

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

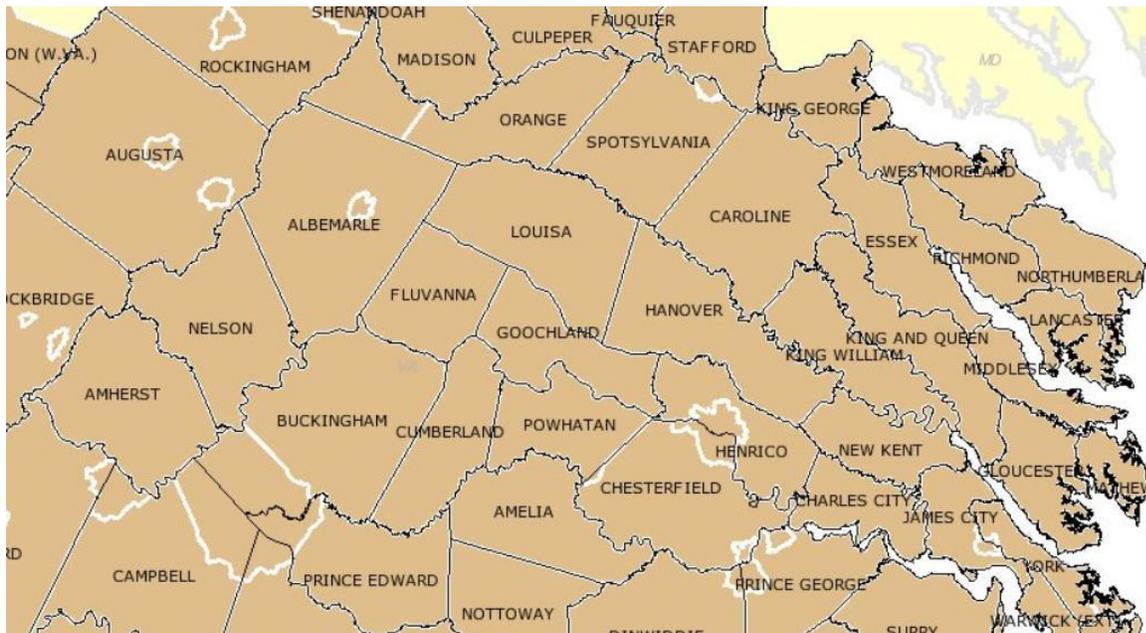


FIGURE 1: Map of central and eastern Virginia Counties, as of 1820, showing relative location of Nelson County (in left side of this map, between Amherst and Albemarle counties, and just west of Buckingham County).

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

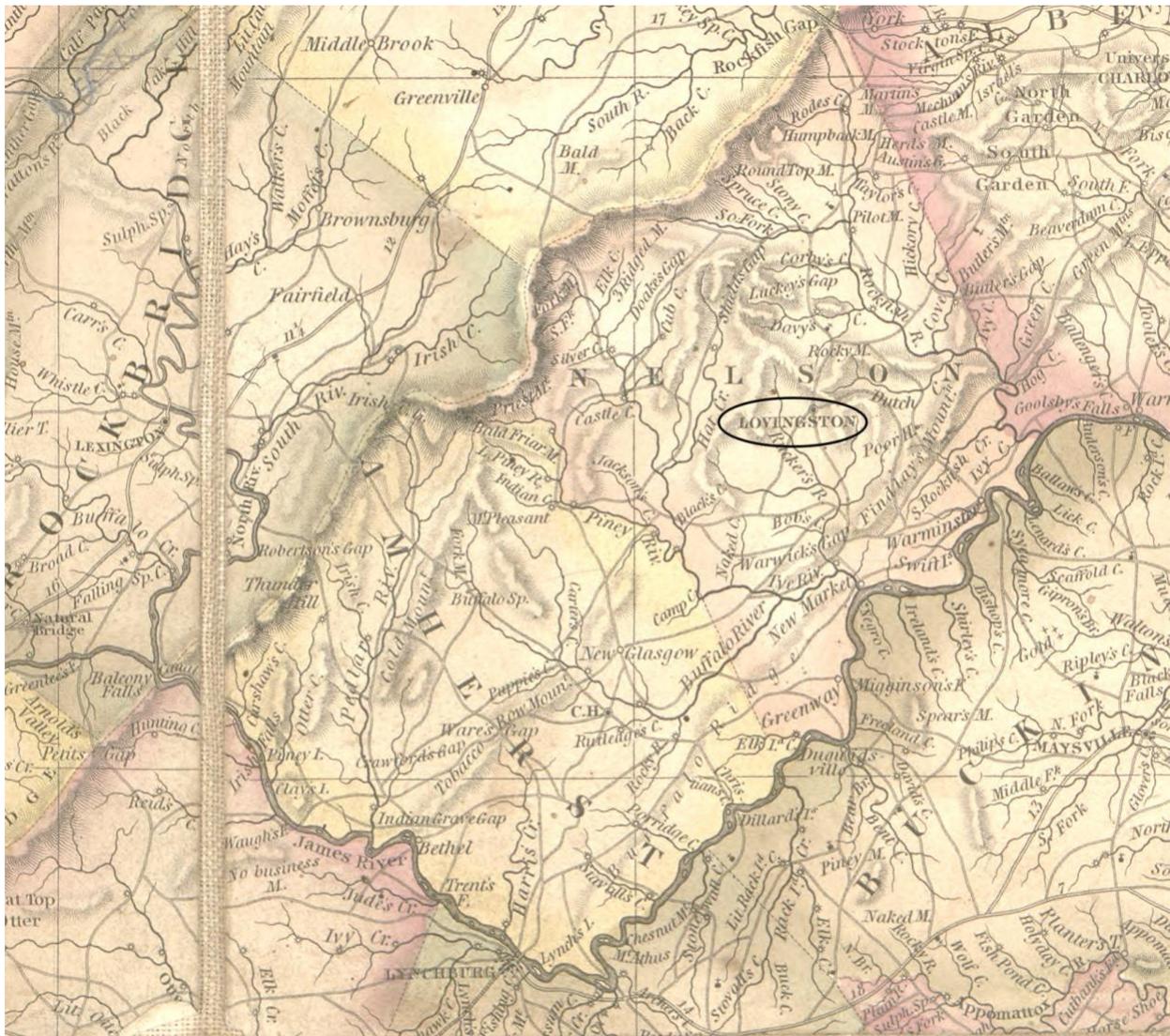


FIGURE 2: 1827 MAP OF AMHERST AND NELSON COUNTIES, including roads, watercourses, and other landmarks, several of which are mentioned in this compilation. Lovingsston, the county seat of Nelson County, is denoted by an oval. Note Dutch Creek (where the families of James Kidd Sr. and William Kidd Sr. lived) just above and to the right of Lovingsston. 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 Lovingsston, in the lower corner of Nelson County. SEE [Appendix 8](#) 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.

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 also the Ancestry Tree “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 records link for any Nelson County Kidds to our immigrant ancestor **Thomas1 Kidd** of Middlesex County, Virginia. However, Y-DNA testing shows a close relationship between several descendants of these families and other descendants of Thomas1 Kidd. We have developed 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 5](#) for full details.

See [Appendix 2](#) for a summary of Thomas Kidd descendants who settled in central Virginia.

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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; 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.

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

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

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

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 ..."

They propose that the heads of the families of the said devisees receive equal shares of said

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

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 3](#) 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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" , William J. 8MW VA attended school within the year
White, Thomas 17MW VA
Kidd, Robert H. 25MW carpenter VA

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingston 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
" , Thomas M. 10MW Nelson

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

⁷ Cannot read or write.

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

1870 – On the 1870 Nelson County 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 Lovingson, 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.]

See her husband Robert N.'s section for more information and a list of their children.

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.

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

⁹ So named in Nelson County 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.

Alexander and Charity Kidd's proven children were Sarah Ann, Frederick, Floyd L., Cynthia Kidd;¹¹ Landon R. Kidd, Alexander Kidd Jr.,¹² Semariah, Elizabeth, and Caroline Kidd.¹³

We believe that he is the son of William Kidd, Sr., of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson counties. See [Appendix 6](#), 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 February 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 March 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

¹¹¹ 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 County record – see above.

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

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.

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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
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 8](#) 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.]

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, Lovingson. 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 8](#) for a detailed map of this area.

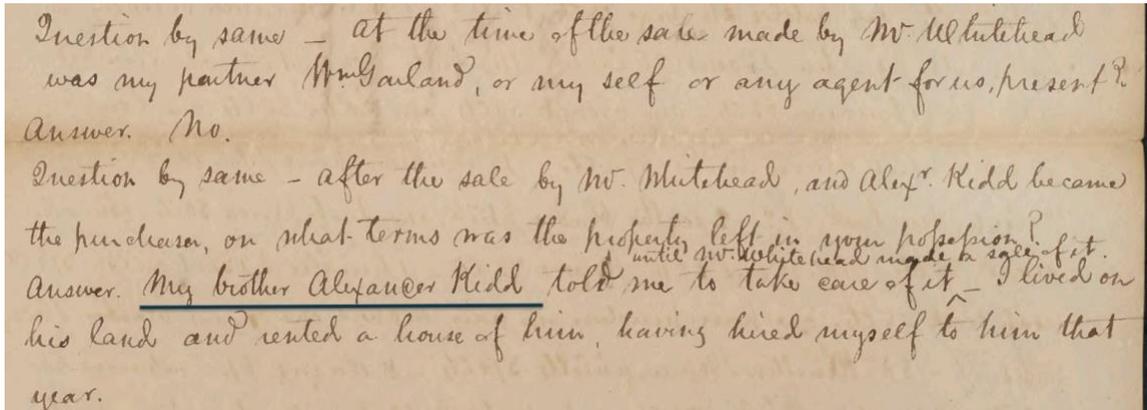
¹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:296-97.

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.

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



Question by same - at the time of the sale made by Mr. Whitehead was my partner Mr. Garland, or my self or any agent for us, present?
Answer. No.
Question by same - after the sale by Mr. Whitehead, and Alex^r. 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.

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

Your Orator Alexander Kidd humbly complaining respect-
 fully represents that some Years ago. there existed on the town of
 Goshington a firm of Merchants consisting of Nathan Lofftus
 Lee W. Harris and Wilson Peter Hattling 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 brother
 owed to that concern fell into the hands of Nathan Lofftus who
 on the 14th day of May 1836 settled the account with Your Orator and
 his brother and took their bonds for the sum of \$299.34 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

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

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.

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

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 December 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

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.

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

1845 – On 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:

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.

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

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

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 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 3](#) 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

³⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:182.

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

" , Elizabeth 12FW b. Nelson County
" , Caroline 9FW b. Nelson County

1852 – On 7 August 1852, **Alexander Kidd** filed a Bounty Land Claim for service in the War of 1812, and attests he is aged 60. On 30 November 1852, as part of his application for Bounty Land, he provided a document dated 4 February 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 March 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 November 1855, H.C. Loving, clerk of the pension office [in Nelson Co?] stated:

"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 Lovingson 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 County [sic – 1850 census gives Amherst County as birthplace for Alexander and Charity]

" , Charity 61FW Nelson

" , Caroline G. 19FW Nelson

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

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

" , 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 March 1870 in Nelson County. He is believed to be buried in the graveyard above Mrs. Wright's place on Dutch Creek.

1878 – Following the Act of 8 March 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 Lovingsston and served under Capt. Dade from 30 July 1814 to 4 February 1815. His certificate of discharge was dated 4 February 1815.

Witnesses James P. Ireland and James Martin of Nelson County, in an affidavit dated 22 June 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

⁴⁰ Cannot read or write.

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

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 October 1818 in Nelson County by John Shepherd, that neither had previously been married, and furnished a copy of public record of marriage.

On 2 June 1878, the Deputy Clerk of Nelson County Court [G. Eleaskie or Leaskie?] attested that he finds the marriage license was issued 26 October 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 March 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 County militia unit, and an Alex Kidd does appear on the unit’s militia roll for the period of 27 June to 26 June 1815. This is the only mention of an Alex Kidd we find in Middlesex County, 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 November 1886.

1893 – The pension folder records that Charity Kidd died 16 January 1893, and that her final pension payment was \$12.00, paid on 4 December 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

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

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.

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" , **Alexander** 14MW Nelson County

" , 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 Lovingston 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 Lovingston 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 – likely the son of Hudson P. Kidd and his wife Lucy Wright.⁴⁶
Born abt 1814 in VA

⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:182.

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

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 found.

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 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

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. He is named in this suit as the husband of 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.

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.

	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

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 3](#)).

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.,

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.

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 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, Paren(?), John, Joshua, Mildred & Martha Hundley, children of Valentine Hundley and Margaret his wife; and

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

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 3](#) for this document.]

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households; their proximity suggests a family 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

⁵³ Cannot read or write.

" , M.L. 4MW Nelson County
" , C.W. 1MW Nelson County

1860 – On the federal census in Lovingston 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
" , 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

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

⁵⁵ Cannot read or write.

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
Lived in Bedford County, VA from 1860 until her death in 1888

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, John 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.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

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.

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.

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 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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.]

1835 – In March Court for Amherst County, VA, **Anderson C. Kidd** served as one of the jurors in the suit of Watts v. Wells. The nature of the suit isn't clear in the record.⁷¹

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 1838.⁷²

1838 – On 6 April 1838, **Anderson C. Kidd** gave a deposition in the Amherst County Chancery Court case of William Faris vs. James P. Garland. His testimony pertained to the scope of work and his estimated value of a carpentry project, revealing his expertise in such work. He signed his deposition, and was able to read and write.⁷³

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."⁷⁴

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.

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.

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 County) and William J. Kidd (another son of Rev. War James Kidd).

⁷¹ Amherst Count, VA Court Order Book, 1832-1835, page 359, retrieved from FHL #1888562, image 426 of 479 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷² *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.

⁷³ Amherst County Chancery Court Case 1838-001, viewable online at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=009-1838-001 16-18 of 58.

⁷⁴ 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

ANN HUNT KIDD WOODY, the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin

Born about 1835 in Nelson County, VA

Married 1) Richard L. Woody in Nelson County on 23 December 1850

Married 2) Leroy A. Kidd on 30 January 1866 in Nelson County, VA⁷⁵

Died 27 November 1897 in Amherst County at the age of 62y 8m 24d⁷⁶

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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.

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" , Robert 9MW VA

" , Caledonia 7FW VA

" , Elizabeth 5FW VA

" , Lewis 3MW VA

" , unnamed 4/12M VA

A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for **Ann H. Kidd** and Richard L. Woody

⁷⁵ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com.

⁷⁶ Findagrave.com, Memorial #220009536. Originally interred in a home cemetery, she was reinterred in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg, VA in 1936 by her son by her first marriage, John M. Woody.

⁷⁷ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

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⁷⁹ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

on 20 December 1850. The marriage was performed on 23 December 1850 by minister Thomas W. Roberts.⁸⁰

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Martins Mills P. O., page 78, HH 554/554: Richard L. Woody 29MW Overseer \$0/\$40 b. Nelson County CROW⁸¹

Anna H. “ 25FW b. Amherst County
Henry L. “ 7MW Nelson County
Milly F. “ 5FW Nelson County
Emmer S. “ 4F Nelson County
Amanda A. “ 2FW Nelson County
William G. “ 9/12MW Nelson County

1865 – Her husband Richard L. Woody enlisted in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, serving in Company B, 15th Virginia Cavalry. He was captured and sent to the POW camp in Elmira, Chemung County, NY, where he died on 28 April 1865. He is buried there in the Woodlawn National Cemetery.⁸²

1866 – **Ann H. Woody** married Leroy A. Kidd on 30 January 1866 in Nelson County, VA.⁸³

1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, in Lovingson township, page 314, Family #51:

Kidd, Leroy 33MW Farm Manager VA CROW
“ , **Hannah H.** 33FW Keeping house VA evidently CAN read and write
“ , Melville P. 2MW at home VA
“ , Edward 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

1880 – On the federal census in the Lovingson district of Nelson County, Virginia, ED 111, page 18B, HH 161/185:

Kidd, Leroy WM head 43M Farmer VA VA VA
“ , **Anna H.** WF wife 44M keeps house VA VA VA
“ , Melvin G. WM son 14S laborer CROW⁸⁴ VA VA VA
“ , Mary E. WF dau 8S VA VA VA
“ , Ida M. WF dau 6S VA VA VA
Woody, Marshall WM step-son 8S VA VA VA

They are living next door to several Libbrick (Lebrick) families, including a Micajah Libbrick,

⁸⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁸¹ Cannot read or write.

⁸² See Findagrave.com, memorial #66525988.

⁸³ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com.

⁸⁴ Cannot read or write.

age 28; in this household is Johnson Woody, age 19 (this is Anna's youngest son by her first husband), and a Nancy Libbrick, age 60 and widowed, listed as Micajah's mother.

1897 – **Ann Hunt Kidd Woody Kidd** died 27 November 1897 at home “near Lynchburg, in Amherst County, VA.⁸⁵ According to family lore, she was initially buried in a Kidd family cemetery, where her second husband Leroy A. Kidd, and their daughter Ida M. (Kidd) Anthony were also buried later.

On 14 October 1936, these three individuals were disinterred, and their remains were placed in a single grave in the Spring Hill cemetery in Lynchburg, in the plot owned by Edward M. Kidd, the son of Leroy and Annie H. Kidd.⁸⁶

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.⁸⁷

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.⁸⁸

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW⁸⁹

" , 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

⁸⁵ "Virginia, Lynchburg, Diuguid Funeral Home records, 1820-1971," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-G5X7-9F79?cc=1419237> : 11 September 2019), > image 1 of 1; Southern Memorial Association, Lynchburg, Virginia.

⁸⁶ Virginia, Lynchburg, Diuguid Funeral Home Records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1820-1971, on familysearch.org (unrestricted access), image 223 of 319.

⁸⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁸⁸ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁸⁹ Cannot read or write.

[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.

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

Born by 1819

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.⁹⁰

Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as P. Saunders and the minister as Edward Thomas.⁹¹

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.⁹²

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).⁹³

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.

⁹⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁹¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

⁹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:291-2.

⁹³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

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		

1850 – Two Kidd households are listed in Nelson County, VA, p. 225A, living next to one another; their proximity suggests a family relationship.

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."⁹⁴

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

⁹⁴ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, citing Nelson County WB L, p. 243. Record retrieved from FHL 2047073, item 1 (restricted access) - Image 189 via familysearch.org. Scanned image available upon request.

- 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

CAMPBELL C. KIDD, in Nelson County 1808-1810

- 1808 – James Kidd, Hudson C. Kidd, and **Camell [likely Campbell] Kidd** were among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly dated 1 December 1808, protesting the conduct of the officials of the new county in setting up the county government. [Note: all the signatures in the column containing the Kidd men were signed in the same handwriting.]⁹⁵
- 1810 – This man appears just once on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs, in 1810, taxed on 1 WMT and 2 horses.

CAROLINE MATILDA KIDD JENNINGS, the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin
Born abt 1830⁹⁶ in Nelson County, VA
Married Patterson Jennings in 1847 in Nelson County.
Lived in Amherst County from at least 1860 until her death.
Died after April 1900, likely in Amherst County

- 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, John 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.⁹⁷

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.⁹⁸ Kidd, with William Diggs as his security in the amount of \$200. Robert I. Kidd

⁹⁵ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, image 49. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, image 49.

⁹⁶ Her age listed on the censuses varies: 22 in 1860, 35 in 1870, and 50 in 1880. In 1900, she listed her age as 74 years when she applied for a widow's pension. Judging from these, she could have been born as early as 1826, or as late as 1838. But looking at the birth years of her siblings, and the order of birth of the children of Robert and Nancy Jane Pamplin (implied in her 1835 and 1840 records) places her year of birth after 1827 (when her brother John James was born) and before 1832 (when brother William Coleman was born).

⁹⁷ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁹⁸ 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.

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.”⁹⁹

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.¹⁰⁰ The bondsman was Daniel Jennings.¹⁰¹

1850 – We have not found her or her husband on the 1850 federal census.

1860 – On the federal census in Amherst County, VA, page 243, HH 125/124:
Patterson **Jennings** 32MW farmer \$800/\$200 (b’place blank for entire page)
Caroline “ 22FW
John R. “ 12MW
Nancy J. “ 10FW
Ei (sic) “ 9FW
W. A. “ 6MW
An Jona “ 4WF
Sally Ann “ 2FW

1870 – On the federal census in Amherst Township, Amherst County, VA, Amherst Courthouse P.O., page 430, HH 467/455:

Jennings, Pattison (sic) 44MW Farmer \$600/\$400 VA Cannot write
“ , **Carrie** 35FW keeps house VA
“ , Eliza 17FW at home VA
“ , Angelina 12FW at home VA
“ , Lillie A. 11FW at home VA
“ , Lucie 6FW at home VA
“ , Adelia 1FW at home VA
“ , Willie 14MW farm hand VA

1880 – On the federal censuses in Amherst County, VA, District No. 16, ED 16, page 40D, HH 336/350:

Jennings, Patterson WM 56M head Farmer VA VA VA
“ , **Caroline** WF 50M wife housekeeping VA VA VA
“ , William WM 23S son works on farm VA VA VA
“ , Louisa WF 17S son’s wife works at home VA VA VA
“ , Lucy C. WF 14S dau at school VA VA VA
“ , Mary A WF 9S dau at school VA VA VA

1900 – On 25 April 1900, **Caroline M. Jennings**, then a resident in the Allens Creek Post Office jurisdiction of Amherst County, VA appeared before a notary public in Amherst County and

⁹⁹ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

¹⁰⁰ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, on Ancestry.com.

¹⁰¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

completed an application for a widow's pension for her deceased husband, Patterson Jennings' service in the Civil War, in the 13th Virginia Regiment, CSA. In this affidavit, she states that she and her husband were married in Amherst County on 23 February 1847, and that her husband died in Amherst County on 2 August 1899 of "old age." She listed her age as 74 years old at the time she completed this application. She was granted a pension of \$25 a year.¹⁰²

We have found no further records for her.

CAROLINE (KATE) G. KIDD – 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 December 1922 in Nelson County¹⁰³

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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

¹⁰² Alabama, Texas and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958. Virginia, Act of 1900 Pension Applications, Amherst to Appomattox County (on Ancestry.com, images 190-182 of 917.

¹⁰³ Virginia death certificate 27262 for Mrs. Kate Caroline Harris, filed 12 December 1922. The informant was Tom Harris [likely her son], who mistakenly identifies her father as Wm Kidd.

¹⁰⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

- 1862 – On 9 April 1862, Thomas Jasper Harris and **Caroline G. Kidd** were married in Nelson County, VA.¹⁰⁵ 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 Lovingsston 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
- 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 Lovingsston, 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 December 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.¹⁰⁶

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

- 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 October 1818, **Charity Willoughby** and Alexander Kidd were married in Nelson County by Minister John Shepherd.

¹⁰⁵ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com.

¹⁰⁶ Virginia death certificate 27262 for Mrs. Kate Caroline Harris, filed 12 December 1922.

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled **Alexander Kidd & wife**, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc¹⁰⁷

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 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

¹⁰⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

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 3](#) 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 March 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 February 1815. His certificate of discharge was dated 4 February 1815.

Witnesses James P. Ireland and James Martin of Nelson County, in an affidavit dated 22 June 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 October 1818 in Nelson County by John Shepherd, that neither had previously been married, and furnished a copy of public record of marriage.

On 2 July 1878, the Deputy Clerk of Nelson County Court [G. Eleaskie or Leaskie?] attested that he finds the marriage license was issued 26 October 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 March 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 County militia unit, and an Alex Kidd does appear on the unit's militia roll for the period of 27 June to 26 July 1815. This is the only mention of an Alex Kidd we find in Middlesex County, 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?¹⁰⁸

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 November 1886.

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

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

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

CHARLES H.¹⁰⁹ KIDD, likely the son of Joseph Kidd and Nancy/Ann Johnson¹¹⁰
Born abt 1815, likely in Albemarle County

¹⁰⁸ See William R. Kidd War of 1812 research notes on file in statewide source documents.

¹⁰⁹ The only record that lists his middle initial, 'H', is the 1886 death record for his wife, Malinda.

¹¹⁰ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

**Married Malinda Kidd, the daughter of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright, in 1835 in Albemarle County, VA
Died after 1886, likely in Nelson County**

- 1835 – On 21 December 1835, **Charles Kidd** married Malinda Kidd in Albemarle County, VA.¹¹¹
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 – Charles Kidd moved to Nelson County in 1836 or 1837.
- 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.¹¹²
- 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.¹¹³
- 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.
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 1841.¹¹⁴ 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.¹¹⁵
- 1843 – A marriage bond was issued in Nelson County, VA for James Foster and Lucinda Kidd on 20 December 1843. The bondsman was **Charles Kidd**; he was likely her brother. The wedding was performed the same day by Edward Thomas.¹¹⁶
- 1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 239A, HH 268:
Kidd, Charles 36MW overseer \$0 VA

¹¹¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com. Images of this marriage bond can be found in the Albemarle County 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.

¹¹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:268.

¹¹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:607.

¹¹⁴ 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 County Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox, since that's where Nancy lived; a copy was also saved in the Albemarle County Marriage Records subfolder.

¹¹⁵ *Albemarle County Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, page 532, citing Marr. Reg. 1806-1868, fol. 80, and “B/C Papers, 1837-1842.”

¹¹⁶ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

" , 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
" , 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, 1870.¹¹⁷

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.¹¹⁸

No further record has been found for Charles Kidd.

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

¹¹⁷ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, image 550, reviewed at Bellevue, WA FHC on October 25, 2017.

¹¹⁸ Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912, at www.familysearch.org, for Malinda Kidd. An image of this death record is available in the Nelson County Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

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, VA¹¹⁹

Married Cynthia Loving in 1817 in Nelson County

Died 28 October 1880 in Lynchburg, Campbell County, VA

No known children

[Researchers should 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 sometimes reversed for each of them.]

After 1810 – **Coleman W. Kidd** was among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly protesting the lack of representation in counties west of the Blue Ridge and requesting additional senators. This petition is undated but refers to the 1810 census, so is presumed to have been submitted after 1810. [Note: Coleman W. Kidd's signature appears to be original.]¹²⁰

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] ¹²¹ at Camp Carter near Richmond from 30 August 1814 until 22 February 1815, present on 11 November 1814, 28 December 1814 and 22 February 1815. Distance from home was 120 miles.¹²²

1817 – A marriage bond for **Coleman W. Kidd** & Cynthia Fortune Loving was issued on 22 December 1817 in Nelson County, VA.¹²³

Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was S.P. Garland and the minister John Shepherd, who performed the marriage on 25 December 1817.¹²⁴

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

¹¹⁹ 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 October 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]

¹²⁰ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, image 49. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, image 99.

¹²¹ 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.

¹²² 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.

¹²³ Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850 at Ancestry.com. This record names her as "S. Loving."

¹²⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1818		Coleman W.	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.**¹²⁵ [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. **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.¹²⁶

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

¹²⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:361. Scanned images available.

¹²⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:537-538.

witnessed by John Whitehead, **C.W. Kidd** and Robert J. Kidd (both brothers of William J. Kidd).¹²⁷

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 Lovingsston, adjoining the land of Wilson Peters, Robert J. Kincaid and Nathan Lofftus and John Stevens containing by survey 55 acres.

(signed) Silas Biglow {seal}

Judith Biglow {seal}¹²⁸

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 Lovingsston 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 1824.¹²⁹

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**.¹³⁰

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.¹³¹

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 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.¹³² 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.¹³³

¹²⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

¹²⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 122-123.

¹²⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:123.

¹³⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson County Sources folder.

¹³¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:178-179.

¹³² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-005

¹³³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:179-180.

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, 1828.¹³⁴

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 1828.¹³⁵

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 1832.¹³⁶

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 County Court and recorded on 24 September 1838.¹³⁷

1838 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1838 [1838-012], titled **Coleman W. Kidd** vs. William A. Payne, etc.¹³⁸

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

¹³⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:365.

¹³⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:364.

¹³⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7:309.

¹³⁷ Nelson County Will Book E, p. 301, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

¹³⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-012

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 \$1200.¹³⁹ 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.¹⁴⁰

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 1840.¹⁴¹

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.¹⁴²

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.¹⁴³

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

¹³⁹ Nelson County Will Book E, p. 322, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

¹⁴⁰ Nelson County Will Book F, p. 113, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

¹⁴¹ Ibid, p. 114.

¹⁴² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:106.

¹⁴³ Nelson County Will Book F, p. 95, reviewed on microfilm and abstracted by RK, May 5, 2013.

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 October 1840.¹⁴⁴

1841 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1841 [1841-073], titled W.I. & C.W. Kidd vs. Pamplin, Pritchard & Kidd:¹⁴⁵

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].¹⁴⁶

[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.¹⁴⁷

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. **Coleman W. Kidd** 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.¹⁴⁸

¹⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:198.

¹⁴⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-073

¹⁴⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-087

¹⁴⁷ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

¹⁴⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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 marriage to Michael Thomas (images 3, 25, and 53). As such, Lucy was entitled to part of Ralph Jopling's estate, and

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.¹⁴⁹

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 1842.¹⁵⁰

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 \$18.10.¹⁵¹

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.¹⁵²

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 1843.¹⁵³

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 1843.¹⁵⁴

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

she received her share of her mother's share of this estate (images 48 & 107). This is a great resource for the Jopling descendants

¹⁴⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:20-21.

¹⁵⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:87-88.

¹⁵¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:117-118.

¹⁵² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:31-32.

¹⁵³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

¹⁵⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:311.

Martin's executor...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 on the same date.¹⁵⁵

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 1843.¹⁵⁶

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.¹⁵⁷

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.]¹⁵⁸

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 b. Nelson County

Ryan, Preston 23MW tailor b. Nelson County

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

Cunningham, Valentine 18MW clerk, store b. Nelson County

Aistrop, Wm H 17MW bookkeeper b. 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.¹⁵⁹

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.)

¹⁵⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6 (scanned images available in the Nelson County 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 County DB 10, pp 335-6.

¹⁵⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:347.

¹⁵⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

¹⁵⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:450.

¹⁵⁹ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, showing 10 separate bonds recorded for "C.W. Kidd" or "Coleman W. Kidd, Constable."

- 1860 – **Coleman W. Kidd** 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 – **Coleman Kidd** is 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.¹⁶⁰

Pension record for Coleman W. Kidd

Survivors pension record War of 1812. Enlisted 30 August 1814 in Nelson County, VA, drafted by Lt. Lankford and afterward under Capt. William Scott, discharged 22 February 1815 at Richmond, VA. Coleman married Cynthia C. Loving 25 December 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 July 1855, Nelson County, VA, witnessed by C.M. Loving and John H. Loving. Total land bounty was 160 acres. Filed for pension 11 July 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 July 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 August 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 October 1880 and was dropped from rolls due to his death, then noted as paid to Robert C. Kidd.^{161 162}

- 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 85.¹⁶³ This record states that he was born in Nelson County, VA, was a merchant and a

¹⁶⁰ 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.

¹⁶¹ 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.

¹⁶² "War of 1812: Virginia Bounty Land and Pension Applicants" by Patrick G. Wardell, page 221, located at LVA, reviewed 7-17-2009, WRK.

¹⁶³ *Virginia Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1917*, at Ancestry.com. Scanned image available in the **Campbell** County Shared folder.

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.

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.¹⁶⁴

Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was S.P. Garland and the minister John Shepherd, who performed the marriage on 25 December 1817.¹⁶⁵

She apparently died before the 1850 federal census.

CYNTHIA KIDD, 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).¹⁶⁶

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).¹⁶⁷

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.

¹⁶⁴ Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850 at Ancestry.com. This record names her as "S. Loving."

¹⁶⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

¹⁶⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

¹⁶⁷ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

1880 – On the federal census in Lovington 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

" , **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, likely in Nelson County, VA

Married Nathan Kidd in 1842 in Amherst County, VA

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

1842 – a Nathan Kidd married **Delilah/Delila Hendricks**, the daughter of Jesse Tyree, on 1 Sept 1842 in **Amherst** County, VA.¹⁶⁸ The record is incomplete, and doesn't list the surety, witnesses or official performing the marriage.¹⁶⁹

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

Note: Her husband Nathan appears to have died between 1848-1850.

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

¹⁶⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

¹⁶⁹ *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.

Jesse Tyree 65MW farm hand VA
 Henry H. “ 22MW at home VA

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 CROW¹⁷⁰ 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 72 widowed sister at home CROW VA

We’ve found no further records for her.

EDMUND TUCKER KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright¹⁷¹

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		

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. See our Kidds of Nelson County tree at Ancestry.com. Much of the information about his life comes from Barbara Taylor, researcher of this family.¹⁷²

ELIZABETH KIDD CRAIG(E), likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr,¹⁷³ 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

¹⁷⁰ Cannot read or write.

¹⁷¹ Personal correspondence from Barbara Taylor, who has the family journal written by Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950).

¹⁷² Barbara can be reached via her website, at <https://itstime.com/forms3/formfb.htm>

¹⁷³ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife Ann (Nancy) Johnson.

County Kidd researcher, has published and annotated this journal, with additional updated family information.¹⁷⁴

1824 – **Elizabeth Kidd** married James W. Craig on 28 March 1824 in Nelson County, VA. This was the same date that her likely brother Pleasant M. Kidd married Margaret J. Wright.¹⁷⁵ They were married by the same minister James Boyd.¹⁷⁶

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

1840 – On 9 November 1840, Arthur H. Kidd married **Elizabeth Saunders** in Nelson County, VA.¹⁷⁷

Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as P. Saunders and the minister as Edward Thomas.¹⁷⁸

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**

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).¹⁷⁹

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).

¹⁷⁴ *Descendants of Hudson P. Kidd: The Family Journal of Lorena (Kidd) Goodwin*, edited by Barbara J. Taylor, Rainbows & Miracles etc, November 2019.

¹⁷⁵ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

¹⁷⁶ Nelson County, VA Marriages, 1824 – an image of this entry in the marriage book is available upon request from the compiler.

¹⁷⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

¹⁷⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

¹⁷⁹ 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.]

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

1860 – on the federal census in Todd County, KY with her husband, listed as Margaret Woodson.¹⁸⁰

No further information found on her or her husband.

ELLEN/ELEANOR (POWELL) KIDD, wife of Wilson P. Kidd (farmer)¹⁸¹ and daughter of John Powell.¹⁸²

Born 1 January 1820¹⁸³

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.¹⁸⁴

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 1843.¹⁸⁵

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 1844.¹⁸⁶

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

¹⁸⁰ Ancestry.com: 1860 federal census of Todd County, KY, page 751 (handwritten), Dwelling #575, image 81 of 172.

¹⁸¹ 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.

¹⁸² The will of John Powell (found in Nelson County 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 County Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

¹⁸³ 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.

¹⁸⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

¹⁸⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

¹⁸⁶ Nelson County WB F, pp. 441-442. See abstract above.

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 F. Kidd's** trustee." In 1849, her acreage was listed at 86¾ acres, a result of the following deed.

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 1848.¹⁸⁷
See [Appendix 8](#) 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 1870s¹⁸⁸, ¹⁸⁹ 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.; their proximity suggests a family relationship.

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

¹⁸⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:309.

¹⁸⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1872-053

¹⁸⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1878-019

" , 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
" , **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.**¹⁹⁰ (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 January 1844 and filed 22 January 1844 in Nelson County court ¹⁹¹ (images 5-7); Exhibit B was the bond for \$274.70 signed by Wilson P. Kidd as "W.P Kidd & wife" (images 8-9).

¹⁹⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1861-001

¹⁹¹ His will (found in Nelson County 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

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 indebted 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.

Note: However, the file contains another remarkable document: Image 22 is a 1955 order of the Nelson County 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, 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

1882 – **Ellen F. Kidd** died in Nelson County on 18 October 1882 at the age of 62y 10m 18d.¹⁹² Her death was attributed to "cancer of the womb." The informant for her death record was

inventory of the estate and the division of it are in the Nelson County Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

¹⁹² From this record, we calculate her date of birth as 1 January 1820.

James W. Kidd, her son.¹⁹³

Her will, which she signed on the day of her death, named William J. Kidd of Nelson County, “my brother-in-law and friend,” as the executor of her estate.¹⁹⁴ 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.”¹⁹⁵

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 1882.¹⁹⁶

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

Born about 1825 in Nelson County, VA

Married Martha Taylor about 1854

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.

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).¹⁹⁷

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.)

¹⁹³ 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.

¹⁹⁴ This William J. Kidd was William Jenkins (Jenks) Kidd, her husband’s younger brother.

¹⁹⁵ This Martha Kidd was William Jenkins Kidd’s wife.

¹⁹⁶ 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.

¹⁹⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

1853-1860 – **Floyd L. Kidd** appears on the Buckingham County, VA PPTLs with one white tithable 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+.

abt. 1854 – Floyd L. Kidd married Martha Taylor¹⁹⁸ 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 VA¹⁹⁹

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

" , Wyly 8MW VA

" , Alice 6FW VA

" , Peter 4MW VA

" , Louis 2MW VA

1880 – He is on the federal census in Buckingham County, VA.

1884 – **Floyd L. Kidd** died 8 May 1884 in Buckingham County, VA.²⁰⁰ 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.²⁰¹ She was the daughter of Joshua Willoughby, who died in Nelson County in early 1847, so

¹⁹⁸ 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.

¹⁹⁹ Accessed on Ancestry.com. 1860 Census District 1, Buckingham County, Virginia, Roll: M653_1337; Page: 894; Image: 440; Family History Library Film: 805337.

²⁰⁰ Findagrave.com has images of his headstone, and more information about him and some of his children.

²⁰¹ *Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com.

named in his will (see [Appendix 3](#)).

Another abstract of this marriage and states that the bondsman was Robert N. Kidd, and the minister Edward L. Warren.²⁰²

A third abstract of this record lists the groom's middle initial as L., then adds an S in parentheses.²⁰³

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled Alexander Kidd & wife, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc²⁰⁴

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."

²⁰² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

²⁰³ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54.

²⁰⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

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, Fanny is named in her father Joshua Willoughby's will. See [Appendix 3](#) 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; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW²⁰⁵

" , **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

²⁰⁵ Cannot read or write.

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
- " , Alexander B. 8MW Nelson County
- " , Sarah F. 4FW Nelson County
- " , Lucy 2FW Nelson County
- " , Thomas H. 9/12MW Nelson County

HH 56

Kidd, William²⁰⁶ 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 CROW²⁰⁷

- " , **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 CROW²⁰⁸
- " , Susan A. 22FW Nelson CROW
- " , Alex'r. B. 18MW Nelson
- " , Sarah F. 14FW Albemarle
- " , Melvina L. 12FW Nelson

²⁰⁶ This is definitely William J. Kidd, the son of William James Kidd Sr. and grandson of James Kidd. Sr & Lucy Jopling.

²⁰⁷ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

²⁰⁸ Cannot read or write.

- " , 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 Lovingson 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 Lovingson 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 Lovingson twp., Nelson County, VA on 19 May 1885 at the age of 83.²⁰⁹ 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.

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²⁰⁹ 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.

²¹⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

and Caroline Kidd (minors).

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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.]

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.²¹¹

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)

²¹¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:183-4.

1880 – Frederick Kidd has not been found on the 1880 census. He had no known wife or children.

GEORGE KIDD, named in an 1813 Nelson County court case

1813 – Nelson County Court, 24 May 1813. William Douglass, plaintiff, against **George Kidd**, defendant, upon an attachment [seizing assets to secure a debt], the case was continued until August Court next [1814].²¹²

We do not know the identity of this George Kidd.

HARMON KIDD, the son of Moses Kidd and Milly Clark

Born abt 1778²¹³ in Albemarle or Amherst County, Virginia

Married Dolly Cox²¹⁴, location unknown

Moved to Kentucky by 1810 with his mother and brothers to Knox County, Kentucky, likely following the death of his father

Ca 1808 – Moses Kidd and his sons Zach [Zachariah], and **Harmon [Harman] Kidd** were among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly ca 1808 as the county was being formed. The petition “from a number of the freeholders and inhabitants of the county of Nelson” laid out that the act of 25 December 1807 dividing the county of Amherst provided for the placing of public buildings [such as the courthouse], and further said that the commissioners had been somewhat “secretive and negligent in their choice,” and requested that the place of choice be near Mr. James Loving’s “excellent spring” one mile above Loving’s Gap, but four miles from where the commissioners proposed setting the site. [Note: The list contains what appear to be original signatures but the Kidd entries are all in the same handwriting, which suggests that one person signed for all three.]²¹⁵

1809 – Nelson County Court, 26 June 1809. William Cashwell is appointed surveyor of the road leading from the muster field and “in Buffaloe [River?] on Meggison Road with the following [hands] and to keep the road in good repair: [among others] Zachariah Kidd, Moses Kidd, and **Harmon Kidd** and their male labouring tythes and the male labouring tythes on the plantation of Nathaniel Terry.²¹⁶

1810 – **Harmon Kidd**, Zachariah Kidd, and Moses Kidd appear for the first and only time on the 1810 Knox County, KY tax list (see image below):²¹⁷ We believe that these are the three surviving sons of Moses and Milly Clark Kidd.

²¹² Nelson County Minute Book 1, 1813-1814, p 53.

²¹³ This estimated year of his birth is calculated from his age on the 1820, 1830 and 1840 censuses. Assuming the age range is correct in all three, he was born between 1776 and 1780. In these yrs, his father was in Albemarle or Amherst County.

²¹⁴ Her maiden name comes to us from a Casey County, KY deed in 1836, in which she (along with one of her brothers and his wife) sold all of their right, title and interest in the land of William Cox, deceased owned at the time of his death. See Casey County, KY DB 4:149-150, retrieved from FHL #591566, image 286 via familysearch.org.

²¹⁵ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, item 3. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, images 14-16 of 24.

²¹⁶ Nelson County Order Book 1808-1811, p 182.

²¹⁷ 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 County since 1807, and was there in 1810 (image 273); we



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.²¹⁸

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).

1811-1849 – In 1811, **Harmon Kidd** appears for the first time on the annual tax lists of Casey County, KY, west and slightly north of Knox County, along with his brothers, Zachariah and Moses Kidd. These entries repeat through 1814.

In 1815, Zachariah and Moses drop from these lists. Harmon Kidd continues to appear almost annually through 1849.

1820 – On the federal census in Liberty township, Casey County, KY (mis-indexed on Ancestry as “**Harman Red**”): 1FWM 26-44; 2F<10, 1 10-15, & 1 26-44. One in agriculture, no slaves.

1824-1836 – **Harmon Kidd** first appears on the Land Tax Lists in Casey County, KY in 1824, taxed on 25 acres on Martin’s Creek.

He continued to be listed almost annually through 1836, taxed on variable amounts of land, then drops from the Casey County LTLs and does not reappear through 1850.

1827 – On 3 July 1827, George Drye of Casey County, KY sold to **Polly Kidd** and **Milly Kidd** of the same county for \$5 a tract of land in Casey County containing 26 acres by survey on a branch of Martins Creek. This deed was recorded and admitted to record on 10 Sept. 1827.²¹⁹

[We believe that Polly Kidd was Harmon and Dolly Kidd’s daughter. Milly could be Harmon’s mother, or his daughter.]

1830 – On the federal census in Casey County, KY:

Harmon Kidd: 1M 5-9 and 1 50-59; 1F 10-14, 1 15-19 & 1 40-49. One enslaved male, age 26-35.

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.

²¹⁸ Ibid.

²¹⁹ Casey County, KY DB 3:98, retrieved from DHL #591566, image 54 via familysearch.org.

- 1831 – On 5 May 1831, **Harmon Kidd** had a Land Grant of 50 acres surveyed in Casey County, KY. The land was on the Martin's Creek watercourse.²²⁰
- 1835 – On 17 July 1835, **Harmon Kidd** and Dolly his wife of Casey County, VA sold to George Drye of the same place for \$15 a tract of land on Martins Creek, a branch of the Big SR Fork in Casey County and containing 50 acres.²²¹
- 1836 – On 9 April 1836, Nathaniel Cox and Judiah (?) his wife, and **Harmon Kid** (sic) and Dolly his wife of Casey County, KY sold for \$18 all their right, title and interest in the lands of William Cox, deceased was in possession of at his death, lying on the Big South Rolling Fork in Casey County.²²²
- 1840 – On the federal census in Liberty township, Casey County, KY:
Harmon Kidd: 1M 15-19 & 1 60-69; 1F 50-59. No slaves. One employed in mfg. & trade.
- 1849 – **Harmon Kidd** appears for the last time on the Casey County, KY Tax Lists in 1849, and does not reappear.
- 1850 – Harmon Kidd died sometime after the 1849 tax lists, and prior to the 1850 census. Harmon Kidd's wife/widow appears on the 1850 federal census in District 2, Casey County, VA, HH 293/293:
Dolly Kidd 66WF b. VA
Joel Pemberton 12WM b. KY

HUDSON P.²²³ KIDD, 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 6](#) for our 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, Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright had six sons and three daughters:

Leroy Anderson Kidd, b. ~1811

William H. (Henry?) Kidd, b. ~1813

Malinda Kidd, b. ~1815

²²⁰ Kentucky, U. S., Land Grants, 1782-1924, Book Z, on Ancestry.com.

²²¹ Casey County, KY DB 3:102-103, retrieved from FHL #591566, images 260-261 via familysearch.org.

²²² Casey County, KY DB 4:149-150, retrieved from FHL #591566, image 286 via familysearch.org.

²²³ 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.

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) Kidd²²⁴ 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 reasoning that he is a son of Hudson P. Kidd.

1808 – James Kidd, **Hudson C. [P?] Kidd**, and Camell [likely Campbell] Kidd were among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly dated 1 December 1808, protesting the conduct of the officials of the new county in setting up the county government. [Note: all the signatures in the column containing the Kidd men were signed in the same handwriting.]²²⁵

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
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

²²⁴ We did not find a single mention of an Isaac Campbell Kidd in our fairly exhaustive search in Nelson County records.

²²⁵ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, image 49. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, image 49.

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 1811.²²⁶ 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.²²⁷

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.²²⁸

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 18.²²⁹

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!).²³⁰

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).

²²⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

²²⁷ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

²²⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

²²⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2, p. 148, shared with me by Barbara Taylor, April 23, 2019.

²³⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:487.

- 1823 – According to a deposition he gave in 1825 in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit,²³¹ **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.²³²
- 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.²³³
- 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 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. 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 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 1820.²³⁴
- 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.

²³¹ 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 County Chancery Court suit summary, 1817-1860" in the Nelson County Source Documents folder.

²³² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:500-501.

²³³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 7:40-41.

²³⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-017

- 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.²³⁵
- 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 County 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 County in a household headed by Daniel P. Kidd, aged 27, an overseer. Also in the household is Ann Kidd, aged 13.

ISAAH B. KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright²³⁶

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.²³⁷ 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.²³⁸
- 1845-1847 – An **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.

²³⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:404.

²³⁶ 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>

²³⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

²³⁸ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 224A, is a cluster of Kidd households; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW²³⁹

" , 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 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

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW²⁴⁰

" , 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

²³⁹ Cannot read or write.

²⁴⁰ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

" , 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 J. 18MW farmer \$0/100 Nelson)*

" , Paulus 8MW Nelson

HH 121

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

" , Ann 43FW Nelson CROW²⁴¹

" , 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 – **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 Lovingson 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

" , 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

²⁴¹ Cannot read or write.

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 County PPTLs 1809-1850 (see Table below):

1. **James Kidd Sr.** (1766-1834), son of John Kidd and Ruth Parish/Farish
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 appears on the PPTLs from 1822-1827 before migrating to Warren County, TN
4. **James W. Kidd**, who appears once on the 1839 Nelson County, VA PPTLs.

JAMES KIDD SR. (the elder), Revolutionary War soldier and son of John Kidd and Ruth Parish/Farish²⁴² of Albemarle County, VA
James⁴ (John³, William², Thomas¹) Kidd
Born in Granville County, NC on 22 April 1766, per his pension application²⁴³
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:²⁴⁴

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 February 1886, probably Nelson County)
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 Parish/Farish²⁴⁵** 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

²⁴² Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

²⁴³ From his Revolutionary War pension application, filed in 1832 in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA. See [Appendix 4](#).

²⁴⁴ 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.

²⁴⁵ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

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 Parish/Farish.** A third brother **John Norman Kidd** died in Amherst County in 1795 before the founding of Nelson County in 1807.

See [Appendix 4](#) for a transcript of this pension application.

James Kidd's Revolutionary War pension application states he was born in Granville County, NC in 1766. Searches for Granville County records for the 1760s find two Kidd men:

A **John Kidd** is the defendant in a 1765 court case suit for trespass, titled John Blackley v John Kidd. The plaintiff not appearing, the jury found for the defendant Kidd, awarding him court costs.²⁴⁶

A James Kidd appears on the 1764-65 tax list with 1 white tithe, and on the 1766-67 tax list, with 1 white tithe, no black tithes. It is possible that this James Kidd is the same James Kidd of Lunenburg and Mecklenburg Counties VA, which border Granville County, NC. In 1765, James Kidd, as a witness in Lunenburg County, was ordered to be paid for his travel coming from the "Carolina line" to the courthouse.

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.²⁴⁷ 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

²⁴⁶ Granville County NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 6 August 1765, p 137, in Granville County NC Court Petitions, 1754-1764. Family Search # 008196650, Item 1, image 108 of 156.

²⁴⁷ Found in Albemarle County, 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.]

(signed) 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 # ²⁴⁸
1787	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	108
1788	not listed				149-150
1789	not listed ²⁴⁹				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 January 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.²⁵⁰ 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.²⁵¹

A **James Kidd** appears on a list of Insolvents in Albemarle County, VA in this year.²⁵² He may have not been living in Albemarle County in 1788 or 1789.

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

²⁴⁸ 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).

²⁴⁹ 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.

²⁵⁰ *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 County Will Book 4, page 51. Also cited and abstracted in the book by Estelle King (see Secondary Sources).

²⁵¹ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 429.

²⁵² *The Virginia Genealogist*, 19:192, 1975.

gives her own consent. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and John Kidd (likely James Kidd's brother John Norman Kidd).²⁵³

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.²⁵⁴

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.²⁵⁵

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.²⁵⁶

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 # ²⁵⁷
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

²⁵³ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

²⁵⁴ *Albemarle County, Virginia Deeds, 1791-1793*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1997, p. 50.

²⁵⁵ *ibid*, pp. 49-50.

²⁵⁶ *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.

²⁵⁷ 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. We believe that all the earlier records above belong to James Kidd Sr., and that the appearance of a second James Kidd made these descriptors necessary to distinguish James Sr. (Rockfish) from the newcomer, i.e James (Buffaloe).

[The Rockfish River is a 28.7-mile-long tributary of the James River; it courses from north to 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.]

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.²⁵⁸

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.²⁵⁹ 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.

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.²⁶⁰

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 June 1804. Original delivered to **James Kidd** on 7 January 1808. No witnesses given.^{261, 262}

[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.

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 County 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.²⁶³

²⁵⁸ *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 County DB I, p. 315.

²⁵⁹ 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.

²⁶⁰ *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 County DB K, p. 60.

²⁶¹ *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.

²⁶² Amherst County VA Deed Book K, p. 86, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007. Her transcription does not include the sales price.

²⁶³ 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.

James Kidd, Hudson C. Kidd, and Camell [likely Campbell] Kidd were among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly dated 1 December 1808, protesting the conduct of the officials of the new county in setting up the county government. [Note: all the signatures in the column containing the Kidd men were signed in the same handwriting.]²⁶⁴

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, 1839²⁶⁵

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
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		

²⁶⁴ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, image 49. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, image 49.

²⁶⁵ Nelson County, Virginia PPTLs, 1809-1845, FHL #1870172, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
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:²⁶⁶

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 1816.²⁶⁷

1816 – On 7 Sept 1816, a marriage bond for J.D. Dunkard [Drinkard/Drinkhard?] and M.A. Kidd [likely James and Lucy's daughter Mary Ann] was issued in Nelson County. The bondsman was **James Kidd**, and the minister was John Shepherd, who performed the wedding on the following day.²⁶⁸ Another transcription of this record lists the groom's name as J.D. Lankford.²⁶⁹

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.²⁷⁰

²⁶⁶ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson County, VA."

²⁶⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 372-3. Scanned images of this deed are available from RK.

²⁶⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

²⁶⁹ *Lynchburg, Virginia and Nelson County Virginia wills, deeds and marriages, 1807-1831*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1985, p. 159.

²⁷⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1817-001

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.²⁷¹

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.²⁷²

1826 – On 28 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 1826.²⁷³

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 Lovingston in Nelson County, VA.²⁷⁴ See [Appendix 4](#) 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 [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].²⁷⁵

²⁷¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-012

²⁷² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson County Sources folder.

²⁷³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

²⁷⁴ Images of his pension record are available at Fold3.com: <http://www.fold3.com/image/#25014059>

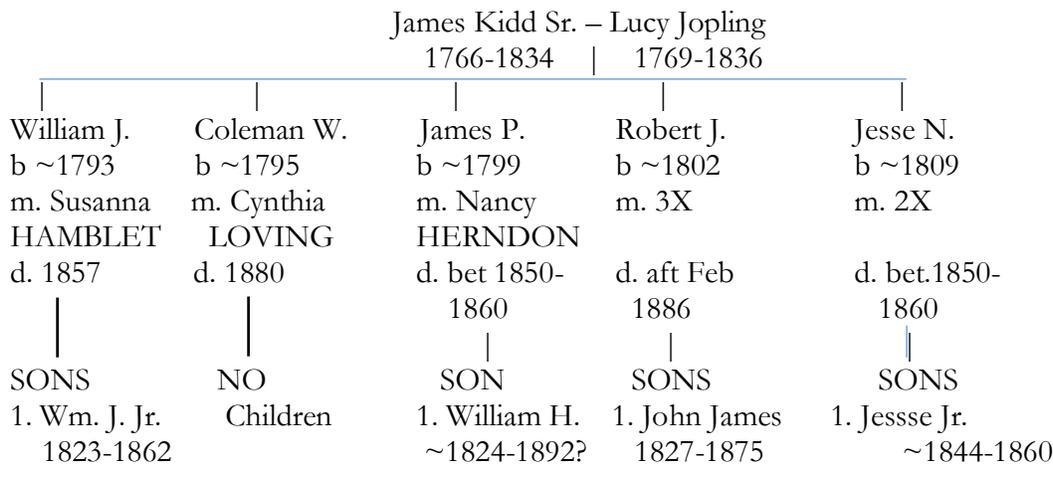
²⁷⁵ Fold3.com: *Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864*.

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.

- 1833 – An abstract of the pension application of Richard Hare Sr., of Nelson County, 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.²⁷⁶
- 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.²⁷⁷ 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.²⁷⁸ No other records pertaining to his estate are listed in the General Index to Nelson County Wills.²⁷⁹ 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.²⁸⁰

The schematic Family Chart below depicts the five proven sons of James and Lucy Jopling Kidd, and their known male Kidd grandchildren:



²⁷⁶ *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.

²⁷⁷ 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.

²⁷⁸ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 294, citing Nelson County WB D, p. 491. Scanned images of this performance bond are available in the Nelson County Wills subfolder.

²⁷⁹ A scanned image of the Kidd section of this index is available in the Source Documents folder.

²⁸⁰ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org.

2. Robert C.
1830-1901

2. William C.
1832-??
3. Lewis C.
1847-??

2. James A.
~1846-p.1880
3. Robert M.
~1848-1893
4. John/George
~1850-
5. Charles Alexander
1852-1930

JAMES P. KIDD, the son of James and Lucy Kidd of Nelson County, VA

Born abt 1799

Died between 1850-1860

Was of age by 1815 when he witnessed a trust deed in Nelson County, VA

Married Nancy Herndon in 1822 and moved to Warren County, 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

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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 1816.²⁸¹

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.

1822 – **James P. Kidd** married Nancy Herndon on 31 January 1822 in Nelson County, VA.²⁸²

Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Richard Herndon, and the minister as James Boyd.²⁸³ The license was issued on 28 January, and the wedding performed on 31 January 1822.²⁸⁴

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

²⁸¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 372-3. Scanned images of this deed are available in Dropbox.

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.

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.²⁸⁵

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 County, 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, 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 1823.²⁸⁶

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.²⁸⁷ [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 __,

²⁸⁵ Nelson County 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.

²⁸⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:503.

²⁸⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-059

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.²⁸⁸

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 1823.²⁸⁹

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 1826.²⁹⁰

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 County, 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 County, 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.

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.²⁹¹

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.

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. Coleman W. Kidd received a distribution of \$101.88 for

²⁸⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:178-179.

²⁸⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:355-356.

²⁹⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

²⁹¹ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

his mother Lucy Kidd, representing Lucy's share of her mother Martha Jopling's inheritance from Martha's father Ralph Jopling.²⁹²

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 CROW²⁹³

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 County, 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 CROW²⁹⁴

“ , 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.

²⁹² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img ,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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 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 the Jopling descendants

²⁹³ Cannot read or write.

²⁹⁴ Cannot read or write.

JESSE N. KIDD – the son of James Kidd Sr. and Lucy Jopling; named in Lucy Jopling Kidd’s 1841 estate records, along with his siblings, William J., Coleman W., James P., Robert J. and Sarah Ann Kidd

Born by 1807²⁹⁵, most likely in Amherst County²⁹⁶

Married 1) Mary Ann Stratton in Amherst County in 1831; married 2) Martha 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 1828.²⁹⁷ 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.

²⁹⁵ 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.

²⁹⁶ His father was definitely in Amherst County, listed on the PPTLs there, from 1800-1811. Jesse first appears on the Nelson County PPTLs in 1830, so was born by 1809. And his age at the time of the 1850 census was 40 years.

²⁹⁷ *Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985.

1842	Jesse N.
1843	Jesse N.
1844	
1845	Jesse N.
1846	Jesse W. Sr [Jesse N?]

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 December 1831.²⁹⁸

According to an abstract of this marriage record, the parent (or guardian) of the bride was A. Stratton, the security for the marriage bond was Robert R. Pamplin, and the witness was William Stratton.²⁹⁹ The person officiating was A. B. Davies.³⁰⁰

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.³⁰¹

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.³⁰²

Jesse had evidently previously borrowed money from his brother Coleman W. Kidd, and his share was credited to Coleman W. Kidd.

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. Coleman W. Kidd 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.³⁰³

²⁹⁸ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriage Data*, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst, VA, 1965, page K2.

²⁹⁹ Register of Marriages, Amherst County, 1763-1853, page 316 (a section of this register listing Ministers' Returns), retrieved from FHL #30273, image 604 via familysearch.org (restricted access).

³⁰⁰ *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.

³⁰¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³⁰² Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

³⁰³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img ,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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

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 1843.³⁰⁴

1843 – **Jesse N. Kidd** married Martha A. Williams in Amherst County, Virginia on 7 February 1843.³⁰⁵

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

" , 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:

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 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 the Jopling descendants

³⁰⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

³⁰⁵ "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 February 1843; citing Amherst County, Virginia, reference p 379; FHL microfilm 30,273.

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 certificate³⁰⁶ lists his father as **Jesse Nicholas Kidd**, born in "Amherst or Nelson County, VA," and his mother as Martha Ann Williams, born in Amherst County, VA. [Note: This is the only reference to a middle name of Nicholas for Jesse N. Kidd.]

JOHN KIDD(s) – There were at least FOUR John Kidds in Nelson County between 1790 and 1850; we list them here in order of their or their family's chronological appearance in Nelson County:

1. **John Norman Kidd (1758, Albemarle County – 1795, Albemarle or Amherst County), the son of John³ Kidd and his wife Ruth Parish**
2. **[Early John Kidd](#) (~1775 – aft ___), identity currently unknown**
3. **[John W. Kidd](#) (~1805 – 1867), brother of Pleasant E. Kidd (parents unknown)**
4. **[John James Kidd](#) (1827-1875, the son of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin**

JOHN NORMAN KIDD, the son of John³ Kidd and his wife Ruth Parish/Farish (named in his father's 1785 will in Albemarle County, VA).

John Norman⁴ (John³, William², Thomas¹) Kidd

Born 19 September 1758 in Albemarle County

Married Jeriah/Juriah [maiden name unknown], likely in Albemarle or Amherst Cos

Died before 20 July 1795 in Amherst County (Nelson County was not formed until 1807)

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 Parish/Farish** 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.

Two daughters are named in his will: Amy/Anney, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.^{307 308} and Ruth, about whom nothing more is known.

³⁰⁶ Virginia Death Records, 1912-2014, on Ancestry.com. An image of his death certificate is found there.

³⁰⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

³⁰⁸ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

1758 – On 19 Sept 1758, **Norman Kidd**, son of John Kid and Ruth Parish, was born in Albemarle County, VA. He was baptized 15 October 1758 by the Rev. William Douglas, St. James, Northam Parish.³⁰⁹

1780 – **J'no N. Kidd** enlisted in the Revolutionary War at Chesterfield County, VA. His age was not given, but his occupation was given as shoemaker, and his place of birth and his residence both given as Albemarle County. His physical appearance was described as: hair light brown, eyes gray, and complexion fair. He was enlisted 18 September 1780 for a period of 1 year, 6 months.^{310 311}

1782-1784 – **John Norman Kidd** appears on the Albemarle County PPTLs from 1782 (the first year for which these records are available) through 1784, with his name given as:

1782 – Norman Kidd

1783 – John N. Kidd

1784 – John Norman Kidd

1785 – **John Norman Kidd** is named in the Albemarle County will of his father John Kidd written 11 March 1785 and proven September 1785. Along with his brother William, he received an equal share of a bequest of land belonging to his mother Ruth's grandfather Henry Atkinson lying on Turkey Creek in Hanover County.³¹²

John Norman Kidd drops from the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1785, and appears in Amherst County PPTLs alongside William Kidd, likely his brother, starting in 1786.

1785 – Fluvanna County Court October 1785. On the motion of **John Norman Kidd**, a witness for Thomas Devard and Thomas Appleberry at the suit of Richard Blanks assignee etc, the court ordered that Devard and Appleberry pay him 581 lb of tobacco for five days attendance at this court and once coming 26 miles from Albemarle County and returning and twice coming 24 miles from the county of Amherst and returning as the law directs.³¹³

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

³⁰⁹ *The Douglas Register*, p. 230, citing p. 53 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

³¹⁰ Two Kidds—William Kidd of Essex County and John N. Kidd of Albemarle County--are named in the transcription of "The Chesterfield Size Roll: Soldiers Who Entered the Continental Line of Virginia at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 September 1780," transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris, Library of Virginia accession 23816. Roll of troops who joined at Chesterfield Courthouse since 1780. Transcribed from bound photocopies. Revised 23 May 2012. For the full transcription and more information about how this list was compiled, see <http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf>

³¹¹ "The Chesterfield Supplement: Some Revolutionary War soldiers who enlisted at Chesterfield Virginia after 1 September 1780," *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, October 1966, Vol. 4, No. 4, p. 77. Only John N. Kidd is included in the *Quarterly* article, and only information listed is place of birth and residence, both given as Albemarle County.

³¹² Albemarle County VA Will Book 3, pp. 4-5.

³¹³ Fluvanna County Order Book, 1783-1791, p. 225 (from FHL #31476, reviewed by RK at the Bellevue, WA FHC on 7/2/2013).

defendant **John**, for the debt in the declaration, unless the defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.³¹⁴

Amherst County Court May 1786. John Thurmond, Plaintiff, against William Kidd and **John Norman Kidd**, Defendants. In Debt. Came the plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid, whereupon Joseph Lively and Thomas Nevil personally appeared and became Special Bail for the said defendants, whereupon the defendants by John Breckenridge Gent their attorney saith that they have paid the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, and of that they put themselves on their Country and the plaintiff doth the same therefore the trial of the Issue between them is referred till the next Court.³¹⁵

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 1786.³¹⁶

1786-1794 – **John N. Kidd** first appears on the Amherst County PPTLs, with 1 white tithe and 1 slave under 16. Also appearing for the first time is his likely brother William Kidd, with 1 white tithe. Since their father John died in Albemarle County in 1785, it is likely his death triggered the move of his sons John Norman and William to Amherst County. [No Kidds are listed on the Amherst PPTLs for the years 1782-1785.]

Through 1793, **John Norman Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs each year with 1 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 and died in 1795 (see will below).

1787 – Amherst County Court, the Eighth of March 1787. William Wood, Plaintiff, against **John Norman Kidd**, Defendant. In debt. The defendant not being arrested on the motion of the plaintiff, John Breckenridge Gent his attorney, an *Alias Capias* [warrant from the court for the defendant to appear] is awarded him against the said Defendant redeemable to the next term.³¹⁷

Amherst County Court August 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

³¹⁴ 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.

³¹⁵ Amherst County Order Book 1784-1787, p 486.

³¹⁶ 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.

³¹⁷ Amherst County Order Book, 1786-1789, p. 182.

paid. And the plaintiffs agree to stay execution on this judgment till November next.³¹⁸

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.³¹⁹

1788 – On 9 May 1788, in a complaint over a debt filed in Amherst County: Campbell & Kingston, assignee of John Baisden who was assigned of Leonard Phillips, Plaintiffs, against **John Norman Kidd**, deft, in debt.

Came the Plaintiffs by John Breckenridge their Attorney, the Defendant being duly arrested and failing to appear, order is granted the Plaintiff against the said Defendant and William Kidd and James Kidd his common bail for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned, unless the said Defendant shall appear in the next [court?] and plead to Issue.³²⁰ [James Kidd and William Kidd were brothers of John Norman Kidd.]

Amherst County Court August 1788. **John Norman Kidd**, Plaintiff vs. John Bradshaw, Defendant} Trespass, Assault, and Battery. This case is continued between the parties till the next Term.³²¹

Note that **William Kidd** of Amherst County also sued John Bradshaw in 1788. See his section of this paper.

Amherst County Court October 1788. Thompson & Teas, Plt vs. **John Norman Kidd**, Dft} On a Petition by Note. The defendant having been duly notified, failed to appear... judgment is granted against the said defendant for the sum of £1.14.3 with legal interest from 1 April 1786 till paid, plus their costs.³²²

1790 – Amherst County Court May 1790. **John Norman Kidd**, Pltf against John Bradshaw, Deft} Trespass, Assault & Battery. This suit is dismissed.³²³

On 29 December 1790, James Kidd and Lucy Jopling obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County, VA. The bondsman was Michael Thomas, and witness was Cary M. Carter. Lucy 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].³²⁴

³¹⁸ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

³¹⁹ Ibid.

³²⁰ Amherst County, Virginia Court Order Book, 1786-1789, p 465.

³²¹ Ibid, p. 310.

³²² FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 365.

³²³ Amherst Order Book, 1786-1789, page 310, retrieved from FHL #32265, item 2, image 357.

³²⁴ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1793 – Amherst County Court March 1793. On the motion of **Norman Kidd** [and other witnesses], it is ordered that Coleman Garland Wright, Frances Wright, and Robert Henderson pay such of them twenty-five pounds of gross tobacco for their attendance at this Court one day as witnesses for them [Wrights and Henderson] in the motion against Tilman Walton.³²⁵

1795 – The will of **Jno. Norman Kidd**, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795³²⁶ in Amherst County, names his wife Juriah Kidd and his daughters Amy and Ruth Kidd. He named his wife Juriah and his brother William Kidd his executrix and executor. Witnesses were Tillman Walton, Mary Mills, & Obedience Kidd.³²⁷

[Note: Whether the Obedience Kidd who witnessed this will is related to John Norman Kidd is unknown.]

This will is followed in the Will Book by an Executor's Bond for Juriah Kidd, in the sum of £100; her securities were John Newman and William Wood.

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:

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

Early JOHN KIDD, identity unknown

Born bet. 1771-1780³²⁸

Married Juda/Judith Saunders in Nelson County in 1813

Last record for him in Nelson County is his entry on the 1848 PPTL

Nothing further known at this time

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:³²⁹

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(?)³³⁰ 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

³²⁵ Amherst County Order Book, 1790-1794, p 509.

³²⁶ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

³²⁷ *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

³²⁸ This approximate range of birth years is based upon his age listed on the 1820 and 1830 federal census lists: over 44 in 1820, and 50-59 in 1830.

³²⁹ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson County, VA.”

³³⁰ 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.

1813 – **John Kidd** married J. Saunders in Nelson County on 12 July 1813. The bondsman was William C. Kidd.³³¹ [This William C. Kidd was born abt 1788; we’re unsure who his parents were.] If he is the same John that is listed on the 1810 federal census above, then this is likely his second or later wife.

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.”³³²

1815-1848 – Beginning in 1815, a **John Kidd** appears almost annually on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs through 1848. He does not appear in 1849 or 1850, the last two years we’ve checked. 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		
1849		Drops from list			

³³¹ *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 County Source Documents folder, Marriages subfolder.

³³² An image of this death record can be found in the Nelson County Death Records subfolder on Dropbox.

- 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 William J. Kidd.
John Kidd – 1M 50-59; 1F 10-14 & 1 40-49. No slaves.
- 1840 – Despite the PPTLs noted above, we have not found John Kidd on the 1840 federal census in Nelson or adjacent counties.

The following records could be either for this John Kidd or for John W. Kidd:

- 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.³³³
- 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 March 24, 1845.³³⁴

JOHN W. KIDD, the brother of Pleasant E. Kidd
Born ca 1805, likely in Albemarle County, parents not known
Married Margaret McClure in 1834 in Nelson County
Blacksmith by profession
Died abt 1866 in Albemarle County

A descendant of John W. Kidd through his son Benjamin Wood Kidd is a close match in the Kidd Y-DNA project to other descendants of Thomas I Kidd. However, Y-DNA results alone cannot prove the parents of John W. Kidd.

- 1826 – An Albemarle County marriage bond was issued to Mary Ann Kidd and George Wood on 27 November 1826. They were married on 29 November 1826 by John Shepherd, minister.³³⁵
The bondsman was **John W. Kidd**, who also affirms that Mary Ann Kidd was over 21.

³³³ 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.

³³⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:154.

³³⁵ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, p. 532, citing Albemarle Marr. Reg., 1806-1868, fol. 37.

Mary Ann gives her own written consent. Witnesses were A. Barksdale and **John W. Kidd**.³³⁶

1830-1832 – A **John W. Kidd** appears for the first time on the 1830 Nelson County, VA PPTLs, taxed for his own tithe and one horse. (He may be the “John Kidd Jr.” who appeared there in 1828.) Not listed in 1831, he appears again on the 1832 Nelson County PPTLs.

1834 – On 15 December 1834, **John Kidd** married Margaret McClure in Nelson County, VA.³³⁷ Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Alexander Roberts and gives the date of the marriage as 18 December 1834.³³⁸ A third abstract shows the marriage license issued on 15 December 1834.³³⁹ Although no middle initial appears in this record, we know from the subsequent Nelson County Chancery Court records that this was indeed John W. Kidd.

1835-1851 – in this year, a second John Kidd, listed as **John W. Kidd**, joins the John Kidd who was on the Albemarle County PPTL in 1834. John W. Kidd is taxed for more slaves and personal property than is the other John Kidd. John W. Kidd appears annually on the Albemarle County PPTLs through 1851, the last year of these tax lists that we've examined.

YEAR	NAME	TITHES	OTHER
1835B	John W.	1 tithe, 2 young slaves, 1 horse	
1836B	John W.	1 tithe, 2 young slaves, 1 horse	
1837B	Jno W.	1 tithe, 2 young slaves	
1838B	Jno W.	1 tithe, 1 adult slave, 2 young slaves	
1839B	Jno W.	1 tithe, 1 adult slave, 1 young slave	
1840B	Jno W.	1 tithe, 1 adult slave, 2 young slaves	
1841B	Jno W. [+]	2 tithes, 1 adult slave, 2 young slaves, 1 horse	[see footnote] ³⁴⁰
1842B	John W.	1 tithe, 1 adult slave, 2 young slaves, 1 horse	
1843B	John W.	1 tithe, 1 adult slave, 2 young slaves, 1 horse	

³³⁶ Ibid, citing “B/C Papers, 1822-1829.”

³³⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

³³⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

³³⁹ *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 County, 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.

³⁴⁰ In 1841, the 'plus sign' + appears by his name, when he has 2 white tithes. A notation of the PPTLs indicates + means additional white tithes. On some entries this year, but not John W. Kidd's, the notation reads “+son”.

YEAR	NAME	TITHES	OTHER
1844B	John W.	1 tithe, 1 adult slave, 2 young slaves, 1 horse	
1845B	John W.	1 tithe, 4 adult slaves, 1 young slave, 1 horse	\$30 carryalls and horses of value
1846B	John W.	1 tithe, 5 adult slaves, 1 young slave, 1 horse	Geo M. Woods list, St. Ann's parish
1847B	John W.	1 tithe, 3 adult slaves, 1 young slave, 2 horses	
1848B	John W.	1 tithe, 4 adult slaves, 1 young slave, 1 horse	\$40, one 4-wheeled vehicle
1849B	John W.	1 tithe, 4 adult slaves, 2 horses	\$50 pleasure carriage
1850B	John M.	1 tithe, 1 horse	[no slaves listed]
1850B	John W.	1 tithe, 4 adult slaves, 1 horse	Ira Harris list
1851B	John W.	1 tithe, 4 adult slaves, 1 horse	

- 1835 – A marriage bond in Albemarle County was issued 21 December 1835 for the marriage of Charles Kidd and Malinda Kidd, Reuben L. Coleman, minister. Bondsman was **John Kidd**, who also affirmed that Malinda was over 21 years of age. Witness was William W. Tompkins.³⁴¹ It is likely, but not proven, that this is John W. Kidd.
- 1838 – A marriage bond in Albemarle County was issued 22 December 1838 for the marriage of Sarah Kidd and John Clarke.³⁴² Bondsman was **John W. Kidd**, witness was Ira Garrett. Sarah Kidd (evidently the mother of the bride) gave her consent, indicating that the bride was not yet 21 years old. Witnessing this affidavit was G.M. Kidd [possibly George M. Kidd].³⁴³
- 1839 – A marriage bond in Albemarle County was issued 25 November 1839 for the marriage of Charlotte Kidd and John R. Houchens, John S. Abell, minister; marriage date 2 December 1839.³⁴⁴ Bondsman **John W. Kidd**; witness John T. Ford; d [daughter of] Sarah Kidd, who gives her consent. Witnesses **John W. Kidd** and Elizabeth Kidd.³⁴⁵
- 1840 – On the federal census in Albemarle County VA, St. Anne's Parish:
John W. Kidd – 2WM<5 & 1 30-39; 1F<5, 1 20-29 & 1 30-39. Four slaves.
 Three employed in Mfg. & Trade.
 (The female age 20-29 is likely Margaret's sister Mildred, who was also living with them in 1850, below.)

³⁴¹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

³⁴² *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, p. 532, citing Albemarle Marriage Register, 1808-1868, folio 74.

³⁴³ *Ibid*, citing B/C Papers, 1837-1842.

³⁴⁴ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, p. 532, citing Albemarle Marriage Register, 1808-1868.

³⁴⁵ *Ibid*, citing "B/C papers, 1837-1842."

1849 – On 1 June 1849, Gabriel L. Harper and Sarah T. his wife of the county of Albemarle sold to **John W. Kidd** of the same place for \$400 a parcel of land in Albemarle County on the waters of Ivy Creek (description of metes and bounds, omitted here) containing one rod and twenty-three poles. This deed was admitted to record on 3 June 1850.³⁴⁶

1850 – On the federal census in Albemarle County VA, p. 231A, HH 1086:

Kidd, John W. 45MW blacksmith \$500 VA

" , Margaret 46FW VA

" , John 14MW VA attended school within the year

" , Julia 12FW VA attended school within the year

" , Benjamin 10MW VA attended school within the year

McClure, Mildred 28FW VA (This is likely Margaret's sister Mildred, who likely lived with them in 1840, above.)

On the 1850 census, **John W. Kidd** had five slaves, ranging in age from an infant to 35 years.

On 9 November 1850, P. E. [Pleasant E.] Kidd, with **John W. Kidd** apparently as his security, entered into a bond with Hudson Burton in the amount of \$151. By 5 July 1851, the amount due had been reduced by partial payments to \$75.90, bearing interest from that time till paid.³⁴⁷ Burton subsequently assigned this note to John Wood Jr, who assigned it to David Hansborough on 7 March 1861; Hansborough then wrote to John W. Kidd seeking payment.³⁴⁸ In a letter dated 23 March 1861, John W. Kidd, of Ivy Depot in Albemarle County, replied to Hansborough,³⁴⁹ stating that he thought the note had been paid, reading in part ... "When my brother left the state, had I known the note was unpaid, I could have had it settled." ... [Note: Pleasant E. Kidd migrated to Missouri before 1854.]

Hansborough then sued John W. Kidd and his heirs for payment of this debt, filing his suit in Albemarle County Court on 19 November 1862; a final decree was issued 14 May 1864 in favor of Hansborough, the Plaintiff.

1851 – He is likely the **John Kidd** who was among several men acting as Security for Paul Tilman Jr.'s Guardian's Bond, in the amount of \$4,000 dated 3 November 1851, for the care of Samuel Powell's orphans Walter M., Thomas A. and Eliza A. Powell (all over 14 years of age). Security: B.B. Garth, John T. Wood, Wm. P. Jarman and **John Kidd**.³⁵⁰

On the [blank] day of December 1851, Charles Baily of Albemarle County sold to **John W. Kidd** of the same place, for \$2500, the tract of land upon which Baily was living (reserving only one-eighth acre including the graveyard near the house for burial purposes for himself and such of his family as may desire there to be buried) (metes and bounds description omitted)...containing by survey ...184 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. This deed was recorded on 1 March 1852.³⁵¹

³⁴⁶ Albemarle County Deed Book 48, pages 445-446, retrieved from FHL #30247, images 247-248 via familysearch.org.

³⁴⁷ Information about this suit can be found online in Albemarle County Chancery Court Case 1876-008, images 34-36 and images 58-59, among others.

³⁴⁸ Ibid, image 34.

³⁴⁹ Ibid, image 58.

³⁵⁰ *Guardian Bonds of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1783-1852*, by Mary Catherine Murphy, 1968, citing Guardian Bonds Vol. 3, p. 248

³⁵¹ Albemarle County, VA Deed Book 50, page 298, retrieved from FHL #30248, image 155 via familysearch.org.

1855 – On 24 December 1855, **John W. Kidd** and Margaret his wife sold to Nathan G. Houchens, for \$300, a tract of land in Albemarle County adjacent to the lands of Miss McGehee, [Y? or S?] Harper and B. Wood (metes and bounds description omitted) and containing by survey 15 acres. John W. and Margaret both signed this deed, which was recorded on 29 November 1859.³⁵²

1855-1866 – **John W. Kidd** is found on the 1855 Albemarle County LTL, in James Fry's district.³⁵³ In 1855, he was taxed on four parcels of land, all of them fee simple, shown in the Table below:

Acres	Name of tract	Description	Dist fm CH
1	-	Woodville	W 7
15	-	Morgantown	W 8
¼	1R 23 poles	Residence, Woodville	W 8
188¾	-	Mechum's River	W 9

He subsequently appears annually on the Albemarle County LTLs through 1866, with only minor variations in the details recorded:

His 1858 listing showed a decrease in the acreage of the Mechum's River parcel by 5 acres, with no note as to why.³⁵⁴

In 1860, the 15-acre parcel drops from his taxable holdings; an accompanying note in the Alterations column is difficult to decipher, but appears to say, "Off 15 acres chg'd to Jno. W. Kidd (illegible) to B----- (illegible) Parish(?)."

The only other variations observed from 1856 through 1866 were minor variations in the distance of one or more of these parcels from the Courthouse, never varying more than one mile. See 1866, below.

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).³⁵⁵

1860 – On the federal census in Albemarle County VA, St. Anne's Parish, Charlottesville P.O., p. 138, HH 1030/1021:

Kidd, Margaret 58FW VA

" , Judy [Julia] 22FW VA

" , Ben 20MW laborer VA

McClure, Mildred 50FW VA

Kidd, John W. 56MW farmer \$3920/\$7450 VA

³⁵² Albemarle County, VA Deed Book 58, page 286, retrieved from FHL #30252, image 172 via familysearch.org.

³⁵³ FHL #1889152, image 75, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access). The LTLs for the years prior to 1855 have not been digitized by the Family History Library, so they're not available online at this time.

³⁵⁴ FHL #1889153, image 246, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁵⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1859-011

On the 1860 slave census, **John W. Kidd** has nine slaves ranging in age from 1 to 45 years. The ages of the three oldest slaves (two adult males and one adult female) are consistent with the ages of the three oldest in 1850.

1866-1875 – **John W. Kidd** appears for the last time on the Albemarle County LTLs in 1866.³⁵⁶

On 20 Sept 1866,³⁵⁷ James Lobban, a wealthy landowner in Albemarle County,³⁵⁸ sold to **J. W. Kidd** in his lifetime and to B. W. Kidd a certain tract of land in Albemarle County near Ivy Depot, adjoining the lands of Benjamin Wood and others called “Gillums”, containing about 189 ½ acres. Lobban sold this land by contract, with five equal installments due annually on 20 September of 1867-1871. As seen below, this contract and the breach thereof resulted in a Chancery Court case in 1871.

1866-1875 – **John W. Kidd** died sometime after the execution of the above deed, but before the 1867 Albemarle County Land Tax List was made.

In 1867, his estate is listed, charged for the same three parcels as before.³⁵⁹ His estate continues to be listed annually through 1875, the last year that we have examined. The 1871 LTL was the first to record the Albemarle township of each entry; John W.’s three remaining parcels were all in Samuel Miller Township.³⁶⁰ In 1873, the two small parcels (of ¼ acre and 1 acre) drop from his entry, with no explanation.³⁶¹ In reviewing the Alterations column for the rests of this township, we discovered the two parcels listed among the taxable land owned by “Wood & Price,” with the notation “Trans. From **Jno. W. Kidd Est.**” These two parcels were listed as lying in Ivy Depot, 7 miles west of the Courthouse.³⁶²

1867 – On 17 December 1867, Margaret Kidd, the widow of **John W. Kidd**, and their three children executed a deed in Albemarle County that is complicated, but contains valuable information about the family. Below is a transcription of this deed:³⁶³

Whereas, on the 18th day of August 1858, **John W. Kidd** and Margaret his wife conveyed by deed to John S. Woodson and William A. Woodson, all their interest in certain real estate, situated in Woodville, in the county of Albemarle, in consideration of the sum of \$800, but the said deed was never admitted to record, and whereas the said **John W. Kidd** has died intestate, leaving his widow Mrs. Margaret Kidd and his children Benjamin W. Kidd, Julia Kidd, and John M. Kidd, his heirs at law, and whereas the sum of \$258, the balance of the purchase money for the said real estate has been paid by John S. Woodson to the heirs of the said **John W. Kidd**, deceased, and whereas the said John S. Woodson (with the consent of the said William A. Woodson) has sold the said real estate to Charles H. Price and

³⁵⁶ Albemarle County, VA Land Tax Books, 1865-1870, retrieved from FHL #1889155, image 115 via familysearch.org.

³⁵⁷ This deed does not appear in the Albemarle County General Index to Deeds; perhaps this is because Lobban retained ownership, waiting until the final payment had been made, and with John W. Kidd’s death within the first year of the contract, the payments ceased, and the deed was never filed.

³⁵⁸ The General Index of Deeds for Albemarle County, VA contains dozens of deeds in his name.

³⁵⁹ Ibid, image 205.

³⁶⁰ FHL #1889156, image 20, viewable online via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁶¹ Ibid, image 305.

³⁶² Ibid, image 311.

³⁶³ Albemarle County, VA Deed Book 66, pages 28-30, retrieved from FHL #1889080, images 387-388 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

Thomas W. Wood: Now this deed, made this 17th day of December 1867, between Margaret Kidd, Benjamin W. Kidd, Julia Kidd, John M. Kidd, John S. Woodson, and Sally C. his wife, and William A. Woodson and Sally his wife ...in consideration of the sum of \$1258 (paid to the said John S. Woodson, the said Margaret Kidd, Benjamin W. Kidd and Alice B. his wife, Julia Kidd, John M. Kidd, John S. Woodson and Sally C. his wife, and William A. Woodson and Sally A. his wife, do grant unto the said Charles H. Price and Thomas M. Wood ...that certain real estate, lying in the county of Albemarle at Ivy Depot (formerly known as Woodville), it being the same real estate bought by **John W. Kidd** in his lifetime of Gabriel S. Harper and Sarah T. his wife.

This deed was signed by all parties. It was admitted to record in Albemarle County on 11 February 1871.

1870 – On 1 February 1870, John M. Kidd of Albemarle County executed a deed of trust to the Albemarle Builders Association in order to secure a bond owed to them. In doing so, John M. Kidd put up his undivided one-third interest in a tract of land near Mechum's River in the County of Albemarle, containing 180 acres, more or less, "upon which his father **John W. Kidd** lived, from whom he inherited said interest in said tract of land." This deed was recorded on 2 February 1870³⁶⁴

1870 – **John W. Kidd's** family is found on the federal census in Samuel Miller township, Albemarle County, VA, Mechums River P.O., page 484, HH 604/608" [mis-indexed at Ancestry.com as Red]

Kid, Margaret 68FW keeping house VA

" , Alice 30FW at home VA [wife of Benjamin W. Kidd]

" , Emmet L. 3MW VA [Benjamin and Alice's son]

" , Jno. W. 1MW VA

" , Julia 30FW at home VA

1871 – On 24 June 1871, Margaret Kidd, a resident of Samuel Miller township, Albemarle County, and a householder and head of family, took advantage of the Act of Assembly called the Homestead Act, selected and set apart "as a homestead for myself and family, ...the tract of land whereon I now live, lying near Mechanics River, known as the home place, being the same tract of land bought by **Jno. W. Kidd** from Charles Bailey ...containing 180³/₄ acres, and worth about \$2000."

Margaret signed this deed, and it was recorded on 26 June 1871.³⁶⁵

1871 – In the fall of 1871, James Lobban, a wealthy landowner in Albemarle County,³⁶⁶ filed a suit in Albemarle Chancery Court against the heirs of **John W. Kidd**.³⁶⁷ In his suit, he stated that on the 20th day of September 1866,³⁶⁸ he sold to **J. W. Kidd** in his lifetime and to B. W. Kidd [John W. Kidd's son] a certain tract of land in Albemarle County near Ivy Depot adjoining

³⁶⁴ Albemarle County, VA Deed Book 64, pages 598-599, retrieved from FHL #1889079, images 444-445 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁶⁵ Ibid, DB 66, page 342, retrieved from FHL #1889080, images 564 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁶⁶ The General Index of Deeds for Albemarle County, VA contains dozens of deeds in his name.

³⁶⁷ Albemarle County, VA Chancery Court Case 1876-008, images 37-41, retrieved via special order from the Archives Division of the Library of Virginia. This is a long record, comprising 166 digital images. It is not yet online; copies of cited images can be obtained from the authors.

³⁶⁸ This deed does not appear in the Albemarle County General Index to Deeds; this is likely because Lobban retained ownership, until the final payment had been made; with John W. Kidd's death within the first year of the contract, the payments ceased and the deed evidently never filed.

the lands of Benjamin Wood and others called "Gillums", containing about 189 1/2 acres. Lobban stated that he sold the said tract of land to the said **J. W. Kidd** and B. W. Kidd and gave them possession of the same, but retained the title to said land till the purchase money should be paid thereon; and that the said **J. W. Kidd** and B. W. Kidd agreed to pay to him for said land the sum of \$2653 payable in five equal annual installments with interest from date and executed their five bonds to him for \$530.60 each, dated the said 20th September 1866 and payable on the 20th day of September 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871, with interest from said date, of which only one had been paid by 1871.

Soon after this 1866 transaction, **John W. Kidd** died intestate.³⁶⁹ Evidently no one petitioned the Albemarle County Court for letters of administration of his estate, and thus this role went to Jas. C. Childress, the Sheriff of Albemarle County at the time. Lobban sued Childress as J. W. Kidd's administrator for the unpaid notes. In the suit, Lobban cited the other tracts of land owned by J. W. Kidd at the time of his death, asking that they be exposed to sale, if necessary, to satisfy the debts owed him.

The Chancery suit lists **J. W. Kidd's** heirs: his widow Mrs. Margaret Kidd; his children John M. Kidd, Julia Kidd, and the said B. W. Kidd and his wife Alice B. Kidd.

The Court ordered the lands owned by **John W. Kidd** and his son B. W. Kidd to be sold and his debts paid off. The final decree was made in the May 1876 term of the Court.³⁷⁰

1880 – Margaret Kidd, the widow of **John W. Kidd**, is found on the 1880 Mortality census for Albemarle County, listed as a widow, aged 79, who died in November 1879 from pneumonia. She is enumerated below the entry for their son John M. Kidd, a laborer aged 44, single, who died in December 1879 of apoplexy. The mortality census lists both as members of Household #25 of the 1880 federal census,³⁷¹ which was the household of son Benjamin W. Kidd and his family.

The death record of her daughter, Julia Kidd, who died in Charlottesville on 7 February 1919 at the age of 80, lists her parents as **John M. [W.] Kidd** and Margaret McClure; her date of birth as 5 March 1838, and her place of birth as Albemarle County.

JOHN JAMES KIDD, son of Robert J. Kidd and his wife Nancy Jane Pamplin
Born 26 September 1827³⁷² in Nelson County
Married Caroline C. Moore in 1847 in Rockbridge County, VA
Died 29 October 1875 likely in Washington County, VA³⁷³

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, **John 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 71 1/2 acres and adjacent to

³⁶⁹ He was deceased by the spring of 1867, when his estate was listed on that year's Land Tax List. See FHL #1889152, image 205, retrieved via familysearch.org. This list did not record the day or month of the assessment, but these lists were compiled in the spring.

³⁷⁰ Digital image 94.

³⁷¹ U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1855, Albemarle County, VA, Charlottesville District, E.D 8, on Ancestry.com.

³⁷² This date of birth comes from his headstone. See Findagrave.com.

³⁷³ These dates come from his headstone on Findagrave.com.

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.³⁷⁴

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.³⁷⁵ 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.”³⁷⁶

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.³⁷⁷

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 John]

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.

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 1887.³⁷⁸

JOSEPH KIDD SR, parents unknown

Born bet. 1764-1770

Married Ann (Nancy) Johnson on 3 Sept 1795 in Albemarle County, VA

Died abt 1842³⁷⁹ in Nelson County, VA, leaving no estate record

Could not read or write

³⁷⁴ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

³⁷⁵ 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.

³⁷⁶ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

³⁷⁷ Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940, on Ancestry.com, citing FHL #33799, p. 58.

³⁷⁸ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/106834888/john-james-kidd>

³⁷⁹ He drops from both the Nelson County PPTLs and LTLs in 1843, suggesting that he died in the previous 12 months, following the 1842 tax lists. He had definitely died by 27 February 1845, when his widow sold his land.

It is possible that Joseph Kidd was the son or grandson of Duel Kidd, who lived in the southeastern part of Albemarle County. Joseph Kidd and Duel Kidd (Jr.) are named as potential witnesses in a Chancery court suit in Albemarle County in 1803; another potential named witness was Samuel Richardson, who had had Joseph Kidd serve as a witness to his own wedding in 1791. Other sons or grandsons of Duel Kidd may have been Charles Kidd (died 1856 in Albemarle County) and Pleasant Kidd (b 1766/1780 - d by 1825), who married Sarah Farrell in 1802 in Albemarle County. While this theory needs additional research, all these men lived in the area, had limited assets, and apparently were illiterate.

The preponderance of evidence supports the conclusion that the following individuals were likely the children of Joseph & Nancy Kidd; see [Appendix 7](#) for a compilation of this evidence:

1. **Jeriah** – b 1796; m Geo. W. Sutler 15 December 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 February 1832, Nelson County
5. **Rhoda Ann** – b 1806; m Lewis E. Price 26 February 1827, Nelson County
6. **Joseph H.** – b 1813; m Mary Ann Bryant 25 November 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 November 1841, Albemarle County; d after 1880
10. **Wilson P.** – b 1822; m Harriet E. Morgan 2 January 1839, Nelson County; d 16 August 1880, bur Mountain View Cemetery, Nelson County, VA
11. **Lucinda** – b 1825; m James Foster 20 December 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 1791.³⁸⁰

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 1795.³⁸¹ Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was Thomas Johnson.³⁸²

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.

³⁸⁰ *Albemarle County Marriages, 1780-1853 (three volumes)*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 265.

³⁸¹ *Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799*, compiled by Cecil McDonald Jr., vol. 10, p. 11.

³⁸² *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1795 – **Joseph Kidd** performed several tours of duty as a patroller for public safety in Goochland County on 4 November and 8 November 1795, along with Capt. John Omohundro, William Pettit, and Richard Crouch. The service was certified to the court by Capt. Omohundro 21 December 1795. For the year 1795, **Joseph Kidd** received payment of \$2.50 for 5 days of patrols, by levy paid by the county.³⁸³

1797 – He reappears on the Albemarle County PPTLs in 1797 and appears almost annually after that, through 1806 (see Table below).

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

NOTE: A Joseph Kidd appears in a number of Goochland County court records from 1800 to 1802. This may be Joseph Kidd of Albemarle County. It also may be a different Joseph Kidd, as evidenced by his appearance on Goochland County court juries in November 1801; if so, we do not know the identity of the second Joseph Kidd.

1800 – Goochland County Court 15 Sept 1800: **Joseph Kidd**, assignee of William Carter, recovered from George Webb, plaintiff, £5 current money plus interest from 25 December 1799.³⁸⁴

1801 – Goochland County Court 17 August 1801: The Commonwealth v **Joseph Kidd**, an indictment. The Grand Jury finding the bill true, Josiah Leake, the prosecutor, ordered to process [issue?] against defendant.³⁸⁵

Goochland County Court 16 November 1801: **Joseph Kidd**, plaintiff, against Josiah Leake, defendant. In Case. On the motion of the defendant by Austin D. Leake his attorney the conditional judgement and writ of inquiry entered against him according to rule in the clerk's office are set aside and he pleads *action accrevit* [meaning outside the statute of limitations] to which the plaintiff by James Pleasants Jr. his attorney replies generally. [Note: This is followed by an entry appointing a grand jury for inquest. It is unclear if this refers to the above case or the one following for debt. It most likely goes with the Kidd v Leake case.]³⁸⁶

³⁸³ Goochland County Order Book 16, 1791-1795, p 506 and Goochland County Order Book 20, 1795-1797, p 296

³⁸⁴ Goochland County Order Book 22, 1799-1801, p 413.

³⁸⁵ Ibid., p 722.

³⁸⁶ Goochland County Order Book 23, 1801-1803, p 48.

Goochland County Court 17 November 1801: **Joseph Kidd**, plaintiff, represented by his attorney Josiah Leake, against William Wilburn, defendant, in debt. Plaintiff to recover £8 on £16 debt with 6 percent interest from 25 December [1800].³⁸⁷

Goochland County Court 19 November 1801: **Joseph Kidd** served on multiple juries this term.³⁸⁸

1802 – Goochland County Court 16 Mar 1802: **Joseph Kidd**, plaintiff, against Josiah Leake, defendant. In trespass, assault and battery. The Court in two separate cases ordered plaintiff to pay defendant, £8 13 shillings 8 pence to cover costs.³⁸⁹

1803 – **Joseph Kidd** is named in an 1803 Albemarle County Chancery Court case as an intended witness in the suit titled Samuel Wood v Administrator of Nathaniel Watkins. The plaintiff Samuel Wood notified the estate's administrator and defendant William Watkins that Wood planned to depose Duell Kidd, Samuel Richardson, Nathan Wash, and Joseph Kidd, all to be deposed at the house of Duell Kidd on 2 April 1803.³⁹⁰

No deposition of Joseph Kidd is included in the chancery file, so whether he was actually deposed or not is unknown. However, this may suggest a relationship between Joseph Kidd and Duell Kidd. Many proposed witnesses were named in this suit, with Watkins intending to also depose witnesses at Holman Sned's tavern in the town of Warren.

1807-1808 – After 1806, no Joseph Kidd appears on the Albemarle County PPTLs. This Joseph Kidd migrated to Nelson County, VA (formed in 1807), sometime after the 1806 Albemarle PPTL. No tax was taken statewide in 1808.

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:³⁹¹

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 – **Joseph Kidd** first appears on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs in 1810 (the second year these tax lists are available for the county). This Joseph appears annually through 1842, then drops from the list. We believe that he died in 1842 or early 1843.

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.

³⁸⁷ Ibid., p 56.

³⁸⁸ Ibid., pp 71, 74, 76, and 82.

³⁸⁹ Ibid., p 152.

³⁹⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=003-1803-006#img, image 33 of 36.

³⁹¹ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson County, VA."

The Kidds of Nelson County, Virginia, 1807-1850

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
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 Jr	1		
1847		Joseph Jr.	1		
1848		Joseph Jr.	1		1
1849		Joseph	1		1
1850		Joseph Jr.	1		1

Oftentimes, the number of white males in a given household will diminish by one each time that a son leaves his father's household and goes out on his own. If that son lives on his own, he will appear on that year's PPTL; if he goes to work for someone else in the community and lives there, he'd appear among his employer's PPTLs that year.

An analysis of Joseph Kidd Sr.'s PPTLs does not fit nicely with the ages of his postulated sons. This may well be because the family was poor, and the sons went to work for others in the community before they came of taxable age.

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.³⁹²

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.....

³⁹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:403.

Joseph and his wife Nancy both signed with an X. [Note: Joseph is using this land to secure a debt; see also below.]³⁹³

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.³⁹⁴

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.

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 1834.³⁹⁵

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.³⁹⁶

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 December 1838 and by the terms of the deed being authorized to sell the lands therein conveyed.

³⁹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:400-401.

³⁹⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:57.

³⁹⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

³⁹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 670-671.

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.³⁹⁷

1843 – After the above sale to satisfy a debt, **Joseph Kidd** drops from the Nelson County LTLs. It appears that he lost his land due to foreclosure. See also 1848 below.

Joseph Kidd (Sr.) also drops from the Nelson County PPTL in 1843. Thus we suspect that Joseph Kidd Sr. most likely died after the 1842 PPTL and prior to the 1843 Nelson County PPTL. He was deceased by 1845, when his widow Nancy signed the following deed. There is no probate record for Joseph Kidd.

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 24 March 1845.³⁹⁸

1848 – 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**.³⁹⁹

“Also a tract of land of Forty six and two third acres taxed in the name of **Joseph Kidd**, taxed for the year 1840 & 1841 for Thirty one cents, adjoining the lands of John M. Shelton, was put up for sale for said taxes, and said Charles Perrow having bid to pay said taxes for the whole quantity of land, and no one offering to pay it for a less quantity, the same was knocked off [sold at auction] to him.”

JOSEPH H. KIDD, likely the son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy) Johnson⁴⁰⁰

Born abt 1813, likely in Nelson County, VA

Married Mary Ann Bryant in 1835

Died 8 May 1891 in Nelson County, VA⁴⁰¹

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)

³⁹⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:191.

³⁹⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:154.

³⁹⁹ Nelson County, VA Deed Book Deed Book 12:335-336.

⁴⁰⁰ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁴⁰¹ Nelson County Deaths, 1853-1896, found on FHL #2048577, Item 3, via familysearch.org – image 656; image stored in the Nelson County Deaths subfolder on Dropbox.

- 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.⁴⁰²

A Chancery Court suit filed in Nelson County in 1835 [1835-005], Mary Bryant et al v William Digges et al,⁴⁰³ contains the 1819 Nelson County will of William Johnson and the 1803 Amherst County 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 Kidd⁴⁰⁴ and a William Kidd⁴⁰⁵ 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.

Joseph Kidd Jr. and Hardin Perkins signed their names, and this deed was admitted to record the same day.⁴⁰⁶

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

⁴⁰² *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 County Marriages subfolder on Dropbox.

⁴⁰³ http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005

⁴⁰⁴ This must be Alexander Kidd Sr., as Alexander S. Kidd was born in 1836

⁴⁰⁵ 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.

⁴⁰⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8, page 288.

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 growing crop of tobacco as collateral. Kidd signed the deed, and it was admitted into record the same day.⁴⁰⁷

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.⁴⁰⁸

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-

⁴⁰⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:270.

⁴⁰⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:436-437.

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.⁴⁰⁹

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴¹⁰

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴¹¹ 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

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

⁴⁰⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:183-4.

⁴¹⁰ Cannot read or write.

⁴¹¹ Ibid

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.⁴¹²

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.

A Chancery Court suit filed in Nelson County in 1850, titled John Bryant v Ralph W. Lofftus, surviving partner of Lofftus & Perkins, involves a series of long-running suits over the land that Mary Bryant Kidd inherited from her family. **Joseph Kidd Jr. & Mary his wife, formerly Mary Bryant**, (the daughter of Joseph and Mary Johnson Bryant) are named in this suit (image 2). Mary, wife of Joseph Bryant, was the daughter of William Johnson, who died about 1819, and she received some of his estate as her own property, "her husband [Joseph Bryant] being improvident." (image 8)

William Johnson's will put his daughter Mary Johnson Bryant's share of his estate into a trust to be held for Mary and her children, including Mary Bryant Kidd. (image 9)

William Kidd gave a deposition on 11 Sept 1827 (image 18) and Alexander Kidd gave a deposition on 8 May 1828 (image 19). Sixty-one acres of land in Johnson's estate had been sold to Alexander Kidd and Robert Kidd on 25 August 1825 (image 22). The outcome of the suit was that Mary Johnson Bryant successfully proved her claim.⁴¹³

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...."

Joseph Kidd and Charles Perrow both signed this deed, and it was admitted to record the same day.⁴¹⁴

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.

⁴¹² Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:114-115 (scanned images as below).

⁴¹³ https://old.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1850-007

⁴¹⁴ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:148-149 (scanned images available in the Nelson County Deeds folder on Dropbox.

1853-1854 – Additional Chancery suits over the assets left to Mary Johnson Bryant by her father William Johnson were filed in Nelson County in 1853 and 1854.⁴¹⁵ Included in the first 1854 complaint, filed to recover a debt against the estate, is a statement that **Joseph Kidd** conveyed his interest in the trust to Charles Perrow, for the use and benefit of his wife and their children (image 3).

In his individual response to the suit (image 10), **Joseph Kidd** refuted the charges, and (like the others) pleaded that the statute of limitations be invoked in this suit.

The defendants lost the case, and were ordered to pay the debt (images 17-18).⁴¹⁶ The plaintiffs also prevailed in the second 1854 complaint to recover a debt.⁴¹⁷

1860 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington 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, 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

[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

⁴¹⁵ https://old.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1853-010

⁴¹⁶ https://old.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-028

⁴¹⁷ https://old.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-029

- " , Ellen WF 23M wife housekeeping cannot write VA VA VA
- " , George MW 2S son VA VA VA
- " , Thomas MW 1S son VA VA VA

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.⁴¹⁸

1891 – **Joseph H. Kidd** died in Nelson County, VA on 8 May 1891.⁴¹⁹ 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, who was his previously deceased wife.

JUDA/JUDITH SAUNDERS KIDD, 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.⁴²⁰ The bride was apparently **Juda/Judith Saunders**; the 1873 death record of Lucinda Kidd Vest names her parents as “John & Juda Kidd.”⁴²¹

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴²²

" , 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.]

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴²³ pauper

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

⁴¹⁸ Nelson County Death Registers, 1853-1896, retrieved from FHL #2048577, image 635 of 688 (Restricted access) via familysearch.org.

⁴¹⁹ Nelson County Deaths, 1853-1896, found on FHL #2048577, Item 3, via familysearch.org – image 656; image stored in the Nelson County Deaths subfolder on Dropbox.

⁴²⁰ *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 County Source Documents folder, Marriages subfolder.

⁴²¹ An image of this death record can be found in the Nelson County Death Records subfolder on Dropbox.

⁴²² Cannot read or write.

⁴²³ 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 CROW⁴²⁴

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 after 1810

1795 – The will of John Norman Kidd of Amherst County, VA, written 9 February 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.⁴²⁵

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

⁴²⁴ Cannot read or write.

⁴²⁵ 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.⁴²⁶ [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).⁴²⁷ 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		
Moss Kidd	2	2	24
Totals	11	12	144

1807 – Anny W. Kidd, daughter of **Jeriah Kidd**, married James McAlexander on 20 April 1807 in Amherst County, VA.⁴²⁸

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.⁴²⁹ [This may be William Kidd, uncle of the bride.]

1810 – On the federal census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:⁴³⁰

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

⁴²⁶ *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.

⁴²⁷ Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1782-1803, retrieved from FHL #2024457, image 582 of 615, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴²⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁴²⁹ *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.

⁴³⁰ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson County, VA."

We found no further records for Juriah/Jeriah Kidd. See her husband John Norman Kidd's section for more information on this family.

JURIAH/JERIAH KIDD, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy) Johnson

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 1819.⁴³¹

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 CROW⁴³² 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

⁴³¹ 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 County Marriages subfolder on Dropbox.

⁴³² Ibid.

“ , Nancy 12FW VA

“ , 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**.⁴³³

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.

LONDON 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.⁴³⁴

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).⁴³⁵

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

⁴³³ *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 County Marriages, 1854-1926, image 334 of 626. [Item 4 begins on image 313 of this data set.] Retrieved by RK at SPL 26 November 2017. Image stored in Nelson County Marriages folder AND Albemarle County Marriages folder.

⁴³⁴ www.findagrave.com, Memorial # 18089286

⁴³⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

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 – **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.⁴³⁶

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[ja] Bryant in Nelson County, VA.⁴³⁷ 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 June 1831, 10 April 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.

⁴³⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:182.

⁴³⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

LEROY KIDD(s) (at least two)

LEROY A. KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd, based on the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin⁴³⁸

Born about 1809, most likely in Nelson County

Lived in Nelson County (1827-1833) & Albemarle County (1834-1840) before migrating to Knox County TN by 1850

Married (1) Mrs. Eliza Slater in Albemarle County VA in 1839

Married (2) Isabell J. Burnett in Knox County TN in 1857

Married (3) Mary Ann Hurst/Hearse in Blount County TN in 1865

Died 24 May 1887 in Knoxville, Knox County, TN

1827-1833 – **Leroy Kidd** appears sporadically on the Nelson County, VA PPTLS during these years. 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.

1834 – **Leroy Kidd** appears for the first time on the Albemarle County PPTLS in 1834, paying his own tithe, with no slaves or horse.

He then drops from the PPTLS until 1840.

1839 – **Leroy Kidd** obtained a marriage bond in Albemarle County on 4 April 1839 for his marriage to Mrs. Eliza Slatyer.⁴³⁹ The bondsman was John Riley.^{440, 441}

Eliza's first marriage was to Christopher Slater, whom she married on 23 October 1835 in Albemarle County.⁴⁴² We presume that Christopher died abt 1838, leaving Eliza a young widow with one son Christopher L., born 12 July 1836.

1840 – On 18 April 1840 in Albemarle County, VA, **Leroy A. Kidd** & Eliza his wife of Albemarle County executed a Deed of Gift to Christopher L. Slater and Beatrice Kidd, giving them a collection of household furniture, including two feather beds, bedsteads & bed clothing; one bureau, one clock, one folding table, one dozen Windsor chairs, one china press, one set of china, and one cow and calf. The deed goes on to stipulate that if one of the above-named children should die leaving no lawful heir, that the other child should have full ownership of

⁴³⁸ *Descendants of Hudson P. Kidd : The Family Journal of Lorena (Kidd) Goodwin*, compiled and edited by Barbara Taylor, published by Lulu.com, Morrisville, NC, 2019, ISBN 978-1-365-60835-3 (paperback)

⁴³⁹ *Marriages of Albemarle County and Charlottesville, VA, 1781-1929*, by William L. Norford, p. 112. This abstract lists the groom's name as "Lessy" Kidd, but the bond itself clearly shows the name as Leroy.

⁴⁴⁰ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187, citing B/C Papers, 1837-42.

⁴⁴¹ An image of the bond itself was retrieved from FHL #1889165, Clerk of Albemarle Circuit Court, Marriage Bonds and Consent Papers, 1837-1842, image 504 of 1165. Image available upon request.

⁴⁴² Ancestry.com. *Virginia, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1740-1850* [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999.)

the property. Both Leroy and Eliza signed this deed, and Eliza relinquished her dower right to this property.⁴⁴³

Note: Though the children were still minors, this deed appears to represent Leroy and Eliza putting their household goods into the names of their children, possibly to protect their personal property from creditors, or in preparation for migration to Knox County, Tennessee.

1850 – On the federal census in the town of Knoxville, Knox County, TN, page 95, HH 28/30:

Leroy A. Kidd	39MW	Carpenter	\$2000	VA
Ann Eliza “	30FW			VA
Christopher D. “	13MW			VA
Emma C. “	9FW			VA
Melissa Ann “	5FW			NC
Loretta Jane “	3FW			TN
Ann Smith	50FW			VA

Note: 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 1887.⁴⁴⁴ Leroy A. Kidd appears in records in Knox, Anderson, and Blount Cos TN from the 1850 census through his death in Knox Co 24 May 1887. His death record says he was a married white male, age 78, born in Virginia. His occupation was listed as “Carpenter.” The cause of death was listed as “old age.”⁴⁴⁵ Findagrave.com lists his place of burial as Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville, TN.⁴⁴⁶

Although both men migrated from central Virginia to east Tennessee and were close in age, Leroy A. Kidd (1809-1887), son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright, is not the same man as Leroy Anderson Kidd (1819-1888), son of John Kidd and Lucy Logan of Amherst Co VA and Knox Co TN. This Leroy Anderson Kidd, who married Rebecca Lones, moved from Knox County to Coffee County in middle Tennessee, where he died in 1888. He is buried in Ragsdale Cemetery in Coffee Co TN.⁴⁴⁷

For more information about the Kidd families who migrated to Knox Co TN and adjoining east Tennessee counties, contact the authors.

LEROY ANDERSON KIDD, the son of William H. and Mary Ann Kidd

Born 28 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

⁴⁴³ Albemarle County, VA Deed Book 38, pages 24-25, retrieved from FHL #30242, image 19 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁴⁴ 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>

⁴⁴⁵ Tennessee, U. S., Death Records, 1872-1923 database on Ancestry.com, citing Death Registers, Knox County, TN, Jan 1883-June 1887.

⁴⁴⁶ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87089743>

⁴⁴⁷ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/5706428>

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 and his reinterment record (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.⁴⁴⁸ This marriage record names his parents as William H. and Mary Kidd. His wife Ann was the widow of Richard Woody, whom she married 20 December 1850 in Nelson County, VA,⁴⁴⁹ and the daughter of Robert J. Kidd and Nancy Jane Pamplin.
- 1870 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, in Lovington 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
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 Sutler⁴⁵⁰ 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, Lucinda⁴⁵¹ 54FW at home VA

HH 51/56)⁴⁵²

Craig, Joseph 28MW farmer (renter) VA CROW
“ , Lucy J 27FW keeping house VA CROW
“ , Mary C. 3FW VA
“ , Jophn W. 2MW VA

⁴⁴⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁴⁹ See her notes in our Nelson County VA Kidds tree on Ancestry for source information.

⁴⁵⁰ He was the son of George Washington Sutler and his wife Jeriah Kidd, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr.

⁴⁵¹ This is almost certainly Lucinda Kidd, the daughter of John and Juda/Judith Kidd, who married Joel Vest

⁴⁵² Joseph Craig was the husband of Lucinda Sutler, the daughter of George Washington Sutler and his wife Jeriah Kidd.

HH 53/58 (living alone)
Sutler, Juriah 84FW keeping house VA CROW

HH 54/59)⁴⁵³
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 57/62⁴⁵⁴
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, HH 161/185:

Kidd, Leroy WM head 43M Farmer VA VA VA
“ , Anna H. WF wife 44M keeps house VA VA VA
“ , Melvin G. WM son 14S laborer CROW⁴⁵⁵ VA VA VA
“ , Mary E. WF dau 8S VA VA VA
“ , Ida M. WF dau 6S VA VA VA
Woody, Marshall WM step-son 8S VA VA VA

They are living next door to several Libbrick (Lebrick) families, including a Micajah Libbrick, age 28; in this household is Johnson Woody, age 19 (this is Anna's youngest son by her first husband), and a Nancy Libbrick, age 60 and widowed, listed as Micajah's mother.

1897 – Leroy's wife Ann Hunt Kidd Woody Kidd died 27 November 1897 at home “near Lynchburg, in Amherst County, VA.⁴⁵⁶ According to family lore, she was initially buried in a Kidd family cemetery, where her second husband Leroy A. Kidd and their daughter Ida M. Kidd Anthony were also buried later.

On 14 October 1936, these three individuals were disinterred, and their remains were placed in a single grave in the Spring Hill cemetery in Lynchburg, in the plot owned by Edward M. Kidd, the son of Leroy and Annie H. Kidd.⁴⁵⁷

1899 – On 20 December 1899, **Leroy A. Kidd** married Catherine Wells in Amherst County, VA. Their marriage record states that he was 62 years old and widowed, & names his parents as

⁴⁵³ He is almost surely William H. Kidd, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and grandson of William Kidd Sr.

⁴⁵⁴ This is Robert N. Kidd, the 3rd son of Hudson P. Kidd and grandson of William Kidd Sr.

⁴⁵⁵ Cannot read or write.

⁴⁵⁶ "Virginia, Lynchburg, Diuguid Funeral Home records, 1820-1971," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-G5X7-9F79?cc=1419237> : 11 September 2019), > image 1 of 1; Southern Memorial Association, Lynchburg, Virginia.

⁴⁵⁷ Virginia, Lynchburg, Diuguid Funeral Home Records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1820-1971, on familysearch.org (unrestricted access), image 223 of 319.

William H. and Mary Kidd.⁴⁵⁸ 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.⁴⁵⁹ 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” before his remains were disinterred and moved to the Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg in 1936.

LUCINDA KIDD(s) – there were TWO Lucinda Kidds in Nelson County, VA in this period:

LUCINDA KIDD FOSTER, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd and his wife, Ann (Nancy) Johnson ⁴⁶⁰

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 December 1843. The bondsman was Charles Kidd. The wedding was performed the same day by Edward Thomas.⁴⁶¹

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁴⁶²

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁴⁶³ 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

" , Joseph 23MW VA CROW pauper

" , Lindsay 17MW VA laborer

⁴⁵⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁴⁵⁹ An image of his death certificate is available on Ancestry.com, on our Kidds of Nelson County, VA tree there.

⁴⁶⁰ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁴⁶¹ *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 County Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

⁴⁶² Cannot read or write.

⁴⁶³ Ibid.

" , 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.

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].⁴⁶⁴

[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 1844.⁴⁶⁵]

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 CROW⁴⁶⁶
Kidd, Judith 73FW VA CROW
Lucinda Vest 41FW VA CROW
Louisa Vest 7FW VA

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

⁴⁶⁴ *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.

⁴⁶⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁴⁶⁶ Cannot read or write.

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) – There were THREE Lucy Kidds in Nelson County, VA in this period:

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 1791⁴⁶⁷
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:⁴⁶⁸

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 gave her own consent [so she was aged 21 by this date]. Witnesses were Daniel Jopling and John Kidd.⁴⁶⁹

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

⁴⁶⁷ This relationship is spelled out in Nelson County 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.

⁴⁶⁸ 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.

⁴⁶⁹ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

1834 (suggesting that James Kidd had died by that time) and ended in March of 1836, suggesting that she had died by that date.⁴⁷⁰

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 \$1200.⁴⁷¹

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.⁴⁷²

Coleman W. Kidd subsequently sold the 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 1840.⁴⁷³

1841 – On 22 March 1841, the final account of the estate of **Lucy Kidd** was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd. Ordered to be recorded 26 April 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 [totaling \$525] and \$14.55 [totaling \$101.85]. Most of this was from the sale of the single female slave Judy that Lucy owned at the time of her death.⁴⁷⁴

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. Coleman W. Kidd 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.⁴⁷⁵

⁴⁷⁰ See James Kidd's pension record, in [Appendix 4](#) of this paper.

⁴⁷¹ Nelson Co VA Will Book E:322, retrieved from FHL #2047070, image 190 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁷² Nelson Co VA Will Book F: 113, retrieved from FHL #2047070, item 2, image number 190, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁷³ Ibid, page 114, retrieved from FHL #2047070, item 2, image number 190, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁷⁴ 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 County Shared Folder.

⁴⁷⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img ,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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 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 the Jopling descendants

LUCY (WRIGHT) KIDD, the daughter of Andrew and Lucy (Childress) Wright
Born 15 May 1788 likely in Albemarle County
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 1788.⁴⁷⁶

1811 – Hudson P. Kidd married **Lucy Wright** in Nelson County, VA on 31 January 1811.^{477, 478}
An abstract of this marriage record lists the bondsman as Andrew Wright.⁴⁷⁹

1816 – **Lucy Kidd** is named in the 1816 Nelson County will of Andrew Wright as one of his daughters.⁴⁸⁰ An 1854 Nelson County Chancery Court suit (1854-016) also names **Lucy Kidd**, formerly Lucy Wright, as one of Andrew Wright's daughters.⁴⁸¹

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.⁴⁸² 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. Peggey is Margaret (Wright) Kidd, the wife of Pleasant M. (Micajah) Kidd. See their sections in this compilation.]⁴⁸³

On 30 May 1844, Benjamin Wright of Nelson County, 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 January 1811, and Peggy J., b. 30 May 1801, are listed among the children of Andrew and Lucy Wright.⁴⁸⁴

1848 – Lucy Childress Wright, the widow of Andrew Wright, died on 16 September 1848 in Nelson

⁴⁷⁶ From Rev. War Pension Records on Fold3.com: pension claim of Andrew Wright, W6587, page 16 of 69.

⁴⁷⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁴⁷⁸ From Rev. War Pension Records on Fold3.com: pension claim of Andrew Wright, W6587, page 19 of 69.

⁴⁷⁹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁴⁸⁰ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. An Abstract of Will Book A, with full index*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1964, p. 497.

⁴⁸¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

⁴⁸² *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters*: Pension Application of Andrew Wright, W6587, found at <http://revwarapps.org/w6587.pdf>.

⁴⁸³ 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).

⁴⁸⁴ *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.

County, VA.⁴⁸⁵

1850 – On 18 May 1850, Benjamin Wright of Nelson County, 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.⁴⁸⁶

On the 1850 federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 260A, are two households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a family relationship.

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 County, 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.⁴⁸⁷

In the 1870 Nelson County, 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 Virginia⁴⁸⁸
Married William C. Kidd in 1811 in Nelson County, Virginia
Died in Green County, Kentucky in January 1880

⁴⁸⁵ *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.

⁴⁸⁶ *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.

⁴⁸⁷ *The Virginia Genealogist*, vol. 32, p. 18, 1988.

⁴⁸⁸ Judging from her age on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses.

- 1811 – W. C. Kidd married **Lucy Hamlett** on 17 October 1811 in Nelson County, VA.⁴⁸⁹
Another abstract of this record names the bondsman as W. Hamblett, and spells the bride's surname as Hamblett.⁴⁹⁰
- 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 1796,⁴⁹¹ 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.⁴⁹²
- 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.⁴⁹³
- 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 December 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.⁴⁹⁴
- 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

⁴⁸⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁴⁹⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁴⁹¹ Scanned images of Archer Hamlett's will and other estate records can be found in the Amherst County Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

⁴⁹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

⁴⁹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁴⁹⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

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.⁴⁹⁵

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.

⁴⁹⁵ 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

1835 – On 21 December 1835, Charles Kidd married **Malinda Kidd** in Albemarle County, VA.⁴⁹⁶
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 – Charles Kidd moved his family to Nelson County in 1836 or 1837, where he appears on the annual Nelson County PPTLs from 1837 through 1850 (the last year that we’ve checked).
He and Malinda continued to live there for the next 50 years.

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

⁴⁹⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com. Images of this marriage bond can be found in the Albemarle County 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.

- " , Coleman 30MW farm laborer VA CROW
- " , Tucker, 22MW farm laborer VA CROW
- " , Mary 13FW at home VA CROW
- " , 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, 1870.⁴⁹⁷

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.⁴⁹⁸ 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. See his section for more information on this family.

MARTHA KIDD, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr. & his wife Ann (Nancy) Johnson⁴⁹⁹

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 1834.⁵⁰⁰

[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].⁵⁰¹

MARTHA KIDD CARTER, parents unknown

Married Thomas C. Carter in Nelson County in 1835

No further information

⁴⁹⁷ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, image 550, reviewed at Bellevue, WA FHC on October 25, 2017.

⁴⁹⁸ 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.

⁴⁹⁹ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁵⁰⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁵⁰¹ *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.

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.⁵⁰²

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.⁵⁰³

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.⁵⁰⁴

The same minister performed the marriage of Robert N. Kidd and A(gnes) Willoughby a month earlier, on 9 June 1816.⁵⁰⁵

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 1831,⁵⁰⁶ often taxed only for his own poll and one horse. He then drops from these tax lists and does not reappear, so he may have died by the spring of 1832.

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 very unlikely to be the same 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.⁵⁰⁷

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

⁵⁰² *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.

⁵⁰³ <http://image.lva.virginia.gov/BibleII/38333/index.html> Bible Record Image

⁵⁰⁴ Nelson County (Virginia) Marriage Register, 1808-1876, page 9, retrieved from FHL #32734, image 191 of 626 via familysearch.org (restricted access, FHCs only).

⁵⁰⁵ Ibid.

⁵⁰⁶ 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).

⁵⁰⁷ 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.

was the witness to this marriage license.⁵⁰⁸

Polley evidently died before 1834 when 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].⁵⁰⁹

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. ..."

In 1840, Mary Ann 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. Gertridg 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.⁵¹⁰

1841 – On 22 March 1841, the final account of the estate of **Lucy Kidd** was returned to the Nelson County Court by Coleman W. Kidd. Ordered to be recorded 26 April 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.⁵¹¹

1842 – On 10 May 1842, Robert I.⁵¹² 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.⁵¹³

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

⁵⁰⁸ Amherst County, VA Marriage Register, 1763-1853, page 209, retrieved from FHL #30273, image 496 of 786 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁵⁰⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1840-003

⁵¹⁰ 1840 federal census for Nelson County, VA, page 65, line 12, viewed on Ancestry.com, image 45 of 68.

⁵¹¹ 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 County Shared Folder.

⁵¹² In this deed, Robert's middle initial is clearly a capital I, not J. Compare with other capital Js and Is in the deed.

⁵¹³ *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.⁵¹⁴

1860 – Gutridge Lyon is found on the 1860 census, without Mary Ann or Eliza, 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

While Mary Ann and Eliza are not living with Gutridge on the 1860 federal census, they are found on the 1870 census, below.

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.⁵¹⁵

Note: Another death record exists for Mary Ann Lyon.⁵¹⁶ 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

⁵¹⁴ 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).

⁵¹⁵ Bedford County, Virginia Death Registers, 1853-1897, retrieved from FHL #30600, image 249 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁵¹⁶ Bedford County, Virginia Death Registers, 1853-1897, retrieved from FHL #2056973, image 355 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

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 entry, you'll see that it was submitted in July 1873 for the deaths that occurred in 1872.”⁵¹⁷

MOSES KIDD, parents unknown

Husband of Milly Clark, and father of Zachariah, Moses Jr., Harmon, and Allen Kidd

Born by 1747 and probably by 1743,⁵¹⁸ place unknown

Left records in five different central Virginia counties⁵¹⁹

Likely died in Nelson County in 1809

His widow Milly and their three adult sons then moved to Knox County, Kentucky, and appear there on the 1810 federal census and subsequent Kentucky records.

1768 – **Moses Kidd** and Milly Clark were married by the Rev. William Douglas 29 Sept 1768, recorded in Goochland County in St. James Northam Parish. Both bride and groom were listed as “in Albemarle,”⁵²⁰ indicating they lived in Albemarle County.

1774 – Lewis Kidd and **Moses Kidd** are named as debtors to John Lyle in Albemarle County in 1774.⁵²¹

Bef. 1777 – Aron Kidd (sic), Benjamin Kidd, John Kidd, Lewis Kidd, **Moses Kidd** and Saml. Kidd were among the signers of a petition to the General Assembly for separation of Fluvanna County from Albemarle County.⁵²²

1777 – **Fluvanna County** was created from the southeastern part of Albemarle County on 5 May 1777.

Fluvanna County August 1777 Court. The several Surveyors of the Roads in this County, continued as appointed by **Albemarle** Court.

Ordered that the hands of Allen Cocke where Richard Bennett is overseer, hands of Robert Payne, Julius Saunders Jr., Julius Saunders Sr., Lewis Kidd, Jno. Kidd, **Moses Kid**, James Webb, Edward Rice, David Wade, hands of Jno. Harris, hands of Walter King where Jno. Key is overseer, work on the road whereof Jno. Key is Surveyor until the next court.⁵²³

1778 – **Moses Kidd** was one of the witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Jesse Clarke, signed on 3 September 1778 in Fluvanna County, along with Joseph Haden, Jonathan Clarke, and

⁵¹⁷ Personal correspondence, Keven Shupe, Reference Archivist, Library of Virginia, 23 August 2022.

⁵¹⁸ 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.

⁵¹⁹ 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.

⁵²⁰ *The Douglas Register*, pp. 30, 58, citing p. 10 of the Register, digitized at Ancestry.com

⁵²¹ Albemarle County DB 6, p. 367-370. This citation comes from one of the Sparacio books, and their names were in a lengthy list of those owing money to John Lyle, who was evidently a merchant in Albemarle County at the time of his death.

⁵²² Fluvanna County Historical Society Bulletin 1:6 (reviewed by RK at Jones Memorial Library, April 2013).

⁵²³ FHL #31476, Item 1, Fluvanna County OB, August 1777 – May 1779, p. 2.

Moses Morris. Moses signed with an X.⁵²⁴

In December Court, Fluvanna County, **Moses Kidd** presented the will of Jesse Clarke, deceased, and proved it in Court, and it was recorded.⁵²⁵

This will names Jesse's brother Jacob, as his only heir and executor. It makes mention of no other Clark individuals. These men may have been brothers of Milly Clark(e), Moses's wife.

1779 – Fluvanna Court, 2 Sept. 1779. Ordered that the hands belonging to Austin Sea [Seay], Stephen Clements, Benj. Lea [Seay?], Robert B. Paine, Lewis Kidd, **Moses Kidd**, John Kidd, Allen Cock (on the W. River), John Harris, Richd. Chandler, Julius Sanders Senr., Julius Sanders Junr., John Rice, William Rice, Sa__ville [Sacheville] King, John [Rice], Thomas Down, Thos. Linthecum, & Thos. Appleberry work on the road whereof John Sea [Seay] is appointed Surveyor.⁵²⁶

1782 – **Moses Kidd** is found on the Fluvanna County PPTL in 1782, the first year for which these lists are available. He is taxed for 1 WMT, no slaves, 3 horses and five cattle. One line above Moses' entry, a John Kidd is listed, taxed for 1 WMT, no slaves, one horse and six cattle.⁵²⁷

1784-1786 – A **Moses Kidd** first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1784, 1785, and 1786, then does not appear again on Albemarle County tax lists through 1851.

1788-1807 – A **Moses Kidd** appears on the Amherst County, VA PPTLs for Amherst Parish beginning in 1788 and is found most years through 1807 (he is missing from the 1793 and 1795 lists but appears all other years). It is likely that this is the same Moses Kidd found in 1809 in Nelson County, since Nelson was formed from Amherst in 1807 and no tax was assessed statewide in 1808.

He has 1 to 3 tithes during this period. For only the year 1794, the PPTLs include other taxable males by name, and he is listed with "son Allen." See table below:

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Notes
1788	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1789	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1790	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1791	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1792	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	
1793	Not listed			
1794	Amherst	Moses & son Allen	2 tithes	1 horse
1795	Not listed			

⁵²⁴ Fluvanna County, VA Will Book 1, pages 14-15, retrieved from FHL #1930068, images 25-26 via familysearch.org (restricted access – affiliated libraries).

⁵²⁵ Fluvanna County, OB, 1777-1779, p. 35 (from FHL #31476, reviewed by RK at Bellevue, WA FHC 7/2/13).

⁵²⁶ FHL #31476, Item 2, Fluvanna County OB, June 1779- August 1782, p. 7.

⁵²⁷ Fluvanna County, VA PPTLs, 1782-1826, retrieved from FHL #2024538, image 13 via familysearch.org.

1796	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1797	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1798	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	1 horse
1799	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	1 horse
1800	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1801	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	2 horses
1802	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	2 horses
1803	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	2 horses
1804	Amherst	Moses	2 tithes	
1805	Amherst	Moses	1 tithe	1 horse
1806	Amherst	Moses	3 tithes	2 horses
1807	Amherst	Moses	3 tithes	3 horses
1808	No tax statewide			
1809	Moses appears in Nelson County for this year only, along with sons Zachariah and Moses Jr.			

1801-1802 – A Zachariah Kidd, most likely Moses and Milly’s son, appears on the PPTLs, in Amherst Parish, with 1 white tithe, but with no horse and no tax charged. [SKK note: There is an entry that is difficult to read for 1803, which could be Zachariah, but appears to be Juriah. See shared folder for scan of original.]

1801 – Amherst County Court August 1801. On the motion of **Moses Kidd**, a witness on behalf of Josiah Wingfield against William Spencer, it is ordered that the said Wingfield pay him two dollars sixty-five cents for attending this Court five days.⁵²⁸

1802 – Amherst County Court March 1802. On the motion of **Moses Kidd**, a witness on behalf of Josiah Wingfield against William Spencer, ordered that the said Wingfield pay him two dollars sixty-five cents for attending this Court three days at December court last and two ditto at this Court.⁵²⁹

Amherst County Court May 1802. On the motion of **Moses Kidd**, a witness on behalf of Josiah Wingfield against William Spencer, it is ordered that the said Wingfield pay him one dollar fifty-nine cents for attending this Court three days.⁵³⁰

⁵²⁸ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 1: Amherst County Order Book 1799-1801, part 2 (pp. 350-625), page 583, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁵²⁹ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 39, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁵³⁰ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 120, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

- 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.⁵³¹ The earlier date of 10 August was confirmed by a review of the original record.⁵³²
- 1806, 1807 – The Amherst County PPTLs 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 County PPTL in 1809 or afterward, but he appears in neighboring Nelson County for the year 1809 only.
- 1807 – Nelson County was created on 25 December 1807 from Amherst County.
- 1808 – Ca 1808 – **Moses Kidd** and his sons, Zach [Zachariah] and Harmon [Harman], were among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly ca 1808 as the county was being formed. The petition “from a number of the freeholders and inhabitants of the county of Nelson” laid out that the act of 25 December 1807 dividing the county of Amherst provided for the placing of public buildings [such as the courthouse], and further said that the commissioners had been somewhat “secretive and negligent in their choice,” and requested that the place of choice be near Mr. James Loving’s “excellent spring” one mile above Loving’s Gap, but four miles from where the commissioners proposed setting the site. [Note: The list contains what appear to be original signatures but the Kidd entries are all in the same handwriting, which suggests that one person signed for all three.]⁵³³
- 1809 – Nelson County Court, 26 June 1809. William Cashwell is appointed surveyor of the road leading from the muster field and “in Buffaloe [River?] on Meggison Road with the following [hands] and to keep the road in good repair: [among others] Zachariah Kidd, **Moses Kidd**, and Harmon Kidd and their male labouring tythes and the male labouring tythes on the plantation of Nathaniel Terry.⁵³⁴
- Nelson County Court, 25 October 1809. **Moses Kidd** is summoned to court as a garnishee, but did not appear, in the suit of Benjamin Newell, plaintiff, against Reuben Gatewood, defendant, in debt. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff.⁵³⁵
- 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.

⁵³¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁵³² Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

⁵³³ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, item 3. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, images 14-16 of 24.

⁵³⁴ Nelson County Order Book 1808-1811, p 182.

⁵³⁵ Nelson County Order Book 1808-1811, p 251.

1810 – A **Moses Kidd [Jr.]** first appears on the Knox County, KY tax list, along with Harmon and Zachariah Kidd (see image below):⁵³⁶ We believe that these are the three 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.⁵³⁷

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.

[Note: Elias Kidd, the son of William Kidd and grandson of Aaron Kidd of Albemarle County, migrated to southeastern Kentucky. He is not a member of the Moses Kidd family.]

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).

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.

See their sections in this compilation for more details.

MOSES KIDD JR., the son of Moses Kidd and Milly Clark

Married 1) – Church, and 2) Sally Richards

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 County tax list and in subsequent Kentucky records.

⁵³⁶ 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 County 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.

⁵³⁷ Ibid.

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1811-1814 – **Moses Kidd** appears on the annual tax lists of Casey County, KY [northwest of Knox County] along with Harmon and Zachariah Kidd.

1815-1820 – **Moses Kidd** is found on the annual tax lists in Lincoln County, KY [northeast 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.

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 23 June 1820.⁵⁴⁰

⁵³⁸ 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 County 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.

⁵³⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁴⁰ Kentucky Compiled Marriages, 1802-1850 on Ancestry.com/

1821-1823 – **Moses Kidd** is not on the tax lists in Lincoln County in these years.

1824-1825 – **Moses Kidd** again appears on the Lincoln County tax lists.

No further record of him has been found in Kentucky to date.

The only other clue about Moses Kidd is the death record of one of his daughters, Annie Ends, who died in Lincoln County on 15 January 1911 of “old age.” Her death certificate lists her birthplace as Lincoln County, KY, and her age as “unknown.” Her parents are listed as “**Moses Kidd**” and “(blank) Church.” The informant was Thomas Ends, whom I believe was her youngest son. He listed her marital status as single, but she was actually the widow of Wm H. Ends, who died in the Civil War, leaving her a pension, for which records survive. Other records list her name as Lucy Ann, though she appears to have gone by Anna or Annie in later life.⁵⁴¹ Census records indicate she was born abt 1815.

She fits nicely into Moses Kidd’s 1820 census record; her mother evidently died prior to 1820, when Moses married Sally Richards.

NANCY (HERNDON) KIDD, the wife of James P. Kidd and the daughter of John and Sarah Herndon
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.⁵⁴² Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Richard Herndon, and the minister as James Boyd.⁵⁴³ The license was issued on 28 January, and the wedding performed on 31 January 1822.⁵⁴⁴

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 County, 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 County, 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]

⁵⁴¹ Ancestry has quite a few records for her, and Findagrave has a brief obituary, and newspaper articles about her pension, and how her children tried to get at her pension, without success.

⁵⁴² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵⁴³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁵⁴⁴ *Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837*, by Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst, VA, 1968, p. 54.

" , Lanora 2FW TN
Kidd, James P. 50MW cabinet maker \$0 VA
" , **Nancy C.** 47FW VA CROW⁵⁴⁵
Herndon, Sarah 75FW VA CROW [likely Nancy's mother]
___, 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 County, 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 CROW⁵⁴⁶
“ , Ada 7FW MS
“ , Guss? 3MW MS
“ , Emma 13FW MS
“ , Laura 12FW MS
“ , Thos. 9MW MS

NANCY/ANN (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

1795 – Joseph Kidd and **Ann Johnson** were married in Albemarle County on 3 Sept 1795.⁵⁴⁷
Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was Thomas Johnson.⁵⁴⁸

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.....

⁵⁴⁵ Cannot read or write.

⁵⁴⁶ Cannot read or write.

⁵⁴⁷ *Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799*, compiled by Cecil McDonald Jr., vol. 10, p. 11.

⁵⁴⁸ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

Joseph and his wife Nancy both signed with an X.⁵⁴⁹

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.⁵⁵⁰ 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 March 24, 1845.⁵⁵¹

This record indicates that Joseph Kidd, Nancy’s husband, has died by this date; he does not appear on the Nelson County PPTLs after 1846.

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁵⁵²

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁵⁵³ 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

⁵⁴⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:400-401.

⁵⁵⁰ This record indicates that her husband, Joseph had died prior to 27 February 1845.

⁵⁵¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:154.

⁵⁵² Cannot read or write.

⁵⁵³ Ibid.

- " , 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 believe that she died sometime after 1850.

NANCY JANE (PAMPLIN) KIDD, the wife of Robert J. Kidd and daughter of John and Margaret Pamplin
Married Robert J. Kidd in 1826 in Nelson County
Deceased by 1840

1826 – Robert J. Kidd married **Nancy Jane Pamplin** in Nelson County on 3 June 1826.⁵⁵⁴

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:⁵⁵⁵

"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

⁵⁵⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁵⁵⁵ Nelson Co. VA Deed Book 5, pp. 468-469 (scanned images of this record available from RK)

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 and James P. Kidd. This deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts sold to **Nancy Jane Kidd**, John 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.⁵⁵⁶

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. This land 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 1840 (see the court record following). She is not found in her husband's household on the 1840 federal census.

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. The young children are Robert and Nancy's children.

On 10 November 1840 in Amherst County Court, a Guardian Bond was entered into by Robert I.⁵⁵⁷ 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."⁵⁵⁸

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.

⁵⁵⁶ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁵⁵⁷ 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.

⁵⁵⁸ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

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 (sic)

NANCY KIDD, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy) Johnson ⁵⁵⁹

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 1841.⁵⁶⁰ The bondsman was Charles Kidd, who also affirms that Nancy was over the age of 21. Witness was Ira Garrett.⁵⁶¹

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.⁵⁶²

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁵⁶³

" , Nancy 31FW VA

" , John 2MW VA

" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁵⁶⁴ pauper [the widow of Joseph Kidd Sr.]

Foster, Lucinda 75FW VA CROW

" , James 5MW VA

⁵⁵⁹ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁵⁶⁰ 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 County Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox, since that's where Nancy lived; a copy was also saved in the Albemarle County Marriage Records subfolder.

⁵⁶¹ *Albemarle County Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt, page 532, citing Marr. Reg. 1806-1868, fol. 80, and "B/C Papers, 1837-1842."

⁵⁶² Military correspondence found on Ancestry.com. See his and Nancy's sections in our Kidds of Nelson County tree on Ancestry.com.

⁵⁶³ Cannot read or write.

⁵⁶⁴ 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

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**, widow of George D., began receiving a monthly allowance of \$3.50 from the federal government on 10 October 1852.⁵⁶⁵

1860 – She may be the woman below in the Amherst County 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.

⁵⁶⁵ 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.

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.⁵⁶⁶

1870 – We have not found her on this census anywhere in Virginia.

1880 – On the federal census in Lovingson 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
 “ , 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 in Nelson County or elsewhere.

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 PPTLs (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 for more information about her from 1850 forward.

1821-1833 – A **Nathan Kidd** appears first on the Nelson County, VA PPTLs 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 PPTLs through 1851.

⁵⁶⁶ Ibid.

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.

1842 – A **Nathan Kidd** married Delilah/Delila Hendricks, the daughter of Jesse Tyree, on 1 Sept 1842 in Amherst County, VA.⁵⁶⁷ The record is incomplete, and doesn't list the surety, witnesses or official performing the marriage.⁵⁶⁸

1850 – Nathan Kidd is not listed on the federal census in Nelson County, VA, where his wife and family appear: p. 272A, HH 762:

Kidd, Delila 41FW VA CROW

" , Sophrona 5FW VA

" , Victoria 3FW VA

" , Josephine 1FW VA

He appears to have died between 1848-1850. We've found no further records for him.

NATHAN LAUD KIDD, the son of Robert N. Kidd and his wife Agnes Willoughby

Born in 1828⁵⁶⁹

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.⁵⁷⁰

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.⁵⁷¹

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

⁵⁶⁷ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁵⁶⁸ *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.

⁵⁶⁹ Per his headstone.

⁵⁷⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:81.

⁵⁷¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:42-43.

was filed in Chancery Court (case 1847-028).⁵⁷²

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. 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.⁵⁷³, ⁵⁷⁴ 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.⁵⁷⁵

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."⁵⁷⁶

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 March

⁵⁷² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁵⁷³ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

⁵⁷⁴ *Nelson County death registers, 1853-1896*, via familysearcy.org. Scanned image available upon request.

⁵⁷⁵ Ibid.

⁵⁷⁶ *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>

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 family. Only William Jenkins Kidd, who survived the war, appears to be actually buried in the cemetery.⁵⁷⁷

1863 – Nelson County Will Book L contains Guardian Bonds for Emma Agnes and Sarah Louisa, children of **Nathan L. Kidd**.⁵⁷⁸

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, Lovingson 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, Lovingson 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, Lovingson 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

⁵⁷⁷ 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 March 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIbAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIbAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

⁵⁷⁸ Pippenger, vol 4, p. 294, citing WB L, p. 496.

" , 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
" , 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 Nelson County household.

**PAMELA/PERMILIA B. KIDD, 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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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 **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 1849.⁵⁸⁰

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

⁵⁷⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁵⁸⁰ *Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850*, on Ancestry.com.

Robert N. Kidd of the county of Nelson.⁵⁸¹

(signed) Richd. A. White {seal}
Pemilia B. White {seal}

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.⁵⁸² 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.⁵⁸³

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.⁵⁸⁴ 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 **Peggy is Margaret (Wright) Kidd**, the wife of Pleasant M. (Micajah) Kidd. See their sections in this compilation.]⁵⁸⁵

On 30 May 1844, Benjamin Wright of Nelson County, 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.

⁵⁸¹ Nelson County, 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 County Sources folder.

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.

⁵⁸⁴ *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters: Pension Application of Andrew Wright, W6587*, found at <http://revwarapps.org/w6587.pdf>.

⁵⁸⁵ 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).

15 May 1788, m. 31 January 1811, and **Peggy J. Wright**, b. 30 May 1801, are listed among the children of Andrew and Lucy Wright.⁵⁸⁶

1850 – On 18 May 1850, Benjamin Wright of Nelson County, VA filed an affidavit in support of the pension application for the heirs of Lucy Wright, the widow of Andrew Wright (d. 25 November 1816). In his affidavit, her heirs are listed as Benjamin, Anna, Esther M., Polley Wright, Lucy Kidd, Elizabeth Fortune, Matilda Woody, Melinda Griffith, and **Peggy Kidd**.⁵⁸⁷

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 229A and adjacent are several households containing Kidds; their proximity suggests a strong family relationship:

HH 123

Saunders, James 44MW overseer VA CROW⁵⁸⁸

" , Nancy 31FW VA

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" , William 1MW VA

Kidd, Judith 35FW VA CROW

HH 124

Kidd, Nancy 70FW Bp. Unknown CROW⁵⁸⁹ 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

⁵⁸⁶ *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.

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⁵⁸⁹ Ibid.

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**.

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1860 – we do not find either Pleasant or Margaret Kidd on the 1860 federal census.

PLEASANT KIDD(s)

Two men by this name left records in Nelson County: an early Pleasant Kidd, and Pleasant M. Kidd. See their records, below.

PLEASANT KIDD the elder – parents unknown

Born between 1766-1780, based on tax lists and the 1810 census entry

Married Sarah Farrell in Albemarle County in 1802

Likely died in Albemarle County circa 1821

This Pleasant Kidd appears to have moved back and forth between Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson counties, leaving records in each.

[It is possible that this Pleasant Kidd was the son of Duel Kidd, who lived in the southeastern part of Albemarle County. Other sons of Duel Kidd may have been Charles Kidd (died 1856 in Albemarle County) and Joseph Kidd, who married Ann (Nancy) Johnson in 1795 in Albemarle County. While this theory needs additional research, all these men lived in the area, had limited assets, and apparently were illiterate.]

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 1802.⁵⁹¹
⁵⁹² Another abstract of this marriage lists the bondsman as James Farrell and the witness as John Carr. Minister Martin Dawson Sr.⁵⁹³

1803-1804 – We've found no records for a Pleasant Kidd for these years in Albemarle or Amherst Counties; Nelson county was not formed until 1809.

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 County, since Nelson was formed from Amherst in 1807 and no tax was assessed statewide in 1808. See Table below.

⁵⁹⁰ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

⁵⁹¹ *Marriages of Albemarle County and Charlottesville, VA, 1781-1929*, by William L. Norford, p. 111.

⁵⁹² 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.

⁵⁹³ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

Year	Parish	Taxpayer	Tithes	Notes
1805	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	
1806	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	1 horse
1807	Amherst	Pleasant	1 tithe	1 horse

We found no other records in **Amherst County** for a Pleasant Kidd.

1808 – No taxes were collected statewide in 1808.

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.

[Nelson County was created in 1809, from the northern half of Amherst County. Pleasant did not move to Nelson County; he lived in the portion of Amherst County that became Nelson County in 1809.]

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:⁵⁹⁴

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

⁵⁹⁴ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson County, VA.”

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.⁵⁹⁵

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 County PPTLs.

1820 – **Pleasant Kidd** is 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

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.

1825-1828 – A Sarah Kidd first appears on the Albemarle County, VA PPTLs in 1825, as Sarah Kidd and son, through 1827. In 1828, she has 1 tithe, without the “and son” descriptor. This is likely Pleasant Kidd’s widow, which would signify he died by 1825.

YEAR	NAME	TITHES	OTHER
1825B	Sarah Kidd and son	no tithe, 1 horse, .12 tax	Geo M. Woods list
1826B	Sarah Kidd and son	no tithe, 1 horse, .12 tax	Geo M. Woods list
1827B	Sarah Kidd and son	1 tithe, 1 horse	Geo M. Woods list
1828B	Sarah Kid	1 horse; no son listed now	

1827 – On 27 August 1827, the Albemarle County Court appointed Samuel W. Harris to be the guardian of William Kidd, orphan of **Pleasant Kidd**.⁵⁹⁶

This William Kidd is likely to be the one white male tithe in Sarah Kidd’s household in 1827; he likely reached the taxable age or sixteen years in the previous year. If so, he was probably born circa 1811, judging from the 1820 federal census.

We found no other records in Albemarle or adjacent counties for Sarah (Farrell) Kidd or for the above William Kidd.

A different Pleasant Kidd is found in Nelson County records between 1822 and 1839. This man was not born until 1791.⁵⁹⁷ See our Nelson County compilation for more information about this Pleasant Kidd.

PLEASANT M. KIDD, also known as Micajah Kidd, likely the son of Joseph Kidd and Ann (Nancy) Johnson⁵⁹⁸

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.

⁵⁹⁵ FHL microfilm #30261, Item 2 of 3, Albemarle County Order Book, 5 June 1815 – 6 June 1816, p. 95.

⁵⁹⁶ “*The Court Doth Order*”: extracts from Albemarle and Charlottesville order, law order and minute books, 1800-1900, by Sam Towler, New Papyrus Publishing, Athens, GA, 2009, page 72, citing the 1827 Court Order Book, p. 269.

⁵⁹⁷ His age on the 1830 federal census was listed as 30-39.

⁵⁹⁸ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

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 of Middlesex County, VA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about

1821, ff. – **Pleasant Micajah Kidd** appears in the Nelson County PPTLs in 1821, and appears almost annually through at least 1850. In 1827-1828, and again in 1839, he's joined by a second Pleasant Kidd. We do not know the identity of this second Pleasant.

Year	Date	Name	WT	Slaves	Horses
1821		Micajah	1		
1822	25-Feb	Pleasant	1		
1824	23-Feb	Pleasant	1		
1825	23-Feb	Pleasant	1		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
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

1824 – **Pleasant M. Kidd** married Margaret J. Wright on 28 March 1824 in Nelson County, VA.⁵⁹⁹ 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

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James Boyd.⁶⁰⁰

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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.

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.

This is Pleasant M. Kidd.

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1860 – We cannot find either Pleasant/Micajah or Margaret Kidd on the 1860 federal census.

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 – **Pocahontas Kidd**, the daughter of James and Mary A. Kidd, died on 3 December 1857 in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁰⁴ [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.⁶⁰⁵]

PRESTON W. KIDD, the son of Robert N. Kidd and Agnes Willoughby

Born abt 1831 in Nelson County, Virginia

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.⁶⁰⁶ 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.

⁶⁰³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1854-016

⁶⁰⁴ *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

⁶⁰⁵ 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 County Source Docs folder on Dropbox. Nelson County 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

⁶⁰⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

Both Kidds signed with an X. The deed was recorded in Nelson County court the following day.⁶⁰⁷

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).⁶⁰⁸

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

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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 County, 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.⁶⁰⁹ This cemetery is known as the Johnson-Kidd cemetery, according to another transcription of his headstone.⁶¹⁰

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 March 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.⁶¹¹

⁶⁰⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:42-43.

⁶⁰⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

⁶⁰⁹ Ancestry.com, citing BillionGraves.com.

⁶¹⁰ *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingston, Virginia, 2007, p. 178.

⁶¹¹ 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 March 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIbAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIbAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

Preston W. Kidd had no known children.

RHODA ANN KIDD, likely the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann (Nancy) Johnson⁶¹²

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 February 1827 in Nelson County, VA.⁶¹³
Another abstract of this same record lists the date of the marriage bond as 26 February 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.⁶¹⁴

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

“ , 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.

⁶¹² See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁶¹³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁶¹⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

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 79.⁶¹⁵

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
5. **Robert C. Kidd**, the son of William J. & Susannah (Hamlett) Kidd; born 1830 in Nelson County, VA.

These Robert Kidds appear below 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

⁶¹⁵ Upshur County, 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 County 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 County in 1880.

" , 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.⁶¹⁶ 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 County, along with his wife Martha Virginia, who preceded him in death, dying in 1900.⁶¹⁷ His headstone is the 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 County⁶¹⁸

Married (1) Nancy Jane Pamplin in 1826, m (2) Harriett Jones in 1841, m (3)

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.⁶¹⁹ 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,

⁶¹⁶ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. A scan of this death record is available upon request, stored in the Amherst County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

⁶¹⁷ Findagrave.com, Memorial #36942471.

⁶¹⁸ His father was on the Amherst County PPTLs from 1800 through 1811.

⁶¹⁹ 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.

& 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
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**.⁶²⁰

⁶²⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

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.⁶²¹

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.⁶²²

Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as Archibald Pamplin.⁶²³

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 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}

⁶²¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:141.

⁶²² *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁶²³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

Witnesses were Robert J.'s father James Kidd and his brother James P. Kidd. The deed was recorded in Court on 28 August 1826.⁶²⁴

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.⁶²⁵

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.⁶²⁶

1835 – On 9 April 1835, H.B. Scott and James D. Watts, trustees of William L. Watts, sold to Nancy Jane Kidd, John 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.⁶²⁷

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

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.⁶²⁸

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.

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**

⁶²⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:468-469.

⁶²⁵ 1830 federal census for Nelson County, p. 111, line 12.

⁶²⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7, page 377, retrieved from FHL #32725, image 212 of 685 via familysearch.org.

⁶²⁷ Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁶²⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page 106.

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.”⁶²⁹

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.⁶³⁰

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. Coleman W. Kidd 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.⁶³¹

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 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.⁶³²

At a Court of Monthly Sessions in Fluvanna County on 25 October 1841, this instrument of

⁶²⁹ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

⁶³⁰ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

⁶³¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img ,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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 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 the Jopling descendants

⁶³² Fluvanna County Deed Book 13, pages 105-106. Scanned images available.

writing was proved in open Court. Then on 28 March 1842, it was recorded in Nelson County Court.⁶³³

This marriage may have been recorded in Fluvanna County, VA.⁶³⁴

1842 – On 10 May 1842, **Robert I.**⁶³⁵ **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.⁶³⁶

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 1843.⁶³⁷

1843 – **Robert J. Kidd** was involved in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit 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. Digges 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 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.⁶³⁸

1844 – The next year, **Robert J. Kidd** was involved in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1844-012] titled William H. Digges Trust, etc. vs. John Sclater:

⁶³³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:484-5.

⁶³⁴ Fluvanna County Marriages, 1777-1801, at usgenweb archives:

<http://files.usgwarchives.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.

⁶³⁵ In this deed, Robert's middle initial is clearly a capital I, not J. Compare with other capital Js and Is in the deed.

⁶³⁶ *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.

⁶³⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:229.

⁶³⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1843-031

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.⁶³⁹

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 County, 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
" , C.R. 14FW in school
" , E.H. 12FW in school
" , L.C. 10MW in school
" , M.W.P. 8MW in school

1870 – On the federal census in Elon District, 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

1880 – On the federal census in Elon District, Amherst County, VA, E.D. 17, page 21A, HH 179/191 (mis-indexed on Ancestry.com as “Ro. J. Redd”:

Kidd, Ro. J. 78WWM head Married Farmer VA VA VA
“ , Harriet 40FW wife keeps house VA VA VA
no others in household

1886 – **Robert J. Kidd** married Olivia Megginson in Amherst County, VA on 7 February 1886.⁶⁴⁰ 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 mother's name was left blank. His birthplace was Nelson County, while hers was Appomattox County.

⁶³⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-012

⁶⁴⁰ 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.

We have not been able to find any further records for Robert J. Kidd. His widow Olivia M. Kidd evidently moved to Danville, Virginia, where she wrote her will 11 February 1900 and died by March 1900, when her will was proven in Danville. She left bequests to her Megginson siblings and a bequest of household goods to the Danville Orphanage. She also bequeathed to the Orphanage the proceeds of a debt owed to her by M.P. Kidd, likely Robert J.'s son, Merriwether P. Kidd.⁶⁴¹

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.⁶⁴²

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.⁶⁴³

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:

⁶⁴¹ *Danville, Virginia Will Book, Vol B, 1877-1910*, page 267; Author: Danville (Virginia). Clerk of the Corporation Court on Ancestry.com. This will is also viewable on FHL #888935, via familysearch.org (restricted access – Family History Centers only).

⁶⁴² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:479.

⁶⁴³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:81.

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. [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.⁶⁴⁴

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.]⁶⁴⁵

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

⁶⁴⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-029

⁶⁴⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:233-34.

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 1846.⁶⁴⁶

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).⁶⁴⁷

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; their proximity suggests a family relationship.

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

" , Agnes 55FW VA

" , Eliza 17FW VA

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

White, Thomas 17MW VA

Kidd, Robert K. 25MW carpenter VA

⁶⁴⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:388.

⁶⁴⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

1854 – On 22 November 1854, **Robert K. Kidd** married Martha Johnson in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁴⁸
Martha was the daughter of John Johnson and Behetheland Loving.⁶⁴⁹

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

HH 817

Kidd, Alexr. S. 46MW farmer \$0/0 Nelson CROW⁶⁵⁰
" , 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 CROW⁶⁵¹
" , 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

⁶⁴⁸ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁶⁴⁹ This relationship is confirmed by her 1915 Nelson County 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.

⁶⁵⁰ Persons over the age of 21 who cannot read or write.

⁶⁵¹ Cannot read or write.

1862 – **Robert K. Kidd** died in September 1862 at the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) and has a commemorative headstone at Ridgecrest Cemetery, also known as the Johnson-Kidd cemetery, in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA.^{652, 653}

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 March 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.⁶⁵⁴

[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.⁶⁵⁵ and Hudson P. Kidd⁶⁵⁶

[Note: Robert Nelson Kidd is distinctive from Robert N. Kidd Jr.]

Born abt 1791⁶⁵⁷ in Virginia

Married Agnes Willoughby in 1816

Died in 1859 in Nelson County, VA

Robert Nelson Kidd and Agnes Willoughby had nine children^{658, 659}:

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)

⁶⁵² Ancestry.com, citing BillionGraves.com.

⁶⁵³ *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingson, Virginia, 2007, p. 178.

⁶⁵⁴ 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 March 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIIBAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIIBAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

⁶⁵⁵ So named in Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1836-022,

⁶⁵⁶ So named in Nelson County 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.

⁶⁵⁷ This estimate is based upon from 1850 federal census entry, as well as his headstone.

⁶⁵⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

⁶⁵⁹ *Nelson Co VA Heritage Book 1807-2000*, published 2001, pp. 230-231 (abstract of Kidd entries in Nelson County Shared Folder).

We believe that **Robert N. Kidd** was likely the son of **William Kidd Sr. of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia**. See [Appendix 6](#) of this document for our explanation supporting this hypothesis.

The book *Tuckaboos and Cobeys: 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, 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."⁶⁶⁰

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, 1815.⁶⁶¹

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 1815.⁶⁶²

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.⁶⁶³

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 November 27, 1815.⁶⁶⁴

⁶⁶⁰ *Tuckaboos and Cobeys: The Settlers and Cultures of Amherst and Nelson Counties, 1607-1807*, by Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman, Sweet Briar College Printing Press, 1992, p, 337.

⁶⁶¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available from RK.

⁶⁶² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:296-97.

⁶⁶³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:297.

⁶⁶⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book DB 2: 321-23.

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.⁶⁶⁵

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
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) ⁶⁶⁶	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	

⁶⁶⁵ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁶⁶⁶ 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 PPTLs.

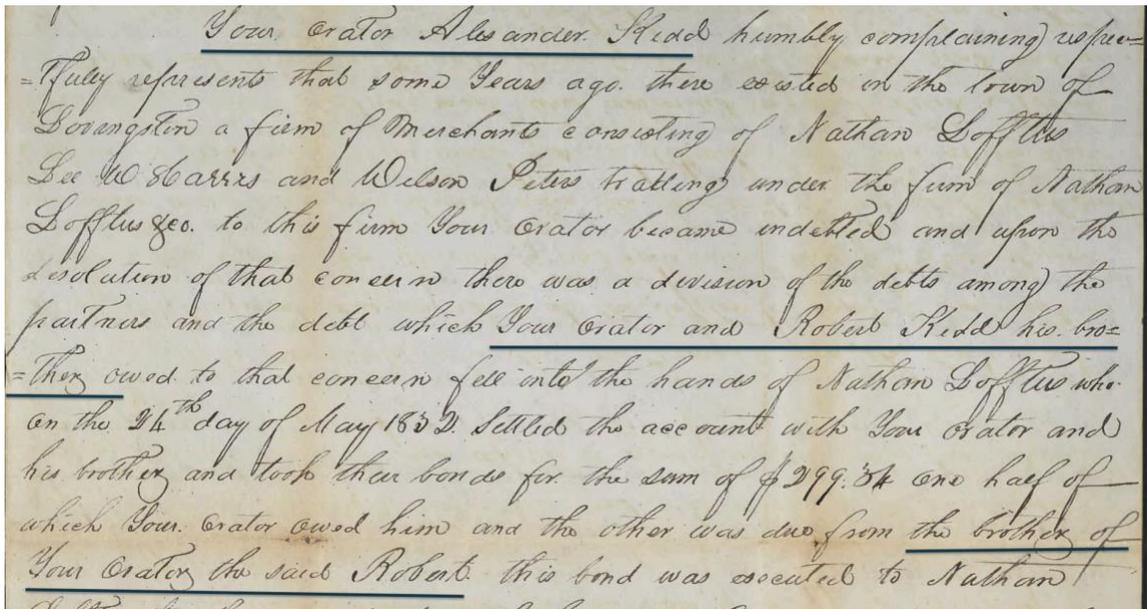
Ro. N. Kidd {seal}
Alexr. Kidd {seal}
Sparks Martin {seal}⁶⁶⁸

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.

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.



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 Lovington. It mentions that the orator became indebted to this firm and that upon its dissolution, the debt was divided among the partners. It states that the debt which the orator and Robert Kidd his brother owed to that concern fell into the hands of Nathan Lofftus, who on the 24th day of May 1832 settled the account with the orator and his brother, and took their bond for the sum of \$299.54, with one half of which the orator owed him and the other was due from the brother of the orator, the said Robert. The bond was executed to Nathan.

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. 1836.⁶⁶⁹

Also on 1 September 1836, **Robert N. Kidd** entered into a Deed of Trust with Albert G.

⁶⁶⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:183-184.

⁶⁶⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-022

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.⁶⁷⁰

[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.⁶⁷¹

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.⁶⁷²

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.⁶⁷³

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**

⁶⁷⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:329-330.

⁶⁷¹ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 39.

⁶⁷² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:329-330.

⁶⁷³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:55.

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 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 \$363.⁶⁷⁴

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.⁶⁷⁵

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.⁶⁷⁶

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.

⁶⁷⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1845-005

⁶⁷⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:213-4.

⁶⁷⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:243.

1847 – In a Nelson County Chancery Court suit in 1847 [1847-028], titled Alexander Kidd & wife, etc vs. Nathan Kidd etc⁶⁷⁷

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 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

⁶⁷⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028

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 3](#) 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**.⁶⁷⁸

1850 – On the federal census in Nelson County, VA, p. 238A, are two households containing Kidds, living nearly next door to one another; their proximity suggests a family relationship.

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

⁶⁷⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

1853 – On 10 October 1853, William H. Gowing and Eliza his wife, formerly Eliza Kidd, daughter of **Robert N. Kidd** and wife of Nelson County, 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.⁶⁷⁹

1859 – **Robert Nelson Kidd** died in 1859. He and his wife Agnes are both buried in the Ridgecrest cemetery in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA, sharing a common grave marker⁶⁸⁰ 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}⁶⁸¹

ROBERT N. KIDD, JR., the son of Hudson P. Kidd and the nephew⁶⁸² of Robert Nelson Kidd Sr.

Born April 1819 in Virginia

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

⁶⁷⁹ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:598.

⁶⁸⁰ This is a modern grave marker evidently placed later on the site.

⁶⁸¹ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 18:446-447.

⁶⁸² 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.

1849		Robert N. Jr.	1		2
1850		Robert N. Jr.	1		1

1844 – On 20 June 1844, **Robert N. Kidd** married Charlotte Craig in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁸³
Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as James W. Craig and the minister as Edward Thomas.⁶⁸⁴

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.⁶⁸⁵

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.⁶⁸⁶

Robert N. and his wife Charlotte and other family members are buried in the Kidd Family Cemetery in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁸⁷ 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.⁶⁸⁸

SALLY KIDD, b ca 1791/1800, in Nelson County in 1830

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

⁶⁸³ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁶⁸⁴ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁶⁸⁵ Nelson Co. VA deaths 1853-1896 – FHL #2048577, item 3, image 534, reviewed by RK at Bellevue, WA FHC on October 25, 2017.

⁶⁸⁶ Nelson County Will Book N, page 409, retrieved from FHL #2047074, image 244 via Familysearch.org (restricted access). Digital image available upon request.

⁶⁸⁷ *Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia*, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingson, Virginia, 2007, p. 220.

⁶⁸⁸ Personal correspondence from Barbara Taylor, November 1, 2017.

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.

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 Married Robert Watkins in 1828 in Nelson County

1826 – The following entry appears in Nelson County, VA Deed Book 7, page 141.⁶⁸⁹

“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."⁶⁹⁰

Another transcription reads:

Kidd, Sarah A. & Robert Watkins, 31 January 1828. Bondsman Jesse N. Kidd. Minister James Boyd. Marriage on 31 January 1828.⁶⁹¹

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.⁶⁹²

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. Coleman W. Kidd received a distribution of \$101.88 for

⁶⁸⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:141 retrieved via familysearch.org from FHL #32724, image 349.

⁶⁹⁰ *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.

⁶⁹¹ *Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985.

⁶⁹² Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

his mother Lucy Kidd, representing Lucy's share of her mother Martha Jopling's inheritance from Martha's father Ralph Jopling.⁶⁹³

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 Willoughby⁶⁹⁴

Born about 1819 in Nelson County, VA

Married in 1838 in Nelson County to James Johnson

Died on 10 February 1896 in Nelson County, VA

1838 – On 17 October 1838, **Sarah A. Kidd** married James Johnson in Nelson County, VA.⁶⁹⁵

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 1838.⁶⁹⁶

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).⁶⁹⁷

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.

⁶⁹³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img ,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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 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 the Jopling descendants

⁶⁹⁴ The 1847 probate case lists Sarah A. as the daughter of Alexander and Charity (Willoughby) Kidd.

⁶⁹⁵ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁶⁹⁶ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 97.

⁶⁹⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

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.⁶⁹⁸

SUSANNA (HAMLETT) KIDD, the daughter of Archer and Susannah Hamlett/Hamblett
Born abt 1795⁶⁹⁹ 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 December 1813 in Nelson County. The bondsman was William Hamlet.⁷⁰⁰ [This surname is variously spelled Hamblett, Hamlett and Hamlet.]

[Susannah's sister Lucy married William C. Kidd in Nelson County on 11 October 1811.]

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.⁷⁰¹

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 Chancery⁷⁰²
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

⁶⁹⁸ 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 County Death Records folder on Dropbox.

⁶⁹⁹ This year of birth is estimated from her age on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 federal censuses.

⁷⁰⁰ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁷⁰¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁰² https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

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.⁷⁰³

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.⁷⁰⁴ 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. 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 December 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

⁷⁰³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

⁷⁰⁴ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. A scan of this death record is available upon request, stored in the Amherst County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

- " , 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...”⁷⁰⁵

THOMAS J.⁷⁰⁶ KIDD, likely the son of Joseph Kidd Sr. and Ann Johnson ⁷⁰⁷

Born 16 February 1804 in Nelson County, Virginia⁷⁰⁸

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		

⁷⁰⁵ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson County, 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 County Source documents on Dropbox for this image.

⁷⁰⁶ This middle initial appears on only one record we’ve discovered so far – his death record.

⁷⁰⁷ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁷⁰⁸ Per his headstone, which lists his date of death and his age at death. See 1886 in this chronology.

- 1832 – **Thomas Kidd** married Margaret Johnson on 21 February 1832 in Nelson County, VA.⁷⁰⁹ Another abstract of this same record lists the bondsman as John Johnson, possibly her father.⁷¹⁰
- 1835 – Joseph Kidd married Mary Ann Bryant on 25 November 1835 in Nelson County, VA.⁷¹¹ Another abstract of this record lists the bondsman as **Thomas Kidd**, and the minister as Henry Payton.⁷¹²
- 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 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.⁷¹³
- 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.⁷¹⁴ 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.⁷¹⁵
- 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

⁷⁰⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁷¹⁰ *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 County Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

⁷¹¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁷¹² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁷¹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:258.

⁷¹⁴ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁷¹⁵ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

with an X. This deed of land relinquishment was recorded in Nelson County court on October 14, 1845.⁷¹⁶

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

1860 – On the federal census in Buckhannon P.O., Upshur⁷¹⁷ County, VA, p. 44, HH 308/310:

Kidd, Thos. 55MW farmer \$200/185 VA CROW⁷¹⁸

- " , 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:

⁷¹⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:268-9.

⁷¹⁷ Upshur County was formed in 1851 from parts of Randolph, Barbour and Lewis Counties.

⁷¹⁸ Persons over age 21 who Cannot Read Or Write.

Kidd, Thomas MW 76 widowed 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 County, VA. His parents are listed as unknown. The informant was listed as Bethelin Kidd, daughter. He was born 16 February 1804, calculated from his date of death and his age at death – 84y 3m 14d.⁷¹⁹
 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).

WILLIAM KIDD SR. of Albemarle, Amherst & Nelson Counties, Virginia
 most likely the son of John Kidd and Ruth Parish/Farish⁷²⁰ of Albemarle County, VA
William4 (John3, William2, Thomas1) Kidd
 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

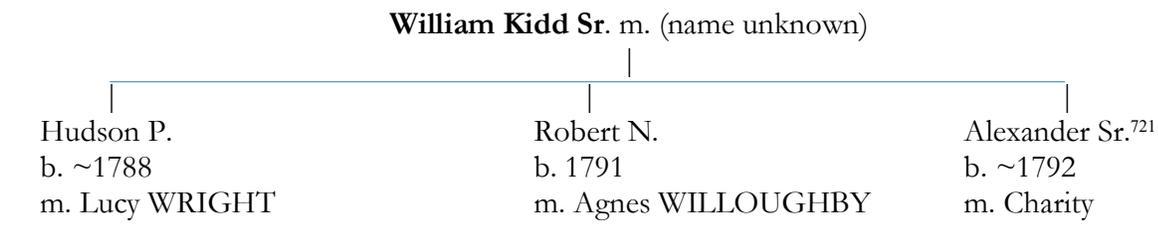
Based on their proximity and interactions with each other, we believe that this **William Kidd Sr.** is the brother of **James Kidd Sr.** of Nelson County, Virginia, and that they are the sons of **John Kidd and Ruth Parish/Farish** of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, and thus grandsons of **William 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 5](#), 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 6](#) 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):



⁷¹⁹ West Virginia Death Records Index, Lewis Co WV, see http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcdetail.aspx?Id=2916744

⁷²⁰ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

⁷²¹ The “Sr.” designation here is intended to distinguish him from the two other Alexander Kidds in Nelson County during his lifetime. See his section in this compilation.

d. ~1843, Nelson Co.

SONS

1. William H.
(~1813 - ??)
2. Alexander S.⁷²²
(~1814-aft. 1880)
3. Robert N. Jr.
(1819-1901)
4. Edmund Tucker
(1823-1889)
5. Isaiah B.
(1824-??)
6. Daniel P.
(1830-1912)

d. 1859, Nelson Co.

SONS

1. Wilson P.
(~1817 - ??)
2. Arthur H.
(~1819-??)
3. Robert K.
(1825-1862)
4. Nathan Laud
(1828-1862)
5. Preston W.
(1830-1862)
6. William Jenkins (Jenks)
(1841-1921)

WILLOUGHBY
d. 1870, Nelson Co.

SONS

1. Floyd L.
(~1820-1884)
2. Frederick
(1822-??)
3. Landon R.
(1832-1915)
4. Alexander Jr.
(~1836-??)

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 Parish/Farish's grandfather Henry Atkinson.⁷²³ 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

⁷²² There is some question as to whether Alexander S. Kidd was Hudson P. Kidd's son, and no direct evidence names him as such. We believe that he was indeed Hudson's son. See his section in this compilation for a fuller discussion.

⁷²³ Found in Albemarle County, 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.]

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

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.⁷²⁴

[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 1786.⁷²⁵

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.

⁷²⁴ 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.

⁷²⁵ 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.

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): ⁷²⁶

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	
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

⁷²⁶ 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.

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.⁷²⁷

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

⁷²⁷ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

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.⁷²⁸

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.⁷²⁹ [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 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.⁷³⁰

1795 – The Amherst County will of Jno. Norman Kidd, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795⁷³¹ 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.⁷³² 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.⁷³³ 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,

⁷²⁸ Ibid.

⁷²⁹ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 302, image 163. Scanned image available from the authors.

⁷³⁰ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 366.

⁷³¹ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

⁷³² *The wills of Amherst county Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

⁷³³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

indicating that the case began there, prior to the formation of Nelson County from Amherst County in 1807.

This suit also includes receipts submitted as exhibits, including one for a George Kidd's account in 1797 and 1798 (p. 10). The fact this suit includes transactions for a George Kidd is interesting, because it suggests a relationship between William Kidd and George Kidd. The only known George Kidd in the central Virginia area in this timeframe is George Kidd, who married Lydia Chiles in 1805 in Franklin County, VA, and who then migrated to Kanawha County, VA (now WV) and Lawrence County, OH.

- 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.^{734, 735, 736}
- 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 William Harris. Collateral was six slaves. Other witnesses were William Harris and William Douglas.⁷³⁷
- 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.⁷³⁸
- 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.⁷³⁹
- 1808 – No taxes were collected statewide in Virginia in 1808.

⁷³⁴ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 115, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁷³⁵ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 125, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁷³⁶ FHL #1888556, Amherst County Order Books, 1800-1802, Item 2: Amherst County Order Book, December 1801-October 1802, page 135, abstracted by RK at the Bellevue FHC on June 14, 2014.

⁷³⁷ *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.

⁷³⁸ *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.

⁷³⁹ *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.

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
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:⁷⁴⁰

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

⁷⁴⁰ Although images of this census state that they are for “Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia,” they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of “Buckingham, Nelson County, VA.”

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.⁷⁴¹
- 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 April 24, 1815.⁷⁴²
- 1820 – I do not find William Kidd Sr. on the federal census in Nelson County, Virginia.
- 1827 – On 11 Sept. 1827, a **William Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit [1835-005] over a property dispute.⁷⁴³ 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.⁷⁴⁴ 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.⁷⁴⁵

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

⁷⁴¹ 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.

⁷⁴² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available.

⁷⁴³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005. This deposition is on image 38.

⁷⁴⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1835-005

⁷⁴⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1831-006

**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.⁷⁴⁶
Another abstract of this record names the bondsman as W. Hamblett, and spells the bride's surname Hamblett.⁷⁴⁷

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		
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**.⁷⁴⁸

1814 – Nelson County Court, 28 March 1814. The Court ordered the overseers of the poor to bind out Charles Harris and John Harris, poor orphaned children of William Harris decd, to Wm McCaleb to learn the art, trade, and mystery of a tanner, and also to bind out Peggy Harris, another infant child of Wm Harris, to Wm C. Kidd according to law.⁷⁴⁹

⁷⁴⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1740-1850*, at Ancestry.com.

⁷⁴⁷ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁷⁴⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁷⁴⁹ Nelson County Order Book 1813-1822, p 205.

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 September 1814 to 18 September 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.⁷⁵⁰ Also listed in this unit was **William J. Kidd**.⁷⁵¹

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 1796,⁷⁵² 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.⁷⁵³

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 and one cow as collateral. Kidd signed his name. The deed was recorded in Nelson County Court on 30 May 1815.⁷⁵⁴

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).⁷⁵⁵

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

⁷⁵⁰ William C. Kidd CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38804823, 4905, original at NAB, copies on file.

⁷⁵¹ “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.

⁷⁵² Scanned images of Archer Hamlett's will and other estate records can be found in the Amherst County Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

⁷⁵³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

⁷⁵⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:419-20.

⁷⁵⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:343-4. Scanned images available.

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.]⁷⁵⁶

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 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}⁷⁵⁷

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 1829.⁷⁵⁸

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.

⁷⁵⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁵⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:183-184.

⁷⁵⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 6:419.

- 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 December 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.⁷⁵⁹
- 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.⁷⁶⁰
- 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 Woods]. This case began in 1820 and continued until 1841 over the division of Archer Hamlet's considerable estate.⁷⁶¹
- 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

⁷⁵⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

⁷⁶⁰ See Kentucky property Tax Lists in the Kentucky subfolder for full details.

⁷⁶¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

" , 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.

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, John 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.⁷⁶²

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.⁷⁶³ 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.”⁷⁶⁴

⁷⁶² Amherst County Virginia Deed Book V, page 202, retrieved from FHL #30293, image 671 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁶³ 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.

⁷⁶⁴ Amherst County Will Book 10, pp. 287-288. Scanned images available upon request.

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 John 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.

WILLIAM H. KIDD, the son of Hudson P. Kidd and Lucy Wright⁷⁶⁵

Born abt 1813 in Nelson County

Married 1) Mary Ann (possibly Lebrick⁷⁶⁶) 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
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.

⁷⁶⁵ William's 1879 marriage record states that he was born in Nelson County and names his parents as H. P. and Lucy Kidd.

⁷⁶⁶ The 1936 reinterment record for Leroy Anderson Kidd, the son of William H. Kidd, lists his mother's name as Nancy Lebrick. The informant for this record was Leroy's daughter Pearl C. (Kidd) Acree. While the first name doesn't match census and other records, this may be a clue as to William H. Kidd's wife's maiden name.

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 1842.⁷⁶⁷

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.⁷⁶⁸

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

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 County, VA on 25 December 1879. He was a widower and she was single at the time of their marriage.⁷⁶⁹

1880 – On federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington district, ED 111, page 16D, HH 147/167:

Kidd, Wm. H. WM 66M farmer CROW⁷⁷⁰ VA VA VA

⁷⁶⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:22-23.

⁷⁶⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

⁷⁶⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com

⁷⁷⁰ Persons over the age of 21 years who cannot read or write.

" , 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.⁷⁷¹ 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: Carpenter⁷⁷²
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

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 December 1813 in Nelson County. The bondsman was William Hamlet.⁷⁷³ Susanna's sister Lucy married William C. Kidd.

1814 – Amherst County Court, 26 April 1814. Thomas Hamlet, in the custody of the jail, was accused of assault of **Wm Kidd** on the 11th day of March last [1814], with intent to maim and disfigure and with purpose and malice aforethought. Hamlet pleaded not guilty and was

⁷⁷¹ 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.

⁷⁷² 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 County) and Anderson C. Kidd (parents currently unknown).

⁷⁷³ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

ordered to be bound over for trial on the first day of the next term. **William Kidd** and others sworn in as witnesses.⁷⁷⁴

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 September 1814 to 18 September 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**.⁷⁷⁵

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 1796,⁷⁷⁶ 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.⁷⁷⁷

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.⁷⁷⁸

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 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 8](#) 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

⁷⁷⁴ Nelson County Minute Book 1, 1813-1814, p 733.

⁷⁷⁵ William I. Kidd CMSR War of 1812, card numbers 38804824, 4906, original at NAB, copies on file.

⁷⁷⁶ Scanned images of Archer Hamlett's will and other estate records can be found in the Amherst County Source Docs folder on Dropbox.

⁷⁷⁷ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:224-5. Scanned images available.

⁷⁷⁸ Nelson County Deed Book 3, pages 63-64, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 37 & 38 (restricted access). Digital images available upon request.

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.⁷⁷⁹

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. Kidd⁷⁸⁰

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 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.⁷⁸¹

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

⁷⁷⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3, pages 303-304, retrieved from FHL #32723, images 158-159 via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁷⁸⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 3:361. Scanned images available. Here is an abstract:

⁷⁸¹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 4:32-33. Scanned images available.

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**.⁷⁸²

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.⁷⁸³

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.⁷⁸⁴

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.⁷⁸⁵

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.⁷⁸⁶

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.⁷⁸⁷

⁷⁸² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:111. Scanned images in Nelson County Sources folder.

⁷⁸³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1826-005

⁷⁸⁴ Lynchburg (Amherst County) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, pp. 73-74, retrieved from FHL #32264, images 55-56 on this reel.

⁷⁸⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 5:500-501.

⁷⁸⁶ Lynchburg (Amherst County) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, p. 146, retrieved from FHL #32264, image 92 on this reel.

⁷⁸⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-018

Lynchburg (Amherst) Chancery Court, October Term 1827. **William J. Kidd**, Plt against James P. Garland, Deft.} This cause which was removed hither by writ of cortoriari of the County court of Nelson came on this day to be heard...the Court decreed that the injunction awarded to the plaintiff by the said county court on the (blank) day of March 1822 to restrain the defendant, his attorneys, agents and all others from further proceeding on the judgment in the bill mentioned be (illegible) as to the sum of \$63.79 with interest thereon...from 1 August 1819 until paid, that the said injunction as to the residue of the said Judgment be perpetual, and that the defendant pay unto the plaintiff his costs, including those in the Nelson County Court.⁷⁸⁸

- 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.)⁷⁸⁹ (Nothing else pertinent to the Kidd family is found in this record.)
- 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.⁷⁹⁰
- 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.
- 1835 – **William J. Kidd** was appointed guardian of Gilbert W. Bergman in Nelson County, VA, and posted bond for same. WB E, p. 61.⁷⁹¹ [I think this is an abstracting error, and this name is Bowman (see 1836, below).]
- 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.⁷⁹² Wilson Peters and Harrod B. Scott were named as his securities. The bond was for \$200, suggesting a relatively small estate.

⁷⁸⁸ Lynchburg (Amherst County) Chancery Court Order Book 3, 1825-1828, p. 301, retrieved from FHL #32264, image 189 on this reel. Scanned image available from the authors.

⁷⁸⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1838-001

⁷⁹⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 7:377.

⁷⁹¹ Index to Nelson County Virginia Wills, 1807-1850, Abstracted by Nancy Heuser, LOV, Sept 2009.

⁷⁹² 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.

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 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.⁷⁹³

- 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 December 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.⁷⁹⁴
- 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 1837.⁷⁹⁵ 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 1839.⁷⁹⁶
- 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.⁷⁹⁷ 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.⁷⁹⁸

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.⁷⁹⁹

- 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.

⁷⁹³ Nelson County, Virginia Wil Book E, page 61, retrieved from FHL #2047070, image 49 via familysearch.org.

⁷⁹⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1836-032

⁷⁹⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 8:439.

⁷⁹⁶ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-019

⁷⁹⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-012

⁷⁹⁸ *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.

⁷⁹⁹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1839-026

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." Robert J. Kidd put up his black horse, saddle and bridle as collateral for this loan. All of the parties signed this document.⁸⁰⁰
[This is another example of Robert J. Kidd owing money to his brothers William J. and Coleman W. Kidd. - RK]

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].⁸⁰¹

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. ..." (**These were the children of Lucy Jopling who married James Kidd.**)

No other mention made of them or any other Kidds. No resolution identifiable in this record.

1840-1841 – In November 1840, Robert N. Kidd, Alexander Kidd, Jno. Kidd and **W. J. Kidd**⁸⁰² 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.⁸⁰³

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

⁸⁰⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 9:106.

⁸⁰¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1840-003

⁸⁰² 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.

⁸⁰³ 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.

Hamlet's considerable estate. But no other substantive information about the Kidds is found in this record.⁸⁰⁴

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 Pamplin, Pritchard and Kidd.⁸⁰⁵ (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.⁸⁰⁶

The second smaller distribution to the seven heirs was the result of the chancery suit between the heirs of Ralph Jopling. Coleman W. Kidd 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.⁸⁰⁷

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 1842.⁸⁰⁸

⁸⁰⁴ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-023

⁸⁰⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1841-073

⁸⁰⁶ Nelson Co. VA Will Book F, pp. 165-166 (scanned images in the Nelson County Shared Folder).

⁸⁰⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/full_case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1849-025#img ,

Case 1849-025 William Ball vs. John Jopling, et al 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 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 the Jopling descendants

⁸⁰⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:87-88.

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 \$18.10.⁸⁰⁹

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.⁸¹⁰

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.⁸¹¹

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 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.⁸¹²

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 1843.⁸¹³

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.⁸¹⁴

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**

⁸⁰⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:117-118.

⁸¹⁰ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:31-32.

⁸¹¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1842-043

⁸¹² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6. Scans of this deed are in the Nelson County Sources folder.

⁸¹³ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:347.

⁸¹⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:376.

James Kidd in two instances and as **William J. Kidd Jr.** in one other instance (see next entry).⁸¹⁵

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.⁸¹⁶

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 1849.⁸¹⁷

On 15 October 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 1850.⁸¹⁸

1853 – On 11 June 1853, **William J. Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court case, a dispute over a debt.⁸¹⁹ He signed his affidavit (see image below), and his signature reads “William Jams (or James) Kidd. This is one of the two records we’ve found that provide a middle name for him (the other being in 1845, above).

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 bears a good character
among his neighbors
Said not ^{and further this deponent} 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. R. Loring J.P.

⁸¹⁵ Nelson County, VA Will Book G, pp. 335-337. Digital images available upon request.

⁸¹⁶ Ibid, p. 337. Digital image available upon request.

⁸¹⁷ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:70.

⁸¹⁸ Nelson County, VA Deed Book 13:105.

⁸¹⁹ 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.

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.⁸²⁰ 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.⁸²¹ Another abstract of this record lists the date of the marriage bond as 23 December 1843, and names the bondsman as Nelson Phillips, and the minister as Edward L. Warren. The marriage date was 27 December 1843.⁸²²

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

HH 52:

Kidd, Alex'r S. 36MW farmer \$500 b. Nelson County CROW⁸²³

" , 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.⁸²⁴ 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

⁸²⁰ *Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912*, at familysearch.org. A scan of this death record is available upon request, stored in the Amherst County Source Documents folder on Dropbox.

⁸²¹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁸²² *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

⁸²³ Cannot read or write.

⁸²⁴ Son of Hudson P. Kidd.

" , M.L. 4MW Nelson County
" , C.W. 1MW Nelson County

1860 – on federal census in Nelson County, VA, Lovington 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 October 1841⁸²⁵

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

A list of their children given in the Nelson County, VA Heritage Book (p. 241)⁸²⁶:

Pierce Kemper, b 22 July 1873
Howard Whitefield, b 20 May 1875
William Richard Marvin, b 17 January 1878
James Arthur, b 2 June 1879
Robert Smith, b 28 July 1882
Mattie Lee, b 1 March 1886
Eugene Johnson, b 24 August 1892
Irene Bertha, b 11 October 1894
[not listed in this Heritage Book article, but another of their children, was
Evelyn "Eva" Whitehead Kidd, b 8 August 1890⁸²⁷

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 March 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.

⁸²⁵ 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.

⁸²⁶ *Nelson Co VA Heritage Book 1807-2000*, published 2001, p. 241 (abstract in Nelson County Source Documents Folder).

⁸²⁷ Personal correspondence, Barbara Taylor. See her Taylor Fowle Thornberry tree on

As the only son who survived the war, he appears to be the one actually buried in the cemetery.⁸²⁸

1870 – On the federal census in Lovington, 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
" , 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.⁸²⁹

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.⁸³⁰

(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 1814.⁸³¹ 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

⁸²⁸ 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 March 2006 issue:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=SvMyAAAAIBAJ&sjid=rggGAAAAIBAJ&pg=4443%2C5498019>

⁸²⁹ *Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940*, at Ancestry.com.

⁸³⁰ Nelson County, 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 County Sources folder.

⁸³¹ 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 Elmonton on Rt. 641.

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 February 1921 in Elmington, Nelson County, Virginia, the place where he was born, at the age of 79.⁸³²

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.

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:⁸³³

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.⁸³⁴

Born in 1822⁸³⁵ in Nelson County, Virginia

Married Harriet E. Morgan in 1839 in Nelson County, VA

Lived in both Amherst and Nelson Counties.

Mentioned in the journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin (1865-1950, the daughter of

Edmund Tucker Kidd and Elizabeth (Kidd) Craig, the daughter of Joseph Kidd Sr

⁸³² 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."

⁸³³ 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.

⁸³⁴ See [Appendix 7](#) for an analysis of the probable children of Joseph Kidd Sr. and his wife, Nancy/Ann Johnson.

⁸³⁵ Both his death record and grave marker have a birth year of 1822.

and his wife Nancy Ann Johnson.⁸³⁶
Died 16 August 1880 in Nelson County, VA

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 County 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

1839 – Married on January 2, by Rev. Matthew Sturdivant, **Wilson Kidd**, to Miss Harriet E. Morgan, daughter of William Morgan, dec'd, all of Lovingston, **Nelson County**.⁸³⁷ An abstract of this record names the bondsman as Elizabeth Morgan.⁸³⁸

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.)

⁸³⁶ p. 43: “My grandfather James Craig and grandmother Elizabeth Kidd Craig moved up from Goochland County below Richmond to near Lovingston, 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.”

⁸³⁷ From the *Lynchburg Virginian*, Monday January 7, 1839, p. 3, col. 3.

⁸³⁸ *Virginia Historic Marriage Register. Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850*, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985, p. 40.

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.⁸³⁹

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 1841.⁸⁴⁰

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 December 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.

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

⁸³⁹ *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.

⁸⁴⁰ Amherst County VA Deed Book X, p. 523, transcribed by Nancy Heuser, LoV, 2007.

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...”⁸⁴¹

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.⁸⁴² 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.

Wilson and Harriet Kidd are buried in Mountain View cemetery in Lovingson, Nelson County, VA, according to their memorial on Findagrave. Their headstone is a modern marker reading:

Wilson Kidd 1822-1880 [this birth year is later than other birth years given for Wilson]
Harriet Morgan Kidd 1823-1894

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

Married Ellen/Ellender/Elenor Powell in 1843 in Nelson County, VA⁸⁴³

⁸⁴¹ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson County, 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 County Source documents on Dropbox for this image.

⁸⁴² *Virginia Deaths and Burial, 1853-1912*, on Familysearch.org.

⁸⁴³ The will of John Powell (found in Nelson County 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

Date of death unknown, but likely between 1860-1870 in Nelson County, VA. He was deceased by 28 March 1872.

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		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.⁸⁴⁴

Also on 5 August 1842, Walker S. Willoughby entered into a Deed of Trust with **Wilson P. Kidd** regarding a debt of \$120 owed to Joshua Willoughby. This deed was recorded in Nelson County Court on 18 August 1842.⁸⁴⁵

1842-1846 – Nelson County VA records contain three Bonds recorded for "**Wilson P. Kidd, Constable**" in the years 1842, 1844 and 1846, respectively.⁸⁴⁶

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 County Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

⁸⁴⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:55, retrieved from FHL #32726, image 344 via familysearch.org.

⁸⁴⁵ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:62-63, retrieved from FHL #32726, image 348 via familysearch.org.

⁸⁴⁶ Pippenger, vol. 4, p. 295, citing Nelson County, VA Will Book F, p. 311, WB G, p. 029, and WB G, p. 243.. We have not seen these records.

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 \$2000.⁸⁴⁷

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 1843.⁸⁴⁸

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.⁸⁴⁹

1843 – **Wilson P. Kidd** married Elender Powell on 8 November 1843 in Nelson County, VA.⁸⁵⁰ 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 1843.⁸⁵¹

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.⁸⁵²

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

⁸⁴⁷ Nelson County WB F:311, reviewed on microfilm by RK 5 May 2013.

⁸⁴⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:332, retrieved from FHL #32726, image 484 via familysearch.org.

⁸⁴⁹ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 10:335-6 (scanned images available in the Nelson County 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 County DB 10, pp 335-6.

⁸⁵⁰ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at familysearch.org.

⁸⁵¹ *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 County Marriage Records subfolder on Dropbox.

⁸⁵² Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:81.

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.⁸⁵³

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 obligor 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.]⁸⁵⁴

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).⁸⁵⁵

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

⁸⁵³ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1844-029

⁸⁵⁴ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 11:233-34.

⁸⁵⁵ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1847-028#img

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 1848.⁸⁵⁶

See [Appendix 8](#) 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 1870s⁸⁵⁷, ⁸⁵⁸ 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

" , L.E. 4FW VA

" , Nathan K. 1MW VA

HH 79

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

" , Ellen F. 26FW VA

⁸⁵⁶ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 12:309.

⁸⁵⁷ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1872-053

⁸⁵⁸ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1878-019

" , 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.⁸⁵⁹

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.⁸⁶⁰

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.

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.**:⁸⁶¹ (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.

⁸⁵⁹ 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.

⁸⁶⁰ Nelson County, VA WB J, page 329, available online at Ancestry.com. No other information there.

⁸⁶¹ https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=125-1861-001

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 January 1844 and filed 22 January 1844 in Nelson County court ⁸⁶² (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 prior to 28 March 1872.⁸⁶³ 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 County 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.

1862/1863 – This **Wilson P. Kidd** died after the 1862 Nelson County PPTL, and before the spring of 1863; in 1862, his estate is listed, taxed on 5 slaves, valued at \$2750, two horses, valued at \$130, three cows and five hogs. None of the other Kidd households on this list were taxed

⁸⁶² His will (found in Nelson County 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 County Sources Folder at Dropbox, scanned by RK on May 24, 2013. DB F, pp. 441-3 and pp. 446-49.

⁸⁶³ Another Nelson County Chancery Court record, dated 30 April 1866, found in Chancery Order Book D, 1860-1871, page 82, “Nelson, Virginia, United States records,” images, FamilySearch “Nelson, Virginia, United States records,” images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C377-92CS>), image 79 of 303; indicates that by this date Wilson P. Kidd was deceased.

for enslaved persons. These slaves were likely part of his wife Ellen Powell Kidd's inheritance, cited above.

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 Virginia⁸⁶⁴

Lived in Amherst Parish of Amherst County from at least 1801-1807⁸⁶⁵

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.⁸⁶⁶ The earlier date of 10 August was confirmed by a review of the record itself.⁸⁶⁷

⁸⁶⁴ Age 76 at the time of the 1850 census; age 60-69 in 1840; age 50-59 in 1830.

⁸⁶⁵ His father, Moses, appears on Amherst County PPTLs from 1788-1807.

⁸⁶⁶ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁸⁶⁷ Amherst County Virginia Marriages, abstracted for Kidd entries by Nancy Heuser at the Library of Virginia, September 2007.

1806, 1807 – The Amherst County 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 County PPTL in 1809 or afterward, but he appears in neighboring Nelson County 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.

Ca 1808 – Moses Kidd and his sons **Zach [Zachariah]**, and Harmon [Harman] **Kidd** were among the Nelson County residents who signed a legislative petition to the General Assembly ca 1808 as the county was being formed. The petition “from a number of the freeholders and inhabitants of the county of Nelson” laid out that the act of 25 December 1807 dividing the county of Amherst provided for the placing of public buildings [such as the courthouse], and further said that the commissioners had been somewhat “secretive and negligent in their choice,” and requested that the place of choice be near Mr. James Loving’s “excellent spring” one mile above Loving’s Gap, but four miles from where the commissioners proposed setting the site. [Note: The list contains what appear to be original signatures but the Kidd entries are all in the same handwriting, which suggests that one person signed for all three.]⁸⁶⁸

1809 – Nelson County Court, 26 June 1809. William Cashwell is appointed surveyor of the road leading from the muster field and “in Buffaloe [River?] on Meggison Road with the following [hands] and to keep the road in good repair: [among others] **Zachariah Kidd**, Moses Kidd, and Harmon Kidd and their male labouring tythes and the male labouring tythes on the plantation of Nathaniel Terry.⁸⁶⁹

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):⁸⁷⁰ We believe that these are the three surviving sons of Moses and Milly Clark Kidd.

⁸⁶⁸ Nelson County Legislative Petitions 1807-1820, item 3. Online images at familysearch.org, Film #008993652, images 14-16 of 24.

⁸⁶⁹ Nelson County Order Book 1808-1811, p 182.

⁸⁷⁰ 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 County 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.



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.⁸⁷¹

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.

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)

Zachariah 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...”⁸⁷² This deed of gift is Zachariah Kidd’s assignment

⁸⁷¹ Ibid.

⁸⁷² 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.

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**, age given as 76, born in Virginia, and Emily Ham, age given as 20, born in Pulaski County, KY, were married in Lincoln County, KY on 3 August 1852.⁸⁷³

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.⁸⁷⁴

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.⁸⁷⁵

Family records (not documented) give Zachariah’s children as:

1. Frances Kidd, born ca 1806, married Elisha Noaks, died ca 1843, Lincoln County, 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 February 1820 at Gilmore’s Lick, Lincoln, Kentucky, married Rebecca Oaks, died 11 August 1894

⁸⁷³ Lincoln County, KY Marriage register 5, page 8, retrieved via familysearch.org, FHL #

⁸⁷⁴ 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.

⁸⁷⁵ 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.

Another documented child 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 18 January 1821 in Lincoln County, KY.⁸⁷⁶

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.

⁸⁷⁶ 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 February 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 County 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 December 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 County 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.
 - b. Chancery Order Book, v. B, 1844-1850; Chancery Order Book, v. C, 1851-1866 (p. 1-400) – FHL #2047048.
15. Records of Appeals to Court of Appeals, vol. 1, 1821-1828 – FHL #2047065, item 3.
16. Records upon Appeal [or Pleas], v. 1, 1827-1831 – FHL #2047056, item 2.
17. *Lynchburg Virginian* (newspaper), Lynchburg, VA, January 7, 1828 – November 30, 1848 – digitally searchable images via America's GenealogyBank; 366 hits on August 13, 2016, browsed but not added to this document.
18. *Lynchburg Daily Virginian* (newspaper), August 10, 1852-January 10, 1876 – digitally searchable images via America's GenealogyBank (not browsed yet)
19. Other Lynchburg newspapers on this subscription site.

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2. ***Sketches and Recollections of Lynchburg by the Oldest Inhabitant (Mrs. Cabell) 1858, index by William Frederic Holcombe, 1920***, Lynchburg Historical Foundation, Lynchburg, VA. 1974.
3. ***The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748-1763***, by The Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, 1979.
4. ***Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Abstract of Deed Book 1, Nelson County, with cross-reference index of grantors and grantees***, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst, Virginia, 1968. (no Kidds)
5. ***Lynchburg, Virginia and Nelson County, Virginia Wills, Deeds and Marriages, 1807-1831***, by the Rev. Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1985. (SPL)
6. ***Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. Marriages from the beginning of the county through 1837***, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst, VA, 1968.
7. ***Nelson County, Virginia Courthouse Miniatures. An Abstract of Will Book A with Full Index***, by Bailey Fulton **Davis**, Amherst, VA, 1964. (No Kidds)

8. ***Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940***, at familysearch.org. (This site contains many records after 1850 for female Kidds that RK didn't capture for this document. Many of these post-1850 marriage records name the parents of the bride or groom.)
9. ***The Journal of Lorena Kidd Goodwin*** (1865-1950), currently in the possession of Barbara Taylor, who has published an annotated version of this valuable recollection of Nelson County, Virginia Kidd families (see below).
10. ***Descendants of Hudson P. Kidd : The Family Journal of Lorena (Kidd) Goodwin***, edited by Barbara J. Taylor, Rainbows & Miracles etc, November 2019.
11. ***Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia***, compiled by the Nelson County Historical Society, Lovingston, Virginia, 2007. (No Kidds prior to 1850 in this book)
12. ***Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865, Volume 4 (Counties of Albemarle, Allegheny, Amherst, Bath, Botetourt, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Highland, Nelson, & Rockbridge)***, by Wesley E. Pippenger, Richmond VA, Virginia Historical Society, 2001-2010.
13. ***Nelson County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1808-1866***, by Joel Ricks, (typescript at FHL), 1936: FHL #899818, item 4.
14. ***Tuckahoes and Cohees: The Settlers and Cultures of Amherst and Nelson Counties, 1607-1807***, by Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman, Sweet Briar College Printing Press, 1992.
15. ***Nelson County Marriages, 1808-1850***, by John Vogt & T. William Tethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, 1985.
16. ***Amherst County, Virginia In the Revolution, Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book," 1773-1782***, by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny, Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 1951, reprinted 1998. [There are three Kidd references in this book--in Rev War pension application section-- all are for Nelson County Kidds and added to this document.]
17. Citations in ***The Virginia Genealogist***, vols. 1-40, mentioning Kidds in Nelson County, VA (a list compiled by Sandra Kidd, located in the Statewide Shared Folder on Dropbox), reviewed and added to this document by RK, May 2013.

APPENDIX 2: CENTRAL VIRGINIA DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS1 KIDD OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The Kidd who is believed to be our immigrant ancestor is **Thomas1 Kidd**, who was in the colony of Virginia by 1646. This Thomas Kidd settled in Middlesex County on the Dragon Run, near present-day Church View, Virginia. He and his wife **Jane** (maiden name unproven, despite claims to the contrary) had five children, only two of them sons who could carry on the surname of Kidd.

These sons were **Thomas Kidd, Jr.**, and **William Kidd**. By the terms of their father's will written and proven in 1680, Thomas Jr., as the oldest son, inherited the family's Middlesex County land, while William had the right to live on part of the land until Thomas Sr.'s death, when it reverted to Thomas Jr. and his descendants.

When William Kidd, William's wife Margaret, and Thomas Kidd, Jr., all died within months of each other in spring and summer 1727, their children, ranging in age from 6 to 35, became orphans. (Alice Trigg Kidd, Thomas Jr.'s wife, previously had died in 1720.) This set in motion the eventual westward migration of several of **William and Margaret Kidd's children**, who had been left landless in Middlesex County after their parents' deaths.

Their oldest and youngest sons—**William**, who married Elizabeth Thurston, and **Benjamin**, who married Judith Chowning—stayed in Middlesex County (with some of Benjamin's descendants later migrating to Amelia County, Virginia). Daughters **Agatha**, who may have married Edward Southern, and **Jane**, who married John Gregory, also stayed in the Middlesex County area. Sons **Joseph** and **Samuel** died as children; a daughter **Catherine** also may have died as a child.

Six sons of William and Margaret Kidd – Robert, Duel, Moses, John, Aaron, and James, and one daughter Margaret, who married John Southern – moved westward from Middlesex County and principally settled in central Virginia by the 1750s, in the present-day counties of Goochland, Albemarle, Amherst, Buckingham, Fluvanna, and Nelson Counties.

1. **Margaret Kidd**, born in 1702, married **John Southern** in 1720 in Middlesex County. This couple appears in central Virginia records in 1743, and Margaret's brothers may have followed them to the area. Margaret and John Southern settled on Bear Garden Creek in Albemarle County, in the part that later became Buckingham County. Margaret Kidd and John Southern were the parents of sons **William, James, and Samuel** (each of whom were deeded land by their father in 1755), **Joseph and Benjamin**, and daughters **Susanna, Margaret, and Averilla**.
2. **Robert Kidd**, born in 1703, appears in Goochland, Henrico, and Albemarle County records, then is not found in Albemarle County or elsewhere in Virginia records after 1747. He had land surveyed on the Hardware River, but apparently did not occupy the land. **No records naming a wife or children for Robert Kidd have been found. If he had children, they likely were born before 1746.**
3. **Moses Kidd**, born in 1707, married **Dorothy** (maiden name unknown). They had one known daughter **Martha**, born in 1739 in Middlesex County. Moses Kidd apparently

disappears from Virginia records after 1753, when he and a son (unnamed, but likely at least 14 and so born by 1738) are cited as survey chain carriers for landowner William Beverly in Beverly Park Manor in King and Queen County. Whether Moses Kidd left King and Queen County is not known, nor do we know the name of his **son who was born no later than 1738**. While it is likely that Moses had other children born in the mid-1700s, few clues have been found to determine their identities.

4. **John Kidd**, born in 1708, married **Ruth Parish**/Farish, the daughter of Henry Parish of Goochland County, by 1749. Given John's age at the time of this marriage, he may have been married previously, but no documentation of a first wife has been found. John Kidd owned land on the Rivanna River near the land of his brother Aaron. John Kidd died in 1785; his 1785 Albemarle County will names three sons - **William, John Norman, and James** - and no daughters. (If John Kidd had any daughters, their names are not known.) These three sons and their descendants left records in Albemarle, Amherst, and Nelson Counties.
5. **Duel Kidd**, born in 1711, died between November 1804 and Sept 1805, as recorded in Albemarle County's Overseers of the Poor records. Duel was a poor individual, at least near the end of his long life, who was supported by the parish and then by the county. There is no record of his ever owning land. His only known wife was the widow **Mary Sorrow**, whom he married in Middlesex County in 1736, with whom he had at least two children, **James born 1737 and Margaret born 1739**, both in Middlesex County. He had at least one additional known **son Duel**, who appears in his household named as "son Duel" on the Albemarle County personal property tax lists in 1792-1793. (Note: Due to his age, this son Duel Kidd likely would have had an unknown mother, possibly a younger second wife to Duel.) It is possible that the elder Duel Kidd may have been the father or grandfather of three adult Kidd men who lived in the same area of Albemarle County: Charles, who died in 1856 (wife unknown), Joseph, who married Ann (Nancy) Johnson in 1795, and Pleasant, who married Sarah Farrell in 1802. Further study of the Kidd men who lived in proximity to Duel Kidd in southern Albemarle County may yield more clues about his descendants.
6. **Aaron Kidd**, born in 1714, married **Susannah** (maiden name not known). Aaron Kidd patented land on Roundabout Creek of the Rivanna River, an area that became part of Fluvanna County in 1777. Aaron Kidd died in 1776; his Albemarle County will, written in 1775 and proven in 1776, names **three sons William, Benjamin, and Samuel, and four daughters Mildred/Milly (married James Baltimore), Mary (married John Davis), Sarah/Sally (married Charles Clements), and Ann (married Thomas Elliott)**. A subsequent chancery suit in Fluvanna County over the estate of Aaron's son Samuel Kidd confirms the names of Aaron and Susannah's children and many of their grandchildren. Aaron and Susannah's sons Benjamin and Samuel lived in the area of Fluvanna County formed from Albemarle County; their son William moved to southwest Virginia after his father's death, settling in Tazewell County.
7. **James Kidd**, born in 1716, married 1st **Eliza** (maiden name not known), who appears as his wife in a deed recorded in Caroline County in 1750, and who likely was the mother of his older children. James married 2nd **Mourning Parish**/Farish, the daughter of Henry Parish of Goochland County, by 1755 (and sister to Ruth Parish, who married John Kidd); she was the mother of his younger children. James Kidd patented land on the north side of and adjoining the Slate River, in what is now Buckingham County. From a chancery suit contesting the will of Moses Kidd, who died childless in 1798, that

was recorded in Prince Edward County, Virginia, we have reconstructed the probable family of James Kidd, who likely died ca 1789/1790: **sons Moses, John, William, and Benjamin, and daughters Sarah (married James Boatwright), Dicey (married Richard Falwell), Susanna (married an unknown Quarles), Judith (married James Quarles), Martha (married Reuben Southern), and Nancy (married a Smith, possibly Platt Smith).**

Records for the children of William and Margaret Kidd who settled in the central Virginia region can be found in Middlesex, Essex, Caroline, King and Queen, Henrico, Goochland, Albemarle, Amherst, Buckingham, Fluvanna, and Nelson Counties, Virginia.

Research in the central Virginia region in the mid to late 1700s and early 1800s primarily is built on legal records – land, court, and tax records. While eastern Virginia church parishes kept more vital records—birth, marriage, and death – very few such records are found as families moved westward into Virginia. Court records for early Albemarle County are sparse, due to records destruction during the Revolutionary War. In addition, Caroline, King and Queen, and Buckingham Counties are burned record counties, with Buckingham having virtually no records in existence prior to 1869. As an example, only two of the children of William and Margaret Kidd – John Kidd and Aaron Kidd – left wills, and only a handful of their grandchildren who were born outside of Middlesex County have birth or baptismal records.

For these reasons, constructing the families of the children of William Kidd and his wife Margaret who settled in central Virginia remains a work in progress, as we analyze the available records and use the evidence to determine possible family groups, while continuing to search for additional records that may be un-indexed, in courthouse loose papers, or in special collections. The Kidd Y-DNA project, hosted at Family Tree DNA, provides support for our research by identifying genetic relationships among Kidd male descendants who carry Y-DNA, or paternal-line DNA. For more information about the Kidd Y-DNA project, see www.familytreedna.com/groups/Kidd/about or contact **Sandra Kidd, project co-administrator, at skkidd@bellsouth.net**

In addition to our website at www.kiddroots.org, we also maintain an online family tree of the Middlesex County VA Kidds and their descendants. See www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/37652986

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**APPENDIX 3: 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 335-337⁸⁷⁷**

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);

⁸⁷⁷ RK has scanned images of his probate record, including his will, a plat of his lands, and the appointment of his executors.

4. One part to Alfred Willoughby and his children (less \$100 already advanced to him);
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 4: 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 [adm'r.] 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 5: 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 Parish/Farish⁸⁷⁸ 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 Parish/Farish, died in 1795 in Amherst County, VA, before the founding of Nelson County; his widow Juriah is found in Nelson County, 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 4](#)), 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 Kearsy

Benj.[Benjamin] X Kidd

⁸⁷⁸ Her maiden name is spelled both ways in Goochland County records.

At Albemarle September Court 1785 –

This will was proved by the Oath of John Wharton, Edward Kearsy & **Benjamin Kidd**, three witnesses thereto and Ord[Ordered] to be Recorded

Test.

Martin D[indecipherable]⁸⁷⁹

[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 1786.⁸⁸⁰

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 # ⁸⁸¹
1787	St. Ann’s	James Kidd	1	1 horse	108
1788	not listed				149-150

⁸⁷⁹ Albemarle County, 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.]

⁸⁸⁰ The Image # refers to the location of each year’s entries on microfilm of the Personal Property Tax Lists.

⁸⁸¹ 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).

The Kidds of Nelson County, Virginia, 1807-1850

1789	not listed ⁸⁸²				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

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]⁸⁸³ :

Year	Date	Taxpayer	WMT	Slaves	Horses	Image # ⁸⁸⁴
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	

⁸⁸² 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.

⁸⁸³ 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).

⁸⁸⁴ 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.

The Kidds of Nelson County, Virginia, 1807-1850

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
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	18 ⁸⁸⁵
	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

⁸⁸⁵ 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).

defendants appear at the next Court to plead to issue.⁸⁸⁶

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 1786.⁸⁸⁷

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.⁸⁸⁸

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.⁸⁸⁹

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.⁸⁹⁰

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

⁸⁸⁶ 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.

⁸⁸⁷ 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.

⁸⁸⁸ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 66.

⁸⁸⁹ Ibid.

⁸⁹⁰ Ibid, p. 310.

- aforesaid 27 May 1788 till paid.⁸⁹¹ [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.⁸⁹²
- 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. Kearsy, Benjamin Harris and Philip Gooch.⁸⁹³
- 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. Kearsy, Michael Thomas, Ben Harris and Philip Gooch.⁸⁹⁴
- 1795 – The Amherst County will of **Jno. Norman Kidd**, signed 9 February 1795 and proven 20 July 1795,⁸⁹⁵ 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.⁸⁹⁶
- 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.⁸⁹⁷ [Davis Creek is found in present-day Nelson County.]

⁸⁹¹ FHL #1888554, Amherst County, Virginia Order Book, 1787-1790, page 302, image 163. Scanned image available from the authors.

⁸⁹² *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁸⁹³ *Albemarle County, Virginia Deeds, 1791-1793*, edited and published by Ruth and Sam Sparacio, Antient Press, McLean, VA, 1997, p. 50.

⁸⁹⁴ *ibid*, pp. 49-50.

⁸⁹⁵ Amherst County Will Book 3, pp. 339-340

⁸⁹⁶ *The wills of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761-1865*, by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, 1985 (reprinted 1998), p. 205.

⁸⁹⁷ *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.

1803 – The name **Jeriah Kidd** appears on the Amherst County PPTLs in this year only, with 1 white tithe and 3 horses.⁸⁹⁸ 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.⁸⁹⁹

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.⁹⁰⁰ [This may be William Kidd, uncle of the bride.]

1810 – On the census in Nelson County are the following Kidds:⁹⁰¹

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.

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 Parish/Farish of Albemarle County.

⁸⁹⁸ Amherst County, Virginia PPTLs, 1782-1803, retrieved from FHL #2024457, image 582 of 615, via familysearch.org (unrestricted access).

⁸⁹⁹ *Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940*, at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1708698>

⁹⁰⁰ *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.

⁹⁰¹ Although images of this census state that they are for "Buckingham township, Richmond County, Virginia," they are almost certainly for Nelson County instead. The pagination on the image is continuous with those of "Buckingham, Nelson County, VA."

APPENDIX 6: 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.^{902, 903, 904} (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.⁹⁰⁵ 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 County, 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?"

⁹⁰² Our evidence for Hudson being the brother of Alexander Kidd Sr. comes from Hudson's affidavit in Nelson County 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 County Source Documents subfolder on Dropbox. A fuller description of this case is found in the Nelson County BD, and also in the document, *Nelson County Chancery Court cases, 1817-1860*.

⁹⁰³ Alexander Kidd stated in a suit he brought in Nelson County Chancery Court (1836-022, image 2 of 55) that Robert Kidd was his brother. Scanned image of this statement is in the Nelson County Source Documents subfolder on Dropbox.

⁹⁰⁴ If Hudson is Alexander's brother, and Alexander is Robert N.'s brother, then Hudson is Robert N.'s brother.

⁹⁰⁵ 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.

We believe that their father was **William Kidd Sr.** of Albemarle, Amherst and Nelson Counties.

See [Appendix 5](#) for our theory about his parents and siblings. On the Amherst County 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.

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 River⁹⁰⁶ 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 8](#) 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.⁹⁰⁷ 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, 1815.⁹⁰⁸

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

⁹⁰⁶ A topo map of the course of this river is found at <https://www.topozone.com/virginia/nelson-va/stream/rockfish-river/>

⁹⁰⁷ Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1831-006. See the Amherst County BD for details.

⁹⁰⁸ Nelson County, Virginia Deed Book 2:217-218. Scanned images available from RK.

stated that he was a neighbor of the Bryant family and testifies about the land where they lived but which they did not own.⁹⁰⁹

1827 – On 11 Sept. 1827, a **William Kidd** gave a deposition in a Nelson County Chancery Court suit, a property dispute.⁹¹⁰ 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.

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

⁹⁰⁹ Nelson County 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 County, and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson County. See 'Nelson County Chancery Court suit summary, 1807-1860 in the Nelson County Source Documents folder for more details. Alexander's deposition is on pages 30-31 of this record.

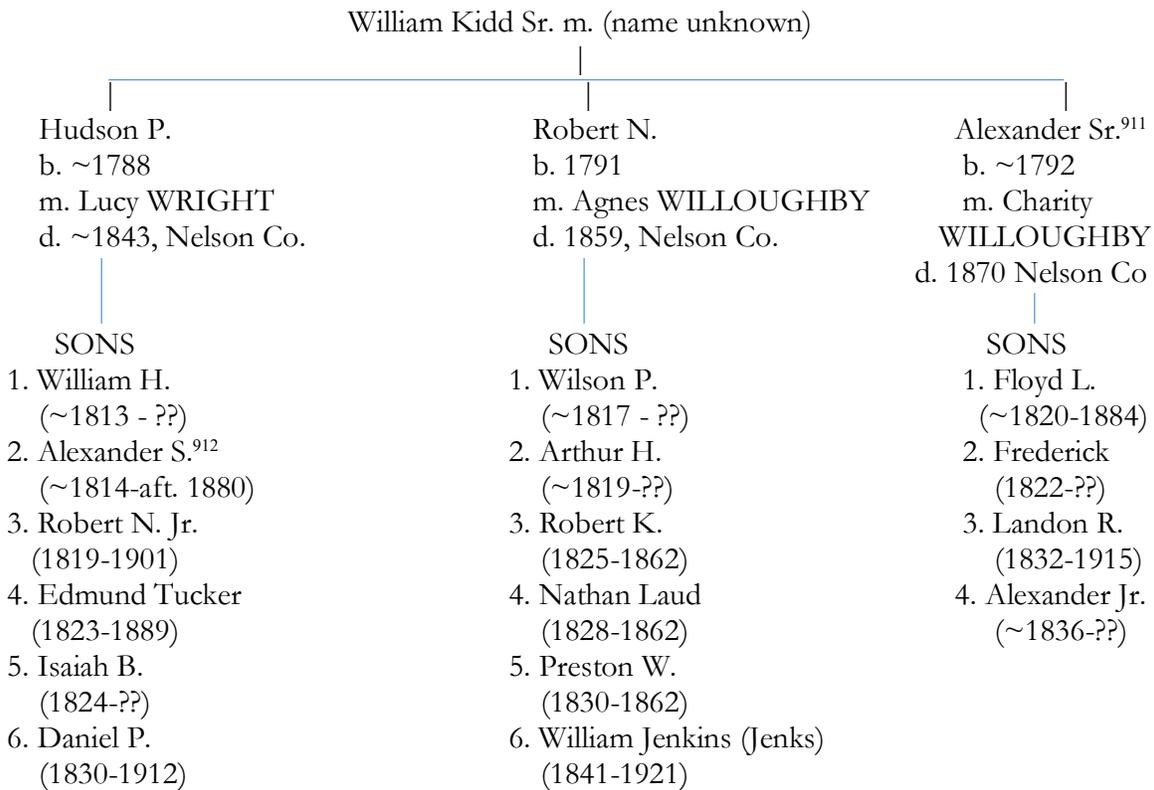
⁹¹⁰ **Nelson County Chancery Court suit 1835-005** (117 pages), Mary Bryant by etc. vs. William H. Digges, etc. Includes the 1803 will of James Hopkins of Amherst County, and the 1819 will of William Johnson of Nelson County.

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):



⁹¹¹ The “Sr.” designation here is intended to distinguish him from the two other Alexander Kidds in Nelson County during his lifetime. See his section in this compilation.

⁹¹² There is some question as to whether Alexander S. Kidd was Hudson P. Kidd’s son, and no direct evidence names him as such. We believe that he was indeed Hudson’s son. See his section in this compilation for a fuller discussion.

APPENDIX 7: 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.⁹¹³

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 1795.⁹¹⁴ Another abstract of this record states that the bondsman was Thomas Johnson.⁹¹⁵

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 history⁹¹⁶ 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 Lovingston, 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

⁹¹³ 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”

⁹¹⁴ *Some Virginia Marriages, 1700-1799*, compiled by Cecil McDonald Jr., vol. 10, p. 11.

⁹¹⁵ *Albemarle County, Virginia Marriages, 1780-1853*, by John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, GA, p. 187.

⁹¹⁶ 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.

- Sister of **Charles Kidd** and **Wilson Kidd**, per her granddaughter Lorena's journal.
- 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 December 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 February 1827 in Nelson County.

CHARLES H. KIDD— born ca 1815, probably in Nelson County; married **Malinda Kidd**, daughter of xx and xx, 21 December 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 December 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 August 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 CROW⁹¹⁷ 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

⁹¹⁷ Could not read or write

" , 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, p. 229A:

Lebrick, **Nancy** 30FW VA CROW (Nancy Kidd, married George D. Leebbrick)

“ , 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 February 1827 in Nelson County; died 28 June 1884 in Upshur County, WV⁹¹⁸

- Elizabeth M. Kidd's husband James W. Craig served as security for Rhoda Ann Kidd's marriage to Lewis E. Price 26 February 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.

LUCINDA KIDD FOSTER – born ca 1825 in Nelson County; married James Foster 20 December 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 December 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 November 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 November 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.

⁹¹⁸ Upshur County, 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

- 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 February 1804 in Nelson County;⁹¹⁹ married Margaret Johnson 21 February 1832 in Nelson County; migrated to Lewis County, Virginia [WV]; d 30 May 1888 in Lewis County, WV.

- First appears on the Nelson County Personal Property Tax Lists in 1824 with one white male tithable. In the same year, Joseph Kidd's number of white male tithables 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 November 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 1771-1775.⁹²⁰

⁹¹⁹ 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.

⁹²⁰ 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.

- 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.
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 December 1819, Nelson County; d aft 1880.

I have disregarded the 1840 census, because it listed both Joseph and Nancy's ages the same as the 1830 census.

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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 February 1832, Nelson County
5. Rhoda Ann – b ~1806; m Lewis E. Price 26 February 1827, Nelson County
6. Joseph H. – b ~1813; m Mary Ann Bryant 25 November 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 January 1839, Nelson County; d 16 Aug 1880, bur Mtn. View Cemetery, Nelson County, VA.
10. Nancy – b ~1820; m George Leebrick 18 November 1841, Albemarle County; d after
1880
11. Lucinda – b ~1825; m James Foster 20 December 1843, Nelson County; drops from Nelson County records after 1850.

APPENDIX 8: 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.

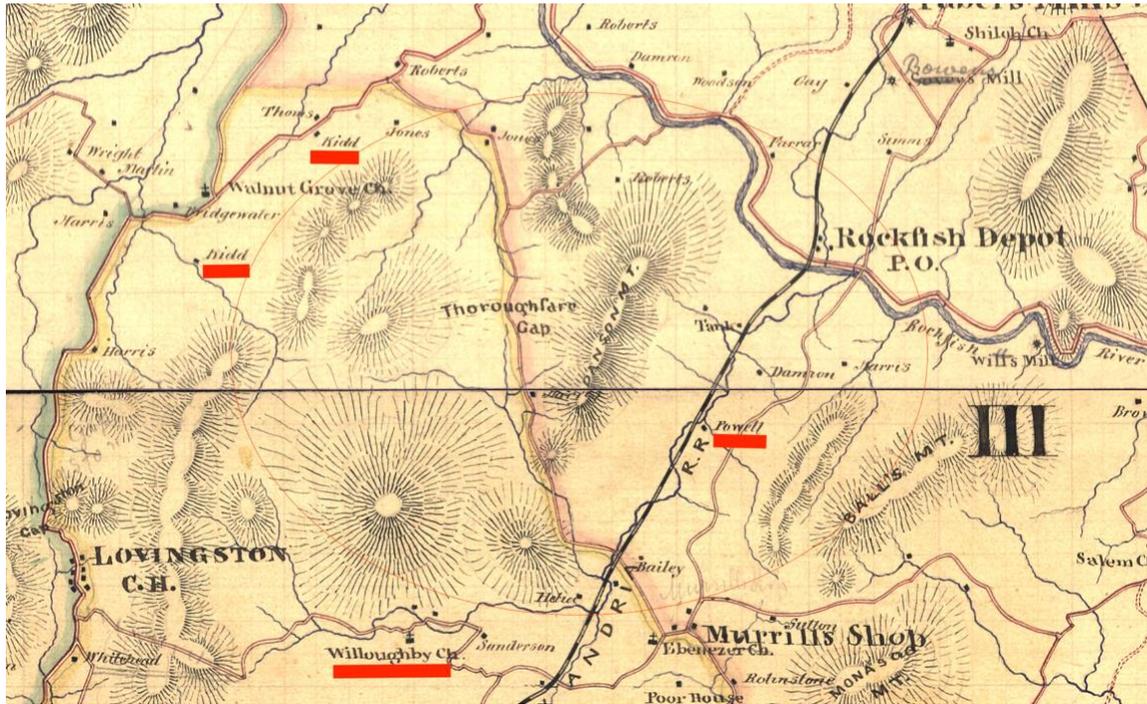


FIGURE: Northeastern section of Nelson County, Virginia, illustrating several important features related to our Kidd families. Note the Lovingsston County courthouse in the lower left corner, and the community of Rockfish in the upper left portion of this map. Red bars denote where several families lived 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, Lovingsston. 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.