

Family Genealogy Extracted and Compiled from the Kidd Family Papers, 1815–1887

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The term “family genealogy” generates over 2,500 entries in the online catalog of the Indiana Historical Society’s William Henry Smith Memorial Library. However, documents cataloged under family surname, individuals’ names, ethnicity, and the Indiana county of origin can also provide the researcher with detailed family records. One example is the Kidd Family Papers collection, which consists of six folders and contains letters, military records, and documents relating to real property in Ireland. The papers provide the researcher with insights regarding Irish immigration to, and subsequent migration throughout, the United States.

The journey of the Kidd family to the United States, and eventually Indiana, began in Ireland.¹ Like thousands of other Irish immigrants, Samuel Kidd managed to book passage across the Atlantic to a young United States.² The Kidd family’s progress from County Armagh, Ireland, to North Vernon, Indiana, is exhibited in folder five, “Genealogy and miscellaneous correspondence.” Family information from this folder has been extracted and compiled for this article. Individuals have been organized here into family groups in order to simplify the research process.

Notes

1. Kidd Family Papers, 1815–1887, M 487, Indiana Historical Society.
2. William W. Griffin, “Irish,” in *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*, ed. Robert M. Taylor, Jr. and Connie A. McBirney (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society Press, 1996), 244–73. This article provides a detailed description of the Irish immigration experience to the United States in general and Indiana in particular.

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George Chauncey (d. Tuesday, December 29, 1801) and **Mary** ——— (d. July 1, 1798, age 51)
m. August 16, 1764

Children:

1. George Chauncey, b. July 31, 1768
2. Cordelia Chauncey, b. October 30, 1786

[George Chauncey (Jr.) and Francis Rebecca ———]

Child:

1. Sarah Martha Chauncey, b. April 15, 1816, Hartford County, Maryland

[George Chauncey (Jr.) and Emeline Harriet Sampson (dau. of George and Pamela Sampson,
b. April 29, 1804; d. 1847)]

Children:

1. Pamela A. Chauncey, b. October 26, 1826
2. Samuel Cummings Kidd Chauncey, b. July 31, 1837

Samuel Kidd (b. March 4, 1782, County Armaugh, Ireland) and **Pamela A. Sampson**
m. January 7, 1808, Baltimore, Maryland

Children:

1. James Hargrove Kidd, b. November 13, 1808, Norfolk, Virginia; d. April 9, 1859 (age 51), Jeffersonville, Indiana
2. Samuel Cumming[s] Kidd, b. February 18, 1813, Cincinnati, Ohio
3. George Hugh Kidd, b. January 25, 1815, Cincinnati, Ohio; d. Galveston, Texas
4. Benjamin Kidd, b. / d. March 25, 1817, Cincinnati, Ohio

Samuel Cumming[s] Kidd and Sarah Martha Chauncey
m. January 24, 1839, Madison, Indiana

Sarah d. December 30, 1888.

Children:

1. James Hugh Kidd, b. December 2, 1839, Brookville, Indiana; d. August 17, 1840

2. George Alphonso Kidd, b. April 9, 1842, near Oxford, Ohio; d. January 27, 1848 (age 5 years, 9 months, 16 days)
3. John Dorsey Kidd, b. July 23, 1845, Oxford, Ohio
4. Mary Ann Kidd, b. September 29, 1852, Jennings County, Indiana

John Dorsey Kidd and Sarah Jane Stewart (dau. of Jonathan and Sarah Ann Stewart, b. April 22, 1854, Ohio)

m. April 6, 1871, Geneva Twp., Jennings County, Indiana

Children:

1. Albion Samuel Kidd, b. May 22, 1873, Jennings County, Indiana
2. John Coran Kidd, b. July 27, 1875, Jennings County, Indiana
3. Avanelle Blanche Kidd, b. June 27, 1878, Jennings County, Indiana
4. Mary Leora Kidd, b. January 3, 1881, Jennings County, Indiana
5. George Clifford Kidd, b. February 24, 1884, Jennings County, Indiana
6. Ethel Vernon Kidd, b. August 21, 1889, Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana; and d. February 27, 1896, Haughville, Indiana
7. Wilber H. Kidd, b. March 4, 1892, North Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana
8. Raymond L. Kidd, b. February 2, 1895, North Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana

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