

Following is a copy of the legal document that proves that John Tidwell was the eldest son of Francis Tidwell:

John Tidwell to Robert Hood, 6 Jan 1797 Fairfield Co. (S.C.)
Deed Book K, pp. 47-48

State of South Carolina§ Know all men by these presents that I John Tidwell of Camden District and Fairfield County, Son to Francis Tidwell, deceased, in consideration of the sum of forty five pounds to me paid by Robert Hood of the State District and County aforesaid have granted bargained sold and released and by these presents do grant bargain sell and release unto the said Robert Hood all that Tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and fifty acres originally granted to Richard Tidwell the 25th day of August in the year of our Lord 1769, en- in the Auditors Office in Book FB, page 402, the 19th October 1769, recorded in the Secretary's Office in Book D.D.D. page 961 and held by a conveyance to Francis Tidwell, and now by this present conveyed and sold by John Tidwell oldest son of Francis Tidwell unto Robert Hood all and singular that Tract mentioned of 150 acres _____
said 150 acres, fifty acres where now Benjamin Jones lives, bounding on the S.W. corner of the above mentioned plot of 15 acres, and when granted, all sides bounding on vacant