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The first record which mentions Richard, Jr. (III), is dated 1731. At that time he was a witness to a sale of land to John Holmes. Since he must have been of legal age to sign as a witness, he was probably born about 1711. It can be assumed that he was the oldest child born to Richard (II) and Sabrina.

In A History of the Tidwell Family, by W.A. Tidwell, there is an interesting account of some of the business transactions of Richard Jr. (III). On October 19, 1738, he opened an account with an Orange County merchant, Adam Reed, and bought nails, cloth and pins. Then on November 30 he made a second trip to the store. He brought with him a bushel of wheat which he applied to his account and purchased salt, two axes, powder and shot, bed ticking, linen and additional cloth. W.A. Tidwell suggests that, judging by his purchases, he was setting up housekeeping and was either planning to be married or had recently married.

Several months later, on February 8, 1739, he made another trip to the store, accompanied by his father, his brother John and Joseph Helms. He also brought along 211 pounds of pork, which he applied to his account. For all this pork, he was paid only 2 shillings and sixpence...(that averages out to seven pounds of pork for a penny). He did balance out his account with the aid of his father and