

Richard Kirkland



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Born: 1670 Anne Arundel, MD

Married: Mary Snowden (?)

Died: May 1743 Fairfax, VA

Parents: Unknown

Our earliest-known Kirkland ancestor was RICHARD KIRKLAND of Anne Arundel Co., MD, who received patents in Maryland and Virginia. Kirkland is the Scottish word for "church land."

Richard Kirkland (Sr.) was born abt 1670, probably in Maryland, his parents' names unknown, but believed to be Scottish; and our earliest record of him was in Anne Arundel Co., MD. In the same county were two other Kirklands, ROBERT and THOMAS, who may have been his brothers.

Richard and his family immigrated to Stafford Co. (now Prince William Co.), Virginia, 1712-1714.

Patent No. 6: Catherine Lady Fairfax, Sole Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, to Richard Kirkland, 1714 (two pages)

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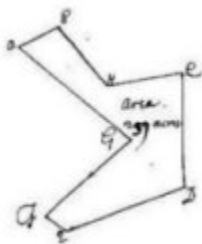
The Hon^{ble} Catherine Lady Fairfax Sole Proprietor of
The Northern Neck of Virginia

As to certain the present writing shall come said grantee in our Lord God Everlasting; Whereas
Richard and Cornelius Keefe of the County of Stafford upon their suggestion of a certain grant of land
lying to me in the sd County which is not yet granted did on the 14th of Sept. one thousand seven hundred
and thirteen obtain a warrant from my office for buying out the same and having now returned a return
under the hand of Mr the Hon^{ble} Secretary. Now therefore that I do and in consideration of
the petition to me made and the Annual rent hereafter reserved have granted made over & conveyed
do by these presents grant make over and confirm unto the said Richard & Cornelius Keefe two hundred thirty and
seven acres of land situate lying and being on the North side of Occoquan River in the County of Stafford and
more or less to the Survey as follows: Beginning at a Marsh with Oak standing upon the West side
of the river & crossing the same to a point of a great Branch of a great Branch of a great Branch of a great Branch
of a Marsh lying Northward eighty paces to a Spring with Oak standing upon a side of the river
from the West side one hundred thirty paces to a Black Oak standing North of the Spring one
hundred and thirty paces to a white Oak upon a ridge thence North sixty degrees West one hundred & ten paces
to a Marsh with Oak standing on the West side of a great Branch of a great Branch of a great Branch of a great Branch
of the river down the river to the several courses and Manors which being brought into a right line is
about one hundred & thirty two paces to a Marsh with Oak standing at the Mouth of the river thence
down the water course of the said river to the beginning. Together with all Rills Mounds and Appurtenances
thereto belonging in the Marsh Decided and the said land part of the said Great Branch of a great Branch
of the river that shall be such hereon to have and to hold the sd two hundred thirty and eight acres of land
unto the said Richard & Cornelius Keefe their heirs and assigns forever unless they the said
Richard & Cornelius Keefe their heirs and assigns before writing and publishing these presents or a sign
of it to the certain Attorney or Attorneys of me the sd Proprietor or to the certain Attorney or Attorneys
of my heirs or assigns proprietors of the sd Northern Neck yearly and every year on the first of
the Month the Archangel the first days of one shilling Sterling money for every fifty acres of land
herein granted and so proportionably for a greater or a less quantity. Provided that if the sd Richard
Keefe their heirs or assigns shall not pay the before reserved Annual rent within the
time or any part thereof shall be a fine or unpaid by the space of two whole years after the same
shall be come due if Certainty demanded that then it shall and may be lawfull for me my heirs
and assigns Proprietors of the Northern Neck to sell or either of our certain Attorneys or assigns
into the Court of Chancery to receive and hold the same so as if the grant had never passed.
Witness my Office in the County of Stafford the 10th day of November in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign
King George the third of Great Britain, France and Ireland King. Depose of the said Catherine Lady Fairfax.
The said Richard & Cornelius Keefe
do for the same as aforesaid
in the County of Stafford.

Thee by

The Paper of 1714

After 24 Nov 1714, in Truro Parish, Prince William Co., a Gift Deed was given by RICHARD KIRKLAND planter of Truro Par. gives to EDWARD KIRKLAND his SON 100 acres situated on North side of Occoquan River, being part of a 268 acre tract granted to said RICHARD by patent 23 Nov 1714.



Richard, Sr., was granted other land patents in Virginia by King George the Second in 1734 and 1735.

On 7 Jul 1735, in Prince Georges Co., VA, Richard Kirkland received a patent for 200 acres on the N. side of Jones Hole Swamp adjoining Titmashes land. 6 7

Patent from George the Second to Richard Kirkland dated 7 Jul 1735 (three pages)

of our said Colony the Seventh Day of July One thousand Seven hundred and thirty five in the fifth year of our Reign
William Gooch

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c &c
Whereas these Presents shall come hearing Her Majesty that for Divers good causes and Considerations by us especially for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Five Pounds of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia
We have given granted and confirmed and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors Do give grant and confirm unto Richard Kirkland of the County of Prince Georges our certain Part or parcel of Land containing Two Hundred acres lying & being on the North side of Jones Hole Swamp in the County aforesaid and bounded as followeth to wit
Beginning at a corner Gum on the water Course of the said Swamp above his Settlement thence North forty Degrees East One Hundred & fifty six Poles to a corner by the Road thence South forty Degrees East two Hundred and thirty two Poles to Titmashes Line thence along the same West two hundred Degrees South One Hundred & thirty two Poles to his Corner near the said Swamp thence West twenty seven Degrees South twenty nine Poles to Jones Hole Swamp

Throughe the said Swamp as it ascends to the beginning...
With all woods under woods Swamps Marshes
 Low grounds Meadows Goodings and his due share of all Mines
 Mines and Quarries as well discovered as not discovered within
 the bounds aforesaid and being part of the said Quantity of
 two Hundred Acres of Land and the Rivers waters and water
 Courses therein contained together with the Privileges of
 Hunting Hawking Fishing Fowling and all other Profits
 Commodities and Hereditaments whatsoever to the same or
 any part thereof belonging or in anywise appertaining
To the said Richard Kirke and his Heirs and assigns for ever
 of Land and all other the before granted Premises and every part
 thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances unto the
 said Richard Kirke and his Heirs and assigns for ever and to his Heirs and
 assigns for ever To the only use and behoof of him the said
 Richard Kirke and his Heirs and assigns for ever **T**o be
 held of us our Heirs and Successors as of our Manor of East Green
 wick in the County of Kent in Free and Common Socage and not in
 Capite or by Knights Service **Y**ielding and Paying
 unto us our Heirs and Successors for every fifty Acres of Land and
 so Proportionably for a lesser or greater Quantity than fifty
 the sum the Good Rent of one Shilling yearly to be paid upon the
 first of August and also Cultivating and Improving three Acres part
 of every fifty of the Tract above mentioned within three years
 after the date of these Presents **P**rovided always that if three
 years of the said Good Rent shall at any time be in arrears and
 unpaid or if the said Richard Kirke and his Heirs or assigns
 do not within the space of three years next coming after the
 Date of these Presents Cultivate and Improve three Acres part
 of every fifty of the Tract above mentioned then the Estate
 hereby granted shall cease and be utterly Determined and
 thereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for us our
 Heirs and Successors to grant the same Lands and Premises
 with the appurtenances unto such other Person or Persons
 as we our Heirs and Successors shall think fit **In** Witness

whose of we have caused these our Letters Patent to be made in
 Witness whereunto my hand and well beloved William Gooch Esq:
 our knight Governor and Commander in the Chief of our said Colony -
 and Dominion at Williamsburgh under the Seal of our said Colony the
 seventh day of July one thousand seven hundred and twenty five in
 the fifth year of our Roigne.

William Gooch

On 27 Feb 1740 in Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax Co., VA, Richard was mentioned in Truro Par. Vestry Book minutes recording an Indenture between JOHN COLVILLE Gentleman and EDWARD BARRY Church Warden of the one part and RICHARD KIRKLAND of the other . . . put and bind BETTY SHORTIN an apprentice or servant of said RICHARD KIRKLAND until she reaches 18 years. 8

On 24 Apr 1740, Pohick Church, Truro Parish, now in Fairfax Co., VA, Richard Kirkland and Cornelius Keeife were granted by Lord Fairfax a 268 acre tract on the north side of Occaquon River, adjoining Richard Ridgwell ~ recorded survey available ~ beginning at a hickory . . . down a branch to the North Run of Occaquan . . . down said run to first branch of Occaquan River below the mouth of the north run of said river . . . up the branch to a spanish oak . . . along a line marked trees to two poplars standing near the rolling rode. 12

Richard died bef 19 MAY 1743 in Fairfax Co., VA, when his will written 17 Nov 1742 was probated. He was survived by his wife MARY [Snowden? whose maiden name is unproven; some believe she was the daughter of Richard Snowden but no evidence can be found]

Richard Kirkland's Will.

In the name of God Amen. I **RICHARD KIRKLAND** of the County of Fairfax being weak of body sound of mind ___ and remembrance praised be God for the same doth make ordaine & appoint this to be my Last will & Testament revoking and dissolving all former wills & testaments formerly made by me & ordaining this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following as first I giveth and bequeath my sole into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly father, hoping that through the martrus death and passion of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior for our free pardon & forgiveness of all my Sins & to obtane a joyfull resurrection at the last day & as for my body to be buried at the discretion of my Exect hereafter nomanated.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son RICHARD Kirkland all my right title & claims which I have to a track of Land Containing two hundred acres of Land being known by the name of Browns Survey & lying & being in Baltimore County.

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife MARY the plantation on which I now live & all the Land belonging thereunto during the term of her natural life & after her deses to my Son Robert Kirkland & his heirs for Ever, my Son ROBERT Kirkland paying my Son JOHN Kirkland ten p;ounds current money of Virginia.

Then all my moveable estate I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary during the term of her natural life & after her decease to be Equally Divided amongst all my Sons & Daughters.

Item, I appoint my well beloved wife Mary and George Collbard to be my Execrs. of this my Last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & seal this Seventeenth day of November 1742.

Richard (his mark) Kirkland

Signed Sealed & delivered

in prsencre of us:

Thomas Smith

Francis Stone

and my desire is that my Estate Should not be appraised.

At a Court held for Fairfax County May 19: 1743

The last Will & Testament of Richard Kirkland dec'd was presented in Court by Mary Kirkland & George Colbert Executors therein, and who made oath according to law & being proved by the oaths of Thomas Smith and Francis Stone the witnesses thereto is admitted for record & on motion of said Executors & their performing what is usual in such Cases Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

. . . Contrary to the testator's express wish, his estate was inventoried, and mentioned a debt received from Edward Kirkland, who was not mentioned in the will. The final accounting was 20 Oct 1743.

Though he mentioned only his wife MARY and sons RICHARD, ROBERT, JOHN, and "all my children" in his will, the children of RICHARD and MARY KIRKLAND were:

Edward Kirkland b: ABT 1693? in MD

Robert Kirkland b: ABT 1695? in MD?

John Kirkland b: ABT 1698? in MD

Richard Snowden Kirkland b: ABT 29 Jul 1705, Anne Arundel Co., MD

Esther Kirkland b: ABT 1704? in MD

William Kirkland b: ABT 1712? in MD

The children of Richard and Mary Kirkland began moving from northern Virginia south to North Carolina after his death, first JOHN went to Granville Co., NC. In 1746, his brother RICHARD SNOWDEN KIRKLAND followed him to Granville Co., obtained a land grant, and when the title was complete sold it to move south in 1752, accompanied by his brother EDWARD and nephew JOSEPH, and soon followed by the others. They settled in Camden Dist., SC (now Fairfield and Kershaw Cos.), about 1750 --

We do not know when or where their mother MARY died, nor what became of daughter Esther.

Above information from:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~madgenealogist/KirklandFamily.html>