

CHAPTER 3
THE TYDWELLS IN VIRGINIA
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Richard Tydwell bears the distinction of being the progenitor of the Tidwell family in America. The present spelling of the name evolved in the colonies, with many variations of the spelling in the early records. To ensure clarity in this manuscript, I will change to the modern spelling, except for direct quotes, a little later in this family saga.

The earliest reference to Richard Tidwell dates back to November 21, 1657, when a Richard Nelms was granted 200 acres of land for transporting Richard Langdell, Richard Tydwell, John Philpott and Alice Meredith to Virginia. (Northumberland County, Virginia Order Book 1652-55, p. 75).