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I became interested in the Robert Kilpatrick of Chester/Fairfield Cos. thru reading the CDGS Quarterly (Lathan History, CDGS, Vol. XII, December 1989, #IV, pp 126-127). After locating information on a Robert Kirkpatrick, of the same area, I am convinced that the two Roberts are the same person with different spellings of the surname. The Kilpatrick and Kirkpatrick spellings were often used almost interchangeably in the early days.

While my study indicates that there was only one Robert Kil/Kirkpatrick in the Fairfield/Chester Cos. area during this period, 1770-1840, I'll be glad to consider additional information from other members.

Sincerely,

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ROBERT KIRKPATRICK IS ALSO LATHAN'S ROBERT KILPATRICK

In Revill's, "Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to SC, 1763- 1773, there is a Kirkpatrick family consisting of Thomas, a 48; Jane, a 50 & Robert, a 20. They arrived on the ship, Earl of Denegal, and were called Irish passengers as reported in the Council Journal for 22DE1767. The secretary was ordered to prepare Warrants of Survey for the passengers as follows: Thomas Kirkpatrick, 150 acres and Robert Kirkpatrick 100 acres (based upon 100 acres for the head of household and 50 acres for each member of the family). A deed was granted to Thomas Kirkpatrick for the 150 acres on 15JE1768 and Robert Kirkpatrick witnessed the signature. The 150 acre tract is located at Little River and Cobb's Creek, which is in the southwest corner of the present Fairfield Co., SC (Craven Co., SC in 1768).

Concerning the son, Robert, his grant was made in 1768 for 100 acres on Sandy Creek, Craven Co. There are several Sandy Creeks/Rivers in (the then) Craven Co. SC, which included the present Fairfield & Chester Cos. (see the southwest corner of Chester Co. and the north west corner of Fairfield Co., SC). By 1774 Robert had married Agnes Dunn(?), as he and Agnes sold 100 acres in Craven Co., on the west side of the Catawba River.

In 1776, Thomas Kirkpatrick sold, by lease and release, 140 acres of his 150 acre grant to James Meek(s). Shortly thereafter, Thomas K., a 59, died since an inventory of his property was filed 27DE1777 with a value of 1,602 pounds SC currency. The inventory was taken by Robert McClurkin, John Cayle & Hugh Kirkwood. (A Robert McClurkin arrived in SC from Ireland in 1776.)

The surname spellings of Kirkpatrick and Kilpatrick (or Killpatrick) were often used interchangeably in early documents. In Revill's book on early immigrants and on land transfer papers, Robert's surname is consistently spelled Kirkpatrick. However, in Moss's book on, "South Carolina Patriots in the Revolution," he is listed as Robert Killpatrick, born in County Antrim, Ireland, with a survivor's pension under file number S7112. Moss reports that Robert, "While residing on Rocky Creek in Chester District, he enlisted under Capt. John Nixon and Col. John Winn. He also served under Capts. John Nixon, Alexander Turner and Col. Lacey. While on the Florida expedition, he served as sergeant under Capts. Nixon and Turner. His last tour was under a Lt. Bowie. He was in numerous skirmishes with Tories."

In the 1790 South Carolina census record, Robert Killpatrick is listed in Camden District, Fairfield Co., with 2 M 16 or older and 4 M under 16, also 6 F. As will be brought out later, the Lathan family has also reported on Robert's family and they give the names of three sons, John, Robert and Thomas and two daughters, Sarah and Hannah. As given in the autobiography of Matthew Elder, Jr., the Elder House was 3 leagues (1/2 mile) south of Chesterville and on the main road leading to Charleston. Robert Kirkpatrick was an immediate neighbor and there was a marriage of a Nancy Kirkpatrick to James Elder. It seems likely that Nancy was another daughter of Robert and Agnes. Robert Kilpatrick (>45) is also listed in the 1800 SC census along with a Thomas Kilpatrick (16-25), probably his son, both in Fairfield Co., SC. In the 1800 SC census there is also a Robert Kilpatrick (Kirkpatrick) in nearby York Co. and the two Roberts are the same age and possibly related though no connection has been proven.

In the 1792 Tax List of Fairfield Co., SC, State Tax, there is a Robert Kilpatrick with 100 acres of 2nd quality land and 100 acres of 3rd quality land (apparently the tax was based upon land quality) and no slaves (From CDGS quarterly). In the 1810 SC census there is Robert Kilpatrick listed for Chester Co. and it is believed that this person is the same Robert as was listed in Fairfield Co. in 1800. There is a deed for a land transfer by Robert Kirkpatrick and Agness, his wife, of Chester Co., SC in 1811. This (quit claim) deed transferred land, dwellings etc. to a Hannah Kirkpatrick of York village which had come to Robert and Agness K. by the death of James Dunn, late of York District. This could mean that Agness was the daughter of James Dunn. The deed was witnessed by three Mc Clurkins, John, Elizabeth, and Beaty.

In the, "Yorkville Inquirer", it was reported that Robert Kilpatrick died at the residence of Capt. Thomas Kilpatrick in Fairfield District on June 6th, 1840. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was aged 105 years. If Robert was 20 in 1767, as reported by Revill, then he was born in 1747 and was 93 at his death in 1840. Robert had a story of how he three times escaped the British hangman's noose during the Revolutionary War. We give Robert credit for being a proficient storyteller who might have stretched his age a few years.

The Lathan family history says that Robert Kilpatrick married Isabella Dunn, who was born in 1730. Also that they came to America about 1760 and settled in Fairfield Co. Afterwards they moved to the lower edge of Chester Co. He was buried, at the age of 105, about ten miles from Chester, at Hopewell A.R.P. Church cemetery. They had three sons: John, Robert, and Thomas and two daughters: Sarah and Hannah. Sarah married Robert Patterson Jr.

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