

have been in the age category that served five years. This theory has some basis in the fact that he probably worked for Mr. Nelms until either 1663 or 1664. An entry on page 360 in the Westmoreland County Deeds & Wills, #1, 1653-71, shows that at that time Richard Nelms assigned to Richard Tidwell and Robert Jefferies 350 acres of land on the Yeocomico River. This acreage occupied a choice location only a few miles from the confluence of the Yeocomico and the Potomac, with natural facilities for a good harbor and water transportation. A market town, the present Kinsale, Virginia, was established by an act of the Burgesses on fifty acres of this land a few years later.

This land was worked jointly by the owners until October, 1667. At that time it was divided by survey (Ibid., p. 361). Some time before 1670 Jefferies sold his share back to Tidwell and returned to England. Richard continued to live and prosper on this land. He also bought more land on the head of Nominy River from Martin Cole on February 28, 1669-70 (Westmoreland County, Va., Deeds Patents & Accounts, 1665-67, p. 104).

By May 9, 1674, Richard Tidwell was married to Anna Barnett, daughter of Peter Barnett. This information comes from the Old Rappahannock County, Va., Deed Book #5, 1672-76, page 234, and states as follows:

"Know all men & c that I Richard Tydwell of Yeocomico