

JACKSON COUNTY ALABAMA RECORDS

Volume 47

Christine Paradise Sumner Collection

KIRBY, PARKS, ETC

JOHN KIRBY m. Jane Addair

Details this volume

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The following is taken from letters written by Inez Jenkins Murphy, 3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama 35660 during several years of correspondence with Christine Sumner in the 1970's.

JOHN KIRBY and JANE ADDAIR married 1791. Their children were: Grizea, Nancy, Mary (Polly), Thomas Hawkins, Elizabeth, Sarah, James R., Richard Lawrence, Virginia D., John I. (or J.?).

JOSEPH KIRBY married 1791 ELIZA FREEMAN (ancestors of William Parks Sumner, Jr. and Inez Jenkins Murphy). Children unknown. By process of elimination it would seem they are as follows:

Clington, Joshua, Lewis, Nancy Caroline, Lucinda Ann, Andrew Jackson, Sheard, Richard Lawrence

RICHARD KIRBY married (1) 1814 (2) 1823 (3) before 1845 children:

Francis Marion (Frank), Milton, Mary (Polly), Samuel Wellington, Salina, Harriet, Sallie (or Sarah), Richard, Jr., John L., Hulda, Martha, Elizabeth (she is in 1850 census, not in will or estate settlement), Janie, Frailey A., Eliza. The last four are by Sarah Perkins

The above are the 3 KIRBY brothers who came to Jackson County, Alabama before December, 1820 with their families from Blount and Knox counties, Tennessee.

1790 census, Surry County, North Carolina (Reprint of U. S. Publication, 1908). Salisbury District, p. 184...

RICHARD KIRBY 3 males over 16, 3 males under 16 4 females, 5 slaves (3 males over 16--RICHARD, the father; sons John and Joseph...John married Jane Addair, 1791, Montgomery County, Va. Joseph married Eliza FREEMAN 1791, Surry County, North Carolina. (I have certified copies of both these marriages)

3 males under 16--Francis, James and Richard (probably in that order of ages as Francis m. before James--Richard was last to marry)

4 females--Sarah, wife; daughters, Jean, Rebecca and "Polly" Mary.

1 female missing--Elizabeth who married Thomas Addair before 1790 (census?)

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Zella Armstrong in NOTABLE SOUTHERN FAMILIES (Vol. 3? 4? p.253 THE TUNNEL FAMILY."

quote: "Jane Adair was born July 28, 1795 in West Virginia and died August 30, 1858, in Carrollton, Illinois. She was the daughter of Thomas Addair (b. about 1775, d. abt. 1840) and Betsy Kirby Addair (b. Mar 1777, d. 1800 Blount Co, Tennessee) Her maternal grandparents were Richard and Sarah Kirby, both of whom were born in 1749, who moved from Yadkin country of N. C. Rockford Co., Tennessee, where they died; he April 30, 1811, and she April 5, 1856"

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Joseph Kirby married Eliza Freeman <sup>in Surrey Co N.C.</sup>  
and his brother Richard Kirby married <sup>on 11 Aug 1791</sup>  
Eliza's sister Temperance Freeman Great,  
a widow <sup>also in 1791</sup>. Eliza and Temperance were  
the daughters of Joshua Freeman and his  
first wife Lucy King who were married  
about 1772 or 1773 in N.C.. Joshua was the  
son of Samuel Freeman and his wife  
Elizabeth Alexander.

Kirby

## KIRBY

Dr. Andrew J. Kirby lived at "Yank's place" near Comer Bridge

Got in trouble during Civil War for treating Yankee soldiers



A Joseph Kirby on Tax list in Blount Co Tenn 1801  
He bought land in Knox Co 1807 (Kirby) Tax Assessor Knox Co 1809

He sold  
land in  
Knox Co  
Tenn 1819

Joseph Kirby was a Justice of the Peace in  
Knox Co Tenn in 1811. Later he was a County  
Court Justice in JCA & helped select the  
site of the first courthouse in 1827

Kirby

## OBITUARY OF ANDREW JACKSON KIRBY

This old undated newspaper clipping was sent to Christine P. Sumner January 2, 1973, by Mrs. Elizabeth, 314 Sassafras Road, Essex, Maryland 21221. It proves that the father of Lucinda (Kirby) Parks was Joseph Kirby, early pioneer of Jackson County. W. D. Parks mentioned below was the son of Lucinda.

### AN OLD AND ESTEEMED CITIZEN GONE

Dr. Andrew Jackson Kirby died at his home three miles south of town on the 4th of December and was buried at the Parks graveyard on the Ridge. He was in his 82nd year and passed away tranquilly, expressing no fear of the dark river. Dr. Kirby's father was Joseph Kirby, who came to this section from Tennessee in 1800. His brothers were Clinton and Richard Kirby. He was a soldier of the Florida Indian wars and drew a pension for that service. He practiced medicine in the county until enfeebled by age and was always held in high esteem and passed away without an enemy. He married Miss Jane Gossett, who survives him, with nine children and a large family connection. Mrs. J. D. ~~Starnes~~ Jordan of this place is a daughter; Mrs. T. D. Starnes a niece, and W. D. Parks a nephew.

Note: Jane Gossett Kirby, his widow, applied for a widow's pension and gave date of the death of Andrew Jackson Kirby as Dec. 4, 1895: General Services Administration, National Archives and History, Washington, D. C.

KIRBY FAMILY DATA

From: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Behlert, 314 Sassafras Rd., Essex, Md. 21221  
Daughter of: Julian McAdams Skelton  
Grand-daughter of: Charles Martin Skelton, b. July 12, 1850

d. April 4, 1881

Elizabeth Kirby

b. June 4, 1854

(After the death of her first husband, Elizabeth Kirby Skelton  
married a Connell and moved to Birmingham, Alabama)

Great-grand-daughter of: Dr. Andrew Jackson Kirby and Jane Gossett.

A small, yellowed newspaper clipping:

Quote:

An Old and Esteemed Citizen Gone.

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of town, on the 4th of December, and was buried at the Parks'  
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and passed away without an enemy. He married Miss Jane Gossett,  
who survives him, with nine children and a large family connection.  
Mrs. J D Jordan, of this place, is a daughter; Mrs T D Starnes  
a niece, and W D Parks a nephew.

End quote.

Written on a small scrap of tablet, found in above Mrs. Behlert's  
Grand-mother's Bible: Quote:

Papa was born in 1814 and died Dec 3 1894

Mama was born 1828 Died June 1905

Your Sis Mary Jane

End quote.

A post card picture of man and woman standing in front of their  
home, whom above Mrs. Behlert believes to be her Great-aunt  
Mary Jane (Kirby) Jordan and her husband, J. D. Jordan.

Postal date and place: Nov 16 9AM 1912 Scottsboro Ala

Addressed to: Mrs Elizabeth Connell, Birmingham, Ala RFD. no 8

Message: Scottsboro, Ala Nov 15

Apron arrived alright today Many thanks

Not going to wear it until Xmas dinner

I am going to give one & a good one two

(no signature)

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Copied by: Inez J. Murphy ( Mrs. James J. )  
3405 19th Avenue, Sheffield, Ala. 35660  
Nov. 8, 1973

NOTE: I PROMISED TO RETURN THIS DATA, ALONG WITH LETTER  
DESCRIBED ON PAGE 2, DIRECT TO MRS. BEHLERT BY  
REGISTERED MAIL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

*Inez J. Murphy*

From: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Behlert, 314 Sassafras Rd., Essex, Md. 21221

A family group picture, size 5 x 8 inches, pasted on cardboard, photographic style cardboard.

There are 17 people in the group, consisting of the following:

Four (4) adult men, 2 men have mustaches, 1 man (the youngest) is clean shaven, 1 man has a full, dark beard.

Four (4) women. The oldest woman appears to be short and fat, and Mrs. Behlert thinks she could be Mrs. Jane (Gossett) Kirby, widow of Dr. Andrew Jackson Kirby. The second oldest looking woman is Mrs. Elizabeth (Kirby) Skelton Connell, grand-mother of above Mrs. Behlert.

Six (6) girls, approximately 5 to 12 years of age.

Three (3) boys, approximately 7 to 10 years of age.

One couple, woman seated with man standing behind her, resemble J. D. Jordan and his wife, Mary Jane Kirby, only younger than the postcard picture of them in front of their home.

The house, in front of which this picture was made, is a larger appearing house than the Jordan house.

Mrs. Behlert has given me permission to keep this picture a longer time than the other described and copied papers, in order that I may take it to Seccsboro, Ala., for possible identification.

Mrs. Behlert also sent:

A long, yellowed newspaper clipping: ( Jackson County Newspaper )

Quote:           A SOLDIER'S LETTER

By permission we copy a portion of an interesting letter from a Jackson county boy who is with the volunteers in Cuba.

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 21, 1899.

Misses Rebecca and Mary Skelton,  
Dear Cousins:

( Signed )

Julian Skelton  
Co. G., 3d Neb. Vol. Inf.  
Camp Columbia, Havana, Cuba

( An "Uncle Hugh" is mentioned in this letter, no last name. This is a long letter and will take time to copy in full).

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Kirby

I Eva Jane Kirby b. Sept. 8, 1831 d. June 20, 1897  
 William Jefferson Skelton b. April 22, 1826 d. Dec. 7, 1852  
 They were married - January 8<sup>th</sup> 1852.  
 Their son, John William Skelton born Nov. 23, 1852  
 married to Nellie Diona Kelly - Dec. 21st - 1873.  
 He died, November 4<sup>th</sup> 1945 in Scottsboro, Ala.  
 Nellie Diona Kelly - born Oct 25 - 1853 died - Aug. 11 - 1938

Eva Jane (Kirby) Skelton married 2nd time to Eli Smith  
 Eli Smith - born Sept. 22 - 1820 died Sept. 23, 1899  
 They were married - Nov. 30th - 1865 by M. O. Brown  
 Both are buried at Aspel, Jackson Co., Ala.  
 in the Smith's Chapel Cemetery (Church)  
 and have tombstones at their graves.

Eva Jane Kirby Skelton Smith m -

Eli Smith } Children were

1. Lawrence Smith m Georgie Pety  
Viola m  
Adkins m Nannie Kate Ward } child  
Alice m Adriaan C. Banks } Lawrence  
P.O. Box 668 } 2 girls

2 Jesse Lee Smith m. <sup>Miami, Fla</sup> Ada Sumner  
Children

Emilie m Geo Baker no issue

Nannie m Julian Clemons of 5 children  
Scottsboro, Ala

Oliver m Jim Johnson, one boy

Annie Marie single

Dee Smith m Bonnie Amund 3 children

3 Amanda Jane Smith m. Joseph W. Ashmore  
Children

Opal m George Bruner, no issue  
Smith Ashmore

Hazel both single

Cecil

4 Annie Smith m. Patrick Brewer  
Robert Smith Brewer m <sup>1. Lucile Stambrie - one boy</sup> Sarah Hobbes - 2 children

Paul Brewer m <sup>1. ?</sup> ~~Agnes~~ <sup>2. ?</sup> no issue

Odie R. Brewer not married

Fannie Brewer m Cooper Hunt - no issue  
~~Patrick B~~

Cedric Brewer m. Nannie Harrington <sup>one boy</sup> no issue

Cressie Brewer not married

I think she gave into this

*Kirby*

JOSEPH KIRBY, Jackson County, Alabama Records

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Joseph Kirby, Justice Cty. Court, Jackson

(Dec. 1820 - J)

History of Jackson County (Alabama), John Robert Kennamer, 1935 pp. 18-19. *Brewer's History of Alabama (same data as below)*

"Lands --- surveyed Dec. 17, 1827 --- purchased for a seat of Justice for Jackson County. Patent was given Aug. 25, 1828. The Commissioners appointed to purchase this county seat land were W. A. Davis, N. Hudson, C. L. Roach, R. B. Clayton and JOSEPH KIRBY."

I think that Joseph Kirby was dead before the 1830 Census was taken. I think that his family is shown with that of a son named Joshua.

*Just Has to Be!!*

1830 Census Jackson County, Alabama

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Joshua Kirby

- 1 m under 5 years (Joshua's son ?)
- 1 m 10-15 years ( Joseph's son, Richard Laurence Kirby, my gr.gnd.father)
- 1 m 15-20 " ( " " ?)
- 1 m 20-30 " ( " " ?)
- 1 m 30-40 " Joshua ( age in 1840 Census was 40-50 years)
- 1 f under 5 years (Joshua's daughter ?)
- 2 f 15-20 years (Joseph's daughters ?)
- 1 f 15-20 " (Joseph's daughter or wife of above m 20-30?)
- 1 f 30-40 " (Joshua's wife, Jane who was 40-50 years in 1840 Census)
- 1 f 50-60 " ( Joseph's widow ?)

(Above male 10-15 years is only male <sup>Kirby</sup> in this age group shown in 1830 Census, and I know that my Richard Laurence Kirby was born in 1818.)

1850 Census Jackson County, Alabama

p. 140 # 276 Ottinger, Joseph	m	46	N. C. Mechanic
, Eliza	f	45	N. C.
, Catherine	f	24	Tenn.
, Hannah	f	17	"
, Martha	f	15	"
, Cidney	f	13	"
, Sarah	f	11	"
<u>Kirby, Elizabeth</u>	f	85	N. C.
Banks, Cintha	f	4	Ala.

This Elizabeth Kirby could be Joseph's widow, and the mother of the above Eliza Ottinger. Joseph Kirby owned land in Knox Co., Tenn., sold some there in ~~1821-22~~. 1819.

Until recently when I was given the Bible of my great-grandfather, Richard Laurence Kirby, I had thought his middle name was Lee, had been told that by some of his grandchildren. There was another Richard Laurence Kirby also in Jackson County, Ala., son of John Kirby, brother to Joseph. I still can not find Bible record of Joseph Kirby's family, so do not know all his children. I "give" to him all the children who were not his two brother's, John and the Richard Kirby who died and left Will in Marshall Co., Ala.

*Note* ( )



Sunday, Nov 16, 1964

Dear Chris,

Thanks so much for your letter and all the clippings!

Congratulations on being appointed "Coordinator" for History & Genealogy Dept. of Library. I'm sure you will do an excellent job! Know you were thrilled over check for micro film. When you order - if you order 1880 Census - be sure to state you want the med. improved photo copy - (Infrared, I think) makes the faded parts real clear. At least a third of it - (old copy) is not legible.

Am enclosing 2 more pictures - did not know you were making scrap books for each of your children. Will not put names and dates on these!

Also sending serial copy of one of old Minute Book of Primitive Baptist Church. <sup>1884</sup> I know I have ~~2 or 3 other~~ <sup>1 other 1911</sup> that I got in way from Aunt Eliza Young's house - but stopped to hunt - and ~~can't find them!~~ <sup>did find</sup> I have entirely too many places I put things - but know I have not thrown away!

Bertha Kirby has a large collection of the  
minute books.

I have located a copy of "Story of Woodville"  
by John R. Kennamer. no doubt father about  
it. Iva (Maples) Evans, who lives about 3  
blocks from me has a copy. I went by  
yesterday afternoon. but no one at home.  
Plan to go again today.

I have solved the Justice relationship!  
Remember, Thomas Justice and a Justice  
son buried in Kirby Cemetery on Backbone  
Ridge? his wife was Sarah Kirby - dau.  
of John & Jane (Adair) Kirby. Sarah later  
married Jabez Perkins - his second wife!  
Two of Jabez Perkins' sons by 1st marriage  
married 2 Justice daus. of Thomas & Sarah  
(Kirby) Justice!

I'll try to sketch relationships on  
another page.

Mrs. Ada Smith says that Joshua Kirby  
was father of Lucinda Kirby (m. Wm D. Parks)  
and my Richard Laurence Kirby (w. m.  
Eliza Brown Parks) - but she is wrong!  
Joshua was older brother! Their father

3/ was Joseph Kirby who m. Elizabeth Freeman in 1791 in Surry Co., N.C.

Joshua Kirby married Jane Singleton in 1854 in Blount Co., Tenn. (official record). His wife (1st) Jane Kirby & a child in same old Kirby cemetery - and my Richard b. 1818 (Bible record).

Will be delighted to have any records from Primitive Baptist Church.

Ewing Young was mine (get. god father) - also the Lyons ~~and~~ on grand ma Young's mother's & grand mother's King family.

Just must quit. I'll send copies of other memoir books when I find them -  
Hincerely,  
Luz

Re: John Parks & land.

I'm just interested in date of 1st land purchase!

Thos. B. Parks says they came to Ala about 1812 - but I think that is an error. He couldn't get land until after Ala. became a state - 'ut would like to know his earliest one. Feel sure the Parks & Kirbys came together from Blount Co., Tenn.

(over)

*Kirby*

211 Caldwell St.,  
Jacksonville, Illinois,  
December 9, 1938.

Mrs. J. A. Proctor,  
Scottsboro, Alabama.  
Dear Relative:

It was certainly very fine of you to send so many names and dates on the Kirby family and I think you must have done a lot of Sherlock Holmesing to get the data. I do thank you most sincerely. I firmly believe now that we have established the kinship between the Richard Lawrence Kirby line and my line -- Betsy Kirby Adair line. I get you for kinfolks thru this line thru your marriage to Mr. Proctor for he is my relative because of his marriage to a relative. Still, I hope very much, that we shall learn that you and are blood relatives thru your own Kirby and my own Kirby line. I am glad to know that you are better than when I heard from you some months ago, and hope that you will continue to have the best of health.

I have copied for you -- and am inclosing the sheets -- all that I have on the family of John Kirby and Jane Adair Kirby. By having this record you will be able to add to it and know what I have at this end of the line and save yourself some work too.

Perhaps we'd better speak of the Adair, Adair line first. I am very sorry that we've been unable to get much on this line of our family. You see our folks came to Illinois in 1818, via Tennessee, etc., and I fancy there was not much communication between the families. For one reason the postage was 25 cents and paid by the one who got the letter; our pioneer folks had little to spend on postage; indeed we have letters which say that a letter would be sent back to Virginia with the first one that went back there with whom a letter, and money, could be trusted.

There was an Adair, whose Christian name we believe to be Thomas, lived in Virginia, who was born not later than 1748 and, it might be much earlier. The name of his wife, either Christian or surname, not known to a certainty. Some say her surname was Harbison. There were 3 children of this marriage:

- 1 James Adair b 1768; d March 24, 1845 nr Pulaski, Pulaski Co., Va.
- 2 Nancy Adair died after 1845 in Va. m James Kirby
- 3 Thomas Adair, known as "Thom", b abt 1775

m Betsy Kirby, who was b March 1777; d 1860 in Tenn.

The Thomas Adair, first mentioned, married a second time. We do not know the name of this wife. It is said there were 7 children of this marriage

- 1 Suzanne Adair b 1789; d Oct 2, 1865 Pulaski Co., Va.  
m George Summers
- 2 Elizabeth Adair d, it is thot, Anderson Co., Tenn., m Mark Johnson
- 3 Betsy Adair d after Feb 19, 1867, in Hancock Co., Ill.  
m James King
- 4 John Adair, died before 1845, left heirs, names not known
- 5 William Adair, had 5 children, names not known, in 1845
- 6 -----Adair, name and sex not learned,  
was either living in 1845 or had heirs at that time
- 7 -----Adair, name and sex not learned.

In the first places please note that there were 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Betsy, which I thought somewhat unusual but I have found other families with 2 daughters by these names.

In 1845 James Adair (Adair) who was b in 1768, died in Pulaski Co., Va. He was not married. The courthouse at Pulaski burned a number of years so that we cannot get the desired information. But we have many old letters

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which give information. From some of these I know that there is a double relationship, such as you have mentioned as the John Kirby and Jane Adair marriage and the Thomas Adair and Betsy Kirby marriage. On June 27<sup>m</sup> 1845 one William Miller, Newbern, Pulaski Co., Va., wrote to Calvin Tunnell (my great-grandfather), Carrollton, Illinois, saying, in part:

On the 24th of March last your Uncle James Adair died without a will, leaving his Estate of course unsettled, you are therefor an Heir to his Estate by marriage and as I expect you would wish to sell your interest in the Estate I will ask you to give me the refusal of your claim. The Estate is worth something considerable but the embarrassed situation it is left it renders that value greatly less than it would be otherwise (To wit the number of Heirs, and some of them only 5 or 6 years old. Your Uncle had six half Brothers and sisters, and one whole Brother and one whole Sister. Your wife's father was the whole Brother and my wife's mother the whole Sister, the whole Brother and Sister entitled to whole shares, the half Brothers and sisters half shares."

Nancy Adair Kirby was the mother-in-law of William Miller. Descendants live around Pulaski City, Pulaski, Co., Virginia. The New River is not far from Dublin or Newbern, both close to Pulaski.

Thomas Adair married Betsy Kirby and none of their descendants, to my knowledge, live in or near the old home, save one branch of the family. Thomas and Betsy had one son who never married, one daughter who married 3 times and had no children, and another daughter, Jane Adair who married Calvin Tunnell 1811 in Anderson Co., Tenn. The last named couple my great-grandparents. They moved to Illinois and in Feb. of 1819 settled around 2 miles southwest of Carrollton, in Greene Co., south of the county in which we now live. Calvin and Jane had a large family. Two of their daughters married into the Summers family and these 2 daughters moved to Virginia. After the Civil War one daughter and her family moved to near Carrollton, Ill. The other daughter, Nancy Tunnell Summers, lived until her death, 1907, in Pulaski Co., Va. and her children are living there today (one in W. Va.). The names of over six hundred descendants of Calvin and Jane Adair Tunnell are given in the record of The Tunnell Family which I compiled and which was published in 1926. *In Zella Armstrong's "Notable Southern Families", Vol. 3.*

You will note that William Miller mentions six half Brothers and sisters, yet there much have been another for one of the family held a tenth share of the estate. In his letter Mr. Miller writes further: I was appointed Administrator of James Adairs Estate and have had all the property appraised and a part sale, the remaining part will be sold about the first of Dec. I expect, except the Negroes there will only be enough of them sold to pay the debts of the Estate. there is 26 Negroes belonging to the estate and were valued to Seven thousand four hundred dollars, the other property was valued at \$3180.91 making in all \$10680.00, the lands as they stand on the commissioners book is priced at \$10423.10, the indebtedness of the estate I think against all claims and debts will be paid will not vary much from \$7000.00 then the remaining value is smartly reduced by difficulties as before stated, the debts owing to the estate is hardly worth speaking of as I don't think it will amount to \$100.00 excepting \$223.00 in cash on hand, dont think I wish to fix the value of your claim as that must be done hereafter, for I feel willing to give a fair price. I wish you to understand that I want to buy the whole claim to the Estate, negroes and all then there is no more trouble to you nor me about the matter."

One of the puzzling things I have run across is a paper which states that there were Wiseheart heirs who received of Calvin Tunnell a sum "in full for our part of estate of Richard Kirby deceased and Thomas Adair", of date June 4, 1832. I have never run across any of the Wisehearts. It is possible that these may have belonged to the John Kirby who married Jane Adair. It would indicate a double relationship; that the Wisehearts were descendants of both the Kirbys and the Adairs.

On Dec. 25, 1846 William Miller again wrote to Calvin Tunnell and said, in part:

The estimate taken as I am informed is of the first two sales made and the lowest and both in small parcels particularly the first. The second sale here alluded to is that of the Heirs of William Addair, two of whom came here I think in July 1845 prepared to sell three fifths of their father's interest in this Estate ( you are aware that the heirs of William Addaid held a half share or one tenth part of this Estate". Further: "The next sale I allude to is that of the Johnson heirs made to George and James Summers and on record in the Clerks office, the consideration \$1500. This sale was made in June or July 1845 and probably before the sale of the heirs of William Addair also a half share. In the fall of 1845 Ezekiel Summers bought of James Kirby his interest for \$1500, likewise a ----- this was so blotted cannot read but fancy it is half share. I have since bought the Wiseheart and Kirby interests, the Wisehearts a half share, for \$1500, the Kirby claim, a whole share for \$2200 and some small shares of John Addair Heirs nearly the same proportion."

So on the Addair line I have not much save on my own particular twig of the family tree. There are not many descendants of Nancy Addair who married James Kirby. I have over six hundred names of descendants of Thomas Addair who m Betsy Kirby. I have practically all names of descendants of Susanne Addair Summers. Quite a few on Elizabeth Addair Johnson line but a few names only on the Kingline.

Nothing whatsoever on John and William Addair and the two others of the Addairs whose names I do not know. I am inclined to believe that Jane Adair who married Richard Kirby was a half sister of Thomas Addair who married Betsy Kirby.

Now as to the Kirby line. *d-1831*  
*1769* John Kirby who married Jane Adair must have been born not later than 1772 or 1773, but may have been born previous to 1770. Those were the days of early marriages and he may married at around 18 or 19. Jane Adair may have been around sixteen when married, and counting their marriage as of 1791 that would make her born around 1775.

Counting her born around 1775, and half sister of Thomas Addair, will make me change the date of, approximate date, of birth of Thomas to several years before the date I had. I had his birthdate as around 1775 as his wife was born March 1777. Of course he may have been, probably was, several years her senior. The father of this Thomas we known had 3 children, James, b 1768 who di March 24, 1845, Nancy, date of birth not learned, and Thomas, date of birth not learned. Thomas and Nancy may have been older than James, of James b 1768, Nancy 1769 or 1770 and Thomas around 1772 which would give time for the father's second marriage and a daughter (assuming Jane to be the daughter) b in 1773. I feel sure, without record evidence however to support it, that this is the solution and that Jane was a half sister to James, Nancy and Thomas.

How true it is that we never have so much but that we want more. That is so true when it comes to genealogical work. I am so glad to have the names of the children of John and Jane Adair Kirby with the dates of their births. It is very likely that both John and Jane died previous to 1845, the date of death of James Adair in Pulaski Co., Va. I know that there were two Kirby families "mixed up" in the estate of James Adair but could never get them straightened out. In an old letter I have found this "Cousin Rhoda Kirby married Cousin John Miller and is now living on the New River in Va." I haven't locate their descendants but who was Rhoda Kirby? This was in 1850.

Do you know where the children of John and Jane Adair Kirby were born?

*Handwritten notes in left margin:*  
The date of birth of John Kirby is not known  
The date of birth of Jane Adair is not known  
The date of birth of Thomas Addair is not known  
The date of birth of Nancy Addair is not known  
The date of birth of Susanne Addair Summers is not known  
The date of birth of Elizabeth Addair Johnson is not known  
The date of birth of Richard Kirby is not known

*Handwritten numbers in bottom right corner:*  
1775  
1746  
27  
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J. A. Proctor

Can you tell me whom Grizea Kirby married and anything of the family of this eldest child of John and Jane. Perhaps some the descendants live near you. I know but knew the names and addresses of some the descendants I could write and ask for date.

Whom did Nancy Kirby marry and do you know the names of her children when they married and anything of the families of each? I hope that you can locate someone who will be able to tell us of these people. I know it may be that none live near you.

Are any of the childresses living near you? I feel, like you, that Mary was Polly and that she must have been the one called Polly in the family and that she married John Childress. I am led to believe that they lived near Woottsboro. Yet as to her age, b 1795, she would have been but around 30 when she signed the papers. Why should she have been given in the Articles of Agreement when none her brothers or sisters were given?

Do you know whom Thomas H Kirby married and anything of his children Also same information on Elizabeth Kirby b Dec 1799. Do you know anything of the Gabe Perkins line? Whom did James R. Kirby marry and do you have the names of his children? Can you give the names of the Pierce children or of the children of John I. (or J.) Kirby? I am in hopes that you will be able to learn something of each one of these families just as you have learned so much on the Richard Lawrence Kirby line. Virginia Kirby Pierce was b 1807 and in 1860 my g-g-father Calvin Tunnell visited her and speaks thus; "she is a very pleasant looking old lady." Fancy, she was but 53 and called an "old lady". I am older than that, my mother is 85 and we do not consider her an "old lady"!!!

Jumping back to the Adairs for a moment. We find (assuming Jane to be the Adair we think) that Jane Adair Kirby had children: Grizea, Nancy, Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth, Sarah, James, Richard Lawrence, Virginia and John. Now Jane's father was, we believe, Thomas, her brothers James and Thomas and sister Nancy, so you see she may have named one child for her father, one for her brother James and one for her sister Nancy. Then Jane may have given a name for her own mother whose name we have not learned. She didn't name one for her self. Her own sisters and brother were Susanne, Elizabeth, Betsy, John and Wm. She had dau Elizabeth, a son John (but he may have been named, and likely was, for his father).

For John Kirby's side of the house. He had father Richard, mother Sarah, both names for his children. He had sister Elizabeth, also his daughter was Elizabeth. He had brother James, also son James.

That name of John Miller Kirby is intriguing! For didn't Cousin Rhoda Kirby (whoever she might have been) marry John Miller? James Porter married Jean (or Jane) Small Kirby, sister of Richard Kirby, hence I fancy that is where James Porter Kirby b 1842 got his name. I'd like to know where that name of Lawrence crept into the family.

There are others of the Kirby family living in, or near, your city. These are descendants of Richard Kirby Jr., a brother of John who married Jane Adair. By the way the Adairs are of Indian lineage -- how far back I do not know but it has always come down to us that they were and the Adairs are Cherokee.

Someday I hope that you will send the names (I do not suppose you could have many dates) of the children of Mary Kelly, John M. Kirby, Virginia Boshart, Sarah Hunt, James P Kirby, Richard jr, Griselda Jarnagan and Thomas Sheppard Kirby, whom they married, where they lived, and something of their families. I hope, too, that in time, we shall know the names of all the descendants of Eva Jane Kirby Skelton Smith. I assure you I shall be most grateful for any information you may send.

Trusting that you will have a most pleasant Christmas I am,

Your relative,

Lucy W Ball

~~Chris,~~ **Kirk**

I'm putting these 3 pages together - they belong together!

For the first time I am somewhat straightened out on the Smith family connection! These records not up to date, and not complete! But wonderful to have.

Thanks loads!

Aug

my Richard spelled his middle name Laurence - everybody else spells with a w. But in his own handwriting in his Bible!

The name Porter came into family because Jean (Jeanne) Kirby - sister of John, Richard and (one)



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1840 page 10  
Lewis Kirby

1 m under 5 years  
1 m 5-10 "  
1 m 15-20 "  
1 m 40-50 "  
1 f 5-10 "  
3 f 10-15 "  
1 f 40-50 "

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1850  
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Lewis Kirby  
Sarah  
Angelina  
Mary A.  
Lewis  
John S. (L?)

1st Nov., 1850

56 m	Farmer	- \$500	N. Carolina
50 f			Tennessee
20 f			Alabama
14 f			Alabama
13 m			Alabama
6 m			Alabama

1850  
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Edward Kirby  
Jane C.  
Millard  
Martha Hurley

1st Nov., 1850

26 m	Farmer	-- \$500	Alabama
25 f			Alabama
1 m			Alabama
21 f			Alabama

1850  
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Sheard Kirby  
Mary  
Sarah  
James  
Mary  
Elizabeth  
John  
Edmund

18th Day Nov., 1850

41 m	Farmer	\$600	Tennessee
32 f			Tennessee
15 f			Alabama
13 m			Alabama
10 f			Alabama
8 f			Alabama
4 m			Alabama
2 m			Alabama

1880  
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			where born	father	mother
Kirby, Edwin Mc.	w m 57	Farmer	Ala.	N.C.	N.C.
, Nancy	w f 40	wife Keeping house	Tenn.	Va.	Ala.
, Louisa J.	w f 20	Daughter	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.
, Lewis M.	w m 17	Son	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.
, Barna Lee T.	w f 15	Daughter	"	"	"
, Sarah C.	w f 4	Daughter	"	"	"
, Edwin A.	w m 2	Son	Ala.	Ala.	Ala.

Note: Wife Nancy born Tenn., mother of children born Ala.?

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, Eva 7 Jane W I 3 Daughter  
, Charls W M 2 Son

Note: Charley Kirby, son of Thomas P. Kirby and a grandson of Mrs. E.D. Argo, who was formerly Mrs. E.D. Reed, mother of Lenos, wife of T.P. Kirby, married Miss Onie Oakley at Collum, Ala., 9:30 o'clock P.M., Dec., 29, 1902. Thomas B. Parks performed the ceremony.

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## THE KIRBYS AND THEIR NAME

The name of Kirby or Kerby is said to have been derived from the residence of its first bearers at a place called Kirkby, which took its name from the Scotch Kirk, meaning "church", combined with the suffix ending by, denoting "town". It is found on the ancient records in the various forms of Kyrkeby, Kyrkby, Kirkeby, Kirkby, Kerbie, Kirbie, Kerbey, Kirbey, Kerbee, Kirbee, Kerby, Kirby, and others, of which the last form mentioned is that most generally accepted in America today, and the next to the last form is also frequently used.

Among the earliest records of the family in England were those of Adam de Kyrkeby of Yorkshire in 1273, Alexander de Kyrkeby of Lincolnshire about the same time, Thomas de Kirkeby of County Norfolk



at a slightly later date, John de Kyrkeby of Westmoreland County about 1292, Roger de Kyrkeby of Huntingdonshire about the same time, Alan de Kirkeby of Lincolnshire at a slightly later date, and Johannes de Kirkeby of Yorkshire in 1379.

About the middle of the fifteenth century record was to be found in County Essex of one John Kirkeby or Kirbey, who was probably the father of a son named William, who had John, father of Thomas, who married Letties West and was the father by her of John, Gilbert, Margaret, Mary, Awdrey, and Ann. Of these last mentioned children of Thomas and Letties, John married Elizabeth Aldham and had Henry, Jayne, and Mary, of whom the first was the father by his wife Elizabeth Ketteridge of William, Elizabeth, Susan, Mary, and Frances, of whom the first was probably the father in the early seventeenth century of a son named Daniell and others; and Gilbert is said to have married Jayne Clarke and to have been the father by her of Matthew, Judith, and Mary.

Among the earliest Yorkshire families of the

name were those of William de Kirkby of the early

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Margaret, Sibil, Diana, Matilda, and Katherine; and of Sir Roger Kirkby or Kirby of the early sixteenth century, who was the father of Richard, who married Ann Bellingham and had issue by her of Henry, Richard, and Probably Roger, of whom the last was the father of at least one son named Henry.

About the middle of the sixteenth century one Geoffrey Kerby is said to have resided in County Suffolk, and by his wife Olive King he was the father of a son named Geoffrey, who made his home in London and had issue by his wife Margaret Bay of a daughter named Olive and possibly of other children as well.

One Thomas Kirkby or Kirby of Southampton in the middle of the sixteenth century is said to have been the father by his wife Grace Wallop of Thomas, William, Nicholas, and Richard, of whom the first married Susan, daughter of the Marquis of Winchester, and was the father by her of Gerard, Richard, Jane, Elizabeth, and Dorothey.

It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in Great Britain the first emigrants of the name to America were

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