. 4FW Nelson County

" , Lucy 2FW Nelson County

" , Thomas H. 9/12MW Nelson County

HH 56

Kidd, William 27WM carpenter \$0 Nelson County

" , Caroline 25FW Bedford County

" , M.L. 4MW Nelson County

" , C.W. 1MW Nelson County

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:

HH 817

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW⁵⁴

" , Frances P. 57FW \$500/100 Nelson CROW

" , Lorenzo D. 21MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW

" , Margaret 19FW Nelson

" , Louisa 14FW Nelson

" , Mary 12FW Nelson

HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r. Kidd, Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 b. Nelson County

" , Charity 61FW Nelson

" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

HH 819

Kidd, Robert K. 37MW farmer \$0/80 Nelson

" , Martha 33FW Nelson

" , Lucas W. 4MW Nelson

" , Elijah C. 2MW Nelson

HH 820

Kidd, Agnus 66FW Nelson

" , William I. (definitely not like 'J's on this page) 18MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson)

" , Paulus 8MW Nelson

HH 121

Kidd, Isaiah B. 35MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson

⁵³ Cannot read or write.

⁵⁴ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

- " , Ann 43FW Nelson CROW⁵⁵
- " , Susan A. 22FW Nelson CROW
- " , Alex'r. B. 18MW Nelson
- " , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle
- " , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson
- " , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson
- " , Rosa E. 9FW Nelson
- " , Silas B. 6MW Nelson
- " , Walter M. 3MW Nelson
- " , Isaiah I. 1MW Nelson
- " , Megginson 4MW Nelson

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA, p. 16, HH 115/124:

- Kidd, A. S.** 57MW farmer \$680/250 VA
- “ , Frances 67FW keeping house VA
- “ . Lorenzo D. 31MW farm laborer VA CROW
- “ , Margaret 29FW at home VA CROW
- “ , Louisa L. 24FW at home VA CROW
- “ , Mary Ann 21FW at home VA CROW

1880 – On the federal census in Lovingston district, Nelson County, VA, p. 196, HH 541/611:

- Kidd, Alex S.** WM 67M farmer cannot write VA
- “ , Fannie WF 77M wife housekeeping VA
- “ , L. Dow WM 41S son farm hand VA cannot write
- “ , Louisa L. WF 34S daughter at home VA
- “ , Mary M. WV 31S daughter at home VA

1885 – Frances P. Kidd, the wife of **Alexander Kidd**, died in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA on 19 May 1885 at the age of 83.⁵⁶ Her death record names her parents as Hugh P. and Betsy "Willoughby." [Note: the information on this death record for her father is in error, as the 1847 chancery cause names her as the daughter of Joshua Willoughby.]. The informant for this record was L. D. (Lorenzo Dow) Kidd, her son.

No further records have been found for Alexander S. Kidd. He's said, without documentation, to have died 22 November 1892 in Nelson County. If true, his death occurred at a time when many (but not all) deaths were being recorded in Nelson County (1853-1896); however, his death was not among those recorded in this time period.⁵⁷

**AMANDA MARGARET KIDD SEAY, daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin
Born abt 1833 in Nelson County, Virginia
Married David P. Seay in Nelson County on 24 December 1850**

1835 – On 9 April 1835 in Amherst County, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, Jonathan James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd, **Amanda Margaret Kidd**, and Ann Hunt Kidd for the sum of \$1.00, a tract of land in Nelson and Amherst County on both sides of the county line, containing 71½

⁵⁵ Cannot read or write.

⁵⁶ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org. An image of this record is available from the authors.

⁵⁷ RK personally reviewed this entire list and found no mention of his death in this record, August 2019.

acres and adjacent to Jonathan Pamplin, deceased; Hylton heirs; and Mildred Layne; and conveyed by William L. Watts to these trustees. This deed was acknowledged in open Court on 30 July 1835 by the parties and ordered to be recorded.⁵⁸

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.⁵⁹ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert I. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, **Amanda M. Kidd**, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”⁶⁰

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she had an inheritance from her parents (see 1835 deed above) intended to be passed to her minor children. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd, her husband, have a guardian’s bond.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 259B, HH 567:

Kidd, Robert J. 50MW carpenter VA

" , Harriet 36FW VA (his second wife, after the death of the first)

" , **Amanda M.** 16FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)

" , Ann 14FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)

" , Robert 9MW VA

" , Caledonia 7FW VA

" , Elizabeth 5FW VA

" , Lewis 3MW VA

" , unnamed 4/12M VA

Amanda Kidd married David P. Seay in Nelson County, VA on 24 December 1850.⁶¹

Amanda and her family are found on the 1860, 1870, and 1880 federal censuses in Bedford County, VA. According to Findagrave, she died on 20 May 1888; her husband, David P. Seay survived her by over three decades, dying on 24 October 1919.

ANDERSON C. KIDD (parents unknown)

Born between 1790-1799⁶²

Married Ann F. Watt in 1823 in Amherst County

Moved to Hinds County, Mississippi by 1840

1820 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, p. 200, line 8 (This census was recorded by the first letter of the last name; all Ks appear together, so no information about location can

⁵⁸ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁵⁹ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes do descend below that line.

⁶⁰ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

⁶¹ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com.

⁶² His year of birth is not certain; on the 1820 census, he could be either of the two white males in his household. But the 1830 and 1840 censuses are both consistent with his birth occurring between 1790 and 1799.

be assumed by the order in which family heads appear on this census):

Anderson Kidd – 1FWM 16-25 & 1 26-44; 3F<10, 1 10-16 & 1 26-44. Two slaves.

No other Kidd household heads are found on this census.

1823 – On 3 May 1823, a marriage bond was issued for the marriage of **Anderson C. Kidd** and Ann F. Watt in Amherst County, VA, with Alex. Watt as security.⁶³

Anderson C. Kidd married Ann F. Watt on 5 May 1823 in Amherst County, VA. Marriage performed by Bev. Davies.^{64, 65}

The disparity in the dates between these two entries may be due to one record being the marriage bond, and the other record being the date of the marriage.

However, the date is repeated in a different compilation of Amherst Marriages⁶⁶ and the May 5 date is more likely correct.

Judging from his census entry in 1820, she may have been his second wife.

1823 – **Anderson C. Kidd** first appears on the Amherst County VA Personal Property Tax Lists in 1823. He then appears almost annually through 1838, then drops from these tax lists. See Table below.

Year	Name	Notes
1823	Anderson C.	1 horse
1824	Anderson C.	1 horse
1826	Anderson C.	2 horses
1827	Anderson C.	1 horse
1828	Anderson C.	1 horse
1831	Anderson C.	1 slave
1832	Anderson C.	1 horse
1833	Anderson C.	1 slave, 2 horses
1834	Anderson C.	1 slave, 2 horses
1835	Anderson C.	2 horses
1836	Anderson C.	1 slave, 1 horse
1837	Anderson C.	1 horse
1838	Anderson C.	1 horse

⁶³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁶⁴ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

⁶⁵ *Marriage Bonds and Returns, 1801-1854 (of Amherst County, Virginia, and comments on some of the families)*, Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1965, p. 2K.

⁶⁶ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

- 1824 – On 19 July 1824, **Anderson C. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with John Thompson and Sterling Claiborne in Amherst County.⁶⁷
- 1830 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as "Ridd"), p. 498, line 11:
Anderson C. Kidd – 1FWM 30-39; 1F5-9, 2 15-19, 1 30-39 & 1 40-49. One male slave, 10-24 years of age.
- 1832 – On 7 November 1832, **Anderson C. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with William H. Garland and David S. Garland to cover the rent he owed to David Garland. This Deed of Trust was recorded 13 November 1832.⁶⁸ For rents and debts due; crops on Burnt Hill Place, Swanson Place, stock, carpenter's tools. No witnesses given.
- 1833 – On 16 Sept 1833, **Anderson C. Kidd** gave a deposition at the Amherst County courthouse in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit concerning a property dispute between the heirs of Patrick Rose of Nelson County and William Massie/Massey, who purchased part of the Rose plantation called Fairmount/Farmont.⁶⁹
Anderson's deposition stated that he was a carpenter, and has followed that occupation for some 20 years.⁷⁰
[Nothing else of relevance to the Kidds in this record.]
- 1836 – On 8 October 1836, in Amherst County. Ellen P.G. Watts intends to travel to western country to visit my sister, Mary F. G. Bullard within a few days. Temporary absence in western country, but in case I don't return to Virginia - - loans, stock, and furniture to my sister Amanda Kidd [very interesting list] - - if I don't return, then hers exclusively.
Witnesses: Samuel M. Garland, **Anderson C. Kidd**. To Amanda Kidd by **Anderson Kidd**, 3 October 1838.⁷¹
- 1838 – In a plea to the Nelson County Chancery Court dated 29 September 1838, **Anderson C. Kidd** stated that about the year 1815, he became indebted to James P. Garland for merchandise and other goods, and that an agreement was worked out between the two that the debt would be repaid by carpentry work performed by the plaintiff. This brief affidavit, only 6 images total, is extremely difficult to read, due both to difficult handwriting by the recording clerk and by bleed-through from writing on both sides of the pages.
A cryptic note on the cover sheet reads, "Mr. Kidd is about setting off for Mississippi. If this Injunction be awarded, send the Injn. bond to (me?) to be (illegible). (signed) M. A. Garland."⁷²

⁶⁷ Amherst County VA Deed Book Q, p. 118, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

⁶⁸ Amherst County VA Deed Book U, p. 124, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

⁶⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1833-014

⁷⁰ Other Kidd men in Nelson and Amherst Counties who were carpenters include Robert J. Kidd (son of Rev. War James Kidd), William Kidd Jr (son of John Kidd Sr. of Amherst Co.) and William J. Kidd (another son of Rev. War James Kidd).

⁷¹ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books: S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 185, citing DB V, pp. 397-398.

⁷² Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1838-028, Anderson C. Kidd vs James P. Garland etc., viewable online at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-028

1840 – Anderson C. Kidd has moved to Mississippi by 1840, when he appears on the 1840 federal census in Hinds County, MS:

Kidd, Anderson C. – 1M<5 & 1 40-49;1F 15-19 & 1 40-49; no slaves.

1841 – He appears on the Mississippi state census in Hinds County, MS.

1845 – He appears on the Mississippi state census in Hinds County, MS.

He drops from sight after 1845, and no further record of him has been found.

1850 – **Anderson C. Kidd** is not found on the 1850 federal census in Mississippi, but an Ann F. Kidd, aged 55, born in Virginia, is found in Vicksburg, Warren County, MS in the household of E.R. Johnson. This is likely his widow; Warren County is adjacent to Hinds County, MS. She is not found in 1860 or later in the Johnson household.

**ANN HUNT KIDD WOODY, the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin
Born about 1835 in Nelson County, VA
Married 1st Richard L. Woody and 2nd Leroy A. Kidd**

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This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

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These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she had an inheritance from her parents (see 1835 deed above) intended to be passed to her minor children. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd, her husband, have a guardian’s bond.

1850 – A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for **Ann H. Kidd** and Richard L. Woody on 20 December 1850. The marriage was performed on 23 December 1850 by minister Thomas W. Roberts.⁷⁶

⁷³ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

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⁷⁵ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

⁷⁶ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

1866 – Ann H. Woody married Leroy A. Kidd on 30 January 1866 in Nelson County, VA.⁷⁷

ANN (HARRIS) JOHNSON KIDD, wife of Isaiah B. Kidd

Born December 1816

Married (1) unknown Johnson; (2) Isaiah B. Kidd in 1845 in Albemarle County, VA

Died after 1900

1845 – Isaiah B. Kidd married **Mrs. Ann Johnson** on 6 March 1845 in Albemarle County, VA.⁷⁸
Another transcription of this marriage names the minister as Joseph H. Fox, gives the marriage bond date as 4 March and the marriage date as 6 March 1845. Thomas Kidd, the bondsman, affirmed that both parties were over 21 years of age. Witness: William Dawson.⁷⁹

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households. I've listed them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a familial relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW⁸⁰

" , Frances 47FW Amherst County CROW

" , L.D. 11 MW Nelson County attended school within the year

" , Margaret C. 4FW Nelson County

" , Louisa L. 4FW Nelson County

" , Mary E. 1FW Nelson County

HH 53

Kidd, Isaiah B. 26MW farmer \$0 Nelson County CROW

" , **Ann** 32FW Nelson County CROW

" , Susan 11FW Nelson County

" , Alexander B. 8MW Nelson County

" , Sarah F. 4FW Nelson County

" , Lucy 2FW Nelson County

" , Thomas H. 9/12MW Nelson County

[Note that the two oldest children in this household were born before their marriage date, and so likely were the children of Ann Johnson's by an earlier marriage. The death certificate of Isaiah and Ann's daughter Lucy Melvina Kidd, who died in Nelson County in 1930, names her mother as Ann Harris; Ann's name at the time of her marriage to Isaiah B. Kidd was **Mrs. Ann Johnson**, evidently a widow.

Supporting this is the fact that Alexander Bascom Kidd is living in Sarah F. (Kidd) Stevens' household in 1910. He was her half-brother (listed on the 1910 census as her brother).]

See the section for her husband, Isaiah B. Kidd for further information about her.

ARTHUR H. KIDD – son of Robert Nelson Kidd Sr. and Agnes Willoughby

Born by 1819

⁷⁷ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com.

⁷⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁷⁹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁸⁰ Cannot read or write.

**Married Elizabeth Saunders in 1840
Died by 1870, likely in Nelson County**

1840 – On 9 November 1840, "**Arther H. Kidd**" married Elizabeth Saunders in Nelson County, VA.⁸¹

Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as P. Saunders and the minister as Edward Thomas.⁸²

1841 – On 22 March 1841, **Arthur H. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Albert G. Loving, Trustee, regarding a debt of \$11.63 due by bond & owed to Samuel H. Shelton. In doing so, he put up a modest list of household goods and furniture as collateral. All three parties signed this instrument.⁸³

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁸⁴

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, **Arthur Kidd**, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1840-1850 – **Arthur H. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1840, and appears almost annually (not found in 1844), taxed each time for one white male tithe, and occasionally on one horse. No slaves.

See Table below.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1840	17-Mar	Arthur H.	1		1
1841	15-Mar	Arthur H.	1		
1842		Arthur W. [H.]	1		
1843	8-Apr	Arthur H.	1		
1845		Arthur H.	1		1
1846		Arthur H.	1		1
1847	no dates	Arthur H.	1		
1848		Arthur H.	1		
1850		Arthur H.	1		

⁸¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁸² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

⁸³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:291-2.

⁸⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

1850 – Two Kidd households are listed in Nelson County, VA, p. 225A, living next to one another. I'm listing them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a family relationship of some sort.

HH 78

Kidd, Arthur H. 34MW farmer \$0 VA

" , Elizabeth 29FW VA

" , John W. 8MW VA attended school within the year

" , Mildred F. 6FW VA

" , S.E. 4FW VA

" , Nathan K. 1MW VA

HH 79

Kidd, Wilson P. 33MW farmer \$400 VA

" , Ellen F. 26FW VA

" , John W. 3MW VA

" , Mary A. 5/12FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish Depot P.O., p. 132, HH 943:

Kidd, Arthur H. 41MW farmer \$0/175 Nelson County

" , Elizabeth 40FW Nelson

" , John M. 18MW Nelson

" , Mildred F. 16FW "

" , Samantha E. 13FW "

" , Nathan C. 11MW "

" , Mary M. 9FW "

" , Cardelia S. 6FW "

" , Seaton L. 4MW "

" , Captola E. 1FW "

On 23 July 1860, Robert A. Thurmond was appointed guardian for **Arthur H. Kidd**, Arthur "being of unsound mind."⁸⁵

Bet. 1860-1870 – Arthur H. Kidd apparently died by 1870, when his wife and children are listed on the 1870 census (see below).

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp, Nelson County, VA, p. 365B, HH 813:

Kidd, Elizabeth, 49FW, b VA, keeping house

" , Nathan C. 21MW, b VA, farm laborer, CROW

" , Mary M. 18FW, b VA, at home

" , Sarah 16FW, b VA, at home

" , Seaton 15MW, b VA, farm laborer, CROW

" , Captola E., 11FW, b VA, at home, CROW

CAMPBELL C. KIDD – This man appears just once, on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs, in 1810, taxed on 1 WMT and 2 horses. He's not seen in Nelson County records before or after this

⁸⁵ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, citing Nelson Co. WB L, p. 243. Record retrieved from FHL 2047073, item 1 (restricted access) - Image 189 via familysearch.org. Scanned image available upon request.

date.

We have not found any records for him elsewhere.

CAROLINE MATILDA KIDD JENNINGS, the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin; married Patterson Jennings

1835 – On 9 April 1835 in Amherst County, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, Jonathan James Kidd, **Caroline Matilda Kidd**, William Coleman Kidd, Amanda Margaret Kidd, and Ann Hunt Kidd for the sum of \$1.00, a tract of land in Nelson and Amherst County on both sides of the county line, containing 71½ acres and adjacent to Jonathan Pamplin, deceased; Hylton heirs; and Mildred Layne; and conveyed by William L. Watts to these trustees. This deed was acknowledged in open Court on 30 July 1835 by the parties and ordered to be recorded.⁸⁶

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.⁸⁷ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert I. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, **Caroline M. Kidd**, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”⁸⁸

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she had an inheritance from her parents (see 1835 deed above) intended to be passed to her minor children. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd, her husband, have a guardian’s bond.

1847 – A marriage bond was issued for **Caroline M. Kidd** and Patterson Jennings on 22 February 1847 in Nelson County, VA.⁸⁹ The bondsman was Daniel Jennings.⁹⁰

CAROLINE (KATE) G. KIDD HARRIS - the daughter of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby
b 19 Mary 1841 in Nelson County
m Thomas Jasper Harris in 1862 in Nelson County
d 18 Dec 1922 in Nelson County⁹¹

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a

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⁹⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁹¹ Virginia death certificate 27262 for Mrs. Kate Caroline Harris, filed 12 Dec 1922. The informant was Tom Harris [likely her son], who mistakenly identifies her father as Wm Kidd.

complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁹²

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and **Caroline Kidd** (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 223B, HH 49:

Kidd, Alexander 58MW farmer \$1400 b. Amherst County
" , Charity 53FW b. Amherst County
" , Landon 19MW carpenter b. Nelson County
" , Alexander 14MW b. Nelson County
" , Elizabeth 12FW b. Nelson County
" , **Caroline** 9FW b. Nelson County

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:
HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r. Kidd, Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 b. Nelson County
" , Charity 61FW Nelson
" , **Caroline G.** 19FW Nelson

1862 – On 9 April 1862, Thomas Jasper Harris and **Caroline G. Kidd** were married in Nelson County, VA.⁹³ Her marriage record lists her parents as Alexander and Charity Kidd.

1870 – She and her husband are on the federal census in South River twp., Augusta County, VA, p. 468, HH 128/131

Harris, Thomas J. 32MW cabinet maker \$0/100 VA
" , **Caroline G.** 28FW keeping house VA
" , Alexander E. 1MW VA
Kyle, John Stanton 60MB brick mason at James Fitches VA cannot read or write

1880 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, ED 112, sheet 30B:
HH 274/300

Johnson, John WM 61M farming CROW VA VA VA
" , Cynthia WF wife 53M keeps house CROW VA VA VA
Kidd, Alexander R. MW 44S boarder Wheelright VA VA VA

HH 275/301

Harris, Thomas J. WM 42M farmer VA VA VA
" , **Caroline** WF wife 38M keeps house VA VA VA
" , Virginia WF daughter 6S VA VA VA
Kidd, Charity WF mother-in-law 83 widowed VA VA VA

⁹² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁹³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com.

- 1905 – **Mrs. Caroline G. Harris** applied for a widow's pension for her husband's service in the Civil War. This application states that Thomas Jasper Harris died in February 1905 at Arrington, Nelson County, VA and lists her name as Kate G. Harris. This record at Ancestry.com is mis-indexed as "Rev. Kate G. Harris."
- 1920 – On the federal census in Lovingston, Nelson County, VA, living with her son Thomas A. Harris, again listed as **Kate G. Harris**.
- 1922 -- **Mrs. Kate Caroline Harris**, widow of Jasper Harris, died 18 Dec 1922 in Nelson County. Her birth is listed as 19 May 1841 in Nelson County. The informant was Tom Harris [likely her son], who identified her mother as Charity Willoughby, but mistakenly identified her father as Wm Kidd.⁹⁴

CHARITY (WILLOUGHBY) KIDD, wife of Alexander Kidd Sr. and daughter of Joshua Willoughby

Born ca 1797

Married Alexander Kidd Sr. in 1818 in Nelson County, VA

Died 16 January 1893 in Nelson County, VA

[See Alexander Sr.'s section of this paper for more information.]

- Abt. 1797 – In an affidavit given in 1878 for her War of 1812 widow's pension application, **Charity Kidd** attested that she was 81 years old.
- 1818 – On 29 Oct 1818, **Charity Willoughby** and Alexander Kidd were married in Nelson Co by Minister John Shepherd.
- 1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled **Alexander Kidd & wife**, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc⁹⁵
The complainants in this case are:
Alexander Kidd and Charity his wife;
Robert N. Kidd and Aggy (Agnes) his wife;
Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife;
Alexander S. Kidd and Fanny his wife;
Alfred Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife;
which said **Charity**, Aggy, Margaret, Fanny and Alfred are children and devisees of Joshua Willoughby, dec'd; and
William Bryant and Laurena his wife (granddaughter of Joshua Willoughby); and
Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, (and) Cynthia Kidd (**children of Alexander and Charity Kidd**); and
Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (children of Robert N. and Aggy Kidd); All above the age of 21 years.
- The purpose of this chancery cause apparently is to partition the land owned by the deceased Joshua Willoughby for his heirs. Happily it lists many of these heirs by name.
The complaint (images 2-3) states that Joshua Willoughby's will included many devisees, and established Trustees to distribute his estate, but the individuals named as his executors and

⁹⁴ Virginia death certificate 27262 for Mrs. Kate Caroline Harris, filed 12 Dec 1922.

⁹⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

trustees (Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters) were not willing to accept that role, "because they have no idea of undertaking such a task when in all probability it cannot be settled during their lives, and which may be injurious to their own children after their deaths, and if they should live, there is no knowing how many children and grandchildren there will be to settle with, who will be descendants of your orators and oratrixes."

They also state that the proceeds of the sale of the remaining lands will be so small (after division between so many heirs) as to not be worth the trouble, "and would compel your orators to seek homes in some distant part, and cause them to sell their interest for little or nothing." Instead they ask that "the land (be) laid off and divided (so that) each of them could get a comfortable home of good land ..."

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said land, "free from the claim of their several husbands for life, and after their respective deaths to be divided among their several children according to the intent of the said testator."

The defendants in this case are all infants (children under 21):

Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William, children of Robert and Aggy Kidd;

Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd, children of **Alexander & Charity Kidd**;

Elizabeth, Lucinda, Nehemiah, Parena(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and

Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, children of Alexander S. and Fanny Kidd; and Sarah, Mary Jane, Ann Maria, Sissa and Richard Bryant, infant children of William Bryant and Lourena Bryant; and

Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Martha, and John Willoughby, children of Alfred Willoughby and Milton Willoughby, all infants.

The complainants "pray for a suspension of the sale of said lands until the deaths of the respective children and grandchildren who are entitled for life, that the said lands be divided into seven shares according to quality and quantity, after first setting apart the tract for the widow, for life, and the tract left in trust for the wife and children of Walker S. Willoughby. The bill was filed 25 October 1847.

Image 5: Executor Wilson Peters agrees with the plaintiffs on all points.

Images 7-8: The court appoints commissioners (Lunsford Loving, Terrisha Bailey, John H. Loving, Christopher T. Estes and William J. Robinson or any three of them) to allot 200 acres to the widow of Joshua Willoughby, and then to divide the remaining land into seven equal parts.

Image 15: The allocation of lots to each of the 7 devisees, dated 22 November 1847.

Image 18: A photocopy of the original plat. [Note: The original has been removed from the file, and is evidently in the Clerk's office in Nelson County.]

[Note: In 1847, Charity is named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 2](#) for this document.]

1848-1850 – In 1848, three of Joshua Willoughby's daughters, all of whom married Kidd men in Nelson County, appear for the first time on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists.

In the prior year, each of them received their share of their father's estate.

Charity Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/125 ½ /lot 1 from est Joshua Willoughby/E4
Aggy Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/111 ac/lot 2 from above/E4

Fanny Kidd & children/Nelson/trust/104 ac/lot 3 from above/E4

These entries repeat annually through 1850, the last year of these records that we have checked.

1878 – Following the Act of 8 Mar 1878, widow Charity Kidd, aged 81 years, filed for a War of 1812 widow's pension dated 17 May 1878 based on **Alexander Kidd's** service.

Biographical details from the pension application:

Alexander was described by his widow as being “about six feet tall, grayish eyes, light hair, fair complexion, and rather a large nose.”

Charity and Alexander's address was given as Arrington, Nelson County, VA. She attested that he volunteered at Lovington and served under Capt. Dade from 30 July 1814 to 4 Feb 1815. His certificate of discharge was dated 4 Feb 1815.

Witnesses James P. Ireland and James Martin of Nelson Co, in an affidavit dated 22 Jun 1878, said they knew the soldier for 50 and 60 years, respectively, and that they knew Charity Kidd for 30 and 40 years, that Alexander and Charity were known to be man and wife, and that “said Martin is enabled the better to testify to, he having lived with said Kidd and wife for a considerable time.” They stated that “said Alexander Kidd died on or about the 17th day of March 1870 and that such is the opinion of the community, generally. The said Ireland states that he acted as undertaker and made the coffin in which said Kidd was buried.” [We are glad the community opined he was dead before they buried him!]

Charity Kidd attested that she, Charity Willoughby, and Alexander Kidd were married 29 Oct 1818 in Nelson Co by John Shepherd, that neither had previously been married, and furnished a copy of public record of marriage.

On 2 Jul 1878, the Deputy Clerk of Nelson Co Court [G. Eleaskie or Leaskie?] attested that he finds the marriage license was issued 26 Oct 1818 and that “the following is a true copy of a paper now on file in my said office”:

“This is to certify that I performed the rites of matrimony between **Alexander Kidd** and Charity Willoughby on October 29, 1818, in pursuance of a license produced to me from the Clerk of Nelson County. Given under my hand this 3rd Day of January 1819. John Shepherd, Minister of the Gospel in the M.E. Church.”

Charity Kidd also attested that her husband did receive a land warrant [see 1852 entry, above], but the details and number of the warrant “were not remembered.”

There is an odd entry in the file: In a letter dated 4 Mar 1879, Charity attested that her “husband **Alex'r Kidd** was a member of the Fourth Guard, 9th or 109th Regiment, stationed at Stingray Point from June 26 to July 26 and was taken from Capt. Blakey's Company.” The pension office reported that it did not find Alexander Kidd on the rolls of Capt. Robert Blakey's Company. Interestingly, this was a Middlesex Co militia unit, and an Alex Kidd does appear on the unit's militia roll for the period of 27 Jun to 26 Jul 1815. This is the only mention of an Alex Kidd we find in Middlesex Co, and we rarely find the name Alexander in Virginia Kidd records. Did someone appropriate the Middlesex Alex Kidd's identity in an effort to build Charity's claim? If so, how would they have known of this service?⁹⁶

⁹⁶ See William R. Kidd War of 1812 research notes on file in statewide source documents.

Charity Kidd signed her affidavit by mark. Her application was successful: she later received \$12.00 per month, according to a reimbursement receipt stamped 5 Nov 1886.

1880 – On the federal census in Lovington twp., Nelson County, VA, ED 112, sheet 30B:
HH 274/300

Johnson, John WM 61M farming CROW VA VA VA
" , Cynthia WF wife 53M keeps house CROW VA VA VA
Kidd, Alexander R. MW 44S boarder Wheelright VA VA VA

HH 275/301

Harris, Thomas J. WM 42M farmer VA VA VA
" , Caroline WF wife 38M keeps house VA VA VA
" , Virginia WF daughter 6S VA VA VA
Kidd, Charity WF mother-in-law 83 widowed VA VA VA

1893 – Her War of 1812 widow's pension folder records that **Charity Kidd** died 16 Jan 1893, and that her final pension payment was \$12.00, paid on 4 December 1892.

CHARLES KIDD, likely the son of Joseph Kidd and Nancy/Ann Johnson⁹⁷

Born abt 1815

Married Malinda Kidd in 1835 in Albemarle County, VA

Died after 1886

1835 – On 21 Dec 1835, **Charles Kidd** married Malinda Kidd in Albemarle Co VA.⁹⁸

A "Jno. Kidd" attested as to the age of Malinda Kidd for this marriage bond.

Both John Kidd and Charles Kidd signed this bond with an X.

1836 – On 30 March 1836, **Charles Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust in Nelson County, VA with William P. Perkins regarding a debt of \$62.81 due by bond and owed to Hardin Perkins & Co.

Charles Kidd signed with an X. The deed was recorded in court the same day.⁹⁹

1837-1850 – **Charles Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1837, and appears annually thereafter through 1850, the last year we've checked. In each year, he's taxed on one WMT, no slaves, and occasionally for one horse.

1838 – On 20 June 1838, **Charles Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with William P. Perkins regarding a debt of \$46.65 due by bond payable 1 July 1838 and owed to Harden Perkins, using household furniture, livestock and goods as collateral, as well as his crops for the year "growing upon his lands in the county of Nelson."

Charles Kidd signed with an X. The deed was admitted into court on the same day.¹⁰⁰

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households:
Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Micajah, R.N.,

⁹⁷ See Appendix 6 for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁹⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com. Images of this marriage bond can be found in the Albemarle Co. Shared Folder > Nelson Marriages subfolder; captured from FHL #1889164, Marriage bonds, 1834-1836, image 131, retrieved from familysearch.org on 22 November 2017 by RK.

⁹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:268.

¹⁰⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:607.

Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Charles Kidd – 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 1F<5 & 1 20-29. No slaves. One in agriculture.

1841 – Nancy Kidd married George D. Leebrick in Albemarle County, VA on 18 November 1841.¹⁰¹ The bondsman was **Charles Kidd**, who also affirms that Nancy was over the age of 21; he was likely her brother. Witness was Ira Garrett.¹⁰²

1843 – A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for James Foster and Lucinda Kidd on 20 Dec 1843. The bondsman was **Charles Kidd**; he was likely her brother. The wedding was performed the same day by Edward Thomas.¹⁰³

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 239A, HH 268:

Kidd, Charles 36MW overseer \$0 VA

" , Malinda 31FW VA

" , Harriett 12FW VA

" , Nicholas 10MW VA

" , Coleman 8MW VA

" , Clifton 6MW VA

" , Victoria 4FW VA

" , Tucker 3MW VA

" , Rosa 1FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 741 (handwritten), Lovingson P.O., HH 386 :

Kidd, Charles 44MW farmer \$0/50 Nelson, VA CROW

" , Malinda 42FW Nelson, VA

" , Richard 20MW Nelson, VA [this may be Joseph Nicholas, aged 10 in 1850, above]

" , Coleman 16MW Nelson, VA

" , Clifford 15MW Nelson, VA

" , Elizabeth 13FW Nelson, VA

" , Rosa 10FW Nelson, VA

" , Tucker 8MW Nelson, VA

" , Mary 3FW Nelson, VA

" , Archy 1MW Nelson, VA

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovingson P.O., p. 317, HH 95/104 :

Kidd, Charles 55MW farmer, rents, \$0/140 VA CROW

" , Malinda 53FW Keeping house VA CROW

" , Coleman 30MW farm laborer VA CROW

" , Tucker, 22MW farm laborer VA CROW

" , Mary 13FW at home VA CROW

" , Elizabeth 27FW at home VA CROW

¹⁰¹ A digital image of this record was found and retrieved on Familysearch.org, FHL #1889165 – *Albemarle County Marriage Books, 1837-1842*, image 971 of 1165. It is stored in the Nelson Co. Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox, since that's where Nancy lived; a copy was also saved in the Albemarle Co. Marriage Records subfolder.

¹⁰² *Albemarle County Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, page 532, citing Marr. Reg. 1806-1868, fol. 80, and "B/C Papers, 1837-1842."

¹⁰³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

- " , Alice 2FW at home VA
- " , Annie 11/12 at home VA (b July 1859)

1870 – D. T. Kidd, son of **Charles** and Malinda **Kidd**, died of a fever in Nelson County on November 24, 1870.¹⁰⁴

1880 – **Charles Kidd**, age 65, wife Malinda, 62, and five of their children are again on the federal census in Nelson County, VA.

1886 – Malinda Kidd died 12 August 1886 in Nelson County. Her husband **Charles** was the informant for this record.¹⁰⁵

No further record has been found for him.

The journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950, the daughter of Edmund Tucker Kidd and Elizabeth Kidd Craig, includes a reference to **Charles Kidd**: (p 43): “My grandfather James Craig and grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig moved up from Goochland County below Richmond to near Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. With him came 2 of grandmother’s brothers - Uncle Charles and Uncle Wilson Kidd. Uncle Charles married Malinda Kidd. They had a large family - both sons and daughters.”

COLEMAN W. KIDD – the son of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling

Born ca 1795 in Albemarle County, VA¹⁰⁶

Married Cynthia Loving in 1817 in Nelson County

Died 28 October 1880 in Lynchburg, Campbell Co, VA

No known children

[N.B. – BEWARE of potential confusion between this man and William C. Kidd in some records, where only initials are used, as C.W. and W.C. are reversed occasionally for each of them. RK]

1814-1815 – Private **Coleman W. Kidd** served in Capt. William C. Scott’s Infantry [28th V.M., Nelson County, now of the 8th V.M., Wall’s] ¹⁰⁷ at Camp Carter near Richmond from 30 Aug 1814 until 22 Feb 1815, present on 11 Nov 1814, 28 Dec 1814 and 22 Feb 1815. Distance from home was 120 miles.¹⁰⁸

1817 – A marriage bond for **Coleman W. Kidd** & Cynthia Fortune Loving was issued on 22 December 1817 in Nelson County, VA.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁴ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, image 550, reviewed at Bellevue, WA FHC on October 25, 2017.

¹⁰⁵ Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912, at www.familysearch.org , for Malinda Kidd. An image of this death record is available in the Nelson Co. Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

¹⁰⁶ The year of his birth is uncertain, with his calculated year of birth based on his cited age on his various census entries in 1820-1880, and his death record - He died on 28 Oct 1880 at the age of 85. His 1860 census entry lists Albemarle County as his place of birth. [Nelson County was not formed until 1807

¹⁰⁷ Note: Capt William C Scott is also listed under Prince Edward County, 63rd Regt for the same time frame in Butler’s “A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812”, possibly the units were just combined.

¹⁰⁸ Coleman W. Kidd service record, War of 1812, card numbers 38768131,8257, 8372, 8481, 8592, 9711, original at NAB, viewed 12/29/2009, copies on file.

¹⁰⁹ Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850 at Ancestry.com. This record names her as "S. Loving."

Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was S.P. Garland and the minister John Shepherd, who performed the marriage on 25 Dec. 1817.¹¹⁰

1818-1850 – **Coleman W. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1818, taxed only on 1 WMT. He appears annually after that through 1850, the last date we've checked. See Table below.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1818		Coleman W.	1		
1820		Coleman W.			
1821	11-Mar	Coleman W.	1	2	1
1822	5-Mar	Coleman W.	1	2	1
1823	24-Feb	Coleman W.	NL	2	2
1824	23-Feb	Coleman W.	1	3	2
1825	23-Feb	Coleman W.	1	2	2
1826	29-Feb	Coleman W.	1	2	2
1827	27-Mar	Coleman W.	1	2	1
1828	24-Mar	Coleman W.	1	1	1
1829	13-Feb	Coleman W.	1		1
1830	18-Feb	Coleman W.	1	1	
1831	8-Feb	Coleman W.	1	2	1
1838	26-Feb	Coleman W.	1		1
1839	25-Mar	Coleman W.	1		
1840	11-Apr	Coleman W.	1		1
1841	4-May	Coleman W.	1		1
1842		Coleman W.	1		1
1843	2-Jun	Coleman W.	1		
1845		Coleman W.	1	1	1
1846		Coleman W.	1	3	2
1847		Coleman W.	1	2	2
1848		Coleman W.	1	1	3
1849		Coleman W.	1		2
1850		Coleman W.	1		1

1819 – In a deed dated 16 October 1819, Thomas Hamlet appoints "my friend and brother-in-law, William J. Kidd of Nelson County my true and lawful attorney....." in securing for him his share of the estate of Archer Hamlet, dec'd. Archer's widow was bequeathed a life estate.... The witnesses to this deed were Allister J. Garland, John[X] Wright, **and C. W. Kidd.**¹¹¹ [The C. W. Kidd mentioned here is most likely Coleman W. Kidd, the brother of William Kidd.]

1820 – The 1820 federal census shows the following Kidds in Nelson County: Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman W., John, Joseph, Robert N., William C. and William J. Kidd.

¹¹⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

¹¹¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:361. Scanned images available.

Coleman W. Kidd – 3M 16-25; 1F 16-25; no slaves. 3 in Mfg.

In a deed dated 13 September 1820, Jacob Yost and Matilda his wife of Amherst County sold to **Coleman W. Kidd** of Nelson County for \$900 Lot #31 in Lovingson, Nelson County.¹¹²

In a Deed of Trust dated 11 December 1820, John Hamblet granted a Deed of Trust to William J. Kidd. John Hamblet acknowledged that he was indebted to Susanna Hamblet for \$62 by bond. Collateral included household goods, a mare, hogs and pigs, and crops. This Deed of Trust was signed by John Hamblet, W.J. Kidd, and Susannah Hamblet, and witnessed by John Whitehead, **C.W. Kidd** and Robert J. Kidd (both brothers of William J. Kidd).¹¹³

1823 – In a deed dated 2 December 1823, Silas Biglow and Judith his wife sell to **Coleman W. Kidd**, all of the county of Nelson for \$700 a tract of land in Nelson County near the town of Lovingson, adjoining the land of Wilson Peters, Robert J. Kincaid and Nathan Loftus and John Stevens containing by survey 55 acres.

(signed) Silas Biglow {seal}

Judith Biglow {seal}¹¹⁴

On 29 October 1823, **Coleman W. Kidd** and Cynthia his wife of the county of Nelson sold for \$900 to Silas Biglow “one lot of ground ... in the town of Lovingson on Front Street. Both grantors signed, as “C.W. Kidd” & “Cynthia C. Kidd,” respectively. This sale was approved and recorded by the court on 6 May 1824.¹¹⁵

These deeds were recorded next to other in sequence in the deed book.

1824 – On 8 April 1824, **Coleman W. Kidd** and William J. Kidd entered into a deed of loan with James Kidd Senior, all of Nelson County, in which they convey to him and his family a long list of household furniture, tools, livestock and other items purchased at an auction of personal property (likely his own) by virtue of an execution of a Court order, and which items were purchased by **Coleman W.** and William J. **Kidd**.¹¹⁶

On 18 September 1824, James P. Kidd (the brother of Coleman W. Kidd) entered into a Deed of Trust with William Loving regarding a debt owed to **Coleman W. Kidd** for \$100 due by bond, dated the _ day of __, 1822. He put up as collateral all his crops for this year, his plantations tools, and some household furniture.

James P. Kidd signed his name.¹¹⁷

1825-1845 – **Coleman W. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1825, taxed on 55 acres adjacent to Wilson Peters, ½ mile west of the courthouse, and acquired from Silas Biglow and his wife.

This listing continues until 1836, when Coleman's acreage decreases to 35 acres, but there is

¹¹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:537-538.

¹¹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

¹¹⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 122-123.

¹¹⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:123.

¹¹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson Co. Sources folder.

¹¹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:178-179.

no note explaining the change. He's listed with 35 acres through 1845, then disappears from the Nelson LTLs.

1826 – **Coleman W. Kidd** is named as the brother of William J. Kidd in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit.¹¹⁸ See William J. Kidd's section of this paper for further information.

1827 – On 1 December 1827, **Coleman W. Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Lunsford Loving, regarding a debt he owed to John J. Loving for \$333.29, putting up a parcel of land in Nelson County adjoining the lands of Nathan Lofftus, Patrick H. Hickox, Wilson Peters & others...the same land wherein the said Kidd now resides, and which he purchased from Silas Biglow."¹¹⁹

1828 – On 25 November 1828, **Coleman W. Kidd** & Cynthia his wife entered into a Deed of Trust with Lunsford Loving & Seaton H. Loving, to secure a debt of \$400 owed to Wilson Peters and due by bond and payable 24 November next, putting up a parcel of land in Nelson County near the town of Lovingston, adjoining the lands of Patrick H. Hickok, Nathan Lofftus, John G. Stevens, and Christopher Estes, excluding that part of the said tract lately sold by said Coleman and Cynthia Kidd to said Estes, containing 25 acres more or less.
Signed by all parties, and admitted to record on December 2, 1828.¹²⁰

On 2 December 1828, Lunsford Loving of Nelson County executed a deed of release to **Coleman W. Kidd** for the Deed of Trust entered into on 1 December 1827 when Coleman met the terms of the Deed of Trust. Lunsford Loving then released the parcel of land, "adjoining the lands of Nathan Lofftus, John G. Stevens, Wilson Peters, Christopher T. Estes & Patrick H. Hickok" back to Coleman W. Kidd.

(signed) Lunsford Loving {seal}

John J. Loving {seal}

Acknowledged and entered into record 2 December 1828.¹²¹

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district: Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.

Coleman W. Kidd – 1M 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F 30-39. Two slaves.

1832 – On 29 February 1832, **Coleman W. Kidd** and Cynthia C. Kidd his wife, for \$400, sold to Wilson Peters, all of Nelson County, VA, a tract of land in Nelson County adjoining the town of Lovingston and containing 20 acres, adjoining the lands of Christopher T. Estes on the north and also one the west, by Nathan Lofftus on the south, and on the east by Patrick H. Hickok, it being the same land where Harrod B. Scott now lives.

Coleman W. Kidd signed his name, and Cynthia marked her X. No witnesses are shown in this record. It was admitted to record in Nelson County Court on 10 March 1832.¹²²

1837-38 – **Coleman W. Kidd** served as administrator of the estate of Allen Y. Jopling, alias Allen Y. Ingle, deceased in Nelson County, VA. His final account of the estate was accepted by the

¹¹⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-005

¹¹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:179-180.

¹²⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:365.

¹²¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:364.

¹²² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7:309.

County Court and recorded on 24 September 1838.¹²³

1838 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1838 [1838-012], titled **Coleman W. Kidd** vs. William A. Payne, etc.¹²⁴

Coleman W. Kidd, the plaintiff, states that sometime in the lifetime of one James Edmonds, a certain Jane Osburg loaned Edmonds the sum of \$265 on 5 October 1836 or thereabouts, and the money was permitted to remain in his hands until his death, which occurred on the (blank) day of 1836. Before his death, he published his last will and testament, which was admitted to record in Albemarle County, and a certain Jefferson S. Edmonds qualified as executor thereof. The said Jane Osburg sought payment of the debt after said Edmonds died, but his estate was not sufficient to pay it. So Osburg entered into an agreement with the executor of this estate, in which further time was allowed to the executor to pay off the debt, and Coleman W. Kidd was the security for this arrangement. [Coleman Kidd's involvement in this suit appears to be part of a business arrangement.]

On 27 November 1838, **Coleman W. Kidd** was appointed administrator of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, to make a true and perfect inventory of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased. William J. Kidd and Herod B. Scott were Coleman Kidd's security, for \$1200.¹²⁵ Though not stated in the administration papers, Lucy Kidd was the mother of Coleman W. Kidd.

On 24 December 1838, **C.W. Kidd** presented the inventory and appraisement of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased to the Nelson County Court, "to wit, one negro slave named Judy, \$550." Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters certify that the appraisement was performed in conformity with the order of the County Court.¹²⁶

Coleman W. Kidd subsequently sold the said slave Judy on six months credit to Floyd S. Whitehead for \$615 on 9 October 1840. His account was recorded in Court on 26 October 1840.¹²⁷

1840 – On 24 February 1840, Robert J. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Hiram W. Dawson, both of Nelson County, regarding a debt owed to Wm. J. Kidd and **C.W. Kidd** of Nelson County of \$50 "due by open account." He used his black horse, saddle and bridle as collateral for this loan.

All parties signed this document.¹²⁸

The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA lists the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, **Coleman W.**, Hudson P., two Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Coleman W. Kidd – 1M 30-39 & 1 40-49; 1F 40-49. No slaves. Two in agriculture.

In 1840, **Coleman W. Kidd** was admr. For Robert S. Adams, decd, and posted Bond, with Wilson Peters and H.B. Scott his securities.¹²⁹

¹²³ Nelson County Will Book E, p. 301, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

¹²⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-012

¹²⁵ Nelson County Will Book E, p. 322, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

¹²⁶ Nelson County Will Book F, p. 113, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

¹²⁷ Ibid, p. 114.

¹²⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:106.

¹²⁹ Nelson County Will Book F, p. 95, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

On 7 October 1840, **Coleman W. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Hiram W. Davis regarding debts to Christopher T. Estes of \$642.81 due 28 February 1840; by open account; to Webb Booker & Hambleton of \$246.17 by open account; to Jacquiline (sic) P. Taylor & Co. in the sum of \$223.91 by open account; to Crouch Brooks & Hudson for \$81.61; Charles Ellis & sons, \$139.59 due by same; to Lucy F. Adams in the sum of \$95.00 by same; to Hubbard Gardner & Co. in the sum of \$106.38, due by same; to Allison & Watt in the sum of \$81.16 due by same; and due to Wm. J. and **C.W. Kidd** in the sum of \$689.46 due by same.

To secure the payments of these debts, he put up as collateral all his rights, title and interest in the mercantile concern of **C.W. Kidd & Co.**, after the payments of the debts of the said concern. Also put up as collateral were a long list of household furniture and items; "all the books, papers, open accounts, debts and evidences of debts now contained in the mercantile Books of said **Coleman W. Kidd.**"

C.W. Kidd and C.T. Estes signed this deed, and it was admitted into Court on 8 Oct. 1840.¹³⁰

1841 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1841 [1841-073], titled W.I. & C.W. Kidd vs. Pamplin, Pritchard & Kidd:¹³¹

William J. Kidd and **Coleman W. Kidd**, "late merchants and partners trading under the style and firm of W.J. & C.W. Kidd," are suing James Pamplin, John Pritchard and William J. Kidd, who were transacting business as tanners and curriers under the style and firm of Pamplin, Pritchard and Kidd. (Note: This is a dispute between two businesses, made more complicated because William J. Kidd had been a partner in both firms.)

In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1841 [1841-087], titled Terrisha Turner vs. Seaton H. Loving, etc.: **C.W. Kidd** gave a deposition at his store in Lovingston on 1 May 1841 in a chancery suit for compensation over the services of a runaway bound apprentice named William Ezekiel, son of a free woman of color. Kidd testified that one of the parties had come to his home in Mount Alto in Albemarle County, and that he he'd expressed the opinion that they had no right to sell the services of the boy [image 20].¹³²

[Note: Mount Alto lies close to the Nelson County border with Albemarle County.]

The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by **Coleman W. Kidd**, her administrator, and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J., **Coleman W.**, James P., Robert J., and Jesse N. Kidd, and Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave named Judy that their mother owned at the time of her death.¹³³

¹³⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:198.

¹³¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-073

¹³² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-087

¹³³ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder).

1842 – On 16 July 1842, John Powers of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Chas. Perrow regarding a debt of \$26.15 owed to **Coleman W. Kidd**, using his crops of oats and corn and one blue-colored mare as collateral.
This Deed of Trust was signed by Powers but not the others, and entered into the Court record on the same day.¹³⁴

On 8 August 1842, Charles W. Thacker of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Richard L. Taliaferro regarding a debt of \$89.69 owed to William J. and **C.W. Kidd**, being the amount of a judgment recovered in Circuit Superior Court and Chancery Court of Nelson County at the April 1840 term.
Recorded 10 September 1842.¹³⁵

On 1 October 1842, Francis B. West entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding debts of \$128.14 owed to **C.W. Kidd & Co.** and due by bond 27 June 1842, of \$13.20 to Wm. J. and **C.W. Kidd**, and to **C.W. Kidd** for \$18.10.¹³⁶

On 24 October 1842, Thomas Farrar entered into a Deed of Trust with John Burford(?) regarding a debt of ___ owed to Wm. J. Kidd and **C.W. Kidd** and **Coleman W. Kidd & Co.** by judgments of the Superior and Inferior Courts of the County of Amherst, where the said Farrar took the oath of an insolvent debtor, and to C.W. Kidd for the sum of about \$20 by bond.
This deed was signed by Farrar, but not the others, and admitted to Nelson County Court the same day.¹³⁷

On 19 November 1842, **Coleman W. Kidd** leased to Robert J. Kidd “one red cow, one black yearling, one red steer, one brindle heifer, 16 head of hogs, one horse cart and gear, two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, and one ___ press, all of which he agrees to return when demanded by me. Signed – **C.W. Kidd**.

On the same day, Robert J. Kidd signed a receipt for the above items, which was witnessed by Jesse N. Kidd and Lucy Jane Lankford.
This deed of lease was admitted in court and recorded on 5 January 1843.¹³⁸

1843 – On 1 June 1843, Williamson S. Henderson entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding a debt of \$99.98 owed to **C.W. Kidd** due by bond dated 30 July 1842. Deed recorded 6 June 1843.¹³⁹

On 22 July 1843, Joshua Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with **Coleman W. Kidd**, Christopher J. Estes, William J. Kidd, William Murrill, and Wilson P. Kidd as trustees, conveying to them a parcel of land on the headwaters of the south branch of Dutch creek, purchased by Willoughby from Sparks Martin's executor...containing one acre, where these trustees will build a house of worship

¹³⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:20-21.

¹³⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:87-88.

¹³⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:117-118.

¹³⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:31-32.

¹³⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

¹³⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:311.

for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church...."to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein."

Both Joshua and Elizabeth signed with an X. The deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court on the same date.¹⁴⁰

On 3 August 1843, Charles W. Thacker entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding a debt of \$56.74, owed to William J. and **C.W. Kidd**, due by judgment obtained in County Court. Deed recorded 5 August 1843.¹⁴¹

On 30 August 1843, William H. Kidd of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead over debts of \$27.94, owed to **C.W. Kidd** (partly by bond and partly by accounts), and of \$63.80 to Wm J. & **C.W. Kidd**. William H. Kidd signed with an X. The Deed of Trust was recorded in court the same day.¹⁴²

1844 – On 6 January 1844, **C.W. Kidd** loaned Williamson F. Hardeman household furniture, livestock and supplies. [This record is extremely dark and difficult to read.]¹⁴³

1846 – In this year, **Coleman W. Kidd** drops from the Nelson County LTLs. From 1825 through 1845, he was taxed on 55 acres (dropping to 35 acres in 1836) located ½ mile west of the Courthouse. We've found no record of the sale of this land, and it may have been lost through foreclosure.

1850 – He appears on the 1850 federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 221B, HH 16, in the household of Royal M. Caul, a hotel keeper:

Caul, Royal M. 44MW hotel keeper \$2000 b. Goochland County

" , Mildred P. 41FW b. Amherst County

" , Elizabeth M. 3FW Nelson County

Ryan, Preston 23MW tailor Nelson County

Kidd, Coleman W. 53MW const. [constable]. b. **Nelson County**

Cunningham, Valentine 18MW clerk, store Nelson County

Aistrop, Wm H 17MW bookkeeper Nelson County

1850-1865 – **Coleman W. Kidd** served as a Constable from 1850 through 1865, judging from a series of bonds recorded in Nelson County, VA during these years.¹⁴⁴

1855 – On 25 July 1855, **Coleman Kidd** applied for a Bounty Land Warrant for 80 acres for his War of 1812 service, saying he had resided in Nelson County from 1851 to 1855. Witnessed by C.M. Loving and John H. Loving. Total land bounty was 160 acres. (See War of 1812 survivors pension application, below.)

¹⁴⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6 (scanned images available in the Nelson Co. folder on Dropbox). See also Virginia Historical Inventory VSL Film 509, Reel 19: <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/VHI/html/18/0396.html> Subject: Dutch Creek Church. Location: 3 miles west of Elmington, Virginia, on Route #641. Old Church seventy five yards from road, on the east side, near the foot of Naked Mountain. Survey report cites Nelson Co DB 10, pp 335-6.

¹⁴¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:347.

¹⁴² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

¹⁴³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:450.

¹⁴⁴ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, showing 10 separate bonds recorded for "C.W. Kidd" or "Coleman W. Kidd, Constable."

1860 – He appears on the federal census in Nelson County, VA, living in the household of John E. and Adeline Witt. He is aged 64; his birthplace is listed as Albemarle County and his occupation as Constable. His personal estate is valued at \$200.

1870 – He's on the federal census in Nelson County, VA, age 74, listed as Constable, living alone.

1877 -- On 11 July 1877, while living in Montgomery County, VA, Coleman W. Kidd applied for a pension for his War of 1812 service.¹⁴⁵

Pension record for Coleman W. Kidd

Survivors pension record War of 1812. Enlisted 30 Aug 1814 in Nelson County, VA, drafted by Lt. Lankford and afterward under Capt. William Scott, discharged 22 Feb 1815 at Richmond, VA. Coleman married Cynthia C. Loving 25 Dec 1818 in Nelson County, VA [note: their marriage record states 1817]. Resided in Nelson County from 1851-1855. Applied for Bounty Land for 80 acres 25 Jul 1855, Nelson County, VA, witnessed by C.M. Loving and John H. Loving. Total land bounty was 160 acres. Filed for pension 11 Jul 1877, residence Montgomery County, VA, Big Spring post office.

Robert C. Kidd and Eliza A. Kidd, Coleman's niece and nephew, testified as witnesses of Coleman's loyalty 9 Jul 1877. His initial application was rejected due to his paying taxes to the Confederate Government, which was cited as disloyalty. He stated in an affidavit, dated 13 Aug 1877, that he did indeed pay taxes to the Confederacy, because if he did not his property would have been taken, with costs, to pay the same by the tax collector. Coleman died 27 Oct 1880 and was dropped from rolls due to his death, then noted as paid to Robert C. Kidd.^{146 147}

1880 – On the federal census in Lynchburg, Campbell County, KY, ED 54m sheet 7C, p. 339C, HH 51/74, enumerated 3 June 1880:

Kidd, Lewis C. WM 32M retail grocer VA VA VA

" , Jennie WF wife 31M keeps house VA VA VA

" , Lewis C. WM son 6S VA VA VA

" , **Charles W.** uncle WM 84 widowed VA VA VA **[This should be Coleman W.]**

Goff, Mary BF cook 31S VA VA VA

[Note: While the given name recorded on the census is different, this must be Coleman W. Kidd, given his death in Lynchburg several months later, and the fact that Lewis Kidd was Coleman's nephew, the son of Robert J. Kidd.]

Coleman W. Kidd died in Lynchburg, Campbell County, KY on 28 October 1880 at the age of 85.¹⁴⁸ This record states that he was born in Nelson County, VA, was a merchant and a widower at the time of his death. The cause of his death was chronic inflammation of the kidneys. The informant was a Dr. Spencer, who did not know the names of his parents.

¹⁴⁵ Coleman W. Kidd service record, War of 1812, card numbers 38768131,8257, 8372, 8481, 8592, 9711, original at NAB, viewed 12/29/2009, copies on file.

¹⁴⁶ Coleman W. Kidd survivor's pension, claim number 30,727, original at NAB, viewed 9/10/2009, copies on file. Photocopy of original application in Sandra Kidd's files, supplied by William R. Kidd.

¹⁴⁷ "War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants" by Patrick G. Wardell, page 221, located at LVA, reviewed 7-17-2009, WRK.

¹⁴⁸ *Virginia Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1917*, at Ancestry.com. Scanned image available in the **Campbell** Co. Shared folder.

CYNTHIA (LOVING) KIDD, the wife of Coleman W. Kidd

Married in 1817, died between 1840-1850

No known children

1817 – A marriage bond for Coleman W. Kidd & **Cynthia Fortune Loving** was issued on 22 December 1817 in Nelson County, VA.¹⁴⁹

Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was S.P. Garland and the minister John Shepherd, who performed the marriage on 25 Dec. 1817.¹⁵⁰

She apparently died before the 1850 federal census.

CYNTHIA KIDD JOHNSON, daughter of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby

Married John Johnson in 1849 in Nelson County, Virginia

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).¹⁵¹

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and **Cynthia Kidd** (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1849 – A marriage bond for John Johnson and **Cynthia Kidd** was issued in Nelson County, VA on 27 February 1849. The bondsman was Robert Johnson. The wedding was performed on 28 February 1849 by minister Edward L. Warren (who performed a number of weddings for Kidds in this era).¹⁵²

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA with her husband and no children.

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, with her husband and no children. Her brother Frederick Kidd is living in their household.

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA, with her husband and two black workers. No children.

1880 – On the federal census in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA, with her brother Alexander in their household. ED 112, sheet 30B:

HH 274/300

Johnson, John WM 61M farming CROW VA VA VA

¹⁴⁹ Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850 at Ancestry.com. This record names her as "S. Loving."

¹⁵⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

¹⁵¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

¹⁵² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

" , **Cynthia** WF wife 53M keeps house CROW VA VA VA
 Kidd, Alexander R. MW 44S boarder Wheelright VA VA VA

HH 275/301

Harris, Thomas J. WM 42M farmer VA VA VA

" , Caroline WF wife 38M keeps house VA VA VA

" , Virginia WF daughter 6S VA VA VA

Kidd, Charity WF mother-in-law 83 widowed VA VA VA

DELILA (TYREE) HENDRICKS KIDD, wife of Nathan Kidd

Born ca 1803/1809, location unclear

Married Nathan Kidd in 1842 in Amherst County, VA

Died sometime after the 1880 federal census, likely in Nelson County, VA

See this Nathan Kidd's section in this compilation for more information on him.

1842 – a Nathan Kidd married **Delilah/Delila Hendricks**, the daughter of Jesse Tyree, on 1 Sept 1842 in **Amherst** County, VA.¹⁵³ The record is incomplete, and doesn't list the surety, witnesses or official performing the marriage.¹⁵⁴

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 272A, HH 762:

Kidd, Delila 41FW VA CROW

" , Sophrona 5FW VA

" , Victoria 3FW VA

" , Josephine 1FW VA

(Nathan doesn't appear in the household. Has he died? We do not know.)

She may be the same Delila Kidd found in 1860 and later censuses, although the names of her household members differ from those in 1850:

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Allen's Creek P.O., HH 756:

Kidd, Delila 57FW VA CROW, \$0, \$25, b Nelson County

" , Polly H., 32FW VA, b Nelson County

" , Betty, 16FW, VA, b Nelson County

" , Luvenia, 12FW VA, b Nelson County

Badget, Elizabeth, 51FW VA, b Nelson County

1870 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, Amherst Courthouse P. O., HH 526/514:

William A. Tyree 28MW farm hand VA

Bettie " 28FW keeps house VA

Mollie " 15FW at home VA

Phoebe " 10FW at home VA

Willie " 1MW VA

Delila Kidd 55FW at home VA

Jesse Tyree 65MW farm hand VA

Henry H. " 22MW at home VA

¹⁵³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹⁵⁴ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

1880 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, E.D. 15, page 20A, HH 132/138, living with her brother, John Tyree and his family:

John Tyree WM 74M Occupation: getting hoop poles b. VA
 Sarah “ WF 66M keeps house CROW¹⁵⁵ VA
 Louisa “ WF 36S daughter at home Cannot write VA
 Ellen “ WF 31S dau. at home CROW VA
 Daniel “ WM 25S son works at O. Bank CROW VA
 William “ WM 23S son digging sassafras roots for oil CROW VA
Delila Kidd WF 72widowed sister at home CROW VA

We found no further records for her.

EDMUND TUCKER KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright¹⁵⁶

Born in 1823 in Nelson County, Virginia

Married Elizabeth Jane (Bettie) Craig in Nelson County on 28 June 1852

Served in the U.S. Army in the war with Mexico in 1846, then in the CSA in the Civil War

Died 9 July 1889 in Nelson County

This man appears in Nelson County, in 1845 and 1846 on the Nelson County PPTLs. He's not seen after 1846 through 1850 [because he enlisted in the U.S. Army], the last date we've checked.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1845		Edmond T.	1		2
1846		Edmond T.	1		

Much more on this man is available from Barbara Taylor, an expert on the Nelson County Kidds.¹⁵⁷

He was born about 1823 in Nelson County. He served in the U.S. Army from 1846-1851, then returned to Nelson County, where he married, raised a family and died there in 1889. His death record names his parents as “Hutson” and Lucy Kidd.

ELIZABETH KIDD CRAIG(E), most likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr,¹⁵⁸ and the maternal grandmother of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950), who left a journal outlining the family relationships of many Nelson County Kidds. Barbara J. Taylor, another Nelson County Kidd researcher, has published and annotated this journal, with additional updated family information.¹⁵⁹

¹⁵⁵ Cannot read or write.

¹⁵⁶ Personal correspondence from Barbara Taylor, who has the family journal written by Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950).

¹⁵⁷ Barbara can be reached via her website, at <https://itstime.com/forms3/formfb.htm>

¹⁵⁸ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy (Ann) Johnson.

¹⁵⁹ *Descendants of Hudson P. Kidd: The Family Journal of Lorena (Kidd) Goodwin*, edited by Barbara J. Taylor, Rainbows & Miracles etc, November 2019.

1824 – **Elizabeth Kidd** married James W. Craige on 28 March 1824 in Nelson County, VA. This was the same date that her likely brother Pleasant M. Kidd married Margaret J. Wright.¹⁶⁰ They were married by the same minister James Boyd.¹⁶¹

ELIZABETH (SAUNDERS) KIDD, the wife of Arthur H. Kidd

1840 – On 9 November 1840, Arther H. Kidd married **Elizabeth Saunders** in Nelson County, VA.¹⁶²

Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as P. Saunders and the minister as Edward Thomas.¹⁶³

Elizabeth appears with her husband Arthur H. Kidd and their children on the 1850 and 1860 censuses. He evidently died before 1870, when she is listed as head of household.

1870 -- On the federal census in Lovingsston twp, Nelson County, VA, p. 365B, HH 813:

Kidd, Elizabeth, 49FW, b VA, keeping house
" , Nathan C. 21MW, b VA, farm laborer, CROW
" , Mary M. 18FW, b VA, at home
" , Sarah 16FW, b VA, at home
" , Seaton 15MW, b VA, farm laborer, CROW
" , Captola E., 11FW, b VA, at home, CROW

**ELIZABETH MARGARET KIDD WOODSON, daughter of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby and wife of Pryor Woodson
Born ca 1838 in Nelson County, VA**

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Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1856 – Married Pryor Woodson on 27 March 1856 in Nelson County, VA.

¹⁶⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

¹⁶¹ Nelson Co., VA Marriages, 1824 – an image of this entry in the marriage book is available upon request from the compiler.

¹⁶² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

¹⁶³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

¹⁶⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

1860 – on the federal census in Todd County, KY with her husband, listed as Margaret Woodson.¹⁶⁵
 No further information on her or her husband.

ELLEN/ELEANOR (POWELL) KIDD, wife of Wilson P. Kidd (farmer)¹⁶⁶ and daughter of John Powell.¹⁶⁷
Born 1 January 1820¹⁶⁸
Married Wilson P. Kidd in Nelson County in 1843
Died in 1882 in Nelson County, Virginia

1843 – Wilson P. Kidd married **Elender Powell** on 8 November 1843 in Nelson County, VA.¹⁶⁹
 Another abstract of this same marriage record lists the date of the marriage bond as 3 March 1843, and names the bondsman as S. Garland, and the minister as Edward L. Warren, who performed the wedding on 8 November 1843.¹⁷⁰

1844 – Named in her father John Powell's will as **Ellen Kidd**. His will was signed 8 January 1844 and proved in Nelson County Court on 22 January 1844.¹⁷¹

1846-1850 – An entry for the taxable personal property of **Ellen F. Kidd**, held in trust for her and representing her share of her father's estate, appears on the Nelson County VA PPTLs:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1846		Ellen F. Kidd's trustee		1	1
1847		Ellen F. Kidd's trustee		1	1
1848		Ellen F. Kidd's trustee			
1849		Ellen F. Kidd's trustee		1	1
1850		Ellen F. Kidd's trustee		2	2

She is also found for these years on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs), having received in trust "Lot 1 of the estate of John Powell, deceased, 56¾ acres, 7 miles east of the courthouse.

In 1846 she's listed as "**Eleanor Kidd, trustee**" from 1847-1850 her land is listed as "**Ellen**

¹⁶⁵ Ancestry.com: 1860 federal census of Todd County, KY, page 751 (handwritten), Dwelling #575, image 81 of 172.

¹⁶⁶ There were two men named Wilson P. Kidd in Nelson County, born within a year or two of each other. They can be distinguished by their occupations, and by records connecting them to two different branches of the Kidds.

¹⁶⁷ The will of John Powell (found in Nelson Co. Will Book F, pp. 441-442) was written 8 January 1844, and proved 22 January 1844. In it, he gives to his wife, Lurena, who survived him her 1/3 dower, and divides the rest among his five children (or their heirs): Pamela Powell; Cary Ann (Powell) Willoughby (the wife of Walker S. Willoughby); Susan (Powell) Damron (the wife of ___ Damron); Ellen (Powell) Kidd (the wife of Wilson P. Kidd); and to his grandchildren, Maurice and Ellen Powell, the children of his daughter Mary Powell (who had married Edward Powell). He appoints his brother, Leonard Powell, as trustee for his two grandchildren, and also the trustee of two of his daughters, Cary Ann and Ellen, "to take charge of their interest in the dower named above, at the death of my wife, and to apply the said trust for their support." Scans of this will and the subsequent bond of the executor, the inventory of the estate and the division of it are in the Nelson Co. Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

¹⁶⁸ This date of birth is calculated from her 1882 death record, stating that she died on 18 October 1882 at the age of 62 years, 10 months, 18 days.

¹⁶⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

¹⁷⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

¹⁷¹ Nelson Co. WB F, pp. 441-442. See abstract above.

F. Kidd's trustee.” In 1849, her acreage was listed at 86¾ acres, a result of the deed (see below).

1848 – On 3 February 1848, Leonard Powell, trustee for **Elenor Kidd**, and Alexander Brown entered into an indenture, as outlined below:

On 24 August 1847, the Nelson County Court had decreed in Chancery in a cause between Leonard Powell, trustee for Cary Ann Willoughby and her children, complainants, and Cary Ann Willoughby, Walker Willoughby and others, defendants, that Alexander Brown, commissioner appointed by the court, should at public auction Make sale of two tracts of land in Nelson County, which were allotted to Cary Ann Willoughby and her children by the court commissioners appointed to divide the estate of John Powell, deceased.

At the time of the sale, "the said lot or piece of land was struck off to Wilson P. Kidd [Ellen's husband], agent for the said Leonard Powell, Trustee, for Cary Ann Willoughby and her children." The sale was for \$130.

Leonard Powell was also trustee for **Elenor Kidd**. Alexander Brown transferred to Powell as trustee for Elenor Kidd the lot or piece of land in Nelson County and adjoining Joseph Harris, ___ Damron, Robt. Reeves, dec'd, and the lot of **Elenor Kidd**, lying on both sides of Dutch Creek, containing 30 acres and being one of the lots allotted to Cary Ann Willoughby by the commissioners.

This deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court on 26 June 1848.¹⁷²

See [Appendix 7](#) for a detailed map of this area of Nelson County.

[Note: This dispute went on for several more decades, as recorded in multiple Chancery Causes in the 1870s¹⁷³, ¹⁷⁴ The suits concern the distribution of the estate of John Powell among his heirs.]

1850 – Two Kidd households are listed in Nelson County, VA, p. 225A, living next to one another. I'm listing them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a family relationship of some sort.

HH 78

Kidd, Arthur H. 34MW farmer \$0 VA

" , Elizabeth 29FW VA

" , John W. 8MW VA attended school within the year

" , Mildred F. 6FW VA

" , L.E. 4FW VA

" , Nathan K. 1MW VA

HH 79

Kidd, Wilson P. 33MW farmer \$400 VA

" , **Ellen F.** 26FW VA

" , John W. 3MW VA

" , Mary A. 5/12FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish Depot P.O., p. 119, HH 850:
Kidd, Wilson P. 43MW farmer b. Nelson County

¹⁷² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:309.

¹⁷³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1872-053

¹⁷⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1878-019

" , **Ellen F.** 39FW b. Albemarle County \$5000/\$10,000
" , John W. 13MW Nelson County
" , Mary A. 11FW Nelson County
" , Robert H. 8MW Nelson County
" , James W.T. 4MW Nelson County
(plus several others in the household, apparently boarders)

Note that Ellen Powell has personal and real estate in her own right, consisting of her property inherited from her father.

This inheritance from Ellen's father John Powell, who died in 1844, was the subject of an 1860 Chancery Court suit in Nelson County.

1860 – Wilson P. Kidd and his wife Ellen, their children (all minors), and Ellen's uncle Leonard Powell were the defendants in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled James J. Brown vs **Wilson P. Kidd & wife etc.**¹⁷⁵ (The Chancery file is dated 1861, but the suit began in 1860.)

James J. Brown was a creditor who had loaned \$274.70 to Wilson P. Kidd, with interest to be paid from 1 July 1857 to 27 April 1858, and Kidd had signed the bond in the name of "W.P. Kidd & wife" (image 8). Brown brought suit in 1860 to recover the unpaid debt, arguing that Kidd was acting as trustee managing his wife's inheritance from her father John Powell, and that Leonard Powell, the appointed trustee to manage Ellen Kidd's inheritance for the benefit of Ellen and her children, was a trustee in name only. The timing of the suit apparently followed Leonard Powell's release of Ellen's share of the estate assets to her following the death of her mother Lurena Powell. (Based on the 1860 census, above, her real and personal property was valued at \$15,000.)

Brown's argument that Wilson P. Kidd was actually acting as trustee for his wife, instead of her uncle Leonard Powell, was made to prove that Wilson P. Kidd was liable for the debt, based on his signature "W.P. Kidd & wife" on the 1857 bond.

In his complaint, Brown also states that the "said Ellen Kidd has four or more children all under the age of twenty-one years" [children John, Mary, Robert, and James]. Brown submitted two exhibits for the suit: Exhibit A was the will of John Powell written 8 Jan 1844 and filed 22 Jan 1844 in Nelson County court ¹⁷⁶ (images 5-7); Exhibit B was the bond for \$274.70 signed by Wilson P. Kidd as "W.P Kidd & wife" (images 8-9).

¹⁷⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1861-001

¹⁷⁶ His will (found in Nelson Co. Will Book F, pp. 441-442) was written 8 January 1844, and proved 22 January 1844. In it, he gives to his wife, Lurena, who survived him her 1/3 dower, and divides the rest among his five children (or their heirs): Pamela Powell; Cary Ann (Powell) Willoughby (the wife of Walker S. Willoughby); Susan (Powell) Damron (the wife of ___ Damron); Ellen (Powell) Kidd (the wife of Wilson P. Kidd); and to his grandchildren, Maurice and Ellen Powell, the children of his daughter Mary Powell (who had married Edward Powell). He appoints his brother, Leonard Powell, as trustee for his two grandchildren, and also the trustee of two of his daughters, Cary Ann and Ellen, "to take charge of their interest in the dower named above, at the death of my wife, and to apply the said trust for their support." Scans of this will and the subsequent bond of the executor, the inventory of the estate and the division of it are in the Nelson Co. Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

Following the filing of Brown's complaint, responses were filed separately by Ellen F. Kidd; Leonard Powell, her uncle and trustee; and Orville Loving, clerk of court appointed as guardian ad litem to represent Ellen's minor children in this suit.

Despite also being summoned in August 1860, Wilson P. Kidd failed to appear to file a response to the suit.

Ellen F. Kidd's response, filed in her own name, states that her uncle Leonard Powell, as trustee, had released her share of the estate to her following the death of her mother. Her share of the estate consisted of 215 acres and four slaves, "a Negro woman and three small children." She states that the number of slaves had now increased to nine, "three women (one old), one Negro man young, and five children." She further states that her uncle Leonard Powell was trustee for her share of the estate, and that she never authorized her husband Wilson P. Kidd to act as her trustee or to sign documents, including the bond indebteding him to James J. Brown. Her response was certified by the clerk of court 25 September 1860 (images 10-12).

At the order of the court, trustee Leonard Powell provided an accounting from 1845 to March 1860, examined by the court in April 1861. The Chancery file contains a number of receipts showing that Powell provided funds to his niece Ellen for the ongoing maintenance of herself and her children.

Image 4 of the Chancery file contains a brief notation suggesting that Wilson P. Kidd had died by 28 March 1872. Presumably this was to signal the dismissal of the suit. However, the file contains another remarkable document: Image 22 is a 1955 order of the Nelson Co Chancery Court formally dismissing old cases, including "James J. Brown vs Wilson P. Kidd & wife." This 1955 order is recorded in Chancery Book U, p 96.

1870 – Wilson P. Kidd, the farmer, evidently died between the 1860 and the 1870 federal censuses, because his widow and family are found without him on the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish twp., page 8, Lovingson P.O., HH 57/58:

Kidd, Ellen F. 51FW keeping house \$2000/300 VA

" , James W. 14MW at school VA

" , Emma A. 14FW at home VA [she is not in the household in 1860, so this age is apparently recorded in error]

1880 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish twp., ED 115, page 38B, HH 338:

Kidd, James W. WM 25M farmer VA VA VA

" , Nannie WF 25M wife keeping house VA VA VA

" , Moses H. WM 1S son VA VA VA

Phillips, Fannie WF 4S step-dau VA VA VA

Kidd, Ellen F. WF 60, mother, housekeeper CROW VA VA VA

1882 – **Ellen F. Kidd** died in Nelson County on 18 October 1882 at the age of 62y 10m 18d.¹⁷⁷ Her death was attributed to "cancer of the womb." The informant for her death record was James W. Kidd, her son.¹⁷⁸

Her will, which she signed on the day of her death, named William J. Kidd of Nelson

¹⁷⁷ From this record, we calculate her date of birth as 1 January 1820.

¹⁷⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deaths, 1853-1896, retrieved from FHL #2048577, item 3 (restricted access), image 612 of 688, via the Bellevue, WA Family History Center. Digital image of this record is available upon request.

County, “my brother-in-law and friend,” as the executor of her estate.¹⁷⁹ She devised all of her estate, both real and personal, to the children of her son James W. Kidd, except for her interest in a tract of land on the headwaters of Dutch Creek in Nelson County, which she had purchased from Landon R. Kidd, the son of Charity Kidd. Her will devised her interest in this land “to my sister-in-law Martha Kidd.”¹⁸⁰

She specified that her son James W. Kidd was to have no part of her estate.

Her will was admitted to record in Nelson County Court on 23 October 1882.¹⁸¹

FLOYD KIDD, son of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby,

Born about 1825 in Nelson County, VA

Married Martha Taylor about 1854, place uncertain

Died 8 May 1884 in Buckingham County, VA

1845-1846 – He appears in these two years on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs, each time taxed on one WMT, and no slaves or horses. He then disappears from Nelson County records through 1850.

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This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

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Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1847-1851 – He appears annually on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs; in each year he pays his own poll tax, and has no slaves or horses.

1850 – There is an **F.L. Kidd** on the federal census in Albemarle County, VA, living with the family of Lewis and Mary Ball. This F.L. Kidd is a 30-year-old white male, and his occupation is listed as shoemaker. (Floyd’s brother Frederick was also in Albemarle County for a time.)

1853-1860 – **Floyd L. Kidd** appears on the Buckingham County, VA PPTLs with one white tithe 21+. In 1853, his taxable goods are listed as well: 1 watch worth \$75, gold/silver worth \$5, HH furniture worth \$20, \$650 in money, and \$200 in capital investment/farm.

For the years 1858-1860, he is listed with slaves: In 1858, one black tithable 16+; in 1859, one black tithable 16+ and one 12+; and in 1860, one black tithable 12+.

¹⁷⁹ This William J. Kidd was William Jenkins (Jenks) Kidd, her husband’s younger brother.

¹⁸⁰ This Martha Kidd was William Jenkins Kidd’s wife.

¹⁸¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deaths, 1853-1896, retrieved from FHL #2048577, item 3 (restricted access), images 158-159 of 688, via the Bellevue, WA Family History Center. Digital images of this record available upon request.

¹⁸² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

abt. 1854 – Floyd L. Kidd married Martha Taylor¹⁸³ about 1854 (judging from the ages of their children on the 1860 and 1870 federal censuses (below).

1860 – On federal census in District 1, Buckingham County, VA, Buckingham C.H. P.O., p. 68, HH 507/504:

Kidd, F.L. 35MW Shoemaker \$0/4,125 VA

" , Martha A. 21FW VA

" , Emma 5FW VA

" , Nannie 2FW VA¹⁸⁴

On the slave census for 1860 in Buckingham Co, **F.L. Kidd** is listed as the owner of a black female, aged 9, and a black male, aged 6.

1870 – On the federal census in Francisco twp, Buckingham County, VA, Curdsville P.O., p. 263, HH 164/163:

Kidd, Floyd L. 45MW shoemaker \$600/200 VA

" , Martha 32FW keeps house VA

" , Emma 13FW VA attended school within the year

" , Nanny 11FW VA attended school within the year

" , Wily 8MW VA

" , Alice 6FW VA

" , Peter 4MW VA

" , Louis 2MW VA

1880 – On the federal census in Buckingham County, VA.

1884 – **Floyd L. Kidd** died 8 May 1884 in Buckingham County, VA.¹⁸⁵ He is buried in the New Store Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Dillwyn, Buckingham County, Virginia.

FRANCES/FANNY (WILLOUGHBY) KIDD, wife of Alexander S. Kidd and daughter of Joshua Willoughby.

Born abt 1802

Married Alexander S. Kidd on 21 April 1836 in Nelson County, VA

Died 19 May 1885 in Nelson County

1836 – An Alex S. Kidd married **Frances Willoughby** on 21 April 1836 in Nelson County, VA.¹⁸⁶ She was the daughter of Joshua Willoughby, who died in Nelson County in early 1847, so named in his will (see [Appendix 2](#)).

Another abstract of this marriage and states that the bondsman was Robert N. Kidd, and the minister Edward L. Warren.¹⁸⁷

¹⁸³ Martha's maiden name is given as Taylor on the death certificates of two of their daughters, Mary Kidd Ferguson (Mrs. Branch Ferguson) and Emma Kidd Proffitt, and also on the Social Security Application of their son, Edward Washburn Kidd. All three list their father as Floyd Kidd.

¹⁸⁴ Accessed on Ancestry.com. 1860 Census District 1, Buckingham Co, Virginia, Roll: M653_1337; Page: 894; Image: 440; Family History Library Film: 805337.

¹⁸⁵ Findagrave.com has images of his headstone, and more information about him and some of his children.

¹⁸⁶ *Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com.

¹⁸⁷ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

A third abstract of this record lists the groom's middle initial as L., then adds an S in parentheses.¹⁸⁸

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled Alexander Kidd & wife, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc¹⁸⁹

The complainants in this case are:

Alexander Kidd and Charity his wife;

Robert N. Kidd and Aggy (Agnes) his wife;

Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife;

Alexander S. Kidd and Fanny his wife;

Alfred Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife;

which said Charity, Aggy, Margaret, **Fanny** and Alfred are children and devisees of Joshua Willoughby, dec'd; and

William Bryant and Laurena his wife (granddaughter of Joshua Willoughby); and

Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, (and) Cynthia Kidd (children of Alexander and Charity Kidd); and

Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (children of Robert N. and Aggy Kidd);

All above the age of 21 years.

The purpose of this chancery cause apparently is to partition the land owned by the deceased Joshua Willoughby for his heirs. Happily it lists many of these heirs by name.

The complaint (images 2-3) states that Joshua Willoughby's will included many devisees, and established Trustees to distribute his estate, but the individuals named as his executors and trustees (Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters) were not willing to accept that role, "because they have no idea of undertaking such a task when in all probability it cannot be settled during their lives, and which may be injurious to their own children after their deaths, and if they should live, there is no knowing how many children and grandchildren there will be to settle with, who will be descendants of your orators and oratrixes."

They also state that the proceeds of the sale of the remaining lands will be so small (after division between so many heirs) as to not be worth the trouble, "and would compel your orators to seek homes in some distant part, and cause them to sell their interest for little or nothing." Instead they ask that "the land (be) laid off and divided (so that) each of them could get a comfortable home of good land ..."

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said land, "free from the claim of their several husbands for life, and after their respective deaths to be divided among their several children according to the intent of the said testator."

The defendants in this case are all infants (children under 21):

Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William, children of Robert and Aggy Kidd;

Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd, children of Alexander & Charity Kidd;

Elizabeth, Lucinda, Nehemiah, Parena(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children

¹⁸⁸ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54.

¹⁸⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, **children of Alexander S. and Fanny Kidd**; and Sarah, Mary Jane, Ann Maria, Sissa and Richard Bryant, infant children of William Bryant and Lourena Bryant; and Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Martha, and John Willoughby, children of Alfred Willoughby and Milton Willoughby, all infants.

The complainants "pray for a suspension of the sale of said lands until the deaths of the respective children and grandchildren who are entitled for life, that the said lands be divided into seven shares according to quality and quantity, after first setting apart the tract for the widow, for life, and the tract left in trust for the wife and children of Walker S. Willoughby. The bill was filed 25 October 1847.

Image 5: Executor Wilson Peters agrees with the plaintiffs on all points.

Images 7-8: The court appoints commissioners (Lunsford Loving, Terrisha Bailey, John H. Loving, Christopher T. Estes and William J. Robinson or any three of them) to allot 200 acres to the widow of Joshua Willoughby, and then to divide the remaining land into seven equal parts.

Image 15: The allocation of lots to each of the 7 devisees, dated 22 November 1847.

Image 18: A photocopy of the original plat. [Note: The original has been removed from the file, and is evidently in the Clerk's office in Nelson County.]

[Note: In 1847, Fanny is named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 2](#) for this document.]

1848-1850 – in 1848, three of Joshua Willoughby's daughters, all of whom married Kidd men in Nelson County, appear for the first time on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists.

In the prior year, each of them received their share of their father's estate.

Charity Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/125 ½ /lot 1 from est Joshua Willoughby/E4

Aggy Kidd & children/Nelson/Trust/111 ac/lot 2 from above/E4

Fanny Kidd & children/Nelson/trust/104 ac/lot 3 from above/E4

These entries repeat annually through 1850, the last year of these records that we have checked.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households. I've listed them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a familial relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW¹⁹⁰

" , **Frances** 47FW Amherst County CROW

" , L.D. 11 MW Nelson County attended school within the year

" , Margaret C. 4FW Nelson County

" , Louisa L. 4FW Nelson County

" , Mary E. 1FW Nelson County

HH 53

Kidd, Isaiah B. 26MW farmer \$0 Nelson County CROW [the son of Hudson P. Kidd]

" , Ann 32FW Nelson County CROW

" , Susan 11FW Nelson County

¹⁹⁰ Cannot read or write.

" , Alexander B. 8MW Nelson County
" , Sarah F. 4FW Nelson County
" , Lucy 2FW Nelson County
" , Thomas H. 9/12MW Nelson County

HH 56

Kidd, William¹⁹¹ 27WM carpenter \$0 Nelson County
" , Caroline 25FW Bedford County
" , M.L. 4MW Nelson County
" , C.W. 1MW Nelson County

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:

HH 817

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW¹⁹²
" , **Frances P.** 57FW \$500/100 Nelson CROW
" , Lorenzo D. 21MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW
" , Margaret 19FW Nelson
" , Louisa 14FW Nelson
" , Mary 12FW Nelson

HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r. Kidd, Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 b. Nelson County
" , Charity 61FW Nelson
" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

HH 819

Kidd, Robert K. 37MW farmer \$0/80 Nelson
" , Martha 33FW Nelson
" , Lucas W. 4MW Nelson
" , Elijah C. 2MW Nelson

HH 820

Kidd, Agnus 66FW Nelson
" , William I. (definitely not like 'J's on this page) 18MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson)
" , Paulus 8MW Nelson

HH 121

Kidd, Isaiah B. 35MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson
" , Ann 43FW Nelson CROW¹⁹³
" , Susan A. 22FW Nelson CROW
" , Alex'r. B. 18MW Nelson
" , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle
" , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson
" , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson
" , Rosa E. 9FW Nelson
" , Silas B. 6MW Nelson
" , Walter M. 3MW Nelson

¹⁹¹ This is definitely William J. Kidd, the son of William James Kidd Sr. and grandson of James Kidd. Sr & Lucy Jopling.

¹⁹² Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

¹⁹³ Cannot read or write.

" , Isaiah I. 1MW Nelson
" , Megginson 4MW Nelson

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA, p. 16, HH 115/124:

Kidd, A. S. 57MW farmer \$680/250 VA
“ , **Frances** 67FW keeping house VA
“ . Lorenzo D. 31MW farm laborer VA CROW
“ , Margaret 29FW at home VA CROW
“ , Louisa L. 24FW at home VA CROW
“ , Mary Ann 21FW at home VA CROW

1880 – On the federal census in Lovingston district, Nelson County, VA, p. 196, HH 541/611:

Kidd, Alex S. WM 67M farmer cannot write VA
“ , **Fannie** WF 77M wife housekeeping VA
“ , L. Dow WM 41S son farm hand VA cannot write
“ , Louisa L. WF 34S daughter at home VA
“ , Mary M. WV 31S daughter at home VA

1885 – **Frances P. Kidd**, the wife of Alexander Kidd, died in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA on 19 May 1885 at the age of 83.¹⁹⁴ Thus she was born about 1802. Her death record names her parents as Hugh P. and Betsy "Willoughby". [Note: the information on this death record for her father is in error, as the 1847 chancery cause names her as the daughter of Joshua Willoughby. See also her husband Alexander S. Kidd's section.] The informant for this record was her son, Lorenzo Dow Kidd.

FREDERICK KIDD, the son of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby

Born abt 1822

Evidently never married or had children

Died sometime after the 1870 federal census (see below)

1843-1846 – He appears in these four years on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs, each time taxed on 1 WMT, and no slaves or horses. He then disappears from Nelson County records through 1850.

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).¹⁹⁵

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, **Frederick Kidd**, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

¹⁹⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deaths, 1853-1896, retrieved from FHL #2048577, item 3 (restricted access), image 629 of 688, via the Bellevue, WA Family History Center. Digital image of this record is available upon request.

¹⁹⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1848 – On 1 January 1848, Alexander Kidd of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow regarding a debt of \$75 borrowed from **Frederick Kidd** due by bond bearing the date of this instrument, and a debt of \$88.50 due by bond bearing this date, and a debt to Hiram W. Dawson, both the amount and the date due no longer recalled. In doing so, he used a parcel of land containing 7¼ acres in Nelson County, adjoining the lands of John Bryant and others, situated near the base of the Rocky Mountain on the west side thereof; and also the following personal estate: 1300 weight of pork, 11 head of cattle and their increase, twenty head of sheep and their increase; 31 head of hogs and their further increase; crops of corn and oats now on hand, and crop of wheat now sowed and growing; one two-horse wagon, plantation tools of every description, and all the household and kitchen furniture; and also a debt due from the estate of Hardin Perkins, and one other debt due by execution from Joseph Kidd Jr., in the hands of John H. Wingfield. Alexander Kidd signed this instrument, and it was admitted into Nelson County Court record the same day.¹⁹⁶

1850 – On the 1850 census in Albemarle County, **Frederick Kidd**, age 25, is living in the household of David Drinkhard, a blacksmith. No occupation is given for Frederick, though the person above him, a William Wady, is listed as a wheelwright.

1850-1851 – A **Fred. Kidd** appears in both these years on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs. Both years he pays only his own tithe, and has no slaves, horse, or other property. (1851 is currently the last year of these PPTLs we've checked.)

1860 – On the 1860 census in Nelson County, **Frederick Kidd** is listed in the household of John Johnson, a miller. John Johnson married Cynthia Kidd, Frederick's sister. Frederick is aged 38, his birthplace given as Nelson County, and his occupation is wagon maker.

1861 – **Frederick P. Kidd** enlisted in Co. G, 19th VA Infantry in the Civil war. Mustered out 30 July 1862.

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, p. 16, (in a neighborhood filled with Kidds – William J., Alex S., and many others):

HH 119/128

Kidd, Charity 72FW keeping house \$1000/325 VA

Kidd, Frederick 48MW works at wheel writing VA

" , Alex 34MW wheelwright VA

" , Samaria 36FW at home VA

" , Samuel 2MW VA

HH 120/129

Kidd, Coleman 74MW Constable VA

(no others)

1880 – Frederick Kidd has not been found on the 1880 census. He had no known wife or children.

¹⁹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:183-4.

HUDSON P.¹⁹⁷ KIDD, most likely the son of William Kidd of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia

Born abt 1780/1790

Married Lucy Wright in Nelson County in 1811

Died after April 1843

Our working hypothesis is that he and his proven brothers, Alexander Kidd Sr. and Robert N. Kidd, are the sons of William Kidd of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties. See [Appendix 5](#) for our justification for this hypothesis.

A descendant of Hudson P. Kidd is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match through the paternal line to other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

The children of Hudson P. and Lucy (Wright) Kidd

According to the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin, Hudson P. Kidd's granddaughter, he and his wife Lucy Wright had six sons and three daughters:

Leroy Anderson Kidd, b. ~1811

William H. (Henry?) Kidd, b. ~1813

Malinda Kidd, b. ~1815

Jane Kidd

Robert Nelson Kidd, b. ~1819

Edmund Tucker Kidd, b. ~1821

Isaiah B. Kidd, b. ~1824

Lucy Ann Kidd, b. ~1830

Daniel P. Kidd, b. ~1831

This list does not include Alexander S. Kidd, whom we believe was also the son of Hudson P. Kidd. Lorena's journal states (p. 77), "My grandfather Hudson Kidd had two brothers, Isaac Campbel (sic) Kidd¹⁹⁸ and Alex Kidd." Elsewhere in this paper, we've documented two brothers of Hudson, but they were Robert N. Kidd and Alexander Kidd Sr. We suspect that she confused Alexander Sr. and Alexander S. Kidd, possibly merging the two in her mind, since the elder Alexander died in 1870.

See Alexander S. Kidd's section of this compilation for our justification for including him among the sons of Hudson P. Kidd.

1809-1843 – **Hudson P. Kidd** first appears on the Personal Property Tax Lists in Nelson County in 1809. Nelson County was formed in 1807, but no tax was collected statewide in 1808.

The Table below shows his annual listings in these records:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1809		Hudson	1	0	0

¹⁹⁷ Hudson's middle name remains unknown. No one has ever (to our knowledge) produced any record that reveals what his middle initial, P., stood for. Any claim to the contrary should be viewed with skepticism.

¹⁹⁸ We did not find a single mention of an Isaac Campbell Kidd in our fairly exhaustive search in Nelson County records.

1810		Hudson P.	1	0	1
1812		Hudson P.	1	0	0
1813		Hudson P.	1	0	0
1814		Hudson P.	1	0	0
1818		Hudson	1	0	1
1819		Hudson P.	1	0	2
1820		Hudson P.	1	0	1
1821	27-Feb	Hudson P.	1	0	1
1822	27-Mar	Hudson P.	1	0	0
1824	22-Mar	Hudson P.	1	0	0
1825	23-Feb	Hudson P.	1	0	1
1826	9-Mar	Hudson P.	1	0	1
1827	24-Apr	Hudson P.	1	0	0
1828	25-Feb	Hudson P.	1	0	0
1829	4-Apr	Hudson P.	1	0	0
1830	3-Apr	Hudson P.	2	0	0
1831	28-Feb	Hudson P.	2	0	1
1832	13-Apr	Hudson P.	3	0	1
1833	25-Mar	Hudson P.	3	0	1
1834	22-Feb	Hudson P.	1	0	1
1835		not listed			
1836	22-Feb	Hudson P.	2	0	2
1837	28-Apr	Hudson P.	2	0	2
1838	20-Apr	Hudson P.	2	0	1
1839	25-Apr	Hudson P.	2	0	1
1840	2-Mar	Hudson P.	2	0	2
1841	26-Apr	Hudson P.	3	0	2
1842		Hudson P.	2	0	3
1843	8-Apr	Hudson P.	3	0	3

1811 – **Hudson P. Kidd** married "L. Wright" in Nelson County, VA on 30 January 1811.¹⁹⁹ This is Lucy Wright, according to the death record of their daughter Malinda Kidd, who married Charles Kidd (see his entry above).

Another abstract of this marriage record lists the bondsman as Andrew Wright.²⁰⁰

In an 1854 Nelson County Chancery Cause (1854-016), Lucy Kidd, formerly Lucy Wright, is listed as one of Andrew Wright's daughters, named in his 1816 Nelson County, VA will.²⁰¹

1814 – On 27 June 1814, the Nelson County Overseers of the Poor bound out to **Hudson P. Kidd** a seven-year-old girl named Polly Harris, to serve as an apprentice to him until she reached the age of 18.²⁰²

¹⁹⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

²⁰⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

²⁰¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

²⁰² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2, p. 148, shared with me by Barbara Taylor, April 23, 2019.

1820 – On 20 May 1820, **Hudson P. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Spottswood Garland regarding a debt of \$137.17 owed to John Whitehead & Co., putting up for collateral his household goods and furniture, a saddle and bridle, and various livestock (long, detailed list!).²⁰³

On 19 July 1820, **Hudson P. Kidd** took the oath of an Insolvent Debtor (apparently the equivalent of declaring bankruptcy today). See the 1835 Chancery court record below. Despite these records, indicating that he was in Nelson County in 1820, he is not found on the 1820 federal census in Nelson County, but he may have been in the James P. Garland household (see next record).

1823 – According to a deposition he gave in 1825 in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit,²⁰⁴ **Hudson P. Kidd** stated that in the fall of 1823, he had served as an overseer of slaves for James P. Garland, a wealthy landowner and businessman of Nelson County. From the deposition, it appears that he was not still working in that capacity in 1825.

1826 – On 14 October 1826, **Hudson P. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Wilson Peters, regarding a debt owed to William J. Kidd for \$85 due by bond due this date. All three parties signed their names, and the Deed of Trust was recorded the same day.²⁰⁵

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., **Hudson P.**, James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.

Hudson P. Kidd – 1M<5, 2 5-10, 2 15-19 & 1 40-49; 2F<5, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49. No slaves.

On 27 March 1830, **Hudson P. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Seaton H. Loving regarding debts of \$25 due by bond dated 18 March 1830 and due upon demand, and one of \$20 due by bond and payable 1 April 1831, owed to Samuel Loving (all of Nelson County, VA). He put up a white spotted mare colt about 4 years old as collateral. Both parties signed their names to this deed, and it was entered into the Court record the same day.²⁰⁶

1835 – In Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1835-017 (61 pages), John Whitehead & Co. vs. James P. Garland, etc., these two entities are fighting over the (limited) assets of **Hudson P. Kidd**, who was indebted to both firms. The suit was apparently filed in 1832, but contains records from much earlier.

Hudson Kidd gave his answer to this suit on 28 Aug. 1832, stating that he did not pay the debt, and that the Sheriff sold all his property, and that he considered that sufficient to cover the debt, and asks to be dismissed, with his court costs paid by the plaintiffs.

In a subsequent deposition by **Hudson P. Kidd** on 20 July 1833. In this deposition, he states that he took the oath of an Insolvent Debtor, around the time that his property was sold, and that he considers his debt to Whitehead and Co. exonerated. His property was purchased by his brother Alexander Kidd, and a complete inventory of it is listed here, including the value of each article. It appears from his deposition that the property was then

²⁰³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:487.

²⁰⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1830-011 No other information about Kidds in this case, that RK noticed in reviewing the images. An abstract of this record is available in "Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit summary, 1817-1860" in the Nelson Co. Source Documents folder.

²⁰⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:500-501.

²⁰⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 7:40-41.

turned over to said **Hudson Kidd**, "to take care of it. I lived on his land and rented a house from him, having hired myself to him that year." He signed his name to this deposition. The plaintiffs appear to have prevailed in this suit (p. 49).

Page 60 is a copy of Hudson as an Insolvent Debtor, dated 19 July 1820.²⁰⁷

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Hudson P. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 2 15-19 & 1 50-59; 1F 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 50-59. No slaves. Three in agriculture.

1841 – On 17 July 1841, **Hudson P. Kidd** of the county of Nelson entered into a Deed of Trust with H.B. Scott and Stephen R. Ewers regarding a debt owed to Benjamin M. Perkins, surviving partner of H. Perkins & Co. in the sum of \$860.50 and costs due by judgment in Superior Court; and B.M. & N.P. Perkins, exers. of Harden Perkins, deceased in the sum of (\$95.95?) due by judgment, plus costs; and Lofftus & Perkins for the sum of \$38.29 by bond on demand. All were to be paid by 1 June 1842. He put up livestock, household goods and furniture, tools and growing crops as collateral.

This deed was signed by **Hudson P. Kidd**, H.B. Scott and Stephen R. Ewers, and witnessed by Alexander Fitzpatrick, Daniel Parsons and B. Fitzpatrick, and proved in Court on 26 July 1841. It was further proved in court on 25 September 1841, and recorded.²⁰⁸

1843 – He drops from the Nelson County PPTLs after 1843, and doesn't reappear, so he likely died after 8 April 1843 (when he appeared for the final time on the Nelson County PPTLs) and the spring of 1844.. No will or other estate record has been found for him.

1850 – In 1850, Lucy Kidd, aged 60, is living in Nelson Co between Robert N. Kidd, aged 31, and Benjamin Wright (her brother). In her household are Lucy A., aged 20, Daniel, aged 18, and Ann, aged 5.

1860 – In 1860, Lucy Kidd, aged 71, is living in Nelson Co in a household headed by Daniel P. Kidd, aged 27, an overseer. Also in the household is Ann Kidd, aged 13.

ISAIAH B. KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright²⁰⁹

Born June 1824 in Nelson County

Married in 1845 to Ann Harris Johnson

Died on 9 July 1900 in Nelson County

1845 – **Isaiah B. Kidd** married Mrs. Ann Johnson on 6 March 1845 in Albemarle County, VA.²¹⁰ Another transcription of this marriage names the minister as Joseph H. Fox, gives the marriage bond date as 4 March and the marriage date as 6 March 1845. Thomas Kidd, the

²⁰⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-017

²⁰⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:404.

²⁰⁹ The diary/family history of the descendants of Hudson P. Kidd, written by Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950), shared with me by descendant Barbara Taylor in October 2017. Lorena was the daughter of Edmund Tucker Kidd and Elizabeth Craig, and Isaiah Kidd was her brother's father. In her journal she wrote: "Uncle Isaiah Kidd married his wife, whose name was Ann. They had five children: 2 girls and 3 boys: Tom, Walter and Joe. The girls were Lucy and Rosie." These names match the census and other records we've found for this Isaiah B. Kidd. Moreover, he's living adjacent to his widowed mother, and some of his siblings in 1850 and 1860. More information can be obtained from Barbara Taylor via her website, <https://itstime.com/forms3/formfb.htm>

²¹⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

bondsman, affirmed that both parties were over 21 years of age. Witness: William Dawson.²¹¹

1845-1847 – Aan **Isaac B. Kidd** appears on the Albemarle County PPTLs during these years. Each year he pays only his own tithe, and in two years he's also taxed on a watch but no horse or slaves. He doesn't appear in Albemarle County records before or after, to our knowledge.

1849-1850 – **Isaiah B. Kidd** appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs these two years, each time taxed on one WMT and no slaves or horses.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households. I've listed them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a familial relationship:

HH 52:

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" , Ann 32FW Nelson County CROW

" , Susan 11FW Nelson County

" , Alexander B. 8MW Nelson County

" , Sarah F. 4FW Nelson County

" , Lucy 2FW Nelson County

" , Thomas H. 9/12MW Nelson County

[Note that the two oldest children in this household were born before their marriage date, and so likely were the children of Ann Johnson's by an earlier marriage. The death certificate of Isaiah and Ann's daughter Lucy Melvina Kidd, who died in Nelson County in 1930, names her mother as Ann Harris; Ann's name at the time of her marriage to Isaiah B. Kidd was Ann Johnson, evidently a widow.

Supporting this is the fact that Alexander Bascom Kidd is living in Sarah F. (Kidd) Stevens' household in 1910. He was her half-brother (listed on the 1910 census as her brother).]

HH 56

Kidd, William 27WM carpenter \$0 Nelson County

" , Caroline 25FW Bedford County

" , M.L. 4MW Nelson County

" , C.W. 1MW Nelson County

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:

HH 817

²¹¹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

²¹² Cannot read or write.

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW²¹³
" , Frances P. 57FW \$500/100 Nelson CROW
" , Lorenzo D. 21MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW
" , Margaret 19FW Nelson
" , Louisa 14FW Nelson
" , Mary 12FW Nelson

HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r. Kidd, Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 b. Nelson County
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" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

HH 819

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" , Martha 33FW Nelson
" , Lucas W. 4MW Nelson
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" , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle
" , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson
" , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson
" , Rosa E. 9FW Nelson
" , Silas B. 6MW Nelson
" , Walter M. 3MW Nelson
" , Isaiah I. 1MW Nelson
" , Megginson 4MW Nelson

1862 – **Isaiah B. Kidd** enlisted in Co. E, 51st Virginia Infantry at Nelson Courthouse on 15 April 1862. His widow received a widow's pension following his death in 1900 (see below).

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA, p. 325, HH 213/225:

Kidd, Isaiah B. 46MW farm laborer \$0/150 VA
" , Ann 55FW keeping house VA
" , Sarah 28MW at home VA cannot write
" , Lucy 22FW at home VA cannot write

²¹³ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

²¹⁴ Cannot read or write.

- " , Thomas 20MW farm laborer VA cannot write
- " , Rose 17FW at home VA cannot write
- " , Walter 14MW farm laborer VA cannot write
- " , Joseph 7MW at home VA

1880, 1900 – this **Isaiah B. Kidd** continues to appear on federal censuses in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA.

1900 – According to his widow Ann Kidd's pension application filed in Nelson County in 1902 (available on Fold3.com, indexed under J.B. Kidd, even though the record shows his name as Isaiah), Isaiah died near Norwood in Nelson County, Virginia on 9 July 1900 of "paralysis" (presumably a stroke).

JAMES KIDD(s)

There were at least four Kidd men with this given name in Nelson Co PPTLs 1809-1850 (see Table below):

1. **James Kidd Sr.** (1766-1834), who gives his birth date in his Revolutionary War pension application as 1766, and who appears annually on the PPTLs through 1835, then drops from the list; his Revolutionary War pension payments go to his widow as of 1834
2. **James Kidd Jr.** who appears once on the 1811 Nelson County, VA PPTLs
3. **James P. Kidd**, the son of James Kidd Sr., who first appears on the PPTLs in 1822 and appears annually through 1827. This James P. Kidd migrated first to Warren Co TN; after his death, his family migrated to Mississippi.
4. **James W. Kidd**, who appears once on the 1839 Nelson County, VA PPTLs.

JAMES KIDD SR. (the elder), Revolutionary War soldier, & son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish²¹⁵ of Albemarle County, VA
James⁴ (John³, William², Thomas¹) Kidd
Born in Granville County, NC on 22 April 1766, per his pension application.²¹⁶
Enlisted in Revolutionary War service from Albemarle County, VA.
Married Lucy Jopling in 1790 in Albemarle County, VA.
Died by September 1834 in Nelson County, VA

Lucy survived her husband, and received a widow's pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. See her section in this compilation.

Their proven children, as named in Lucy Kidd's probate file, were:²¹⁷

1. **Mary Ann Kidd** (~1792, Albemarle or Amherst County – 1872, Bedford County, VA)
2. **William J. Kidd** (~1793, Amherst County – 1857, Amherst County)
3. **Coleman W. Kidd** (~1795, VA – 1880, Lynchburg, Campbell County)
3. **James P. Kidd** (~1799, VA – bet. 1850-1860, Warren County, TN)
5. **Robert J. Kidd** (~1802, Amherst County – aft Feb 1886, probably Nelson County)

²¹⁵ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

²¹⁶ From his Revolutionary War pension application, filed in 1832 in Lovingson, Nelson Co., VA. See [Appendix 3](#).

²¹⁷ All these children (except Sarah, whose husband is listed) are listed as heirs of Lucy Kidd, who died in 1836, and each of them received distributions from the lease and subsequent sale of a single female slave that she owned at her death. See her section of this compilation.

6. **Jesse N. Kidd** (~1809, Amherst County – bet.1850-1860, probably in Nelson County)
7. **Sarah A. Kidd** (?? - ??), who married Robert Watkins

From the annual PPTLs and other records, we know that this James Kidd Sr. was in Albemarle County until 1792 before moving to Amherst County, where he's on the PPTLs in 1794 and 1795. He then returned to Albemarle, where he is on the PPTLs from 1796-1799. He then moved back to Amherst where he is on the PPTLs from 1800-1807 and in other Amherst County records through 1807. Nelson County was created from Amherst in 1807; from this date forward, all of James Kidd Sr.'s records were in Nelson County.

From his Revolutionary War pension, we have placed this **James Kidd Sr.** of Nelson County, Virginia, as the son of **John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish**²¹⁸ of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandson of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and great-grandson of **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. Based on their proximity and interactions with each other, we believe that **William Kidd Sr.** is the brother of **James Kidd Sr.** and another son of **John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish**. A third brother **John Norman Kidd** died in Amherst County in 1795 before the founding of Nelson County in 1807.

1785 – **James Kidd** is named in the will of his father John Kidd, written 11 March 1785 and proven September 1785 in Albemarle County. He is inferred as the youngest son, to receive his inheritance after the death of his mother Ruth.²¹⁹ The abstract of the will reads:

In the name of god, amen

I John Kidd of Albemarle County being in a low state of bodily health but in the full exercise of my reason so make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following [indecipherable] I bequeath my body to the grave by a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I refer that all my Just debts be paid

Item I lend to my beloved wife Ruth during her natural life the land whereon I now live together with all the stock and household Furniture

Item I give to my two Eldest Sons John Norman and William to be equally [divided] between them one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Hanover County on Turkey Creek Commonly known by the name of Napiers Ordinary which Said land was given to my wife Ruth and to the heirs of her body lawfull begotton by her grand father Henry [At]kinson

Item after my wife Decease I give and bequeath to my Son **James** the land stock household Furniture [I?] lent her

I appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament my Sons John Norman Kidd & William Kidd. Abrogating and dissolving all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 11th Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

²¹⁸ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

²¹⁹ Found in Albemarle Co., VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5, retrieved from FHL #30212, item 2, image 256 of 433 (unrestricted access). [Note that the will bears the title "Will of John Kidd" in the record, but the name given as the signer at the bottom looks like "Joseph Kidd". We believe that this was clerk's error in recording the text of the will in the Will Book.]

Joseph Kidd [Note: John Kidd – see footnote]

Signed and Sealed

in presence of: John Wharton
 Edw[Edward] X Kearsey
 Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

1787-1792 – **James Kidd** first appears on the Virginia PPTLs in 1787 in Albemarle County (1782 was the first year for which these tax lists are available). He would have been age 21 in 1787, so this is consistent with his stated birthdate of 1766. He appears annually through 1792, then drops from this county’s lists for 3 years.

Albemarle County PPTLs 1787-1792

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property	image # ²²⁰
1787	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	108
1788	not listed				149-150
1789	not listed ²²¹				189
1790	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	239-240
1791	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	None	288
1792	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	337

1788 – On 17 Jan 1788, **James Kidd** was a witness to the will of Benjamin Hensley in Albemarle County. Executors were named as Benjamin’s son Samuel Hensley and Lawrence Suddart[h]. Witnesses were **James Kidd**, J/Throt [Jno?] Suddarth, William Shewmaker and Julius Galding. Benjamin Hensley signed with a mark.²²² The will was proved in Court on 9 October 1788.

1789 – In Amherst County March Court, 1789: William Gatt & Co., plaintiff vs. **James Kidd**, defendant} On a petition by note. The defendant having been duly warned, failed to appear...judgment is granted against the defendant for the sum of £4.8.9 half-penny, with interest thereon from 27 September 1787 till paid.²²³

A **James Kidd** appears on a list of Insolvents in Albemarle County, VA in this year.²²⁴ He may have not been in Albemarle Co in 1788 or 1789.

1790 – **James Kidd** and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle Co VA on 29 December 1790. Bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy

²²⁰ In this Table, “Image #” refers to the location where each specific entry can be found on the LDS microfilm 2024443, Albemarle County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1799 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

²²¹ In this year, the tax list for St. Ann’s Parish skips from J surnames to L surnames; the clerk making the copy of this tax list appears to have skipped over them. James or other Kidds may have been there, but the records are missing.

²²² *Will abstracts of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1785-1798*, abstracted by Lydia Sparacio Bontempo ; indexing by Alex Sparacio Dickman, Springfield, Va., Antient Press, 2002, p. 39, citing Albemarle Co. Will Book 4, page 51. Also cited and abstracted in the book by Estelle King (see Secondary Sources).

²²³ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 429.

²²⁴ *The Virginia Genealogist*, 19:192, 1975.

gives her own consent. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and John Kidd(who may be James Kidd’s brother, John Norman Kidd).²²⁵

1792 – On 13 June 1792, John Kidd (again, likely James Kidd’s brother) was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas Senr. deeded to Michael Thomas Junr., both of Albemarle County, Virginia, a tract of 200 acres on Hog Creek for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Joseph Thomas, Jno. Kearsey, Benjamin Harris and Philip Gooch.²²⁶

On the same day, a **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas deeded to his apparent son Joseph Thomas, both of Albemarle County, a tract of 200 acres adjacent to Michael Thomas Junr, for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Gdn. Crew, Jno. Kearsey, Michael Thomas, Ben Harris and Philip Gooch.²²⁷

1794-1795 – A **James Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs (Amherst Parish list), with 1 white tithe. It appears that for these two years, James left Albemarle County and went to Amherst, then back to Albemarle.

Amherst County PPTLs 1794-1795

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property
1794	Amherst	James Kidd	1	2 horses
1795	Amherst	James Kidd	1	1 horse

1796 – On 31 March 1796, **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to an Albemarle County deed from Mary Bailey to William Bailey. The other witnesses to this deed were Daniel Farguson and Michael Thomas.²²⁸

1796-1799 – In 1796, **James Kidd** drops from the Amherst County PPTLs, and reappears on the **Albemarle County** PPTLs in 1796 and appears annually through 1799, each year taxed for 1 WM above 16 and one horse, but no slaves, as illustrated in the Table below:

Albemarle County PPTLs 1796-1799

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property	image # ²²⁹
1796	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	476
1797	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	514
1798	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	548
1799	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	586

²²⁵ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

²²⁶ *Albemarle County, Virginia Deeds, 1791-1793*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1997, p. 50.

²²⁷ *ibid*, pp. 49-50.

²²⁸ *Deed Abstracts of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1796-1797*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1999, p. 90, citing Albemarle DB 12 1795-1798, p. 51.

²²⁹ In this Table, “Image #” refers to the location where each specific entry can be found on the LDS microfilm 2024443, Albemarle County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1799 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

After 1799, no adult James Kidd appears in Albemarle County records through 1850.

1800-1807 – In 1800, **James Kidd** reappears on the **Amherst County** PPTLs, with 2 white tithes, then is listed with 1 white tithe in 1801-1807. He has moved back to Amherst, where he remained, in that part of Amherst that became Nelson County.

Amherst County PPTLs 1800-1807

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property
1800	Amherst	James	2	2 horses
1801	Amherst	James	1	3 horses
1802	Amherst	James	1	2 horses
1803	Amherst	James	1	1 horse
1804	Amherst	James	-	-
1805	Amherst	James	1	2 horses
1806	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1 slave, 1 horse
	Amherst	James (Buffaloe)	1	1 horse
1807	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1 horse
	Amherst	James (Buffaloe)	1	[no horse]

In 1806 and 1807, this James Kidd appears to be the James listed as “Rockfish,” for the Rockfish River.

1801 – On 25 June 1801, **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed in Amherst County from George Stoneham of Amherst to William H. Diggs, Elijah Mays and Mary Stoneham for 150 acres where Stoneham lives, for debt due to Mary Stoneham. Bounded by William Diggs, Joseph Loving, Menlenous Wright, Samuel Edmonds, Moses Mays, and Ambrose Campbell. Other witnesses were Samuel Dickinson and William Hawkins.²³⁰

1802 – According to the information provided in 1886 for his third marriage (when he was 84 years old), Robert I. Kidd was born in Nelson County, the son of “**James and Lucy Kidd.**” Given his age at the time of this marriage, he was born circa 1802. See his 1886 entry below for full details.²³¹ Although he listed Nelson County as his birthplace, Nelson County wasn’t

²³⁰ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 378, citing Amherst Co. DB I, p. 315.

²³¹ Amherst County, Virginia Marriage Register 3, page 158, retrieved from FHL #30311, image 345 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Image of this record available upon request..

created until 1807, out of part of Amherst County. So he was surely born in Amherst County.

1804 –On 1 February 1804, **James Kidd** was a witness to a deed from Jno. Phillips and wife Frankey of Amherst to Jno. Alford of Amherst, for 146 acres of land on the North branch of Tye [River.] Bounded by Jno. Thompson, Wm. Teas, Wm. Bibb, Naked Creek, Conyers White, Sr, dec'd. Other witnesses were Isaac White and Lewis White.²³²

On 27 February 1804, Daniel Tyler & wife Sarah of Bedford County sold to **James Kidd** of Amherst County (consideration not given) 128 acres on Little Indian Creek. Proved in Bedford and recorded in Amherst 18 Jun 1804. Original delivered to **James Kidd** on 7 Jan 1808. No witnesses given.^{233, 234}

[Note: John Kidd of Amherst County also bought land on Little Indian Creek in 1797 and sold it in 1801. Little Indian Creek is in northern Amherst County, just south of the Nelson County line.]

1805-1811 – **James Kidd** first shows up on the Amherst County Land Tax Lists in 1805, taxed for the above 128 acres in Lexington Parish. He continues to appear on these annual lists through 1811, then drops from them.

1806-1807 – For the years 1806 and 1807, there are two **James Kidds** on the Amherst County PPTLs, one identified as ‘of Rockfish’ and one as ‘of Buffaloe.’ We believe that all the earlier records above belong to James Kidd Sr., and that the appearance of a second James Kidd made the above descriptors necessary to distinguish James Sr. (Rockfish) from the newcomer, James (Buffaloe).

These two records for the newcomer are the only records we’ve found for a second James Kidd in Amherst County in this era. All the others fit with James Kidd Sr.

Amherst County PPTLs 1806-1807

YEAR	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Comments
1806	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1 tithe	1 slave, 1 horse
	Amherst	James (Buffaloe)	1	1 horse
1807	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1 horse
	Amherst	James (Buffaloe)	1	[no horse]

[N.B. The Rockfish River is a 28.7-mile-long tributary of the James River; it courses from north to

²³² *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 411, citing Amherst Co. DB K, p. 60.

²³³ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 414, citing DB K, p. 86.

²³⁴ Amherst County VA Deed Book K, p. 86, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007. Her transcription does not include the sales price.

south in the eastern part of present-day Nelson County. Its upstream portion lies 2-3 miles west of the border between Albemarle County (to the east) and Nelson County. It intersects the county line near Schuyler, Virginia and forms the boundary between these two counties from that point to its junction with the James River.

The Buffalo River is a 31.5-mile-long tributary of the Tye River. It originates at the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains just east of the Appalachian Trail, and courses southeast, roughly paralleling U.S. Route 60, passing just east of Amherst, the county seat of Amherst County. It then turns northeast and crosses into Nelson County, where it joins the Tye River just north of the village of Piedmont.]

Nelson County was formed from Amherst County in 1807. There was no tax statewide in 1808, and in 1809, neither James Kidd is found in Amherst County records. James of Rockfish is very likely the James found in Nelson Co starting in 1809.

1808 – On 10 June 1808, **James Kidd and Lucy his wife** of Nelson County sold the Little Indian Creek parcel of land to Nelson Phillips of Nelson County. The details of this deed are missing, because the second page is missing from the deed book microfilm, but the parcel is identical in acreage and location (“128 acres on Little Indian Creek”) to the one purchased 4 years earlier.²³⁵

1809 – The earliest **James Kidd** in Nelson County records appears on the **Nelson County** PPTL beginning in 1809 (the first year for which these records are extant since no tax was taken statewide in 1808); he continues to be listed until 1835.

Nelson County PPTLs 1809-1835, 1839²³⁶

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1809		James	1		1
1810		James	2		2
1811		James	2		2
1811		Jas Jr.	1		1
1812		James	1		
1813		James	2		2
1814		James			3
1815		Jas	3		
1816		James	1		2
1818		James	2		2
1820		James			
1821	2-Mar	James	1		1
1822	5-Mar	James	1		1
1822	25-Mar	James P.	1	1	
1823	15-Mar	James P.	NL	1	1
1824	4-May	James	1		
1824	25-Mar	James P.	1		1

²³⁵ Amherst County VA Deed Book L, pp. 533-536, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007. Craig Kilby 2007 review confirmed pp. 537-8 missing from film. Also found in *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1807-1827, Books L-R*, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 46.

²³⁶ Nelson County, Virginia PPTLs, 1809-1845, FHL #1870172, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1825	17-Apr	James	1		1
1825	28-Apr	James P.	1		1
1826	29-Feb	James	1	1	2
1826	24-Apr	James P.	1		
1827	30-Apr	James	2	1	2
1827	11-May	James P.	1		
1828	8-May	James	2		
1829	1-May	James	2	1	2
1830	26-Apr	James Sen.	1	1	1
1831	28-Mar	James	1		
1833		James			
1834	27-Feb	James	1	1	
1835	3-Apr	James	1		
1839	3-Mar	James W. [?]	1	2	

1810 – This James Kidd does not appear on the 1810 census in either Amherst or in Nelson County, despite the records listed above.

On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:²³⁷

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1 >44; 1F >44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1 >44

John(?) Kidd: 3M <10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1 >44; 1F <10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M <10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F <10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M <10 & 1 26-44; 3F <10 & 1 16-25

1811 – **James Kidd** continues to be listed on the Amherst County Land Tax Lists in 1809, 1810 and 1811, taxed upon 128 acres in Lexington Parish. He then drops from the Amherst LTLs in 1812. [This may be a different James Kidd.]

1815 – On 29 September 1815, **James Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Terrisha Turner over a debt of \$119.83 due by bond to (this part is faint and difficult to read) William Turner of Tennessee. **James Kidd** signed this deed. **James P. Kidd** was one of the witnesses, as were William Turner and John(?) Phillips.

This deed was admitted to Nelson County court on 25 March 1816.²³⁸

1816 – On 7 Sept 1816, a marriage bond for J.D. Dunkard [Drinkard/Drinkhard?] and M.A. Kidd was issued in Nelson County. The bondsman was **James Kidd**, and the minister was John Shepherd, who performed the wedding on the following day.²³⁹ Another transcription of this record lists the groom's name as J.D. Lankford.²⁴⁰

²³⁷ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA."

²³⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 372-3. Scanned images of this deed are available from RK.

²³⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

²⁴⁰ *Lynchburg, Virginia and Nelson County Virginia wills, deeds and marriages, 1807-1831*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1985, p. 159.

- 1817 – In a Chancery suit filed in Nelson County [1817-001], **James Kidd** vs. Walker & Garland: **James Kidd** of Nelson County had an ongoing account with the mercantile firm of Walker and Garland (operated by William Walker and Clifton Garland) (the years aren't stated, the space being left blank, but the contents date it prior to 1799). In August of 1799, he settled his account with the firm, and executed a note or bond for £21.0.1 for the balance. He further states that he paid off this debt in installments over the subsequent years, providing his receipts. This case was continued for some time before being dropped, in part because by 1817 both defendants were dead. No genealogical information in this record, but there are several pages of interest, showing the items purchased by James Kidd from this firm, including jewelry, silk, and substantial quantities of whiskey.²⁴¹
- 1820 – The 1820 federal census for Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.
James Kidd – 1M 10-15 & 1 >44; 1F 26-44 & 1 >44; no slaves. 2 in Ag.
- 1822 – On 19 October 1822, **James Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, supporting the claims of the plaintiff Anne S. Hopkins against John Whitehead & Co., the defendant.²⁴²
- 1824 – On 8 April 1824, Coleman W. Kidd and William J. Kidd (James Kidd's two eldest sons) entered into a Deed of Trust with **James Kidd Senior**, all of Nelson County, in which they convey to him "for the use of family," a list of household furniture, tools, livestock and other items purchased at an auction of personal property, by virtue of an execution of a Court order, which items were purchased by Coleman W. and William J. Kidd.²⁴³
- 1826 – On 28th August 1826, **James Kidd** and James P. Kidd, his son, witnessed a Deed of Trust between James's son Robert J. Kidd, his wife Nancy Jane Kidd, and Jos. C. Megginson regarding an agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife Nancy Jane that had been reached previously (perhaps prior to their marriage). This deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.²⁴⁴
See Robert J. Kidd's section for the transcription of this deed.
- 1830 – The federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, lists Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., two Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.
James Kidd – 1M & 1F, both 70-79. One male slave, 24-35.
- 1832 – On 24 December 1832, **James Kidd** made application for a pension for his Revolutionary War service at the courthouse in Lovingson in Nelson County, VA.²⁴⁵ See [Appendix 3](#) of this paper for an abstract of this document.
James testifies to the following: that he was born on 22 April 1766 in Granville County, NC, and that shortly after his birth, his father moved the family "back to the county of Albemarle [Virginia], that at the age of 16, he enlisted as a private in the Army in March 1781 while a resident of Albemarle County, Virginia, as a substitute for one Isaac Bryant, and that he served until October 1781. He said that he lived in Albemarle County and in Nelson County

²⁴¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1817-001

²⁴² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-012

²⁴³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson Co. Sources folder.

²⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

²⁴⁵ Images of his pension record are available at Fold3.com: <http://www.fold3.com/image/#25014059>

[which was formed from Amherst, which in turn was formed from Albemarle] for the rest of his life.

James Kidd apparently died before his pension was granted, and was dead by Sept 1834 when his widow Lucy began receiving pension payments, which continued through 23 March 1836. A record of Final Payments of Military Pensions for the Revolutionary War shows that the pension of James Kidd made its final payment on this date, terminating because of the death of the claimant [in this case Lucy Kidd, widow of James Kidd].²⁴⁶

- 1833 – An abstract of the pension application of Richard Hare Sr., of Nelson Co, VA, dated 18 March 1833, states that **James Kidd** was a fellow soldier on three of his five tours (which three not specified in this abstract): 1) under Col. Richardson, 2) under Capt. John Loving, Albemarle Barracks, 3) under Capt. James Pamplin, Albemarle Barracks, 4) under Capt. Jacobs, and 5) under Capt. Harris at Siege of York. After the Revolution, Hare states that he lived in Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Cos. William Harris was another fellow soldier.²⁴⁷
- 1834-1836 – Lucy Kidd, the widow of Revolutionary War soldier **James Kidd** of Nelson County, VA was granted a widow's pension of \$20 per month.²⁴⁸ The payments commenced on 4 Sept 1834 (indicating that James Kidd had died by that time, so payments were made to his widow) and ended in March of 1836, indicating Lucy had died by then.
- 1835 – **James Kidd** appears for the last time on the Nelson County PPTLs in this year, then drops from the list, and no James Kidd appears on the PPTLs until 1839.
- 1836 – On 27 June 1836, William J. Kidd, the administrator of the estate of **James Kidd**, deceased, executed an Administration Bond, with Wilson Peters and Harrod B. Scott as his securities.²⁴⁹ No other records pertaining to his estate are listed in the General Index to Nelson County Wills.²⁵⁰ This estate administration was triggered by the death of his widow Lucy.
- 1857 – William J. Kidd died in Amherst County, VA on 6 Sept. 1857 at the age of 63. His death record states that he was born in Amherst County to **James and Lucy Kidd**, lists his spouse's name as Susan Kidd, and lists his occupation as "farmer." He was married at the time of his death.²⁵¹

²⁴⁶ Fold3.com: *Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864*.

This database is organized by state (34 in all) and is evidently based upon where the veteran lived.

Only one Kidd is found in this database under VA – James Kidd, who received payment through the Richmond office; the notation "died March 23, 1836" applies to his widow Lucy.

²⁴⁷ *Amherst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, p. 133, citing pension application of Richard Hare, Sr., by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998.

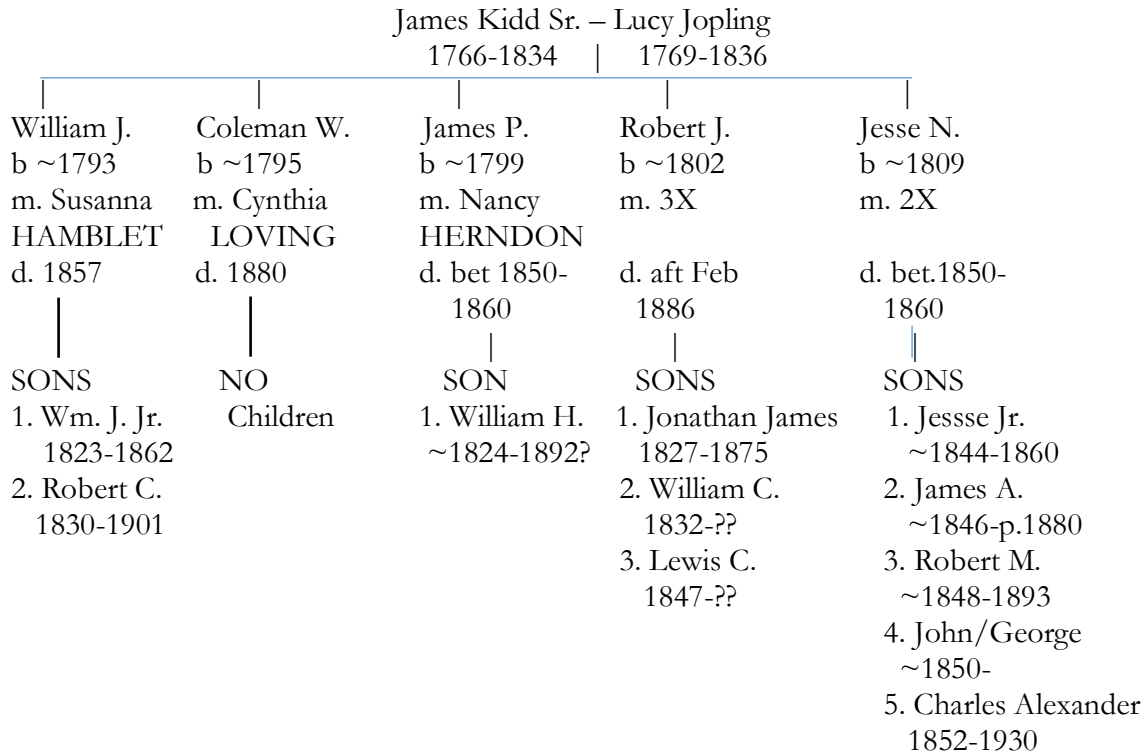
²⁴⁸ This information comes from his Rev. War Pension File. Scanned images of this file are available from the authors. This information is from image 2 of that file.

²⁴⁹ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, citing Nelson County WB D, p. 491. Scanned images of this performance bond are available in the Nelson Co. Wills subfolder.

²⁵⁰ A scanned image of the Kidd section of this index is available in the Source Documents folder.

²⁵¹ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org.

The schematic Family Chart below depicts the five proven SONS of James and Lucy Jopling Kidd, and their known male Kidd grandchildren:



JAMES P. KIDD, the son of James and Lucy Kidd of Nelson Co VA

Born abt 1799

Died between 1850-1860

Was of age by 1815 when he witnessed a trust deed in Nelson Co VA

Married Nancy Herndon in 1822 and moved to Warren Co TN between 1828-1830

A descendant of James P. Kidd is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match through the paternal line to other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

1815 – On 29 September 1815, James Kidd of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Terrisha Turner over a debt of \$119.83 due by bond to (this part is faint and difficult to read) William Turner of Tennessee.

James Kidd signed this deed. **James P. Kidd** was one of the witnesses to it, as were William Turner and John(?) Phillips.

This deed was admitted to Nelson County court on 25 March 1816.²⁵²

1820 – The federal census in Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.

Note: William J. Kidd’s household consists of 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1

²⁵² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 372-3. Scanned images of this deed are available in Dropbox.

male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture.

Given the number of adult males in William J. Kidd’s household, the other three males could be his brothers **James P.**, Jesse N., and Robert J.

1822 – **James P. Kidd** married Nancy Herndon on 31 January 1822 in Nelson County, VA.²⁵³ Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Richard Herndon, and the minister as James Boyd.²⁵⁴ The license was issued on 28 January, and the wedding performed on 31 January 1822.²⁵⁵

On 3 June 1822, **James P. Kidd** and Richard Herndon entered into a Deed of Trust with James Garland over a debt of \$136.26 owed to Nathan Lofftus & Co., putting up as collateral three feather beds and furniture, two tables, eight chairs, one spinning wheel, two pots, two ovens, etc. (more household furniture and furnishings), the property of the said **James P. Kidd**, and the interest in which the said Richard Herndon has in the crop of tobacco, corn and of every other description now making in co-partnership with the said **James P. Kidd** on the plantation where they now reside, and one roan horse, the property of the said Herndon. All three parties signed this record.²⁵⁶

Richard Herndon was most likely James P. Kidd’s brother-in-law.

1822-1827 – **James P. Kidd** appears annually on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs each year, then drops from these tax lists when he moves to Warren Co, TN:

Year	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	Horses
1822	James P. Kidd	1	1	0
1823	James P. Kidd	1	1	1
1824	James P. Kidd	1	0	1
1825	James P. Kidd	1	0	1
1826	James P. Kidd	1	0	0
1827	James P. Kidd	1	0	0
1828	not listed			

1823 – This indenture made and entered into this sixteenth day of August 1823 between **James P. Kidd** of the first part, James D. Goodwin of the second part, and Nathan Lofftus & Co. of the third part. Witnesseth that the said **James P. Kidd** for the sum of \$1 paid to him...by the said Goodwin.....sells unto the said Goodwin the following property, to wit his entire crop of tobacco and corn now growing on the plantation whereon he now lives, also his crop of oats already made and in stacks, one bay mare, one grey mare, one colt, two cows,

²⁵³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

²⁵⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

²⁵⁵ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54.

²⁵⁶ Nelson Co. DB 4, pp. 289-290, reviewed on microfilm by RK, May 2013, and reviewed again on 10 Sept. 2013, to get a more complete transcription.

one calf, one feather bed and furniture, one folding table, [extensive list of household goods]...in trust...whereas the said Kidd stands justly indebted to Nathan Lofftus & Co. in the sum of \$297.69, due by bond. The Deed of Trust was signed by the parties and witnessed by Danl. Perrow, Seaton H. Loving and Edwd. B. Harris, and recorded 19 August 1823.²⁵⁷

This debt later became one element in a Chancery Court suit [1841-059] filed in Nelson County between the Administrator of Archibald Robertson vs. James D. Goodwin, trustee: **James P. Kidd** on 1 March 1823 entered into a debt, which was his rent for the land he was to farm. This debt is central to the suit, but nothing more about the Kidd family is found in this court record.²⁵⁸ [Note: The writing is very difficult to decipher in the original.]

1824 – On 18 September 1824, **James P. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with William Loving regarding a debt owed to Coleman W. Kidd for \$100 due by bond, dated the _ day of __, 1822. He put up as collateral all his crops for this year, his plantation tools, and household furniture.

James P. Kidd signed his name, and so could write.²⁵⁹

1825 – On 11 October 1825, **James P. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with James Garland & Robert C. Cutter regarding a debt owed to Nathan Lofftus, Lee W. Harris, and Wilson Peters, late merchants and partners, trading under the style and firm of Nathan Lofftus & Co., for the sum of \$597.69 due by bond the 13th of August 1823.²⁶⁰

1826 – On 28th August 1826, James Kidd and **James P. Kidd**, his son, witnessed a Deed of Trust between James's son Robert J. Kidd, his wife Nancy Jane Kidd, and Jos. C. Megginson regarding an agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife Nancy Jane that had been reached previously (perhaps prior to their marriage). This deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.²⁶¹

See Robert J. Kidd's section for the transcription of this deed.

By 1830, **James P. Kidd** had migrated to Warren County, Tennessee, likely in the company of his wife's family, the Herndons.

1830 – On the federal census in Warren Co TN (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as RIAD), p. 351: **Jas. P. Kidd** – 1FWM<5, 1 5-9 & 1 30-39; 1F 5-9& 1 20-29. One free colored female, 24-35. Next door is the family of John Herndon, the father of James's wife Nancy.

1840 – On the federal census in Warren Co TN (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as "KIDA"), p. 371: **James P. Kidd**: 1WWM<5, 1 15-19, & 1 30-39; 1F 15-19, 1 30-39, and 1 60-69 [likely Nancy's mother Sarah]. One slave, 10-23. Two engaged in mfg. or trade.

1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator, and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J., Coleman W.,

²⁵⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:503.

²⁵⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-059

²⁵⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:178-179.

²⁶⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:355-356.

²⁶¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

James P., Robert J., and Jesse N. Kidd, and Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave named Judy that their mother owned at the time of her death.²⁶²

James P. Kidd had earlier become indebted to Coleman W. Kidd, and by this date had migrated to Tennessee. His share of the estate was credited to that debt.

1850 – On the federal census in Warren County (5th Civil District), TN, p. 78, HH 525:

Perry, J.M. 32MW physician \$0 TN

" , Ann E. 25FW VA [likely James P. and Nancy's daughter]

" , Lanora 2FW TN

Kidd, James P. 50MW cabinet maker \$0 VA

" , Nancy C. 47FW VA CROW²⁶³

Herndon, Sarah 75FW VA CROW

___, Betty 15FMulatto TN CROW

1860 – **James P. Kidd** evidently died prior to 1860, because in 1860, his widow Nancy C. Kidd, aged 57, born Virginia, is in the household of her presumed son-in-law J.W. Perry, a physician living in Monroe Co, Mississippi, his wife A.E. [Ann], and their family.

1870 – Nancy C. Kidd is on the 1870 federal census in Chickasaw County, MS, Northern Division, Egypt P.O., page 95, HH 642/668:

Kidd, Nancy 69FW at home VA

“ , Wm H. 45MW farmer VA

“ , Joeann 24FW keeping house VA CROW²⁶⁴

“ , Ada 7FW MS

“ , Guss? 3MW MS

“ , Emma 13FW MS

“ , Laura 12FW MS

“ , Thos. 9MW MS

JAMES W. KIDD

1839 – **James W. Kidd** appears on the Nelson County PPTL for this one year.

Note: There is a transcription error at Ancestry.com for the death record of Joseph H. Kidd, who died on 8 May 1891 in Nelson County, VA, which led to the record being mis-indexed as Jas. W. Kidd.

JESSE N. KIDD – the son of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling

Born by 1807²⁶⁵, most likely in Amherst County²⁶⁶

Married 1) Mary Ann Stratton in Amherst County in 1831; married 2) Martha

²⁶² Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder).

²⁶³ Cannot read or write.

²⁶⁴ Cannot read or write.

²⁶⁵ He served as security for the January 31, 1828 marriage bond for his sister, Sarah Ann's marriage to Robert Watkins; to do so, he should have been at least 21 years old by this time.

²⁶⁶ His father was definitely in Amherst County, listed on the PPTLs there, from 1800-1811. Jesse first appears on the Nelson Co. PPTLs in 1830, so was born by 1809. And his age at the time of the 1850 census was 40 years.

**Ann Williams in Amherst County in 1843
Died between 1850-1860, probably in Nelson County**

1820 – The federal census in Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.

Note: William J. Kidd's household consists of 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1 male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture.

Given the number of adult males in William J. Kidd's household, the other three males could be his brothers James P., **Jesse N.**, and Robert J.

1828 – **Jesse N. Kidd** was the bondsman for a Nelson County marriage bond for his sister Sarah A. Kidd and Robert Watkins, dated 31 January 1828. Minister James Boyd performed the marriage on 31 January 1828.²⁶⁷ To be bondsman, Jesse N. Kidd had to be at least 21 years old at the time. This implies that he was born by 1807.

1830-1845 (1846?) – **Jesse Kidd** (usually listed as **Jesse N. Kidd**) appears almost annually on the Nelson County PPTLs during these years. This suggests he was born by 1809. Each year he's taxed only for his own poll tax, and never for a slave or a horse.

A Jesse W. Kidd appears in 1846, and this may actually be our Jesse N., as no other Jesse Kidd appears on the 1846 PPTL, and none is seen in subsequent years.

YEAR	NAME
1830	Jesse N.
1831	Jesse N.
1832	Jesse N.
1833	
1834	Jesse
1835	Jesse N.
1836	Jesse N.
	Jesse
1837	Jesse N.
1838	Jesse N.
1839	Jesse
1840	Jesse N.
1841	Jesse N.
1842	Jesse N.
1843	Jesse N.
1844	
1845	Jesse N.
1846	Jesse W. Sr [Jesse N?]

²⁶⁷ *Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985.

See 1847, ff. below, where Jesse N. turns up in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

- 1830 – Despite the PPTL entries above and records below, Jesse N. Kidd does not appear on the Nelson County, VA federal census in 1830 or 1840.
- 1831 – **Jesse N. Kidd** and Mary Ann Stratton were married in Amherst County, VA on 26 Dec 1831.²⁶⁸
- 1840 – **Jesse N. Kidd** was the bondsman when a marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for Mary F. Kidd and James L. Simmons on 22 January 1840. The minister was Jesse Powers, who performed the wedding on the same date.²⁶⁹
- 1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.
Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J., Coleman W., James P., Robert J., and **Jesse N. Kidd**, and Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave Judy that Lucy owned at the time of her death.²⁷⁰
Jesse had evidently previously borrowed money from his brother Coleman W. Kidd, and his share was credited to Coleman W. Kidd.
- 1842 – On 19 November 1842, Coleman W. Kidd leased to Robert J. Kidd “one red cow, one black yearling, one red steer, one brindle heifer, 16 head of hogs, one horse cart and gear, two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, and one ___ press, all of which he agrees to return when demanded by me. Signed – C.W. Kidd.
On the same day, Robert J. Kidd signed a receipt for the above items, which was witnessed by **Jesse N. Kidd** and Lucy Jane Lankford.
This deed of lease was admitted in court and recorded on 5 January 1843.²⁷¹
- 1843 – **Jesse N. Kidd** married Martha A. Williams in Amherst County, Virginia on 7 Feb 1843.²⁷²
- 1847-1850 – A **Jesse Kidd** appears for the first time in 27 years on the Fluvanna County, VA, PPTLs in 1847, taxed only for his own tithe. This entry repeats annually through 1850, the last year that we have checked.
- 1850 – On the federal census in Fluvanna County, VA, p. 8A, HH 118/119:
Kidd, Jesse 40MW lockkeeper VA
" , Martha 37FW VA
" , Jesse Jr. 6MW VA
" , Robert 2MW VA

²⁶⁸ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriage Data*, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst, VA, 1965, page K2.

²⁶⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

²⁷⁰ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder).

²⁷¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

²⁷² "Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XRQF-4PR:5> December 2014), Jesse N. Kidd and Martha A. Williams, 07 Feb 1843; citing Amherst County, Virginia, reference p 379; FHL microfilm 30,273.

" , James 4MW VA
" , John 3/12MW VA

1860 – The senior **Jesse Kidd** is evidently deceased by 1860 when Martha Kidd, apparently widowed, appears on the 1860 federal census in Campbell County (see below), with their younger children.

p. 110, HH 770/820:

Kidd, Martha 48FW no occupation listed \$0/30 VA

" , Robert 13MW VA

" , George 10MW VA

" , Charles 8MW VA

Trent, Sally 50FW no occupation listed \$0 VA cannot read or write

" , Thomas 20FW farm laborer VA

On the 1860 federal census in the western district of Campbell County, VA, Castle Craig P.O., p. 91, HH 643/681:

In the household of Daniel Candler, age 72, a farmer:

Kidd, James 14MW laborer VA

1870 – On the federal census in the Western division of Campbell County, VA, Lynchburg P.O. p. 151, HH 844/924:

Kidd, Martha 49FW keeps house VA

" , James 22MW works on farm VA

" , Charles 18MW works on farm VA

1930 – Jesse N.'s son Charles Alexander Kidd died on 26 July 1930 in Campbell County, VA. His death certificate²⁷³ lists his father as **Jesse Nicholas Kidd**, born in "Amherst or Nelson County, VA," and his mother as Martha Ann Williams, born in Amherst Co, VA. [Note: This is the only reference to a middle name of Nicholas for Jesse N. Kidd.]

JOHN KIDD(s)

JOHN NORMAN KIDD – the son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish²⁷⁴

Born ca 1758 in Goochland Co, VA

Married Juriah [maiden name unknown]

Died in 1795 in Amherst Co, VA

Although John Norman Kidd died in Amherst County in 1795 before the founding of Nelson County, his widow Juriah and the two men we have placed as his brothers, **James Kidd Sr.** and **William Kidd Sr.**, are all found in Nelson County, Virginia. We believe these three men were the sons of **John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish** of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandsons of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and great-grandsons of **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia.

1790 – James Kidd and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, VA on 29 December 1790. Bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy

²⁷³ Virginia Death Records, 1912-2014, on Ancestry.com. An image of his death certificate is found there.

²⁷⁴ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

gives her own consent [so she was aged 21 by this date]. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and **John Kidd** [likely John Norman Kidd, James's brother].²⁷⁵

1795 – The will of **John Norman Kidd** of Amherst County, VA was written 9 Feb 1795 and proved in Court on 20 July 1795. It names his wife **Juriah Kidd** and his two daughters Ruth and Amy/Anny, and appoints his wife Juriah and his brother William Kidd as his executors.²⁷⁶

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:²⁷⁷

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44 [widow of John Norman Kidd]

John Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

JOHN KIDD, identity unknown

Born bet. 1771-1780

Married (1) Juda/Judith Saunders in Nelson County in 1813; married (2) Margaret McClure in 1834

Last record for him in Nelson County is in 1859 (see below)

Nothing further known

[A second John Kidd is occasionally found on the Nelson County PPTLs, noted as John Jun. or John W. Kidd. We do not know who he is.]

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:²⁷⁸

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44 [widow of John Norman Kidd]

John(?)²⁷⁹ Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

1813 – **John Kidd** married J. Saunders in Nelson County on 12 July 1813. The bondsman was William C. Kidd.²⁸⁰ [This William C. Kidd was born abt 1788; we're unsure who his parents were.]

²⁷⁵ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

²⁷⁶ Amherst County, Virginia Will Book 3, pages 339-340, retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #30275, images 200-201 (unrestricted access).

²⁷⁷ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA."

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²⁷⁹ The script isn't clear on this name, but it seems to be JOHN, with the letters scrunched together. It's indexed on Ancestry as John, and this is also our best guess. This does fit with the other records for this John Kidd.

²⁸⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40. A scan of this record is available in the Nelson Co. Source Documents folder, Marriages subfolder.

The bride was apparently Juda/Judith Saunders, judging from the 1873 death record of Lucinda Kidd Vest, which named her parents as “John & Juda Kidd.”²⁸¹

1815-1850 – Beginning in 1815, a **John Kidd** appears almost annually on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs. In 1828, a John and a John Jun. are listed; in 1832, a John and John W. are listed:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1815		Jno	1		
1816		John	1		
1818		John	1		
1819		John	1		1
1820		John			
1821	23-Apr	John	1		
1822	22-Apr	John	1		
1824	4-May	John	1		
1825	23-Feb	John	1		
1826	27-Mar	John	1		
1827	24-Apr	John	1		
1828	12-Apr	John	1		
	8-May	John Jun.	1		
1829	11-Apr	John	1		
1830	22-Feb	John W.	1		1
1831	28-Feb	John	1		
1832	17-Mar	John			
	23-Apr	John W.			
1834	22-Feb	John	1		
1835	3-Apr	John	1		
1836	10-May	John	1		
1837	28-Apr	John	1		
1840	20-Mar	John	1		
1842		John	1		
1843	11-May	John	1		
	13-May	John	1		
1845		John	1		
1846		John	1		
1847		John	1		
1848		John	1		
1850		John	1		

1820 – The federal census for Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.

John Kidd – 1M>44; 1F 10-15 & 1 26-44; no slaves. One in Mfg.

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and

²⁸¹ An image of this death record can be found in the Nelson Co. Death Records subfolder on Dropbox.

William J. Kidd.

John Kidd – 1M 50-59; 1F 10-14 & 1 40-49. No slaves.

1834 – On 15 December 1834, **John Kidd** married Margaret McClure in Nelson County, VA.²⁸² Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Alexander Roberts and gives the date of the marriage as 18 December 1834.²⁸³ A third abstract shows the marriage license issued on 15 Dec 1834.²⁸⁴

1840-1841 – In November of 1840, Alexander Kidd, **Jno. Kidd** and W. T. Kidd were among the one-hundred-plus signers of a petition to the Virginia State Assembly, filed by Lucy, Ottey Rose, Alexander Rose, and Polly Rose, four former slaves emancipated by the will of their owner and father James Halleyburton, asking for a law permitting them to reside in the state. Laws of the time required manumitted slaves to leave the state of Virginia within 12 months, or be subject to sale as slaves. The petition was referred to the Courts of Justice in January 1841. The record does not say whether their petition was granted.²⁸⁵

1845 – On 27 February 1845, Mrs. Nancy Kidd of Nelson County sold to John M. Shelton for \$35 “all the interest which I possess in the tract of land on which I now live, and which Mr. Shelton purchased of ___ Loving as trustee for my husband Joseph Kidd during his life. And also all of the appurtenances belonging thereto.”

She signed with an X.

A memorandum added at the bottom states that all the parties agreed that Mrs. Kidd would retain possession till the first day of June next. Witnesses included **John Kidd**, Alexander Fitzpatrick and John W. Witt.

The deed was admitted to record in the Nelson County Court on Mar 24, 1845.²⁸⁶

1840, 1850 – Despite the PPTL entries above, no **John Kidd** appears on the federal censuses in Nelson County in these years.

1859 – **John Kidd** and Margaret, his wife, are among the plaintiffs in a Nelson County, VA Chancery Court suit [1859-011], seeking their share of the estate of Nancy McClure, deceased. Nancy McClure’s administrator claimed that she died without property other than her pension granted for the service of her first husband James Foster; she then married Alexander McClure after James Foster’s death.

It appears that the plaintiffs received a share of approximately \$71 each (see image 14, very difficult to read).²⁸⁷

²⁸² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

²⁸³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

²⁸⁴ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54. Copy of scanned record in Nelson Co., Marriages folder on Dropbox; retrieved from FHL #32734, item 3, Marriage register 1808-1878 (original copy) (actually a list of marriage licenses issued from clerk’s office; duplicates marriage registers 1808-1846 & 1847-1852), image 215 of 626.

²⁸⁵ One can find this (and the other three legislative petitions mentioning Kidd at this URL http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions?_ga=2.76708176.455154769.1579651731-169780960.1579651731, then search on KIDD.

²⁸⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:154.

²⁸⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1859-011

JONATHAN JAMES KIDD, son of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin

Born 26 September 1827²⁸⁸ in Nelson County

Married Caroline C. Moore in 1847 in Rockbridge County, VA

Died 29 October 1875 likely in Washington County, VA²⁸⁹

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, **Jonathan James Kidd**, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, and Ann Hunt Kidd for the sum of \$1.00, a tract of land in Nelson and Amherst County on both sides of the county line, containing 71½ acres and adjacent to Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne and conveyed by William L. Watts to these trustees. This deed was acknowledged in open Court on 30 July 1835 by the parties and ordered to be recorded.²⁹⁰

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.²⁹¹ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert I. Kidd was appointed guardian of **John J. Kidd**, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”²⁹² These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she had an inheritance from her parents (see 1835 deed above) intended to be passed to her minor children. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd, her husband, have a guardian’s bond.

1847 – On 17 August 1847, **James Kidd** married Caroline C. Moore in Rockbridge County, VA.²⁹³

1850 – On the federal census in Rockbridge County, Virginia: p. 366, HH 490/506:

John J. Kidd 23WM laborer VA

Caroline “ 23FW VA

Wm. C. “ 19MW laborer VA [likely brother to Jonathan]

1860 – On the federal census at Seven Mile Ford P.O., Smyth County, Virginia, page 194, HH 1280/1284:

Kidd, John J. 30MW cabinet maker \$500/250 VA

“ , Caroline C. 33FW VA

“ , John 13MW VA

1870 – We have not been able to find him or his family on the 1870 federal census.

²⁸⁸ This date of birth comes from his headstone. See Findagrave.com.

²⁸⁹ These dates come from his headstone on Findagrave.com.

²⁹⁰ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

²⁹¹ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes DO descend below that line.

²⁹² Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

²⁹³ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com, citing FHL #33799, p. 58.

1875 – He died on 29 October 1875, presumably in Washington County, VA. He is buried in the Ashton Cemetery, in Meadowview, Washington County, along with his wife Caroline C., who died in 1887.²⁹⁴

JOSEPH KIDD SR., parents unknown

Born bet. 1764-1770

Married Ann (Nancy) Johnson on 3 Sept 1795 in Albemarle County, VA

Died by 27 February 1845 in Nelson County, VA, leaving no estate record.

Could not read or write.

The preponderance of evidence supports the conclusion that the following individuals were most likely the children of Joseph & Nancy Kidd; see [Appendix 6](#) for a compilation of this evidence:

1. **Jeriah** – b 1796; m Geo. W. Sutler 15 Dec 1819, Nelson County; d aft 1880
2. **Pleasant Micajah** – b 1798; m. Margaret J. Wright 28 Mar 1824, Nelson County
3. **Elizabeth** – b 1801; m. James W. Craig 28 Mar 1824, Nelson County
4. **Thomas** – b 1804; m Margaret Johnson 21 Feb 1832, Nelson County
5. **Rhoda Ann** – b 1806; m Lewis E. Price 26 Feb 1827, Nelson County
6. **Joseph H.** – b 1813; m Mary Ann Bryant 25 Nov 1835, Nelson County; d 1891, Nelson County
7. **Martha** – birth year uncertain; m Joel Vest 26 May 1834, Nelson County; appears to have died before 1850
8. **Charles** – b 1815; m Malinda Kidd in 1835, Nelson County; died aft. 1880
9. **Nancy**, b 1820; m George Leebrick 18 Nov 1841, Albemarle County; d after 1880
10. **Wilson P.** – b 1822; m Harriet E. Morgan 2 Jan 1839, Nelson County; d 16 Aug 1880, bur Mountain View Cemetery, Nelson County, VA
11. **Lucinda** – b 1825; m James Foster 20 Dec 1843, Nelson County; drops from Nelson County records after 1850

1791 – A **Joseph Kidd** was a witness to the marriage of Samuel Richardson and Mary Cross in Albemarle County, VA on 24 May 1791.²⁹⁵

1793 – A **Joseph Kidd** appears for the first time in the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1793. He doesn't appear again until 1797.

1795 – **Joseph Kidd** and Ann Johnson were married in Albemarle County on 3 Sept 1795.²⁹⁶ Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was Thomas Johnson.²⁹⁷

1795, 1798 – a **Joseph Kidd** appears on the Goochland County PPTLs first in 1795, and again in 1798 in the Upper District, with 1 WT 16+. No Kidds are listed in 1796, 1797, or 1799.

1797 – He reappears on the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1797 and appears almost annually after that, through 1806 (see Table below).

²⁹⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/106834888/john-james-kidd>

²⁹⁵ *Albemarle County Marriages, 1780-1853 (three volumes)*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 265.

²⁹⁶ *Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799*, compiled by Cecil McDonald Jr., vol. 10, p. 11.

²⁹⁷ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

YEAR	NAME	TAX
1793	Joseph	
1797	Joseph	
1798	Joseph	
1800B	Joseph	1 tithe, no tax listed
1801A	Joseph	1 tithe, tax .12
1802A	Joseph	1 tithe
1803A	Joseph	1 tithe, 1 horse, tax .12
1804A	Joseph	1 tithe, 1 horse, tax .12
1805A	Joseph Kid	1 tithe
1806A	Joseph	1 tithe

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:²⁹⁸

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

1810-1850 – A **Joseph Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1810. This Joseph appears annually through 1846, then drops from the list. We believe that he died in 1846 or 1847.

A second Joseph Kidd first appears in 1839 and appears annually through 1850, the last year we've checked so far (see Table, below). In nearly all of his listings, he's designated as Joseph Kidd Jr. This designation does not necessarily indicate that this second Joseph is the son of Joseph Kidd, Sr. It only signified that the second Joseph was younger of the two men. However, these entries would be consistent with Joseph H. Kidd, whom we believe was one of the sons of Joseph Kidd, Sr.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1810		Joseph	1		2
1812		Joseph	1		2
1813		Joseph	1		2
		Joseph? Or James?	1		1
1814		Joseph	?		
		Joseph	2		2
1815		Jos	?		
1816		Jos	1		2
1818		Joseph	2		2
1819		Joseph	1		2
1821	23-Apr	Joseph	2		1
1822	25-Mar	Joseph E.	2		1
1823	15-Mar	Joseph	NL		1
1824	4-May	Joseph	1		1

²⁹⁸ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA.”

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1825	23-Feb	Joseph	1		1
1826	1-Apr	Joseph	1		1
1827	24-Apr	Joseph	1		1
1828	28-Apr	Joseph	1		1
1829	4-Apr	Joseph	1		1
1830	22-Feb	Joseph	1		1
1831	9-Apr	Joseph	2		1
1832	8-Mar	Joseph			
1833	13-Apr	Joseph			
1834	25-Feb	Joseph	1		2
1835	6-Feb	Joseph	1		
1836	10-May	Joseph	1		
1837	28-Apr	Joseph	1		1
1838	20-Apr	Joseph	1		
1839	25-Apr	Joseph	1		
		Joseph Jr.	1		1
1840	2-Mar	Joseph Jr.	1		
		Joseph Sr.	1		
1841	9-Mar	Joseph Jr.	1		
		Joseph Sr.	1		
1842		Joseph Jr.	1		
		Joseph Sr.	1		
1843	1-May	Joseph Jr.	1		
1845		Joseph Jr.	1		
1846		Joseph Sr. (may be Jr.?)	1		
1847		Joseph Jr.	1		
1848		Joseph Jr.	1		1
1849		Joseph	1		1
1850		Joseph Jr.	1		1

1820 – The 1820 Nelson County federal census lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.

Joseph Kidd – 3M<10, 1 16-18, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 2F<10, 2 10-15, 2 16-25 & 1>44. No slaves. Three in Agriculture.

1823 – This indenture made and entered into this 8th day of March 1823 between Charles Perrow of the County of Nelson, who was trustee between Benjamin Wright and John Wright (as will more fully appear by reference to a deed in Trust duly recorded in Nelson County bearing date the 31st of March 1820) of the one part and **Joseph Kidd** of said county of the other part – Witnesseth that whereas Benjamin Wright did not pay the several debts mentioned in the Deed of Trust before mentioned, and the said John Wright as his security did pay the same for the said Benjamin Wright, and whereas the said John Wright did direct the said Perrow to sell the several things and the land conveyed in the trust under said deed, and the said Benjamin Wright having been present and consenting..... and Lee W. Harris having become the purchaser Witnesseth that agreeably to the request of the said Lee W. Harris

and in consideration of the sum of \$151 paid to the said Perrow..... and of the further sum of \$1 paid by the said **Joseph Kidd** to said Perrow, the said Perrow (with the consent of said Lee W. Harris) sells to **Joseph Kidd** and his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land in Nelson County, the same land purchased by Benjamin Wright of John W. Harris....containing 46 and 2/3 acres.
Signed Charles Perrow.²⁹⁹

Also on 8 March 1823:

This indenture made and entered into on the 8th day of March 1823 between **Joseph Kidd** and Nancy his wife of Nelson County of the first part and James Garland of the said county of the second part and Nathan Lofftus of the third part. Witnesseth that whereas the said Joseph Kidd stands justly indebted to the said Lofftus & Co. in the sum of \$528.69 due by bond..... The principal and final payment of which said Kidd is anxious to secure, in consideration of the sum of \$1 to them in hand paid by the said James Garland,... the said **Joseph Kidd** and Nancy his wife have bargained and sold.....a certain tract of land in Nelson County... adjoining the lands belonging to the estate of John M. Shelton, deceased and Andrew Wright, deceased, and is the same (land?) formerly purchased by Benjamin Wright of John Wright Harris, and contains by estimation 46.5 acres, also the crop of tobacco, corn, oats, wheat and rye which he the said **Joseph Kidd** now has on hand and which he may from year to year make until the debt hereby (intended?) to be secured shall be fully extinguished and discharged.....

Also the following personal property, to wit, a grey horse, several head of cattle, seven sheep, eighteen hogs, and feather beds and furniture now in his possession.....

Joseph and his wife Nancy both signed with an X. [Note: Joseph is using this land to secure a debt; see also below.]³⁰⁰

On 19 December 1823, **Joseph Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with James Garland, regarding a debt owed to Nathan Lofftus & Co. for \$528.07. (This may refer to the debt named above.) Joseph signed with an X, and could not write.³⁰¹

1824-1842 – **Joseph Kidd** appears for the first time on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1824, taxed upon 46 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres "adj Est. of John M. Shelton, 4 miles N of the courthouse, transferred from Charles Perrow, Trustee" in the previous year.

N.B. This land is not adjacent to the land of the other Kidd landowners (Robert N. and Alexander Kidd, whose land was 3 miles East of the Courthouse; and William J. Kidd, whose land was 2 miles E of the Courthouse).

This listing appears annually through 1842; in 1843, Joseph Kidd drops from the Nelson County LTLs.

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Alexander, Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.

Joseph Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 10-14, 2 15-19, 2 20-29 and 1 60-69; 1F<5, 1 10-14, 2 15-19 & 1 50-59. No slaves.

²⁹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:403.

³⁰⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:400-401.

³⁰¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:57.

- 1834 – A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County for Joel Vest and Martha Kidd on 23 March 1834. The bondsman was **Joseph Kidd** and the minister was Henry Payton, who performed the wedding on 26 May 1834.³⁰²
- 1838 – On 12 December 1838, **Joseph Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with John J. Hargrove regarding a debt of \$48.48 owed to Peters, Perrow & Loving. In doing so, he put up his parcel of land in Nelson County adjoining the lands of Andrew Wright, dec'd and others, and containing 46.5 acres, as well as livestock, household furniture and plantation utensils and all his crops.
Joseph Kidd signed with an X. The deed was admitted to record the same day.³⁰³
- 1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs [likely father and son], Micajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.
Joseph Kidd – 1M 15-19 & 1 60-69; 1F 10-14, 1 20-29 & 1 50-59. No slaves. Two in agriculture. Two white persons over 20 who cannot read or write.
Joseph Kidd – 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 2F<5 & 1 20-29. No slaves. One in agriculture.
- 1842 – On 29 November 1842, **Joseph Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with James Garland. Garland was executor of John (S.?) Hargrove's estate, who was trustee in a Deed of Trust from **Joseph Kidd** to secure a debt to Peters, Perrow & Loving dated 12 Dec 1838 and by the terms of the deed being authorized to sell the lands therein conveyed.
On 10 September (year not stated) Garland sold the above land to John M. Shelton for \$462.87, the amount of the debt and costs. By this Deed of Trust, for \$72.87, Garland transfers the above Deed of Trust to Shelton. This Deed of Trust was recorded in Nelson County Court the same day.³⁰⁴
- 1843 – After the above sale to satisfy a debt, **Joseph Kidd** drops from the Nelson County LTLs.
- 1845 – On 27 February 1845, Mrs. Nancy Kidd of Nelson County sold to John M. Shelton for \$35 “all the interest which I possess in the tract of land on which I now live, and which Mr. Shelton purchased of ___ Loving as trustee for my husband **Joseph Kidd** during his life. And also all of the appurtenances belonging thereto.”
She signed with an X.
A memorandum added at the bottom states that all the parties agreed that Mrs. Kidd would retain possession till the first day of June next. Witnesses included John Kidd, Alexander Fitzpatrick and John W. Witt.
The deed was admitted to record in the Nelson County Court on Mar 24, 1845.³⁰⁵
This record shows that Joseph Kidd, Nancy's husband, has died by this date; he does not appear on the Nelson Co PPTLs after 1846. There is no probate record for Joseph Kidd.

³⁰² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³⁰³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 670-671.

³⁰⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:191.

³⁰⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:154.

JOSEPH H. KIDD, most likely the son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy) Johnson³⁰⁶

Born abt 1813, most likely in Nelson County, VA

Married Mary Ann Bryant in 1835

Died 8 May 1891 in Nelson County, VA³⁰⁷

Their children, named in the 1850 Deed of Trust (see 1850, below):

1. **Pauline/Paulina**, b ~1836
2. **James H.**, b. ~1838
3. **Martha Jane**, b. ~1840
4. **Nicholas**, b ~1843
5. **Pocahontas F.** (1846-1853)
6. **Joseph H.**, (1849-1912)
7. **Franklin Nelson**, b ~1850
8. **Mary** (1852-1910)
9. **Julia Etta** (1854-1894)

1835 – On 25 November 1835, **Jos. Kidd** married Mary Ann Bryant in Nelson County. Thomas Kidd was the bondsman. The marriage was performed the same date by Henry L. Payton.³⁰⁸

A Chancery Court suit filed in Nelson Co in 1835 [1835-005], Mary Bryant et al v William Digges et al,³⁰⁹ contains the 1819 Nelson Co will of William Johnson and the 1803 Amherst Co will of James Hopkins. William Johnson was the father of Mary Bryant, wife of John Bryant and mother of Mary Ann Bryant. In this suit, Mary Bryant is trying to secure her husband's land and part of his estate.

Both Alexander Kidd³¹⁰ and a William Kidd³¹¹ gave depositions in this long-running suit; no other Kidds were mentioned in it, but it does confirm that Mary Ann Bryant was the daughter of John and Mary (Johnson) Bryant. The Deed of Trust below confirms Mary Ann Bryant as Joseph Kidd's wife.

1836 – On 12 May 1836, **Joseph Kidd Jr.** entered into a Deed of Trust with William P. Perkins regarding a debt of \$101.91 due to Hardin Perkins by bond dated this day, with interest from 1 March 1836, and payable on demand. In doing so he put up as collateral “all the interest which he the said **Joseph Kidd** hath now or may hereafter be entitled to in the estate of Mary Bryant and now in the hands of Thomas Bibb and William H. Diggs, her trustees under the will of William Johnson, dec'd. He also put up household furniture and goods, and livestock and tools, and his crops.

³⁰⁶ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

³⁰⁷ Nelson Co. Deaths, 1853-1896, found on FHL #2048577, Item 3, via familysearch.org – image 656; image stored in the Nelson Co. Deaths subfolder on Dropbox.

³⁰⁸ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54. The original image was retrieved from *Nelson County Marriage register 1808-1878* (original copy) (actually a list of marriage licenses issued from clerk's office; duplicates marriage registers 1808-1846 & 1847-1852), on FHL #32734, item 3, available at familysearch.org; it was image 216 on this reel, and a copy can be found in the Nelson Co. Marriages subfolder on Dropbox.

³⁰⁹ http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005

³¹⁰ This must be Alexander Kidd Sr., as Alexander S. Kidd was born in 1836

³¹¹ This would seem to be either William J. Kidd, son of James Kidd Jr. and Lucy Jopling or William H. Kidd (the son of James P. Kidd and grandson of James Kidd Jr. & Lucy Jopling), as William Kidd Sr. died by 1832, and the other William Kidds in Nelson County would not have been of age in 1835, or (as in the case of William C. Kidd) had moved away from Nelson County by 1835.

Joseph Kidd Jr. and Hardin Perkins signed their names, and this deed was admitted to record the same day.³¹²

1839-1850 – A second **Joseph Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1839 and appears annually through 1850, the last year we've checked so far (see Table, below). In nearly all of his listings, he's designated as Joseph Kidd Jr. This designation does not necessarily indicate that this second Joseph is the son of Joseph Kidd, Sr. It only signified that the second Joseph was younger of the two men. However, these entries would be consistent with Joseph H. Kidd, whom we believe was one of the sons of Joseph Kidd, Sr.

Year	Date	Taxpayer	WMT's	Slaves	Horses
1832	8-Mar	Joseph			
1833	13-Apr	Joseph			
1834	25-Feb	Joseph	1		2
1835	6-Feb	Joseph	1		
1836	10-May	Joseph	1		
1837	28-Apr	Joseph	1		1
1838	20-Apr	Joseph	1		
1839	25-Apr	Joseph	1		
		Joseph Jr.	1		1
1840	2-Mar	Joseph Jr.	1		
		Joseph Sr.	1		
1841	9-Mar	Joseph Jr.	1		
		Joseph Sr.	1		
1842		Joseph Jr.	1		
		Joseph Sr.	1		
1843	1-May	Joseph Jr.	1		
1845		Joseph Jr.	1		
1846		Joseph Sr. (may be Jr.?)	1		
1847		Joseph Jr.	1		
1848		Joseph Jr.	1		1
1849		Joseph	1		1
1850		Joseph Jr.	1		1

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Joseph Kidd – 1M 15-19 & 1 60-69; 1F 10-14, 1 20-29 & 1 50-59. No slaves. Two in agriculture. Two white persons over 20 who cannot read or write.

Joseph Kidd – 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 2F<5 & 1 20-29. No slaves. One in agriculture.

1845 – On 29 October 1845, **Joseph Kidd Jr.** entered into a Deed of Trust with William S. Loving regarding a debt of \$(blank) due by account and owed to Perkins & Ewers, putting up his

³¹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8, page 288.

growing crop of tobacco as collateral. Kidd signed the deed, and it was admitted into record the same day.³¹³

- 1846 – On 21 November 1846, **Joseph Kidd Junior** entered into a Deed of Trust with Orville Loving regarding a debt Kidd owed to Perkins & Ewers, in the sum of “about \$50,” due by account. Kidd signed this deed, and could write. It was entered into record the same day.³¹⁴
- 1848 – On 1 January 1848, Alexander Kidd of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow regarding a debt of \$75 borrowed from Frederick Kidd, due by bond bearing the date of this instrument, and a debt of \$88.50 due by bond bearing this date, and a debt to Hiram W. Dawson, both the amount and the date due no longer recalled. In doing so, he used a parcel of land containing 7¼ acres in Nelson County, adjoining the lands of John Bryant and others, situated near the base of the Rocky Mountain on the west side thereof; and also the following personal estate: 1300 weight of pork, 11 head of cattle and their increase, twenty head of sheep and their increase; 31 head of hogs and their further increase; crops of corn and oats now on hand, and crop of wheat now sowed and growing; one two-horse wagon, plantation tools of every description, and all the household and kitchen furniture; and also a debt due from the estate of Hardin Perkins, and one other debt due by execution from **Joseph Kidd Jr.**, in the hands of John H. Wingfield. Alexander Kidd signed this instrument, and it was admitted into Nelson County Court record the same day.³¹⁵

A 22 May 1848 record of the tracts of land sold by the Sheriff due to non-payment of taxes included one belonging to **Joseph Kidd** (according to an index entry naming him as one of the parties involved).³¹⁶ [Note: I searched very hard to find the name of Joseph Kidd in this 4-page record, and never found it. This could be for Joseph Kidd Sr. who died ca 1845.]

- 1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a strong family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW³¹⁷

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW³¹⁸ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

³¹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:270.

³¹⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:436-437.

³¹⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:183-4.

³¹⁶ Nelson County, VA Deed Book DB 12:334-337.

³¹⁷ Cannot read or write.

³¹⁸ Ibid

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA

" , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

1850 – On 2 November 1850, **Joseph Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow, as follows: **Joseph Kidd** was entitled by his intermarriage with Mary, his wife, to an estate held in trust under the will of William Johnson, dec'd. for the sole use of Mary Bryant, wife of the late John Bryant for life, and after her death to her children, the said Mary being one of them. Both John Bryant and his widow Mary were dead, and her estate passed to her three living children, namely Mary, the wife of Joseph Kidd, Nelson Bryant, and William Bryant, and to their children.

This deed names the living children of **Joseph and Mary (Bryant) Kidd** as Pauline, James, Martha Jane, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Franklin, and Joseph Kidd.

Joseph Kidd signed this deed, and it was admitted into court the same date.³¹⁹

In this Deed of Trust, **Joseph Kidd** grants to Charles Perrow his interest in his wife's share of this estate, free from demand or claim of Joseph Kidd. This suggests that the trustee was appointed to keep Mary Ann Bryant Kidd's inheritance intact for her benefit and the benefit of her children, without it falling into the hands of her husband. Despite this, Perrow soon turned over control of the inherited land to Joseph Kidd.

1851 – On 28 January 1851, Charles Perrow, trustee for Mary Kidd and her children in the above Deed of Trust dated 20 November 1850, wishing to relieve himself of the burden of the above trust, and with Mary Bryant Kidd's consent, transfers the trustee role to her husband **Joseph Kidd**. This record names their children as "Paulina Jones, Martha Jane, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Franklin, and Joseph Kidd." Mary's mother's estate consisted of "the tract of land which belonged to the trust estate of Mary Bryant, dec'd, taken by an agreement with Nelson Bryant and William Bryant, who are to deed to the trustee their interest in said land, they claiming two-thirds thereof...."

³¹⁹ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:114-115 (scanned images as below).

Joseph Kidd and Charles Perrow both signed this deed, and it was admitted to record the same day.³²⁰

Note: It appears that Mary Ann Bryant Kidd's brothers Nelson and William Bryant took their share of their mother's estate from the "perishable" estate items, and in exchange are ceding to Mary and her husband Joseph the real estate their mother inherited.

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovingston P.O., p. 855, HH 1220:

Kidd, Jos. 49MW Farmer \$1000/500 Nelson [all born in Nelson County]

- " , Mary 48FW Nelson
- " , Paulina 24FW Nelson
- " , James 22MW farmer Nelson
- " , Martha J. 20FW Nelson
- " , Joseph 12MW Nelson
- " , Nelson 10MW Nelson
- " , Mary 8FW Nelson
- " , Julia A. 6FW Nelson

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovingston township and P.O., p. 10, HH 72/81:

Kidd, Joseph 57MW farmer \$1000/235 VA

- " , Mary Ann 57FW keeping house VA
- " , Perlina 33FW at home VA
- " , James S. 32MW farm laborer VA
- " , Martha J. 30FW at home VA
- " , Joseph 21MW farm laborer VA
- " , Nelson 19MW farm laborer VA
- " , Mary 17MW at home VA
- " , Juliana 13FW at home VA

1880 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovingston district, ED 111, sheet 14B, enumerated 8 June 1880 (the census taker was W.J. Kidd), HH 125:

Kidd, Joseph Sr. WM 66M farmer VA VA VA

- " , Mary A. WF 64M wife keeps house cannot read or write VA
- " , Paulina WF 43S dau at home cannot write VA
- " , James H. WM 41S son farm laborer cannot write VA
- " , Martha WF 40S dau at home cannot write VA
- " , Nelson WM 28S son farm laborer cannot write VA

[In 1900, James H. and Nelson are still single and living in the same HH.]

Two doors away in 1880, HH 127 is Joseph H. and Mary Ann's son Joseph and his family:
Kidd, Joseph Jr. WM 31M farmer cannot read or write VA VA VA

- " , Ellen WF 23M wife housekeeping cannot write VA VA VA
- " , George MW 2S son VA VA VA
- " , Thomas MW 1S son VA VA VA

³²⁰ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:148-149 (scanned images available in the Nelson Co. Deeds folder on Dropbox.
See also https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1850-007

- 1887 – Joseph H. Kidd’s wife Mary died on 3 May 1887 in Nelson County of dropsy at the age of 70y 10m 4d. Joseph was the informant. This record states that she was born in Nelson County, but lists the names of her parents as unknown.³²¹
- 1891 – **Joseph H. Kidd** died in Nelson County, VA on 8 May 1891.³²² His death record lists his age at death as 75 years, and names his parents as “Jos. & Mary Kidd.” The informant was his son Jas Kidd. (The index of Nelson County deaths on Ancestry lists Joseph as “Jas. W. Kidd,” and has Joseph H.’s father’s name as “Jas.” However, looking at the actual record, this is indeed Joseph H., and the abbreviation for his father’s name is “Jos.,” not Jas. His mother was named Ann (Nancy), not Mary.

JUDA/JUDITH SAUNDERS KIDD, likely the wife of John Kidd

Born ca 1787 in Virginia

Married John Kidd in 1813 in Nelson County

Died sometime after the 1860 federal census, date and place unknown

- 1813 – John Kidd married **J. Saunders** in Nelson County on 12 July 1813. The bondsman was William C. Kidd.³²³ The bride was apparently **Juda/Judith Saunders**; the 1873 death record of Lucinda Kidd Vest names her parents as “John & Juda Kidd.”³²⁴
- 1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a strong family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW³²⁵

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

[Her age is incorrect and was closer to 65. This appears to be the Judith/Juda Saunders who married John Kidd in 1813 in Nelson County; if so, her age was recorded incorrectly in 1850.]

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW³²⁶ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

³²¹ Nelson County Death Registers, 1853-1896, retrieved from FHL #2048577, image 635 of 688 (Restricted access) via familysearch.org.

³²² Nelson Co. Deaths, 1853-1896, found on FHL #2048577, Item 3, via familysearch.org – image 656; image stored in the Nelson Co. Deaths subfolder on Dropbox.

³²³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40. A scan of this record is available in the Nelson Co. Source Documents folder, Marriages subfolder.

³²⁴ An image of this death record can be found in the Nelson Co. Death Records subfolder on Dropbox.

³²⁵ Cannot read or write.

³²⁶ Ibid.

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA

" , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, **Judith Kidd** is listed in the household of Prettyman [Pittman?] Saunders:

HH 1160

Saunders, Prettyman 65MW farmer VA CROW³²⁷

Kidd, Judith 73FW VA CROW

Lucinda Vest 41FW VA CROW

Louisa Vest 7FW VA

The death register for Lucinda Vest, who died 25 December 1873 near Craigsville in Augusta County, VA, gives her parents as **John and Juda Kidd** and her husband as Joel Vest. The informant was her son-in-law W.P. [Wilson P.] Sutler.

JURIAH/JERIAH KIDD, widow of John Norman Kidd of Albemarle and Amherst Counties, VA

Born before/by 1766, died unknown

1795 – The will of John Norman Kidd of Amherst County, VA, written 9 Feb 1795 and proved in court 20 July 1795, names his wife **Juriah Kidd** and his two daughters Ruth and Amy/Anny, and names his wife Juriah Kidd and brother William Kidd as administrators.³²⁸

1799 – **Jeriah Kidd** was a witness to a 1799 Deed of Trust from Jno. Kesterson of Amherst to Joseph Shelton of Amherst, for debt due to William Turner of Amherst, 90 acres on North fork of Davis Creek, bounded by Lee Harris dec'd, James McAlexander dec'd, Alex

³²⁷ Cannot read or write.

³²⁸ Amherst County, Virginia Will Book 3, pages 339-340, retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #30275, images 200-201 (unrestricted access).

McAlexander, and James Tharp. Other witnesses were Edward Thomas Toms and William Lee Harris.³²⁹ [Davis Creek is found in present-day Nelson County.]

1803 – The name **Jeriah Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs in this year only, with 1 white tithe and 3 horses (see below).³³⁰ We do not know the identity of this white tithe in her household.

Name	White Tithe	Horses	Total
William W. King	1	1	12
William Kidd	1	1	12
Jeriah Kidd ←	1	3	36
James Kidd	1	1	12
Jacob King	1		
Mary King	1	2	24
John King	1	1	12
Leah or Leah King	1	1	12
Rubens Kidd	1		
Mary Kidd	2	2	24
TOTAL	11	12	144

1807 – Anny W. Kidd, daughter of **Jeriah Kidd**, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.³³¹

According to another abstract of this marriage record, **Jeriah Kidd** was listed as a widow when she witnessed this marriage (this abstract also interpreted the bride's name as "Anney W. Kidd). The surety witness was W. Kidd.³³² [This may be William Kidd, uncle of the bride.]

1810 – On the federal census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:³³³

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

We found no further records for Juriah/Jeriah Kidd.

³²⁹ *The deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1979, p. 343, citing DB H, p. 488.

³³⁰ Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1782-1803, retrieved from FHL #2024457, image 582 of 615, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³³¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

³³² *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Mineatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1985, p. 2K.

³³³ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA."

JURIAH/JERIAH KIDD SUTLER, most likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy) Johnson³³⁴

Born about 1796, probably in Albemarle County

Married George W. Sutler in Nelson County on 18 December 1819

Died after 1880

Referred to as “Aunt Babe” in the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950). See that journal for more information.

1819 – A marriage license was granted to George W. Sutler and “**J. Kidd**” in Nelson County. The bondsman was John Martin, and they were married by James Boyd on 18 December 1819.³³⁵

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A; adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity supports a family relationship, and many of these individuals are the children of Joseph Kidd Sr.:

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW³³⁶ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

HH 126

Lebrick, Nancy 30FW VA CROW

“ , John N. 7MW VA

“ , James D. 5MW VA

“ , Angelina 3FW VA

“ , William 1MW VA

HH 127

Sutler, J. [Juriah] 57FW VA

“ , Asa 17MW VA

“ , Charles 16MW VA

“ , Wilson 14MW VA

“ , Nancy 12FW VA

³³⁴ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

³³⁵ FHL #32734, item 3 (Nelson County Marriage register 1808-1878 original copy), page 13, retrieved from familysearch.org by RK on Nov. 22, 2017. Digital image available, stored in the Nelson Co. Marriages subfolder on Dropbox.

³³⁶ Ibid.

“ , Lucinda 9FW VA

Note: The mortality schedule for the 1850 Nelson County, VA, census shows that Juriah’s husband Washington Sutler, age 52 years and a married farmer, died in September of 1849.

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA

" , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson in Nelson County, **Juriah Sutler**, age 54, is listed with daughter Mary and son Wilson.

1868 – The Nelson County marriage record for her son Wilson P. Sutler lists his parents as Geo. W. and **Juriah Sutler**.³³⁷

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA, **Juriah Sutler** is living alone. Nearby are her son Wilson P. and his family, Joseph and Elizabeth Craig and their family, and Robert N. Kidd Jr. and his family.

1880 – **Juriah Sutler** is on the federal census in Nelson County, living with her son Wilson Sutler and his family and listed as his widowed mother.

We have not found a death record for Juriah.

LANDON KIDD, the son of Alexander Kidd Sr. and Charity Willoughby

Born 10 June 1831 in Nelson County

Married Ann Maria Bryant in 1866

Died 10 April 1915 in Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia

1831 – Born 10 June 1831, according to his tombstone inscription.³³⁸

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).³³⁹

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd

³³⁷ *Virginia Select Marriages, 1785-1940* on Ancestry.com. The transcription of this record lists her name as “Uriah” but her name looks like Juriah (though quite faded) to me. Digital image found on familysearch.org, on FHL #32734, Item 4 – Register of Nelson Co. Marriages, 1854-1926, image 334 of 626. [Item 4 begins on image 313 of this data set.] Retrieved by RK at SPL 26 Nov 2017. Image stored in Nelson Co. Marriages folder AND Albemarle Co. Marriages folder.

³³⁸ www.findagrave.com, Memorial # 18089286

³³⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, **Landon**, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1848-1850 – **Landon Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County VA PPTLs in 1848, paying one WMT and taxed on 1 horse. He's taxed the same in 1849. In 1850 (the last year of the Nelson County PPTLs that we've examined), he pays only his own tithe, and is not taxed on a horse.

1848 – On 1 January 1848, Alexander Kidd of Nelson County, "being embarrassed by his present circumstances, and his two sons **Landon Kidd** and Alexander Kidd Jr. having heretofore lived with him and worked for him, and the proceeds of their labor being at any time to be taken for the father's debts without leaving a support for the said sons Landon and Alexander Jr., and whereas the said Landon and Alexander are now competent to support and maintain themselves, and are desirous of having the proceeds of their own labor secured unto themselves, to maintain and support themselves," hereby release Landon and Alexander Kidd Jr. to keep the proceeds of their labor from their father or anyone else. Alexander signed the deed, and was able to write. The deed was admitted into record this same date.³⁴⁰

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 223B, HH 49:

Kidd, Alexander 58MW farmer \$1400 b. Amherst County

" , Charity 53FW b. Amherst County

" , **Landon** 19MW carpenter Nelson County

" , Alexander 14MW Nelson County

" , Elizabeth 12FW Nelson County

" , Caroline 19FW Nelson County

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Virginia, Lovingson P. O., page 22, HH 160, in the household of George A. Bolton and his family:

Landon R. Kidd 29WM Carpenter b. VA

1866 – On 4 December 1866, **Landon H. Kidd** married Ann Mar[ia] Bryant in Nelson County, VA.³⁴¹ This record names Landon's parents as Alex and Charity Kidd and the bride's parents as William and Lourana Bryant.

1870 – We are unable to find him on the 1870 federal census.

Landon Kidd moved to Front Royal in Warren County, VA where he is found on the 1880, 1900, and 1910 censuses and where he is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery under the inscription "Landon Reives Kidd, 10 Jun 1831, 10 Apr 1915, Co C, 19th VA Infantry, Confederate Army." His death record does not list his parents by name but notes all were born in Nelson County.

LEROY KIDD(s) (at least two)

³⁴⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:182.

³⁴¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

**LEROY KIDD – the son of Hudson P. Kidd, based on the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin.
Born about 1809, presumably in Nelson County.
Not found in Nelson County after 1833**

1827-1833 – **Leroy Kidd** appears sporadically on the Nelson County, VA PPTLS during these years, as outlined in the Table below. Despite this, he does not appear on the 1830 federal census in Nelson County by name.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1827	24-Apr	Leroy	1		
1828	20-May	Leroy	1		
1832	17-Mar	Leroy ?			
1833	13-Mar	Leroy			

No further records have been found for him in Nelson County, Virginia.

Lorena Kidd Goodwin’s journal records that Leroy Kidd migrated west with his uncle William C. Kidd, and that he stopped in eastern Tennessee (while the others in the covered wagon train moved on to Kentucky) and that he died in Knox County, TN in 1887.³⁴²

**LEROY ANDERSON KIDD, the son of William H. and Mary Kidd
Born October 1836 in Nelson County, VA
Married 1) Ann Hunt Kidd Woody in 1866 and 2) Catherine Wells in 1899
Died 25 June 1918 in Amherst County, VA**

William H. Kidd was either the eldest or the second son of Hudson P Kidd, depending upon where we place the earlier Leroy. The fact that William H. named a son Leroy Anderson may suggest that his son was the namesake of William H.’s older brother.

1836 – **Leroy Anderson Kidd** was born in October 1836 in Nelson County, according to his death certificate (see below).

1850 – **Leroy Anderson Kidd** is listed on the federal census in the HH of his parents Wm. H. and Mary A. Kidd, page 233, HH 195/195. On this census, he is misindexed as Lucy, but the original clearly reads Leroy A. Kidd, Male, aged 12.

1866 – **Leroy A. Kidd** married Mrs. Annie H. (Kidd) Woody on 7 January 1866 in Nelson County, VA.³⁴³ This marriage record names his parents as William H. and Mary Kidd. His wife was the widow of Richard Woody, whom she married 20 Dec. 1850 in Nelson County, VA.³⁴⁴ She was the daughter of Robert. J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin.

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, in Lovingson township, page 314, HH 46/50: Kidd, Robt. N. 26MW Farm Manager b. VA CROW
“ , Lucinda 15FW Keeping House VA CROW
“ , Samuel 6/12F (sic) W Keeping house (sic) VA b. prior December

³⁴² See Leroy Kidd’s entry in the Taylor Fowle Thornberry Family tree on Ancestry.com: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23614830/person/13328688913/facts>

³⁴³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

³⁴⁴ See her notes in our Nelson Co. VA Kidds tree on Ancestry for source information.

Family #51:

Kidd, Leroy 33MW Farm Manager VA CROW

“ , Hannah H. 33FW Keeping house VA evidently CAN read and write

“ , Melvin? P. 2MW at home VA

“ , Vernard? 1MW at home VA

Woody, Emma 15FW at home VA

“ , Amanda 12FW at home VA

“ , William G. 10MW at home VA

“ , John M. 9MW at home VA

“ , Bettie R. 7FW at home VA

[Also in this community and adjacent to Robert and Leroy are the families of Wilson Sutler³⁴⁵ and other families related to the Kidds:

HH 50/55)

Sutler, Wilson 34MW farm laborer \$0/0 VA CROW

“ , Louisa 17FW keeps house VA CROW

“ , Lafayette 1MW VA

Vest, Lucinda³⁴⁶ 54FW at home VA

HH 51/56)³⁴⁷

Craig, Joseph 28MW farmer (renter) VA CROW

“ , Lucy J 27FW keeping house VA CROW

“ , Mary C. 3FW VA

“ , Jophn W. 2MW VA

HH 53/58 (living alone)

Sutler, Juriah 84FW keeping house VA CROW

HH 54/59)³⁴⁸

Kidd, William 57MW Farmer \$1000/\$255 VA CROW

“ , Mary F. 60FW keeps house VA CROW

Coffey, Henry 24MW farm laborer VA CROW married within the year

“ , Sarah Jane 33FW at home VA married within the year

and HH 57/62)³⁴⁹

Kidd, Robert N. 51MW farmer \$1000/\$766 VA CROW

“ , Charlotte 41FW keeping house VA CROW

and their eight daughters

1880 – **Leroy Kidd**, his wife Anna H. and their children are on the federal census in the Lovingson district of Nelson County, Virginia, ED 111, page 18B.

³⁴⁵ He was the son of George Washington Sutler and his wife Jeriah Kidd, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr.

³⁴⁶ This is almost certainly Lucinda Kidd, the daughter of John and Juda/Judith Kidd, who married Joel Vest

³⁴⁷ Joseph Craig was the husband of Lucinda Sutler, the daughter of George Washington Sutler and his wife Jeriah Kidd.

³⁴⁸ He is almost surely William H. Kidd, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and grandson of William Kidd Sr.

³⁴⁹ This is Robert N. Kidd, the 3rd son of Hudson P. Kidd and grandson of William Kidd Sr.

- 1899 – The 1899 Amherst County marriage record for **Leroy A. Kidd**, who married Catherine Wells in Amherst County on 20 Dec. 1899, when he was 62 years old and widowed, names his parents as William H. and Mary Kidd.³⁵⁰ Catherine was the daughter of W.P. and Sarah Jane Wells; she was 40 years old and single at the time of this marriage.
- 1918 – **Leroy Anderson Kidd** died in Elon, Amherst County, VA on 25 June 1918, according to his death certificate.³⁵¹ It names his father as William H. Kidd and confirms his middle name of Anderson. It states that he was buried on “the Kidd farm.”

LUCINDA KIDD(s)

LUCINDA KIDD FOSTER, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy)

Johnson³⁵²

Born abt 1825, likely in Nelson County

Married James Foster in Nelson County in 1843

- 1843 – A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for James Foster and **Lucinda Kidd** on 20 Dec 1843. The bondsman was Charles Kidd. The wedding was performed the same day by Edward Thomas.³⁵³
- 1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a strong family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW³⁵⁴

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW³⁵⁵ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 25FW VA CROW [her age is listed as 75 on Ancestry, but this is in error; she is living with Nancy Kidd, widow of Joseph Sr., likely her mother

" , James 5MW VA

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

³⁵⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

³⁵¹ An image of his death certificate is available on Ancestry.com, on our Kidds of Nelson Co., VA tree there.

³⁵² See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

³⁵³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97. A digital image of this record was found and retrieved on Familysearch.org, FHL #32734, Item 3 – Nelson County Marriage Register, 1808-1878, image 228 of 626. It is stored in the Nelson Co. Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

³⁵⁴ Cannot read or write.

³⁵⁵ Ibid.

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper
" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer
" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer
" , Rhoda 13FW VA
" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA
" , Mary 33FW VA CROW
" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year
" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year
" , Martha 9FW VA
" , Nicholas 7MW VA
" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA
" , Joseph 1MW VA

[We were unable to find Lucinda after 1850; we searched for a marriage record for her (as Lucinda Foster) in Nelson County, thinking she might have married again, but found nothing.

LUCINDA KIDD VEST – the daughter of John and Juda/Judith Saunders Kidd
Born abt 1816, probably in Nelson County
Married Joel Vest in 1844 in Nelson County
Died 25 December 1873 in Augusta County, VA

1844 – A marriage bond for Joel Vest and **Lucinda Kidd** was issued in Nelson County on 24 November 1844. The bondsman was Eli Saunders [perhaps one of her mother's family].³⁵⁶

[Note: A Joel Vest married a Martha Kidd on 26 March 1834 in Nelson County. This may be the same Joel Vest who later married Lucinda Kidd in 1844.³⁵⁷]

1850 – We are unable to find Lucinda or Joel Vest on the 1850 census in Nelson County.

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, **Lucinda Vest** is listed in the household of Prettyman [Pittman?] Saunders along with her mother and daughter:

HH 1160
Saunders, Prettyman 65MW farmer VA CROW³⁵⁸
Kidd, Judith 73FW VA CROW
Lucinda Vest 41FW VA CROW
Louisa Vest 7FW VA

³⁵⁶ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

Copy of scanned record in Nelson Co., Marriages folder on Dropbox,, retrieved from FHL #32734, item 3, Marriage register 1808-1878 (original copy) (actually a list of mrg licenses issued from clerk's office; duplicates marriage registers 1808-1846 & 1847-1852), image 229.

³⁵⁷ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³⁵⁸ Cannot read or write.

1870 – She is on the federal census in the household of Wilson Sutler, in Lovingston, Nelson County, VA, page (stamped) 314, HH 50/55:
Sutler, Wilson 34MW farm laborer \$0/0 VA CROW
“ , Louisa 17FW keeps house VA CROW
“ , Lafayette 1MW VA
Vest, Lucinda 54FW at home VA

Living adjacent are Robert N. Kidd Jr., Leroy Kidd, Joseph Craig, and William Kidd and their families.

1873 – **Lucinda Kidd Vest** died 25 December 1873 in Craigsville, Augusta County, VA; the death register gives her parents as John and Juda Kidd and her husband as Joel Kidd. The informant for this record was W. P. [Wilson P.] Sutler, her son-in-law, the husband of her daughter Louisa.

LUCY KIDD(s)

LUCY (JOPLING) KIDD, the wife of James Kidd Sr. and the daughter of Martha Jopling and the grand-daughter of Ralph Jopling, who died in 1791³⁵⁹
Born by 1769 likely in Albemarle County, VA
Married James Kidd Sr. in 1790 in Albemarle County
Died ca 1836 in Nelson County

Their proven children, as named in Lucy Kidd's probate papers, were:³⁶⁰

Mary Ann Kidd (~1792, Amherst or Albemarle County – 1872, Bedford County)
William J. Kidd (~1793, Amherst County – 1857, Amherst County)
Coleman W. Kidd (~1795, VA – 1880, Lynchburg, Campbell County)
James P. Kidd (~1799, VA – bet. 1850-1860, Warren County, TN)
Robert J. Kidd (~1802, Amherst County – aft Feb 1886, probably Nelson County)
Jesse N. Kidd (~1809, Amherst County – bet. 1850-1860, probably in Nelson County)
Sarah A. Kidd (?? - ??) who married Robert Watkins

1790 – James Kidd and **Lucy Jopling** obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, VA on 29 December 1790. Bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy

³⁵⁹ This relationship is spelled out in Nelson Co. Chancery Case 1849-025, William Ball vs. John Jopling, etc.

This case is available online at http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025

William Ball was the executor of the estate of Ralph Jopling, and the administrator of the estate of Sally Ball. Some of Ralph Jopling's children died without offspring, and their shares were to go to the heirs of the other children of Ralph Jopling (there may be more components, but that's what it seems to me).

Lucy Jopling, the wife of James Kidd Sr., is one of those heirs. This document states in multiple locations that Lucy was not the daughter of Ralph Jopling, but was instead the daughter of Ralph's daughter Martha, prior to Martha's marriage to Michael Thomas (images 3, 25, and 53). As such, Lucy was entitled to part of Ralph Jopling's estate, and she received her share of her mother's share of this estate (images 48, 170).

Lucy Jopling Kidd is not mentioned in Ralph Jopling's will, although her mother Martha is.

³⁶⁰ All these children (except Sarah, whose husband is listed) are listed as heirs of Lucy Kidd, who died in 1836, and each of them received distributions from the lease and subsequent sale of a single female slave that she owned at her death.

gave her own consent [so she was aged 21 by this date]. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and John Kidd.³⁶¹

1834-1836 – **Lucy Kidd**, the widow of Revolutionary War soldier James Kidd of Nelson County, VA was granted a widow's pension of \$20 per month. The payments commenced on 4 Sept 1834 (suggesting that James Kidd had died by that time) and ended in March of 1836, suggesting that she had died by that date.³⁶²

1838 – On 27 November 1838, Coleman W. Kidd was appointed administrator of the estate of **Lucy Kidd**, deceased, to make a true and perfect inventory of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased. William J. Kidd and Herod B. Scott were Coleman Kidd's security, for a bond of \$1200.³⁶³

On 24 December 1838, C.W. Kidd presented the inventory and appraisal of the estate of **Lucy Kidd**, deceased to the Nelson County Court, "to wit, one negro slave named Judy, \$550." Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters certify that the appraisal was performed in conformity with the order of the County Court.³⁶⁴

Coleman W. Kidd subsequently sold the slave Judy on six months credit to Floyd S. Whitehead for \$615 on 9 Oct. 1840. His account was recorded in Court on 26 Oct. 1840.³⁶⁵

1841 – On 22 March 1841, the final account of the estate of **Lucy Kidd** was returned to the Nelson Co Court by Coleman W. Kidd. Ordered to be recorded 26 Apr 1841. Her seven heirs were Coleman W. Kidd, William J. Kidd, James P. Kidd, Robert J. Kidd, and Jesse N. Kidd, and Robert Watkins for his wife Sarah A. Kidd. Though the relationship is not explicitly stated, each heir received an equal share of \$75 and \$14.55. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave Judy that Lucy owned at the time of her death.³⁶⁶

As a result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling, Coleman W. Kidd also received a distribution of \$101.88 for his mother **Lucy Kidd**, representing Lucy's share of her mother Martha Jopling's inheritance from Martha's father, Ralph Jopling.³⁶⁷ This distribution appears to date from the early 1840s, after Lucy had died.

³⁶¹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

³⁶² See James Kidd's pension record, in [Appendix 3](#) of this paper.

³⁶³ Nelson Co VA Will Book E:322, retrieved from FHL #2047070, image 190 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁶⁴ Nelson Co VA Will Book F: 113, retrieved from FHL #2047070, item 2, image number 190, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁶⁵ Ibid, page 114, retrieved from FHL #2047070, item 2, image number 190, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁶⁶ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166, retrieved from FHL #2047070, item 2, image number 346, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Scanned image in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder.

³⁶⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, ETC 198 images

Includes the 1791 will of Ralph Jopling of AMHERST County (images 98-99)

This involves a dispute among the heirs of Ralph Jopling. William Ball was the executor of the estate of Ralph Jopling, and the administrator of the estate of Sally (Jopling) Ball, one of Ralph Jopling's daughters.

Some of Ralph Jopling's children died without offspring, and their shares were to go to the heirs of the other children (there may be more components, but that's what it seems to me).

Lucy Jopling, the wife of James Kidd is one of those heirs. This document states in multiple locations that Lucy was **not** the daughter of Ralph Jopling, but was instead the daughter of Ralph's daughter Martha, prior to Martha's

LUCY (WRIGHT) KIDD, the daughter of Andrew and Lucy (Childress) Wright
Born 15 May 1788 likely in Albemarle Co
Married Hudson P. Kidd on 31 January 1811 in Nelson County, VA
Died in Nelson County in July 1869

1788 – According to the family bible of Andrew and Lucy (Childress) Wright, Lucy Wright was born 15 May 1788.³⁶⁸

1811 – Hudson P. Kidd married **Lucy Wright** in Nelson County, VA on 31 January 1811.^{369, 370}
An abstract of this marriage record lists the bondsman as Andrew Wright.³⁷¹

1816 – **Lucy Kidd** is named in the 1816 Nelson County will of Andrew Wright as one of his daughters.³⁷² An 1854 Nelson County Chancery Court suit (1854-016) also names **Lucy Kidd**, formerly Lucy Wright, as one of Andrew Wright's daughters.³⁷³

1844 – On 21 May 1844, Lucy (Childress) Wright came into Nelson County Court and filed her declaration to apply for a widow's pension, for the service of her deceased husband, Andrew Wright as a private in the Virginia Militia during the Rev. War.³⁷⁴ In her application, she names two of her daughters as **Lucy Kidd** and Peggy Kidd, both of whom were still alive at the time. (p. 3). Part of the evidence cited in this application came from the family register of Benjamin Wright (the son of Andrew and Lucy Wright), said to have been copied from "another book" by "Mr. James Kidd" (relationship not stated) (p. 18). The marriage dates for both marriages of Andrew Wright are said to have been wrongly copied from the book of James Kidd (pp. 61-62).

[This is **Lucy Wright Kidd**, the wife of Hudson P. Kidd. And Peggey is Margaret (Wright) Kidd, the wife of Pleasant M. (Micajah) Kidd. See their sections in this compilation.]³⁷⁵

On 30 May 1844, Benjamin Wright of Nelson Co VA, son of Revolutionary War soldier Andrew Wright and Lucy Childress, testified in his mother's widow's pension application and produced leaves taken from his parents' Bible family record: **Lucy Wright**, b. 15 May 1788, m. 31 Jan 1811, and Peggy J., b. 30 May 1801, are listed among the children of Andrew and Lucy Wright.³⁷⁶

marriage to Michael Thomas (images 3, 25, and 53). As such, Lucy was entitled to part of Ralph Jopling's estate, and she received her share of her mother's share of this estate (images 48 & 107).

This is a GREAT resource for Jopling descendants

³⁶⁸ From Rev. War Pension Records on Fold3.com: pension claim of Andrew Wright, W6587, page 16 of 69.

³⁶⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

³⁷⁰ From Rev. War Pension Records on Fold3.com: pension claim of Andrew Wright, W6587, page 19 of 69.

³⁷¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

³⁷² *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. An Abstract of Will Book A, with full index*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1964, p. 497.

³⁷³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

³⁷⁴ *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters*: Pension Application of Andrew Wright, W6587, found at <http://revwarapps.org/w6587.pdf>.

³⁷⁵ From Rev. War Pension Records on Fold3.com, pension claim of Andrew Wright, W6587 (pp. 3, 18, 22, 23, 54, 61, 62 among the images there).

³⁷⁶ *Amberst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, p. 187, citing pension application of Lucy Wright, widow of Andrew Wright, by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998.

1848 – Lucy (Childress) Wright, the widow of Andrew Wright, died on 16 September 1848 in Nelson County, VA.³⁷⁷

1850 – On 18 May 1850, Benjamin Wright of Nelson Co VA filed an affidavit supporting this application, stating that his mother's named heirs are Benjamin, Anna, Esther M., Polley Wright, **Lucy Kidd**, Elizabeth Fortune, Matilda Woody, Melinda Griffith, and Peggey Kidd.³⁷⁸

On the 1850 federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 260A, are two households containing Kidds. We have included the entire group here because their proximity suggests the likelihood of kinship.

HH 576

Kidd Robert N. 31MW farmer VA

" , Charlotte 22FW VA

" , Isabella 5FW VA

" , Couney(?) 3FW VA (could be 'Coriney')

" , Ellen 6/12FW VA

HH 577

Kidd, Lucy 60FW VA

" , Lucy A. 20FW VA

" , Daniel 18MW laborer VA

" , Ann 5FW VA

In the next household is Benjamin Wright, brother of Lucy Wright Kidd.

1860 – On the 1860 census of Nelson Co VA, p 713, **Lucy Kidd**, aged 71, is living in a household headed by Daniel P. Kidd, aged 27, an overseer. Also in the household is Ann Kidd, aged 13.

1869 – **Lucy (Wright) Kidd** died in Nelson County in July of 1869 at the age of 83; she was a widow at the time of her death, born in VA, and the cause of death was "consumption," according to her entry on the 1870 census mortality schedule.³⁷⁹

In the 1870 Nelson Co VA census, p. 315b, Daniel P. Kidd is living alone, with no Lucy or Ann in his household.

**LUCY (HAMLETT) KIDD, the wife of William C. Kidd and daughter of Archer and Susanna Hamlett of Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia
Born abt 1788 in Virginia³⁸⁰**

³⁷⁷ *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters* : Pension Application of Andrew Wright, W6587, found at <http://revwarapps.org/w6587.pdf> (page 3), citing an affidavit given in Nelson County on 18 May 1850 by Lunsford Loving.

³⁷⁸ *Amherst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, p. 186, citing pension application of Lucy Wright, widow of Andrew Wright, by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998.

³⁷⁹ *The Virginia Genealogist*, vol. 32, p. 18, 1988.

³⁸⁰ Judging from her age on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses.

**Married William C. Kidd in 1811 in Nelson County, Virginia
Died in Green County, Kentucky in January 1880**

- 1811 – W. C. Kidd married **Lucy Hamlett** on 17 October 1811 in Nelson County, VA.³⁸¹
Another abstract of this record names the bondsman as W. Hamblett, and spells the bride's surname as Hamblett.³⁸²
- 1815 – On 22 May 1815, William Hamlet, John Hamlet, William Kidd (William J. Kidd, husband of Susannah Hamlet), William C. Kidd (husband of **Lucy Hamlett**), Frances/Francis Hamlet, and Jesse Wood (husband of Nancy Hamlet) executed a deed of release to Susannah Hamlet, widow of Archer Hamlet, in which they quit-claimed their right and title to slaves willed to them by Susannah's deceased husband Archer. (See also 1819 deed below.)
By the last will and testament of Archer Hamlet, signed 29 Sept 1795 and proved in court in Amherst County on 1 February 1796,³⁸³ his widow Susannah Hamlet was entitled to retain for her natural life certain slaves. These slaves at her decease or marriage were then to be distributed equally among his heirs. This deed of release was admitted to record in Nelson County court the same day.³⁸⁴
- 1819 – On October 14, 1819, “Susanna Hamlett of the County of Nelson (late Amherst), widow and relict of Archer Hamlett, dec’d., for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my children Fanny (who intermarried with John Wright), William, Thomas, **Lucy (who intermarried with William C. Kidd)**, John, (and) Susanna (who intermarried with William J. Kidd) Hamlet by my late husband, Archer Hamlet, dec’d, and Archer, Eliza and Fanny, children of my late daughter Nancy who intermarried with Jesse Woods, and for the further consideration of five dollars to me in hand paid”...conveyed for and during her natural life several slaves – a negro woman named Alice, a negro man Patrick, a negro man named Major, a negro man Micael (sic), a negro boy Spotswood, (and) a negro girl Mourning, “they being devised to me by the last will and testament of my said deceased husband, Archer Hamlet. Susanna Hamlett signed this deed, witnessed by J. Garland and C. W. Kidd. The same day it was proved in Nelson County Court by the oaths of “James Garland and W. C. Kidd,” the two subscribing witnesses, and recorded.³⁸⁵
- 1836 – William C. Kidd and his wife **Lucy** are among the defendants in Nelson County Chancery suit titled William J. Kidd & wife vs. Heirs of Archer Hamblett.
In this brief record, William J. Kidd & Susanna his wife, plts vs. **William C. Kidd and Lucy his wife**, Arthur Wood, Sally Wood, and Frances Wood, Defts } In Chancery. These individuals were the heirs of Archer Hamblett, deceased.
Page 2 is a court declaration dated 22 Dec 1828, in which Wilson Peters is appointed commissioner to sell the land that is the basis of this suit, so that the proceeds can be distributed among the heirs.³⁸⁶

³⁸¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

³⁸² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

³⁸³ Scanned images of Archer Hamlett's will and other estate records can be found in the Amherst Co. Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

³⁸⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

³⁸⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁸⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

1841 – In 1841, William C. Kidd and his wife **Lucy** are named in a Nelson County Chancery suit, in which Thomas Hamlet, the son of Archer Hamlet, is the plaintiff in the suit over the estate of his deceased father, whose will was recorded in Amherst County. Archer left a widow, Susanna, and the following children as his heirs: Thomas; William; John; Fanny, who intermarried with John Wright; **Lucy, who intermarried with William C. Kidd**; and Susanna, who intermarried with William J. Kidd.

This case was initiated in 1820, and carried on until 1841, concerning the division of Archer Hamlet's considerable estate. But no other substantive information about the Kidds is found in this record.³⁸⁷

1850 – There is a William C. Kidd (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as RIDD) on the federal census in Green County, Kentucky (District No. 1), p. 91A:

HH 165

Kidd, William C. 62MW farmer \$0 VA

" , **Lucy** 60FW VA

HH 166

Kidd, Alexander C. 25MW farmer \$100 VA

" , Mahalia 22FW Green County, KY

" , William B. 3MW " " "

" , Clarinda A. 3/12FW " "

HH 167

Kidd, William M. 32MW farmer \$75 VA

" , Malinda 31FW Green County

" , Albert 11MW " "

" , Louesa I. (or J.) 10FW " "

" , Martha A. 8WF b. Green County, KY

" , Mary F. 6FW b. Green County

" , Eliza A 4FW " "

" , Lucy M. 2FW "

1858 – William C. Kidd drops from the Barren County, KY tax lists.

1860 – It appears that William C. died prior to 1860, when **Lucy Kidd** is listed on the 1860 federal census, living in another household in District 1 of Barren County, KY, Glasgow P.O., page 52 (handwritten), HH #346:

Elija Devanport 26MW laborer b. KY

Fanny C. " 24FW KY

Martha J. " 7FW KY

Tom Jones " 4MW KY

Lucy Kidd 72FW VA

Her son Alex C. Kidd is also living in this district and P. O. page 29, HH 198 with his wife and children.

1870 – **Lucy Kidd** is found on the 1870 federal census in Green County, KY, District 3, Ocoola P.O., in the household of her son Alexander and his family, page 470A, HH 203/207. She's listed as 83 years of age, born in Virginia.

³⁸⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

1880 – According to the mortality schedule of the 1880 federal census for Green County, **Lucy A. Kidd** died in January of 1880; her age at death is listed as 92 years, and the cause of death is listed “burned to death.”

MALINDA (KIDD) KIDD, the wife of Charles Kidd, and daughter of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright
Born in 1815 in Nelson County
Married Charles Kidd, son of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy) Johnson, in 1835
Died in Nelson County in 1886
[See Charles Kidd’s section.]

1835 – On 21 December 1835, Charles Kidd married **Malinda Kidd** in Albemarle Co VA.³⁸⁸
A “Jno. Kidd” attested as to the age of Malinda Kidd for this marriage bond.
Both John Kidd and Charles Kidd signed this bond with an X.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 239A, HH 268:

Kidd, Charles 36MW overseer \$0 VA

" , **Malinda** 31FW VA

" , Harriett 12FW VA

" , Nicholas 10MW VA

" , Coleman 8MW VA

" , Clifton 6MW VA

" , Victoria 4FW VA

" , Tucker 3MW VA

" , Rosa 1FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 741 (handwritten), Lovingson P.O., HH 386 :

Kidd, Charles 44MW farmer \$0/50 Nelson, VA CROW

" , **Malinda** 42FW Nelson, VA

" , Richard 20MW Nelson, VA (we believe this is Joseph Nicholas, per other censuses)

" , Coleman 16MW Nelson, VA

" , Clifford 15MW Nelson, VA

" , Elizabeth 13FW Nelson, VA

" , Rosa 10FW Nelson, VA

" , Tucker 8MW Nelson, VA

" , Mary 3FW Nelson, VA

" , Archy 1MW Nelson, VA

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovingson P.O., p. 317, HH 95/104 :

Kidd, Charles 55MW farmer (renter) \$0/140 VA CROW

" , **Malinda** 53FW Keeping house VA CROW

" , Coleman 30MW farm laborer VA CROW

" , Tucker, 22MW farm laborer VA CROW

" , Mary 13FW at home VA CROW

³⁸⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com. Images of this marriage bond can be found in the Albemarle Co. Shared Folder > Nelson Marriages subfolder; captured from FHL #1889164, Marriage bonds, 1834-1836, image 131, retrieved from familysearch.org on 22 November 2017 by RK.

- " , Elizabeth 27FW at home VA CROW
- " , Alice 2FW at home VA (possibly the daughter of Elizabeth)
- " , Annie 11/12 at home VA (b July 1859)

1870 – D. T. Kidd, son of Charles and **Malinda Kidd**, died of a fever in Nelson County on November 24, 1870.³⁸⁹

1880 – Charles, age 65, and **Malinda**, 62, and five of their children are again on the federal census in Nelson County, VA.

1886 – The Nelson County death register records that **Malinda Kidd** died on 12 August 1886 in Nelson County, of cancer, at the age of 71y 4m 10d.³⁹⁰ This makes her calculated date of birth 2 April 1815.

This record names her parents as “Hutson (mis-indexed on Ancestry as “Kitson”) & Lucy Kidd.” The informant for this death record was her husband Charles H. Kidd.

MARTHA KIDD VEST, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr. & his wife Ann (Nancy) Johnson³⁹¹
Date of birth uncertain
Married Joel Vest in Nelson County in 1834
Likely died before 1844

1834 – A marriage bond was issued for Joel Vest and **Martha Kidd** on 23 March 1834. The bondsman was Joseph Kidd and the minister was Henry Payton, who performed the wedding on 26 May 1834.³⁹²

[Note: A marriage bond for Joel Vest and Lucinda Kidd was issued in Nelson County on 24 November 1844. This may be the same Joel Vest who earlier married Martha Kidd].³⁹³

MARTHA KIDD CARTER, parents unknown
Married Thomas C. Carter in Nelson County in 1835
No further information

1835 – A marriage bond for Thomas C. Carter and **Martha Kidd** was issued in Nelson County on 12 January 1835. The bondsman was William Burford.³⁹⁴

³⁸⁹ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, image 550, reviewed at Bellevue, WA FHC on October 25, 2017.

³⁹⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deaths, 1853-1896, retrieved from FHL #2048577, item 3 (restricted access), image 630 of 688, via the Bellevue, WA Family History Center. Digital image of this record is available upon request.

³⁹¹ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

³⁹² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³⁹³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.
Copy of scanned record in Nelson Co., Marriages, retrieved from FHL #32734, item 3, Marriage register 1808-1878 (original copy) (actually a list of mrg licenses issued from clerk's office; duplicates marriage registers 1808-1846 & 1847-1852), image 229.

³⁹⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97. Copy of scanned record in Nelson Co., retrieved from FHL #32734, item 3, Marriage register 1808-1878 (original copy) (actually a list of mrg licenses issued from clerk's office; duplicates marriage registers 1808-1846 & 1847-1852), image 225.

This marriage is recorded in the Carter Family Bible as occurring on 20 January 1835. A transcription of the entries in this bible are available online via the Library of Virginia's Archives and Manuscripts division.³⁹⁵

MARY ANN KIDD, the daughter of James and Lucy (Jopling) Kidd
Born abt 1792, likely in Albemarle or Amherst County, VA
Married (1) John Lankford in Nelson County in 1816; m (2) Guttridge Lyon in Nelson County in 1834
Died 13 May 1872 in Bedford County, VA

1816 – On 7 Sept 1816, a marriage license for J.D. Lankford and **M.A. Kidd** was issued in Nelson County. The security was **James Kidd**, and the minister was John Shepherd, who performed the wedding on the following day.³⁹⁶

It is noteworthy that the same minister performed the marriage of Robert N. Kidd and A(gnes) Willoughby a month earlier, on June 9, 1816.³⁹⁷

1816-1831 – a John Lankford (sometimes spelled Langford, and sometimes with the middle initial of D.) appears almost annually on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs from 1816 (the first year of these records that we checked) through 1831,³⁹⁸ then drops from these tax lists and does not reappear. From this we surmise that he died by the spring of 1832.

This John Lankford's entries on the PPTLs were modest at best, often taxed only for his own poll tax, and one horse.

We've been unable to find him on the Nelson County federal census in either 1820 or 1830. There is a John Langford on the 1830 census, but this man had a large household, including eighteen enslaved persons, and is unlikely to be "our" John D. Lankford.

We are not aware of any children born to John D. Lankford/Langford and Mary Ann Kidd .

1834 – On 29 May 1834, a license for the marriage of Guthridge Lyon and **Mary A. Lankford** was issued in Nelson County, VA. The security for this license was "Ro. Watkins" (almost certainly the husband of Mary Ann's older sister, Sarah A. Kidd, who married Robert Watkins in 1828 in Nelson County). The marriage was performed the same day by Edward L. Warren.³⁹⁹

This **Guttridge Lyon** married first Polley Melton on 27 February 1808 in Amherst County, VA. The bride's father is listed as John Melton. James Lyon was security, and N. Vanstavern was the witness to this marriage license.⁴⁰⁰

³⁹⁵ <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/BibleII/38333/index.html> Bible Record Image

³⁹⁶ Nelson County (Virginia) Marriage Register, 1808-1876, page 9, retrieved from FHL #32734, image 191 of 626 via familysearch.org (restricted access, FHCs only).

³⁹⁷ Ibid.

³⁹⁸ Nelson County, VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1809-1850, retrieved from FHL #1870172 (1809-1845) and FHL #1870173 (1846-1850) via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁹⁹ Nelson County (Virginia) Marriage Register, 1808-1876, page 32, retrieved from FHL #32734, image 214 of 626 via familysearch.org (restricted access, FHCs only). This register recorded only the names of the bride and groom, with no indication as to their prior marital status, residence, etc.

⁴⁰⁰ Amherst County, VA Marriage Register, 1763-1853, page 209, retrieved from FHL #30273, image 496 of 786 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Polley evidently died by 1833 (and perhaps earlier), after which Guttridge married Mary A. (Kidd) Lankford.

1840 – In this year, **Mary Ann (Kidd) Lyon** and her siblings are named among the heirs of Ralph Jopling (their mother was Lucy Jopling, the wife of James Kidd) in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1840-003].⁴⁰¹

This case is a dispute among the heirs of Ralph Jopling over the right of property of a female slave named Britannia, and her increase, an issue unresolved by a prior court case in October of 1839, at which time the court ordered Charles Perrow and Henry T. Harris, commissioners for this purpose, to sell certain slaves....

p. 24 is a list of those parties with an interest in this estate, and among them:

"...William J. Kidd, Coleman W. Kidd, James P. Kidd, Robert J. Kidd, Jesse N. Kidd, **Guttridge Lyon and Mary A. his wife, formerly Mary Kidd**, Robert Watkins and Sarah his wife, formerly Sarah Kidd, and _____, heirs of John Thomas, dec'd. ..."

Also in 1840, Mary Ann (Kidd) Lyon is almost certainly the oldest of the females (see below) living in her husband's household, along with Guttridge and his younger children by his first marriage. And the youngest female is most likely Eliza B., Mary Ann and Guttridge's only known child.

Gertridge Lyon: 1MW 10-14, 1 15-19, 1 20-29 & 1 50-59; 1F <5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49. No enslaved people. Two in Agriculture.⁴⁰²

1841 – On 22 March 1841, the final account of the estate of **Lucy Kidd** was returned to the Nelson Co Court by Coleman W. Kidd. Ordered to be recorded 26 Apr 1841. Her seven heirs were Coleman W. Kidd, William J. Kidd, James P. Kidd, Robert J. Kidd, and Jesse N. Kidd, **Gutridge Lyon (on behalf of his wife Mary Ann)** and Robert Watkins for his wife Sarah A. Kidd. Though the relationship is not explicitly stated, each heir received an equal share of \$75. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave Judy that Lucy owned at the time of her death.⁴⁰³

1842 – On 10 May 1842, Robert I.⁴⁰⁴ Kidd was one of the witnesses to an **Amherst** County deed from **Gutridge Lyon to his wife Mary A. and daughter, Eliza Boyd Lyon...** for love and \$1.00, furniture to each, stock to daughter, interest in estate of parents, save debt due my brother James Lyon, Sally Lyon, and Harden Perkins. The other witnesses were J.C. and W.J. Lankford.⁴⁰⁵

1850 – We have been unable to find Guttridge, Mary A. or Eliza B. Lyon on the 1850 federal census. However, we know that they were in Nelson County from 1830 through 1850; Guttridge

⁴⁰¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1840-003

⁴⁰² 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA, page 65, line 12, viewed on Ancestry.com, image 45 of 68.

⁴⁰³ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166, retrieved from FHL #2047070, item 2, image number 346, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Scanned image in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder.

⁴⁰⁴ In this deed, Robert's middle initial is clearly a capital I, not J. Compare with other capital Js and Is in the deed.

⁴⁰⁵ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 291, citing DB Y, p. 184. Image retrieved from FHL #30295, image 103 (restricted access) via Familysearch.org at SPL. Image available upon request.

Lyon appears annually on the Nelson County PPTLs through 1850, the last year that we checked.⁴⁰⁶

1860 – We have been unable to find either Mary Ann (Kidd) Lyon or her daughter, Eliza, on the 1860 federal census.

Gutridge Lyon IS found on this census, living with the family of his son, Gutridge T. Lyon (Jr.), who is the manager of the Nelson County Poorhouse:

page 144, HH 1130, Murrills Shop Post Office:

G. T. Lyon 45MW Manager at Poorhouse \$1600/\$300 b. Nelson County, VA

Nancy N. “ 47FW Nelson

Nessolean S. 20MW “

Hibernia 18FW “

William “ 15MW “

Sarah Lee “ 11FW “

John R. “ 7MW “

Anner L. “ 5FW “

Guthridge Lyon 77MW (no occupation listed) b. Nelson

In all likelihood, he’s a pauper too, but that column is not marked.

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Forest Township, 1st District, Holcombe Rock P. O., page 140a, HH 119:

Chas. Monroe 27MW farm laborer \$0 real or personal estate VA

Eliza B. “ 32FW keeping house VA

Ella “ 1FW VA

Mary Lyon 80FW no occupation VA

1872 – **Mary Ann (Kidd) Lyon** died on 13 May 1872 in Bedford County, Virginia, where she’d been living with her daughter. Her age at death was 80 years, 4 months, 14 days, and the cause of her death was “old age.” The record lists her parents as “James & Lucy Kidd,” and lists her place of birth as Nelson County. This place of birth is not correct, because Nelson County was not created until 1808. It names her spouse as “G. Lyon, deceased.” The informant was her daughter, Eliza B. Monroe.⁴⁰⁷

Full disclosure: Another, different death record exists for Mary Ann Lyon.⁴⁰⁸ The second one differs from the first in three entries: the year of death (1873, rather than 1872); the name of her father (James P. Kidd, rather than James Kidd); and the given name of her husband (George, rather than G.) Both records are found in similar printed ledgers, and all other entries for her are identical.

We contacted the Archives Department of the Library of Virginia, and received this explanation:

“What you have are the county register and the state register (recorded from what was submitted by the county). In this case the county register (dated 1872) is correct, and the state register is misidentified. If you look at the state register (has the township and assessor name at top) and go to the page following the one with your

⁴⁰⁶ Nelson County, VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1809-1850, retrieved from FHL #1870172 (1809-1845) and FHL #1870173 (1846-1850) via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁰⁷ Bedford County, Virginia Death Registers, 1853-1897, retrieved from FHL #30600, image 249 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁰⁸ Bedford County, Virginia Death Registers, 1853-1897, retrieved from FHL #2056973, image 355 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

entry, you'll see that it was submitted in July 1873 for the deaths that occurred in 1872."⁴⁰⁹

We have found no other, later records pertaining to Mary Ann (Kidd) Lankford Lyon.

MOSES KIDD, husband of Milly Clark, and father of Zachariah, Moses Jr., and Harmon Kidd

Born by 1747 and probably by 1743⁴¹⁰; place of birth and names of parents unknown

Left records in five different central Virginia counties⁴¹¹

Married Milly Clark in 1768, likely in Goochland County

He probably died in Nelson County in 1809

His widow Milly and their three adult sons then moved to Knox County, Kentucky, appearing there on the 1810 federal census and 1810 Knox County tax list, and multiple subsequent Kentucky records.

Below are the only records this Moses Kidd and his son Zachariah Kidd left in Nelson County. See his section in our Albemarle and Amherst County publications for the compilation of all the records found for him in the multiple central Virginia counties.

1809 – A **Moses Kidd** appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1809. This is the first year for which these records are available (Nelson County was formed in 1807 and there was no tax statewide in 1808). He appears along with a Moses Kidd Jr. and a Zack Kidd (with one tithe and two horses).

All three men disappear from Nelson County, VA records after this entry, and do not appear in Nelson County on the PPTLs or the federal censuses through 1850.

1810 – In this year, Zachariah Kidd, Moses Kidd (Jr.), and Harmon Kidd appear for the first time on the tax list in Knox County, Kentucky.⁴¹²

Also in 1810, there are two Kidd households on the federal census in Knox County, KY, page 652, line 12:⁴¹³

Elias Kid – 1FWM 16-25 & 1 26-44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. One slave.

page 661, line 13:

Milly Kid – 1FWM<10, 2 16-25 & 1 26-44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>45. No slaves.

The three older males in Milly's HH are most likely her sons, Zachariah, Harmon and Moses, given the 1810 tax list (above).

⁴⁰⁹ Personal correspondence, Keven Shupe, Reference Archivist, Library of Virginia, 23 August 2022.

⁴¹⁰ Though not explicitly stated in his 1768 marriage record, he was likely at least 21 years of age at that time; the average age at marriage for males was more like 25 years old.

⁴¹¹ In chronological order, these were Goochland (1768), Albemarle (1768 -~1775), Fluvanna (1777-1782), back to Albemarle (1784-1786), Amherst (1788-1807), and Nelson (1808 counties). We are confident that all of these records belong to the same Moses Kidd, because he's never found in two or more counties at the same time, and because his son Zachariah is seen in the same counties.

⁴¹² FHL #8099, Knox County Kentucky Tax Books, 1800-1812, 1815-1831, 1833-1804, available on Familysearch.org, image 274 of 1149.

⁴¹³ An Elias Kidd had been in Knox Co. since 1807, and was there in 1810 (image 273); we believe this to be a coincidence, as Elias is a known descendant of the Kidds of Tazewell County, Virginia, and we know of no family connection between these two families at this time.

Given the above, we conclude that Moses Kidd Sr. died in the newly created Nelson County in 1809, and that his widow, Milly (Clark) Kidd and their three sons moved to Knox County, KY by the time of the 1810 federal census.

MOSES KIDD JR., son of Moses Kidd and Milly Clark

First found in Nelson County in 1809. Moved to Knox County, Kentucky with his mother Milly and brothers Zachariah and Harmon, and appears there on the 1810 Knox Co, KY, tax list and in subsequent Kentucky records.

1810 – A **Moses Kidd** first appears on the Knox County, KY tax list, along with Harmon and Zachariah Kidd (see image below):⁴¹⁴ We believe that these are the three surviving sons of Moses and Milly (Clark) Kidd.



Figure: 1810 Knox County Tax Book, showing **Moses**, Zachariah and Harmon **Kidd**, all over the age of 21, each charged for one tithe and one horse. Both Moses and Zachariah own small parcels of land on Lynn Creek.⁴¹⁵

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page 661, line 13:

Milly Kid – 1FWM<10, 2 16-25 & 1 26-44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>45. No slaves.

The three older males in Milly’s HH are most likely her sons, Zachariah, Harmon and Moses, given the 1810 tax list (above).

1811-1814 – **Moses Kidd** appears on the annual tax lists of Casey County, KY, west and slightly north of Knox County, along with Harmon and Zachariah Kidd.

1815-1820 – **Moses Kidd** is found on the annual tax lists in Lincoln County, KY, just NE of Casey County, along with Zachariah Kidd.

1820 – **Moses Kidd** and Zachariah Kidd each appear on the federal census in Crab Orchard district, Lincoln County, KY:

page 350 (printed, but crossed out, and 27 written by hand)

Moses Kidd 1M<10 & 1 26-44; 1F<10 & 1 16-25. No slaves.

⁴¹⁴ FHL #8099, Knox County Kentucky Tax Books, 1800-1812, 1815-1831, 1833-1804, available on Familysearch.org, image 274 of 1149. An Elias Kidd had been in Knox Co. since 1807, and was there in 1810 (image 273); we believe this to be a coincidence, as Elias is a known descendant of the Kidds of Tazewell County, Virginia, and we know of no family connection between these two families at this time.

⁴¹⁵ Ibid.

p. 386 (printed, but crossed out and 44 written by hand)
Zachariah Kidd 1M<10, 1 10-15 & 1>44; 4F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. No slaves.

Moses Kidd married Sally Richards in Lincoln County, Kentucky on June 23, 1820.⁴¹⁶

NANCY (HERNDON) KIDD, the wife of James P. Kidd

Born abt 1803 in Virginia

Moved to Warren County, TN before 1830 and to Monroe County, MS before 1860

Died after 1870

1822 – James P. Kidd married **Nancy Herndon** on 31 January 1822 in Nelson County, VA.⁴¹⁷
Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Richard Herndon, and the minister as James Boyd.⁴¹⁸ The license was issued on 28 January, and the wedding performed on 31 January 1822.⁴¹⁹

By 1830, James P. and Nancy Kidd had migrated to Warren County, TN, likely in the company of wife Nancy's Herndon family.

1830 – On the federal census in Warren Co TN (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as RIAD), p. 351:
Jas. P. Kidd – 1FWM<5, 1 5-9 & 1 30-39; 1F 5-9& 1 20-29. One free colored female, 24-35. Next door is the family of John Herndon, the father of James's wife Nancy.

1840 – On the federal census in Warren Co TN (mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as "KIDA"), p. 371:
James P. Kidd: 1WM<5, 1 15-19, & 1 30-39; 1F 15-19, 1 30-39, and 1 60-69 [likely Nancy's mother Sarah]. One slave, 10-23. Two engaged in mfg. or trade.

1850 – On the federal census in Warren County (5th Civil District), TN, p. 78, HH 525:

Perry, J.M. 32MW physician \$0 TN

" , Ann E. 25FW VA [likely James P. and Nancy's daughter]

" , Lanora 2FW TN

Kidd, James P. 50MW cabinet maker \$0 VA

" , **Nancy C.** 47FW VA CROW⁴²⁰

Herndon, Sarah 75FW VA CROW

___, Betty 15FMulatto TN CROW

1860 – James P. Kidd evidently died prior to 1860, because in 1860, his widow **Nancy C. Kidd**, aged 57, born Virginia, is in the household of her son-in-law J.W. Perry, a physician living in Monroe Co, Mississippi, his wife A.E. [Ann], and their family.

1870 – **Nancy C. Kidd** is on the 1870 federal census in Chickasaw County, MS, Northern Division, Egypt P.O., page 95, HH 642/668:

Kidd, Nancy 69FW at home VA

" , Wm H. 45MW farmer VA

⁴¹⁶ Kentucky Compiled Marriages, 1802-1850 on Ancestry.com/

⁴¹⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴¹⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁴¹⁹ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54.

⁴²⁰ Cannot read or write.

- “ , Joeann 24FW keeping house VA CROW⁴²¹
- “ , Ada 7FW MS
- “ , Guss? 3MW MS
- “ , Emma 13FW MS
- “ , Laura 12FW MS
- “ , Thos. 9MW MS

ANN/NANCY (JOHNSON) KIDD, the wife of Joseph Kidd, Sr.

Born bet 1771-1780

Married Joseph Kidd (Sr.) in Albemarle County in 1795

Died sometime after the 1850 census, probably in Nelson County

See Joseph Kidd Sr.'s section for a list of their probable children.

1795 – Joseph Kidd and **Ann Johnson** were married in **Albemarle County** on 3 Sept 1795.⁴²²
Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was Thomas Johnson.⁴²³

1823 – This indenture made and entered into on the 8th day of March 1823 between **Joseph Kidd** and **Nancy his wife** of Nelson County of the first part and James Garland of the said county of the second part and Nathan Lofftus of the third part. Witnesseth that whereas the said Joseph Kidd stands justly indebted to the said Lofftus & Co. in the sum of \$528.69 due by bond..... The principal and final payment of which said Kidd is anxious to secure, in consideration of the sum of \$1 to them in hand paid by the said James Garland,... the said **Joseph Kidd and Nancy his wife** have bargained and sold.....a certain tract of land in Nelson County... adjoining the lands belonging to the estate of John M. Shelton, deceased and Andrew Wright, deceased, and is the same (land?) formerly purchased by Benjamin Wright of John Wright Harris, and contains by estimation 46.5 acres, also the crop of tobacco, corn, oats, wheat and rye which he the said Joseph Kidd now has on hand and which he may from year to year make until the debt hereby (intended?) to be secured shall be fully extinguished and discharged.....
Also the following personal property, to wit, a grey horse, several head of cattle, seven sheep, eighteen hogs, and feather beds and furniture now in his possession.....
Joseph and his wife Nancy both signed with an X.⁴²⁴

1845 – On 27 February 1845, **Mrs. Nancy Kidd** of Nelson County sold to John M. Shelton for \$35 “all the interest which I possess in the tract of land on which I now live, and which Mr. Shelton purchased of ___ Loving as trustee for my husband, Joseph Kidd during his life.⁴²⁵ And also all of the appurtenances belonging thereto.”
She signed with an X.
A memorandum added at the bottom states that all the parties agreed that Mrs. Kidd would retain possession till the first day of June next. Witnesses included John Kidd, Alexander

⁴²¹ Cannot read or write.

⁴²² *Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799*, compiled by Cecil McDonald Jr., vol. 10, p. 11.

⁴²³ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁴²⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:400-401.

⁴²⁵ This record indicates that her husband, Joseph had died prior to 27 February 1845.

Fitzpatrick and John W. Witt.

The deed was admitted to record in the Nelson County Court on Mar 24, 1845.⁴²⁶

This record indicates that Joseph Kidd, Nancy's husband, has died by this date; he does not appear on the Nelson Co PPTLs after 1846.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴²⁷

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴²⁸ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA

" , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

We have not found any record for her after 1850 and suspect that she died sometime after the 1850 federal census.

⁴²⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:154.

⁴²⁷ Cannot read or write.

⁴²⁸ Ibid.

NANCY JANE (PAMPLIN) KIDD, the wife of Robert J. Kidd and daughter of John and Margaret Pamplin
Married in 1826 in Nelson County
Deceased by 1840

1826 – Robert J. Kidd married **Nancy Jane Pamplin** in Nelson County on 3 June 1826.⁴²⁹

Two months later, Robert J. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust on 28 August 1826 in Nelson County with Jos. C. Megginson regarding an agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife that had been reached previously (perhaps prior to their marriage). It appears this agreement was made to protect Nancy Jane's inheritance received from her father, for her benefit and that of any future heirs.

This part of this record is extremely dark (filmed in negative mode), and is nearly unreadable. Here's the text following, verbatim:⁴³⁰

"This Indenture ___ the 28th day of August 1826 between Robert J. Kidd of the first part, Joseph C. Megginson of the second part, and **Nancy Jane Kidd**, before marriage **Nancy Jane Pamplin** of the third part. Whereas a marriage has been lately solemnized between the said Robert J. Kidd and **the said Nancy Jane**, and whereas previous to the said marriage, articles of agreement were entered into, wherein the said Robert J. Kidd faithfully undertook(?) himself, his heirs, etc. to make over by way of settlement, to **the said Nancy Jane** (now his wife), certain property therein alluded to, and hereinafter, more particularly described.

"Now this indenture further witnesseth that the said Robert J. Kidd, for and in consideration of the premises (promises?) and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar, unto him in hand paid by the said Joseph C. Megginson," ..., has (sold) to Megginson "all the right, title, interest and claim which he, the said Robert J. Kidd hath derived (?) or may hereafter derive, from **the said Nancy Jane** (his wife) in consequence of his said intermarriage with her," ... "to any and all property, whether real or personal, whether devised from her late father, or otherwise – to have and to hold the said property, whether real or personal Free from any claim or claims" ... "and upon this special confidence, that the said Joseph C. Megginson, his heirs, & etc., will suffer **the said Nancy Jane Kidd** to enjoy the use of the said property, and to keep it in her possession during her life, or sell the said property or any part thereof if required by **the said Nancy Jane Kidd** and at her like(?) request reinvest the money arising from the sale of the same, and furthermore upon the death of **the said Nancy Jane Kidd**, the said Joseph C. Megginson will give up the said property or whatever may be remaining in his hands unto the heirs of **the said Nancy Jane Kidd**. In testimony whereof the parties hereunto have set their hands and affixed their seals..."

(signed) Robert J. Kidd {seal}
 Jos. C. Megginson {seal}
 Nancy Jane Kidd {seal}

Witnesses were James Kidd & James P. Kidd. This deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.

⁴²⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴³⁰ Nelson Co. VA Deed Book 5, pp. 468-469 (scanned images of this record available from RK)

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to **Nancy Jane Kidd**, Jonathan James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd and Amanda Margaret Kidd, and Ann Hunt Kidd for the sum of \$1.00, a tract of land in Nelson and Amherst County on both sides of the county line, containing 71½ acres and adjacent to Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne and conveyed by William L. Watts to these trustees. This deed was acknowledged in open Court on 30 July 1835 by the parties and ordered to be recorded.⁴³¹

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1836-1850 – A **Nancy J.H. Kidd** appears for the first time on the Amherst County Land Tax Lists in 1836, taxed on 71½ acres received from the John Pamplin estate, and remained in her name through 1850, the last year we've checked. Her residence was given as Nelson County. In 1841 the source of her land began to be listed annually as "Margaret Pamplin" rather than "John Pamplin's estate."

1840 – Despite the fact that **Nancy Kidd** is listed in the annual Amherst County LTLs through 1850, she had died prior to the 1840 federal census, because she's not found in her husband's household in 1840.

Robert J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 3 5-9 & 1 60-69. No slaves. One in agriculture.

The older woman in this household is not known; it may be Margaret Pamplin, Nancy's mother, or Robert's mother Lucy.

On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.⁴³² Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert I. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, "orphans of (space left blank), deceased."⁴³³

Robert J. Kidd was required to post a Guardian Bond because his minor children had the land inheritance from their now deceased mother **Nancy Jane's** family, as noted in the 1835 deed above. Robert J. Kidd married his second wife Harriett Jones in 1841.

1841-1845 – Amherst County LTL entries:

Kidd, Nancy J.H./Nelson/71.5/Margaret Pamplin/ (rest same)
Pamplin, Margaret / 71.5 acres from Jeremiah Hylton /

1846 – Amherst LTLs - **Kidd, Nancy J.H.** Nelson County 71½ acres from Margaret Pamplin

1847-1850 – Amherst LTLs –

Kidd, Nancy J.H. /Nelson /71½ acres/ Margaret Pamplin / (rest same)
Margaret Pamplin 7.5 ac from Jeremiah Hylton

⁴³¹ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴³² The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the "line", whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes descend below that line; however, we know the initials I. or J. were used interchangeably in identifying this man.

⁴³³ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

NANCY KIDD LEEBRICK, the probable daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy) Johnson⁴³⁴
Born abt 1820, probably in Nelson County, VA
Married George D. Leebrick in Albemarle County
Died after 1880

1841 – **Nancy Kidd** married George D. Leebrick in Albemarle County, VA on 18 November 1841.⁴³⁵ The bondsman was Charles Kidd, who also affirms that Nancy was over the age of 21. Witness was Ira Garrett.⁴³⁶

1847 – On 10 May 1847, George D. Leebrick enlisted in the U.S. Army in Lexington, Virginia as a private of Company A, 11th US Infantry, leaving his wife and 3 children. On June 5, 1847, a certain R. C. Coleman of Livingston, Nelson County wrote to the War Department, requesting that George D. Leebrick be discharged from service, because his wife and their children were destitute without his presence. The request was denied.⁴³⁷

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴³⁸

" , Nancy 31FW VA

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" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴³⁹ pauper [the widow of Joseph Kidd Sr.]

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

⁴³⁴ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁴³⁵ A digital image of this record was found and retrieved on Familysearch.org, FHL #1889165 – *Albemarle County Marriage Books, 1837-1842*, image 971 of 1165. It is stored in the Nelson Co. Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox, since that's where Nancy lived; a copy was also saved in the Albemarle Co. Marriage Records subfolder.

⁴³⁶ *Albemarle County Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, page 532, citing Marr. Reg. 1806-1868, fol. 80, and "B/C Papers, 1837-1842."

⁴³⁷ Military correspondence found on Ancestry.com. See his and Nancy's sections in our Kidds of Nelson County tree on Ancestry.com.

⁴³⁸ Cannot read or write.

⁴³⁹ Ibid.

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA
HH 126
Lebrick, Nancy 30FW VA CROW
" , John N. 7MW VA
" , James D. 5MW VA
" , Angelina 3FW VA
" , William 1MW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)
Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA
" , Mary 33FW VA CROW
" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year
" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year
" , Martha 9FW VA
" , Nicholas 7MW VA
" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA
" , Joseph 1MW VA

1852 – **Nancy Lebricks** (sic), widow of George D., began receiving a monthly allowance of \$3.50 from the federal government on 10 October 1852.⁴⁴⁰

1860 – She MAY be the woman below in the Amherst Co HH of Isaac D. Tinsley, page 82, HH 614, family 612:

Tinsley, Isaac D. 39MW brick layer & plasterer \$0 real estate/\$600 personal est.

" , Eliza R. 36FW
" , El S. 15FW
" , James 14MW
" , Ann E. 10FW
" , Francis S. 7FW

Lebrick (mis-indexed on Ancestry.com as 'Labrick'), **Nancy** 65FW \$1200/\$1200

She also appears on the Slave Schedule of the 1860 census in Amherst County, owning one 39-year-old male slave. Her estate is valued at \$1200, which would be the value of this slave. Because of the age discrepancy on this vs. all other censuses, and the fact that those she's living with in 1860 don't match any of her known children, we think this may be a different woman. We include it here for completeness' sake.

1869 – On 25 September 1869, **Nancy Leebrick**, widow of George D. Leebrick, began receiving a widow's pension (\$8 per month) for the military service of her husband during the Mexican-American War.⁴⁴¹

1870 – We have not found her on this census anywhere in Virginia.

1880 – On the federal census in Lovington twp., Nelson County, VA, page 18B, ED 111, HH 159/183, living with her youngest son and his very young wife:

Libbrick, Micajah WM 26M farmer CROW VA VA VA

⁴⁴⁰ U.S., Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801-1815, 1818-1872 on Ancestry.com. These records also include those of men who served in the Mexican-American War.

⁴⁴¹ Ibid.

- “ , Emma L. WF wife 15M housekeeping VA VA VA
- “ , **Nancy** WF mother 60 widowed at home VA VA VA

We’ve found no further mention of her. She is not listed in Virginia, Deaths and Burials, 1853-1917 on ancestry.com. We reviewed the digital images of FHL# 2048577, Item 3 – Nelson County Deaths, 1853-1896, from 1880-1883 via familysearch.org, but found no mention of her.⁴⁴² Her death was probably not reported.

NATHAN KIDD(s)

There appear to have been two different men with this name in Nelson County, one of an earlier generation than the other, judging from the PPILs (See Table below).

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1821	21-Mar	Nathan B.	1		
1822	20-Apr	Nathan	1		
1828	6-May	Nathan	1		
1829	5-Mar	Nathan	1		
1830	19-Feb	Nathan	1		
1831	3-Mar	Nathan	1		
1833	21-Mar	Nathan			
1845		Nathan	1		
1846		Nathan	1		
1847		Nathan	1		
1848		Nathan S. and Preston W.	2		2
1849		Nathan L. and Preston W.	2		2

The first, we’ve designated as **Nathan**, and the second as **Nathan L.**, below:

NATHAN KIDD

Born by 1800, parents unknown

Married Delila Tyree Hendricks in 1842 in Amherst County, VA

Likely died before 1850

See his wife Delila’s section of this compilation for more information about her from 1850 forward

1821-1833 – A **Nathan Kidd** appears first on the Nelson County, VA PPILs in 1821 and is seen frequently, but not annually, through 1833, when he drops from the lists.

His name does not appear in the Amherst County PPILs from 1795 through 1851.

1830 – he does not appear on the federal census in Nelson County, VA, and I’m unable to find him elsewhere in Virginia on this or the 1840 census.

⁴⁴² Item 3 on this microfilm reel begins on image 514; 1880 deaths begin on image 599.

1842 – a **Nathan Kidd** married Delilah/Delila Hendricks, the daughter of Jesse Tyree, on 1 Sept 1842 in Amherst County, VA.⁴⁴³ The record is incomplete, and doesn't list the surety, witnesses or official performing the marriage.⁴⁴⁴

We've found no further records pertaining to this Nathan Kidd in Nelson County or elsewhere.

NATHAN LAUD KIDD, the son of Robert N. Kidd and his wife Agnes Willoughby

Born in 1828⁴⁴⁵

Married Eliza A. Drumheller

Died 18 Sept 1862 in the Civil War

1844 – On 13 August 1844, William Harris of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Wilson P. Kidd regarding a debt of \$60 owed by Harris to Joshua Willoughby for the rent of the plantation on which he now resides. [a very dark, difficult to read document.] All three parties signed, W.P. Kidd by his signature, and the other two with an X. This deed was witnessed by Robert K. Kidd and **Nathan L. Kidd**, and was recorded the same day in court.⁴⁴⁶

1845-1850 – The second **Nathan Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1845 (12 years after the earlier Nathan Kidd disappears) and this Nathan appears annually through 1850. In several entries, his middle initial is L. (or S), and in 1848 and subsequently, he appears on the PPRLs jointly with Preston W. Kidd.

1847 – On 22 March 1847, **Nathan L. Kidd** and Preston W. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with William S. Loving regarding a debt owed to William M. (Harnest?) in the sum of \$42.50 due by bond on 22 March 1847, putting up one gray mare and their crop of tobacco as collateral. The tobacco crop was growing on the estate of Joshua Willoughby. Both Kidds signed with an X. The deed was recorded in Nelson County court the following day.⁴⁴⁷

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁴⁴⁸

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and **Nathan**, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

⁴⁴³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁴⁴⁴ *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1965, p. 2K.

⁴⁴⁵ Per his headstone.

⁴⁴⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:81.

⁴⁴⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:42-43.

⁴⁴⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson Co, VA, p. 224B, HH 63, **Nathan Kidd** and Preston Kidd are both living in the HH of William T. Helm and his family. Helm is a wealthy farmer, and they may be working for him:

Helm, William T. 54MW farmer \$4200 VA

(8 younger individuals, ages 6-22, probably his children)

Kidd, Nathan 22MW laborer VA

" , Preston 20MW laborer VA

Nearby, on the prior page, HH 52, is Alexander S. Kidd and his family.

1858 – On 13 July 1858, Eliza A. Kidd, the wife of **Nathan L. Kidd**, died in Nelson County, Virginia.^{449, 450} This record names her parents as Leonard and Sarah Drumheller. She died at the age of 28, and thus was born abt 1830. She must have been the mother of the children below.

On March 6 of this year, their daughter, Eliza J. Kidd, died in Nelson County. The cause of both their deaths is listed as “consumption” (pulmonary tuberculosis). The informant for both records was Nathan L. Kidd.⁴⁵¹

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Variety Mills P.O., p. 59, HH 429:

Ligon, John 81MW farmer \$8000/3250 Cumberland County cannot read or write

" , Nancy 76FW Charlotte County

" , William D. 37MW Farmer \$5000/33,000 Nelson County

Kidd, Nathan L. 37WM Overseeing \$0/600 Nelson County cannot read or write

" , Sarah 6FW Nelson County

" , Emmer 4FW Nelson County

1862 – **Nathan Laud Kidd** died in the Civil War, and has a commemorative headstone in the Johnson-Kidd cemetery in Nelson County, VA, along with commemorative stones for his three brothers Preston W., Robert K. and William Jenkins Kidd. His headstone reads "Kidd, Nathan Laud, 1828-Sept. 18, 1862, Co. E, 51st VA Infantry, CSA."⁴⁵²

In 2006, commemorative headstones were placed in this cemetery to honor the service of Nathan Laud, Preston W., Robert K., and William Jenkins (Jenks) Kidd's for the Confederacy. An article appearing in the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006, states the four were brothers: Nathan died at the Battle of Sharpsburg (the battle of Antietam), Robert died during the battle, and Preston died within two weeks from wounds sustained in the battle. Only William, who lost part of his leg, lived to return home, where he cared for Nathan's orphaned children Emma and Sarah (see next) and later had his own

⁴⁴⁹ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

⁴⁵⁰ *Nelson County death registers, 1853-1896*, via familysearcy.org. Scanned image available upon request.

⁴⁵¹ Ibid.

⁴⁵² *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingson, Virginia, 2007, p. 178. Photograph of commemorative headstone at

<http://billiongraves.com/pages/record/NathanLaudKidd/299932>

family. Only William Jenkins Kidd, who survived the war, appears to be actually buried in the cemetery.⁴⁵³

1863 – Nelson County Will Book L contains Guardian Bonds for Emma Agnes and Sarah Louisa, children of **Nathan L. Kidd**.⁴⁵⁴

NELSON KIDD, the son of Joseph H. Kidd and Mary Ann Bryant

Born abt 1851 in Nelson County

Evidently did not marry

Died after 1900

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington P.O., p. 855, HH 1220:

Kidd, Jos. 49MW Farmer \$1000/500 b. Nelson County [actually Albemarle]

" , Mary 48FW Nelson

" , Paulina 24FW Nelson

" , James 22MW farmer Nelson

" , Martha J. 20FW Nelson

" , Joseph 12MW Nelson

" , **Nelson** 10MW Nelson

" , Mary 8FW Nelson

" , Julia A. 6FW Nelson

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington township and P.O., p. 10, HH 72/81:

Kidd, Joseph 57MW farmer \$1000/235 VA

" , Mary Ann 57FW keeping house VA

" , Perlina 33FW at home VA

" , James S. 32MW farm laborer VA

" , Martha J. 30FW at home VA

" , Joseph 21MW farm laborer VA

" , **Nelson** 19MW farm laborer VA

" , Mary 17MW at home VA

" , Juliana 13FW at home VA

1880 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington district, ED 111, sheet 14B, enumerated 8 June 1880 (the census taker was W.J. Kidd!), HH 125:

Kidd, Joseph Sr. WM 66M farmer VA VA VA

" , Mary A. WF 64M wife keeps house cannot read or write VA

" , Paulina WF 43S dau at home cannot write VA

" , James H. WM 41S son farm laborer cannot write VA

" , Martha WF 40S dau at home cannot write VA

" , **Nelson** WM 28S son farm laborer cannot write VA

HH 127:

Kidd, Joseph Jr. WM 31M farmer cannot read or write VA VA VA

⁴⁵³ For the marking of the Confederate graves of brothers Nathan, Preston, Robert, and William (Jenks) Kidd, see the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIbAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIbAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

⁴⁵⁴ Pippenger, vol 4, p. 294, citing WB L, p. 496.

- " , Ellen WF 23M wife housekeeping cannot write VA VA VA
- " , George MW 2S son VA VA VA
- " , Thomas MW 1S son VA VA VA

In 1900, James H. Kidd and Nelson Kidd are still single and living in the same HH.

PAMELA/PERMILIA B. KIDD WHITE, the daughter of Robert N. Kidd and Agnes Willoughby
Born abt 1828 in Nelson County
Married Richard A. White in Nelson County on 13 November 1849

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Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and **Pamelia Kidd** (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1849 – Richard A. White and **Pamela B. Kidd** were married in Nelson County, VA on 13 November 1849.⁴⁵⁶

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 225A, HH 67:

White, Richard A. 23MW overseer VA

" , **Permilia B.** 22FW VA
(no others)

1860 – I am unable to find them on the federal census in this year.

1870 – On the federal census in Albemarle County, VA.

1873 – In a deed dated 26 September 1873, Richard A. White and Pemelia B. his wife, formerly **Pamelia B. Kidd**, daughter of Robert N. Kidd and wife, of the county of Nelson, state of Virginia, for the sum of \$30 convey to William J. Kidd, her brother, all their interest in the estate left in the last will and testament of Joshua Willoughby to the wife and children of Robert N. Kidd of the county of Nelson.⁴⁵⁷

(signed) Richd. A. White {seal}
Pemilia B. White {seal}

⁴⁵⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁴⁵⁶ *Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com.

⁴⁵⁷ Nelson Co., VA DB 18:446-447, reviewed, abstracted and scanned at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, May 10, 2013. Scanned images of this record are in the Nelson Co. Sources folder.

1880 – **Parmelia White** appears on the federal census in Rockfish, Nelson County, VA with her husband, Richard A. White, HH 189. Richard is age 53, and a laborer. Parmelia is 54, keeping house, b. in VA, as were both her parents.

MARGARET (PEGGY) (WRIGHT) KIDD, the wife of Pleasant M. Kidd and the daughter of Andrew Wright and Lucy Childress

Born 30 May 1801

Married Pleasant M. Kidd 28/30 March 1824 in Nelson County, VA

1824 – Pleasant M. Kidd married **Margaret J. Wright** on 28 March 1824 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁵⁸ Another abstract of this record lists the date of the marriage bond as 26 March 1824 and the marriage as 28 March 1824, and lists the bondsman as James W. Craige and the minister as James Boyd.⁴⁵⁹

On the same day, Elizabeth M. Kidd married James W. Craige; the security for this marriage was George W. Sutler (who had married Jeriah Kidd in 1819). The same minister, James Boyd, performed both marriages and Pleasant M. Kidd, Elizabeth M. Kidd, and Jeriah Kidd were likely siblings.

1844 – On 21 May 1844, Lucy (Childress) Wright came into Nelson County Court and filed her declaration to apply for a widow's pension, for the service of her deceased husband, Andrew Wright as a private in the Virginia Militia during the Rev. War.⁴⁶⁰ In her application, she names two of her daughters as Lucy Kidd and **Peggy Kidd**, both of whom were still alive at the time. (p. 3). Part of the evidence cited in this application came from the family register of Benjamin Wright (the son of Andrew and Lucy Wright), said to have been copied from "another book" by "Mr. James Kidd" (relationship not stated) (p. 18). The marriage dates for both marriages of Andrew Wright are said to have been wrongly copied from the book of James Kidd (pp. 61-62).

[This is **Lucy Wright Kidd**, the wife of Hudson P. Kidd. And Peggey is Margaret (Wright) Kidd, the wife of Pleasant M. (Micajah) Kidd. See their sections in this compilation.]⁴⁶¹

On 30 May 1844, Benjamin Wright of Nelson Co VA, son of Revolutionary War soldier Andrew Wright and Lucy Childress, testified in his mother's widow's pension application and produced leaves taken from his parents' Bible family record. Lucy Wright, b. 15 May 1788, m. 31 Jan 1811, and **Peggy J. Wright**, b. 30 May 1801, are listed among the children of Andrew and Lucy Wright.⁴⁶²

1850 – On 18 May 1850, Benjamin Wright of Nelson Co VA filed an affidavit in support of the pension application for the heirs of Lucy Wright, the widow of Andrew Wright (d. 25 Nov

⁴⁵⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁵⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁴⁶⁰ *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters: Pension Application of Andrew Wright, W6587*, found at <http://revwarapps.org/w6587.pdf>.

⁴⁶¹ From Rev. War Pension Records on Fold3.com, pension claim of Andrew Wright, W6587 (pp. 3, 18, 22, 23, 54, 61, 62 among the images there).

⁴⁶² *Amberst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, p. 187, citing pension application of Lucy Wright, widow of Andrew Wright, by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998.

1816). In his affidavit, her heirs are listed as Benjamin, Anna, Esther M., Polley Wright, Lucy Kidd, Elizabeth Fortune, Matilda Woody, Melinda Griffith, and **Peggey Kidd**.⁴⁶³

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; I am listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a strong family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴⁶⁴

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴⁶⁵ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , **Margaret** 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA " , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

Joseph Kidd drops from the Nelson County PPTLs in 1846, and the families above in 1850 are consistent with his widow Nancy and two sons Joseph Kidd Jr. and **Pleasant M. Kidd**.

1854 – **Micajah Kidd** and his wife **Margaret** are named in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1854-016], a dispute among the heirs of Andrew Wright, who died in Nelson County in 1816. This particular suit confirms the date of death of Andrew Wright's wife Lucy in 1847,

⁴⁶³ *Amberst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782*, p. 186, citing pension application of Lucy Wright, widow of Andrew Wright, by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998.

⁴⁶⁴ Cannot read or write.

⁴⁶⁵ Ibid.

and names the spouses of their surviving children, several of whom (including Margaret) were married after Andrew's will was written.⁴⁶⁶

1860 – I cannot find either Pleasant or Margaret Kidd on the 1860 federal census, and suspect that they died or moved away.

PLEASANT KIDD(s) – There were two Pleasant Kidds in Nelson County, Virginia in the first two decades of this county's history. The first, whom we'll refer to as the elder Pleasant Kidd, without a middle initial, was substantially older; judging from his entry on the 1810 federal census (see below), he was born between 1766 and 1784. This Pleasant Kidd had five children under the age of 10 by 1810, and was most likely at least 30 years old; his wife in 1810 was 16-25, and may not have been his first wife.

The second Pleasant Kidd was born about 1798, judging from his census entries. Both men are listed on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1827 and 1828; otherwise, there are no other records where they are seen in the same county in the same year.

PLEASANT KIDD the elder – parents unknown

Born between 1766-1784, based on his 1810 census entry (see below).

This Pleasant Kidd appears to have moved back and forth between Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson counties, leaving records in each.

1801 – **Pleasant Kidd** first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1801, with one WM tithe, and no tax.

He drops from these tax lists in 1802 and doesn't reappear for more than a decade.

1802 – A **Pleasant Kidd** married Sarah Farrell in Albemarle County, VA on 20 December 1802.⁴⁶⁷
⁴⁶⁸ Another abstract of this marriage lists the bondsman as James Farrell and the witness as John Carr. Minister Martin Dawson Sr.⁴⁶⁹

1803-1804 – We've found no records for a Pleasant Kidd for these years in Albemarle, Amherst or Nelson counties.

1805-1807 – **Pleasant Kidd** appears on the Amherst County, VA PPTLs for Amherst Parish for the years 1805-1807. It is likely that this is the same Pleasant Kidd found for the years 1809 and following in Nelson Co, since Nelson was formed from Amherst in 1807 and no tax was assessed statewide in 1808. See Table below.

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Notes
1805	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	
1806	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	1 horse

⁴⁶⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

⁴⁶⁷ *Marriages of Albemarle County and Charlottesville, VA, 1781-1929*, by William L. Norford, p. 111.

⁴⁶⁸ An image of a transcription of this marriage bond was retrieved from FHL #30271, Item 2: Albemarle County Marriage Bonds, book 1, 1780-1805, image 419, via familysearch.org; it is in the Albemarle Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox. An image of the actual bond is also available there.

⁴⁶⁹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1807	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	1 horse
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1809-1811 – A **Pleasant Kidd** appears on the Nelson County PPTL in 1809, the first year for which these tax records are available; he also appears in 1810 and 1811, then drops from the Nelson County PPTLs.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1809		Pleasant	1		1
1810		Pleasant	1		
1811		Pleasant	1		

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:⁴⁷⁰

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

1813-1820 – After a hiatus of over a decade, **Pleasant Kidd** reappears on the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1813; he then appears almost annually through 1820:

YEAR	NAME	Tithe	OTHER
1813A	Pleasant	1 tithe, no tax listed	
1814	Pleasant	1 tithe, 1 horse	other list
1815	Pleasant	1 tithe, 2 horses	1st part, Edward Garland list
1816	Pleasant	1 tithe	Edward Garland list
1817	Pleasant Kid	1 tithe	Fleming Garland list
1819	Pleasant Kid	1 tithe	1st list
1820	Pleasant	1 tithe	

1815 – Albemarle County Court, 8 August 1815. James Norvell, plaintiff, against **Pleasant Kidd**, defendant} In Debt on execution. The defendant being in execution at the suit of the plaintiff, prays the benefit of the act of Assembly passed for the relief of insolvent debtors; notice of this motion having been proved, the same being granted, he took the oath prescribed by Law, whereupon the said defendant is discharged.⁴⁷¹

1819 – In this one year, **Pleasant Kidd** also appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs, with one tithe and no horse. This is the only year in which Pleasant Kidd appears on both the Albemarle and Nelson Co PPTLs.

1820 – **Pleasant Kidd** is the one of only two Kidd household heads in Albemarle County's 1820 federal census (the other being Martha Kidd, living next door):
Martha Kidd – 1M 26-44 and 1F 26-44

⁴⁷⁰ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA.”

⁴⁷¹ FHL microfilm #30261, Item 2 of 3, Albemarle Co. Order Book, 5 June 1815 – 6 June 1816, p. 95.

Pleasant Kidd – 2WM<10, 3M 10-15 & 1>44; 4F<10, 1 10-15 & 1 26-44.

Two in manufacturing and one in agriculture.

1821 – **Pleasant Kidd** drops from the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1821, and doesn't reappear for more than two decades.

1822, ff. – **Pleasant Kidd** reappears in the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1822, and appears almost annually through at least 1828. In 1827 and 1828, he's joined by a second Pleasant, named on the lists as Pleasant M. Kidd.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1822	25-Feb	Pleasant	1		
1824	23-Feb	Pleasant	1		
1825	23-Feb	Pleasant	1		1
1827	24-Apr	Pleasant	1		
1827	11-May	Pleasant M.	1		
1828	6-Mar	Pleasant	1		1
1828	20-May	Pleasant M.	1		
1829-1833		Neither Pleasant listed in these years			
1834	25-Feb	Pleasant	1		1
1835	3-Apr	Pleasant	1		1
1836	10-May	Pleasant	1		1
1837	28-Apr	Pleasant	1		1
1838	10-Apr	Pleasant	1		
1839	25-Apr	Pleasant	1		

1830 – Only one Pleasant Kidd is found in Nelson County on the 1830 federal census:

Pleasant Kidd – 1M<5, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 1 5-9 & 1 20-29. No slaves.

This man is too young to be the elder Pleasant, and we believe that the elder Pleasant has either died or moved elsewhere by 1830. He's not found on the 1840 federal census in Nelson County. This entry appears to us to belong to Pleasant M. Kidd, below.

1839 – A **Pleasant Kidd** reappears on the 1839 Nelson County PPTL; also on this year's PPTL is Micajah Kidd.⁴⁷²

PLEASANT M. KIDD, also known as Micajah Kidd, most likely the son of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy) Johnson⁴⁷³

Born abt 1798, probably in Albemarle County

Married Margaret J. (Peggy) Wright in 1824 in Nelson County

Several of his children migrated to Edgar County, IL by 1855.

A descendant of Pleasant M. Kidd is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match through the paternal line to other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd

⁴⁷² Scanned image of this year's PPTL may be found in the Nelson Co. Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

⁴⁷³ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

- 1821 – A **Micajah Kidd** appears for the first time on the Nelson County VA PPTLs in 1821, taxed on himself, and no slaves or horses. He does not reappear on these tax lists until 1839.
- 1824 – **Pleasant M. Kidd** married Margaret J. Wright on 28 March 1824 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁷⁴ Another abstract of this record lists the date of the marriage bond as 26 March 1824 and the marriage as 28 March 1824, and lists the bondsman as James W. Craige and the minister as James Boyd.⁴⁷⁵ On the same day, Elizabeth M. Kidd married James W. Craige; the security for this marriage was George W. Sutler (who had married Jeriah Kidd in 1819). The same minister, James Boyd, performed both marriages, and Pleasant M. Kidd, Elizabeth M. Kidd, and Jeriah Kidd were likely siblings.
- 1827-1850 – **Pleasant M. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1827, his middle initial distinguishing him from the earlier Pleasant Kidd on these tax lists in 1827 and again in 1828 (see Tables above, and below). Neither man appears on the PPTLs from 1829 through 1833, even though the younger Pleasant Kidd does appear in Nelson County on the 1830 federal census. The Pleasant Kidd who reappears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1834 could be either Pleasant or Pleasant M. Kidd; we are inclined to think that he is the younger Pleasant M. Kidd. In 1841 and thereafter through 1850 (the last year that we've checked), only **Pleasant M. Kidd** is found on these PPTLs in Nelson County. See Table below.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1821		Micajah	1		
1827	24-Apr	Pleasant	1		
	11-May	Pleasant M.	1		
1828	6-Mar	Pleasant	1		1
	20-May	Pleasant M.	1		
1829-1833		Neither Pleasant listed in these years			
1834	25-Feb	Pleasant	1		1
1835	3-Apr	Pleasant	1		1
1836	10-May	Pleasant	1		1
1837	28-Apr	Pleasant	1		1
1838	10-Apr	Pleasant	1		
1839	25-Apr	Micajah	1	0	1
	25-Apr	Pleasant	1	0	0
1841	9-Mar	Pleasant M.	1		
1842		Pleasant M.	1		1

⁴⁷⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁷⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

1843	1-May	Pleasant M.	1		1
1845		Pleasant M.	1		1
1846		Pleasant M.	1		1
1847		Pleasant M.	1		1
1848		Pleasant M.	1		1
1849		Pleasant M.	2		2
1850		Pleasant M.	2		2

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Alexander, Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, **Pleasant**, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.

Pleasant Kidd – 1M<5, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 1 5-9 & 1 20-29. No slaves.

This is Pleasant M. Kidd, judging from the age of the oldest male here. The other Pleasant was born by 1784, judging from his 1810 census entry.

1839 – **Micajah Kidd** reappears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1839 (after an absence of 18 years), taxed only for his own tithe, and one horse. He then drops from the Nelson County PPTLs, and does not reappear through 1850, the last year we've examined so far.

However, he does appear on the 1840 census (see below).

A **Pleasant Kidd** also appears on the 1839 Nelson County PPTL.⁴⁷⁶

1840 – No Pleasant Kidd appears on the federal census in Nelson County, VA, or elsewhere.

However, that census does show Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs, **Micajah**, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Micajah Kidd – 2M 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49; 1F<5, 1 5-9, 1 15-19 & 1 20-29. No slaves.

One in agriculture. Two whites over 20 who cannot read or write.

We believe that this is our Pleasant M. Kidd.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; We are listing them together in this entry because their proximity suggests a strong family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴⁷⁷

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴⁷⁸ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

⁴⁷⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Personal Property Tax List, 1839, retrieved from FHL # , image 694, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). We cannot explain this duplication, other than clerical error.

⁴⁷⁷ Cannot read or write.

⁴⁷⁸ Ibid.

HH 125

Kidd, Pleasant M. 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

nearby (HH 116, on p. 228B)

Kidd, Joseph 35MW farmer VA " , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

Joseph Kidd drops from the Nelson County PPTLs in 1846, and the families above in 1850 are consistent with his widow Nancy and two sons Joseph Kidd Jr. and **Pleasant M. Kidd**.

1854 – **Micajah Kidd** and his wife Margaret are named in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1854-016], a dispute among the heirs of Andrew Wright, who died in Nelson County in 1816. This particular suit confirms the date of death of Andrew Wright's wife Lucy in 1847, and names the spouses of their surviving children, several of whom (including Margaret) were married after Andrew's will was written.⁴⁷⁹

1860 – I cannot find either Pleasant or Margaret Kidd on the 1860 federal census, and suspect that they died or moved away.

POCAHONTAS KIDD, the daughter of Joseph Kidd Jr. and Mary Ann Bryant

1850 – **Pocahontas Kidd** is named as an heir and child of Mary Ann Bryant in an 1850 Deed of Trust for her interest in the estate of her grandfather. See Joseph Kidd Jr. section of this paper for details.

1857 – **Pocahontus Kidd**, the daughter of James and Mary A. Kidd, died on 3 Dec 1857 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁸⁰ [The father's name is mis-indexed; the actual image shows her father's name as Jos. in one place, and Joseph Kidd in another.⁴⁸¹]

PRESTON W. KIDD, the son of Robert N. Kidd and Agnes Willoughby Born abt 1831 in Nelson County, Virginia

⁴⁷⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

⁴⁸⁰ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

⁴⁸¹ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, reviewed by RK at the Bellevue, WA FHC on October 25, 2017, notes in Nelson Co. Source Docs folder on Dropbox. Nelson Co deaths start on image 514 of this reel. They are listed in chronological order and by township, so it has to be read page by page

Married in 1860 to Sarah Bryant
Died 1 October 1862 in the Civil War

Circa 1831 – **Preston W. Kidd** married Sarah Bryant on 12 January 1860 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁸² This marriage record gives his age as 29, making him born ca 1831; it names his parents as Robert and Agnes Kidd.

1847 – On 22 March 1847, Nathan L. Kidd and **Preston W. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with William S. Loving regarding a debt owed to William M. (Harnest?) in the sum of \$42.50 due by bond on 22 March 1847, putting up one gray mare and their crop of tobacco as collateral. The tobacco crop was growing on the estate of Joshua Willoughby. Both Kidds signed with an X. The deed was recorded in Nelson County court the following day.⁴⁸³

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁴⁸⁴

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, **Preston**, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1848-1850 – A **Preston W. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1848, listed jointly with Nathan Kidd, his brother. Each man is taxed for their WMT and one horse. This entry repeats in 1849 and 1850, the last year that we've examined.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson Co, VA, p. 224B, HH 63, living in the HH of William T. Helm and his family. Helm is a wealthy farmer, and they may be working for him:
Helm, William T. 54MW farmer \$4200 VA
(8 younger individuals, ages 6-22, probably his children)
Kidd, Nathan 22MW laborer VA
Kidd, Preston 20MW laborer VA

1862 – **Preston W. Kidd** died 1 October 1862 following the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) and has a commemorative headstone at Ridgecrest Cemetery in Lovingston, Nelson County, VA.⁴⁸⁵ This cemetery is known as the Johnson-Kidd cemetery, according to another transcription of his headstone.⁴⁸⁶

⁴⁸² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁸³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:42-43.

⁴⁸⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁴⁸⁵ Ancestry.com, citing BillionGraves.com.

⁴⁸⁶ *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingston, Virginia, 2007, p. 178.

In 2006, commemorative headstones were placed in this cemetery to honor the service of Nathan Laud, **Preston W.**, Robert K., and William Jenkins (Jenks) Kidd's for the Confederacy. An article appearing in the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006, states the four were brothers: Nathan died at the Battle of Sharpsburg (the battle of Antietam), Robert died at the battle, and Preston died within two weeks from wounds sustained in the battle. Only William, who lost part of his leg, lived to return home, where he cared for Nathan's orphaned children Emma and Sarah and later had his own family.⁴⁸⁷

Preston W. Kidd had no known children.

RHODA ANN KIDD PRICE, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy)

Johnson⁴⁸⁸

Born abt 1805

Married Lewis E. Price in 1827

Left Nelson County before 1830

Died in 1884 in Upshur County, WV

1827 – **Rhoda Ann Kidd** married Lewis E. Price on 27 Feb 1827 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁸⁹

Another abstract of this same record lists the date of the marriage bond as 26 Feb 1827, and names the bondsman as James W. Craig (the husband of Elizabeth M. Kidd and bondsman for several other Kidd marriages in Nelson County, namely Pleasant M. Kidd in 1824 and Robert N. Kidd in 1834). The wedding was performed the following day by James Boyd.⁴⁹⁰

1830 – On the federal census in Bedford County, VA, page 148, line 23:

Lewis Price: 1M 5-9 & 1 30-39; 2F<5, 2 5-9, & 1 20-29. Six slaves.

1840 – On the federal census in St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle County, VA, p. 155, line 1:

Lewis Price: 1M 5-9, 1 10-14, & 1 40-49; 2F<5, 1 5-9, 1 10-14, & 1 30-39. No slaves.

1850 – On the federal census in District 30, **Lewis County, Virginia**, page 36, HH 482/484:

Price, Lewis 45MW Farmer VA

“ , **Rhody A.** 43FW VA cannot read or write

“ , Lewis 19MW farmer attended school within the year

“ , Mary 13FW VA

“ , Margaret 11FW VA

“ , William 8MW VA

“ , Martha 5FW VA

“ , Rhody A. 4FW VA

“ , Sarah F. 2FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in **Upshur County, VA**, Buckhannon P. O., page 44, HH 311/313:

Price, Lewis E. Sen. 54MW farmer rents \$50 pers estate VA

“ , **Roda** 52FW wife VA

⁴⁸⁷ For the marking of the Confederate graves of brothers Nathan, Preston, Robert, and William (Jenks) Kidd, see the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIIBAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIIBAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

⁴⁸⁸ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁴⁸⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁹⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

- “ , Mary 23FW domestic VA cannot read or write
- “ , Margaret 21FW domestic VA cannot read or write
- “ , William 17FW (should be MW) domestic VA attended school w/in year
- “ , Martha 14FW VA attended school
- “ , Rhoda A. 13FW VA attended school
- “ , Francis 11FW VA attended school

Next door is Lewis E. Price Jr, their eldest son with his wife and young family. Nearby is her presumed brother, Thomas Kidd, age 55, with his wife Margaret and their family.

1870 – On the federal census in Warren twp., Upshur County, WV, Buckhannon West P. O., page 426, HH 33/32:

- Price, Rhoda A.** 65FW without occupation VA CROW
- “ , Margaret E. 25FW keeping house VA CROW
- “ , Rhoda 22FW VA
- Queen, Sarah F. 20FW VA CROW
- “ , Elias 2MW VA
- Price, Lewis E. 60MW farm laborer VA

Next door is Mathew Kidd, age 27, and his family. He is likely the son of Thomas Kidd.

1880 – On the federal census in Warren twp., Upshur County, WV, p. 26B, ED 126, HH 170/173:

- Price, Lewis E.** MW 73M farmer VA VA VA
- “ , **Rhoda E.** FW 75M wife keeping house CROW VA VA VA
- “ , Margaret FW 39S dau CROW TN VA VA
- Queen, Sarah F. FW 33M dau CROW VA VA VA
- “ , Elias MW 11S grandson WV WV VA
- “ , Lewis MW 9S grandson WV WV VA

1884 – **Rhoda Kidd** died in Upshur County, WV on 28 June 1884 at the age of 79.⁴⁹¹
The clerk did not record the names of her parents.

ROBERT KIDD(s) – Five distinct Robert Kidds appear in Nelson County, VA records from 1809 through 1850. Listed in birth order, they are:

1. **Robert N. Kidd, Sr.**, most likely the son of William Kidd Sr. of Albemarle County, VA; born ~1791,
2. **Robert I./J. Kidd**, the son of James and Lucy (Jopling) Kidd; born ~1802
3. **Robert N. Kidd, Jr.**, the son of Hudson P. Kidd; born April 1819 in Nelson County
4. **Robert K. Kidd**, the son of Robert N. Kidd (below); born ~1822

⁴⁹¹ Upshur Co., WV Death Index, 1853-1889, FHL #816150, image 125 of 188, found on familysearch.org. Digital images of this page from the index, and of p. 52 of the Deaths Register and are stored in the Nelson Co. Death Records folder.

The informant is listed as “S. D. Price, husband.” This is incorrect, and five of the twelve informants recorded in this handwriting had the initials “S. D.,” so this appears to be a clerical error. There were no other Rhoda Ann Prices in Upshur Co. in 1880.

5. **Robert C. Kidd**, the son of William J. & Susannah (Hamlett) Kidd; born 1830 in Nelson County, VA.

In keeping with the alphabetical listings elsewhere in this compilation, we'll discuss each of these Robert Kidds in *alphabetical* order, below, rather than by birth order.

ROBERT C. KIDD, the son of William J. Kidd and his wife, Susannah Hamlett

Born 6 July 1830 in Nelson County, VA

Married Martha Virginia Bibb in Nelson County on 10 April 1856

Died 20 December 1901 in Pulaski County, VA

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 264B, HH 649:

Kidd, Wm. J. 57MW farmer \$0 VA

" , Susan 55FW VA

" , Eliza 35FW VA

" , **Robert C.** 20MW VA

1857 – William J. Kidd died in Amherst County, VA on 6 September 1857 at the age of 63. His death record states that he was born in Amherst County to James and Lucy Kidd, lists his spouse's name as Susan Kidd, and lists his occupation as "farmer." He was married at the time of his death.⁴⁹² The cause of his death is listed as "carbuncle." The informant was **R. C. Kidd, his son.**

1860 – At the time of the 1860 federal census, Susannah Kidd is living in the Nelson County household of her son **Robert C. Kidd** and his family; her unmarried daughter, Eliza A. is also in the household.

1870 – By the time of the 1870 federal census, **Robert C. Kidd** had moved his family, including his spinster sister Eliza and his mother Susannah, to Montgomery County, Virginia; they are living in Allegheny township, Montgomery County, VA, Big Spring P. O., HH 152/161.

1880 – By the 1880 federal census, **Robert C. Kidd** and his family had moved to Pulaski County, VA

1900 – He and his family are on the federal census in Pulaski County, VA.

1901 – **Robert C. Kidd** died in Pulaski County, Virginia on 20 December 1901. He is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski, Kentucky, along with his wife Martha Virginia, who preceded him in death, dying in 1900.⁴⁹³ His headstone there is our source of his dates of birth and death.

ROBERT J. (or I.) KIDD, the son of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling

Born ca 1802, likely in Amherst County⁴⁹⁴

Married (1) Nancy Jane Pamplin in 1826, m (2) Harriett Jones in 1841, m (3)

⁴⁹² *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. A scan of this death record is available upon request, stored in the Amherst Co. Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

⁴⁹³ Findagrave.com, Memorial #36942471.

⁴⁹⁴ His father was on the Amherst County PPTLs from 1800 through 1811.

**Olivia Megginson in February 1886.
Died sometime after February 1886.
This Robert J. (or I.) Kidd left records in both Amherst and Nelson Counties.**

1802 – According to the information provided in 1886 for his third marriage (when he was 84 years old), **Robert I. Kidd** was born in Nelson County, the son of “James and Lucy Kidd.” Given his age at the time of this marriage, he was born circa 1802. See his 1886 entry below for full details.⁴⁹⁵ Although he listed Nelson County as his birthplace, Nelson County wasn’t created until 1807, out of part of Amherst County. So he was surely born in Amherst County.

1820 – The federal census in 1820 in Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd. Robert J. Kidd is not among the named household heads in Nelson County in 1820. However, his brother, William J. Kidd’s household consists of 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1 male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture. Given the number of adult males in William J. Kidd’s household, the other three males could be his brothers James P., Jesse N., and **Robert J.**

1821-1850 – **Robert I. (or J.) Kidd** appears on Nelson County, VA PPTLs for the first time in 1821 (see Table below).

Each year, a middle initial (either I. or J.) is included, and each looks similar to the other, making it unclear which letter was intended.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1821	11-Mar	Robert I.	1		
1824	24-Mar	Robert I.	1		
1825	4-Apr	Robert I.	1		
1826	29-Feb	Robert I.	1		
1827	24-Feb	Robert I.	1		
1828	25-Feb	Robert I.	1		
1829	4-Mar	Robert I.	1		
1830	19-Feb	Robert I.	1	1	
1834	27-Feb	Robert I.	1	1	
1836	22-Feb	Robert I. or J.	1		1
1836	25-Feb	Robert I. or J.	1		1
1837	21-Mar	Robert I.	1		
1838	26-Mar	Robert I.	1		1
1839	3-Mar	Robert I.	1	5	4
1839	25-Apr	Robert I.	1		
1840	18-Apr	Robert I.	1		1
1841	7-May	Ro I.	1	1	1
1842	no dates	Robert I.	1	2	1
1843	2-May	Robert I.	1	2	1

⁴⁹⁵ Amherst County, Virginia Marriage Register 3, page 158, retrieved from FHL #30311, image 345 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Image of this record available upon request..

1845		Robert I.	1		
1846	no dates	Robert I.	1	1	2
1847		Robert I.	1	1	1
1848		Robert I.	1	2	1
1849		Robert I.	2	2	1
1850		Robert I.	1	2	1

We have not examined the Nelson County PPTLs after 1850.

1820 – In a Nelson County on 11 December 1820, John Hamblet entered into a Deed of Trust with William J. Kidd. John Hamblet acknowledged that he was indebted to Susanna Hamblet for \$62 by bond. Collateral included household goods, a mare, hogs and pigs, and crops. This Deed of Trust was signed by John Hamblet, W.J. Kidd, and Susannah Hamblet, and witnessed by John Whitehead, C.W. Kidd and **Robert J. Kidd**.⁴⁹⁶

1826 – Sarah A. Kidd et al from **Robt. J. Kidd**, 27 March 1826, Nelson County Court: "I make over and transfer to B.M. & H. Perkins, Nathan Lofftus & Co., Wm H. Dugges(Digges?) and Sarah A. Kidd, the money which will be due me for teaching school the present year.

March 27, 1826

Robt. J. Kidd {seal}

Recorded the same date.⁴⁹⁷

Evidently, Robert had received advances from these individuals or owed them debts. Sarah A. Kidd is Robert's sister who married Robert Watkins.

On 3 June 1826, **Robert J. Kidd** married Nancy Jane Pamplin in Nelson County.⁴⁹⁸ Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Archibald Pamplin.⁴⁹⁹

On 28 August 1826 in Nelson County, **Robert J. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Jos. C. Megginson regarding an agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife that had been reached prior to their marriage. This part of this record is extremely dark (filmed in negative mode) and is nearly unreadable. Here's the following text, verbatim:

"This Indenture ___ the 28th day of August 1826 between **Robert J. Kidd** of the first part, Joseph C. Megginson of the second part, and Nancy Jane Kidd, before marriage Nancy Jane Pamplin of the third part. Whereas a marriage has been lately solemnized between the said **Robert J. Kidd** and the said Nancy Jane, and whereas previous to the said marriage, articles of agreement were entered into, wherein the said **Robert J. Kidd** faithfully undertook(?) himself, his heirs, etc. to make over by way of settlement, to the said Nancy Jane (now his wife), certain property therein alluded to, and hereinafter, more particularly described.

"Now this indenture further witnesseth that the said **Robert J. Kidd**, for and in consideration of the premises (promises?) and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar, unto him in hand paid by the said Joseph C. Megginson," ..., has (sold) to

⁴⁹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

⁴⁹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:141.

⁴⁹⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁹⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

Megginson "all the right, title, interest and claim which he, the said **Robert J. Kidd** hath derived (?) or may hereafter derive, from the said Nancy Jane (his wife) in consequence of his said intermarriage with her," ... "to any and all property, whether real or personal, whether devised from her late father, or otherwise – to have and to hold the said property, whether real or personal Free from any claim or claims" ... "and upon this special confidence, that the said Joseph C. Megginson, his heirs, & etc., will suffer the said Nancy Jane Kidd to enjoy the use of the said property, and to keep it in her possession during her life, or sell the said property or any part thereof if required by the said Nancy Jane Kidd and at her like(?) request reinvest the money arising from the sale of the same, and furthermore upon the death of the said Nancy Jane Kidd, the said Joseph C. Megginson will give up the said property or whatever may be remaining in his hands unto the heirs of the said Nancy Jane Kidd. In testimony whereof the parties hereunto have set their hands and affixed their seals..."

(signed) **Robert J. Kidd** {seal}
 Jos. C. Megginson {seal}
 Nancy Jane Kidd {seal}

Witnesses were Robert J.'s father James Kidd and his brother James P. Kidd. The deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.⁵⁰⁰

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, **Robert J.**, Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.

Robert J. Kidd – 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 1F<5 & 1 20-29. No slaves.⁵⁰¹

1832 – On 20 August 1832, **Robert J. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust in Nelson County with Robert C. Cutter regarding a debt of "a considerable sum of money" due by account and owed to William J. Kidd. In doing so he put up a considerable amount of household and kitchen furniture, tools, and considerable livestock.

All the parties signed their names to this Deed of Trust. It was admitted to record the same day.⁵⁰²

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, Jonathan James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, William Coleman Kidd, Amanda Margaret Kidd, and Ann Hunt Kidd [all being the children of Robert J. Kidd and his wife Nancy Jane (Pamplin) Kidd] for the sum of \$1.00, a tract of land in Nelson and Amherst County on both sides of the county line, containing 71½ acres and adjacent to Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne and conveyed by William L. Watts to these trustees. This deed was acknowledged in open Court on 30 July 1835 by the parties and ordered to be recorded.⁵⁰³

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

⁵⁰⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

⁵⁰¹ 1830 federal census for Nelson Co., p. 111, line 12.

⁵⁰² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7, page 377, retrieved from FHL #32725, image 212 of 685 via familysearch.org.

⁵⁰³ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Nancy Pamplin Kidd died before 1840, evidenced by the 1840 census listing below. Two of these children named above are in Robert J. Kidd's household on the 1850 federal census (below).

- 1840 – On 24 February 1840, **Robert J. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Hiram W. Dawson, both of Nelson County, regarding a debt owed to Wm. J. Kidd and C.W. Kidd of Nelson County of \$50 “due by open account.” He used his black horse, saddle and bridle as collateral for this loan. All the parties signed this document.⁵⁰⁴

The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., **Robert J.**, Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Robert J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 3 5-9 & 1 60-69. No slaves. One in agriculture.

It appears that his wife Nancy Jane has died by the time of this census, as no woman her age is in his household on this census, and the following record is for the guardianship of her minor children.

On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by **Robert I. Kidd**, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. **Robert I. Kidd** was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, William C. Kidd & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”⁵⁰⁵

These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife, Nancy Jane, has died, and that she apparently had an inheritance from her parents, intended to be passed to her children, but not to Robert J. Kidd, her husband.

- 1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator, and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although the relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J. Kidd, Coleman W. Kidd, James P. Kidd, **Robert J. Kidd**, and Jesse N. Kidd, and Robert Watkins, as husband of Sarah A. Kidd, were the heirs of Lucy Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively, from the sale of Judy, the female slave that Lucy owned at the time of her death.⁵⁰⁶

On 6 January 1841, **Robert J. Kidd** in Fluvanna County entered into an agreement with William H. Diggs. At this time, he was about to enter into marriage with Harriet Jones, and wanted to exempt the property of said Harriet from liability for any of his debts, either now existing or hereinafter contracted. Therefore he conveys all right and title to any property which he may acquire by right of marriage, to wit, one Negro woman named Mahaley, one Negro girl named Mary, and their increase; one Negro Boy named George; plus one bed, bedstead & furniture, two tables, and one set of chairs to William H. Diggs, who will hold the property in trust for the benefit of the said Harriet and her heirs forever, but reserving to said **Robert J. Kidd** a joint support with the said Harriet out of the profits arising from said

⁵⁰⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page106.

⁵⁰⁵ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

⁵⁰⁶ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder).

property during her natural life, but is not subject to be taken for any debt of Robert J. Kidd whatever.

This agreement was signed by **Robert J. Kidd**, Harriet Jones and William H. Diggs.⁵⁰⁷

At a Court of Monthly Sessions in Fluvanna County on 25 October 1841, this instrument of writing was proved in open Court. Then on 28 March 1842, it was recorded in Nelson County Court.⁵⁰⁸

This marriage may have been recorded in Fluvanna Co VA.⁵⁰⁹

1842 – On 10 May 1842, **Robert I.**⁵¹⁰ **Kidd** was one of the witnesses to an **Amherst** County deed from Gutridge Lyon to his wife Mary A. and daughter, Eliza Boyd Lyon... for love and \$1.00, furniture to each, stock to daughter, interest in estate of parents, save debt due my brother James Lyon, Sally Lyon, and Harden Perkins. The other witnesses were J.C. and W.J. Lankford.⁵¹¹

On 19 November 1842 in Nelson County, Coleman W. Kidd leased to **Robert J. Kidd** “one red cow, one black yearling, one red steer, one brindle heifer, 16 head of hogs, one horse cart and gear, two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, and one ___ press, all of which he agrees to return when demanded by me. Signed – C.W. Kidd.

On the same day, **Robert J. Kidd** signed a receipt for the above items, which was witnessed by Jesse N. Kidd and Lucy Jane Lankford.

This deed of lease was admitted in court and recorded on 5 January 1843.⁵¹²

1843 – **Robert J. Kidd** was involved in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1843-031] titled William H. Digges Trust etc. vs. Nathaniel R. Powell etc., concerning the marital agreement between Robert J. Kidd and his wife Harriet Jones.

"Your orator **Robert J. Kidd**, being at the time of the said marriage much involved in pecuniary embarrassments, was unwilling to endanger the estate of his intended wife by subjecting it to the payment of his debts contracted before the marriage, and with this in view, did on the 6th of January 1841" enter into a Deed of Trust with William H. Diggs of Nelson County (to protect the slaves and other property belonging to Harriet Jones). The marriage occurred in Fluvanna County, and then the couple moved to Nelson County, taking some of this property including slaves with them.

Later, Nathaniel R. Powell "sued an execution upon a judgment rendered against ... **Robert J. Kidd** at the April Term of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery in Nelson County, for \$124.84, and interest from 15 December 1837, and \$8.43 costs....and caused the same to be levied on the slaves Mahala, Mary, George, and James Wesley, this last mentioned boy son of Mahala, born since the deed was executed." The Sheriff took possession of the slaves, and

⁵⁰⁷ Fluvanna Co. Deed Book 13, pages 105-106. Scanned images available.

⁵⁰⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:484-5.

⁵⁰⁹ Fluvanna Co. Marriages, 1777-1801, at usgenweb archives:

<http://files.usgwararchives.net/va/fluvanna/vitals/marriages/marr7758.txt>

These marriage abstracts do not include the month and day of most marriages, and don't specify the sources from which these records were abstracted. The year for this record is listed at 1841 in this database.

⁵¹⁰ In this deed, Robert's middle initial is clearly a capital I, not J. Compare with other capital Js and Is in the deed.

⁵¹¹ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 291, citing DB Y, p. 184. Image retrieved from FHL #30295, image 103 (restricted access) via Familysearch.org at SPL. Image available upon request.

⁵¹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

the Kidds are suing to get them back. (p. 2)
[Other debts, dating back to 1823, are also being levied against them, on these slaves.]
It's not clear, but it appears that the plaintiffs prevailed in this case.⁵¹³

1844 – The next year, **Robert J. Kidd** was involved in another Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1844-012] titled William H. Digges Trust, etc. vs. John Sclater:
This is another suit about the Deed of Trust that Robert J. Kidd entered into prior to his marriage with Harriet Jones, intended to protect property owned by his wife prior to their marriage from creditors seeking payment for Robert's outstanding debts at the time of their marriage. William H. Digges was the trustee for Harriet Jones Kidd's property, including the slaves.⁵¹⁴

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 259B, HH 567:

Kidd, Robert J. 50MW carpenter VA
" , Harriet 36FW VA
" , Amanda H. 16FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)
" , Ann 14FW VA (his daughter by first marriage)
" , Robert 9MW VA
" , Caledonia 7FW VA
" , Elizabeth 5FW VA
" , Lewis 3MW VA
" , unnamed 4/12M VA

1860 – On the federal census in Amherst Co, VA, p. 160, HH 1191/1187:

Kidd, R.I. (or J.) 50MW carpenter \$2100/S3180 (birthplaces blank)
" , Harriet 50FW
" , Ro. 18FW (M. probably intended) farm laborer in school this yr.
" , C.R. 14FW in school this yr.
" , E.H. 12FW in school this yr.
" , L.C. 10MW in school this yr.
" , M.W.P. 8MW in school this yr.

1870 – On the federal census in Elon, Amherst County, VA, Lynchburg City P.O., p. 38, HH 285/277:

Kidd, Robert J. 67MW farmer \$2000/150 VA
" , Harriet 56FW keeps house VA
" , Louis R. 21MW farm hand VA
" , Merriwether P. 18MW farm hand VA
(no others)

1880 – We have not found him on the 1880 federal census.

1886 – **Robert I. Kidd** married Olivia Megginson in Amherst County, VA on 7 February 1886.⁵¹⁵
Robert was 84 years old and widowed, while Olivia was 40 and single. In this record, his parents are listed as James and Lucy Kidd; her father was Archibald Megginson, but her

⁵¹³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1843-031

⁵¹⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-012

⁵¹⁵ Amherst County, Virginia Marriage Register 3, page 158, retrieved from FHL #30311, image 345 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). Image of this record available upon request.

mother's name was left blank. His birthplace was Nelson County, while hers was Appomattox County.

We have not been able to find any further records for Robert J. Kidd or for his third wife Olivia.

ROBERT K. KIDD, the son of Robert N. Kidd and Agnes Willoughby

Born abt 1822

Married Martha Johnson in 1854 in Nelson County

Died in 1862 in Civil War

1843-1850 – **Robert K. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1843, and appears for the next 5 years in these annual tax lists. See Table below:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1843	8-Apr	Robert K.	1	0	1
1844	26-Feb	Robert K.	1	0	3
1845		Robert K.	1	0	2
1846		Robert K.	1	0	2
1847		Robert K.	1	0	0
1848		Robert K.	1	0	0
1850		Robert K.	1	0	0

1844 – On 16 March 1844, **Robert K. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert C. Cutter regarding a debt of \$500 he owed to William S. Loving & Thomas W. Farley. Loving and Farley served as securities for Kidd in an injunction in which he was the plaintiff, against Perkins & Ewers. In addition, Kidd was indebted to Loving for \$35 due by bond, and also to Farley for \$19.50 due by bond. All the parties to this Deed of Trust signed and it was admitted into record the same date.⁵¹⁶

On 13 August 1844, William Harris of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Wilson P. Kidd regarding a debt of \$60 owed by Harris to Joshua Willoughby for the rent of the plantation on which he now resides. [a very dark, difficult to read document.] All three parties signed, W.P. Kidd by his signature, and the other two with an X. This deed was witnessed by **Robert K. Kidd** and Nathan L. Kidd, and was recorded the same day in court.⁵¹⁷

Also in 1844, Robert K. Kidd was the plaintiff in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1844-029], titled Robert K. Kidd vs. Perkins & Ewers:

The complainant **Robert K. Kidd** states that Benjamin M. Perkins and Stephen R. Ewers, merchants doing business as Perkins & Ewers, obtained a judgment in court against Wilson P. Kidd for \$85.05 principal and \$5.96 in costs, and issued an execution on that debt on 10 February last [month], and that the deputy sheriff levied the said execution on some of the complainant's property, including horses, cattle, tobacco and oxen, etc. He further states that none of this property belongs or belonged to Wilson P. Kidd. Moreover, if the

⁵¹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:479.

⁵¹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:81.

complainant had to sell his oxen and horses, which he uses to farm on the land he has rented, he would be unable to support himself and his father's family "which is very numerous," since he is poor and could not buy other livestock. [The father is Robert N. Kidd.] Robert K. Kidd filed this bill on 2 March 1844. It appears that the court was willing to issue the injunction that he sought (p.4), if Robert K. Kidd could find someone to enter into a bond double the amount of the debt in the declaration.

Ewers, one of the defendants, states that he believes that the property described in the complaint did not belong to **Robert K. Kidd**, but to Wilson P. Kidd until the day of the judgment against said Wilson P. Kidd, at which time he understood that Wilson P. Kidd passed it on to **Robert K. Kidd**. (p. 7) He also states (p.8) that the father of **Robert K. Kidd** is presently "yet in the prime of life, and not less capable of labor and disposed to work than the Plaintiff himself, by which the said Wilson P. Kidd, as older brother, a man of business capacity and married, and all the younger and older members of the household" were capable of contributing. Ewers then gives his opinion of the fraud that he felt the brothers were trying to pull off. (pp. 7-8)

pp. 21-ff contain the deposition of Robert N. Kidd, the father of Robert K. Kidd. He testified that he did live with **Robert K. Kidd**, as did his younger children. He also testified that he is the person who rented the land to Robert K. Kidd, and that he holds the land "in waiting" from Joshua Willoughby, who is his father-in-law. He also testified that his son Wilson P. Kidd was serving at the time as Constable for Nelson County, and that Wilson P. Kidd boarded with **Robert K. Kidd** when he was "idle," but that he was away frequently in his business as Constable. This deposition was taken 23 April 1844.

p. 33 – in one of the many depositions in this case to determine whether Wilson P. Kidd was the owner of the property and the person essentially running the farm on which members of this Kidd family lived, deponent Nelson Philips was asked: "Is not W.P. Kidd in the habit of bragging?" Philips' answer: "I believe he is."

As with a number of the Kidds' court cases, it is unclear how this suit ended.⁵¹⁸

1845 – On 17 September 1845, **Robert K. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Hiram W. Dawson regarding a debt of \$60 he owed to John B. Bell, due by bond dated 24 April 1843 and payable 1 October 1843, with John (H.?) Loving as his security. Also **Robert K. Kidd** stands as a joint obliger with Wilson P. Kidd for the sum of \$98.32 due by bond to Royal McCaul, dated 31 January 1844, payable on demand and bearing interest from 31 January 1844. [This Deed of Trust is complicated, but it appears that Robert K. Kidd grants to Cutter as security his interest in the above land, and his growing crops for the year in trust.]⁵¹⁹

1846 – On 10 August 1846, Hiram W. Dawson, Trustee, sold the following property of **Robert K. Kidd** to pay his debts, as provided in their 1845 Deed of Trust: one roan mare (\$28), his crop of tobacco (\$10), one yoke oxen (\$31), 1 wagon iron (\$1) and one set of tools (\$0.25). Payments were made to William S. Loving (\$43.36), R. McCaul (\$13.98), John H. Loving (\$7.40) and the clerk of Nelson Court (\$0.25).

The report of the sale was recorded in Nelson County Court on 25 August 1846.⁵²⁰

⁵¹⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-029

⁵¹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:233-34.

⁵²⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:388.

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁵²¹

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, **Robert Kidd** and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 238A, are two households containing Kidds, living nearly next door to one another. I list them together because this proximity suggests kinship.

HH 249

Martin, William 32MW carpenter VA

" , Eliza A. 26FW VA

" , Elizabeth 10FW VA attended school within the year

" , Elmira 8FW VA attended school within the year

" , Catherine 6MW VA

" , John J. 4MW VA

" , Sarah 7/12FW VA

Willoughby, Milton 18MW VA

Kidd, Abner 65MW VA pauper

HH 251

Kidd, Robert N. 59MW farmer \$600 VA

" , Agnus 55FW VA

" , Eliza 17FW VA

" , William J. 8MW VA attended school within the year

White, Thomas 17MW VA

Kidd, Robert K. 25MW carpenter VA

1854 – On 22 November 1854, **Robert K. Kidd** married Martha Johnson in Nelson County, VA.⁵²² Martha was the daughter of John Johnson and Behetheland Loving.⁵²³

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingston twp., Nelson County, VA, pp. 115-116:

HH 817

⁵²¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁵²² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵²³ This relationship is confirmed by her 1915 Nelson Co. death certificate, in which their son, Elijah C. Kidd, was the informant. See our “Kidds of Nelson County, Virginia” tree on Ancestry for this record and others.

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW⁵²⁴

" , Frances P. 57FW \$500/100 Nelson CROW

" , Lorenzo D. 21MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW

" , Margaret 19FW Nelson

" , Louisa 14FW Nelson

" , Mary 12FW Nelson

HH 818

Kidd, Alex'r. Kidd, Sr. 67MW farmer \$1500/500 Nelson County

" , Charity 61FW Nelson

" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

HH 819

Kidd, Robert K. 37MW farmer \$0/80 Nelson

" , Martha 33FW Nelson

" , Lucas W. 4MW Nelson

" , Elijah C. 2MW Nelson

HH 820

Kidd, Agnus 66FW Nelson

" , William I. (definitely not like 'J's on this page) 18MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson)

" , Paulus 8MW Nelson

HH 121

Kidd, Isaiah B. 35MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson

" , Ann 43FW Nelson CROW⁵²⁵

" , Susan A. 22FW Nelson CROW

" , Alex'r. B. 18MW Nelson

" , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle

" , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson

" , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson

" , Rosa E. 9FW Nelson

" , Silas B. 6MW Nelson

" , Walter M. 3MW Nelson

" , Isaiah I. 1MW Nelson

" , Megginson 4MW Nelson

1862 – **Robert K. Kidd** died in September 1862 at the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) and has a commemorative headstone at Ridgecrest Cemetery in Lovingston, Nelson County, VA.⁵²⁶ This cemetery is (or was) known as the Johnson-Kidd cemetery, according to another transcription of his headstone.⁵²⁷

⁵²⁴ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

⁵²⁵ Cannot read or write.

⁵²⁶ Ancestry.com, citing BillionGraves.com.

⁵²⁷ *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingston, Virginia, 2007, p. 178.

In 2006, commemorative headstones were placed in this cemetery to honor the service of Nathan Laud, Preston W., **Robert K.**, and William Jenkins (Jenks) Kidd for the Confederacy. An article appearing in the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006, states that the four were brothers: Nathan and Robert died at the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) and Preston died within two weeks from wounds sustained in that battle. Only William, who lost part of his leg, lived to return home, where he cared for Nathan's orphaned children Emma and Sarah (see his section, below) and later had his own family.⁵²⁸

[Note: Robert K.'s widow Martha and two sons Lucas and Elijah are listed on the 1870 census for Nelson County, VA. Martha is listed as Martha Johnson, head of household, and the sons are listed as Kidds.]

ROBERT NELSON KIDD SR., the husband of Agnes Willoughby and brother of Alexander Kidd Sr.⁵²⁹ and Hudson P. Kidd⁵³⁰

[Note: Robert Nelson Kidd is distinctive from Robert N. Kidd Jr.]

Born abt 1791⁵³¹ in Virginia

Married Agnes Willoughby in 1816

Died in 1859 in Nelson County, VA

Robert Nelson Kidd and Agnes Willoughby had nine children^{532, 533}:

1. **Wilson P.** (~1817 – aft. 1860)
2. **Arthur H.** (~1819 – bef. 1870)
3. **Sarah Ann**
4. **Robert K.** (~1822 – Sept 1862)
5. **Pamelia B.** (~1828 – aft. 1880)
6. **Nathan Laud** (abt 1828 – Sept 1862)
7. **Preston W.** (abt 1831 – October 1862)
8. **Elizabeth Ann**
9. **William Jenkins (Jenks)** (1841-1921)

We believe that Robert N. Kidd was likely the son of William Kidd Sr. of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia. See [Appendix 5](#) of this document for our explanation supporting this hypothesis.

The book *Tuckaboos and Cobees: The Settlers and Cultures of Amherst and Nelson Counties, 1607-1807*, includes two photos of the "Willoughby-Kidd House," and this caption:

"Joshua Willoughby arrived on Dutch Creek in the middle decades of the 18th century, building the house still standing. He left 200 acres and his mill to daughter Agnes, who married **Robert N. Kidd**. The house is in two sections, a two over two; and a one-story log house built by the Kidds,

⁵²⁸ For the marking of the Confederate graves of brothers Nathan, Preston, Robert, and William (Jenks) Kidd, see the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIBAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIBAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

⁵²⁹ So named in Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1836-022,

⁵³⁰ So named in Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1835-017, in an affidavit signed 20 July 1833, images 24-25 of 61. Digital images of this affidavit are available upon request.

⁵³¹ This estimate is based upon from 1850 federal census entry, as well as his headstone.

⁵³² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

⁵³³ *Nelson Co VA Heritage Book 1807-2000*, published 2001, pp. 230-231 (abstract of Kidd entries in Nelson Co Shared Folder).

and later moved to form a wing. The chimneys are of native stones, and the houses, well cared for, provide a glimpse of 18th century life on Dutch Creek."⁵³⁴

1815 – On 10 February 1815, William Kidd of the county of Nelson entered into a Deed of Trust with Spottswood Garland and James Garland in order to secure payment of £58.1.3, the balance due on a bond settled and executed this day by him to Richd. C. Pollard, the administrator of James Hopkins, deceased (for the rent of lease willed to Authur H. Pollard). This deed was signed by William Kidd with an X, and was witnessed by **Robert N. Kidd**, who also signed with an X. It was admitted to record in Nelson County Court April 24, 1815.⁵³⁵

On 23 October 1815, John Wright of Nelson County sold to **Robert N. Kidd** & Alexander Kidd of the same county, for \$120, a tract of land lying in Nelson County on the waters of Dutch Creek containing 129 acres, it being the same tract deeded to Wright in Amherst County. John Wright signed with an X. This deed was admitted into record on 27 October 1815.⁵³⁶

Also on 23 October 1815, John Wright sold a second parcel of land to **Robert N. Kidd** and Alexander Kidd, for £80, a tract of land containing 163 acres, it being the same tract conveyed to him by Richard C. Pollard and Elizabeth his wife, the deed of which is on record in the Amherst County courthouse.

As in the deed above, John Wright signed with an X.⁵³⁷

On the same day, 23 October 1815, **Robert N. Kidd** and Alexander Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Jas. Garland Jr and Robt. J. Kincaid regarding a debt of \$200 due by bond to John Wright in March 1818, and one other bond of \$200, payable 1 March 1819., using the tract of land on the waters of Dutch Creek and containing 129 acres.

Robert N. Kidd and Alexander Kidd signed their names. The Deed of Trust was admitted into Nelson County court records on Nov. 27, 1815.⁵³⁸

1816 – A marriage bond was issued for **R.N. Kidd** and A. [Agnes] Willoughby on 8 June 1816. The bondsman was Joshua Willoughby and the minister was John Shepherd. The marriage took place the following day.⁵³⁹

1816-1850 – **Robert N. Kidd (Sr.)** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1816. He appears almost annually afterwards through 1850, the last year of these records we've examined. See Table below:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses	image #
1813		Ro.	1	0	1	149
1814		Robert	1	0	0	168

⁵³⁴ *Tuckaboes and Cobees: The Settlers and Cultures of Amherst and Nelson Counties, 1607-1807*, by Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman, Sweet Briar College Printing Press, 1992, p. 337.

⁵³⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available from RK.

⁵³⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:296-97.

⁵³⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:297.

⁵³⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 321-23.

⁵³⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses	image #
1815		Robert	1	0	1	189
1816		Ro.N.	1	0	0	209
1817		Robert	1	0	1	232
1818		Robert N.	1	0	2	258
1819		not listed				63
1820	28-Feb	Robert N.	1	0	1	282
1821	26-Mar	Robert L. (sic) ⁵⁴⁰	1	0	1	301
1822	25-Feb	Robert L. (sic)	1	0	1	318
1823	24-Feb	Robert N.	NL	0	2	332
1824	23-Feb	Robert N.	1	0	1	348
1825	23-Feb	Robert N.	1	1	1	370
1826	27-Feb	Robert N.	1	1	1	392
1827	26-Mar	Robert N.	1	1	1	415
1828	24-Mar	Robert N.	1	1	1	438
1829	23-Mar	Robert N.	1	0	1	463
1830	22-Feb	Robert N.	1	0	1	486
1831	28-Feb	Robert N.	1	0	1	511
	3-Mar	Robert N.	1	0	0	
1832	23-Apr	Robert N.	1	0	2	534
1833	9-Feb	Robert N.	1	0	1	556
	21-Mar	Robert N.	1	0	0	
1834	25-Feb	Robert N.	2	0	2	580
1835	15-Feb	Robert N.	3	0	2	604
1836	22-Feb	Robert N.	3	0	2	625
1837	25-Mar	Robert N.	2	0	1	648
1838	26-Feb	Robert N.	2	0	1	672
1839	25-Mar	Robert N.	2	0	1	694
1840	17-Mar	Robert N.	2		1	720
		Nelson	1	0	0	
1841	22-Mar	Robert N.	2		1	745
	31 Apr	Robert N. Jr.	1	0	0	
1842		Robert N.	1	0	1	771
		Robert N. Jr.	1	0	0	
1843	8-Apr	Robert N. Snr.	1	0	0	796
		Robert N. Jnr.	1	0	0	
1844	13 Apr	Robert N. Snr.	1	0	0	832
		Robert N. Jnr.	1	0	0	
1845		Robert N. Sr.	1	0	0	876
		Robert M. ⁵⁴¹ Jr.	1	0	0	
		Nelson	1	0	1	48

⁵⁴⁰ We believe that these two entries were clerical errors on the part of the tax collector, because no other mentions of a Robert L. Kidd were found in Nelson County, and because in these two years, Robert N. Kidd does not appear on these PPTILs.

⁵⁴¹ This entry clearly has the middle initial M, rather than M. We feel confident that this is a clerical entry error.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses	image #
1846		Robert N.	1	0	0	49
1847		Robert N. Jr.	1	0	0	90
		Nelson	1	0	1	91
1848		Robert N. Sr.	1	0	0	135
		Robert N. Jr.	1	0	0	136
1849		Robert N.	1	0	0	178
		Robert N. Jr.	1	0	2	179
1850		Robert N.	1	0	0	224
		Robert N. Jr.	1	0	1	

1816-1845 – Alexander Kidd and **Robert N. Kidd** first appear on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1816, taxed upon the two parcels they purchased the preceding year. The description of the two parcels is given as "on Dutch Creek, adj. to John Melton...3 miles E of the Courthouse" on this and subsequent listings.
 Alexander and Robert N. Kidd continue to appear annually on the Nelson LTLs (with minor changes in neighbors listed) through 1845, when they drop from the lists.
 [Note: William J. Kidd also appears for the first time on the Nelson County LTLs in 1816; see his section in this paper.]

1820 – The 1820 federal census for Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, **Robert N.**, William C., and William J. Kidd.
Robert N. Kidd – 1M<10 & 1 26-44; 1F<10 & 1 16-25; 2M slaves <14. 1 in Ag.

1827 – On 12 December 1827, William C. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow. **Robert N. Kidd**, Alexr. Kidd and Sparks Martin had entered security for William C. Kidd in a bond dated 8 December 1827 and made payable to Wilson Peters, administrator of Susanna Hamblet, dec'd, for the sum of \$231.14 and payable 12 months after the date. William C. Kidd, desirous to secure the said parties in their undertaking as securities for him, enters into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow, putting up "one negro girl slave named Milly," whom Kidd had purchased from Wilson Peters as administrator, as collateral. But the slave girl Milly is to remain in the possession of William C. Kidd until the said Charles Perrow "shall call for her to answer the purposes of this trust and then to be sold as hereinafter directed."

(signed) W.C. Kidd {seal}
 Chas. Perrow {seal}
 Ro. N. Kidd {seal}
 Alexr. Kidd {seal}
 Sparks Martin {seal}⁵⁴²

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., **Robert N.**, 2 Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.
Robert N. Kidd – 2M<5, 2 5-9, 2 10-14 & 1 30-39; 1F<5 & 1 20-29. One slave.

⁵⁴² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:183-184.

1836 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1836 [1836-022], titled Alexander Kidd vs. Nathan Lofftus etc. [and others]

Alexander Kidd, the complainant, charges that "some years ago, there existed in the town of Lovingsston a firm of merchants consisting of Nathan Lofftus, Lee W. Harris, and Wilson Peters, trading under the firm of Nathan Lofftus & Co." He states that he became indebted to this firm, and upon the dissolution of this firm, the debt which he and **Robert N. Kidd**, his brother, owed to that concern fell into the hands of Nathan Lofftus, who on 24 May 1832 settled the account with the Kidd brothers, and took their bond for \$299.54, with each brother liable for half of that amount.

The image shows a handwritten document in cursive script. The text is a section of a legal statement. It begins with "Your orator Alexander Kidd humbly complaining" and describes a firm of merchants in Lovingsston (sic) consisting of Nathan Lofftus, Lee W. Harris, and Wilson Peters. It states that the orator became indebted to this firm and that upon its dissolution, the debt was divided among the partners. The debt of the orator and his brother, Robert N. Kidd, fell into the hands of Nathan Lofftus, who settled the account on May 24, 1832, for \$299.54. The bond was executed to Nathan Lofftus.

FIGURE: Section of Alexander Kidd's statement in Nelson County Chancery Case 1836-022, in which he specifically names **Robert N. Kidd** as his brother.

[This suit contains a lengthy account of the financial transactions involving Alexander and Robert N. Kidd, and also William C. Kidd. Alexander's bill seems to state that he could pay his share, but Robert N. cannot pay his, and he's looking for a remedy to absolve himself of the debt (p. 3B). This statement was signed by Alexander on 7 June 1836.

Robert N. Kidd gave his answer (pp. 12-13), dated 28 Sept. 1836.⁵⁴³

Also on 1 September 1836, **Robert N. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Albert G. Loving regarding debts of \$55.57 owed to John J. Hargrove & Co., and of \$628.21 and \$56.96 due by judgment and owed to Lofftus, Hargrove & Co. In doing so, **Robert N. Kidd** put up a tract of land in Nelson County containing 363 acres, one moiety [share] of which belongs to Alexander Kidd, and the other to the said **Robert N. Kidd** on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, adjoining the lands of John Allen, Albert G. Loving, the estate of John Melton, Alexander Kidd and the estate of Mary Bryant, Lee W. Harris and Daniel

⁵⁴³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-022

Wheeler. He also put up livestock, furniture and crops.

All parties signed their names, and the deed was admitted into record the same day.⁵⁴⁴

[This is the land that Robert N. Kidd and Alexander Kidd purchased from Wright in 1815. A moiety is an equal share of land.]

1836 – An Alex G. ((the middle initial was misread, and is actually S., as the name of his bride matches the 1850 census below) Kidd married "Franc. Willoughby" on 21 April 1836 in Nelson County, VA.

Another abstract of this marriage lists the bride's name as Frances, and states that the bondsman was **Robert N. Kidd**, and the minister Edward L. Warren.⁵⁴⁵

On 1 September 1836, **Robert N. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Albert G. Loving regarding debts of \$55.57 owed to John J. Hargrove & Co., and debts of \$628.21 and \$56.96 due by judgment and owed to Lofftus, Hargrove & Co. **Robert N. Kidd** put up a tract of land in Nelson County containing 363 acres, one moiety of which belongs to Alexander Kidd, and the other to the said **Robert N. Kidd** ...on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, adjoining the lands of John Allen, Albert G. Loving, the estate of John Melton, Alexander Kidd and the estate of Mary Bryant, Lee W. Harris and Daniel Wheeler. He also put up livestock, furniture and crops.

All parties signed their names, and the deed was admitted into record the same day.⁵⁴⁶

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Mccajah, **R. N.**, Robert J., Thomas, William H. and William J. Kidd.

R. N. Kidd – 2M 10-14, 1 15-19, 2 20-29 & 1 50-59; 1F 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49. One slave. Three in agriculture.

1842 – On 5 August 1842, **Robert N. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Wilson P. Kidd regarding a debt of \$125 owed to Joshua Willoughby, using all his growing crops as collateral.

The deed was signed by **Robert N. Kidd**, and was admitted to Court record the following day.⁵⁴⁷

1842 – In Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1845-005], titled Nathan Lofftus etc. v. **Robert N. Kidd**:

Nathan Lofftus and Floyd S. Whitehead, surviving partners, and John J. Hargrove, dec'd, late merchants and partners in the firm of Lofftus, Hargrove & Co., state that **Robert N. Kidd** was indebted to John Hargrove on 1 Sept 1836 for the sum of \$57.59 due by bond, and indebted to the said firm Lofftus, Hargrove & Co. in the sum of \$628.21 owed by bond called that day, and also indebted to the above firm for the sum of \$56.96 due by judgment in the Superior Court of Nelson County, and that Kidd, desirous of settling these debts, entered into a Deed of Trust on 1 Sept 1836 with Albert G. Loving, conveying a tract of land and various personal property to him in order to secure his debt. But Albert G. Loving

⁵⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:329-330.

⁵⁴⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

⁵⁴⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:329-330.

⁵⁴⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:55.

never signed the deed, and later wished to be relieved of his obligation therein. The plaintiffs never received any payment. They therefore ask the court to appoint a new trustee.

In 1842, Robert N. Kidd answered the bill, giving his consent that the case be heard in August 1842 court (p. 5 is his brief response and includes his signature). Pp. 7-8 contains the report of the sale of Kidd's land and personal property in 1845 by R.E. Cutter, the commissioner appointed for this purpose. That report includes this description of Robert N. Kidd's land:

"... one moiety of a tract of land containing 363 acres, the other moiety whereof belonged to Alexander Kidd, lying in the county of Nelson on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, adjoining the lands of John Allen, Albert G. Loving, the estate of John Melton, Alexander Kidd, (the) estate of Mary Bryant, Lee W. Harris, and Daniel Wheeler."

Charles E. Perrow purchased the land at auction at \$2 per acre, for a total of \$363.⁵⁴⁸

On 28 July 1845, the Nelson County Court recorded the outcome of the above Chancery Court suit. **Robert N. Kidd** lost the suit brought by Lofftus & Whitehead, surviving partners of Lofftus, Hargrove & Co. on 22 August 1842, and Robert C. Cutter had been appointed by a decree of the court as trustee, in room [place] of Albert G. Loving in a Deed of Trust executed by Robert N. Kidd on 1 Sept. 1836 (the purpose of which was to secure certain debts to Lofftus, Hargrove & Co.). In this Deed of Trust, Kidd conveyed to Loving a tract of land containing 363 acres, "one moiety of which belonged to Alexander Kidd, and the other moiety to Robert N. Kidd. The latter moiety of land was on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, adjoining the lands of John Allen, Albert G. Loving, the estate of John Melton, Alexander Kidd, the estate of Mary Bryant, Lee M. Harris, and Daniel Wheeler (very dark negative here!). **Robert N. Kidd** had defaulted in this debt. So Robert Cutter as trustee auctioned off said land on 26 July 1845 to the highest bidder, to satisfy Kidd's debt. The case was admitted to record in Nelson County Court the following day.⁵⁴⁹

On 22 September 1845, the Nelson County Court recorded a list of property and estate, real and personal, sold by Robert C. Cutter as trustee in a Deed of Trust, to satisfy **Robert N. Kidd's** debt, on which he defaulted. Sold was his land (181.5 acres) and his household furniture and goods, and plantation tools.⁵⁵⁰

1846 – In this year, **Robert N. Kidd** and his brother Alexander Kidd drop from the Nelson County Land Tax Lists, having lost their land to foreclosure in 1845 (above). They don't reappear through 1850, the last year that we've checked.

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled Alexander Kidd & wife, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc⁵⁵¹

The complainants in this case are:

Alexander Kidd and Charity his wife;

Robert N. Kidd and Aggy (Agnes) his wife;

⁵⁴⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1845-005

⁵⁴⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:213-4.

⁵⁵⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:243.

⁵⁵¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife;
Alexander S. Kidd and Fanny his wife;
Alfred Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife;
which said Charity, Aggy, Margaret, Fanny and Alfred are children and devisees of Joshua Willoughby, dec'd; and
William Bryant and Lourena his wife (granddaughter of Joshua Willoughby); and
Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, (and) Cynthia Kidd (children of Alexander and Charity Kidd); and
Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (**children of Robert N. and Aggy Kidd**);
All above the age of 21 years.

Note: The purpose of this chancery cause apparently is to partition the land owned by the deceased Joshua Willoughby for his heirs. Happily it lists many of these heirs by name. The complaint (images 2-3) states that Joshua Willoughby's will included many devisees, and established Trustees to distribute his estate, but the individuals named as his executors and trustees (Charles Perrow and Wilson Peters) were not willing to accept that role, "because they have no idea of undertaking such a task when in all probability it cannot be settled during their lives, and which may be injurious to their own children after their deaths, and if they should live, there is no knowing how many children and grandchildren there will be to settle with, who will be descendants of your orators and oratrixes."
They also state that the proceeds of the sale of the remaining lands will be so small (after division between so many heirs) as to not be worth the trouble, "and would compel your orators to seek homes in some distant part, and cause them to sell their interest for little or nothing." Instead they ask that "the land (be) laid off and divided (so that) each of them could get a comfortable home of good land ..."

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said land, "free from the claim of their several husbands for life, and after their respective deaths to be divided among their several children according to the intent of the said testator."

The defendants in this case are all infants (children under 21):

Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William, children of **Robert and Aggy Kidd**;
Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd, children of Alexander & Charity Kidd;
Elizabeth, Lucinda, Nehemiah, Parena(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and
Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, children of Alexander S. and Fanny Kidd; and
Sarah, Mary Jane, Ann Maria, Sissa and Richard Bryant, infant children of William Bryant and Lourena Bryant; and
Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Martha, and John Willoughby, children of Alfred Willoughby and Milton Willoughby, all infants.

The complainants "pray for a suspension of the sale of said lands until the deaths of the respective children and grandchildren who are entitled for life, that the said lands be divided into seven shares according to quality and quantity, after first setting apart the tract for the widow, for life, and the tract left in trust for the wife and children of Walker S. Willoughby. The bill was filed 25 October 1847.

Image 5: Executor Wilson Peters agrees with the plaintiffs on all points.

Images 7-8: The court appoints commissioners (Lunsford Loving, Terrisha Bailey, John H. Loving, Christopher T. Estes and William J. Robinson or any three of them) to allot 200 acres to the widow of Joshua Willoughby, and then to divide the remaining land into seven equal parts.

Image 15: The allocation of lots to each of the 7 devisees, dated 22 November 1847.

Image 18: A photocopy of the original plat. [Note: The original has been removed from the file, and is evidently in the Clerk's office in Nelson County.]

[Note: In 1847, Robert N. and his wife Aggy are named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 2](#) for this document.]

1849 – A Nelson County marriage bond for Richard A. White and Pamela B. Kidd was issued on 13 November 1849. The bondsman was **Robert N. Kidd**.⁵⁵²

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 238A, are two households containing Kidds, living nearly next door to one another. I list them together because this proximity suggests kinship.

HH 249

Martin, William 32MW carpenter VA

" , Eliza A. 26FW VA

" , Elizabeth 10FW VA attended school within the year

" , Elmira 8FW VA attended school within the year

" , Catherine 6MW VA

" , John J. 4MW VA

" , Sarah 7/12FW VA

Willoughby, Milton 18MW VA

Kidd, Abner 65MW VA pauper

HH 251

Kidd, Robert N. 59MW farmer \$600 VA

" , Agnus 55FW VA

" , Eliza 17FW VA

" , William J. 8MW VA attended school within the year

White, Thomas 17MW VA [This is apparently his grandson, the son of his dau., Pemilia B. (Kidd) White, the wife of Richard A. White). But Permilia and Richard didn't marry until 1849.]

Kidd, Robert H. [K.] 25MW carpenter VA

1853 – On 10 October 1853, William H. Gowing and Eliza his wife, formerly Eliza Kidd, daughter of **Robert N. Kidd** and wife of Nelson Co, sold for \$50 to her brother, William Kidd, all their interest in the estate left by Joshua Willoughby in his will to the wife and children of R.N. Kidd.

This deed was recorded in Nelson County Court the same day.⁵⁵³

⁵⁵² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁵⁵³ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:598.

1859 – **Robert Nelson Kidd** died in 1859. He and his wife Agnes are both buried in the Ridgecrest cemetery in Lovington, Nelson County, VA, sharing a common grave marker⁵⁵⁴ that reads:

Robert Nelson Kidd
1791-1859
Agnes Willoughby Kidd
1795-1878

1873 – In a deed dated 26 September 1873, Richard A. White and Pemelia B. his wife, formerly Pamela B. Kidd, daughter of **Robert N. Kidd** and wife, of the county of Nelson, state of Virginia, for the sum of \$30 convey to William J. Kidd, her brother, all their interest in the estate left in the last will and testament of Joshua Willoughby to the wife and children of **Robert N. Kidd** of the county of Nelson.

(signed) Richd. A. White {seal}
Pemilia B. White {seal}⁵⁵⁵

ROBERT N. KIDD, JR., the son of Hudson P. Kidd and the nephew⁵⁵⁶ of Robert Nelson Kidd Sr.

**Born April 1819 in VA, according to the 1900 Nelson County, VA census
Married Charlotte Craig in 1844 in Nelson County
Died by 1902 in Nelson County**

1841 – **Robert N. (Nelson) Kidd Jr.** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1840, and appears almost annually on these tax lists through 1850, the last year of these records that we've examined. See Table below:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1840		Nelson	1		
1841	30-Apr	Ro N. Jr.	1		
1842		Robert N. Jr.	1		
1843	8-Apr	Robert N. Jr.	1		
1846		Robert N. Jr.	1		
		Nelson	1		1
1847		Nelson	1		1
1848		Robert N. Jr.	1		1
1849		Robert N. Jr.	1		2
1850		Robert N. Jr.	1		1

⁵⁵⁴ This is a modern grave marker evidently placed later on the site.

⁵⁵⁵ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 18:446-447.

⁵⁵⁶ From the Nelson Co VA Heritage Book article: Pamela B. Kidd married Richard Andrew White, and their son David (Toby) Monroe White married Etta Willie Kidd, the daughter of Robert Nelson Kidd Jr., who was a nephew of Robert Nelson Kidd Sr.

This statement is substantiated by contemporaneous records confirming that Alexander Kidd Sr. and Hudson P. Kidd were brothers. See their sections in this paper.

- 1844 – On 20 June 1844, **Robert N. Kidd** married Charlotte Craig in Nelson County, VA.⁵⁵⁷
Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as James W. Craig and the minister as Edward Thomas.⁵⁵⁸
- 1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 260A:
HH 576
Kidd Robert N. 31MW farmer VA
" , Charlotte 22FW VA
" , Isabella 5FW VA
" , Couney(?) 3FW VA (could be 'Coriney')
" , Ellen 6/12FW VA
- 1860 – Almira, Sarah and Mary Kidd, daughters of **Robert N.** and Charlotte Kidd, ages 11, 5 and 2, all died from diphtheria in July 1860 in Nelson County in the district of D. J. Hill.⁵⁵⁹
- 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 – **Robert N. Kidd** and his family are on each of these federal censuses in Nelson County, VA.
- 1898 – **Robert N. Kidd (Jr.)** signed his will in Nelson County on 20 April 1898. In it, he devised to his daughter Ella Spencer, the wife of Henry Spencer, 50 acres of land. The rest of his estate, both real and personal, he devised to his other children or their descendants, in equal shares. He appointed his son-in-law C. W. Simpson his executor. Witnesses to his will were E. L. Kidd and William J. Kidd. Robert N. Kidd signed his will with an X.
- 1902 – **Robert N. Kidd**'s will was proven in Court on 27 January 1902 by the oaths of the two witnesses, and ordered to be recorded. C. W. Simpson declined the appointment as executor and an administrator was appointed by the court.⁵⁶⁰
- Robert N. and his wife Charlotte and other family members are buried in the Kidd Family Cemetery in Nelson County, VA.⁵⁶¹ This cemetery was threatened and damaged by an illegal road over the years, and was the subject of investigation by the Nelson County Genealogical Society in 2008. The cemetery is on land that was owned by Robert Nelson Kidd Jr.⁵⁶²

SALLY KIDD, b ca 1791/1800

- 1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., **Sally**, two Williams, William C. and William J. Kidd.
Sally Kidd – 1M<5, 1 10-14 & 2 15-19; 1F 5-9, 1 10-14 & 1 30-39. Two slaves.

⁵⁵⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵⁵⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁵⁵⁹ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, image 534, reviewed by RK at Bellevue, WA FHC on Oct. 25, 2017.

⁵⁶⁰ Nelson County Will Book N, page 409, retrieved from FHL #2047074, image 244 via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Digital image available upon request.

⁵⁶¹ *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingson, Virginia, 2007, p. 220.

⁵⁶² Personal correspondence from Barbara Taylor, November 1, 2017.

Note: We are unsure who this Sally is. The parents of shoemaker Wilson P. Kidd are listed as Joe and Sallie Kidd on his 1880 death record, but we believe this is an error and that he is the son of Joseph Kidd and Ann Johnson. See the entry for Wilson P. Kidd, shoemaker.

SARAH A. KIDD(s)

SARAH A. KIDD, the daughter of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling, m 1828 to Robert Watkins

1826 – The following entry appears in Nelson County, VA Deed Book 7, page 141:⁵⁶³

“I make over and transfer to B.M. & H. Perkins, Nathan Lofftus & Co., Wm H. Dugges (Digges?) and **Sarah A. Kidd**, the money which will be due me for teaching school the present year.

March 27, 1826

Robt. J. Kidd {seal}

Recorded the same date

[Sarah A. Kidd is Robert J. Kidd’s sister, and he is evidently signing an IOU for his debts.]

1828 – On 31 January 1828, **Sarah A. Kidd**, daughter of James Kidd of Nelson County, married Robert Watkins in Nelson County, VA, as published in the *Virginian*, a weekly newspaper published in Lynchburg, VA, Thursday, Feb. 21, 1828, p. 3, col. 5, which reads: "Married-On January 31, by Rev. James Boyd, Mr. Robert Watkins, to Miss Sarah A. Kidd, daughter of James Kidd, all of Nelson County."⁵⁶⁴

Another transcription reads:

Kidd, Sarah A. & Robert Watkins, 31 January 1828. Bondsman Jesse N. Kidd. Minister James Boyd. Marriage on 31 January 1828.⁵⁶⁵

1841 – The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd, her administrator, and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, William J., Coleman W., James P., Robert J., and Jesse N. Kidd, and **Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd** are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave named Judy that their mother owned at the time of her death.⁵⁶⁶

We’ve been unable to find further records for Sarah or her husband in Nelson County.

SARAH ANN KIDD, the daughter of Alexander Kidd and Charity Willoughby⁵⁶⁷ Born about 1819 in Nelson County, VA

⁵⁶³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:141 retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #32724, image 349.

⁵⁶⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org. The statement about her father comes from *Marriages and Deaths from Lynchburg, Virginia Newspapers, 1794-1836*, compiled by Lucy Harrison Miller Baber, Louisa Ann Blunt, and Marion Armistead Lewis Collins, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1980, p. 131, citing *The Lynchburg Virginian*, Feb. 21, 1828, p. 3, col. 5.

⁵⁶⁵ *Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985.

⁵⁶⁶ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder).

⁵⁶⁷ The 1847 probate case lists Sarah A. as the daughter of Alexander and Charity (Willoughby) Kidd.

**Married in 1838 in Nelson County to James Johnson
Died on 10 February 1896 in Nelson County, VA**

- 1838 – On 17 Oct. 1838, **Sarah A. Kidd** married James Johnson in Nelson County, VA.⁵⁶⁸
Another abstract of this same record lists the date of the bond as 8 October 1838, and names the bondsman as Alexander Kidd. The minister was Edward L. Warren, who performed the ceremony on 17 October 1838.⁵⁶⁹
- 1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁵⁷⁰
This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:
Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21); and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).
Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).
Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]
- 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 – **Sarah and James Johnson** and their family are on each of these federal censuses in Nelson County, VA.
- 1896 – **Sarah Ann Johnson**, a 77-year-old white female, died in Nelson County on 10 February 1896 of the Grippe [influenza]. Unfortunately, much of this record was left blank by the clerk; it does not name her parents, her place of birth, her marital status, the name of the informant, or the informant's relationship to her.⁵⁷¹

**SUSANNA (HAMLETT) KIDD, the daughter of Archer and Susannah Hamlett/Hamblett
Born abt 1795⁵⁷² in Nelson County, VA
Married William J. Kidd on 25 December 1813 in Nelson County
Died after the 1870 federal census, likely in Montgomery County, VA**

- 1813 – A marriage bond was issued for William J. Kidd and **S. Hamlet** [Susannah] on 25 Dec. 1813 in Nelson County. The bondsman was William Hamlet.⁵⁷³ [This surname is variously spelled Hamblett, Hamlett and Hamlet.]
[Susannah's sister Lucy married William C. Kidd in Nelson County on 11 October 1811.]

⁵⁶⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵⁶⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁵⁷⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁵⁷¹ Nelson County Death Registers, 1853-1896, FHL #2048577, available via Familysearch.org (restricted access).
Scanned image of this record is available upon request, in the Nelson Co. Death Records folder on Dropbox.

⁵⁷² This year of birth is estimated from her age on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 federal censuses.

⁵⁷³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

- 1819 – On 14 October 1819, “Susanna Hamlett of the county of Nelson (late Amherst), widow and relict of Archer Hamlett, dec’d., for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my children Fanny (who intermarried with John Wright), William, Thomas, Lucy (who intermarried with William C. Kidd), John, (and) **Susanna (who intermarried with William J. Kidd)** Hamlet by my late husband, Archer Hamlet, dec’d, and Archer, Eliza and Fanny, children of my late daughter Nancy who intermarried with Jesse Woods, and for the further consideration of five dollars to me in hand paid” ...conveyed for and during her natural life several slaves – a negro woman named Alce, a negro man Patrick, a negro man named Major, a negro man Micael (sic), a negro boy Spotswood, (and) a negro girl Mourning, “they being devised to me by the last will and testament of my said deceased husband, Archer Hamlet. Susanna Hamlett signed this deed, witnessed by J. Garland and C. W. Kidd. The same day it was proved in Nelson County Court by the oaths of “James Garland and W. C. Kidd,” the two subscribing witnesses, and recorded.⁵⁷⁴
- 1836 – In Nelson County Chancery Court, a suit to partition the land of Archer Hamblett involved **William J. Kidd & Susanna his wife**, plts vs. William C. Kidd and Lucy his wife, Arthur Wood, Sally Wood, and Frances Wood, Defts } In Chancery⁵⁷⁵
These individuals were the heirs of Archer Hamblett, deceased, and the purpose of the suit is to authorize the sale of Archer Hamblett's land, so that the proceeds can be distributed among his heirs.
Although the case was not finalized until 1836, a commissioner was appointed to sell this land in 1828.
- 1841 – In 1841, **William J. Kidd and his wife Susanna** were involved in another Nelson County Chancery Court suit concerning Archer Hamblett’s land. In this suit, Thomas Hamlet, the son of Archer Hamlet, is the plaintiff in this case. This case was initiated in 1820, and carried on until 1841, concerning the division of Archer Hamlet's considerable estate. But no other substantive information about the Kidds is found in this record.⁵⁷⁶
- 1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 264B, HH 649:
Kidd, Wm. J. 57MW farmer \$0 VA
" , **Susan** 55FW VA
" , Eliza 35FW VA
" , Robert C. 20MW VA
- 1857 – William J. Kidd died in Amherst County, VA on 6 September 1857 at the age of 63. His death record states that he was born in Amherst County to James and Lucy Kidd, lists his spouse's name as **Susan Kidd**, and lists his occupation as "farmer." He was married at the time of his death.⁵⁷⁷ The cause of his death is listed as “carbuncle.” The informant was R. C. Kidd, his son.

⁵⁷⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁵⁷⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

⁵⁷⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

⁵⁷⁷ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. A scan of this death record is available upon request, stored in the Amherst Co. Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

- 1860 – At the time of the 1860 federal census, **Susannah Kidd** is living in the Nelson County household of her son Robert C. Kidd and his family; her unmarried daughter, Eliza A. is also in the household. Susannah's listed as age 61, born in Virginia.
- 1870 – By the time of the 1870 federal census, Robert C. Kidd had moved his family, including his spinster sister Eliza and his mother Susannah, to Montgomery County, Virginia; they are living in Allegheny township, Montgomery County, VA, Big Spring P. O., HH 152/161. **Susannah Kidd** is listed as 75 years of age, occupation "knitting," born in Virginia.
- Susannah does not appear in her son Robert C. Kidd's household on the 1880 census, when he was living in Dublin in Pulaski County, VA, so she likely died between 1870 and 1880.

THEODORE FRANKLIN KIDD, the son of Wilson P. Kidd

Born abt 1842 in Nelson County

Never married

Wounded during the Civil War about August 1864 in Leetown, Frederick County, Virginia, and died prior to November 1864

- 1850 – On the federal census in the Eastern district of Amherst County, VA, p. 145A, enumerated 9 Dec. 1850, HH 990:
Kidd, Wilson P. 34MW shoemaker (all birthplaces left blank, unless outside VA)
" , Harriet 30FW
" , **Theodore** 8MW
" , Dolly 5FW
" , Jane 2FW
- 1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson P.O., Nelson County VA, p. 164, HH 1194:
Kidd, Wilson P. 42MW shoe maker and jailor \$0/100 Nelson County
" , Harriet 39FW Nelson
" , **Theodore** 15MW Nelson
" , Ladora 12FW Nelson
" , Idel 10 FW Nelson
" , Alice 9FW Nelson
" , William H. 6MW Nelson
" , Edward 4MW Nelson
- 1863 – On 10 February 1863 in Nelson County, VA, **Theodore Franklin Kidd** enlisted as a private in the 8th Virginia Cavalry. He was wounded on 15 August 1864, and mustered out of service on 22 August 1864 in Leetown, Frederick County, Virginia.
- 1864 – On 28 November 1864, Wilson P. Kidd was "granted letters of administration on the estate of his dec'd son **Theodore F. Kidd**, late a soldier in the Confederate army..."⁵⁷⁸

⁵⁷⁸ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson Co., VA Will Book M, p. 276. A digital image of this record was retrieved from Nelson County WB M, page 278, found on FHL #32719, Item 2, Will Book M, which begins on image 288. I failed to record the image number of this page. See Nelson Co. Source documents on Dropbox for this image.

THOMAS J.⁵⁷⁹ KIDD, likely the son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann Johnson⁵⁸⁰

Born 16 Feb 1804 in Nelson County, Virginia⁵⁸¹

Married on 21 February 1832 in Nelson County to Margaret (Peggy) Johnson

Moved first to Albemarle County, VA by 1843, then by 1850 to Lewis County, Virginia [WV]

Died 30 May 1888 in Lewis County, West Virginia

1824-1840 – Thomas Kidd first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1824; he appears almost annually through 1840, then drops from these tax lists in 1841. See Table, below:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1824	4-May	Thomas ?	1		
1827	26-Mar	Thomas	1		
1828	8-Mar	Thomas	1		
1829	4-Apr	Thomas	1		
1830	22-Feb	Thomas	1	1	
1831	28-Feb	Thomas	1		
1832		Thomas			
1834	22-Feb	Thomas	1		1
1835	6-Feb	Thomas	1		1
1836	25-Feb	Thomas	1		
1837	4-Feb	Thomas	1		
1838	26-Feb	Thomas	1		
1839	3-Mar	Thomas	1		
1840	23-Mar	Thomas	1		

1832 – **Thomas Kidd** married Margaret Johnson on 21 February 1832 in Nelson County, VA.⁵⁸² Another abstract of this same record lists the bondsman as John Johnson, possibly her father.⁵⁸³

1835 – Joseph Kidd married Mary Ann Bryant on 25 Nov 1835 in Nelson County, VA.⁵⁸⁴ Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as **Thomas Kidd**, and the minister as Henry Payton.⁵⁸⁵

1836 – On 12 March 1836, **Thomas Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Wm. P. Perkins regarding a debt owed to Hardin Perkins & Co., using his current crop of tobacco, and also the proceeds of his past crop of tobacco, which has been sold to Alexander Kidd and which was made (grown?) on the lands of John Bryan in 1835, and also “the whole of my interest

⁵⁷⁹ This middle initial appears on only one record we’ve discovered so far – his death record.

⁵⁸⁰ See [Appendix 6](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁵⁸¹ Per his headstone, which lists his date of death and his age at death. See 1886 in this chronology.

⁵⁸² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵⁸³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40. A digital image of this record was found and retrieved on Familysearch.org, FHL #32734, Item 3 – Nelson County Marriage Register, 1808-1878, image 211 of 626. It is stored in the Nelson Co. Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

⁵⁸⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵⁸⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

in every description of crop made upon the lands of Elias Hamlet the present year as his overseer.” He also put up household furniture.

Thomas Kidd signed with an X. The other parties signed their names. The record was admitted to record in Nelson County court the same day.⁵⁸⁶

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., **Thomas**, William H. and William J. Kidd.

Thomas Kidd – 3M<5, 1 5-9 & 1 30-39; 1F<5 & 1 20-29. No slaves. One in agriculture. Two whites over 20 who cannot read or write.

1843-1845 – **Thomas Kidd** first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1843. He appears the subsequent two years, and in each year pays only his tithe. He does not appear to own a horse or slaves.

1845 – Isaiah B. Kidd married Ann Johnson on 4 March 1845 in Albemarle County, VA.⁵⁸⁷

Another transcription of this marriage names the minister as Joseph H. Fox, and suggests that the marriage bond was dated 4 March and the marriage occurred on 6 March 1845. It says that **Thomas Kidd** was the bondsman, and he also affirmed that both parties were over 21 years of age. Witness: William Dawson.⁵⁸⁸

1845 – On 14 October 1845, **Thomas Kidd** of the county of Albemarle and Peggy his wife sold to John H. Loving for the sum of \$10 “all the rights, title and interest the said **Thomas Kidd** and Peggy his wife in a certain tract of land belonging to the estate of the late John Johnson, deceased, and now in the possession of his widow, Behetheland Johnson, lying on the headwaters of Dutch Creek, and adjoining the lands of Wilson Peters, Lunsford Loving and others, and containing 117 acres, more or less.” **Thomas and Peggy Kidd** both signed with an X. This deed of land relinquishment was recorded in Nelson County court on Oct 14, 1845.⁵⁸⁹

Following 1845, he drops from Albemarle County, VA records, and is next found in 1850 in Lewis County, VA [now WV].

1850 – On the federal census in District #30, Lewis County, VA, p. 21A, HH 257/258:

Kidd, Thomas 49MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 38FW VA CROW

" , Mathew 19MW farmer VA

" , Louisa (Lourena?) 16FW VA

" , John J. 14MW VA

" , Andrew J. 10MW VA

" , Mahethlen 8FW VA [Behetheland]

" , Elias 6MW VA

" , Nancy 4FW VA

" , Margaret E. 2FW VA

" , Thomas 1MW VA

⁵⁸⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:258.

⁵⁸⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁵⁸⁸ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁵⁸⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:268-9.

1860 – On the federal census in Buckhannon P.O., Upshur⁵⁹⁰ County, VA, p. 44, HH 308/310:

Kidd, Thos. 55MW farmer \$200/185 VA CROW⁵⁹¹

- " , Margaret 48FW wife VA
- " , Beletherlane 19FW domestic VA [Behetheland]
- " , John J. 24MW cripple VA pauper
- " , Elias C. 17MW farming VA
- " , Nancy 15FW domestic VA
- " , Margaret E. 13FW VA
- " , Wm. J. 11MW VA
- " , Sam'l. S. 9MW VA
- " , Robert F. 7MW VA
- " , Phebe E.A. 5FW VA

1870 – On the federal census in Buckhannon twp. (Lorentz Store P.O.), Upshur County, WV, pages 382A & B, HH 215/216:

Kidd, Thomas 60MW farmer \$700/260 VA

- " , Margaret 57FW keeping house VA
- " , Thomas 20MW farm laborer VA
- " , Samuel S. 19MW VA
- " , Robert F. 17MW VA
- " , Phebe E. 15FW VA
- " , George W. 4MW WV
- " , Andrew J. 28MW VA
- " , Margaret 22FW VA

1880 – On the federal census in the Skin Creek district, **Lewis County**, WV, ED 132, sheet 6B, HH 49:

Kidd, Thomas MW 76widowed farmer VA VA VA CROW

- " , Samuel S. MW 30S son laborer WV VA VA
 - " , Behethland FW 38S dau at home WV VA VA
 - Russell, Melissa 17FW servant at home OH PA OH
 - Kidd, George W. 14MW grandson laborer WV VA VA
 - " , Metta WF 4S granddaughter WV VA VA
- (next door, HH 50, is son Elias and his young family)

1888 – **Thomas J. Kidd** died 30 May 1888 in Lewis County, WV, of “old age”. According to his death record, he was born in Nelson Co VA. His parents are listed as unknown. The informant was listed as Bethelin Kidd, daughter. He was born 16 Feb 1804, calculated from his date of death and his age at death – 84y 3m 14d.⁵⁹²

He's buried in the Kidd cemetery in Lewis County, WV, according to his listing on Findagrave.com, as is his wife Margaret Johnson Kidd (1812-1879).

⁵⁹⁰ Upshur County was formed in 1851 from parts of Randolph, Barbour and Lewis Counties.

⁵⁹¹ Persons over age 21 who Cannot Read Or Write.

⁵⁹² West Virginia Death Records Index, Lewis Co WV, see http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcdetail.aspx?Id=2916744

WILLIAM KIDD SR. of Albemarle, Amherst & Nelson Counties, Virginia

most likely the son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish⁵⁹³ of Albemarle County, VA
Born about 1763, likely in Albemarle County

The name of his wife is unknown. No one has ever to our knowledge produced any record that reveals the name of his wife. Any claim to the contrary should be viewed with skepticism and disbelief.

Died about 1832 in Nelson County, Virginia

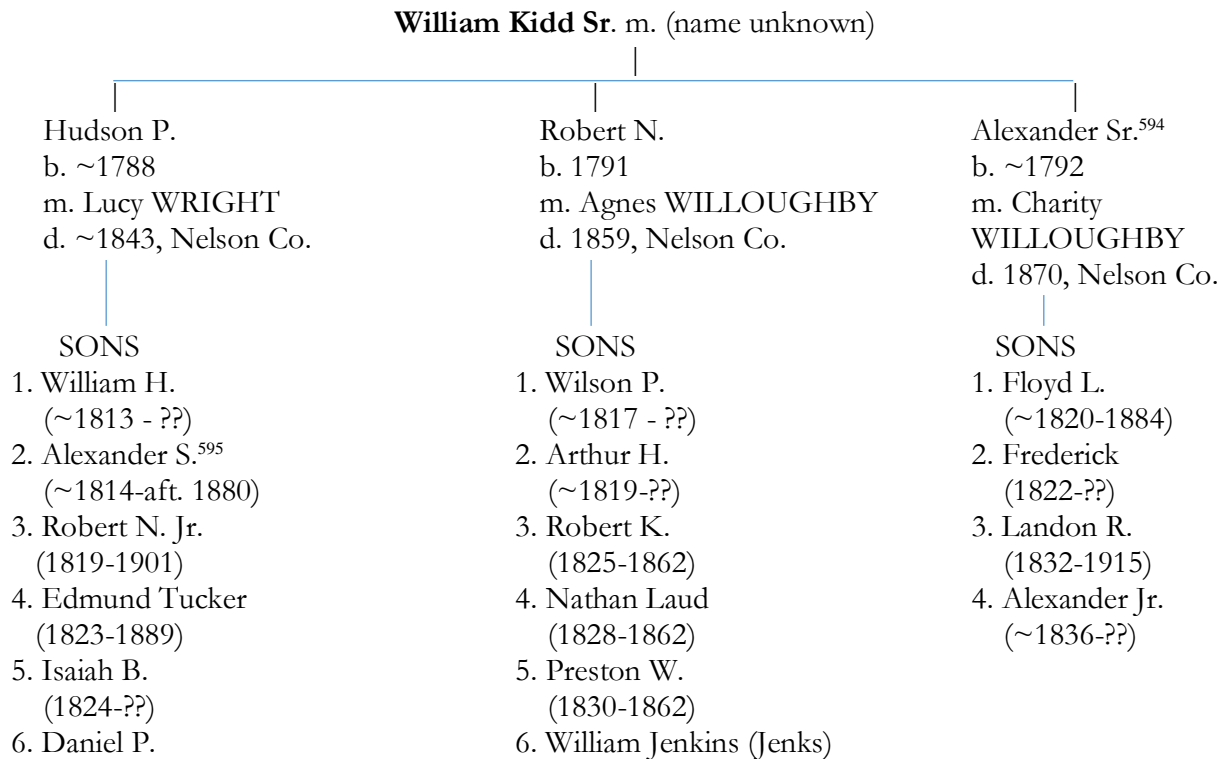
Based on their proximity and interactions with each other, we believe that this **William Kidd Sr.** is the brother of **James Kidd Sr.** of Nelson County, Virginia, and that they are the sons of **John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish** of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandsons of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and great-grandsons of **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. A third brother **John Norman Kidd** died in Amherst County in 1795 before the founding of Nelson County in 1807.

See [Appendix 4](#), explaining our rationale.

We also believe that this **William Kidd Sr.** is likely the father of three proven brothers: **Hudson P. Kidd, Robert N. Kidd, and Alexander Kidd Sr.**

See [Appendix 5](#) for the evidence we believe supports this hypothesis.

The schematic Family Chart below depicts the probable sons of **William Kidd Sr.**, and his known male Kidd grandchildren (assuming this hypothesis to be correct):



⁵⁹³ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

⁵⁹⁴ The “Sr.” designation here is intended to distinguish him from the two other Alexander Kidds in Nelson Co. during his lifetime. See his section in this compilation.

⁵⁹⁵ There is some question as to whether Alexander S. Kidd was Hudson P. Kidd’s son, and no direct evidence names him as such. That said, we believe that he was indeed Hudson’s son. See his section in this compilation for a fuller discussion of this conundrum.

(1830-1912)

(1841-1921)

About 1763 – **William Kidd's** year of birth is estimated to be about 1763, based upon the year he first appears on the **Albemarle** County, Virginia PPTLs in 1784. At this time the age at which a white male became tithable was 21, indicating that he was born by 1763. This is consistent with his 1810 Amherst County, Virginia, census entry, which lists his age as "45 or older" making him born prior to 1765.

1784 – **William Kidd** appears this one year on the Albemarle County PPTLs, and does not appear on the tax lists in Albemarle thereafter.

1785 – **William Kidd** is named in the will of his father John Kidd, written 11 March 1785 and proven September 1785 in **Albemarle** County. Along with his brother John Norman, he received an equal share of a bequest of land belonging to his mother Ruth Farish/Parish's grandfather Henry Atkinson.⁵⁹⁶ The abstract of the will reads:

In the name of god, amen

I John Kidd of Albemarle County being in a low state of bodily health but in the full exercise of my reason so make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following [indecipherable] I bequeath my body to the grave by a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I refer that all my Just debts be paid

Item I lend to my beloved wife Ruth during her natural life the land whereon I now live together with all the stock and household Furniture

Item I give to my two Eldest Sons John Norman and **William** to be equally [divided] between them one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Hanover County on Turkey Creek Commonly known by the name of Napiers Ordinary which Said land was given to my wife Ruth and to the heirs of her body lawfull begotton by her grand father Henry [At]kinson

Item after my wife Decease I give and bequeath to my Son James the land stock household Furniture [I?] lent her

I appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament my Sons John Norman Kidd & **William Kidd**. Abrogating and dissolving all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 11th Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

Joseph Kidd [Note: John Kidd – see footnote]

Signed and Sealed

in presence of: John Wharton

Edw[Edward] X Kearsey

Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

⁵⁹⁶ Found in Albemarle Co., VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5, retrieved from FHL #30212, item 2, image 256 of 433 (unrestricted access). [Note that the will bears the title "Will of John Kidd" in the record, but the name given as the signer at the bottom looks like "Joseph Kidd". We believe that this was clerk's error in recording the text of the will in the Will Book.]

1786 – **Amherst County** Court, March 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and John Norman Kidd, Defts.} In Debt. Defendants, though solemnly called, failed to appear. Court rules that Judgment be entered for the Plt. against the Defts. and James Wood, common bail for defendant **William Kidd**, and against William Kidd as common bail for defendant John Kidd, for the debt in the declaration, unless the defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.⁵⁹⁷

[From this and subsequent records, we conclude that William and John Norman Kidd moved to Amherst County by March 1786, following the death of their father in 1785.]

Amherst County Court, August 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and John Norman Kidd, Defts.} In Debt. The defendants waive their plea, and agree that the plaintiff have judgment against them for the debt in the declaration...£5.15, with interest from 5 August 1784 till paid, and his costs. Plaintiff agrees to stay execution on this judgment for two months. Six pence and one shilling as part of this judgment was paid on 7 August 1786.⁵⁹⁸

1786-1807 – **William Kidd** first appears on the **Amherst** County PPTLs in 1786 with 1 white tithe, along with John Norman Kidd. (No Kidds are listed for years 1782-1785.) Amherst County was divided into two parishes, Amherst and Lexington; Amherst Parish comprised the northern half of Amherst County, and Lexington the southern half. In 1807, the area comprising Amherst Parish became Nelson County.

William Kidd continued to appear on the annual Amherst County PPTLs through 1807, missing only in 1800. For the years 1805-1807, he is listed with 3 white tithes. In 1807, a younger William Kidd, listed as William Jr. but likely not a son of William Sr., appears with 1 white tithe in neighboring Lexington Parish, for one year only.

The Table below depicts William Kidd’s and John Norman Kidd’s entries on the Amherst County PPTLs between 1782 and 1807 (Amherst Parish became Nelson County in 1807): ⁵⁹⁹

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Slaves	Notes	Image
1782 - 1785	Amherst	no Kidds listed				
1786	Amherst	John N.	1	1	2 horses	76
		William	1	0	2 horses, 3 cattle	
1787	Amherst	N. John	1	0	2 horses, 2 cattle	94
		William	1	0	1 horse, 3 cattle	

⁵⁹⁷ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 431, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

⁵⁹⁸ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 532, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

⁵⁹⁹ Amherst County PPTLs are viewable online at familysearch.org (unrestricted access): FHL #2024257 (1782-1803), #2024258 (1804-1823), #2024259 (1824-1847) and #2024260 (1848-1851). The column in this table titled Image contains the microfilm image number of each entry.

The Kidds of Nelson County, 1807-1850

1788	Amherst	N. John	1	0	1 horse	133
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1789	Amherst	N. John	1	0	1 horse	162
		William	1	0	2 horses	
1790	Amherst	N. John	1	0	0	192
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1791	Amherst	John Normond	1	0	0	222
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1792	Amherst	N. John	1	0	0	254
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1793	Amherst	Jno. Norman	1	0	1 horse	285
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1794	Amherst	James	1	0	2 horses	319
		John Norman & Charles Reynolds	2	0	1 horse	
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1795	Amherst	James	1	0	1 horse	349
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1796	Amherst	William	1	0	1 horse	370
1797	Amherst	William	1	0	1 horse	393
1798	Amherst	William	1	0	2 horses	417
1799	Amherst	William	1	0	3 horses	446
1800	Amherst	James	2	0	2 horses	477
		No William				
1801	Amherst	James	1	0	3 horses	511
		William	1	0	4 horses	
1802	Amherst	James	1	0	2 horses	546
		William	1	0	3 horses	
1803	Amherst	Juriah?	1	0	3 horses	582
		William	1	0	1 horse	
1804	Amherst	James	1	0	0	18
		William	2	0	3 horses	
1805	Amherst	James	1	0	2 horses	57
		William	3	0	4 horses	
1806	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	1	1 horse	98
		William	3	0	5 horses	

1807	Amherst	James (Rockfish)	1	0	1 horse	141
		William	3	0	5 horses	
1808		No tax lists				

As depicted above, **John Norman Kidd** also appeared annually on the Amherst County PPTLs, alongside William Kidd in Amherst Parish from 1786 through 1794. Often the two were enumerated on the same day, suggesting that they were neighbors and closely related. Through 1793, he is listed each year with only one white tithe (with no slaves after 1786), variously listed as John N., N. John, John Norman and once as John Normand. In 1794, he has two white tithes and is enumerated as “John Norman Kidd and Charles Reynolds” [likely a hired hand or overseer]. John Norman disappears from the PPTLs after 1794, having died in 1795 (see his will in his section of this compilation).

1787 – Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. John Norman Kidd, Deft.} In Debt. **William Kidd** personally appeared in Court and undertook for the defendant John Norman Kidd (to be his appearance bail)...the defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs’ action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration... Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £14.9, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £7.4.6 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.⁶⁰⁰

Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **William Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt.

John Norman Kidd comes into court and offers special appearance bail for the Deft William Kidd The defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs’ action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £6.15.4, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £3.7.8 with interest thereon from 2 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.⁶⁰¹

1788 – Amherst County August Court 1788. **William Kidd**, plaintiff, vs. John Bradshaw, defendant} On a Replevy Bond. Execution is awarded the plaintiff against the said defendant for the sum of £18.18.2 plus costs. To be discharged (except the costs) by the payment of £8.9.1 with interest on £9.9.1 from 9 February 1788 to the 27th day of May 1788 following. Also interest on the aforesaid sum of £8.9.1 from the aforesaid 27 May 1788 till paid.⁶⁰² [Note: A replevy bond was a legal motion to secure or protect property a plaintiff claimed to be wrongfully seized.]

Amherst County, October Court, 1788. Thompson & Teas, Plts vs. **William Kidd**, Dft} On a Petition by Penal Bill. The defendant having been warned, failed to appear...judgment

⁶⁰⁰ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

⁶⁰¹ Ibid.

⁶⁰² FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 302, image 163. Scanned image available from the authors.

granted to the plaintiffs against the defendant for £3.14, and their costs, to be discharged (except the costs) by payment of £1.17 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid.⁶⁰³

1795 – The Amherst County will of Jno. Norman Kidd, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795⁶⁰⁴ names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Anny and Ruth Kidd. In it, he named his wife Juriah and “**my brother William Kidd**” his executrix and executor.

Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.⁶⁰⁵

An Executor’s Bond for the estate of John Norman Kidd was filed in 1795 in Amherst County by Juriah Kidd, in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1798, ff. – William Kidd was the defendant in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1831-006] titled William Maclure etc v. **William Kidd**, that began in fall 1807 and ended in 1831 in Nelson County.⁶⁰⁶ The suit originated in Amherst County, just prior to the formation of Nelson County from part of Amherst County. The complainants, William Maclure, James Miller and Patrick Hart, surviving partners of Maclure, Brydie & Co. state that they had several dealings with one **William Kidd** in 1798, and that at that time they had settled the account and provided him with a receipt for his account. Upon later examination, they discovered that Kidd had been incorrectly credited for £10.9.11 and that he still owed them this amount. They state that this amount, with interest from 31 August 1798, is justly due. In his response (p. 4), apparently in May Court 1816, William Kidd denies the claim against him, and states that the statute of limitations should apply in this case.

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

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

1802 – Amherst County Court, May 1802. During this Court term, **William Kidd** served as a witness in behalf of William Blaine against James Brent on three successive days; the Court ordered that the said Blaine pay him fifty-three cents for attending this court for each day.^{607, 608, 609}

1803 – On 12 January 1803, **William Kidd** was a witness to an Amherst County, VA deed from John Colem to Thomas Lumkin, Nathan Reid, Benjamin Moore (of Bedford) and Joseph Shelton. Deed of Trust for debt due to “Wills” of Warminster, merchant, Willis Wills and

⁶⁰³ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 366.

⁶⁰⁴ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

⁶⁰⁵ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

⁶⁰⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

⁶⁰⁷ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst Co. Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 115, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁶⁰⁸ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst Co. Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 125, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁶⁰⁹ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst Co. Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 135, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

William Harris. Collateral was six slaves. Other witnesses were William Harris and William Douglas.⁶¹⁰

- 1804 – On 26 January 1804, **William Kidd** was witness to an Amherst County deed from Joseph Roberts & wife Sally of Amherst to son Alexander Roberts, 326 acres on Rockfish [River], bounded by James Turner, Sr., Nathan Harris, Jno. Matthew, and Reuben T. Mitchell. Other witnesses were Joseph C. Roberts, William Thorm and Ann Roberts.⁶¹¹
- 1807 – Nelson County was formed from Amherst Parish, which comprised the northern part of Amherst County. William Kidd and Juriah, the widow of John Norman Kidd, now reside in Nelson County.

An Amherst County, VA, marriage bond for Anney [Ammey] W. Kidd and Jas. McAlexander was issued on 20 April 1807. Permission by Juriah Kidd, “widow” (her mother). **William Kidd**, Wm. Bailey and Richd. C. Pollard witnesses. Marriage performed by Saml. Garland.⁶¹²

- 1808 – No taxes were collected in Virginia in 1808, by order of the Virginia General Assembly.
- 1809-1831 – William Kidd Sr. appears on the Nelson County PPTLs for the first time in 1809 (the first year for which PPTLs are available). He is listed almost annually on the Nelson County PPTLs through 1831, then drops from them. The Table below depicts these entries:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses	Image
1809		Wm	2	0	4	87
1810		Wm	2	0	2	103
1811		No K's				missed
1812		William	3	1	4	133
1813		Wm	2	0	2	149
1814		Wm	2	1	2	168
1815		William	1	0	1	189
1816	26-Mar	Wm	1	0	2	209
1817		William	1	0		232
1818		Wm [Sr.?.]	1	0	0	258
1819		no William				63
1820		no William				282
1821	30-Apr	William Senr.	1	0	0	301
1822	8-Apr	William	1	0	0	318
1823		no William				332

⁶¹⁰ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 399, citing Amherst DB I, p. 564.

⁶¹¹ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, 1979, p. 409, citing Amherst DB K, p. 41.

⁶¹² *Marriage Bonds and Returns, 1801-1854 (of Amherst County, Virginia, and comments on some of the families*, Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1965, p. 2K, citing Amherst County Register of Marriages, 1763-1854, page 202. Digital image available upon request.

1824	3-May	William	1	0	0	348
1825	5-May	William Sen.	1	0	0	370
1826	27-Feb	William	1	0	0	392
1827	24-Apr	William	1	0	0	415
1828	25-Feb	William	2	0	0	438
1829	8-May	William	2	0	0	463
1830	26-Apr	William Senr.	2	0	0	486
1831	28-Feb	Wm.	2	0	0	511
1832		William drops				534

1810 – On the federal census in **Amherst County**, VA, p. 23A, line 13:

William Kidd – 1M and 1F, both over 44. No others. [The identity of this William Kidd is unclear, but the Nelson County entry below for William Kidd is more aligned with the known household of William Kidd Sr.]

1810 – On the census in Buckingham district of **Nelson County** are the following Kidds:⁶¹³

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44.

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44

John(?) Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25

1812 – On 23 October 1812, **William Kidd** of Amherst County entered into a Deed of Trust with Joseph Penn, to secure a debt of £6.10.5 owed to John Penn due by bond dated 12 September 1811, and also an open account amounting to £5.12.8 due to Joseph Penn. In doing so, he used an assortment of livestock, farm implements, and household goods as collateral. These debts along with interest were to be paid by April 1813. This Deed of Trust was proved in Court on 15 March 1813 and ordered to be recorded.⁶¹⁴

1815 – On 10 February 1815, **William Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Spotswood Garland and Jas. Garland Jr. of the same county, in order to secure a debt of £58.1.3, the balance of a debt due by bond. In doing so, William Kidd used a combination of livestock, furniture, household goods, a hogshead of tobacco, and other crops as collateral. William Kidd signed this Deed of Trust with an X, as did Robert N. Kidd (whom we believe was one of William's sons), one of the witnesses. This deed was admitted to record on Apr 24, 1815.⁶¹⁵

1820 – I do not find William Kidd Sr. on the federal census in Nelson County, Virginia.

⁶¹³ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA."

⁶¹⁴ Amherst County VA Deed Book M, pp. 329-331, retrieved from FHL #30290, images 204-205 of 733 via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Images available upon request.

⁶¹⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available.

1827 – On 11 Sept. 1827, a **William Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1835-005] over a property dispute.⁶¹⁶ He testified that he actually lived on the land, where the Bryants (one of the families involved in the land dispute) now live, for 9 years in the past. He signed the deposition with an X.
Interestingly, an Alexander Kidd also gave a deposition in this case seven months later.⁶¹⁷ We believe that this is William Kidd Sr. and his son Alexander.

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., two **William Kidds**, William C., and William J. Kidd.
William Kidd – 1M & 1F, each 20-29. No slaves.
William Kidd – 1M 15-19, 1 40-49 & 1 70-79; 1F 70-79. Three slaves.

1831 – The Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1831-006] titled William Maclure etc v. **William Kidd**, begun in 1798, was finally resolved in favor of defendant William Kidd.⁶¹⁸

William Kidd appeared for the last time on the Nelson County PPTLs on 28 February 1831, and does not reappear through 1850, the last year that we have searched. We believe that he died in 1831, or early 1832, prior to the annual PPTL for that year.

WILLIAM C. KIDD – parents not known

Born abt 1788

Married Lucy Hamlett in 1811 in Nelson County, VA

Served in the War of 1812 in 1814

Moved to Green County, Kentucky abt 1835, then Barren County, KY in 1857.

Died there abt 1858.

[Not to be confused with Coleman W. Kidd, although some records refer to these two men with their initials reversed.]

1811 – **W. C. Kidd** married Lucy Hamlett on 17 October 1811 in Nelson County, VA.⁶¹⁹
Another abstract of this record names the bondsman as W. Hamblett, and spells the bride's surname Hamblett.⁶²⁰

1812-1831 – **William C. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1812, and he appears annually thereafter until 1832, when he drops from the list.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1812		William C.	1		2
1813		Wm C.	1		2
1814		Wm C.	1		1
1815		Wm C.	1		
1816		Wm C.	1		

⁶¹⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005. This deposition is on image 38.

⁶¹⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005

⁶¹⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

⁶¹⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁶²⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

1818		Wm C.	1		
1819		William C.	1		
1820		Wm C.			
1821	30-Apr	William C.	1		
1822	25-Feb	William C.	1		1
1823	24-Feb	William C.	NL		1
1824	22-Mar	William C.	1	1	1
1825	17-Apr	William C.	1		1
1826	29-Feb	William C.	1		1
1827	17-Mar	William C.	1		1
1828	28-Feb	William C.	1		1
1829	4-Apr	William C.	1		1
1830	22-Feb	William C.	1		2
1831	2-Apr	William C.	1		1

1813 – A John Kidd married S. Saunders in Nelson County on 12 July 1813. The bondsman was **William C. Kidd**.⁶²¹

1814 – **William C. Kidd** of Nelson County, VA (rank not stated) served in the War of 1812 in Capt. David Jacob's Calvary [28th V.M.] from 2 Sep 1814 to 18 Sep 1814, 5 days added to his pay for travel time home 110 miles, present on the muster roll (undated), pay roll dated 22 May 1815, Richmond. He also received pay for his horse.⁶²² Also listed in this unit was **William J. Kidd**.⁶²³

1815 – On 22 May 1815, William Hamlet, John Hamlet, William Kidd (William J. Kidd, husband of Susannah Hamlet), **William C. Kidd** (husband of Lucy Hamlet), Frances/Francis Hamlet, and Jesse Wood (husband of Nancy Hamlet) executed a deed of release to Susannah Hamlet, widow of Archer Hamlet, in which they quit-claimed their right and title to slaves willed to them by Susannah's deceased husband Archer. (See also 1819 deed below.)
By the last will and testament of Archer Hamlet, signed 29 Sept 1795 and proved in court in Amherst County on 1 February 1796,⁶²⁴ his widow Susannah Hamlet was entitled to retain for her natural life certain slaves. These slaves at her decease or marriage were then to be distributed equally among his heirs. This deed of release was admitted to record in Nelson County court the same day.⁶²⁵

On 30 May 1815, **William C. Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Ira Garret & P. J. Kincaid. John Wright had on this day become security for **William C. Kidd** on a Suspension bond for the sum of £21.7.6 due to Murphy Brown & Co.; Kidd wishes to indemnify Wright for the debt and so entered this Deed of Trust using household furniture

⁶²¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁶²² William C. Kidd CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38804823, 4905, original at NAB, copies on file.

⁶²³ "Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, vol. 2, from the rolls of the Auditor's Office", page 471, located at LVA, viewed 7-17-2009, WRK.

⁶²⁴ Scanned images of Archer Hamlett's will and other estate records can be found in the Amherst Co. Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

⁶²⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

and one cow as collateral. Kidd signed his name. The deed was recorded in Nelson County Court on 30 May 1815.⁶²⁶

- 1819 – In a deed dated 13 July 1819, **William C. Kidd** of the County of Nelson entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles and Daniel Perrow, putting up “one sorrel horse and five head of hogs, two feather beds and furniture, one cupboard, one writing desk, one chest with drawers, one case, one table (and various crops), six chairs, and all my household and kitchen furniture, and all my right, title and interest that I am entitled to on behalf of my wife Lucy, as one of the legatees of Archer Hamblet, dec'd., or what interest I may be entitled to in the estate of Susanna Hamblet at any time or at her death.” (This was for a debt of \$132 owed to James P. Garland, and to Garland & Garland of \$116.53, both bonds due 2 September 1819).⁶²⁷

On 14 October 1819, “Susanna Hamlett of the county of Nelson (late Amherst), widow and relict of Archer Hamlett, dec'd., for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my children Fanny (who intermarried with John Wright), William, Thomas, Lucy (who intermarried with **William C. Kidd**), John, (and) Susanna (who intermarried with William J. Kidd) Hamlet by my late husband, Archer Hamlet, dec'd, and Archer, Eliza and Fanny, children of my late daughter Nancy who intermarried with Jesse Woods, and for the further consideration of five dollars to me in hand paid” ...conveyed for and during her natural life several slaves – a negro woman named Alce, a negro man Patrick, a negro man named Major, a negro man Micael (sic), a negro boy Spotswood, (and) a negro girl Mourning, “they being devised to me by the last will and testament of my said deceased husband, Archer Hamlet.”

Susanna Hamlett signed the deed, witnessed by J. Garland and C. W. Kidd. The same day it was proved in Nelson County Court by the oaths of “James Garland and W. C. Kidd,” the two subscribing witnesses, and recorded. [This is one example of the initials of William C. Kidd being reversed in a record.]⁶²⁸

- 1820 – The 1820 federal census (the first U.S. census available for Nelson County, VA) lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., **William C.**, and William J. Kidd.

William C. Kidd – 1M 16-25; no others. No slaves. 1 in Ag.

[Though this record is listed under the name William C. Kidd, it may be for a different individual since it only enumerates a young single man in his own household.]

- 1827 – On 12 December 1827, **William C. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow. Robert N. Kidd, Alexr Kidd, and Sparks Martin had entered security for **William C. Kidd** on a bond dated 8 December 1827 and made payable to Wilson Peters, administrator of Susanna Hamblet, dec'd, for the sum of \$231.14 and payable 12 months after the date. **William C. Kidd**, wishing to indemnify these men serving as securities for him, entered into a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow, putting up "one negro girl slave named Milly," which Kidd had purchased from Wilson Peters as administrator, as collateral; the slave girl Milly is

⁶²⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:419-20.

⁶²⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:343-4. Scanned images available.

⁶²⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

to remain in the possession of **William C. Kidd** until the said Charles Perrow "shall call for her to answer the purposes of this trust and then to be sold as hereinafter directed."

(signed) **W.C. Kidd** {seal}
 Chas. Perrow {seal}
 Ro. N. Kidd {seal}
 Alexr. Kidd {seal}
 Sparks Martin {seal}⁶²⁹

1829 – On 25 March 1829, **William C. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with James Garland, for a debt owed to James D. Goodwin & Co. for \$102 due by bond, putting up as collateral one small mare, three cows and calves, twelve head of sheep, three feather beds and furniture, and all his household and kitchen furniture and his crop of tobacco of the growth of 1828. This deed was signed by the three parties, and admitted to record in court on 26 March 1829.⁶³⁰

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., two Williams, **William C.** and two William J. Kidds.

William C. Kidd – 1M<5, 1 10-14 & 1 40-49; 1F 5-9, 1 15-19 & 1 40-49. No slaves.

1836 – **William C. Kidd** and his wife Lucy are among the defendants in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled William J. Kidd & wife vs. Heirs of Archer Hamblett.

William J. Kidd & Susanna his wife, plts vs. **William C. Kidd** and Lucy his wife, Arthur Wood, Sally Wood, and Frances Wood, Defts } In Chancery. All were the heirs of Archer Hamblett, deceased. In a court declaration dated 22 Dec 1828, Wilson Peters is appointed commissioner to sell the land that is the basis of this suit so that the proceeds can be distributed among the heirs.⁶³¹

1836-1848 – **William C. Kidd** first appears on the **Green County, Kentucky** tax lists in 1836, taxed on 85 acres in Green County. He appears annually thereafter through 1848; in 1840 he is joined by William M. Kidd (who is apparently his son), and in 1846, they are joined by Alexander C. Kidd. In 1846, William C. Kidd is no longer taxed for land, his 85 acres now split between William M. and Alexander C. Kidd.⁶³²

1840 – On the federal census in Green County, KY (southern division), p. 164:

William C. Kidd (misindexed at Ancestry.com as RIDD): 1M 10-14 & 1 40-49; 1F<5, 1 15-19 & 1 50-59. No slaves. Two in agriculture.

Next door is his son William M. Kidd: 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 1F<5 & 1 20-29.

1841 – In 1841, William C. Kidd was named in another Nelson County Chancery Court suit involving the heirs of Archer Hamlet. Thomas Hamlet, the son of Archer Hamlet, is the plaintiff in this suit over the estate of his deceased father, whose will was recorded in Amherst County. Archer left a widow Susanna and the following children as his heirs: Thomas; William; John; Fanny, who intermarried with John Wright; Lucy who intermarried with **William C. Kidd**; Susanna, who intermarried with William J. Kidd; and Eliza, Sally, and Fanny Woods, infant heirs [and the children of deceased daughter Nancy who married Jesse

⁶²⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:183-184.

⁶³⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:419.

⁶³¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

⁶³² See Kentucky property Tax Lists in the Kentucky subfolder for full details.

Woods]. This case began in 1820 and continued until 1841 over the division of Archer Hamlet's considerable estate.⁶³³

1850 – **William C. Kidd** (misindexed at Ancestry.com as RIDD) appears on the federal census, living next to his sons, in Green County, Kentucky (District No. 1), p. 91A:

HH 165

Kidd, William C. 62MW farmer \$0 VA

" , Lucy 60FW VA

HH 166

Kidd, Alexander C. 25MW farmer \$100 VA

" , Mahalia 22FW Green County, KY

" , William B. 3MW " " "

" , Clarinda A. 3/12FW " "

HH 167

Kidd, William M. 32MW farmer \$75 VA

" , Malinda 31FW Green County

" , Albert 11MW " "

" , Louesa I. (or J.) 10FW " "

" , Martha A. 8WF b. Green County, KY

" , Mary F. 6FW b. Green County

" , Eliza A 4FW " "

" , Lucy M. 2FW "

1857 – **William C. Kidd** and son Alexander C. Kidd are each listed in the Barren County, KY tax list. Son William M. Kidd remained in Green County.

1858 – William C. Kidd drops from the Barren County, KY tax lists.

The book, *Barren County Deaths of Persons Over 15, 1852-1862*, is found online at Familysearch.org, Film #851640, item 3. The book does not show a death record for William C. Kidd, but it is likely this record is incomplete.

1860 – It appears that **William C. Kidd** died prior to 1860, as Lucy Kidd, age 72 and born in VA, is living in the household of Eliza Davenport in Barren County, KY. Alex C. Kidd is also in Barren County.

1870 – Alexander C. Kidd appears on the federal census in Green County, KY, with his mother Lucy, aged 83 and born in VA, in his household.

1880 – The mortality schedule of the 1880 federal census for Green County, KY, lists Lucy A. Kidd as dying in January 1880, her age at death given as 92 years, and the cause of death given as “burned to death.”

Their son Alexander Kidd is buried in McGlasson Cemetery in Green County, KY; his parents also may be buried there in unmarked graves, but we found no evidence to support this hypothesis.

⁶³³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

**WILLIAM COLEMAN KIDD, the son of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin
Born about 1831, Died after 1850**

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, Jonathan James Kidd, Caroline Matilda Kidd, **William Coleman Kidd**, Amanda Margaret Kidd, and Ann Hunt Kidd, for the sum of \$1.00, a tract of land in Nelson and Amherst County on both sides of the county line, containing 71½ acres and adjacent to Jonathan Pamplin, deceased, Hylton heirs, and Mildred Layne and conveyed by William L. Watts to these trustees. This deed was acknowledged in open Court on 30 July 1835 by the parties and ordered to be recorded.⁶³⁴

This deed was evidently made to ensure that land inherited by Nancy Pamplin Kidd passed directly to her children and not to her husband.

1840 – On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.⁶³⁵ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security, in the amount of \$200. Robert I. Kidd was appointed guardian of John J. Kidd, Caroline M. Kidd, Amanda M. Kidd, **William C. Kidd** & Ann H. Kidd, “orphans of (space left blank), deceased.”⁶³⁶ These are the children of Robert J. Kidd and his first wife Nancy Jane Pamplin; this record indicates that his wife Nancy Jane has died, and that she had an inheritance from her parents (see 1835 deed above) intended to be passed to her minor children. Because assets were involved, it was necessary that their father Robert J. Kidd, her husband, have a guardian’s bond.

1850 – On the federal census in Rockbridge County, Virginia, **William C. Kidd** is in the household of his brother Jonathan James Kidd, p. 366, HH 490/506:
John J. Kidd 23WM laborer VA
Caroline “ 23FW VA
Wm. C. “ 19MW VA

Nothing more is known about him at this time.

**WILLIAM H. KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright⁶³⁷
Born abt 1813 in Nelson County
Married 1) Mary Ann ___ abt 1835; married 2) Elizabeth Spencer in 1879
Died after 1880, likely in Nelson County**

1834-1850 – a **William H. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1834 and appears annually thereafter through 1850, the last year that we’ve examined. See Table below:

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1834	25-Feb	Wm H.	1		
1835	3-Apr	Wm H.	1		1

⁶³⁴ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁶³⁵ The initial in this record indeed looks like an I, not a J. The downstroke does not go below the “line”, whereas several capital Js are seen in this and the following record, and all their downstrokes DO descend below that line.

⁶³⁶ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

⁶³⁷ William's 1879 marriage record states that he was born in Nelson County and names his parents as H. P. and Lucy Kidd.

1836	10-May	Wm H.	1		1
1837	25-Mar	Wm H.	1		1
1838	20-Apr	Wm H.	1		1
1839	25-Apr	Wm H.	1		1
1841	22-Mar	William H.	1		1
1843	8-Apr	William H.	1		1
1845		William H.	1		
1846		William H.	1		1
1847		William H.	1		2
1848		William H.	1		1
1850		William H.	1		2

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., two Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, **William H.** and William J. Kidd.

William H. Kidd – 2M<5 & 1 20-29; 1F<5 & 1 30-39. No slaves. One in agriculture.

1842 – On 23 July 1842, **William H. Kidd** entered a Deed of Trust with Charles Perrow over a debt to C.W. Kidd for the sum of \$36.24, due by account and by a former deed, putting all his crops made and in the making (tobacco, corn, oats and rye) for this year and one shotgun, as collateral.

William H. Kidd signed with an X. This Deed of Trust was recorded in Court on 23 July 1842.⁶³⁸

1843 – On 30 August 1843, **William H. Kidd** of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead over debts of \$27.94, owed to C.W. Kidd (partly by bond and partly by accounts), and of \$63.80 to Wm J. & C.W. Kidd. **William H. Kidd** signed with an X. The Deed of Trust was recorded in court the same day.⁶³⁹

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 233B, HH 195:

Kidd, Wm H (Sen'r) 34WM farmer \$0 VA CROW

" , Mary A. 40FW VA CROW

" , James M. 14MW VA

" , Lucy A. 12MW VA [note: this is Leroy A., mis-indexed as Lucy A. at Ancestry.com]

" , Mildred A. 9FW VA

" , Robert M. 6MW VA

" , Sarah J. 4FW VA

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 12, Lovington P.O., HH 448 (mis-indexed at Ancestry as HIDD):

Kidd, William H. 45MW farmer \$500/150 Nelson County CROW

" , Mary A. 50FW Nelson County CROW

" , Mildred A. 20FW Nelson County CROW

" , Robert M. 16MW Nelson County

" , Sarah J. 12FW Nelson County

⁶³⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:22-23.

⁶³⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington district and P.O., p. 7, HH 54/59:

Kidd, William 57MW farmer \$1000/255 VA CROW

" , Mary F. 60FW keeps house VA CROW

Coffey, Henry 24MW farm laborer VA CROW, married within year

" , Sarah Jane 23FW at home VA, married within year

[their daughter Sarah J., who married P.H. Coffey 25 May 1870]

Nearby are the families of sons Leroy and Robert N. Kidd.

1879 – **William H. Kidd**, age 66, born in 1813 in Nelson County to H.P. and Lucy Kidd, married Elizabeth Spencer, age 32, born in 1847, the daughter of William Spencer, in Nelson Co VA on 25 December 1879. He was a widower and she was single at the time of their marriage.⁶⁴⁰

1880 – On federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington district, ED 111, page 16D, HH 147/167:

Kidd, Wm. H. WM 66M farmer CROW⁶⁴¹ VA VA VA

" , Elizabeth WF 32M wife CROW VA VA VA

" , Charles H. WM 4S son VA VA VA

Also in their household are daughter Sarah, her husband Henry, and their son William.

Next door are the families of Robert M. [N.] Kidd (William's son) and Robert N. Kidd (age 63) and his family.

After 1884 – **William H. Kidd** appears to have died between 1884/1885 (when son Frank was born) and the 1900 federal census, when Elizabeth appears as a widow, living in the Elon Magisterial District of Amherst County, with daughter Edna, 18, and Frank, 14. Nearby is their son Charles H, married and living in the household of his wife's parents. William H. Kidd and Elizabeth Spencer also had a daughter Melissa Catherine Kidd.⁶⁴² His widow Elizabeth died on 26 December 1930 in Amherst County, Virginia.

WILLIAM J. (James?) KIDD, Sr., the son of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling

Born abt 1793 in Amherst County, Virginia

Married Susanna Hamlet 27 December 1813 in Nelson County, Virginia

Served in the War of 1812

Occupation: Carpenter⁶⁴³

Died 6 September 1857 in Amherst County, Virginia

Known children of William J. Kidd and Susannah Hamlet

1. Martha Kidd, 1817 - ?

2. William J. Kidd, 1823-1862

3. Robert C. Kidd, 1830-1901

⁶⁴⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com

⁶⁴¹ Persons over the age of 21 years who cannot read or write.

⁶⁴² Death certificates for each of these four individuals name their parents as William Henry Kidd and Mary Elizabeth Spencer. Frank William Kidd was the last one to be born, in March of 1885, according to his 1930 death certificate.

⁶⁴³ Other Kidd men in Nelson and Amherst Counties who were carpenters include Robert J. Kidd (son of Rev. War James Kidd), William Kidd Sr (son of John Kidd Sr. of Amherst Co.) and Anderson C. Kidd (parents currently unknown).

Note: The name of William J. is sometimes recorded or transcribed as William I., but William J. is the name that appears in the records most frequently. I and J are difficult letters to distinguish in cursive handwriting, so much so that the indexes of many contemporaneous record books include the surnames beginning with I and those beginning with J in one section. And many records are found in Nelson County for a William I (or is that a J?) Kidd. But in nearly all these records, the middle initial looks more like a J than an I to us. Moreover, in one record, an 1853 Nelson County Chancery Court suit in which William J. Kidd signs his deposition, and his signature seems to say “**William James Kidd**” (see 1853, below):

1813 – A marriage bond was issued for **William J. Kidd** and S. [Susanna] Hamlet on 25 Dec. 1813 in Nelson County. The bondsman was William Hamlet.⁶⁴⁴
Susanna’s sister Lucy married William C. Kidd.

1814 – **William I. [J.] Kidd** (rank not stated but most likely Private) served in the War of 1812 in Capt. David Jacob’s Calvary [28th V.M.] from 2 Sep 1814 to 18 Sep 1814, 5 days added to his pay for travel time home 110 miles, present on the muster roll (undated), pay roll was dated 22 May 1815, Richmond. He also received pay for his horse. Also listed in this unit was **William C. Kidd.**⁶⁴⁵

1815 – On 22 May 1815, William Hamlet, John Hamlet, **William Kidd** (William J. Kidd, husband of Susannah Hamlet), William C. Kidd (husband of Lucy Hamlet), Frances/Francis Hamlet, and Jesse Wood (husband of Nancy Hamlet) executed a deed of release to Susannah Hamlet, widow of Archer Hamlet, in which they quit-claimed their right and title to slaves willed to them by Susannah's deceased husband Archer. (See also 1819 deed below.)
By the last will and testament of Archer Hamlet, signed 29 Sept 1795 and proved in court in Amherst County on 1 February 1796,⁶⁴⁶ his widow Susannah Hamlet was entitled to retain for her natural life certain slaves. These slaves at her decease or marriage were then to be distributed equally among his heirs. This deed of release was admitted to record in Nelson County court the same day.⁶⁴⁷

On 1 October 1815, Lee W. Harris and Elizabeth his wife, of Nelson County, Virginia sold to John Hamlett and **William J. Kidd** of the same county for \$258 a tract of land in Nelson County at the headwaters of Dutch Creek, and containing 254 acres, adjoining Lunsford Loving, the estate of Archer Hamlett, Zachariah Phillips, John (Becknold?), (Ch?) Purvis, and Samuel Loving.⁶⁴⁸

This land may not have had clear title of ownership, since there is an additional clause in which Lee W. Harris and Elizabeth his wife “covenant and agree to ...defend a good and sufficient right, title & interest, legal and equitable, in and to the said hereby conveyed land...(upon stipulation that if the said John Hamlett & **William J. Kidd**, their heirs or assigns, shall be legally evicted or dispossessed of the said tract of land...then the said Lee W. Harris and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs, executors or administrators to refund the said

⁶⁴⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁶⁴⁵ William I. Kidd CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38804824, 4906, original at NAB, copies on file.

⁶⁴⁶ Scanned images of Archer Hamlett’s will and other estate records can be found in the Amherst Co. Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

⁶⁴⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

⁶⁴⁸ Nelson County Deed Book 3, pages 63-64, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 37 & 38 (restricted access). Digital images available upon request.

John Hamlett and **William J. Kidd**, their heirs and assigns the said sum of \$528 in four equal installments, to commence eighteen months after such eviction..., with interest from the date of the said eviction...”

This deed was presented in Nelson County Court on 27 April 1818, acknowledged by Lee W. Harris, and ordered to be recorded.

See [Appendix 7](#) for a detailed map of this area of Nelson County.

1816-1840 – **William J. Kidd** and John Hamblet appear for the first time on the Nelson County Land Tax Lists (LTLs) in 1816, taxed upon 254½ acres on the waters of Dutch Creek, adjacent to Mrs. Susanna Hamblet, 2 miles east of the courthouse.

They then appear annually [excepting 1818, perhaps overlooked] with only minor changes in the names of their neighbors through 1840. In 1841, William J. Kidd and John Hamblet's land drops from the LTLs.

1816-1850 – **William J. Kidd** appears for the first time on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1816; he appears on these annual lists nearly annually through 1850, the last year of these records that we have checked. In 1843, his WMT drops from two to one, and he is named as William J. Sr. William J. Jr. appears for the first time on the list; this younger William J. may be the son of William J. Sr.:

YEAR	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	Horses
1816	Wm J. (or I.)	1		
1818	Wm J. (or I.)	2	1	1
1819	William J. (or I.)	2	1	1
1820	Wm J. (or I.)			
1821	William J. (or I.)	1	1	1
1822	William J. (or I.)	1	3	1
1823	William J. (or I.)	NL	2	2
1824	William J. (or I.)	1	2	1
1825	William J. (or I.)	1	2	1
1826	William J. (or I.)	1	1	
1827	William J. (or I.)	1	1	
1828	William J. (or I.)	1	2	
1829	William J. (or I.)	1	3	1
1830	William J. (or I.)	1	2	2
1831	William J. (or I.)	1		
1833	William J. (or I.)	1		
1834	on Albemarle PPTL?			
1835	on Albemarle PPTL?			
1836	William J. (or I.)	2	4	7
1838	Wm J. (or I.)	2	5	1
1840	William J. (or I.)	2	4	1
1841	William J. (or I.)	2	1	1
1842	William J. (or I.)	2	2	1
1843	William J. (or I.) Sr.	1		
1845	William J. (or I.) Sr.	1	2	
1846	William J. (or I.) Sr.	1	2	
1847	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	3	4

1848	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	2	3
1849	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	2	3
1850	William J. (or I.) Sr.	2	4	4

1819 – On 14 October 1819, “Susanna Hamlett of the county of Nelson (late Amherst), widow and relict of Archer Hamlett, dec’d., for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my children Fanny (who intermarried with John Wright), William, Thomas, Lucy (who intermarried with William C. Kidd), John, (and) Susanna (who intermarried with **William J. Kidd**) Hamlet by my late husband, Archer Hamlet, dec’d, and Archer, Eliza and Fanny, children of my late daughter Nancy who intermarried with Jesse Woods, and for the further consideration of five dollars to me in hand paid”...conveyed for and during her natural life several slaves – a negro woman named Alce, a negro man Patrick, a negro man named Major, a negro man Micael (sic), a negro boy Spotswood, (and) a negro girl Mourning, “they being devised to me by the last will and testament of my said deceased husband, Archer Hamlet. Susanna Hamlett signed this deed, witnessed by J. Garland and C. W. Kidd. The same day it was proved in Nelson County Court by the oaths of “James Garland and W. C. Kidd,” the two subscribing witnesses, and recorded.⁶⁴⁹

In a deed dated 16 October 1819, Thomas Hamlet gives **William J. Kidd** his power of attorney to secure his share of the estate of his father Archer Hamlet:

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Hamlet for delivered goods causes and causes and considerations me hereunto moving, have constituted and appointed herein by these presents constitute and appoint my friend and brother-in-law **William I. [J.] Kidd** of Nelson county, State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and to my proper use and belief to sue for demands recover and receive all such debts as may be due to me in the state of Virginia and take all such necessary steps, and to receive him portion of the estate of Archer Hamlet dec'd which has been conveyed to the heirs of said Archer Hamlet dec'd by Susannah Hamlet his widow and relict to whom was bequeathed a life estate in said property which shall belong to me by virtue of same bequeath and conveyance fo me and in my name to grant receipts and acquitances and do all and ever thing in the premises which I myself could do if I were present hereby satisfying and confirming all such acts of my said attorney and making them as _____ efficient in law as if I were to do these myself. Given from under hand and seal this 16th day of October 1819. signed, Thomas Hamlet. attestee: S. Garland
Witnesses: John Wright (his X), C. W. Kidd⁶⁵⁰

1820 – The 1820 federal census for Nelson County, VA lists Abner, Absalom, Alexander, Coleman C., James, John, Joseph, Robert N., William C., and William J. Kidd.

William J. Kidd – 2M 16-25 & 2 26-44; 2F<10, & 1 16-25; 1 male slave 14-25. 2 in Agriculture.

[Assuming that William J. Kidd was born in 1793, he would have been about 27 at the time

⁶⁴⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁶⁵⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:361. Scanned images available. Here is an abstract:

of the 1820 census, and thus one of the two males age 26-44. It is possible that the three other males in his household were his brothers James P., Jesse N., and Robert J. Kidd.

In a Deed of Trust dated 11 December 1820, John Hamblet granted a Deed of Trust to **William J. Kidd**. John Hamblet acknowledged that he was indebted to Susanna Hamblet for \$62 by bond. Collateral included household goods, a mare, hogs and pigs, and crops. This Deed of Trust was signed by John Hamblet, **W.J. Kidd**, and Susannah Hamblet, and witnessed by John Whitehead, C.W. Kidd and Robert J. Kidd.⁶⁵¹

1824 – On 8 April 1824, Coleman W. Kidd and **William J. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with James Kidd Senior, all of Nelson County, in which they convey to him and his family a long list of household furniture, tools, livestock and other items purchased at an auction of personal property (likely his own) by virtue of an execution of a Court order, which items were purchased by Coleman W. and **William J. Kidd**.⁶⁵²

1826 – A Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1826 [1826-005], titled **William J. Kidd** vs. James P. Garland:

William J. Kidd states that in 1818 or early 1819 he became bound as security for a certain John Hamlet in a forthcoming bond which was given to a certain James P. Garland, by virtue of an execution issued from the Clerk's office of this county on a judgment recovered by Garland against the said Hamlet, which forthcoming bond was forfeited, and Kidd became liable for the debt as Hamlet was unable to pay it. Said Kidd states that in the year 1819 he did (some) work for the said defendant, as shown by the several bills presented as evidence, and that some of the work was done in conjunction with "your orator's brother, Coleman W. Kidd." He charges that it was expressly contracted with Garland that his debt was to be paid and satisfied by what was to be paid to him for this work, and that after the work was complete, that a balance was in fact due to him from James P. Garland, but that Garland was pressing for a judgment against him, despite their agreement.

Garland in his response denied that **William J. Kidd** ever paid anything on the said debt, and that William J. Kidd and his brother were paid for the work done for him.

The bills submitted were for lumber, sheeting, framing, and shingles and shingling.⁶⁵³

In Lynchburg Chancery Court on 12 May 1826, **William J (I.) Kidd** against James P Garland: Writ of Contiorari to remove the record of the proceedings of the court of Nelson in the writ aforesaid into this court, notice of which motion being duly proved, the court doth award the said writ, it appearing from a copy of this record that the trial of the said cause hath been unreasonably delayed. But this said writ is not to issue until the Defendant shall give bone with sufficient security in the clerk's office of this court in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned to perform the decree of this court.⁶⁵⁴

On 14 October 1826 in Nelson County, Hudson P. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Wilson Peters, regarding a debt owed to **William J. Kidd** for \$85 due by bond due this date. All three parties signed their names, and the Deed of Trust was recorded the same day.⁶⁵⁵

⁶⁵¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

⁶⁵² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson Co. Sources folder.

⁶⁵³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-005

⁶⁵⁴ Lynchburg (Amherst Co) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, pp. 73-74, retrieved from FHL #32264, images 55-56 on this reel.

⁶⁵⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:500-501.

October Term 1826. The court dismissed a motion by the defendant and referred the accounts to a special commissioner of the court, directing him to settle the same, and report back to the court.⁶⁵⁶

1827 – On 20 Sept 1827, **William J. Kidd** was a witness in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled Alfred G. Chewning vs. Christopher T. Estes. The suit involved a lengthy business dispute and numerous witnesses.⁶⁵⁷

1828 – On 26 July 1828, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled Executor of Andrew Wright vs. James P. Garland & Co. (His signature appears on image 13 of the file.)⁶⁵⁸

1830 – On the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., 2 Williams, William C. and two William J. Kidds. (The identity of the older man and woman in William J.'s household is not known.)

William J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 30-39 & 1 60-69; 2F 10-14, 1 30-39 & 1 60-69. Five slaves.
William J. Kidd – 1M & 1F 20-29. No slaves.

1832 – On 20 August 1832 in Nelson County, Virginia, Robert J. Kidd, the brother of **William J. Kidd**, entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert C. Cutter regarding a debt of “a considerable sum of money” due by account and owed to **William J. Kidd**. Robert J. Kidd put up as collateral his household and kitchen furniture, tools, and livestock. All the parties signed their names to this Deed of Trust. It was admitted to record the same day.⁶⁵⁹

1834-1835 – William J. Kidd does not appear on the Nelson County PPTLs in these years.

A **William J. or I. Kidd** appears on the Albemarle County PPTLs, taxed only for his own tithe, but no other property, then drops from the Albemarle County lists. He may or may not be the same William Kidd who was on the PPTLs a few years earlier.

1836 – On 27 June 1836, **William J. Kidd** was appointed by the Nelson County court as administrator of the estate of his father James Kidd, deceased, for the purpose of making a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels and credits of the estate, and posted bond for same.⁶⁶⁰ Wilson Peters and Harrod B. Scott were named as his securities. The bond was for \$200, suggesting a relatively small estate.

On 26 December 1836, **William J. Kidd** entered into a performance bond in Nelson County, Virginia in the amount of \$3000, with Wilson Peters as his security, for William J. Kidd's appointment as guardian of Gilbert W. Bowman, infant orphan of Gilbert Bowman

⁶⁵⁶ Lynchburg (Amherst Co) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, p. 146, retrieved from FHL #32264, image 92 on this reel.

⁶⁵⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-018

⁶⁵⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-001

⁶⁵⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7:377.

⁶⁶⁰ Index to Nelson County Virginia Wills, 1807-1850, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LOV, Sept 2009, citing WB D:491-2. RK reviewed this on microfilm, and confirmed the transcription here.

and over 14 years of age. Both William J. Kidd and Wilson Peters signed this bond, and it was presented in Court and admitted to record on the same day.⁶⁶¹

- 1836 – **William J. Kidd** and his wife Susanna were the plaintiffs in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled William J. Kidd & wife vs. Heirs of Archer Hamblett.
William J. Kidd & Susanna his wife, plts vs. William C. Kidd and Lucy his wife, Arthur Wood, Sally Wood, and Frances Wood, Defts } In Chancery. All were the heirs of Archer Hamblett, deceased. In a court declaration dated 22 Dec 1828, Wilson Peters is appointed commissioner to sell the land that is the basis of this suit so that the proceeds can be distributed among the heirs.⁶⁶²
- 1837 – On 4 May 1837, **William J. Kidd** and Henry S. Peyton signed a memorandum of understanding regarding their partnership, operating in Nelson County under the name Peyton & Kidd, for their store in the town of Lovingston. They dissolved their partnership on 25 April 1837, with all the books, bonds, accounts and evidence of debts transferred to William J. Kidd to wind up the business. In return, Kidd was to provide Peyton with 2/3 of the profits (and losses), keeping one-third for himself.
Both parties signed the agreement, and it was accepted into record on 23 May 1837.⁶⁶³
Kidd's partnership with the Peytons also was at the center of a Chancery Court suit titled William J. Kidd vs. Frederick S. Peyton et al that ended in 1839.⁶⁶⁴
- 1839 – On 4 October 1839, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled George W. Taylor vs. James P. Garland, stating that he had been hired to build steps and a portico in the town of Lovingston.⁶⁶⁵ This deposition adds to the evidence that he was a carpenter and builder in Nelson County.

In an Amherst County Deed of Trust dated 8 October 1839 by James Maxwell and wife Sally.... **W. J. Kidd** was one of the witnesses, along with Jonathan A. Harris and Alex Mundy or Murphy. Collateral was given as two tracts of land of 50 acres each on both sides of Elk Island Creek.⁶⁶⁶

William J. Kidd was also one of the parties, trading as Peyton Kidd & Peyton, in another brief Nelson County Chancery Court suit dismissed at the request of one of the plaintiffs.⁶⁶⁷

- 1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes the following Kidd households: Alexander, Alexander S., Charles, Coleman W., Hudson P., TWO Josephs, Mccajah, R.N., Robert J., Thomas, William H. and **William J. Kidd**.
William J. Kidd – 1M 5-9, 1 15-19, 1 20-29 & 1 40-49; 1F 20-29 & 1 40-49. Six slaves. Six employed in Mfg and trade.

On 24 February 1840, Robert J. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Hiram W. Dawson, both of Nelson County, regarding a debt owed to **Wm. J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd of Nelson

⁶⁶¹ Nelson County, Virginia Wil Book E, page 61, retrieved from FHL #2047070, image 49 via familysearch.org..

⁶⁶² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

⁶⁶³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:439.

⁶⁶⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-019

⁶⁶⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-012

⁶⁶⁶ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 258, citing DB X, p. 354.

⁶⁶⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-026

County of \$50 "due by open account." Robert J. Kidd put up his black horse, saddle and bridle as collateral for this loan. All of the parties signed this document.⁶⁶⁸

Also in this year, he and his siblings are named among the heirs of Ralph Jopling (their mother was Lucy Jopling, the wife of James Kidd) in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1840-003].⁶⁶⁹

This case is a dispute among the heirs of Ralph Jopling over the right of property of a female slave named Britannia, and her increase, an issue unresolved by a prior court case in October of 1839, at which time the court ordered Charles Perrow and Henry T. Harris, commissioners for this purpose, to sell certain slaves....

p. 24 is a list of those parties with an interest in this estate, and among them:

"...**William J. Kidd**, Coleman W. Kidd, James P. Kidd, Robert J. Kidd, Jesse N. Kidd, Gutheridge Lyon and Mary A. his wife, formerly Mary Kidd, Robert Watkins and Sarah his wife, formerly Sarah Kidd, and _____, heirs of John Thomas, dec'd. ..."

1840-1841 – In November 1840, Robert N. Kidd, Alexander Kidd, Jno. Kidd and **W. J. Kidd**⁶⁷⁰ were among the one-hundred-plus signers of a petition to the Virginia State Assembly, filed by four former slaves emancipated by the will of their owner and father James Halleyburton, asking for a law permitting them to reside in the state. Laws of the time required manumitted (freed) slaves to leave the state of Virginia within 12 months, or be subject to sale as slaves. The petition was referred to the Courts of Justice in January 1841. The record does not say whether their petition was granted.⁶⁷¹

1841 – In 1841, **William J. Kidd** and his wife Susanna are named in a Nelson County Chancery suit, in which Thomas Hamlet, the son of Archer Hamlet, is the plaintiff in the suit over the estate of his deceased father, whose will was recorded in Amherst County. Archer left a widow, Susanna, and the following children as his heirs: Thomas; William; John; Fanny, who intermarried with John Wright; Lucy, who intermarried with William C. Kidd; and Susanna, who intermarried with **William J. Kidd**.

This case was initiated in 1820, and carried on until 1841, concerning the division of Archer Hamlet's considerable estate. But no other substantive information about the Kidds is found in this record.⁶⁷²

In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1841, titled W.I. [J.] & C.W. Kidd vs. Pamplin, Pritchard & Kidd:

William J. Kidd and Coleman W. Kidd, "late merchants and partners trading under the style and firm of W.J. & C.W. Kidd," are suing James Pamplin, John Pritchard and William J. Kidd, who were transacting business as tanners and carriers under the style and firm of

⁶⁶⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:106.

⁶⁶⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1840-003

⁶⁷⁰ His name was transcribed as W. T. Kidd, but I believe this to be in error; looking at the original signature, I believe the middle initial is J, not T.

⁶⁷¹ One can find this (and the other three legislative petitions mentioning Kidd at http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions?_ga=2.76708176.455154769.1579651731-169780960.1579651731, then search on KIDD.

⁶⁷² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

Pamplin, Pritchard and Kidd.⁶⁷³ (Note: This is a dispute between two businesses, made more complicated because William J. Kidd had been a partner in both firms.)

The final account of the estate of Lucy Kidd, deceased, was returned to the Nelson County Court by **Coleman W. Kidd**, her administrator, and entered into the record on 22 March 1841.

Although their relationships are not explicitly stated in the account, **William J.**, Coleman W., James P., Robert J., and Jesse N. Kidd, and Robert Watkins and his wife Sarah A. Kidd are the six named heirs of Lucy and James Kidd. Each of them got equal shares of this estate in two allotments, of \$75 and \$14.55 respectively. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave named Judy that their mother owned at the time of her death.⁶⁷⁴

Also in 1841, William J. Kidd's name drops from the Nelson County Land Tax Lists. From 1816 through 1840, he and John Hamblet were co-owners of 254 ½ acres on Dutch Creek. We have found no record of the sale of this land, and it's not clear why they drop from the annual LTLs, although it is likely that they lost it due to foreclosure or in a legal dispute.

1842 – On 8 August 1842, Charles W. Thacker of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Richard L. Taliaferro regarding a debt of \$89.69 owed to **William J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd, being the amount of a judgment recovered in Circuit Superior Court and Chancery Court of Nelson County at the April 1840 term.
Recorded 10 September 1842.⁶⁷⁵

On 1 October 1842, Francis B. West entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding debts of \$128.14 owed to C.W. Kidd & Co. and due by bond 27 June 1842, of \$13.20 to **Wm. J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd, and to C.W. Kidd for \$18.10.⁶⁷⁶

On 24 October 1842, Thomas Farrar entered into a Deed of Trust with John Burford(?) regarding a debt of __ owed to **Wm. J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd and Coleman W. Kidd & Co. by judgments of the Superior and Inferior Courts of the County of Amherst, where the said Farrar took the oath of an insolvent debtor, and to C.W. Kidd for the sum of about \$20 by bond.

This deed was signed by Farrar and admitted to Nelson County Court the same day.⁶⁷⁷

Also in 1842, **William J. Kidd** was one of several defendants in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled Henry Bibb and John Whitehead vs. Charles E. Perrow, et al. This was related to a legal matter involving the late Lee W. Harris, although the exact nature of the brief suit is unclear.⁶⁷⁸

1843 – On 22 July 1843, Joshua Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Coleman W. Kidd, Christopher J. Estes, **William J. Kidd**, William Murrill, and Wilson P. Kidd as trustees, conveying to them a parcel of land on the headwaters of the south branch of Dutch creek, purchased by Willoughby from Sparks

⁶⁷³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-073

⁶⁷⁴ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson Co. Shared Folder).

⁶⁷⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:87-88.

⁶⁷⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:117-118.

⁶⁷⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:31-32.

⁶⁷⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1842-043

Martin's executor...(physical description of boundaries)...containing one acre, where these trustees will build a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church...."to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein."

[The deed goes on in some length regarding how successor trustees would be named in the event that one or more died, or ceased to be a member, etc.]

Both Joshua and Elizabeth signed with an X. The deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court the same date.⁶⁷⁹

On 3 August 1843, Charles W. Thacker entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead regarding a debt of \$56.74, owed to **William J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd, due by judgment obtained in County Court. Deed recorded 5 August 1843.⁶⁸⁰

On 30 August 1843, William H. Kidd of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Robert Whitehead over debts of \$27.94, owed to C.W. Kidd (partly by bond and partly by accounts), and of \$63.80 to **Wm J. Kidd** and C.W. Kidd. William H. Kidd signed with an X. The Deed of Trust was recorded in court the same day.⁶⁸¹

1845 – **William James Kidd** and Walker J. Willoughby were witnesses to the Nelson County will of Joshua Willoughby, signed on 21 August 1845. In the document, he is identified as **William James Kidd** in two instances and as **William J. Kidd Jr.** in one other instance (see next entry).⁶⁸²

1847 – The Nelson County will of Joshua Willoughby was proved in Court on 22 March 1847 by the witnesses **William J. Kidd Jr.** and Walker S. Willoughby.⁶⁸³

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 264B, HH 649:

Kidd, Wm. J. 57MW farmer \$0 VA

" , Susan 55FW VA

" , Eliza 35FW VA

" , Robert C. 20MW VA

On 26 June 1850, **William J. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Parker Allen regarding a debt of "\$500 or thereabout" to Perkins and Ewers, secured by a Deed of Trust dated 10 March 1849.⁶⁸⁴

On 15 Oct 1850, **William J. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Thomas P. Fitzpatrick and Hezekiah R. Hargrove over a debt of \$152.50 to Penn & Brown due 1 Sept 1850. In doing so he used the "property heretofore conveyed in trust to secure the amount then due," and all his crops of oats and tobacco for the present year. Admitted to record 28 October 1850.⁶⁸⁵

⁶⁷⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6. Scans of this deed are in the Nelson Co. Sources folder.

⁶⁸⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:347.

⁶⁸¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

⁶⁸² Nelson County, VA Will Book G, pp. 335-337. Digital images available upon request.

⁶⁸³ Ibid, p. 337. Digital image available upon request.

⁶⁸⁴ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:70.

⁶⁸⁵ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:105.

1853 – On 11 June 1853, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court case, a dispute over a debt.⁶⁸⁶ He signed his affidavit (see image below), and his signature reads “William Jams (or James) Kidd. This is the only record we’ve found that provides a middle name for him.

Question by Plaintiff's counsel
What is your opinion of William J.
Kidd as regards honesty &c and the
general opinion of his neighbors
Ans
I believe he was a good character
among his neighbors
and further this depon
saith not William Jams Kidd
The further taking of these depositions
is postponed till Monday the 12th June
1853 by consent of parties
The depositions of William J. Kidd and
William J. Kidd were sworn to before me
this 11th day of June 1853
J. P. Loving, J. P.

1857 – **William J. Kidd** died in Amherst County, VA on 6 September 1857 at the age of 63. His death record states that he was born in Amherst County to James and Lucy Kidd, lists his spouse's name as Susan Kidd, and lists his occupation as "farmer." He was married at the time of his death.⁶⁸⁷ The cause of his death is listed as “carbuncle.” The informant was R. C. Kidd, his son.

WILLIAM I./J. KIDD, likely the son of William J. Kidd and Susanna Hamlet
Born in 1823 in Nelson County, VA
Married Caroline Phillips in 1843 in Nelson County, VA
Died in 1862, Dumfries, Prince William County, VA

1843 – on 27 December 1843, **William I. Kidd** married Caroline Phillips in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁸⁸ Another abstract of this record lists the date of the marriage bond as 23 Dec 1843, and names the bondsman as Nelson Phillips, and the minister as Edward L. Warren. The marriage date was 27 Dec 1843.⁶⁸⁹

⁶⁸⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1853-032, John W Clyne Jr v. Joseph Thomas et al, 50 images, image 23.

⁶⁸⁷ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. A scan of this death record is available upon request, stored in the Amherst Co. Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

⁶⁸⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁶⁸⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households. I've listed them collectively here, since their proximity suggests a familial relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW⁶⁹⁰

" , Frances 47FW Amherst County CROW

" , L.D. 11 MW Nelson County attended school within the year

" , Margaret C. 4FW Nelson County

" , Louisa L. 4FW Nelson County

" , Mary E. 1FW Nelson County

HH 53

Kidd, Isaiah B.⁶⁹¹ 26MW farmer \$0 Nelson County CROW

" , Ann 32FW Nelson County CROW

" , Susan 11FW Nelson County

" , Alexander B. 8MW Nelson County

" , Sarah F. 4FW Nelson County

" , Lucy 2FW Nelson County

" , Thomas H. 9/12MW Nelson County

HH 56

Kidd, William 27WM carpenter \$0 Nelson County

" , Caroline 25FW Bedford County

" , M.L. 4MW Nelson County

" , C.W. 1MW Nelson County

1860 – on federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovingsston P.O., p. 64, HH 466:

Kidd, William J. 38MW carpenter \$0/30 b Nelson County

" , Caroline 37FW Nelson County

" , Matthew 14MW Nelson County

" , Charles W. 13MW Nelson County

" , Cornelius 9MW b Bedford County [the only child listed as born in Bedford County]

" , Robert S. 8MW Nelson County

" , Joseph M. 7MW Nelson County

" , Mary E. 4FW Nelson County

" , Frances E. 10/12FW Nelson County

WILLIAM JENKINS (JENKS) KIDD, the son of Robert N. Kidd and Agnes Willoughby

Born 15 Oct 1841⁶⁹²

Served in Civil War with his brothers Nathan Laud, Preston W., and Robert K. Lost a foot and returned home to help raise his brother Nathan's children.

Married in 1872 to Martha E. Johnson in Nelson County, VA

Died in 1921 in Nelson County, VA

⁶⁹⁰ Cannot read or write.

⁶⁹¹ Son of Hudson P. Kidd.

⁶⁹² From U.S. Veterans Gravesites, 1775-2006, at Ancestry.com. This is the source of his middle name, as well as his dates of birth and death. These dates also appear on his 1921 Nelson County death certificate.

A list of their children given in the Nelson Co VA Heritage Book (p. 241)⁶⁹³:

Pierce Kemper, b 22 Jul 1873

Howard Whitefield, b 20 May 1875

William Richard Marvin, b 17 Jan 1878

James Arthur, b 2 Jun 1879

Robert Smith, b 28 Jul 1882

Mattie Lee, b 1 Mar 1886

Eugene Johnson, b 24 Aug 1892

Irene Bertha, b 11 Oct 1894

[not listed in this Heritage Book article, but another of their children, was Evelyn "Eva" Whitehead Kidd, b 8 Aug 1890⁶⁹⁴

1861 – **William Jenkins Kidd** enlisted in the New Market Volunteers of Nelson County on 7 June 1861. Three of his brothers, Nathan Laud, Preston W. and Robert K. Kidd, also served in the Confederate Army, and all three died in the battle of Antietam.

In 2006, commemorative headstones were placed in this cemetery to honor the service of Nathan Laud, Preston W., Robert K., and **William Jenkins (Jenks) Kidd** during the Civil War. An article appearing in the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006, states the four were brothers: Nathan died at the Battle of Sharpsburg (the battle of Antietam), Robert died during the battle, and Preston died within two weeks from wounds sustained in the battle. William, who lost part of his leg, lived to return home, where he cared for Nathan's orphaned children Emma and Sarah (see next) and later his own family. As the only son who survived the war, he appears to be the one actually buried in the cemetery.⁶⁹⁵

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA, p. 16, HH 114/123:

Kidd, William J. 28MW farmer \$800/300 VA

" , Agnes (his widowed mother) 75FW keeping house VA

" , Sarah L. 15FW at home VA

" , Emma 13FW at home VA

HH 115/124:

Kidd, A. S. 57MW farmer \$680/250 VA

" , Frances 67FW keeping house VA

" . Lorenzo D. 31MW farm laborer VA CROW

" , Margaret 29FW at home VA CROW

" , Louisa L. 24FW at home VA CROW

" , Mary Ann 21FW at home VA CROW

HH 119/128

Kidd, Charity 72FW keeping house \$1000/325 VA

Kidd, Frederick 48MW works at wheel writing (sic) VA

" , Alex 34MW wheelwright VA

" , Samaria 36FW at home VA

⁶⁹³ *Nelson Co VA Heritage Book 1807-2000*, published 2001, p. 241 (abstract in Nelson Co Source Documents Folder).

⁶⁹⁴ Personal correspondence, Barbara Taylor. See her Taylor Fowle Thornberry tree on

⁶⁹⁵ For the marking of the Confederate graves of brothers Nathan, Preston, Robert, and William (Jenks) Kidd, see the Fredericksburg VA *The Free Lance-Star*, 18 Mar 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIbAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIbAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

" , Samuel 2MW VA

HH 120/129

Kidd, Coleman 74MW Constable VA
(no others)

1872 – On 18 October 1872, **William J. Kidd** married Martha E. Johnson in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁹⁶

1873 – In a deed dated 26 September 1873, Richard A. White and Pemelia B. his wife, formerly Pamela (sic) B. Kidd, daughter of Robert N. Kidd and wife, of the county of Nelson, state of Virginia, for the sum of \$30 convey to **William J. Kidd, her brother**, all their interest in the estate left in the last will and testament of Joshua Willoughby to the wife and children of Robert N. Kidd of the county of Nelson.⁶⁹⁷

(signed) Richd. A. White {seal}
Pemilia B. White {seal}

William J. Kidd came to be the owner of "Sunnyside," the home that Joshua Willoughby built in 1814.⁶⁹⁸ An article in the Nelson County, VA Heritage Book states that William J. Kidd inherited Sunny Side (the Willoughby home), near Elmer. During his long life, he served as Justice of the Peace, Assessor, Deputy County Treasurer, and Clerk of Court in Nelson County. He was also active in the state temperance movement and a member of the Elmington M.E. Church; and he helped found the Rock Spring United Methodist Church in 1879.

1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 – He and his family appear on these federal censuses.

1921 – **William Jenkins Kidd** died on 24 Feb 1921 in Elmington, Nelson County, Virginia, the place where he was born, at the age of 79.⁶⁹⁹

He is buried in the Kidd Cemetery, also known as the Johnson-Kidd Cemetery on Dutch Creek, near Shipman in Nelson County.

ONE unplaced WILLIAM KIDD record: We don't know the identity of the younger William Kidd below.

1830 – on the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., **2 William Kidds**, plus William C. and William J. Kidd.

William Kidd – 1M & 1F, each 20-29. No slaves.

William Kidd – 1M 15-19, 1 40-49 & 1 70-79; 1F 70-79. Three slaves.

⁶⁹⁶ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com.

⁶⁹⁷ Nelson Co., VA DB 18:446-447, reviewed, abstracted and scanned at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, May 10, 2013. Scanned images of this record are in the Nelson Co. Sources folder.

⁶⁹⁸ See <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/VHI/html/18/0657.html>, the WPA Report on the Willoughby/Kidd home, written in 1938. This home was 4.25 miles west of Elmington on Rt. 641.

⁶⁹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia death certificate #3752, retrieved from *Virginia, U. S. Death Records, 1912-2014*, 1921 03599-04135 on Ancestry.com. In this record, his middle name is spelled "Jenkins."

WILSON P. KIDDs – there were two men by this name, both born in Nelson County, VA within a few years of each other. We distinguish them by their primary occupation:⁷⁰⁰

1. **WILSON P. KIDD, the shoemaker (and sometimes jailkeeper): son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann Johnson, married Harriet Morgan**
2. **WILSON P. KIDD, the farmer: son of Robert Nelson Kidd and Agnes Willoughby, married Ellen/Ellender Powell**

Because of their identical names and similar ages, it is not possible to assign the personal property tax list citations, so the PPTLs are included under both men.

**Shoemaker (and sometimes jailkeeper) WILSON P. KIDD, the son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann Johnson of Nelson County. Lived in both Amherst and Nelson Counties. Born in 1822⁷⁰¹ in Nelson County, Virginia
Married Harriet E. Morgan in 1839 in Nelson County, VA
Died in 1880 in Nelson County, Virginia**

1837 – A **Wilson P. Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1837, and he continues to be listed annually thereafter through 1850, the last year that we've checked. Despite the fact that there are two men named Wilson P. Kidd in Nelson County during this time, they appear on these PPTLs together in the same year only in 1843 and 1845, as shown in the Table below. We know that shoemaker Wilson P. Kidd was listed on the Amherst Co PPTLs from 1848-1850, so the last three years of this tax list likely refers to Wilson P. Kidd, farmer.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1837	25-Mar	Wilson P.	1		
1838	26-Feb	Wilson P.	1		1
1839	25-Apr	Wilson P.	1		1
1840	23-Mar	Wilson P.	1		
1841	22-Mar	Wilson P.	1		
1842		Wilson P.	1		1
1843	8-Apr	Wilson P.	1		1
	4-Jun	Wilson P.	1	1	1
1845		Wilson P.	1		
		Wilson P.	1		
1846		Wilson P.	1		
1847		Wilson P.	1	1	
1848		Wilson P.	1		1
1849		Wilson P.	1		1
1850		Wilson P.	1		1

⁷⁰⁰ Perhaps these two men were both named after Wilson Peters, a fairly wealthy farmer and businessman (with \$17,000 in real estate and 17 slaves at the time of the 1850 federal census, for instance) who lived in the vicinity of several of the Nelson County Kidds, on the headwaters of Dutch Creek in Nelson County. A search of this compilation on his name shows that Wilson Peters had numerous interactions with several branches of the Nelson County Kidd family.

⁷⁰¹ Both his death record and grave marker have a birth year of 1822.

1839 – Married on Jan. 2, by Rev. Matthew Sturdivant, **Wilson Kidd**, to Miss Harriet E. Morgan, daughter of William Morgan, dec'd, all of Lovingston, **Nelson County**.⁷⁰² An abstract of this record names the bondsman as Elizabeth Morgan.⁷⁰³

1840 – On the federal census in Amherst County in 1840, p. 217:
Wilson Kidd – 1M 20-29 & 1F 20-29, with two slaves, a male 24-35 and a female 36-54.
 Two in commerce.
 (No other Kidd household heads appear on the federal census in Amherst County in 1840.)

1841 – On 14 June 1841 in Amherst County, **Wilson Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a Deed of Trust by George Sprouts. Other witnesses were Edward J. Smith and Robert Tyree.⁷⁰⁴

On 14 August 1841 in Amherst County, **Wilson P. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Albert C. Harrison and Robert N. Pendleton. Here is an abstract of that instrument:

Pendleton is security in a bond of the said **Wilson P. Kidd** executed to Wilkins Watson for the hire of a negro man in the sum of about \$120. The said Watson has instituted a suit against the said Kidd and Pendleton and the said Kidd, anxious to indemnify the said Pendleton against all loss, Kidd for \$1 has granted, bargained and sold to the said Albert Harrison a cow and calf now in the possession of the said Kidd, all of his household and kitchen furniture of every description together with his own assortment of shoemakers tools now housed in his shoemakers shop at Amherst Courthouse.
 This Deed of Trust was recorded on 16 August 1841.⁷⁰⁵

1848-1850 – **Wilson P. Kidd** appears briefly on Amherst County PPTLs for the first time in 1848, and repeats in 1849 and 1850, the last year we've checked.

Year	Taxpayer	Tithes
1848	Wilson P.	1 slave
1849	Wilson P.	1 slave, 1 horse
1850	Wilson P.	1 slave, 1 horse

1850 – On the federal census in the Eastern district of Amherst County, VA, p. 145A, enumerated 9 Dec. 1850, HH 990:

Kidd, Wilson P. 34MW shoemaker (all birthplaces left blank, unless outside VA)
 " , Hariet 30FW
 " , Theodore 8MW
 " , Dolly 5FW
 " , Jane 2FW

Based on the names of his neighbors, other tradesmen and merchants, we can determine that Wilson P. and his family lived in the town of Amherst.

⁷⁰² From the *Lynchburg Virginian*, Monday January 7, 1839, p. 3, col. 3.

⁷⁰³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁷⁰⁴ *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1827-1852, Books S-Z*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Inc., Easley, SC, 1985, p. 268, citing DB X, p. 481.

⁷⁰⁵ Amherst County VA Deed Book X, p. 523, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingson P.O., Nelson County VA, p. 164, HH 1194:

Kidd, Wilson P. 42MW shoe maker and jailor \$0/100 Nelson County

- " , Harriet 39FW Nelson
- " , Theodore 15MW Nelson
- " , Ladora 12FW Nelson
- " , Idel 10 FW Nelson
- " , Alice 9FW Nelson
- " , William H. 6MW Nelson
- " , Edward 4MW Nelson

1864 – On 28 November 1864, **Wilson P. Kidd** was “granted letters of administration on the estate of his dec’d son Theodore F. Kidd, late a soldier in the Confederate army...”⁷⁰⁶

1870 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, p. 330, HH 291/303:

Kidd, Wilson P. 50MW shoemaker \$1500/200 VA

- " , Harriet 45FW keeping house VA
- " , Edward 12MW at home VA

An Estes family is also living in the household, along with two black servants.

1880 – On the federal census in Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA, ED 111, sheet 20D, HH 177/204

Kidd, Wilson P. WM 60M jailor VA VA VA

- " , Harriet E. WF 58M wife VA VA VA
- " , Edward L son WM 23S VA VA VA

(plus two prisoners in the jail)

Wilson P. Kidd died on 16 August 1880 in Nelson County, VA at the age of 62 years.⁷⁰⁷ A transcription of his death record names his parents as Joe and Sallie Kidd, and lists his occupation as "boot and tack maker." We have not seen the original of this record and believe the name of Sallie to be in error. His mother was Ann Johnson and his father Joseph Kidd Sr. [See [Appendix 6](#)]

Wilson and Harriet Kidd are buried in Mountain View cemetery in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA, according to their memorial on Findagrave.

The journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950, the daughter of Edmund Tucker Kidd and Elizabeth (Kidd) Craig, the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr and his wife Ann Johnson includes a reference to **Wilson Kidd**: (p 43): “My grandfather James Craig and grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig moved up from Goochland County below Richmond to near Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. With him came 2 of grandmother’s brothers - Uncle Charles and Uncle Wilson Kidd. Uncle Charles married Malinda Kidd. They had a large family - both sons and daughters.”

Farmer WILSON P. KIDD, the son of Robert Nelson Kidd and Agnes Willoughby Born abt 1817 in Nelson County, VA

⁷⁰⁶ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson Co., VA Will Book M, p. 276. A digital image of this record was retrieved from Nelson County WB M, page 278, found on FHL #32719, Item 2, Will Book M, which begins on image 288. I failed to record the image number of this page. See Nelson Co. Source documents on Dropbox for this image.

⁷⁰⁷ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

**Married Ellen/Ellender/Elenor Powell in 1843 in Nelson County, VA⁷⁰⁸
Date of death unknown, but likely between 1860-1870 in Nelson County, VA. He was
deceased by 28 March 1872.**

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	4-Jun	Wilson P.	1	1	1
1845		Wilson P.	1		
		Wilson P.	1		
1846		Wilson P.	1		
1847		Wilson P.	1	1	
1848		Wilson P.	1		1
1849		Wilson P.	1		1
1850		Wilson P.	1		1

1842 – On 5 August 1842, Robert N. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with **Wilson P. Kidd** regarding a debt of \$125 owed to Joshua Willoughby, using all his growing crops as collateral.

The deed was signed by Robert N. Kidd, and was admitted to Court record the following day.⁷⁰⁹

Also on 5 August 1842, Walker S. Willoughby entered into a Deed of Trust with **Wilson P.**

⁷⁰⁸ The will of John Powell (found in Nelson Co. Will Book F, pp. 441-442) was written 8 January 1844, and proved 22 January 1844. In it, he gives to his wife, Susannah, who survived him her 1/3 dower, and divides the rest among his five children (or their heirs): Pamela Powell; Cary Ann (Powell) Willoughby (the wife of Walker S. Willoughby); Susan (Powell) Damron (the wife of ___ Damron); Ellen (Powell) Kidd (the wife of Wilson P. Kidd); and to his grandchildren, Maurice and & Ellen Powell, the children of his daughter Mary Powell (who had married Edward Powell). He appoints his brother, Leonard Powell, as trustee for his two grandchildren, and also the trustee of two of his daughters, Cary Ann and Ellen, "to take charge of their interest in the dower named above, at the death of my wife, and to apply the said trust for their support." Scans of this will and the subsequent bond of the executor, the inventory of the estate and the division of it are in the Nelson Co. Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

⁷⁰⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:55, retrieved from FHL #32726, image 344 via familysearch.org.

Kidd regarding a debt of \$120 owed to Joshua Willoughby. This deed was recorded in Nelson County Court on 18 Aug 1842.⁷¹⁰

1842-1846 – Nelson County VA records contain three Bonds recorded for "**Wilson P. Kidd, Constable**" in the years 1842, 1844 and 1846, respectively.⁷¹¹

On 27 June 1842, **Wilson P. Kidd** appointed constable in the 2nd Hundred in the county of Nelson for a term of two years. John H. Loving, Coleman W. Kidd, Jno. B. Harding and Thos. W. Farley were his securities in the amount of \$2000.⁷¹²

1843 – On 11 July 1843, Walker S. Willoughby entered into a Deed of Trust with **Wilson P. Kidd** regarding a debt of \$50 owed to Joshua Willoughby. The Deed of Trust was recorded in Nelson County Court 13 July 1843.⁷¹³

On 22 July 1843, Joshua Willoughby and Elizabeth his wife of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with Coleman W. Kidd, Christopher J. Estes, William J. Kidd, William Murrill, and **Wilson P. Kidd** as trustees, conveying to them a parcel of land on the headwaters of the south branch of Dutch creek, purchased by Willoughby from Sparks Martin's executor... (physical description of boundaries)... containing one acre, where these trustees will build a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church... "to preach and expound God's Holy Word therein."
Both Joshua and Elizabeth signed with an X. The deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court the same date.⁷¹⁴

1843 – **Wilson P. Kidd** married Elender Powell on 8 November 1843 in Nelson County, VA.⁷¹⁵
Another abstract of this same marriage record lists the date of the marriage bond as 3 March 1843, and names the bondsman as S. Garland, and the minister as Edward L. Warren, who performed the wedding on 8 November 1843.⁷¹⁶

1844 – On 13 August 1844, William Harris of Nelson County entered into a Deed of Trust with **Wilson P. Kidd** regarding a debt of \$60 owed by Harris to Joshua Willoughby for the rent of the plantation on which he now resides. [a very dark, difficult to read document.] All three parties signed, **W.P. Kidd** by his signature, and the other two with an X. This deed was witnessed by Robert K. Kidd and Nathan L. Kidd, and was recorded the same day in court.⁷¹⁷

⁷¹⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:62-63, retrieved from FHL #32726, image 348 via familysearch.org.

⁷¹¹ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson Co., VA Will Book F, p. 311, WB G, p. 029, and WB G, p. 243.. We have not seen these records.

⁷¹² Nelson Co. WB F:311, reviewed on microfilm by RK 5 May 2013.

⁷¹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:332, retrieved from FHL #32726, image 484 via familysearch.org.

⁷¹⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6 (scanned images available in the Nelson Co. folder on Dropbox). See also Virginia Historical Inventory VSL Film 509, Reel 19: <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/VHI/html/18/0396.html>
Subject: Dutch Creek Church. Location: 3 miles west of Elmington, Virginia, on Route #641. Old Church seventy-five yards from road, on the east side, near the foot of Naked Mountain. Survey report cites Nelson Co DB 10, pp 335-6.

⁷¹⁵ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁷¹⁶ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40. A digital image of this record was found and retrieved on Familysearch.org, FHL #32734, Item 3 – Nelson County Marriage Register, 1808-1878, image 227 of 626. It is stored in the Nelson Co. Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

⁷¹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:81.

Also in 1844, Robert K. Kidd was the plaintiff in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled Robert K. Kidd vs. Perkins & Ewers, that involved a judgment that the firm had obtained against his brother **Wilson P. Kidd**:

The complainant Robert K. Kidd states that Benjamin M. Perkins and Stephen R. Ewers, merchants doing business as Perkins & Ewers, obtained a judgment in court against **Wilson P. Kidd** for \$85.05 principal and \$5.96 in costs, and issued an execution on that debt on 10 February last [month], and that the deputy sheriff levied the said execution on some of the complainant's property, including horses, cattle, tobacco and oxen, etc. He further states that none of this property belongs or belonged to **Wilson P. Kidd**. Moreover, if the complainant had to sell his oxen and horses, which he uses to farm on the land he has rented, he would be unable to support himself and his father's family "which is very numerous," since he is poor and could not buy other livestock. [Their father is Robert N. Kidd.] Robert K. Kidd filed this bill on 2 March 1844. It appears that the court was willing to issue the injunction that he sought (p.4), if Robert K. Kidd could find someone to enter into a bond double the amount of the debt in the declaration.

Ewers, one of the defendants, states that he believes that the property described in the complaint did not belong to Robert K. Kidd, but to **Wilson P. Kidd** until the day of the judgment against said **Wilson P. Kidd**, at which time he understood that **Wilson P. Kidd** passed it on to Robert K. Kidd. (p. 7) He also states (p.8) that the father of Robert K. Kidd is presently "yet in the prime of life, and not less capable of labor and disposed to work than the Plaintiff himself, by which the said **Wilson P. Kidd**, as older brother, a man of business capacity and married, and all the younger and older members of the household" were capable of contributing. Ewers then gives his opinion of the fraud that he felt the brothers were trying to pull off. (pp. 7-8)

pp. 21-ff contain the deposition of Robert N. Kidd, the father of Robert K. Kidd. He testified that he did live with Robert K. Kidd, as did his younger children. He also testified that he is the person who rented the land to Robert K. Kidd, and that he holds the land "in waiting" from Joshua Willoughby, who is his father-in-law. He also testified that his son **Wilson P. Kidd** was serving at the time as Constable for Nelson County, and that **Wilson P. Kidd** boarded with Robert K. Kidd when he was "idle," but that he was away frequently in his business as Constable. This deposition was taken 23 April 1844.

p. 33 – in one of the many depositions in this case to determine whether **Wilson P. Kidd** was the owner of the property and the person essentially running the farm on which members of this Kidd family lived, deponent Nelson Philips was asked: "Is not **W.P. Kidd** in the habit of bragging?" Philips' answer: "I believe he is."

As with a number of the Kidds' court cases, it is unclear how this suit ended.⁷¹⁸

1845 – On 17 September 1845, Robert K. Kidd entered into a Deed of Trust with Hiram W. Dawson regarding a debt of \$60 owed to John B. Bell, due by bond dated 24 April 1843 and payable 1 October 1843, with John (H.?) Loving as his security. Also, Robert K. Kidd stands as a joint obliger with **Wilson P. Kidd** for the sum of \$98.32 due by bond to Royal McCaul, dated 31 January 1844, payable on demand and bearing interest from 31 January 1844. [This record is complicated, but it appears that Robert K. Kidd grants to Cutter as security his interest in the above land, and his growing crops for the year in trust.]⁷¹⁹

⁷¹⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-029

⁷¹⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:233-34.

1847 – Joshua Willoughby was the father of three daughters who married Kidd men in Nelson County – Charity, who married Alexander Kidd Sr.; Agnes (Aggy) who married Robert N. Kidd; and Frances/Fanny, who married Alexander S. Kidd. Joshua died in 1846, leaving a complicated will naming many beneficiaries. On October 5, 1847, a suit involving his heirs was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁷²⁰

This suit names all of the children then living of these three couples:

Children of Charity and Alexander Kidd, Sr.: Sarah Ann Kidd, Frederick Kidd, Floyd Kidd, and Cynthia Kidd (above the age of 21; and Semariah, Landon, Alexander, Elizabeth and Caroline Kidd (minors).

Children of Aggy and Robert Kidd: Wilson Kidd, Arthur Kidd, Robert Kidd and Pamela Kidd (above the age of 21), and Nathan, Preston, Eliza and William (all minors).

Children of Fanny and Alexander Kidd: Lorenzo D., Margaret and Louisa Kidd, all minors at the time. [See the section for Alexander Kidd Sr. for full details of this chancery suit.]

1848 – On 3 February 1848, Leonard Powell, trustee for Elenor Kidd, and Alexander Brown entered into an indenture, as outlined below:

On 24 August 1847, the Nelson County Court had decreed in Chancery in a cause between Leonard Powell, trustee for Cary Ann Willoughby and her children, complainants, and Cary Ann Willoughby, Walker Willoughby and others, defendants, that Alexander Brown, commissioner appointed by the court, should at public auction Make sale of two tracts of land in Nelson County, which were allotted to Cary Ann Willoughby and her children by the court commissioners appointed to divide the estate of John Powell, deceased.

At the time of the sale, "the said lot or piece of land was struck off to **Wilson P. Kidd** [Elenor's husband], agent for the said Leonard Powell, Trustee, for Cary Ann Willoughby and her children." The sale was for \$130.

Leonard Powell was also trustee for Elenor Kidd. Alexander Brown transferred to Powell as trustee for Elenor Kidd the lot or piece of land in Nelson County and adjoining Joseph Harris, ___ Damron, Robt. Reeves, dec'd, and the lot of Elenor Kidd, lying on both sides of Dutch Creek, containing 30 acres and being one of the lots allotted to Cary Ann Willoughby by the commissioners.

This deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court on 26 June 1848.⁷²¹

See [Appendix 7](#) for a detailed map of this area of Nelson County.

[Note: This dispute went on for several more decades, as recorded in multiple Chancery Causes in the 1870s⁷²², ⁷²³ The suits concern the distribution of the estate of John Powell among his heirs.]

1850 – Wilson P. Kidd is living next to his brother Arthur on the Nelson County census in 1850: HH 78, p 225A

Kidd, Arthur H. 34MW farmer \$0 VA

" , Elizabeth 29FW VA

" , John W. 8MW VA attended school within the year

" , Mildred F. 6FW VA

⁷²⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁷²¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:309.

⁷²² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1872-053

⁷²³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1878-019

" , L.E. 4FW VA
" , Nathan K. 1MW VA

HH 79

Kidd, Wilson P. 33MW farmer \$400 VA

" , Ellen F. 26FW VA
" , John W. 3MW VA
" , Mary A. 5/12FW VA

1853 – **Wilson P. Kidd** is named as trustee in a Nelson County marriage contract dated 6 January 1853, for Ellen Powell, the granddaughter of John Powell, deceased. In anticipation of Ellen Powell marrying John A. Teabow, this contract was created to shield the property devised to her by her grandfather in his will. Leonard Powell, her Trustee, wanted Wilson P. Kidd to manage this property for her, as her trustee for this purpose, and to return the property to her, should she outlive Teabow.

This deed was admitted to record in Nelson County Court on 23 January 1853. It was produced in Augusta County, Virginia, Court, along with their marriage record, on 23 June 1859, and entered into record there.⁷²⁴

1854 – On 27 December 1854, **Wilson P. Kidd**, administrator of Casper Powell, deceased, entered into a performance bond in Nelson County Court, as security for the estate.⁷²⁵

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish Depot P.O., p. 119, HH 850:

Kidd, Wilson P. 43MW farmer b. Nelson County

" , Ellen F. 39FW b. Albemarle County \$5000/\$10,000
" , John W. 13MW Nelson County
" , Mary A. 11FW Nelson County
" , Robert H. 8MW Nelson County
" , James W.T. 4MW Nelson County

(plus several others in the household, apparently boarders)

Note that Ellen Powell has a large amount of personal and real estate in her own right, consisting of her property inherited from her father John Powell.

The last document we have found for Wilson P. Kidd is an 1860 Nelson County Chancery suit.

1860 – Wilson P. Kidd and his wife Ellen, their children (all minors), and Ellen's uncle Leonard Powell were the defendants in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit titled James J. Brown vs **Wilson P. Kidd & wife etc.**⁷²⁶ (The Chancery file is dated 1861, but the suit began in 1860.)

James J. Brown was a creditor who had loaned \$274.70 to Wilson P. Kidd, with interest to be paid from 1 July 1857 to 27 April 1858, and Kidd had signed the bond in the name of "W.P. Kidd & wife" (image 8). Brown brought suit in 1860 to recover the unpaid debt, arguing that Kidd was acting as trustee managing his wife's inheritance from her father John Powell, and that Leonard Powell, the appointed trustee to manage Ellen Kidd's inheritance

⁷²⁴ Augusta County Deed Book 78, pages 502-504, retrieved from FHL #30371, Augusta County Deed Books 78-79, images 569-570, via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Scanned images available upon request.

⁷²⁵ Nelson Co., VA WB J, page 329, available online at Ancestry.com. No other information there.

⁷²⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1861-001

for the benefit of Ellen and her children, was a trustee in name only. The timing of the suit apparently followed Leonard Powell's release of Ellen's share of the estate assets to her following the death of her mother Lurena Powell. (Based on the 1860 census, above, her real and personal property was valued at \$15,000.)

Brown's argument that Wilson P. Kidd was actually acting as trustee for his wife, instead of her uncle Leonard Powell, was made to prove that Wilson P. Kidd was liable for the debt, based on his signature "W.P. Kidd & wife" on the 1857 bond.

In his complaint, Brown also states that the "said Ellen Kidd has four or more children all under the age of twenty-one years" [children John, Mary, Robert, and James]. Brown submitted two exhibits for the suit: Exhibit A was the will of John Powell written 8 Jan 1844 and filed 22 Jan 1844 in Nelson County court ⁷²⁷ (images 5-7); Exhibit B was the bond for \$274.70 signed by Wilson P. Kidd as "W.P Kidd & wife" (images 8-9).

Following the filing of Brown's complaint, responses were filed separately by Ellen F. (Powell) Kidd; Leonard Powell, her uncle and trustee; and Orville Loving, clerk of court appointed as guardian ad litem to represent Ellen's minor children in this suit.

Despite also being summoned in August 1860, Wilson P. Kidd failed to appear to file a response to the suit.

Ellen Powell Kidd's response, filed in her own name, states that her uncle Leonard Powell, as trustee, had released her share of the estate to her following the death of her mother. Her share of the estate consisted of 215 acres and four slaves, "a Negro woman and three small children." She states that the number of slaves had now increased to nine, "three women (one old), one Negro man young, and five children." She further states that her uncle Leonard Powell was trustee for her share of the estate, and that she never authorized her husband Wilson P. Kidd to act as her trustee or to sign documents, including the bond indebteding him to James J. Brown. Her response was certified by the clerk of court 25 September 1860 (images 10-12).

At the order of the court, trustee Leonard Powell provided an accounting from 1845 to March 1860, examined by the court in April 1861. The Chancery file contains a number of receipts showing that Powell provided funds to his niece Ellen for the ongoing maintenance of herself and her children.

Image 4 of the Chancery file contains a brief notation suggesting that **Wilson P. Kidd** died around 28 March 1872. Presumably this was to signal the dismissal of the suit. However, the file contains another remarkable document: Image 22 is a 1955 order of the Nelson Co

⁷²⁷ His will (found in Nelson Co. Will Book F, pp. 441-442) was written 8 January 1844, and proved 22 January 1844. In it, he gives to his wife, Lurena, who survived him her 1/3 dower, and divides the rest among his five children (or their heirs): Pamela Powell; Cary Ann (Powell) Willoughby (the wife of Walker S. Willoughby); Susan (Powell) Damron (the wife of ___ Damron); Ellen (Powell) Kidd (the wife of Wilson P. Kidd); and to his grandchildren, Maurice and Ellen Powell, the children of his daughter Mary Powell (who had married Edward Powell). He appoints his brother, Leonard Powell, as trustee for his two grandchildren, and also the trustee of two of his daughters, Cary Ann and Ellen, "to take charge of their interest in the dower named above, at the death of my wife, and to apply the said trust for their support." Scans of this will and the subsequent bond of the executor, the inventory of the estate and the division of it are in the Nelson Co. Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

Chancery Court formally dismissing old cases, including “James J. Brown vs Wilson P. Kidd & wife.” This 1955 order is recorded in Chancery Book U, p 96.

Wife Ellen F. Kidd and their younger children are living alone at the time of the 1870 and 1880 censuses (below). Based on the 1870 census entry, we assume that Wilson P. Kidd died between 1860 and 1870.

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish twp., page 8, Lovington P.O., HH 57/58:

Kidd, Ellen F. 51FW keeping house \$2000/300 VA

" , James W. 14MW at school VA

" , Emma A. 14FW at home VA [she is not in the household in 1860, so this age is apparently recorded in error]

1880 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Rockfish twp., ED 115, page 38B, HH 338:

Kidd, James W. WM 25M farmer VA VA VA

" , Nannie WF 25M wife keeping house VA VA VA

" , Moses H. WM 1S son VA VA VA

Phillips, Fannie WF 4S step-dau VA VA VA

Kidd, Ellen F. WF 60 mother housekeeper CROW VA VA VA

ZACHARIAH KIDD – the son of Moses Kidd and his wife Milly Clark

Born abt 1774 in Virginia⁷²⁸

Lived in Amherst Parish of Amherst County from at least 1801-1807⁷²⁹

Married Stella Bryant there in 1804

Found in Nelson County for one year, 1809 (see below)

Moved to Kentucky by 1810 with his mother and brothers to Knox County, Kentucky, likely following the death of his father

Died by 1857 in Lincoln County, Kentucky

A descendant of Zachariah Kidd is a member of the Kidd Y-DNA project and is a close genetic match through the paternal line to other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

1801-1802 – A **Zachariah Kidd** appears on the PPTLs, in **Amherst** Parish, with 1 white tithe, but with no horse and no tax charged. [There is an entry that is difficult to read for 1803, which could be Zachariah, but appears to be Juriah.]

1804 – **Zach (or Zacharias) Kidd** married Stella Bryant in **Amherst County** in August of 1804. This marriage is recorded twice, recording the date as 10 August and 20 August, respectively.⁷³⁰ The earlier date of 10 August was confirmed by a review of the record itself.⁷³¹

⁷²⁸ Age 76 at the time of the 1850 census; age 60-69 in 1840; age 50-59 in 1830.

⁷²⁹ His father, Moses, appears on Amherst County PPTLs from 1788-1807.

⁷³⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁷³¹ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

1806, 1807 – The **Amherst** Co. PPTL for each of these two years includes **Zachariah Kidd**. In each of these years, he pays only his own tithe, and evidently has no horse or slaves. No tax was taken statewide in 1808. He's not found on the Amherst Co PPTL in 1809 or afterward, but he appears in neighboring Nelson Co for the year 1809 only.

1807 – In late 1807, Amherst Parish of Amherst County became Nelson County.

1808 – No taxes were collected for Virginia in 1808; therefore, there are no PPTLs for Nelson or Amherst County in this year.

1809 – **Zack Kidd** appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1809, taxed for one tithe and two horses. This is the first year for which these records are available (Nelson County was formed in 1807 and there was no tax statewide in 1808). He appears along with a **Moses Kidd** and a **Moses Kidd Jr**.

All three men disappear from Nelson County, VA records after this entry, and do not appear in Nelson County on the PPTLs or the federal censuses through 1850.

1810 – **Zachariah Kidd**, Harmon Kidd, and Moses Kidd appear for the first and only time on the 1810 Knox County, KY tax list (see image below):⁷³² We believe that these are the three surviving sons of Moses and Milly Clark Kidd.

Figure: 1810 Knox County Tax Book, showing Moses Kidd, **Zachariah Kidd**, and Harmon Kidd, all over the age of 21, each charged for one tithe and one horse. Both Moses and Zachariah own small parcels of land on Lynn Creek.⁷³³

1810 – There are two Kidd households on the 1810 federal census in Knox County, KY.
page 652, line 12:

Elias Kid – 1FWM 16-25 & 1 26-44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. One slave.

page 661, line 13:

Milly Kid – 1FWM<10, 2 16-25 & 1 26-44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>45. No slaves.

The three older males in Milly's HH are most likely her sons **Zachariah**, Harmon and Moses, given the 1810 tax list (above).

1811-1814 – **Zachariah Kidd** appears on the annual tax lists of Casey County, KY, west and slightly north of Knox County, along with Harmon and Moses Kidd.

⁷³² FHL #8099, Knox County Kentucky Tax Books, 1800-1812, 1815-1831, 1833-1804, available on Familysearch.org, image 274 of 1149. An Elias Kidd had been in Knox Co. since 1807, and was there in 1810 (image 273); we believe this to be a coincidence, as Elias is a known descendant of the Kidds of Tazewell County, Virginia, and we know of no close family connection between these two families.

⁷³³ Ibid.

- 1815-1820 – **Zachariah Kidd** is found on the annual tax lists in Lincoln County, KY, just NE of Casey County, along with Moses Kidd.
- 1820 – Moses Kidd and **Zachariah Kidd** each appear on the federal census in Crab Orchard district, Lincoln County, KY:
- p. 386 (printed, but crossed out and 44 written by hand)
Zacariah Kid (mis-indexed on Ancestry as Hid): 1M<10, 1 10-15 & 1>44; 4F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44. No slaves.
page 350 (printed, but crossed out, and 27 written by hand)
Moses Kidd 1M<10 & 1 26-44; 1F<10 & 1 16-25. No slaves.
- 1821-1840 – In 1821 Moses Kidd disappears from the Lincoln County tax lists, but **Zachariah Kidd** is listed almost annually through at least 1840 (the last year that we have checked).
- 1822 – On 8 November 1822 in Lincoln County, KY, **Zachariah Kidd** signed a deed of gift conveying the tract of land containing 50 acres on which he currently resides to “Frances Kidd, William Kidd, Milly Kidd, Jincy Kidd, Sophia Kidd, Nancy Kidd, Rosanna Kidd and Bryant Kidd, children of the said Zachariah Kidd...for the natural love and affection which I have and bear to my said children...”⁷³⁴ This deed of gift is Zachariah Kidd’s assignment of his 1817 Lincoln County, Kentucky land warrant for 50 acres on the waters of Buck Creek to Francis, William, Milly, Jane, Sophia, Nancy, Bryant and Rosanna Kidd.
- 1830 – On the federal census in Lincoln County, KY, p. 369:
Kidd, Zacariah 1M<5, 1 5-9, and 1 50-59; 1F 5-9, 2 10-14, 1 15-19 & 1 40-49.
- 1840 – On the federal census in Lincoln County, KY, p. 84:
Zachariah Kid 1M 10-14, 1 20-29, & 1 60-69; 1F 10-14, 1 40-49 and 1 50-59.
- 1850 – On the federal census in District 2, Lincoln County, KY, p. 314, HH 528:
Kidd, Green 24WM laborer b. KY
“ , Anna 23FW KY
“ , James 2MW KY
“ , Rebecca 1FW KY
Kidd, Zachr 76MW b. VA
- 1852 – **Zachariah Kidd** married Emily Ham in Lincoln County, KY on 3 August 1852.⁷³⁵

⁷³⁴ Lincoln County, KY Deed Book L, page 36, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #192243, image 554 of 795. Digital image of this deed in in the Kentucky subfolder of Kidd Patriarchs outside of Virginia.

⁷³⁵ Lincoln County, KY Marriage register 5, page 8, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #

1857 – On 31 July 1857, the **heirs of Zachariah Kidd**: “Bryant Kidd and Becky Kidd his wife; Green Kidd and Annie Kidd his wife; Thomas Adams and Milly Adams his wife, late Milly Kidd; Jane Adams, widow of Edgar Adams, late Jane Kidd; Thomas Chappell and Elizabeth Chappell his wife, late Elizabeth Kidd; James Dishion and Nancy Dishion his wife, late Nancy Kidd; and Thomas Plummer and Rosine Plummer his wife, late Rosine Kidd, being the heirs and representatives of Zachariah Kidd, dec’d, sold to Jacob Weaver for the sum of \$47.19 the tract of land in Lincoln County on the waters of Buck Creek...containing 50 acres.” This deed was recorded the same day in Lincoln County Court.⁷³⁶ According to the unsourced information below, the grantee of the above deed, Jacob Weaver, was the husband of Sophia, Zachariah’s daughter.

1859 – On 29 July 1859, Daniel Oaks sold to Bryant Kid a tract of 50 acres of land on Buck Creek in Lincoln County for \$75. It appears that Bryant has repurchased his father’s land.⁷³⁷

Family records (not documented) give Zachariah’s children as:

1. Frances Kidd, born ca 1806, married Elisha Noaks, died ca 1843, Lincoln Co, KY
2. Mildred (Millie) Catherine Kidd, born ca 1808, married Thomas Francis Adams, died ca 1881
3. William Kidd, born ca 1808, married Eliza Morgan
4. Lucinda Jane Kidd, born ca 1814
5. Sophia Kidd, born ca 1816, married Jacob Weaver, died ca 1916
6. Nancy (Ann) Kidd, born ca 1818, married James R. Ballard
7. Bryant Kidd, born 14 Feb 1820 at Gilmore’s Lick, Lincoln, Kentucky, married Rebecca Oaks, died 11 Aug 1894

Note: Not listed here is Green Kidd, in whose household Zachariah is living in 1850. This Green Kidd died in Lincoln County, KY on 2 April 1913. His death certificate states that he was the son of **Zachariah Kidd** of VA (mother’s name not given), and that he was born on January 18 1821 in Lincoln County, KY.⁷³⁸

Green was evidently born after his father executed the above 1822 deed of gift to his children, but is named among Zachariah’s children in the 1857 deed above.

⁷³⁶ Lincoln County, KY Deed Book Z, pages 550-551, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #192250, image 284 of 326. Digital image in Kentucky subfolder of Kidd Patriarchs outside of Virginia folder on Dropbox.

⁷³⁷ Lincoln County KY Deed Book 1, pages 442-443, retrieved from FHL #192251, image 258 of 709 via familysearch.org. Digital image available upon request.

⁷³⁸ Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1965, on Ancestry.com, with image of this death certificate.

APPENDIX 1: RESOURCES USED IN THE CREATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

(Items in **bold font** have been completely reviewed and added to this document.)

PRIMARY SOURCES

1. **Nelson County, VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1809-1850** – abstracted by SKK; added here by RK [note: because there was no statewide PPTL in 1808, the first year of Nelson PPTLs is 1809].
2. **Federal censuses for Nelson County, VA, 1810-1850** – Done Feb 27, 2013, RK
3. **Index to Nelson County, Virginia Wills, 1807-1850**, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LOV, Sept 2009.
4. **Index to Nelson County, Virginia Deeds, 1807-1850**, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LOV, Sept 2009.
5. **All Nelson County, VA deeds involving Kidds between 1807-1853** (found in Indexes, above, and abstracted from LDS microfilms by RK, May 2013).
6. **Nelson County, VA Chancery records (through 1863)**
The Virginia Chancery Index at the Library of Virginia
<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/default.asp#res> shows many records involving Kidds. Images of these records are being scanned and made available online at this site.
7. **Land Tax Lists (LTLs), 1809-1850** (Nelson Co was formed in 1807, and there was no tax statewide in 1808, so 1809 is the first year available) from Library of Virginia reels 205-206 (reviewed by RK 13 Dec. 2013 at SPL via interlibrary loan).
8. **War of 1812 Pension Applications for Alexander Kidd and Coleman W. Kidd**
[photocopies of originals in Sandra Kidd's files, supplied by William R. Kidd from NARA records]
Records microfilmed by LDS
[Note: the full run of the following records can also be found on microfilm at Library of Virginia, and are available via inter-library loan.]
9. **Nelson County, Virginia Deaths, 1853-1896, FHL #2048577**, available online at Familysearch.org. This record set has been indexed and is available online at Ancestry.com. But more information is available on the images themselves; these images are viewable online from Family History Centers. We have checked for specific individuals. Nelson Co deaths start on image 514 of this reel. They are listed in chronological order and by township, so they must be scanned, page by page. An incomplete list of Kidd entries can be found in the Nelson County Source Docs folder on Dropbox.
10. **Nelson County Marriage register 1808-1878** (original copy) (actually a list of marriage licenses issued from clerk's office; duplicates marriage registers 1808-1846 & 1847-1852), FHL #32734, item 3, available at familysearch.org. Item 3 images start on image 181 of 626.
11. **Nelson County, Virginia Register of Marriages, 1854-1926**, FHL #32734, Item 4, available at familysearch.org. Item 3 images start on image 181 of 626. Item 4 begins at image 313 or 626.
12. Nelson County Minute or Order Books, 1809-1850 (not reviewed yet). The LDS library has the following:
 - a. Order (or Minute) Book, 1808-1811 – FHL #32730, Item 1.
 - b. Minute Book, v. 1, 1813-1814 – FHL #2047057, Item 1.
 - c. Minute Book, v. 1, 1814-1815 (partly duplicates d., below) – FHL #2047065, Item 2.

- d. Minute Book, v. 2, 1814-1817 – FHL #2047057, Item 2.
 - e. Minute Book, v. 3, 1820-1822, v. 4, 1823-1824 – FHL #2047058.
 - f. Minute Books, v. 5-7, 1825-1835 – FHL #2047059.
 - g. Minute Book, v. 8, 1835-1840 – FHL #2047060.
 - h. Minute Books, v. 9-10, 1841-1850 – FHL #2047061.
13. Nelson County [Common] Law Order Books, 1809-1850 (not reviewed yet).
The LDS library has the following:
- a. [Common] Law Order Book, v. A, 1809-1818, and v. B, 1818-1820 (p. 1-175) – FHL #2047040, Items 3 and 4.
 - b. [Common] Law Order Book, v. B, 1820-1826 (p. 176-573) – FHL #2047041.
 - c. Order Book, v. 1, 1827-1831 – FHL #2047056, item 3.
 - d. [Common] law Order Book, v. D (originally v. B), 1840-1843 (p. 96-502);
[Common] Law Order Book, v. D-1 (originally v. C), 1843-1847; [Common] Law
Order Book, v. D-2, 1848 (p. 1-25) – FHL #2047042.
14. Chancery Order and Plea Books, 1831-1850 (not reviewed yet). The LDS Library has the following:
- a. Chancery Order Book, v. A, 1831-1843; Chancery Order (Plea) Book, v. A-1, 1840-1847; Chancery Order (Plea) Book, v. A-2, 1847-1849 – FHL #2047047.
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APPENDIX 2: AN ABSTRACT OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSHUA WILLOUGHBY OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Father-in-law of Alexander, Robert N., and Alexander S. Kidd

Nelson County, VA Will Book G, pages 335-337⁷³⁹

Joshua Willoughby's will was signed on 21 August 1845 and proved in Nelson County Court on 28 January 1847. The terms of his will laid out the distribution of his land, slaves, and personal property, with the specific provision for his daughters that his assets were to be used for their benefit and the benefit of their children. The work of dividing the estate would lead to several Chancery Court suits in Nelson County over the following decades.

Alexander Kidd married Joshua's daughter Charity, **Robert N. Kidd** married Joshua's daughter Agnes, and **Alexander S. Kidd** married Joshua's daughter Frances/Fanny. Joshua Willoughby's will was witnessed by **William J. Kidd** (named as William James Kidd and William J. Kidd Jr. in the will).

An abstract of the will of Joshua Willoughby follows:

To his wife, Elizabeth Willoughby, for the remainder of her natural life, he gave the 200 acres of land on which he then lived (land previously owned by Sparks Martin, dec'd.) "to be run off as she may direct, together with all the buildings on the same." He also gave her "the two old negroes now owned by me, viz., Daniel, and Milly his wife; and if she should wish at any time to have them sold, she is at liberty to do so, and have their proceeds invested in other property." He also gave her the choice of two milch cows, and as many hogs and as much corn, wheat and oats as will be sufficient for one year after his death, or until she can make a crop of her own; also one-third of his kitchen and household furniture.

He appointed his executors Wilson Peters and Charles Perrow to be trustees, and gave them his mill on Dutch Creek, and the land it sits on, including the house where his son, Walker S. Willoughby was living at the time the will was written, containing not less than 200 acres. This land was to be held by these trustees for the benefit of Carey Ann Willoughby, Walker Willoughby's wife, and her children, including children she may bear by Walker S. Willoughby in the future, and at her death then to the use and benefit of her children, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

He willed that his executors would sell off the rest of his lands as soon after his death as they deemed it proper, and all the rest of his property, and then hold the proceeds in a trust fund, and to distribute these at their discretion for the use and benefit of his children and grandchildren. These funds were to be divided into seven equal portions, as follows:

1. One part for the support and maintenance of Margaret C., the wife of Valentine Hundley, and her children (less \$100 already advanced to her husband);
2. One part to **daughter Charity, the wife of Alexander Kidd and her children** (less \$70 already advanced to her husband);
3. One part to **daughter Agnes, the wife of Robert N. Kidd and her children** (less \$110 already advanced to her husband);
4. One part to Alfred Willoughby and his children (less \$100 already advanced to him);

⁷³⁹ RK has scanned images of his probate record, including his will, a plat of his lands, and the appointment of his executors.

5. One part to **daughter Fanny, the wife of Alexander S. Kidd** (less \$25 already advanced to her husband); and if she dies leaving no children, it is to return to the trustees.
6. One part to grandson Milton B. Willoughby (less \$25 charged to his mother), to be given to him (with earned interest) when he reaches the age of 21 years. But if he should die before reaching that age, without lawful issue, his share is to return to the trustees.
7. The final part to granddaughter Luarney? (Suarney?), the wife of William Bryant, and to her children, "my object being to make an equal sixth [part]."

He directed his executors, after the death of his wife, to distribute all that may remain of her share of his estate (or her dower, if she claims it) to return to the trust fund established in his will.

He appointed his friends Wilson Peters and Charles Perrow as his executors and trustees.

He signed his will with an X, indicating that he could not read or write.

His will was witnessed by Walker S. Willoughby and **William James Kidd**.

The will was presented in Nelson County Court on 28 January 1847, and on the motion by **Wilson P. Kidd**, it was ordered that Walker S. Willoughby and **William J. Kidd Jr.** be summoned to the next Court, to give evidence as to this will. The Court also summoned the two named executors to the same Court, to say whether they will qualify as Executors, should probate be granted by the Court.

On 22 March 1847, the will was proved on the oaths of Walker S. Willoughby and **William James Kidd** and recorded.

On 25 October 1847 Wilson Peters, with Frederick G. Peters his security, was granted the role of Executor. The other named executor, Charles Perrow, declined to accept the "burthen" of the execution of said will.

APPENDIX 3: AN ABSTRACT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION OF JAMES KIDD OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

[A transcript of the pension application of James Kidd, S [survivors] 18481, can be found at www.revwarapps.org/s18481.pdf

Scanned images from James Kidd's Revolutionary War pension file are available at Fold3.com and Ancestry.com, and are available from the authors.]

At his pension application hearing, James Kidd stated that he was born in Granville County, North Carolina on 22 April 1766, and that his father [regrettably not named] moved back soon after to Albemarle County, Virginia. The hearing was held 24 December 1832 at the Nelson County Courthouse in Lovingston; James Kidd stated that he was aged 66, a resident of Nelson County, and provided the following account of his service.

He enlisted in the army in March of 1781, one month before his 15th birthday, while a resident of Albemarle County, VA, as a substitute for Isaac Bryant. He served until October of 1781, serving under a Major Woods, a Captain James Woods, a Captain Nailor, and a Colonel Richardson. After he joined the army, he was marched with other recent enlistees to the vicinity of Richmond, where they were issued weapons. His commanding Generals were Nelson and Lawson. His unit was then sent east towards Williamsburg. The British were still active in this area. James was assigned various guard duties. His unit played "cat and mouse" with the British forces. During this time, James became ill and was sent to the rear to recover. He indicated he did not recall exactly how long he was sick and out of action, but that the sickness occurred in the vicinity of New Kent Courthouse. About the time he recovered, his initial three-month enlistment period was up. He re-enlisted and was then sent to the Jamestown area under Captain Nailor. He served in this area for some time until the British sent part of their army towards Yorktown and the other part towards Richmond. James' unit, along with others, was sent back towards Richmond to counter the British move. While on this move, James became seriously ill and was sent first to a hospital in Richmond. However, the doctors in Richmond decided to send him further to the west because of an anticipated uprising by slaves in the Richmond area. James was placed in a wagon and sent to Bagwell's Tavern in Louisa County. Before James could be removed from the wagon, it caught on fire and he was badly burned on his shoulders and back. Friends of his finally came to Louisa and took him home to Albemarle County. He was partially disabled the remainder of his life.

The pension application file does not contain information about the date that James Kidd married his wife Lucy Jopling nor the date of his death. He can be presumed to be deceased by 4 September 1834, because the [admr.] of Lucy Kidd, widow of James Kidd, a pensioner on the roll of the Richmond Agency, was paid Twenty Dollars per annum for the period 4 September 1834 through 23 March 1836, ceasing at the time of her presumed death.

Note: The information gleaned from James Kidd's pension application about his family's residence in Albemarle County helps to tie him to the Kidds who settled in Albemarle County in the mid-1700s. John Kidd married Ruth Parish/Farish and named his three sons James, William, and John Norman in his 1785 Albemarle County will. John Norman Kidd died in 1795 in Amherst County. William Kidd and James Kidd are found in Nelson County records from the county's early days through the times of their deaths. By examining their associations in legal records, we believe that these Nelson County men are the sons of John Kidd of Albemarle County.

APPENDIX 4: WERE WILLIAM KIDD SR. and JAMES KIDD SR. OF ALBEMARLE, AMHERST & NELSON COUNTIES, VIRGINIA THE SONS OF JOHN KIDD OF GOOCHLAND AND ALBEMARLE COUNTIES, VIRGINIA?

The authors believe that **William Kidd Sr.** and **James Kidd Sr.** of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia, were most likely the sons of **John Kidd** and his wife Ruth Farish/Parish⁷⁴⁰ of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, Virginia. **John Kidd** was the son of **William Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia, and the grandson of **Thomas Kidd**, who was in the Virginia colony by 1646 and who died in Middlesex County in 1680. We know that **John Norman Kidd**, son of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish, died in 1795 in Amherst Co, VA, before the founding of Nelson County; his widow Juriah is found in Nelson Co, VA on the 1810 census.

This hypothesis is based upon the following facts.

1. **John Kidd** had three sons **John Norman Kidd**, **William Kidd**, and **James Kidd**, each named in his 1785 Albemarle County, Virginia will. John Norman and William are named as John's "two eldest sons," and James can be inferred as the youngest since he is to receive his inheritance following the death of his mother. In James Kidd's Revolutionary War pension application (see [Appendix 3](#)), he states his birth as 22 April 1766, making him 18 at the time his father wrote his will.

In the name of god, amen

I **John Kidd** of Albemarle County being in a low state of bodily health but in the full exercise of my reason so make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following [indecipherable] I bequeath my body to the grave by a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors. Item I refer that all my Just debts be paid Item I lend to my beloved wife **Ruth** during her natural life the land whereon I now live together with all the stock and household Furniture Item I give to my two Eldest Sons **John Norman** and **William** to be equally [divided] between them one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in Hanover County on Turkey Creek Commonly known by the name of Napiers Ordinary which Said land was given to my wife Ruth and to the heirs of her body lawfull begotton by her grand father Henry [At]kinson Item after my wife Decease I give and bequeath to my Son **James** the land stock household Furniture [I?] lent her I appoint as Executors of this my last will and Testament my Sons **John Norman Kidd** & **William Kidd**. Abrogating and dissolving all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 11th Day of March one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five

Joseph Kidd [John, see footnote, below]

Signed and Sealed

in presence of: John Wharton

Edw[Edward] X Kearsey

Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

At Albemarle September Court 1785 –

This will was proved by the Oath of John Wharton, Edward Kearsey & **Benjamin Kidd**, three

⁷⁴⁰ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

witnesses thereto and Ord[Ordered] to be Recorded
Test.

Martin D[indecipherable]⁷⁴¹

[Note: This Benjamin Kidd is John Kidd’s nephew, the son of his brother Aaron Kidd. Both John and Aaron settled in Albemarle County in close proximity to each other.]

2. These brothers appear in proximity to each other in records of Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties.

The table below shows the Kidd entries on the **Albemarle County** PPTLs for the years 1782 (the first year for which tax lists are available) through 1786.⁷⁴²

YEAR	TAXPAYER	FWM >21	Slaves	Cattle	Horses, etc.	image #
1782	Norman Kidd	1	0	5	2	30
	no others					
1783	John Norman Kidd	1	0	5	2	42
1784	Benjamin Kidd	1	0	2	1	57
	John Norman Kidd	1	0	5	2	
	William Kidd	1	0	5	0	
1785	Moses Kidd	1	0	1	2	72
	no others					
1786	Moses Kidd	1	0	1	2	89
	no others					

In 1787, **James Kidd**, likely William and John Norman Kidd’s brother and the youngest son of John Kidd and Ruth Parish, first appears on the **Albemarle** County PPTLs. He would have been age 21 in 1787, so this is consistent with his stated birthdate of 1766. He appears annually through 1792, then drops from this county’s lists for 3 years.

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Property	image # ⁷⁴³
1787	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	108
1788	not listed				149-150
1789	not listed ⁷⁴⁴				189
1790	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	239-240

⁷⁴¹ Albemarle Co., VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5, retrieved from FHL #30212, item 2, image 256 of 433 (unrestricted access) [NOTE that the will bears the title "Will of JOHN KIDD" in the record, but the name given as the signer at the bottom looks like "Joseph Kidd.". We believe that this was a clerk’s error in recording the will in the Will Book.]

⁷⁴² The Image # refers to the location of each year’s entries on microfilm of the Personal Property Tax Lists.

⁷⁴³ In this Table, “Image #” refers to the location where each specific entry can be found on the LDS microfilm 2024443, Albemarle County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1799 via Familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁴⁴ In this year, the tax list for St. Ann’s Parish skips from J surnames to L surnames; the clerk making the copy of this tax list appears to have skipped over them. James or other Kidds may have been there, but the records are missing.

1791	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	None	288
1792	St. Ann's	James Kidd	1	1 horse	337

The **Table** below lists the entries on the **Amherst County PPTLs** for the years 1782 through 1807 for John Norman [until his death in 1795], William, and James Kidd, all in Amherst Parish of Amherst County, the parish that became Nelson County in 1809]⁷⁴⁵ :

Year	Date	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	Horses	Image # ⁷⁴⁶
1782 - 1785		no Kidds listed				
1786	no dates	John N.	1	1	2	76
		William	1	0	2	
1787	29-Mar	N. John	1	0	1	94
		William	1	0	1	
1788	2-Apr	N. John	1	0	1	133
	2-Apr	William	1	0	1	
1789	30-Mar	N. John	1	0	1	162
	30-Mar	William	1	0	2	
1790	20-Apr	N. John	1	0	0	192
	25-Apr	William	1	0	1	
1791	7-May	John Normond	1	0	0	222
	12-Jul	William	1	0	1	
1792	26-May	N. John	1	0	0	254
	3-May	William	1	0	1	
1793	18-Mar	Jno. Norman	1	0	1	285
	27-May	William	1	0	1	
1794	21-Apr	John Norman & Charles Reynolds	2	0	1	319
	30-Apr	James	1	0	2	
	3-Jun	William	1	0	1	
1795	16-Mar	James	1	0	1	349
	10-Apr	William	1	0	1	
1796	4-Apr	William	1	0	1	370
1797	15-Aug	William	1	0	1	393

⁷⁴⁵ Amherst County PPTLs are viewable online at familysearch.org (unrestricted access): FHL #2024257 (1782-1803), #2024258 (1804-1823), #2024259 (1824-1847) and #2024260 (1848-1851).

⁷⁴⁶ The column in this table titled **Image #** refers to the image number on which each entry may be found. For example, the image of the Kidd entries on the 1786 Amherst parish and County PPTL is image # 76 on FHL #2024457.

1798	no dates	William	1	0	2	417
1799	no dates	William	1	0	3	446
1800	no dates	James	2	0	2	477
		No William				
1801	no dates	James	1	0	3	511
	no dates	William	1	0	4	
1802	no dates	James	1	0	2	546
	no dates	William	1	0	3	
1803	no dates	William	1	0	1	582
	no dates	Jorah	1	0	3	
	no dates	James	1	0	1	
1804	no dates	James	1	0	0	18 ⁷⁴⁷
	no dates	William	2	0	3	
1805	no dates	William	3	0	4	57
	no dates	James	1	0	2	
1806	no dates	Wm.	3	0	5	98
	no dates	Jas. (Rfish)	1	1	1	
1807	no dates	William	3	0	5	141
	no dates	James (Rockfish)	1	0	1	
1808		No tax lists				

William and John Norman Kidd are jointly named in several Amherst County court suits for debt, and William is named as co-executor in John Norman Kidd's 1795 Amherst County will. John Kidd, likely John Norman Kidd, is a witness to James Kidd's 1790 marriage in Albemarle County, and, in 1792, James and John Kidd witness deeds in Albemarle County for the Thomas family on the same day.

1786 – Amherst County Court, March 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and **John Norman Kidd**, Defts.} In Debt. Defendants, though solemnly called, failed to appear. Court rules that Judgment be entered for the Plt. against the Defts. and James Wood, common bail for defendant William Kidd, and against William as common bail for defendant John, for the debt in the declaration, unless the defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.⁷⁴⁸

Amherst County Court, August 1786. John Thurmond, Plt. vs. **William Kidd** and **John Norman Kidd**, Defts.} In Debt. The defendants waive their plea, and agree that the plaintiff have judgment against them for the debt in the declaration...£5.15, with interest

⁷⁴⁷ This and subsequent Image # entries in this Table refer to the image number on microfilm reel FHL #2025458, Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1804-1823, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁴⁸ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 431, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

from 5 August 1784 till paid, and his costs. Plaintiff agrees to stay execution on this judgment for two months. Six pence and one shilling as part of this judgment was paid on 7 August 1786.⁷⁴⁹

1787 – Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **John Norman Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt. **William Kidd** personally appeared in Court and undertook for the defendant (to be his appearance bail)...the defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs' action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £14.9, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £7.4.6 with interest thereon from 1 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.⁷⁵⁰

Amherst County, August Court 1787. Thompson & Tease, plaintiffs, vs. **William Kidd**, Deft.} In Debt.

John Norman Kidd comes into court and offers special appearance bail for the Deft. The defendant confessed that he cannot deny the plaintiffs' action, but that he is justly indebted to them for the debt in the declaration...Judgment is granted unto the Plaintiffs against the said Defendant for the sum of £6.15.4, the debt in the declaration, and their costs...But this judgment, the costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of £3.7.8 with interest thereon from 2 April 1787 till paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.⁷⁵¹

1788 – Amherst County August Court, 1788. **John Norman Kidd**, Plaintiff vs. John Bradshaw, Defendant} Trespass, Assault, and Battery. This case is continued between the parties till the next Term.⁷⁵²

1788 – Amherst County August Court 1788. **William Kidd**, plaintiff, vs. John Bradshaw, defendant} On a Replevy Bond. Execution is awarded the plaintiff against the said defendant for the sum of £18.18.2 plus costs. To be discharged (except the costs) by the payment of £8.9.1 with interest on £9.9.1 from 9 February 1788 to the 27th day of May 1788 following. Also interest on the aforesaid sum of £8.9.1 from the aforesaid 27 May 1788 till paid.⁷⁵³ [Note: A replevy bond was a legal motion to secure or protect property a plaintiff claimed to be wrongfully seized.]

1790 – **James Kidd** and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, Virginia, on 29 December 1790. Bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy gives her own consent. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and **John Kidd**, who likely is James Kidd's brother John Norman Kidd.⁷⁵⁴

⁷⁴⁹ FHL #1888544, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, November 1784 – April 1787, page 532, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue, WA Family History Center, June 2014.

⁷⁵⁰ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

⁷⁵¹ Ibid.

⁷⁵² Ibid, p. 310.

⁷⁵³ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 302, image 163. Scanned image available from the authors.

⁷⁵⁴ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1792 – On 13 June 1792, a **John Kidd**, again likely James Kidd's brother, was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas Senr. deeded to his apparent son Michael Thomas Junr., both of Albemarle County, Virginia, a tract of 200 acres on Hog Creek, for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Joseph Thomas, Jno. Kearsley, Benjamin Harris and Philip Gooch.⁷⁵⁵

On the same day, a **James Kidd** was one of the witnesses to a deed in which Michael Thomas deeded to his apparent son Joseph Thomas, both of Albemarle County, a tract of 200 acres adjacent to Michael Thomas Junr, for 5 shillings. Other witnesses were Gdn. Crew, Jno. Kearsley, Michael Thomas, Ben Harris and Philip Gooch.⁷⁵⁶

1795 – The Amherst County will of **Jno. Norman Kidd**, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795,⁷⁵⁷ names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Anny and Ruth Kidd. In it, he named his wife Juriah and “**my brother William Kidd**” his executrix and executor.

Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.⁷⁵⁸

An Executor's Bond for the estate of John Norman Kidd was filed in 1795 in Amherst County by Juriah Kidd, in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1799 – **Jeriah Kidd** was a witness to a 1799 Deed of Trust from Jno. Kesterson of Amherst to Joseph Shelton of Amherst, for debt due to William Turner of Amherst, 90 acres on North fork of Davis Creek, bounded by Lee Harris dec'd, James McAlexander dec'd, Alex McAlexander, and James Tharp. Other witnesses were Edward Thomas Toms and William Lee Harris.⁷⁵⁹ [Davis Creek is found in present-day Nelson County.]

1803 – The name **Jeriah Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs in this year only, with 1 white tithe and 3 horses.⁷⁶⁰ We do not know the identity of this white tithe in her household.

1807 – Anny W. Kidd, daughter of **Jeriah Kidd**, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.⁷⁶¹

According to another abstract of this marriage record, **Jeriah Kidd** was listed as a widow when she witnessed this marriage (this abstract also interpreted the bride's name as "Anny W. Kidd). The surety witness was W. Kidd.⁷⁶² [This may be William Kidd, uncle of the bride.]

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:⁷⁶³

William Kidd: 4M 16-25, 1 26-44 & 1>44; 1F>44

⁷⁵⁵ *Albemarle County, Virginia Deeds, 1791-1793*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1997, p. 50.

⁷⁵⁶ *ibid*, pp. 49-50.

⁷⁵⁷ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

⁷⁵⁸ *The wills of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

⁷⁵⁹ *The deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1979, p. 343, citing DB H, p. 488.

⁷⁶⁰ Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1782-1803, retrieved from FHL #2024457, image 582 of 615, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁶¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁷⁶² *Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures – Marriage Data. Marriage bonds and returns, 1801-1854, and comments by compiler on some data and families*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst Courthouse, VA, 1985, p. 2K.

⁷⁶³ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond Co., Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson Co., VA.”

Juriah Kidd: no males; 1F 26-44 and 1>44 [widow of John Norman Kidd]

John Kidd: 3M<10, 2 10-15, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 1F<10, 1 16-25 & 1 26-44

Joseph Kidd: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

Pleasant Kidd: 2M<10 & 1 26-44; 3F<10 & 1 16-25.

This is the last reference to Juriah Kidd that we have found.

SUMMARY

- All three of these men – John Norman, William and James Kidd – are named in their father, John Kidd's 1785 Albemarle County will.
- John Norman's given name is unique, leaving little question that he is the eldest son of John Kidd named in that will.
- William and James are both fairly common Kidd given names in early Virginia; that said, this William Kidd appears in close proximity to John Norman Kidd, first in Albemarle, & later in Amherst County; and he is named as John Norman's brother in his 1795 Amherst County will. Thus, this William Kidd is the most likely candidate to be John Kidd's second son.
- John Kidd died in Albemarle County in 1785, before his third son, James had reached the age of majority. The James Kidd that appears in close proximity to both William in Amherst County, and later (1809-1830) in close proximity to William Kidd and Juriah Kidd in Nelson County is the most logical candidate to be John Kidd's youngest son.

CONCLUSION

While no record definitively connects these three men, their Albemarle County origins and their records in three counties – Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson – supports the hypothesis that they were brothers, and the sons of John Kidd and Ruth Farish/Parish of Albemarle County.

APPENDIX 5: WAS WILLIAM KIDD SR. THE FATHER OF HUDSON P. KIDD, ROBERT N. KIDD and ALEXANDER KIDD SR. OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA?

Nelson County, Virginia records prove that Hudson P. Kidd, Robert N. Kidd, and Alexander Kidd Sr. were brothers.^{764, 765, 766} (See their various sections in this book for the details and sources.)

Hudson P. Kidd, likely born by 1788, was evidently the oldest: he first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1809 (there was no PPTL in 1808), and is found on those lists annually through 1842. On 30 January 1811, Hudson P. Kidd married Lucy Wright, the daughter of Andrew and Lucy Childress Wright.

He drops from the Nelson County PPTLs in 1843, and we believe that he died in that year. We have not found any record that gives a middle name for him.

Robert N. Kidd was born about 1791, judging from his age at the time of the 1850 federal census. On 9 June 1816, he married Agnes (Aggy) Willoughby, the daughter of Joshua and Mary (Bryant) Willoughby, a wealthy landowner on Dutch Creek in eastern Nelson County.⁷⁶⁷ In that year, both Robert N. and Alexander Kidd appear for the first time on the Nelson County PPTLs, and both owned land on Dutch Creek, adjacent to John Melton and the estate of Mary Bryant. Robert N. Kidd died in 1859; his wife and widow, Agnes Willoughby Kidd died in 1878. They are both buried in the Ridgecrest cemetery in Lovingston, Nelson County, VA.

Alexander Kidd Sr. was born about 1792 in Amherst County (according to his affidavits given in his War of 1812 Bounty Land Claim and the entry on the 1850 census). He served in the War of 1812.

In 1815, he and his brother Robert N. Kidd bought land in Nelson county (see above), and the following year he and Robert N. both appeared for the first time on the Nelson County PPTLs. He married Charity Willoughby, another daughter of Joshua and Mary (Bryant) Willoughby in 1818 in Nelson Co VA.

He died 17 March 1870 at the age of 72. Charity died 16 January 1892 in Nelson County.

None of the records found to date name the father of these three men. The question remains: "Who was the father of these three brothers?"

We believe that their father was **William Kidd Sr.** of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties. See Appendix 4 for our theory about his parents and siblings. On the Amherst Co PPTL in 1804, William appears with 2 WM tithes in his household; this is consistent with his presumably eldest son Hudson reaching the age of 16, when white males became tithable. From 1805-1807, William has 3 WM tithes in his household; this is consistent with son Robert N. reaching tithable age.

⁷⁶⁴ Our evidence for Hudson being the brother of Alexander Kidd Sr. comes from Hudson's affidavit in Nelson Co. Chancery case 1835-017, image 24 of 61, in which he states that he was the brother of Alexander Kidd. A scanned image of this excerpt is in the Nelson Co. Source Documents subfolder on Dropbox. A fuller description of this case is found in the Nelson Co. BD, and also in the document, *Nelson County Chancery Court cases, 1817-1860*.

⁷⁶⁵ Alexander Kidd stated in a suit he brought in Nelson Co. Chancery Court (1836-022, image 2 of 55) that Robert Kidd was his brother. Scanned image of this statement is in the Nelson Co. Source Documents subfolder on Dropbox.

⁷⁶⁶ If Hudson is Alexander's brother, and Alexander is Robert N.'s brother, then Hudson is Robert N.'s brother.

⁷⁶⁷ Dutch Creek and Willoughby Mountain are two prominent features on current maps of Nelson County. Dutch Creek drains into the Rockfish River at the base of Willoughby Mountain, just south of the current tiny community of Rockfish, just west of the Nelson-Albemarle county line. South of this, the Rockfish River IS the boundary between these two counties.

It is difficult to determine exactly where in Amherst County William Kidd lived, because he never owned land there, that we know of. Our first clue is that he served as a witness to an 1804 deed for land on Rockfish (Creek or River, the deed doesn't specify). The Rockfish River⁷⁶⁸ courses roughly from north to south in what is now Nelson County; its headwaters are now in Nelson County, but would have been in Amherst County before Nelson County was formed. The second clue is his deposition in 1827, stating that he had resided near the widow Bryant, who also lived on Dutch Creek.

See [Appendix 7](#) for a detailed map of this area of Nelson County.

In 1807, Nelson County was formed from the northern portion of Amherst County.

A William Kidd, aged 44 or older, appears in both Nelson County and Amherst County on the 1810 census. We are not certain which of these two men was this William Kidd Sr.

The last record found for him in Amherst County was in 1812; in October of that year he executed a Deed of Trust, to secure a debt. No further records have been found for him in Amherst County.

However, there was a very convoluted and prolonged Chancery Court suit in Amherst County in which William Kidd was a defendant. The suit was initiated in 1807 in Amherst County, and not concluded until 1831 in Nelson County Chancery Court.⁷⁶⁹ The suit was decided in William's favor, with his court costs paid by the plaintiffs. **This indicates that William was most likely alive and a resident of Nelson County at the time it concluded.**

1815 – On 10 February 1815, **William Kidd** of the county of Nelson entered into a Deed of Trust with Spottswood Garland and James Garland in order to secure payment of £58.1.3, the balance due on a bond settled and executed this day by him to Richd. C. Pollard, the administrator of James Hopkins, deceased (for the rent of lease willed to Authur H. Pollard). This deed was signed by **William Kidd** with an X, and was witnessed by **Robert N. Kidd**, who also signed with an X.

Admitted to record in Nelson County Court April 24, 1815.⁷⁷⁰

1820 – As yet, we have not located William Kidd on the 1820 federal census.

On 8 May 1820, **Alexander Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, a property dispute involving the Bryant family. In his deposition, he stated that he was a neighbor of the Bryant family and testifies about the land where they lived but which they did not own.⁷⁷¹

1827 – On 11 Sept. 1827, a **William Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, a property dispute.⁷⁷² He testified that he actually lived on the land where the Bryants (one of the families involved in the land dispute) now live for 9 years, in the past. He signed

⁷⁶⁸ A topo map of the course of this river is found at

<https://www.topozone.com/virginia/nelson-va/stream/rockfish-river/>

⁷⁶⁹ Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1831-006. See the Amherst Co. BD for details.

⁷⁷⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available from RK.

⁷⁷¹ Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1835-005 (117 pages). Mary Bryant by etc. vs. William H. Digges, etc. Includes the 1803 will of James Hopkins of Amherst Co., and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson Co. See 'Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit summary, 1807-1860 in the Nelson Co. Source Documents folder for more details. Alexander's deposition is on pages 30-31 of this record.

⁷⁷² **Nelson Co. Chancery Court suit 1835-005** (117 pages), Mary Bryant by etc. vs. William H. Digges, etc. Includes the 1803 will of James Hopkins of Amherst Co., and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson Co.

the deposition with an X.

This deposition indicates that he was in the vicinity of, and perhaps living with, Alexander Kidd in the recent past.

1830 – on the federal census in Nelson County, Buckingham district, are Coleman W., Hudson P., James, John, Joseph, Alexander, Pleasant, Robert J., Robert N., **2 William Kidds**, plus William C. and William J. Kidd.

William Kidd – 1M & 1F, each 20-29. No slaves.

William Kidd – 1M 15-19, 1 40-49 & 1 **70-79**; 1F 70-79. Three slaves.

1831 – the lengthy Chancery Court suit mentioned above concludes, in William Kidd's favor, and with his court costs paid.

Nothing more is known about him at this time. Unsourced trees on Ancestry state that he died on 4 October 1832, and this may be true, but it is without proof at this time.

SUMMARY

The information above shows that this William Kidd of Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia lived in the neighborhood of Rockfish and Dutch Creek in eastern Nelson County, the same neighborhood that the three brothers – Hudson, Robert N. and Alexander Kidd lived.

The Nelson County PPTLs show that this William had 3 white male tithes in his household from 1805-1807 (recall that no PPTL exists for 1808), and that the three brothers all appeared on these PPTLs shortly thereafter.

William Kidd and Alexander Kidd each testified in the Chancery Court suit regarding the estate of Mary Bryant, each testifying that they lived near her.

Robert N. Kidd was a witness to an 1815 Nelson County Deed of Trust between William Kidd and Spottswood and James Garland.

This William Kidd is the right age to have been their father; he lived in the neighborhood that they did. And no evidence linking or associating him with any other Kidd family has been found.

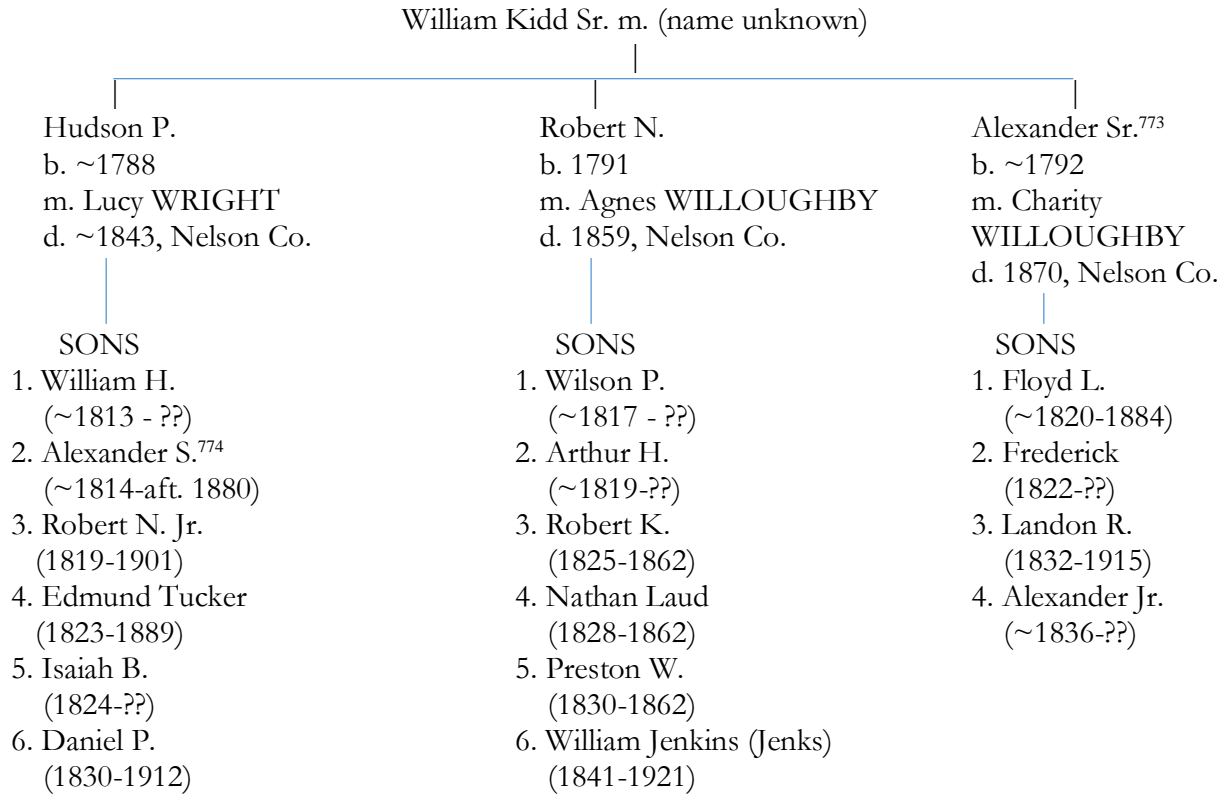
CONCLUSIONS

It is clear that Hudson P. Kidd, Robert N. Kidd Sr. and Alexander Kidd Sr. were brothers.

It seems likely that this William Kidd was indeed the father of Hudson P., Robert N. and Alexander Kidd Sr., but this relationship should be considered a hypothesis, not a certainty at this time.

Other men in Nelson County (such as Abner Kidd and William C. Kidd, as two examples) could hypothetically also be his sons, but we have found no evidence to suggest that they were related to William Kidd Sr., or to Hudson, Alexander, or Robert N. Kidd, other than their proximity over time; and proximity is not proof of relationship. Moreover, there does not seem to be enough "room" in William Kidd Sr.'s household for more sons (see paragraphs above).

The schematic Family Chart below depicts the probable sons of William Kidd Sr., and his known male Kidd grandchildren (assuming this hypothesis to be correct):



⁷⁷³ The "Sr." designation here is intended to distinguish him from the two other Alexander Kidds in Nelson Co. during his lifetime. See his section in this compilation.

⁷⁷⁴ There is some question as to whether Alexander S. Kidd was Hudson P. Kidd's son, and no direct evidence names him as such. That said, we believe that he was indeed Hudson's son. See his section in this compilation for a fuller discussion of this conundrum.

APPENDIX 6: THE CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND NANCY/ANN (JOHNSON) KIDD, AMHERST AND NELSON COUNTIES, VIRGINIA

INTRODUCTION

For genealogical research, the strongest evidence consists of original records, created during the lifetime of the individual in question, that explicitly state the familial relationship of that person to others. In reality, however, such records do not exist for many of our ancestors, especially those who lived in less populated areas such as Nelson County prior to 1850.

The family of Joseph Kidd (ca 1766 – ca 1845) and his wife Ann (Nancy) Johnson (ca 1775 – ca 1855) is one such example. The dates and places of Joseph’s and Nancy’s birth and death are not documented; and though census records suggest they had a large household, we have found records explicitly naming their relationship to only two of their children, and the mother’s name appears to be in error on both records.⁷⁷⁵

In the absence of direct primary evidence, we have analyzed existing records to examine the question: Who were the children of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy) Johnson?

Joseph Kidd and Ann Johnson were married in Albemarle County on 3 Sept 1795.⁷⁷⁶ Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was Thomas Johnson.⁷⁷⁷

Joseph Kidd makes his first appearance in Nelson County in 1810, shortly after the county’s founding in 1807.

In 1946, Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950) wrote a family history⁷⁷⁸ that includes her recollections of her grandparents, James W. Craig and Elizabeth M. Kidd.

Among her statements:

“My grandfather James Craig and grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig moved up from Goochland County below Richmond to near Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. With him came two of grandmother’s brothers - Uncle Charles and Uncle Wilson Kidd. Uncle Charles married Malinda Kidd. They had a large family - both sons and daughters.”

By examining records for Elizabeth M. Kidd, Charles Kidd, and Wilson P. Kidd, we can look for correlations that tie them together and then in turn tie them to other possible children of Joseph Kidd and Ann Johnson of Albemarle and Nelson Counties.

ELIZABETH M. KIDD CRAIGE— born ca 1801, probably in Albemarle County; married James W. Craige 28 March 1824 in Nelson County; not found after 1860 in Nelson County

- Sister of **Charles Kidd** and **Wilson Kidd**, per her granddaughter Lorena’s journal.

⁷⁷⁵ Wilson P. Kidd’s death record lists his parents as “Joe and Sally Kidd”; Joseph H. Kidd’s death record names his parents as “Jos. & Mary Kidd”

⁷⁷⁶ *Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799*, compiled by Cecil McDonald Jr., vol. 10, p. 11.

⁷⁷⁷ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁷⁷⁸ This handwritten journal was passed down by her descendants, eventually reaching Barbara J. Taylor, another Nelson County Kidd researcher in 2014. Barbara transcribed the journal and published it, with additional updated family information: *Descendants of Hudson P. Kidd : The Family Journal of Lorena (Kidd) Goodwin*, edited by Barbara J. Taylor, Rainbows & Miracles etc, November 2019.

- Married the same day and place as **Pleasant M. Kidd**, who married Margaret J. Wright 28 March 1824 in Nelson County. Elizabeth's husband James W. Craig served as security for Pleasant's marriage.
- George W. Sutler, who married **Jeriah Kidd** 15 Dec 1819 in Nelson County, served as security for Elizabeth's marriage to James W. Craig.
- Elizabeth's husband James W. Craig served as security for **Rhoda Ann Kidd's** marriage to Lewis E. Price 26 Feb 1827 in Nelson County.

CHARLES H. KIDD— born ca 1815, probably in Nelson County; married **Malinda Kidd**, daughter of xx and xx, 21 Dec 1835 in Albemarle County; died after 1886.

- Brother of **Elizabeth M. Kidd** and **Wilson Kidd**, per Lorena Kidd Goodwin's journal.
- Served as security for **Nancy Kidd's** marriage to George D. Leebrick in Albemarle County.
- Served as security for **Lucinda Kidd's** marriage to James Foster 20 Dec 1843 in Nelson County.

WILSON P. KIDD, the Shoemaker – born ca 1818, probably in Nelson County; married **Harriet Morgan** 2 January 1839 in Nelson County; died 16 Aug 1880 in Nelson County

- Brother of **Elizabeth M. Kidd** and **Charles Kidd**, per Lorena Kidd Goodwin's journal.
- Conflicting evidence is Wilson P. Kidd's death record, which names his parents as Joe and Sallie Kidd. However, no other Joseph Kidd is found in Nelson County, and Lorena Kidd Goodwin identifies Wilson as her great-uncle.

PLEASANT M. (MICAJAH) KIDD – born ca 1798, probably in Albemarle County; married **Margaret J. Wright** 28 March 1824 in Nelson County. Not found after 1850 in Nelson County

- Married the same day and place as **Elizabeth M. Kidd**, who married James W. Craig 28 March 1824 in Nelson County. Elizabeth's husband James W. Craig served as security for Pleasant's marriage to Margaret (Peggy) Wright.
- On the 1850 Nelson County federal census, was enumerated next door to Nancy Kidd, his mother, and three of his apparent sisters Lucinda, Nancy, and Jeriah; his apparent brother Joseph is also nearby:

HH 124, page 229A:

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Birthplace Unknown CROW⁷⁷⁹ pauper

Foster, **Lucinda** 25FW VA CROW (Lucinda Kidd, married James Foster)

" , James 5MW VA

HH 125, p. 229A:

Kidd, **Pleasant M.** 52MW farmer VA CROW

" , Margaret 50FW VA CROW

" , Rebecca 25FW VA CROW

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

" , Thomas 15MW VA laborer

" , Rhoda 13FW VA

⁷⁷⁹ Could not read or write

" , Ann Maria 1/12FW VA

HH 126, p. 229A:

Lebrick, **Nancy** 30FW VA CROW (Nancy Kidd, married George D. Leebrick)

“ , John N. 7MW VA

“ , James D. 5MW VA

“ , Angelina 3FW VA

“ , William 1MW VA

HH 127, p. 229A:

Sutler, J. 57FW VA CROW (Jeriah Kidd, married George W. Sutler)

“ , Asa 17MW VA

“ , Charles 16MW VA

“ , Wilson 14MW VA

“ , Nancy 12FW VA

“ , Lucinda 9FW VA

HH 116, p. 228B:

Kidd, **Joseph** 35MW farmer VA

" , Mary 33FW VA CROW

" , Paulina 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Jas. H. 11MW VA attended school within the year

" , Martha 9FW VA

" , Nicholas 7MW VA

" , Pocahontas F. 4FW VA

" , Joseph 1MW VA

JERIAH KIDD SUTLER – born about 1796, probably in Albemarle County; married George W. Sutler 14 December 1819 in Nelson County; not found in Nelson County after 1880

- George W. Sutler, who married **Jeriah Kidd**, served as security for Elizabeth M. Kidd's marriage to James W. Craig 28 March 1824 in Nelson County
- On the 1850 Nelson County federal census, Jeriah was enumerated near Nancy Kidd, her mother; two of her apparent brothers Pleasant M. and Joseph; and two of her apparent sisters Lucinda and Nancy.
- Jeriah and George named one of their sons Wilson P., presumably in honor of her brother.

RHODA ANN KIDD PRICE – born ca 1806, probably in Albemarle County; married Lewis E. Price 26 Feb 1827 in Nelson County; died 28 June 1884 in Upshur County, WV⁷⁸⁰

- Elizabeth M. Kidd's husband James W. Craig served as security for Rhoda Ann Kidd's marriage to Lewis E. Price 26 Feb 1827 in Nelson County.
- This couple moved away from Nelson County shortly after their marriage, so neither she nor her husband appear in later Nelson County records with other Kidd family members.

⁷⁸⁰ Upshur Co., WV Death Index, 1853-1889, FHL #816150, image 125 of 188, found on familysearch.org; West Virginia death records are available online at http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcsearch.aspx

LUCINDA KIDD FOSTER – born ca 1825 in Nelson County; married James Foster 20 Dec 1843 in Nelson County; not found in Nelson County after 1850

- Charles H. Kidd served as security for **Lucinda Kidd's** marriage to James Foster 20 Dec 1843 in Nelson County.
- On the 1850 Nelson County federal census, Lucinda Foster was in the household of Nancy Kidd, her mother, living near two of her apparent brothers Pleasant M. and Joseph; and two of her apparent sisters Jeriah and Nancy.

NANCY KIDD LEEBRICK – born ca 1820, probably in Nelson County; married George D. Leebrick 18 November 1841 in Albemarle County; not found in Nelson County after 1880

- Charles H. Kidd served as security for **Nancy Kidd's** marriage to George D. Leebrick 18 November 1841 in Albemarle County.
- On the 1850 Nelson County federal census, Nancy Leebrick was living near Nancy Kidd, her mother; two of her apparent brothers Pleasant M. and Joseph; and two of her apparent sisters Jeriah and Lucinda.
- On the 1880 Nelson County federal census, Nancy Libbrick/Leebrick was living in the household of her son Micajah Libbrick/Leebrick, who was presumably named for her brother Pleasant Micajah Kidd.

JOSEPH H. KIDD – born ca 1815 in Nelson County; married Mary Ann Bryant 25 Nov 1835 in Nelson County; died 8 May 1891 in Nelson County.

- Thomas Kidd served as security for **Joseph Kidd's** marriage to Mary Ann Bryant 25 Nov 1835 in Nelson County.
- On the 1850 Nelson County federal census, Joseph Kidd was living near Nancy Kidd, his mother; his apparent brother Pleasant M.; and three of his apparent sisters Jeriah, Nancy, and Lucinda.
- Conflicting evidence is Joseph H. Kidd's 1891 death record, which names his parents as Joe and Mary Kidd. The informant was his son James Kidd. However, no other Joseph Kidd is found in Nelson County, and apparently his son confused the names of his mother Mary and grandmother Nancy.

MARTHA KIDD VEST – born by 1813, probably in Nelson County; married Joel Vest 23 March 1834 in Nelson County; likely died before 1844.

- Joseph Kidd served as security for **Martha Kidd's** marriage to Joel Vest 23 March 1834 in Nelson County. The only Joseph Kidd who was of legal age to serve as security was likely her father, Joseph Kidd.
- She apparently was deceased by 1844 when Joel Vest married Lucinda Kidd, the daughter of John and Judith Saunders Kidd, in Nelson County.

THOMAS KIDD – born 6 Feb 1804 in Nelson County;⁷⁸¹ married Margaret Johnson 21 Feb 1832 in Nelson County; migrated to Lewis County, Virginia [WV]; d 30 May 1888 in Lewis Co WV.

⁷⁸¹ This date of birth is calculated from his date of death and age at death 84y 3m 14d, according to his grave marker in Lewis Co WV.

- First appears on the Nelson County Personal Property Tax Lists in 1824 with one white male tithe. In the same year, Joseph Kidd's number of white male tithes drops from 2 to 1. This is consistent with Thomas Kidd reaching taxable age and taxed in his own name and household.
- Served as security for Joseph Kidd's marriage to Mary Ann Bryant 25 Nov 1835 in Nelson County.
- Moved away from Nelson County around 1846, and so does not appear in later Nelson County records with other Kidd family members. His death record does not name his parents, but states that he was born in Nelson County, Virginia.

So, how well do the Nelson County federal census entries for Joseph Kidd in 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840 match, compared to the list of his and Nancy's apparent children?

All these children lived into adulthood, and their birth years can be approximated based on the evidence: The number of children, approximate ages, and gender show a high degree of matching information: 11 children, with 5 sons and 6 daughters. (It is also possible there were children who did not live into adulthood.)

It also should be remembered that younger individuals within a household are not necessarily children, but could be other relatives or hired workers who are not related to the head of household.

1810 – **Joseph Kidd**: 1M<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44; 4F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44

1M<10 – Thomas, b. 1804

1M 10-15 – Pleasant, b. 1798

1 26-44 – Joseph Sr., b bet 1764-1770

4F<10 – Juriah, b.1796 does not fit well here; Elizabeth, b. 1801, and Rhoda, b. ~1807 do fit; can't account for the last.

1F 24-44 – Nancy, b. bet 1771-1775.⁷⁸²

1820 – **Joseph Kidd** – 3M<10, 1 16-18, 1 16-25 & 1>44; 2F<10, 2 10-15, 2 16-25 & 1>44. No slaves. Three in Agriculture.

3M<10 – Joseph, b. 1811, Charles, b. ~1814, and Wilson, b. 1818.

1 16-18 –Thomas, b. ~1804

1 16-25 – (this one is accounted for, above?) Pleasant, b. 1798

1>44 – Joseph Sr.

2F<10 – Martha, b. ~? and Nancy, b. ~1820

2F 10-15 – Rhoda, b. 1807 and one unaccounted for;

2 16-25 – Elizabeth, b. 1801 and one unaccounted for (Jeriah, b. 1796, married in 1819).

1>44 – Nancy, b. between 1771-1775

1830 – **Joseph Kidd** – 1M 5-9, 1 10-14, 2 15-19, 2 20-29 and 1 60-69; 1F<5, 1 10-14, 2 15-19 & 1 50-59. No slaves.

⁷⁸² Her approximate date of birth is calculated from her census entries in 1810 (age 26-44, so born between 1766 and 1784), 1820 (over 44, so born by 1776) and 1830 (50-59, so born between 1771-1780). Put these together and you get her calculated date of birth to be between 1771-1775. This doesn't fit well with her 1850 census entry, at which time she was said to be 70, so I've stretched the upper date to 1780. They married in 1795, at which time she'd have been 15. I think this was early, but not unheard of, in this era. But their daughters didn't seem to marry young, looking at the census analysis here.

I have disregarded the 1840 census, because it listed both Joseph and Nancy's ages the same as the 1830 census.

1M 5-9 – unaccounted for
1M 10-14 – Wilson, b. 1818
2M 15-19 – Joseph, b. 1811 and Charles, b. ~1814
2M 20-29 – (We cannot account for either of these; Pleasant, b. 1798 is out on his own now.)
1M 60-69 – Joseph
1F<5 – Lucinda, b. ~1825
1F 10-14 – Nancy, b. ~1820
2F-15-19 – Rhoda, b. 1807 & Martha, b. ~?
1F 50-59 – Nancy, b. 1771-1775

1840 – The 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA includes TWO Joseph Kidds:
Joseph (H.) Kidd – 1M<5 & 1 20-29; 2F<5 & 1 20-29. No slaves. One in agriculture.
Joseph Kidd – 1M 15-19 & 1 60-69; 1F 10-14, 1 20-29 & 1 50-59. No slaves. Two in agriculture. Two white persons over 20 who cannot read or write.
1M 15-19 – unaccounted for. Pleasant Micajah, Joseph H., Charles and Thomas have their own households in Nelson County, and Wilson P. and his wife are in Amherst County.
1M 60-69 – Joseph Sr.
1F 10-14 - Lucinda
1 20-29 –Nancy, who married George D. Leebrick in 1841
1 50-59 – Nancy/Ann, Joseph's wife

Based upon the above, the ages of the children in each of these censuses match well with the proposed list of children presented here.

CONCLUSION

The preponderance of evidence supports the conclusion that the following individuals were most likely the children of Joseph & Nancy Kidd:

1. Jeriah – b ~1796; m Geo. W. Sutler 15 Dec 1819, Nelson County; d aft 1880.
2. Pleasant Micajah – b ~1798; m. Margaret J. Wright 28 Mar 1824, Nelson County; vanishes aft. 1850.
3. Elizabeth – b ~1801; m. James W. Craig 28 Mar 1824, Nelson County; disappears after 1860.
4. Thomas – b 1804; m Margaret Johnson 21 Feb 1832, Nelson County
5. Rhoda Ann – b~1806; m Lewis E. Price 26 Feb 1827, Nelson County
6. Joseph H. – b ~1813; m Mary Ann Bryant 25 Nov 1835, Nelson County; d 1891, Nelson County
7. Martha – birth year uncertain; m Joel Vest 26 May 1834, Nelson County; appears to have died before 1850.
8. Charles – b ~1815; m Malinda Kidd in 1835, Nelson County; died aft. 1880.
9. Wilson P. – b circa 1822; m Harriet E. Morgan 2 Jan 1839, Nelson County; d 16 Aug 1880, bur Mtn. View Cemetery, Nelson County, VA.
10. Nancy – b ~1820; m George Leebrick 18 Nov 1841, Albemarle County; d after 1880
11. Lucinda – b ~1825; m James Foster 20 Dec 1843, Nelson County; drops from Nelson County records after 1850.

APPENDIX 7: AN 1866 MAP OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

There is a marvelous, detailed 1866 map of Nelson County, VA available from the Library of Congress, viewable and downloadable at <https://www.loc.gov/item/2005625185/>. This map is so detailed that it is impossible to reproduce it here on a single page.

As an alternative, we've selected a small part of this map, depicting the part of Nelson County where most of the individuals in this compilation lived.

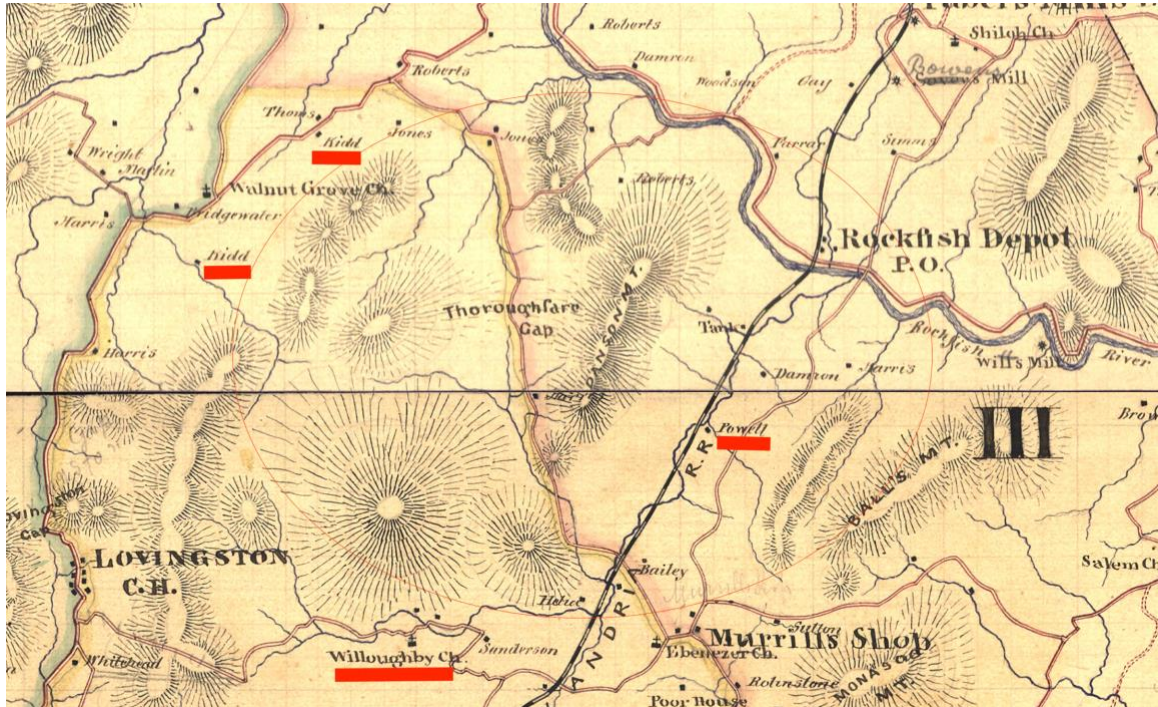


FIGURE: Northeastern section of Nelson County, Virginia, illustrating several important features related to our Kidd families. Note the Lovington County courthouse in the lower left corner, and the community of Rockfish in the upper left portion of this map. Red bars denote where several families lived in 1866, when this map was created; they include two Kidd properties (in the upper right of this image) where we believe Joseph Kidd Sr. and his descendants lived; the Willoughby Church (at the bottom center of the map); and the Powell family (into which some of our Kidds intermarried (mid-right)).

One downside of this map is that the watercourses of the county are not labeled. However, by comparing this map with others that do identify the waterways, we know that the headwaters of Dutch Creek (where the James and Lucy Jopling and their descendants owned land, and where Robert Nelson Kidd and Alexander Kidd, whom we believe were the sons of William Kidd Sr. also lived, and married into the Willoughby family) lie just east of the county seat, Lovington. It first courses east (the meandering line above Willoughby Church, then turns NNE in the valley below Willoughby Mountain (labeled Danson Mt on this map) to the west, and flows north, along the Alexandria Railroad until it enters the Rockfish River across from the community of Rockfish.