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TIMELINE of RECORDS

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In spite of some frustrating confusions and gaps in Halifax County records for Thomas Kendrick (such as missing releases of dower for deed records) research so far seems to point to there being only one Thomas Kendrick in Halifax County VA from 1761 through at least 1785.

This Thomas Kendrick had land adjacent to James Horsley Jr. who arrived in Halifax between 1770 and 1775 from Queen Anne's County, MD. While Thomas Kendrick does not seem to have prior connections with James Horsley per se, they both have strong associates among Quakers, which may have formed a connecting bond between them. Sarah Kendrick who married James Horsley's son Valentine Horsley appears by the records to be a daughter of this Thomas Kendrick, the Horsley's next door neighbor, and is supported by passed-down family information.

No one yet seems to know where this Thomas Kendrick came from or the identity of his parents. "Horsley Families of America" by Scott and Horsley says Sarah Kendrick was "of Wales" but gives no explanation or source. . The earliest record found so far for Thomas Kendrick was a Halifax County Virginia court record in 1761, five years before his daughter Sarah was born.

Long-time Horsley researcher Gerald Horsley told me that some years ago he interviewed an elderly woman who was a descendant of Sarah Kendrick Horsley and had memories of Sarah from her childhood during Sarah's late years. This woman said Sarah "talked funny", meaning Sarah had a strange or uncommon accent (not Virginian or Georgian). This might indicate that Sarah's father Thomas Kendrick possibly was born in Wales and was a recent immigrant. Even if this speculation proves true, this does not preclude the possibility that Thomas could have been related to other Kendrick's who had lived in Virginia for a number of prior generations.

A recent immigrant status for Thomas Kendrick could explain Sarah's reported accent, the Horsley book's reference to Sarah being "of Wales", and the fact that Thomas Kendrick seems to have no Kendrick relatives in the vicinity. More research is needed to try to clarify and add to our understanding of Thomas and his family.

The 1810 census for York Co., SC gives evidence that Thomas' wife's name was Nancy (the usual nickname for Ann). Researcher Rose Kendrick thinks her maiden name was Lawson, since that name has passed down through generations of Thomas Kendrick's descendants. Records in Halifax County, VA and in York County, SC show numerous interactions and intermarriages among the Lawson, Kendrick, Horsley, and Brandon families..

TIMELINE of RECORDS for THOMAS KENDRICK

1761 - THOMAS KENDRICK named in Road Orders and Court Orders of Halifax County, VA

April Court 1761. Ordered that Robert Waters, William Hatfield, John Frederick Miller, Daniel Williams, Vardry MAGBY, Mathias MAGBY, James MAGBY, John Noble, Henry Terry, THOMAS KENDRICK, John Campbell, John CARTER, Talman Harbour, Francis KERBY, Daniel Obar, William Lankford, Ambrose Haley, James Keith, Benjamin Hancock and John Hancock, do lay open and clear a bridle way from this Courthouse to the Reedy bottom Foard, and afterwards return to their former stations. And it is further ordered that sd John Hancock be Surveyor thereof as far as POLECAT CR[EEK].

August Court, 1761. William DOUGLASS is ordered to pay THOMAS KENDRICK AND HIS WIFE, witnesses for him at the suit of MACBE [also spelled Magby, McBee, Magba etc], for two days attendance.

[Source: Halifax Co. Court Orders 1759-1762, (Plea Book No. 3) Published by TLC Genealogy, from Chandler Eavenson to me by e-mail.]

Note:

The following information on the Magby/McBee family is from Danny A. McBee at http://www.birdsongfamily.com/genealogy/set4_mcbee/mcbee0007.html

Vardry McBee [Magby, etc] married Hannah Echols December 1758 in Bristol Parish, Dinwiddie County, Virginia.

Hannah Echols was the daughter of William Echols (b. c1690 King & Queen Co. VA; d. 1771 Halifax Co, VA)

William Echols' Halifax County Will dated 8 April 1771, proved 16 May 1771, names an executor MOSES HENDRICKS

Vardry and his brothers Mathias and James on road orders above were sons of William McBee/McBean born 22 OCT 1704, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, d.1 MAR 1759, Halifax, VA. and wife Susannah Vardry.

[James HORSLEY SR. was living in Prince George's Co, MD by 1716/17. It is his son James Horsley Jr. who lived adjacent to Thomas KENDRICK in Halifax Co, VA by 1775, after moving from Queen Anne's Co, MD. Thomas KENDRICK's daughter Sarah Kendrick married James Horsley Jr's son Valentine Horsley c1785. However, although the information from Danny A. McBee says William McBee was born 1704 in Prince George's County MD, there was a William McBee in King George's County, Virginia who owned land before 1718 as per this record uncited online:

Daniel Marr of King George County [Virginia], 260 acres in King George County [Virginia] on Marr's Run adjacent John Bradford, John Marr, John Hopper, William McBee. 25 January 1717/1718.

The discrepancies about the two William McBee and/or proof that the one born in Maryland was the one who died in Halifax County VA needs to be investigated and resolved. -jh]

Continuing with information from Danny A. McBee:

Vardry McBee moved [from Halifax Co, VA] to North Carolina. He was a Constable in Tryon (Now Mecklenburg) County, North Carolina, 1770. Vardry later settled in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, but was then considered in N.C. He belonged to the Society of Friends [QUAKERS], but renounced this faith when the Revolution began. [See 1758 minutes South River MM below with Vardry Magby and wife Hannah names included.-JH]

1752, 7 April. Lunenburg County, Virginia. William McBee. This indenture made this 7th day of April...1752 between William Magbe of the County of Lunenburg...and Thomas Dickson of the same county...50 pounds money of Virginia...land on both sides of Midway River containing 200 acres granted by patent to William Magbe...beginning at the said William Magbe's upper corner on the south side of the above mentioned land...Signed by William and Susannah [both with their special mark] Magbe. Witnesses: WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Able A. (X) LEE, William A. (X) Ashton. Possession...granted 6 day of April 1757.

[Witness William Douglass in the 1752 Lunenburg County deed from William McBee is probably the same William Douglass for whom Thomas Kendrick and his wife testified in a 1761 Halifax County suit against "Macbe." Halifax County was formed from Lunenburg in 1752, with the first meeting of the county Justices on 19 May 1752. Midway River was at least in part in the new Halifax County.—jh]

19 Aug 1762 - Moses AYRES of Halifax County in the Colony of Virginia to THOMAS KENDRICK of the county and colony aforesaid, for £10 current money of Virginia, 152 acres on the Branch of Dan River, adjacent to John LAWSON (Metes and bounds given, no other names included).

Metes and bounds:

Beginning at an old black oak thence S45E 17 chain to a corner pine, thence S60E 120 chain, to a white oak in John Lawson's line, thence along his line N73E 76 chain to a pine, thence N37W 90 chain to a pine, thence W 58 chain to a white oak thence S30W 33 chain to the beginning.

Signed: Moses Ayres [Ayers] No Witnesses. No wife named or dower release.

Recorded: 19 August 176_ (illegible).

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 4, p. 48-50, Library of Virginia, Richmond, VA, abstract by J. Horsley.

Note: Date of deed is per Index; deed begins at p. 48 which is mutilated, obliterating date.]

Note:

This is the earliest deed record for Thomas Kendrick in Halifax, adjacent neighbor of James Horsley and likely father of Sarah Kendrick who married James' son Valentine Horsley.

This land was sold in 1773, along with all Thomas Kendrick's household goods, to John Lawson, presumably the one who was also an adjacent neighbor. According to researcher Rose Kendrick, it is possible John Lawson was related to Thomas Kendrick's wife for whom no record of her name exists. Rose says the name Lawson continued to be passed down her Kendrick's line.

Moses Ayers acquired this land from William Byrd in 1759:

18 May 1759 William Byrd, Esqr. of Charles City Co, to Moses Ayres of Halifax Co, for £1/10, 152 acres on branches of Dan River, beginning at a black oak thence south, John Lawson's line. All trees, woods, etc. David Caldwell by power of Attorney for William Byrd. Signed: WByrd Recorded 18 May 1759

[Source: Marian Dodson Chiarito, Halifax County VA Deed Book 1 1752-1759 (1985), p. 512; to me from Con Childress 23 Jul 2009 in response to my March 2009 inquiry on the Ayers Family Ancestry.com Message Board]

One striking thing about James Horsley's and Thomas Kendrick's lands are the people on the bounds in various records where theirs or a neighboring property is mentioned. James' land purchased in 1775 was adjacent to Thomas Kendrick who bought his first Halifax property in 1762 from Moses Ayers, son of Nathaniel Ayers. Nathaniel Ayers and a number of Horsley/Kendrick later neighbors are mentioned in this Quaker record of 1758:

"On 16 Dec 1758, The Journal of Proceedings for the South River Monthly Meeting (which encompassed Bedford and Halifax counties in Virginia at that time) contains this entry on page 5:

"At a Monthly Meeting held at South River Bedford County the 16 of the 12 Month 1758 [16 Dec 1758]

The representatives being called appeared.

The Friends appointed to enquire into the failure of those before appointed to recommend such as they thought worthy to be received into Membership at Halifax have rendered a reason to Friends satisfaction also those formerly appointed think proper to recommend the following persons as worthy to come under the notice of Friends, To Wit, VARDRY MAGBA and HANNAH MAGBA his wife Henry Farmer and Agness his wife MOSES KENDRAKE [HENDRAKE, HENDRICK(S)] and RUTH his wife Richard KIRBY and Elizabeth his wife John KIRBY and Johanna his wife RICHARD KIRBY JUN'R John KIRBY Elizabeth Cothrun Mary PAYN Isham Wammack John COLDWELL [CALDWELL] William Payn [PAYNE] and Ruth his wife & NATHANIEL AYRS [AYERS] who are accordingly receiv'd as members.

The Following Friends are appointed to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting viz William Chandler William Johnson and Charles Lynch-- Meeting adjourns to next in course"
 [Cited by J. Patrick Childress in his Childress/Mathis Family Tree at
<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=patchildress&id=I3957>]

 The other striking feature in this report is the mention of Moses "KENDRAKE". Other researchers have traced this line to Hance Hendrake (spelled many ways, including Kendrick) of the part of King William Co, VA that became Caroline Co. This line of Hendrake/Hendricks is not known to have had a Thomas. But the coincidences of associations, place, and time, certainly warrant further research to see if other connections or relationships exist. An example is this, taken from the road orders of 1761 (above):

Vardry McBee [Magby, etc] married Hannah Echols December 1758 in Bristol Parish, Dinwiddie County, Virginia.
 Hannah Echols was the daughter of William Echols (b. c1690 King & Queen Co. VA; d. 1771 Halifax Co, VA)

William Echols' Halifax County Will dated 8 April 1771, proved 16 May 1771, names as an executor his son-in-law MOSES HENDRICK(S).
 Cumberland County Court Orders 1, p. 8 and Antrim Parish Vestry Book, p 47. (The processioned lands included William Echols and Moses Hendrick.)

"Moses [Hendricks] had clearly joined the Quaker congregation in Halifax County sometime between its establishment in 1755 and 1758, when it was transferred into the South River Monthly Meeting. 220 On 17 June 1758, William Echols Senior and Junior, Moses Hendrick and his wife Ruth, Benjamin Hubbard, and several others all requested membership in the South River Monthly Meeting in Halifax County "through Halifax Monthly Meeting".221 The Halifax monthly meeting, whose early records are lost, had been established three years earlier, and the wholesale membership requests reflect its members transferring into South River. They surely continued to use the more convenient Bannister River location in Halifax as their primary meeting place." ["Line of Adolphus Hendrick", www.genfiles.com/hendrick/Adolphus.pdf, no author or contact listed.]

It seems to be our THOMAS KENDRICK on the 1761 Halifax Road Orders with Vardry McBee/Magby. While Moses Hendrick/Hendrake/Kendrake (etc) did not have a son Thomas, and while our Thomas Kendrick did not seem from available records to be a Hendrick, there are certainly odd connections that need further research.

(See more complete information on the Hendrick/Hendrake line in my pdf file "Kendrick_Moses really Hendrick Line fm KW")

1764 - Halifax Co., May Court, 1764 - John CARTER is appointed Surveyor of the road from Nathaniel Terry's Ferry Road to Irby's Cr, and it is ordered that the sd John with the male laboring tithables belonging to [blank] Ossenbrook, THOMAS KENDRICK, Thomas Caison [CARSON], William Caison, RICHARD KERBY, Michael Glenbrook, Benjamin Bolling, William SEAL, John Hancock, Daniel AYERS, do clear and keep the same in repair. [From Chandler Eavenson by e-mail]

1766 - Halifax County, August Court - John Wimbish and Co., plaintiffs, vs THOMAS KENDRICK and Richard Smith, defendants. In Case. For reasons appearing to the Court, suit dismissed.

Note:

In the Court records of Halifax Co., Orders 1770-1771 below, a case involving the same principals was ruled against the defendants Thomas Kendrick and Richard Smith.

 1767 -- Halifax County Court September 1767 - John LEWIS, Gent, is appointed Surveyor of the road from to Terry's Foard on Dann River to Burches (Birch) Creek, and it is ordered that he, with John MOORE and his male tithables, John Carter and his, John KERBY, Richard KERBY and his, John LAWSON and his, John Mount, THOMAS KENDRICK, Thomas Carson, John Hancock, Thomas PAYNE, John CALDWELL, Allen CALDWELL, William PAYNE Jr., Richard CARTER, William Russell, and William Scale [prob. SEALE], do forthwith clear and keep the said road in repair.

[Halifax County, Virginia Court Orders 1767-1770 (Plea Book No. 6), p. 17, by TLC Genealogy, p. 13; posted Kerby GenForum #363]

Note:

Here we see Thomas Kendrick in the midst of Payne, Caldwell, and Kirby, who along with Ayers, McBee/Magba, and Moses Hendrake (which name was sometimes misrecorded as Kendrick), were all together in the Quaker Monthly Meeting record above of 16 Dec 1758.

 1770 - Halifax County Court April Court 1770. THOMAS KENDRICK is appointed Surveyor of the Road from the Double Creek to Tobys Creek, and it is ordered that he, with the male laboring tithables belonging to John MOORE, William Hopson, John CARTER, William Boyd, Richard KERBY, John LAWSON, John Mount, John Hancock, William PATERSON, Joseph PATTERSON, and William SEAL, do forthwith clear and keep the said Road in repair.
 [Halifax County, Virginia Court Orders 1767-1770 (Plea Book No. 6), p. 315, by TLC Genealogy, p. 489; posted Kerby GenForum #363]

 Halifax Co., Orders 1770-1771

August Court - John Wimbish and Co., plaintiffs, vs. Richard Smith and THOMAS KENDRICK, defendants, in case. This day came the parties by Paul Carrington, their attorney, and thereupon came also a jury, to wit, [names of jurors deleted] who say that the Plaintiffs have sustained damages by reason of the breach of the defendant's promise and assumption in the declaration supposed, besides their costs, to 13 pounds 2 shillings and 4 pence. Ordered that the plaintiffs recover against the defendants their damages aforesaid, and their costs.

Same, September Court - John Fisher and Co., Assignees of Benjamin Slayden, plaintiffs, vs. THOMAS KENDRICK, defendant, On a petition, The Sheriff having returned the defendant duly summoned, this day came the plaintiffs by Paul Carrington, their attorney, and the defendant not appearing, the plaintiffs produced the defendant's bill obligatory for 4 pounds 4 shillings, therefore it is ordered that the plaintiff recover against the defendant, his debt aforesaid, and his costs. But this judgment {except as to the costs} is to be discharged by the payment of 2 pounds 2 shillings, with legal interest from December 24, 1768.

 1772 - Halifax County Court Orders

April Court 1772 - Ordered that the road above Tobys Creek be turned below John MOOREs Mill and that John LAWSON, Henry Hoopson and John Frederick Miller to mark off the same and that THOMAS KENDRICK, with the gang under his direction, do lay open the same.

August Court 1772 - William Boyd is appointed Surveyor of the Road whereof THOMAS KENDRICK was Surveyor. And it is ordered that the said William, with the gang belonging to the said Road, do clear and keep the same in repair.

[Source: Halifax County Court Orders 1771-1773, from Chandler Eavenson by e-mail.]

 1773 - THOMAS KENDRICK to John LAWSON - LAND & ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY

Deed from THOMAS KENDRICK to JOHN LAWSON

Halifax County, VA - 19 March 1773 - Consideration £65 - 152 acres

Bounded by Thomas Casson [should be Carson], Joseph Patterson, John Lewis, Benjamin Redman, John Lawson

Witnesses: John Caldwell Jr., James Addams, Theo. [Theoderick] Carter, John Brandon, William Brandon, William Price

No wife mentioned, no release of dower. No metes. Recorded October Court 1773

Halifax Deed Book 9, p. 142

This indenture made the nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred seventy three [19 March 1773] between THOMAS KENDRICK of Halifax County of the one part and JOHN LAWSON of the same county of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of sixty five [65] pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said John Lawson the receipt whereof the said Thomas Kendrick doth hereby acknowledge and thereof doth acquit and discharge the said John Lawson his heirs executors administrators forever hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain sell unto the said John Lawson and to his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land scituate lying and being in the said county and containing by estimation one hundred and fifty two [152] acres be the same more or less and bounded by the lines of Thomas CASSON [probably should be Carson], Joseph PATTERSON, John LEWIS, Benj/m REDMAN, John LAWSON, together with the revisions and reversions [etc...]

Signed: THO/s KENDRICK

Wit: John CALDWELL Junr, James ADDAMS, Theo. CARTER, John BRANDON, William BRANDON, William PRICE.

Recorded October Court 1773 [No wife named or release of dower]

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 9, p. 142, Halifax County Courthouse, Halifax, VA. Excerpt transcribed by J. Horsley with minor spelling changes]

Deed from THOMAS KENDRICK to JOHN LAWSON

Halifax County, VA - 26 April 1773 - All Personal Property and Household Goods - Consideration £33 - No wife mentioned.

Know all men by these presents that I THOMAS KENDRICK of Halifax County for and in consideration of the sum of thirty three pounds current money of Virginia to me in hand paid by JOHN LAWSON of the same county and before the sealing and delivery thereof doth acquit the said John Lawson his heirs executors admins. and assigns freely by these presents have bargained sold and delivered unto the said John Lawson the following goods. Cattle & hogs viz, two sows and fourteen shotes mark'd with a crop in the right ear & a nick in left, two cows mark'd with a crop in the right ear & a nick in the left, two bay mares branded one with a D on the near shoulder the other branded with O on the near buttock. And all household furniture, beds, potts, pewter & any other thing now in the possession of the said Tho. Kendrick and in general all the goods household goods & implements of household goods now in my possion [sic] or in [interlined "the"] possession of any other for me or for my use behoof or benefitt of which goods household goods & implements of household. I have put the said John Lawson in full possession by delivering to him the above mentioned bay mare in the name of the above mentioned goods. In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 26th day of April 1773.

/s/ Thomas Kendrick (LS)

Sign'd seal & deliver'd the above bay mare to John Lawson behalf of the above mentioned goods in presents of us

Robert R? [illegible], John LOVELACE, Christopher (x) FITZGERALD

Recorded 20th May 1773, prov'd by one witness, ordered to be recorded. Teste: P. Carrington

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 9, p. 48, Halifax Courthouse, Halifax, VA. Transcription by J. Horsley]

Note:

When I first discovered this set of deeds, they seemed to indicate this Thomas Kendrick sold out completely and left the Halifax area. However, the subsequent records we have for a Thomas Kendrick in Halifax appear to be for the same person living in the same place with the same neighbors and associates. Thus, although neither deed states as much, the sale of the land and all personal property seems to be a case of debt payment or mortgage obligation.

Christopher Fitzgerald who witnessed this deed is thought to be the brother or son of John Fitzgerald. John Fitzgerald got a land patent 25 Sep 1764 for 400 acres in Pittsylvania Co. on the Lick Branch of Sandy Creek, adj. CALDWELL. John's son John Fitzgerald Jr. on 9 March 1799 in Pittsylvania Co. married Eleanor "Nelly" DODSON (surety David Dodson, per Pitts Marriages). Elisha DODSON bought the Halifax land of JAMES HORSLEY in 1789. Elisha's father was Thomas Dodson whose will was dated 17 Feb 1739 in Richmond County, VA, where Thomas Dodson had sold land to Charles LOVELACE.

1 April 1775 - THOMAS KENDRICK and JAMES HORSLEY witness Deed of William Patterson & wife Mary to John LAWSON

Halifax County, VA, Deed Book 10, 1775-1778, page 108 – To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come know ye that we William Patterson and Mary Patterson, wife of the said Patterson of the County of Halifax do sell unto Captain John Lawson of said County the one third part of 233 areas of land lying on Dan river joining to said Lawson's line, being the Dowry of said Mary Patterson, wife of said William Patterson, for the term of life for the consideration of 25 pounds... all the said Dowry of my wife Mary during the said term of her life from any person or persons whatsoever during... and the said Patterson is to give said Lawson quiet and peaceable possession on the first day of October 1775 and said Patterson, Patterson is to stay on the land until such time as he makes use of tother, that is the 1 April 1775. Signed William (X) Patterson and Mary (X) Patterson. Witnesses Thomas Whitan [Whitten?], THOMAS KENDRICK and JAMES (I) HORSLEY.

Halifax County, VA – Pleas (Court Orders) Book 9, September Court 1776, page 168 – A Deed between William Paterson and Mary, his wife to John Lawson was recorded 19 September 1776. [Cited and posted at: <http://lawsondna.org/Media/virginiacounties/Halifax.html>]

1776 – THOMAS KENDRICK buys Halifax land from John DAMERON

6 January 1776 - John DAMERON of Surry County, North Carolina to THOMAS KENDRICK of Halifax, for £30 current money of Virginia, 160 acres in Halifax County on branches of Byrd's Creek, beginning at Richard Kerby [KIRBY] line thence along the sd line to John LAWSON's line, thence along Lawson's line to JAMES HOSLY's line, thence along his line to Thomas CARSON's line thence along the CARSON's line to KERBY's line again together. [No metes given.]
Signed: John Dameron (no wife or dower release mentioned)
Witnesses: Flem. BATES, Jr., John MOORE, JAMES HOSLY (by mark), John BATES
Recorded: 15 Aug 1776 Teste: P. Carrington

[Source: Halifax Deed Book 10, p. 89-90, Library of Virginia, abstract by J. Horsley]

Note:

Thomas Kendrick sold this tract of 160 acres in 1781 to John Moore. (See below)

1778 - THOMAS KENDRICK a bound on land from John LEWIS Jr. to John LEWIS

Apr 10, 1778 from "John LEWIS Jr. (Mountain)" of Granville Co., NC, to John LEWIS of Halifax, for 200 pounds, about 1100 acres in Halifax on and at the mouth of the Double Creeks, which said John Lewis purchased of Isaac Reed, and bounded by Dan River on the south side, on the west by JOHN CALDWELL and THOMAS PAYNE's land to the north, on the NE by the land of THOMAS KENDRICK, and on the east by the land of JOHN LAWSON. Signed - John Lewis Jr. Wit-John LEWIS, Bartlet WILLIAMS, Howell LEWIS, Thomas BEACH, Isabella LEWIS, John KENNON, Ch. KENNON, William RICHARDSON. Recorded Sep 17, 1778
[Halifax Co. Deed Book 11, page 87; from Chandler Eavenson by e-mail]

1781

Deed of THOMAS KENDRICK to JOHN MOORE - James HORSLEY a bound
Halifax County VA - 28 April 1781 - Consideration £40 - 160 acres
Bounds: Richard Curby [KIRBY], Thomas CARSON, JAMES HORSLEY, John LAWSON
Witnesses: John Johns, Alexander Moore, John Lawson [Jr], Thomas Lawson, Harmon Miller

This indenture made this twenty eight day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty one [28 April 1781] between THOMAS KENDRICK of the County of Halifax of the one part and JOHN MOORE of the said county of the other part, witnesseth that the said Thomas Kendrick for and in consideration of the sum of forty [40] pounds current and lawful money to him in hand paid the receipt whereof the said Thomas Kendrick doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold unto the said John Moore his heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Halifax and containing one hundred and sixty [160] acres by estimation and bounded as follows: Beginning at a corner pine on Richard CURBYs [KIRBY] line, thence along his line to a corner on Thomas CARSONs line, thence along his line to a corner on JAMES HORSLEYs line, thence along his line to a corner on John LAWSONs line thence along his line to the beginning [&c]

Signed: Thomas Kendrick

Witnesses: John JOHNS, Alexander MOORE, John LAWSON [Jr], Thomas LAWSON, Harmon MILLER

Memorandum: That quiet possession and seisen of the said land was taken by me within named John Moore of the within named Thomas Kendrick this date within written. /s/ Thomas Kendrick [clerical error? shouldn't this be John Moore signing?]

Wit: John JOHNS, John LAWSON JR, Alex.r MOORE, Thomas LAWSON, Harmon MILLER

Received in full of the sum within mentioned of the within named John Moore according to the effect of the within deed date as within.

/s/ Thomas Kendrick

At a Court held for Halifax County 15th day of November 1781 this indenture with the memorandum of livery of seizen and receipt hereon indorsed between Thomas Kendrick of the one part and John Moore of the other were proved by the oaths of three of the subscribing witnesses hereto to be the act and deed of the said Thomas and the same were ordered to be recorded.

Teste: Geo. Carrington CHC

Truly worded: Geo. Carrington CHC

[Source: Halifax County Deed Book 12, p. 163, Halifax Courthouse, Halifax, VA. Excerpt transcribed by J. Horsley, comments added in brackets.]

Note:

This is the land Thomas Kendrick bought from John Dameron of Surry County, NC dated 6 January 1776. James Horsley was a bound on this land, and he and John Moore were also witnesses to Thomas Kendrick's purchase.

John Moore posted security bond 4 Jan 1782 for the marriage of Hannah Fuqua and Thomas Lawson, son of John Lawson to whom Thomas Kendrick sold land and personal property in 1773. John Moore also participated in the inventory of Thomas Lawson's estate when he died six years later in 1788. Thomas Lawson's widow Hannah then married Elisha Dodson (Jr), either the same or son of the purchaser of James Horsley's Halifax land in 1789.

Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns of Halifax County, Virginia 1753-1800, page 53, show Thomas Lawson married Hannah Fuqua 4 January 1782. Joseph Fuqua, Sr. guardian of Hannah consents. Surety by John Moore (presumably the same one as on deed from Thomas Kendrick above) and witnessed by Henry Goare.

Richard Kirby, named as a bound on this land along with James Horsley, is most likely one of the Richard Kirby's mentioned in the 1758 Quaker records of the South River MM on 16 Dec 1758. There is a Henry Kirby living in Halifax at this time with a son Richard, and some of his children's birthdays are recorded in a Quaker Monthly Meeting in Bedford Co, VA. This Henry Kirby was also a bound on land bought from John Lawson by Theoderick Carter, guardian of Thomas Lawson's orphans. . Theoderick Carter also paid James Horsley from Thomas Lawson's orphans guardian account in 1791.

Tax and Census Lists 1782 - 1800

1782-1791 - Halifax County, Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists
Book published by TLC Genealogy (Miami Beach:1998, no author)

NO Horsley or Kendrick in it.

This is especially strange since I have seen an image of a partial PP Tax List for 1789 that includes James Hosley (sic), Richard Hosley (sic), and Thomas Kendrick. (See below)

1782 - Halifax Co, VA - Heads of Households

(# of whites, # of blacks)

JAMES HORSLEY - 9, 0; RICHARD HORSLEY - 2, 0

NO KENDRICK on this list.

A Thomas Kendrick did sell Halifax property in 1781. But a Thomas Kendrick with 10 whites in family is in the 1785 Halifax "State Census Enumeration" (see next item) and they both seem to be the same Thomas Kendrick, based on location, associates and the number of children Thomas Kendrick is said to have. It may be that Thomas Kendrick or the list for his precinct is simply missing.

1785 - Halifax Co, VA - State Census Enumeration List of J.W. P. Martin (partial; transc.)

(# white souls, # dwellings, # other buildings)

JAMES HORSLEY - 6, 1, 0; RICHARD HORSLEY - 4, 1, 0

THOMAS KENDRICK - 10, 0, 0

[Source: <http://www.combs-families.org/combs/records/va/halifax/>]

Note:

In the 1785 Census listing Head of Household, the only Kendrick in Halifax County at that time is Thomas. His household is comprised of "10 white souls" (the census wording). If first son, John, were married (or dead) and if Sarah, thought to have married in 1785, were already married and gone by the census enumeration day, the 10 would match Thomas, his wife, and the other 8 children born by this year (Lucy is thought to be born about 1787).

1789 Halifax Co, VA Personal Property Tax List

JAMES HOSLEY (sic) - no sons 16 and over listed on portion filmed online

RICHARD HOSLEY (sic) - no sons 16 and over listed

THOMAS KENDRICK - no sons 16 and over listed

[Image from 1789 Halifax County Personal Property Tax List [A]

<http://www.binnsgenealogy.com/VirginiaTaxListCensuses/Halifax/>]

Note:

This Thomas Kendrick is the only Kendrick in this year's list. Thomas Kendrick Jr. would not be 21 until the next year. Usually only those 21 or older could be held responsible for taxes unless they are married, and the only known marriage for Thomas Jr. was in 1796 or 1797 in York Co, SC. Yet if this is Thomas Kendrick SR. where are his three sons John, Thomas Jr, and Anthony who were over 16 by this year? John Kendrick may have died before this time, as no record has been found for him other than an unsourced birthdate passed through the family. Thomas and Anthony may already be in York County, SC, since their brother-in-law Valentine Horsley had also left Halifax Co. VA for York Co. SC by this year.

1798 Halifax Co, VA Personal Property Tax List

NO Horsley or Kendrick of any spelling (same source as 1789 above)

Note:

We would expect both Horsley's and Kendrick's to be gone from Halifax by 1798. James Horsley and son Richard Horsley and their families left Halifax, VA about 1791 and moved to York County SC where James' son Valentine was already living. Kendrick researcher Rose Kendrick among others believes that Thomas Kendrick also left Halifax about the same time.

 28 January 1796 - York Co., SC Survey Plat Index with Thomas Kendrick

Description: Stephen Brown

Plat For 18 Acres on Mill Creek, Camden District

Surveyed by John Mccaw for THOMAS KENDRICKS on December 10, 1793.

Names Indexed: Stephen Brown, John Irby, Thomas Kendrick, John Mccaw, Edward Mellon, Joseph Neel, Robert Patrick.

Locations: Camden District; Catawba River; Mill Creek; York County

Document Type: Plat

[Source: Online Index to State Plat Books (Charleston Series) 1784-1860. Series: S213190 Vol. 32, p.567, Item 2. SC Archives Online at:

<<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives/RecordDetail.aspx?RecordId=199772>>]

Note:

This plat index shows that a Thomas Kendrick previously surveyed the land 10 Dec 1793 but never completed the land grant process to get deed to the land. In this time period, this kind of

situation usually occurred because the grant applicant had moved away or had died, and the land went unclaimed.

Thus this survey record seems to refer to Thomas Kendrick Sr., who would have died between Dec 1793 and Jan 1796 (i.e., abt. 1794). His son Thomas Jr. was only 24 in 1793. He married about 1796 and stayed in York County through the 1800 census (then went to adjacent Lincoln, County NC by the 1810 census). If this 1793 survey had been for Thomas Jr., why would he have forfeited his land grant claim in the same immediate area of York where he soon established his own family home?

John Irby, appearing as a bound (i.e., adjacent land owner) on this survey, married Thomas Kendrick Sr.'s daughter Anne in Halifax County, VA 12 Mar 1788 (or 7 Mar 1789) surety Joshua Irby (his brother, father of same name d. 1779, Halifax) with witnesses William Kendricks (her brother William then supposed to be only 15?) and Ben Dawson. (Unsourced online information; needs verifying.) John Irby's Revolutionary War pension application (File W-5003) says he moved from Halifax County VA to York County in 1789, and the 1800 census shows John Irby living near James Horsley and sons Richard and Valentine (husband of Sarah Kendrick).

The land surveyed by the above record was on Mill Creek where the Horsley family lived, including Valentine Horsley who married Thomas Sr.'s daughter Sarah in Halifax Co, VA about 1785. Thomas Kendrick and Valentine's father James Horsley had adjacent properties in Halifax County.

1800 Census: York County, SC

Thomas Kendrick [Jr.] - Males: 1(26-44); Females: 2(under 10), 1(16-25)

Anthony Kendrick - Males: 1(16-25); Females: 1(under 10), 1(16-25)

Nancy Kendrick - Males: 1(10-15); Females: 1(10-15), 1(45+)

[The children in the household would be Joseph and Lucy, Thomas Kendrick (Sr) youngest children.]

Note:

In this census, Thomas, Anthony, and Nancy Kendrick were listed next to each other, indicating in this non-alphabetized list that they lived adjacent.

Nancy Kendrick, head-of-household over 45 years old, would appear to be Thomas Kendrick Sr.'s widow (whose name previously has not been known). Not only was this elder Nancy Kendrick in 1800 living next to Thomas Sr.'s sons Thomas Jr. and Anthony, but the ages of the children in her household match that of Thomas Sr.'s youngest children, Joseph Kendrick and Lucy Kendrick. "Nancy" was the standard nickname for Ann, the name of Thomas Kendrick Sr.'s second eldest daughter (who married John Irby in Halifax County VA in 1788 or 1789).

Nancy Kendrick does not appear by her own name in the 1810 census, nor is she living in the household of her sons, thus apparently deceased by this time.

By 1810, Thomas Kendrick is in Lincoln County (part of which later became Cleveland Co.):

1810 Census: Lincoln County, NC

Thomas Kendrick - Males: 1(under 10), 1(10-15), 1(26-44); Females: 3(under 10), 1(10-15), 1(26-44)

The only Kendrick families I found still in York Co, SC in 1810 were "Anthony Kindrick" and "Capt. Wm. Kindrick."

In 1821, Anthony Kendrick surveyed land adjacent to "Horsley" (either Valentine or his brother Richard who owned adjacent properties) on Mill Creek in York County.

By 1820, Joseph Kendrick was also in Lincoln County, NC where Thomas Kendrick also still lived. Thomas Kendrick (Jr.) died in the 1850's in the part of Lincoln County that became Cleveland County, NC .

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CHILDREN OF THOMAS KENDRICK

From Rose Kendrick on Lawson Mail List -- List of Children of Thomas & Dolly [Rose has since decided Dolly was not her name; I found evidence in the 1800 York SC census her name was Nancy (Ann)]

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/LAWSON/2000-04/0954713189>

On Tue, 28 Mar 2000 15:06:07 -0500, LAWSON-L@rootsweb.com wrote:

> The children of Thomas Kendrick and [??] Lawson are as follows:

- > (1) John Kendrick b. 17 Sept 1763 d. unknown
- > (2) Sarah Kendrick b. 9 Jan 1766 [m. Valentine Horsley]
- > (3) Ann (Anney) Kendrick, b. 26 February 1768 [m. John Irby*, 1788 , Halifax (bond)]
- > (4) Thomas Kendrick, b. 24 January 1769 in VA, d. 11 November 1855 in NC. [m. Sarah Lambert]
- > (Thomas Kendrick Jr. is Rose Kendrick's husband's ancestor)
- > (5) Anthony Kendrick, b 8 Jan 1772 d. unknown [m. Sarah Brandon]
- > (6) William Kendrick, b. 29 Nov 1774 d. unknown [m. Priscilla Brandon]
- > (7) Michael Kendrick, b. 6 Dec 1776 d. unknown
- > (8) Elizabeth Kendrick, b. 1 Jan 1778 d. unknown
- > (9) Susan Kendrick, b. 7 Nov 1780 d. unknown
- > (10) Joseph Kendrick, b. Abt 1784 d. abt 1834 [m. Lavinia Suggs, York Co SC]
- > (11) Lucy Kendrick, b. Abt 1787 d. unknown [m. Joseph Brandon--see Underhill post below]

JHG Note: The list of children and dates in the Joseph Kendrick draft document is the same as those above, except that Jos. Kendrick lists Thomas Kendrick's birth as 25 Jan 1770. Joseph Kendrick notes that this pedigree is a "draft pedigree of Richard Thomas Kendrick, son of Thomas D. Kendrick (born 1934), no author or date indicated. At least some of the data, when checked against known facts, is correct; there is no corroborative information on the rest of the pedigree." He also notes that the last two children appear to be of the same family, but their births were somewhat later than the other children on this unsourced pedigree.

*John Irby, husband of Anne Kendrick:

Revolutionary War Veteran Pension File W-5003 Film M804 Roll 1393.

Born Richmond Co, VA on 5 Aug 1761. Lived in Dinwiddie County, then moved to Charlotte Co., VA where he was first drafted Aug. 1777. After several 3 months terms of service, his father sent him to Saluda River of SC to check on his uncle living there. He found his uncle had been killed by Cunningham and he and others escaped to the army of Morton, where they formed a volunteer company in SC and fought at Cowpens, were in the Crossing of the Dan, and the battle at Guildford (NC) Courthouse. He moved from Halifax Co. VA to York Dist. SC in 1789 and in 1807 moved to Lincoln Co. NC..

Anne Irby applied for Revolutionary War widows pension in 1845 from Lincoln Co, NC and gives her marriage date as 12 Mar 1788. This coincides with online information that John Irby and Anne Kendrick married in Halifax Dist, VA. 12 Mar. 1788, Surety Joshua Irby, Witness: William Kendricks and Ben Dawson. (However, the only William Kendrick I know of is Anne's brother who, according to the above birthdate would be only 13 in Mar 1788, thus not likely to be a bond witness. This bond information needs to be confirmed by the original and investigated further.)

RESEARCH OF JOSEPH T. KENDRICK

From a Draft Copy dated 18 Feb 1994 of "The Kendricks of Halifax Co, VA, and York Co, SC" by Dr. Joseph T. Kendrick, sent to me by Rose Kendrick July 2005:

"The first public record of a Kendrick in Halifax Co, VA, was a John in 1759. This John Kendrick, however, may have lived in that portion of the county which was later split off to form Pittsylvania Co. A Joseph and James Kendrick were also in the county in 1786. At this time, however, we have no further trace of these three figures, and it was a THOMAS KENDRICK [caps mine--jh] who appeared to be the central figure of a cluster of Kendricks who lived in [Halifax Co, VA] from about 1762. On 19 August 1762 a Thomas Kendrick purchased from Moses Ayres 152 acres on a branch of the Dan River, Halifax Co. (Deed Book 4, Halifax Co, VA, 1762-1763, p. 48). His family could have lived in the county for a much longer time; there are simply no extant records."

[JH: I have not found any "cluster of Kendricks" in Halifax County. The only one my research so far reveals is Thomas Kendrick. In the 1780's there were Kendrick's apparently unrelated to Thomas named John and Preston in the part of Halifax that became Henry County, to the west of Pittsylvania. I have not yet found a Halifax County record for John Kendrick in 1759 which Dr. Kendrick mentions above.]

"[...]The ancestry of Thomas Kendrick has not been established. It is possible that he is a distant relative of John Kendrick (b. 1670-8-) of Gloucester Co, VA, whose family seems to have been the progenitors of the southern Kendricks. It is not known if John Kendrick had brothers, who may have served as progenitors, but it is known that he had at least four children, one of whom founded a major line. John's children were: John b. 1695. William b. 1704, James b. 1706, and Mary b. 1709, all born in Gloucester Co, VA. Church records regarding the children William and Mary, born in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co, VA, are confirmed, although the records regarding John and James rest solely and more shakily on CLDS [Mormon] genealogical records. The line of William has been fairly well researched but the lines of John and James have not been adequately established, and it is possible that Thomas Kendrick, Sr. is linked in some way to one of these branches.

"One of the strongest possibilities of a link is based on an CLDS account concerning a John Kendrick in Stafford Co, VA, married to a Sarah, within this time frame. John died in 1778. According to this source John and Sarah had six children, all born in Stafford Co, VA: John b. ca 1720; Edward, b.ca. 1722; William, b.ca 1724; Samuel, b.ca 1726; Thomas, b.ca. 1728; Joseph, b.ca 1730. It is possible that the Thomas Kendrick, born in 1728 in Stafford Co, was the same Thomas who later appeared in Halifax Co, VA.

[JH: I find no connections between Thomas Kendrick of Halifax and the Kendrick or any other families from Stafford County. The first connections with our Thomas Kendrick were among early Lunenburg/Halifax settlers associated with area Quakers. Another link was with John Lawson, an adjacent neighbor who may have been related to Thomas' wife, thought to be a Lawson, but John's origins are uncertain as well. One possibility Dr. Kendrick did not discuss is that Thomas Kendrick in Halifax may have only recently immigrated from Wales, since his likely daughter Sarah Kendrick Horsley spoke with a strange accent and is thought to have been "of Wales." See more in Notes for Sarah.]

"There was a second Thomas Kendrick in this general area who cannot be identified, and whose presence adds to the confusion. This early Thomas Kendrick and wife Sarah Raven lived in Person Co, NC, which was close to the homestead of William Kendrick (b. 1704) and his family. There is a striking similarity of family names between the two branches, suggesting a close connection.

"Finally, there were Thomas Kendricks living in Pittsylvania Co, VA, just to the west of Halifax. Tentatively, however, it appears that the Pittsylvania Co, VA, Kendricks may have been from a different line than the Halifax body.

"In essence, the origins of the several Thomas Kendricks, their relationship with each other, and their links with the better researched branch of William Kendrick (b. 1704) are not known and remain a controversial issue.

"On 19 August 1762 a Thomas Kendrick purchased from Moses Ayres 152 acres on a branch of the Dan River, Halifax Co. (Deed Book 4, Halifax Co, VA, 1762-1763, p. 48)...James Horsley was a neighbor...In 1787 census showed the senior Thomas Kendrick had died or moved away..."
[JH: See more on my notes for tax lists]

JH Note: Every attempt was made to locate Dr. Kendrick to ask permission to use his information publicly. I called the retirement home in Maryland where he had been living several years ago, but none of the current staff knew him or his whereabouts or if he was deceased.

I have since found a record of his death from the SS Death Index at Ancestry.com:
Joseph T. Kendrick; Birth: 5 Feb 1920 Death: 2 Jan 2003 - Chevy Chase, Montgomery, Maryland.

From GenForum Posting Kendrick
Re: Dolly Lawson/Thomas Kendrick, Halifax County, VA
Posted by: Robert Underhill (ID *****3472) Date: April 25, 2005 at 13:32:08
In Reply to: Re: Dolly Lawson/Thomas Kendrick, Halifax County, VA by Milford Kirby of 2027

[Note that the name "Dolly", originally from Rose Kendrick, is no longer accepted as Thomas Kendrick's wife's first name.—jh]

My family connection to Dolly Lawson and Thomas Kendrick is through their youngest child Lucy who married Joseph Brandon of Halifax County, VA. Lucy died in York County, SC and is buried in Mill Creek Cemetery, Bethel Community. Her husband Joseph had served under a Capt. William Kendrick in the War of 1812, this William being Lucy's brother.
[JH: Lucy Brandon has a memorial marker at the Mill Creek Cemetery, placed there later her death, but I have seen no proof she was actually buried there.]

I have 11 children being born to Dolly and Thomas: John, Sarah (m. Valentine Horsley), Anne (m. John Irby), Thomas (m. Sarah Lambert), Anthony (m. Sarah Brandon), William (m. Priscilla Brandon), Michael, Elizabeth, Susan, Joseph (m. Lavinia Suggs) and Lucy (m. Joseph Brandon).

The three Brandons who married into the Kendrick family are all siblings and were all born in Halifax County, VA. Of Sarah and Anthony Kendrick's 6 children, the only one that I have a birth place for was born in York Co., SC.

Of Priscilla and William Kendrick's 4 children, the only one that I have a birth place for was born in York County, SC.

The mother of Lucy's husband Joseph Brandon was Mary Lawson, daughter of John and Priscilla Lawson, this Mary Lawson being a cousin of Lucy which further speaks to Halifax County, VA as where this family is from but it is clear that the family made their way to York County, SC.

At least part of this family was in Gastonia, NC as that is where Lucy and Joseph's son Thomas Lawson Brandon was buried, though Gastonia, [Gaston Co.] NC and York, SC are not all that far apart. Lucy and Joseph's son Larkin Pinkney Brandon was m. in Lincoln Co, NC and buried in Clover,[York Co.] SC. Lucy and Joseph's son John was buried in York, SC. I believe Lucy herself was born in NC as was her brother Joseph.

[JH: Both Lucy and Joseph would have been born in Halifax Co, VA, as that is where their father Thomas Kendrick still resided at the times of their births.]

I have seen one source that said Thomas Kendrick who married Sarah Lambert had moved to Waco, NC. I have also seen reference to Anne Kendrick who married John Irby as having died in Cleveland Co, NC and John Irby as having d. in Lincoln, NC. That same source had Thomas Kendrick who m. Sarah Lambert as having d. in Cleveland Co, NC and that Elizabeth Kendrick d. in Cleveland County. Same for Joseph Kendrick who m. Lavinia Suggs.

[JH: Lincoln County, adjacent a few miles up the road from where the Kendrick's lived in York Co, SC, was later divided and parts became Gaston and Cleveland counties.]

It seems clear that the Kendrick family went from Halifax Co, VA to NC to SC.

[JH: Census and other primary records show the sequence was Halifax VA to York SC, then some of Thomas Kendrick's descendants spread up into adjacent Lincoln Co, NC, parts of which later became Cleveland and Gaston County.]

Another item that I have which seems to be the same Kendrick family is from the:

Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia Extracted From The Original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1800, Circuit Court Records, Section I, Judgments, page 106:

William Allen and Rachel, his wife, vs. Kindrick--O.S. 94; N.S. 32--Bill, 2nd August, 1805. Rachel is daughter of John Kindrick, late of Washington County. She and William were married in 177--, and lived in Botetourt until 1782, when John came and invited them to come to Washington, where he promised them a piece of land, for which they sue. Rachel had a brother John. John Kendrick, Sr. died 1800 or 1801, intestate, leaving a large family, which descended to Thomas and John Kendrick, Mary Kendrick, who married John Burks, and Rachel.

[JH Note: I have not found information that would connection the Augusta, Washington, and Botetourt County Kendrick to Thomas Kendrick of Halifax VA and York SC.]

E-mail 5 Sep 2005 from Rose Kendrick rmkendrick@alltel.net
RE: Thomas Kendrick's death place

I have no proof of where Thomas Kendrick died, but it seems that the Kendrick researchers that I have been in touch with believe that he died in York Co, SC. It is the general opinion that he moved his entire family to York Co. and remained there until his death. However, I have found no burial place for him in York Co, but he may have been buried in an unmarked grave or on his land.

Most of his children moved from York into Shelby, NC and surrounding areas. I have searched the cemeteries in Shelby and nearby counties, and have found gravesites for most of his children and many descendants, but none for him. He and his wife seem to have disappeared in later life. I suppose that it is possible that they returned to Virginia, but no records have been found to indicate that.

[JH: My research with primary records indicates that Thomas Kendrick probably did get to York County, where he died about 1794, with his widow Nancy in the York 1800 census but deceased by the census of 1810. See notes above.]

My thanks especially to Rose Kendrick, Chandler Eavenson, and Phyllis Harrison for the information they shared and assistance they provided for my research of Thomas Kendrick's life and family. --JH.

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