

sister Martha and her husband, James Lane in 1698. Since his ten-year-old brother, Peter, was apprenticed out that same year it seems reasonable to assume that their mother had died. After the death of James Lane and the marriage of his widow to Andrew Delabree, Robert seems to have been under Delabree's care for a short time. Evidently this guardianship was not acceptable to the other Tidwell siblings for, as already noted, a suit was filed against Delabree by the husband of Ann Tidwell Brown.

By 1703 Robert Tydwell had petitioned the court to appoint his brother Richard (II) as his guardian and this petition was granted.

About 1718 Robert married Hannah Carr. They were the parents of three children, John, William Carr and Elizabeth. Robert continued to live in the Cople Parish of Westmoreland County for the rest of his life. He seems to have been a prosperous planter, with much land and a number of slaves. His will was probated on August 24, 1761. In this document his children are listed, so, from this important evidence it can be assumed that any other Tidwell in Virginia at that time belonged to the Richard (II) family.

A copy of the will of Robert Tydwell, which was recorded in the Westmoreland County Deed & Wills, Book 14, p. 49, reads as follows: