

UNTANGLING THE “BIRDS’ NEST” OF MIS- INFORMATION AND MYTHS ABOUT HUGH KIRKPATRICK OF W. NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP., CHESTER CO., PA (HIS OLDER BROTHER, JOHN & HIS SON JOHN HUGH)

I find the Internet is both a blessing and a curse for genealogists. Research has become so much easier (I often say I can accomplish in an afternoon what that took me a month or more to accomplish before the advent of the internet) BUT the internet has resulted in what I call “**Cut-and-Paste Genealogy.**” That is where people surfing through sites like Ancestry.com find a family that *looks* like it could contain one of their ancestors, so they save it to their tree. Those who practice cut-and-paste genealogy seldom question this new information, nor do they take the time to document the suppositions made those practicing “**Sloppy**” or “**Lazy**” Genealogy. UNBEKNOWNST to them, the tree has errors; either the wrong people as parents, spouses or children, dates could be wrong and the list goes on. This mis-information continues to spread through the genealogy community like a cancer, and does almost irreversible harm by sending others “**barking up the wrong family tree.**”

I am writing this because after researching this family for about 40 years, and in doing so I have seen many “theories” accepted WITHOUT being verified with documentation. Such is the case with John Hugh Kirkpatrick (1741-1812), son of Hugh Kirkpatrick (1697-1768) and nephew of John Kirkpatrick (1687-1772). There is so much mis-information and just-plain “Bad Genealogy” on some of these sites that I fear it will NEVER be corrected. So, this is my stab at setting the record straight. I will support everything I write will be supported with Primary-Source Documents or Secondary-Source Documents.

FIRST I’m listing all the incorrect information I find about **JOHN HUGH KIRKPATRICK, HUGH KIRKPATRICK, JOHN KIRKPATRICK** & the falsely claimed parents of Hugh, **WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK & MARGARET WAUGH.**

Re: John Hugh Kirkpatrick:

- **He was a Revolutionary War Soldier**
- **His parents were William Kirkpatrick & Margaret Waugh**
- **He was born in Scotland**

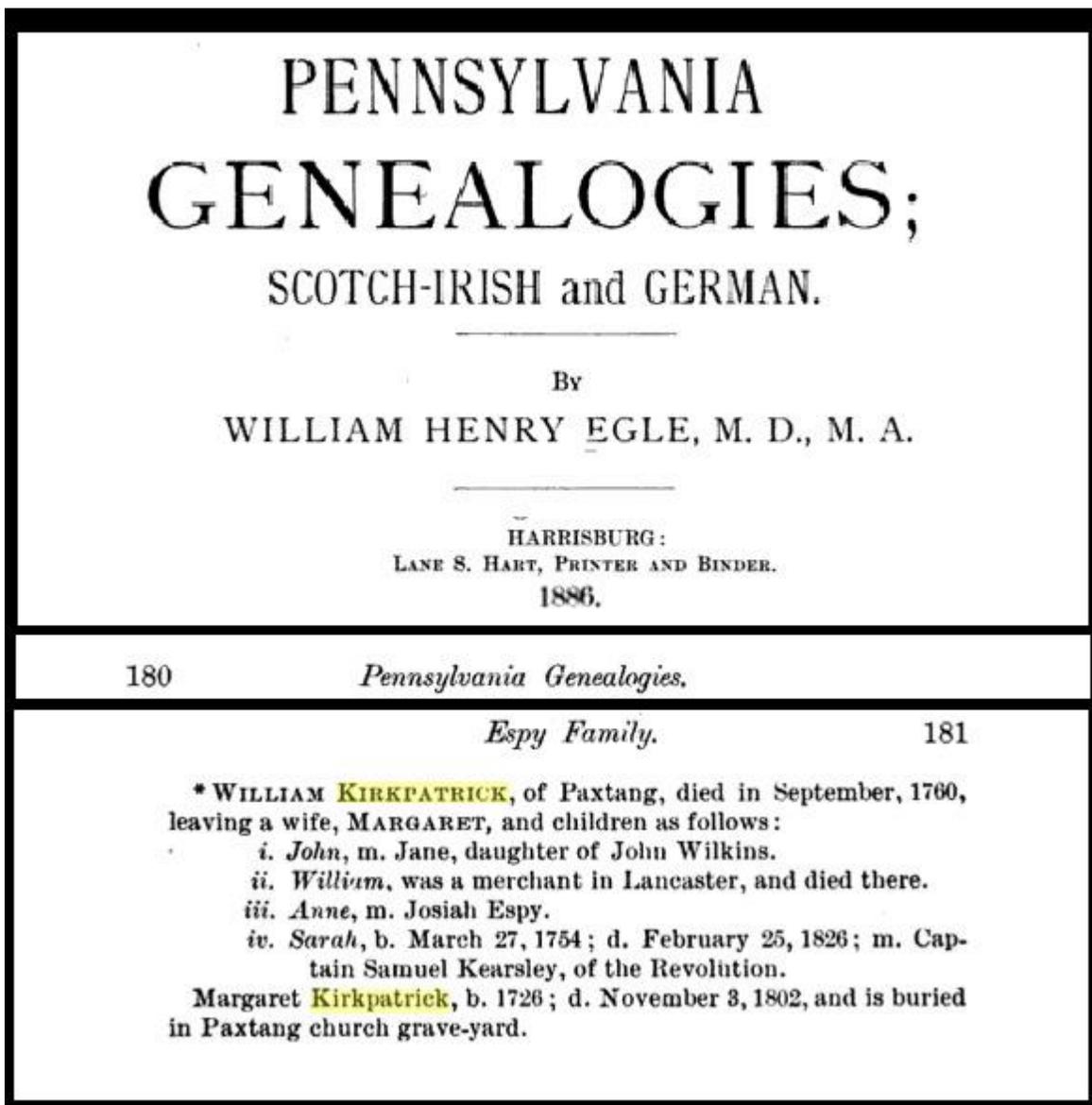
Let’s take these 3 statements one at a time.

- 1 **John Hugh was a Revolutionary War Soldier.** This supposition stems from the early 20th Century research of E. Spears McCollough who’s thrust was to get his mother into the DAR. He did a lot of good research but he had two disadvantages. Number one is the fact that at least 2 other men were also named John Kirkpatrick and lived in western North Carolina, where John Hugh supposedly enlisted and served at the Battle of Kings Mountain. At least one other of these Johns was born in 1741, further complicating the issue.

E Spears DID find a pay slip for a John Kirkpatrick awarding him £3 and 12 shillings for a public service claim in 1783. NO MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL was on this slip. Other records for the area of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina fail to show that John Kirkpatrick was in that area prior to Nov 1790 when his son Hugh acquired a land grant in Greene County TN. In 1787 there was a petition to form the **State of Franklin** with over 450 signatures, but NO John Kirkpatrick.

Based on those circumstances, the DRA, which had lax requirements of proof before 1950, has suspended accepting descendants of John Hugh Kirkpatrick as members. As much as I would like to be able to claim him as a Revolutionary Patriot, I tend to agree with their decision.

- 2 ***John Hugh Kirkpatrick's parents were William Kirkpatrick and Margaret Waugh.*** This is another erroneous "fact" brought to us by E Spears McCollough. It appears that he based his supposition on the earlier work of noted Pennsylvania Historian, Wm Henry Engle. His source was most likely ***Pennsylvania Genealogies; Scotch-Irish and German 1886***



Once McCollough found this, he stopped looking. Had he dug a little further he would have found the following:

NOTES AND QUERIES

HISTORICAL, BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL

RELATING CHIEFLY TO
INTERIOR PENNSYLVANIA.

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ANNUAL VOLUME, 1899.

of Jacob Keigley, stocking weaver, of Carlisle.
McCoy, Robert, Esq., m. June 29, 1813, Elizabeth Dunn, dau. of Andrew Dunn, both of Carlisle.
Martin, Benjamin, m. Oct. 28, 1813, Sally Long, both of Toboyne township.
McCord, Andrew, Esq., P. M. at Newville, m. Feb. 13, 1814, Miss Davidson, dau. of John Davidson, of West Pennsboro', by Rev. Williams.

Ann Kirkpatrick 1750-1842.

The subject of this sketch was born on the banks of the Swatara, on the farm adjoining the present borough of Middletown, January 11, 1750. Her father, William Kirkpatrick, son of Samuel, of Armagh, Ireland, emigrated to America in 1738, became possessed of a large body of land at Middletown, much of which is now owned by the Frey estate, married Margaret Waugh, and died there in 1760, at the early age of 41, leaving a wife, two sons, John and William, and two daughters, Ann and Sarah. He was buried in a picturesque spot on the brow of the hill above his house, overlooking the winding course of the Swatara as it emerges from the bluffs beyond and mingles its waters with those of the broad Susquehanna. His grave was afterwards surrounded by a wall of red sandstone from the neighboring quarries, which incloses a space about sixteen feet square, and it is probable that his son John rests within the same enclosure as no mention of him is made in the settlement of the estate, and tradition has it that one of the children was buried there. At the present moment this spot presents the aspect of a small clump of trees, surrounded by a dilapidated wall, in the center of a cultivated field, and in times gone by, was given a wide berth by the superstitious dwellers in the region around about.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a man of means and intelligence, and was doubtless somewhat in advance of his age, as he made special provision in his will for the education of his daughters, directing that they be "brought up and trained in a manner suitable to their station," leaving his wife as principal executrix and sole man-

ager of his estate until the youngest child should reach the age of twenty-one, a period, in this case, of about two decades.

Ann was ten years old when her father died, and nine years later she married Josiah Espy, of Hanover township, near Indiantown Gap, where they began house-keeping, but soon afterwards purchased and took possession of the estate in Paxtang, now Susquehanna township, Dauphin county, at present owned in part by the heirs of William Trullinger; here they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Espy passing away on the 23d day of July, 1813, and she remaining until May 30th, 1842.

During the Revolutionary War, Mr. Espy, in common with every other able-bodied Scotch-Irishman in Paxtang, devoted much of his time to public affairs, and the fact that he and others who had wives and children were able to do this and at the same time contribute of their substance to the cause, speaks volumes for the energy, ability and patriotism of the women, upon whom rested, very largely, the domestic interests of the community during the struggle for independence. In this respect Ann Kirkpatrick proved herself equal to the situation. The multitudinous affairs of the old time farm establishment were almost as well conducted as when the master himself was at the helm, nor was the education of the children for a moment neglected, especially the shorter catechism side of it, of which it has been said that even the youngest, "tho' scarcely longer than my leg, could screech you off effectual calling as fast as any in the dwelling."

In person Ann Kirkpatrick was of medium height, blue eyes, fair complexion, symmetrical figure and a countenance which betokened intelligence and geniality. Intellectually she was endowed with a memory so astonishing that her husband found it unnecessary to trouble himself with account books, as to minor affairs, relying solely upon her unerring recollection of details. This faculty, coupled with her habit of reading almost every book that came her way, rendered her one of the best conversationalists of her time. During her long widowhood, after her chil-

dren were settled in life, she spent considerable time travelling, chiefly on horseback, visiting friends in Wilkes-Barre, Bedford, Gettysburg, Lewisburg, Lancaster, etc., excursions which required as much time and energy as a trip around the globe in these days of her great-grandchildren, the relation of the "uncos" of which afforded vastly more entertainment to the home people than the stories of the "globe trotters" of to-day. In her later years it was a great treat to make one of a company around the evening fire and listen to her graphic accounts of bygone events. Unfortunately she committed nothing to paper and there was no Boswell among her hearers.

The estimation in which she was held by her contemporaries can be gathered from an obituary notice written doubtless by Rev. James Sharon, from which we quote a few paragraphs:

"Died.—At the residence of her son, in Susquehanna township, Dauphin county, on Monday, the 30th day of May, 1842. Mrs. Ann Kirkpatrick Espy, in the 93d year of her age. Her remains were interred in the Paxton burying ground on Wednesday last. 'And she died in a good old age, full of years, and was gathered to her people.' The brief but appropriate and impressive language of the Bible, used to note the death of an aged patriarch, who lived out his years and God took to himself, is almost all that is necessary to add to the record of this good and venerable lady's decease. Of no disease; of no blast, she died." * * * "Her character as a member of society needs no panegyric; it was formed by all those qualities * * * which make up the characters of the truly good. To the largest extent of her means, she was charitable and beneficent; the highest pleasure of her life was in contributing to the comfort and happiness of those who surrounded her. * * * And with so little display was her charity administered that * * * the recipients of her bounty knew not, frequently the hand and the heart from whence the kindness came. * * * Mrs. Espy was the oldest person residing in Dauphin county at her decease, and never resided out of its present limits." * * *

W. F. R.

Add to his info the fact in William's will, dated 1760, he gave 1/2 his land to son John and son Will with the proviso that the land would be transferred when Wm reached age 21. If either of them died before that time, the survivor would receive both halves of the property.

*And When
my Sons, John & William are both come to mature age, I
Appoint that my lands be divided into two equally valuable
shares between them & in case either of them die before he
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When Wm reached the age of majority in 1780, he was deeded the entirety of both tracts of land indicating that John, the son of William had died sometime before 1780. John Hugh Kirkpatrick then could NOT have been the child of Wm and Margaret Waugh.

The following excerpts are from Lancaster County Deed R-698. Margaret Kirkpatrick to William Kirkpatrick registered 18 July, 1780:

"---Margaret Kirkpatrick, widow of William Kirkpatrick late of Lancaster County deced.---. William Kirkpatrick was in his lifetime lawfully siezed and possessed of two contiguous tracts of land situated in Paxton Township in the County of Lancaster---died having first made his last will and testament in writing---(among other things given and devised) did give unto his wife Margaret---. In case my wife remains a widow, she is after my youngest son's maturity to enjoy a suitable house one of my orchards and sufficient grain yearly paid her for her maintenance during her natural life by my Son Son's or daughters possessing my said lands'---by said in part recited will and last testament duly proved and remaining in the Register's Office at Lancaster--- Whereas William Kirkpatrick. the youngest son of the aforesd. William Kirkpatrick, deceased, being now of full age therefore the whole of the said two contiguous tracts or parcels of land are now became and in pursuance of the said recited testament. of Right ought to be the property of the said Wm. Kirkpatrick the surviving son of the said deceased by paying or making full satisfaction to his mother aforesaid.--- On receipt of payment, Margaret Kirkpatrick released, relinquished and quit claimed her rights to the estate to ner son, William Kirkpatrick. She signed the deed on 13 July, 1780.

Looking a little deeper we find that Hugh Kirkpatrick in neighboring W. Nottingham Township of Chester Co, PA had a son named John.

In the Name of god Amen, This Thirtenth day of March
 Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty six 1766, I Hugh
 Kirkpatrick of West Nottingham Province of Pennsylvania and County of
 Chester, Being very much Indisposed in Body, but in a perfect mind and
 Memory, Thanks to god, therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body
 and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make
 and constitute certain and declare this my last Will and Testament in
 manner and form following, Revoking Disallowing and Annulling by these
 Presents all and every Testament or Testaments Will or Wills heretofore by me
 made and Declared either by word or Writing and this to be taken only for
 my last will and Testament and no other, and Principally I Recommend my
 Soul unto the Almighty that gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be
 Buried in a Christian like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my
 Executor and as touching such Worldly Substance wherewith it hath pleased
 god to bless me with in this life, I Bequeath of the same in the following man-
 ner and form

I hereby give and Bequeath to John Kirkpatrick My son all and
 singular my whole Real and personal Estate by him freely and fully to
 be possessed and Enjoyed for ever after my Decease

Item Whereas I have already given my son David Kirkpatrick Hugh
 Kirkpatrick White Margaret Clinging Habush Barkley
 Elizabeth Nisbet and Mary M^r Connors their parts and portions already
 Moreover for the good will I have to each of them I do give and Bequeath
 to David Kirkpatrick the sum of five pounds to be paid to him after
 my Decease and Twenty shilling to each of the rest to be paid to
 them and to David the sum so herein specified a year after my Decease
 Item I order that all my just Debts by me Contracted by any ways
 and my funerals Charges to be paid by my son John after my Decease
 Item I order and appoint my son John Kirkpatrick my only
 whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, in
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the
 Day and year above Written

Signed Sealed and Delivered Hugh Kirkpatrick
 in presence of

Robt Grant }
 James Tellson }
 Before signing the words for ever
 Intended

This John's wife's name was Jean or Jane, the same as John Hugh Kirkpatrick's wife, Jean or Jane Wilkins.

by John or under him or them or any either of them shall
 will warrant & forever defend by their Executors in Wit-
 ness whereof the said John Kirkpatrick & Jane his Wife
 hath interchangeably set their Hands & Seals the Day &
 Year abovescriben John Kirkpatrick & seal Jean Kirkpa-
 trick Seal Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of us
 William Allen William Haines John Alexander
 Chasr J. March 24. 1769 Then personally appeared before
 Alex. Johnston Esq. the abovesaid Jn. Kirkpatrick &
 Jean his Wife & brought with them the abovescriben
 Indenture & acknowledged the same to be his Act & Deed
 & desired the same to be recorded as such then the s^d Jean
being of Age & being examined apart was consenting to
 the same Given under my Hand & seal as above

That means John Hugh's father was Hugh Kirkpatrick (1697-1768).

- 3 **John Hugh Kirkpatrick was born in scotland.** Now, we know Hugh was living in 1729 in West Nottingham Township of Chester Co, PA meaning that John Hugh Kirkpatrick, born in 1741 was born in Chester Co., PA.(really in Cecil Co., MD, but is was considered PA at the time due to the border dispute).

1729 TAX LIST

West Nottingham Rate		West Nottingham Rate, Continued	
1	William Brown	50	Hugh Ottway
2	Jacob Frains	61	Joseph Engle
3	Wm Edmondson	62	Roger Turk
4	Thomas Rogers	63	John Dofon
5	Jeremiah Dungan	64	Jane Dofon
6	Jeremiah Brodn	65	James Patterfon
7	Samuel Harris	66	Wm Hunt
8	John Brabfon	67	John Kirkpatrick
9	Thomas Brown	68	Hugh Kirkpatrick
10	Nicholas Haudlaw	69	Wm Hunt

Re: Hugh Kirkpatrick:

- His parents were John Kirkpatrick and Hanna Vance
- His Parents were Alexander Kirkpatrick and Hanna Vance
- His mother was Alice Wallace, Margaret Chataris, Mary Wilson, Margaret Edmiston
- His wife was Margaret Waugh, Jane Waugh, Margaret Gregg, Jane McClure

Let's take these statements one at a time.

- 1 Hugh's parents were John Kirkpatrick and Hanna Vance

Rev. Gayley wrote in his History of Lower West Nottingham Presbyterian Church (1865) found that John Kirkpatrick was actually the older brother of Hugh Kirkpatrick.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE LOWER WEST NOTTINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. BY REV. SAMUEL A. GAYLEY, THE PASTOR. PUBLISHED BY THE CONGREGATION. PHILADELPHIA. PRINTED BY ALFRED MARTIEN. 606 CHESTNUT STREET. 1865.	
10	<u>Among the early Presbyterians of Nottingham were John Kilpatrick, brother-in-law of the Rev. Patrick Vance, of Birt, Ireland, and father-in-law of President Davies. He lived on the farm now owned by Mr. William J. Evans, and his brother Hugh. The late Major</u>
18	A supplication was presented to the Presbytery signed by a great many of the congregation, wherein they grievously complain against <u>John Kilpatrick and some adherents for endeavouring to make a rupture in the session, and to destroy the interest of Christ in the congregation.</u> <u>The adherents of Kilpatrick in the session were his brother Hugh and John Moor. The conduct complained</u>
Proof that John & Hugh were brothers AND that John's brother-in-law (and most probably his wife) were from N. Ireland.	

And Hanna Vance was actually John's wife

In the Name of God Amen, The Twenty Third Day of January In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Eight. I James Vance of the County of Kent on Delaware being very sick & Weak of Body but of sound & perfect Mind & Memory thanks be to God for his Goodness to me & therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is Appointed for all men Once to Die. do Make Constitute & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament. & first of all I give & Recommend my Soul to God that gave it, in Certain & Sure hopes of a Glorious Resurrection through Jesus Christs Meritts & as for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Exors. hereafter Named with a small Brick Wall put Round my Grave & two Marble Stones Set up, the one at the head and the other at the foot as is Common in such Cases at Philadelphia: — & as Touching such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in my life far beyond my Deserts I give and Dispose of the same in the following Manner and form, viz

And first of all I allow that all my Just Debts be punctually & honestly paid by my Exors. in a convenient time after my Decease? —

Item I will give & Bequeath to my Cousin Hannah Killpatrick Wife to John Killpatrick in Nottingham one feather Bed & one Blanket —

Item I will give & Bequeath to Cous George Vance of Kelsnuttavel in Sar...

2 **Hugh's Parents** For the next two, absolutely no records have been found naming the parents of either Hugh Kirkpatrick and John Kirkpatrick. (**Hannah Vance has already been eliminated**).. Note that both Hugh and John had sons named William, John and Hugh, but none named Alexander.

Also consider this:

New Jersey, Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817 for Alexander Kirkpatrick
Volume XXXII, Abstracts of Wills, 1751-1760

1758, June 3. **Kirkpatrick, Alexander**, of Somerset Co.; will of Wife, Elizabeth. Children—Andrew, David, Alexander (under age) and Mary (unmarried). Mentions son-in-law, Duncan McEwen; grandsons, Alexander Kirkpatrick and Alexander McEwen. Real and personal estate, incl. a great Bible. Executors—sons David and Andrew. Witnesses—Alexander McEwen, John Logan and John Roy. Proved June 12, 1758. [Will entered as Killpatrick, but certainly Kirkpatrick. Signed by mark]. Lib. F, p. 526.

1758, June 7. Inventory, £140.11, by Hugh Campbell and William McClelian.

PROOF that Alexander DID NOT have a son named Hugh

4 **Hugh's wife** Since Hugh's wife was not mentioned in his will, it's safe to assume she was no longer living. **Margaret Waugh** has already been eliminated since it's been proven that she was William Kirkpatrick's wife. Hugh's oldest daughter was named Hannah which makes the name Hannah the #1 candidate for his wife's name. BUT no record exists so we may never know what her name was.

Re John Kirkpatrick:

- John (1687-1772) was Hugh's (1697-1768) father
- John was Born in Dumfries Scotland

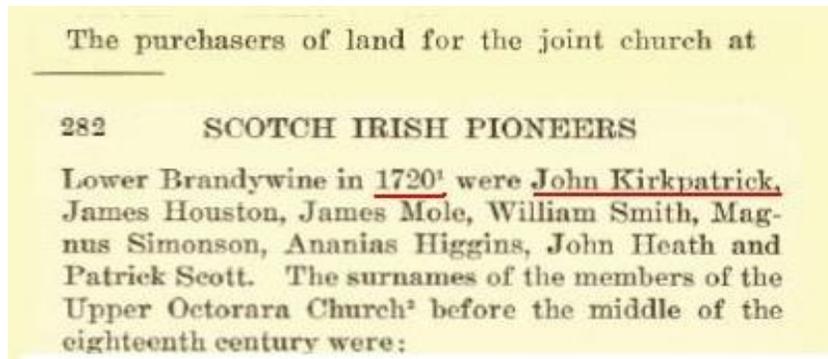
1 **John was Hugh's father.** While John DID have a son named Hugh, the Hugh in question (1697-1768) had died in 1768 and John didn't die until 1772, so the Hugh listed in John's will as his son could NOT have been OUR Hugh's father

2 **JOHN was born in Dumfries Scotland** John's brother-in-law, Patrick Vance, lived in Donegal, Ireland and his wife was born in Ireland AND since the majority of Kirkpatrick DNA matches came from Co Antrim, Ireland It's safe to assume that both he and Hugh were also born in N. Ireland

The subject of William was covered under John Hugh Kirkpatrick's parentage above.

**Here's what is known about John of Chester Co., PA
(supported by documents)**

John Kirkpatrick, born in 1687 – died in 1772, first appears in PA in 1720. He is mentioned as being one of 8 men who collectively bought land for the establishment of the **LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

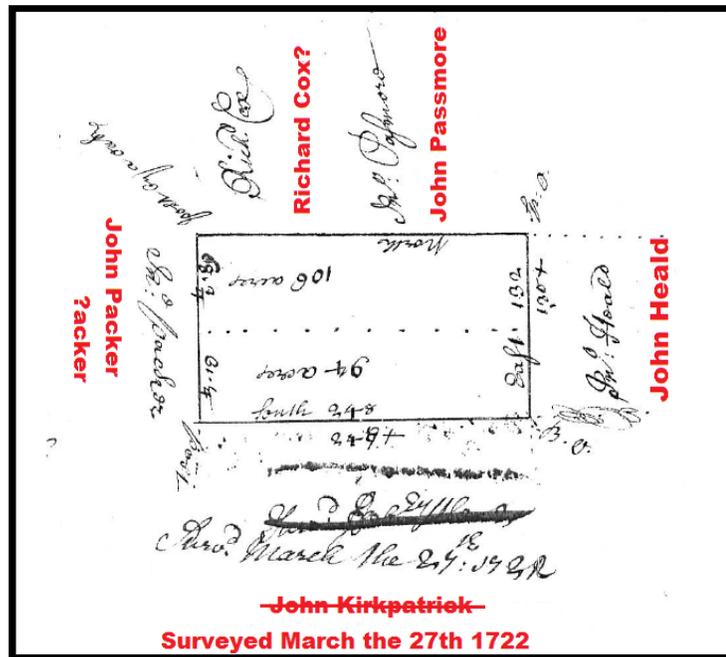


(Scotch Irish Pioneers in Ulster and America page 281/282)

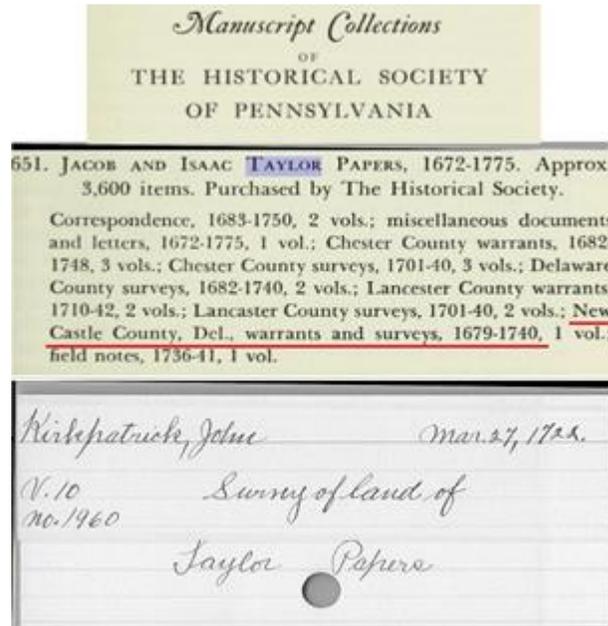
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The Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church is in Christiana Hundred, Newcastle County, Delaware (at that time it was part of Pennsylvania).

In 1722 John had a land Patent Survey performed in Christiana Hundred



(Record located in the *MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TAYLOR PAPERS, V 10 #1960*)



John is also found on the Chester County Tax Rolls of first Kennett Township from 1720-1727 then in West Nottingham Township until 1772,

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix/Prefix	Township	Year	Category	Provincial/County	Page
Kirkpatrick	John			Kennett	1720/21	Landholder	County	11
Kirkpatrick	John			Kennett	1721	Landholder	County	11
Kirkpatrick	John			Kennett	1722	Landholder	County	17
Kirkpatrick	John			Kennett	1724/25	Landholder	County	25
Kirkpatrick	John			Kennett	1726/27	Landholder	County	15
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1729	Landholder	County	18
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1730	Landholder	County	21
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1732	Landholder	County	59
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1734/35	Landholder	County (C-12A)	29
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1735/36	Landholder	County (C-13A)	13
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1737/38	Landholder	County (C-14B)	20
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1740	Landholder	County (C-16)	33
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1740	Landholder	County (C-16)	33
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1747/48		County C-17	23
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1749/50		County C-18	44
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1751		County C-19	37
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1753		County C-20	43
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1754		County C-21	12
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1756		County C-22	36
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1758		County C-23	36
Kirkpatrick	John		Sr.	West Nottingham	1760		County C-24	101
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1762		County C-25a	97
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1763		Provincial P-6b	56
Kirkpatrick	John		Sr.	West Nottingham	1764		Provincial P-7a	104
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1765		Provincial P-8	120
Kirkpatrick	John			West Fallowfield	1765		Provincial P-8	148
Kirkpatrick	John			West Fallowfield	1766		Provincial P-9	251
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1766		Provincial P-9	84
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1770	Landholder	100 Provincial (P-13B)	17
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1771	Landholder	150 Provincial (P-14)	139
Kirkpatrick	John			West Nottingham	1772	Landholder	100 Provincial (P-15)	110
Kirkpatrick	John	Estate	See James Evans	West Nottingham	1773	Landholder	Provincial (P-16)	267

John also received 2 land grants in Lancaster Co., PA

Pennsylvania. ff.

By the Proprietaries.

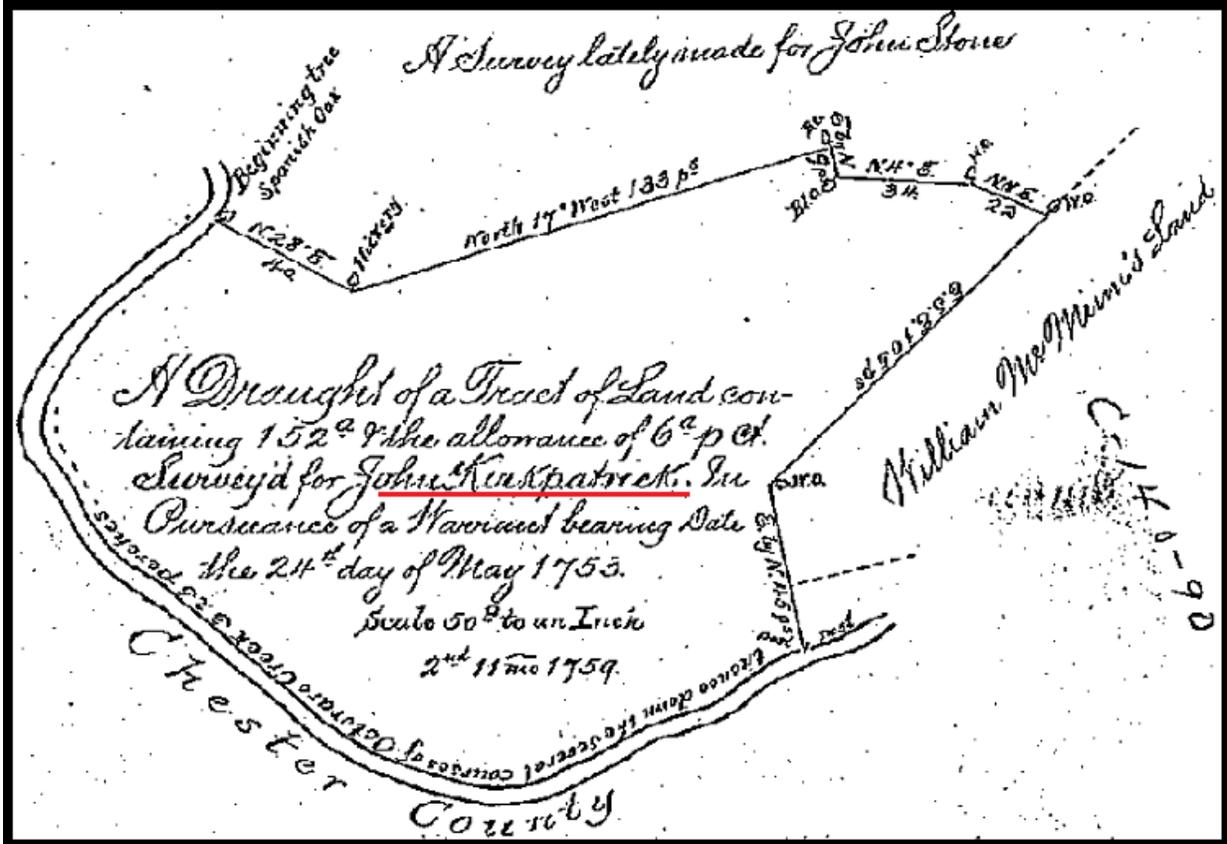
WHEREAS *John Kirkpatrick* of the County of *Lancaster* hath requested that we would grant him to take up *one hundred & fifty* Acres of Land adjoining *Anthony Dillard's on Octoraro Creek.*



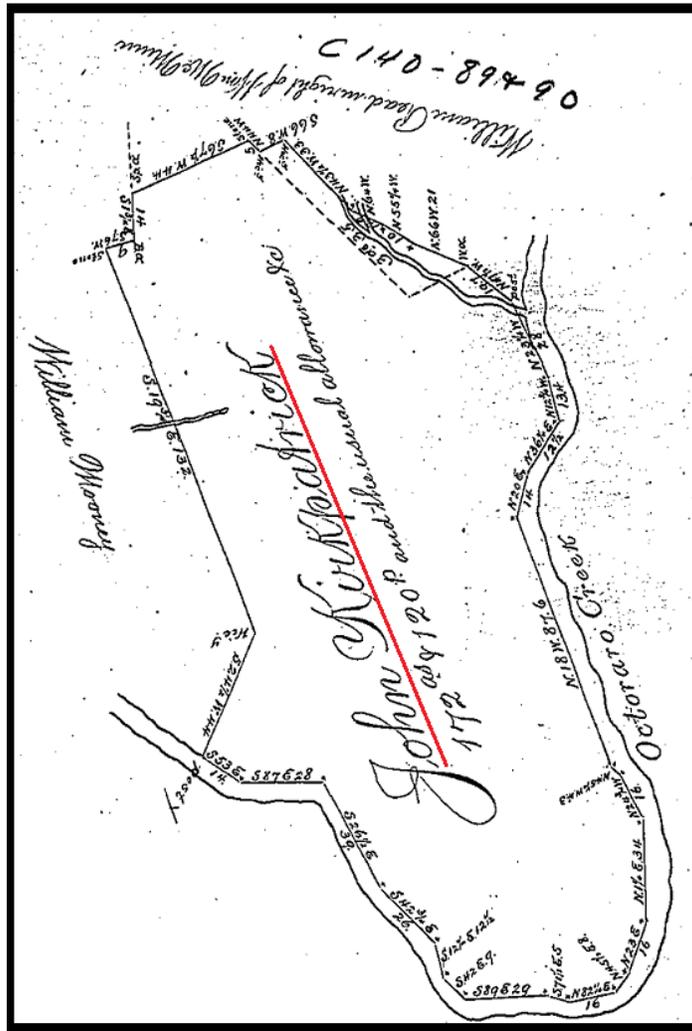
County of *Lancaster* for which he agrees to pay to our Use *the rate of Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings*, current Money of this Province, for *one* Hundred Acres and the Yearly Quit-Rent of *One Half-penny Sterling* for every Acre thereof. THESE are therefore to authorize and require you to survey or cause to be survey'd unto the said *John Kirkpatrick* at the Place aforesaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of *150* Acres if not already survey'd or appropriated and make Return thereof into the Secretaries Office, in Order for further Confirmation, for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant, which survey in Case the said *John Kirkpatrick* fulfil the above Agreement within six Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid otherwise void. GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of the Land-Office, by Virtue of certain Powers from the said Proprietaries at Philadelphia, this *Twentyfourth* Day of *May* Anno Domini, *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Three*

To Nicholas Scull, Surveyor General.

Geo. J. [Signature]



The above is situated in Little Britain Township in the County of Lancaster just above a ford on Octoraro Creek called the Horse shoe ford. Begins at a marked Spanish oak on the North side of the said Creek & runs according to the Lines above described. Survey'd the 7th day of September 1753
p *George Churchman*
To Nicholas Scull Survey^r General



A Draught of a Tract of Land Situate in Little Britain Township in the County of Lancaster Containing in the whole One hundred and seventy five acres and One hundred and fifty five perches and the usual Allowance of Six p Cent for Roads &c. one hundred and seventy two acres and one hundred & twenty perches and the allowance being part of a Tract Surveyed in pursuance of a Warrant dated the 24th of May A.D. 1753 granted unto John Kirkpatrick and the Remainder is part of a Tract Surveyed in pursuance of a Warrant dated the 11th of April A.D. 1752 to William M^r Mearns &c. The above was Surveyed by Daniel Kemmy for John Read authorized by

Jacob Weisshuman Del

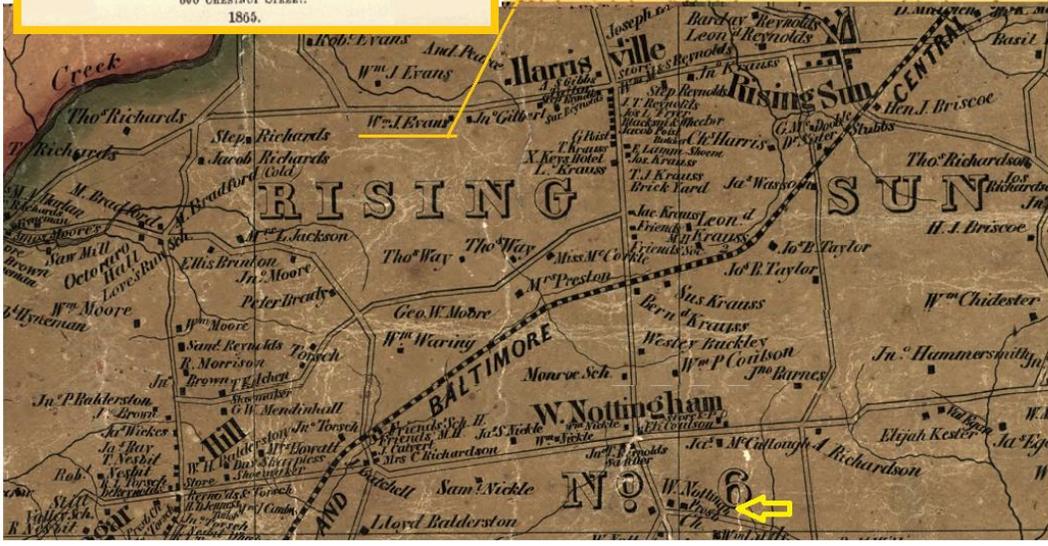
To Andrew Porter Esq^r }
 Surveyor General }

In reality, John Kirkpatrick lived in what is present day Sunrise Township, Cecil Co, Maryland (just south of the Mason Dixon Line) just west of the town of Rising Sun and not far from the Lower West Nottingham Presbyterian Church. . The land where they lived was claimed by both Maryland and Pennsylvania. The final state border wasn't established until Mason and Dixon's border /line was approved by King George III in 1769.

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We know that John Kirkpatrick died between Nov 18. 1771 & Nov. 20, 1772. His will was recorded in Chester Co., PA

In the Name of God Amen: I John Kirkpatrick of West Nottingham Township County of Chester Province of Pennsylvania being weakly in Body but of Perfect mind & memory blessed be God there - for calling to mind my mortality & that it is appointed this to be my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & annulling all other or former Wills made by me. And first of all I do commit my Soul to God who gave it & my Body to be buried in a decent manner at His direction of my Executors nothing doubting I shall receive the same again at general Resurrection by His mighty power of God. And teaching my worldly goods wherewith I shall be - I do to bless me in this life I dispose of Give & bequeath in the manner following.

Imprimis I order appoint that all my Estate both personal & real be sold at His discretion of my Executors except my wearing apparels I mean that they sell if whole save if above mentioned either by publick or private sale as soon as to them shall appear convenient.

Item out of said Estate I give & bequeath to my grand Son William given of Sum of ten pounds Pennsylvania Currency.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son Hugh Kirkpatrick of Sum of five pounds of said Currency.

Item I give bequeath to my Grand Daughter Hannah Welch given of ten pounds of said Currency.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grand son John given of Sum of five pounds of said Currency.

Item I order & give ten pounds of my Estate to be laid out for use of the Congregation to which I have belonged or otherwise for pious & publick uses as my Executors shall see meet.

Item After all above legacies are paid off & also all my just debts & funeral charges, I order & appoint that the whole of my remaining Estate except my wearing Apparels, be divided into five equal shares & given to my Children & grand Children as follows, & in the following manner.

Item it is my Will that my Son John Kirkpatrick & my

Daughters Margret Evans & Elina Evans shall have each of them one of so five parts.

Item I order & appoint that one of so five parts be kept in the hands of my Executors for my Grand Children James Bond, John Bond, William Bond, Hannah Bond, Mary Bond, & John Bond & be equally divided among & given to so Children or such of them as shall survive until they come of age or marry & at such time.

Item It is my Will that if last of so five parts be kept in the hands of my Executors for my Grand Children viz Lattice Charlton Kirkpatrick, Thomas Kirkpatrick, & William Kirkpatrick Children of my Son William Kirkpatrick & be equally given to them as they shall be of age or marry or to such of them as shall live to said time.

Item It is my Will that my wearing apparels be divided among my Children or grand Children at His discretion of my Executors.

Lastly I constitute & appoint my Son in Law Robert Evans & my Son in Law James Burns if whole & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament in & some executed with my hand & seal as I intend thereof, as witness my hand & seal this eight and seven hundred & seventy one.

Signed sealed & declared said John Kirkpatrick to be his last will & Testament in presence of us

James Finley John Kirkpatrick
John Cornick Robert Caldwell

20 Nov 1772
1771

KIRKPATRICK, JOHN. West Nottingham.
November 18, 1771. November 20, 1772.
To grandson Wm. Given £10. To son Hugh Kirkpatrick £5. To
granddaughter Hannah Welch £10. To grandson John Given £5.
£10 to use of the Congregation to which I have belonged.
Remainder in 5 parts one each to son John and daughters
Margaret Evans and Elenor Evans, one in Executors hands
for use of grandchildren James, John, Wm., Hannah, Mary
and Jean Boyd to be divided when of age. Remainder part
for use of grandchildren Lettice Charlton Kirkpatrick,
Hannah and Wm. Kirkpatrick, children of son Wm. when of
age.
Executors: Sons-in-law Robert and James Evans.

From his will we learn the names of his children and grandchildren as follows:
Sons Hugh, John & William;
Daughters Margaret (Kirkpatrick) Evans, Eleanor (Kirkpatrick) Evans
Grandchildren Hannah Welch, John Given, James Boyd, John Boyd, Wm Boyd,
Hannah Boyd, Mary Boyd & Jean Boyd (This implies there were 3 unnamed
daughters who have predeceased their father – One who married a Welch, one
who married a Given and one who married a Boyd)

The following is a transcript of John Kirkpatrick's Obituary that appeared in the *PA Journal and Weekly Advertiser*, No. 1568 25 Nov. 1772

Interment of Mr. John Kirkpatrick (Philadelphia) - On Monday night Kirkpatrick was interred in the Presbyterian Church Yard in West Nottingham, Chester Co., PA, the remains of John Kirkpatrick who departed this life in his 85th year [born ca 1687], 62 yrs. of which he lived with one wife. He was the father of the late Rev. William Kirkpatrick, minister of the Gospel at Amwell, NJ. Margaret, widow of Rev. Kirkpatrick, died on 8 Sep. 1769 and remarried John Warford (born 1745)

(Item published in the "PA Journal & Weekly Advertiser",
No. 1565, 25 Nov. 1772).

Burial:
West Nottingham Cemetery
West Nottingham
Cecil County
Maryland, USA
Plot: unmarked

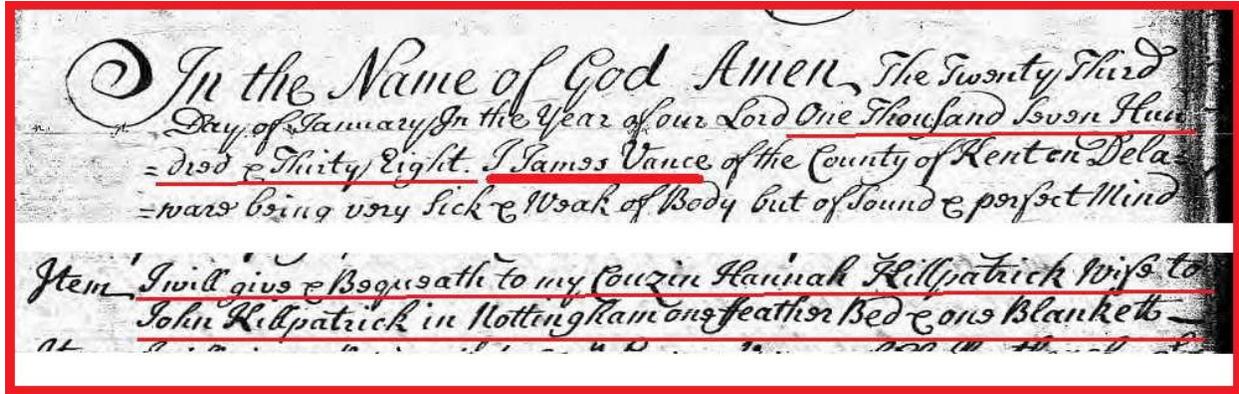
John's wife was known to have been a Vance as mentioned here:

AN
HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
LOWER WEST NOTTINGHAM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
BY
REV. SAMUEL A. GAYLEY,
THE PASTOR.
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And her 1st name (Hannah) was found in the will of her Cousin, James Vance, 1738 in Kent Co Delaware.



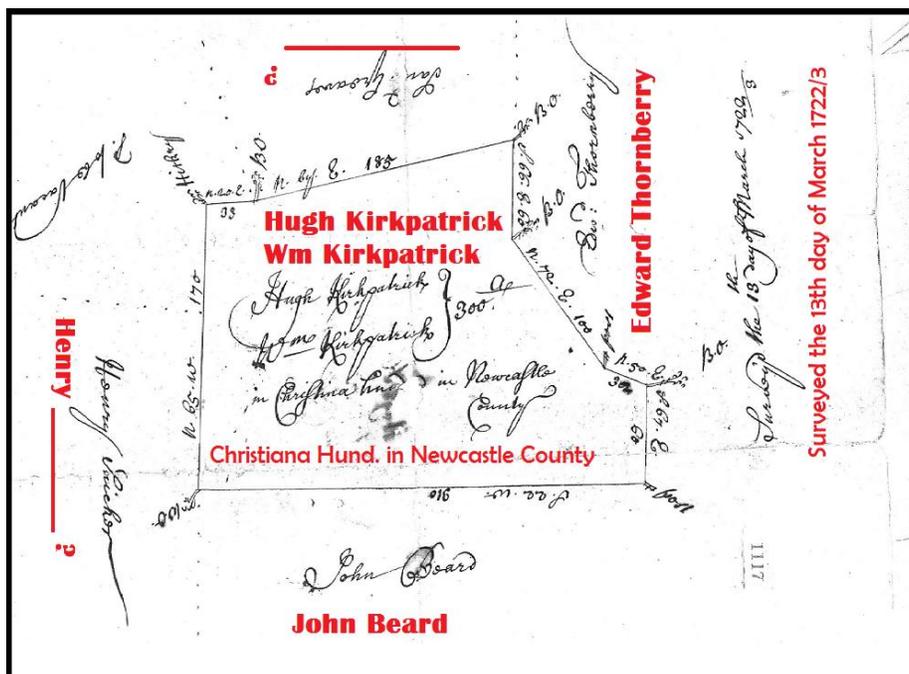
HERE IS WHAT I KNOW ABOUT HUGH KIRKPATRICK OF CHESTER CO, PA (supported by documents)

Some have asserted that Hugh Kirkpatrick was born in 1710 in Scotland. His place of death is unknown, and based on several things, he could NOT have been born as late as 1710. It is more likely that he was born ca 1697. My estimation of his year-of-birth is based on the following.

His oldest child Gannah (Hannah) was born ca 1717.

He had a Land Grant Survey in Christiana Hundred, Newcastle Co, Delaware in March of 1722(old calendar date)/1723 (new calendar date). If he was born in 1710 he would have only been 12 years-old at that time. Ownership of land was a legal impossibility for a boy of 12. He would have at least had to have been born no later than 1701.

This land grant is the earliest record we have of Hugh.



(Record located in the *MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TAYLOR PAPERS, V 6 #1117*)

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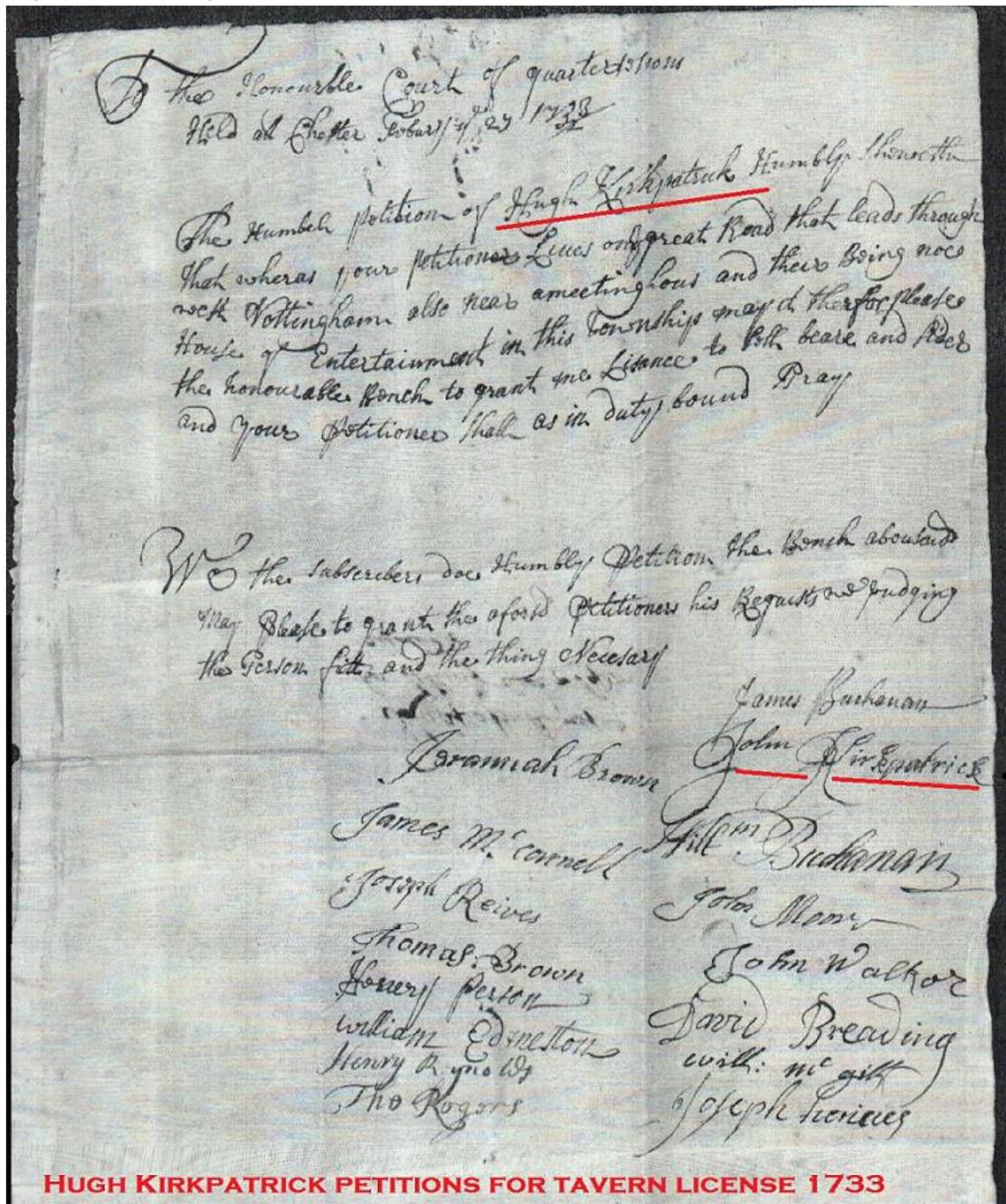
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Kirkpatrick, Hugh *Mar. 13, 1729/3*
Vol. 6 *Survey of land of in*
No. 1117 *Christina Hundred.*
Taylor Papers

The next time we see Hugh is on the Chester Co., PA Tax Rolls of West Nottingham Township starting in 1729 and ending in 1760.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix/Prefix	Township	Year	Category	Provincial/County	Page
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1729	Landholder	County	18
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1730	Landholder	County	21
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1732	Landholder	County	57
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1734/35	Landholder	County (C-12A)	29
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1735/36	Landholder	County (C-13A)	13
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1737/38	Landholder	County (C-14B)	20
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1739	Landholder	County (C-15)	31
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1740	Landholder	County (C-16)	33
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1747/48		County C-17	22
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1749/50		County C-18	45
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1751		County C-19	37
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1753		County C-20	43
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1754		County C-21	12
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1756		County C-22	36
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1756	Freeman	County C-22	37
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1758		County C-23	36
Kirkpatrick	Hugh			West Nottingham	1760		County C-24	101

There are a variety of other records available for Hugh such as his 1733 petition to operate a tavern:



And record of his service in the 3rd Intercolonial War (1748) when he was named a Captain.

Abstracts from the PA Gazette, 1748-1755

Abstracts, 1748

1748

Officers chosen by the Associates; (for Phila. Co.) capt. Henry Pawling and Jacob Hall, lieuts. Robert Dunn and Joseph Lewis, ensigns Hugh Hamilton and William Finney; for Bucks Co., capt. Alexander Graydon, lieut. Anthony Denormandie, ensign, James Barber; (for Chester Co.) capt. Andrew M'Dowell, Hugh Kirkpatrick, John Williamson, John Mather, lieuts. John Cunningham, William Buchanan, James Macken, James Mather; ensigns, George M'Cullough, William Cumming, John Johnson, Joseph Talbert; (for Newcastle Co.) capt. David Bush; lieut. John M'Kinly; ensign, Charles Bush (9 feb.)

BIOGRAPHICAL
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CYCLOPEDIA
OF
CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA,
COMPRISING
A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE COUNTY,
BY SAMUEL T. WILEY,
GRESHAM PUBLISHING COMPANY:
1893.

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BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Intercolonial Wars.—The first two of these four wars did not affect Chester county, but when the third or King George's war commenced, in 1744, it caused some uneasiness in Southeastern Pennsylvania. While this war was in progress some apprehension was felt in Chester county that the Indians, who had joined the French to a considerable extent, might invade the territory of the county. This danger led to the voluntary organization of two regiments known as "Associators." Col. William Moore raised one of these regiments, principally in the townships of East and West Nantmeal, Uwchlan, West Caln and Charlestown. The officers of the two regiments were: Colonels—William Moore and Andrew McDowell; lieutenant

colonels—Samuel Flower and John Frew; majors—John Mather, John Miller; captains—David Parry, Roger Hunt, George Aston, William McKnight, Moses Dickey, Richard Richison, Andrew McDowell, John McCall, George Taylor, James Graham, Robert Grace, Hugh Kilpatrick, John Williamson, John Mather, James Hunter, John Miller, William Clinton, Thomas Hubbard, jr., George Leggett, Job Ruston, William Bell, Joseph Wilson, Henry Glassford, William Boyd, William Reed and William Porter; lieutenants—Isaac Davis, Guyon Moore;

The French and Indian war, the last of the four intercolonial wars, opened in 1754, by the contest of the French and English over the territory of western Pennsylvania;

In 1765 we find a deed from Hugh to his son John (Hugh). A close look at this deed, which contains an abstract of all previous owners, traces it back to William Penn who granted the land to John Richardson, one of the owners of the original Nottingham Lots #6 and #20.

Abstract of land sold by Hugh Kirkpatrick to son John Kirkpatrick 29 Oct. 1765

Chester Co PA deed book P, pages 260-263

The tract originally consisting of 490 acres being in West Nottingham Tshp, Chester Co. PA

Described as "From a corner hickory tree ...

North 506 perches to a corner gum tree....

thence West 155 perches to a white oak tree at a corner of Henry Reynolds.....

thence South 506 perches to a corner chestnut tree....

thence east 155 perches to the place of the beginning"

Granted first by Wm. Penn on the "17 day of the first month 1701" (March??) 490 acres

to John Richardson, surveyed on the 10th day of the third month 1702 (May??)

thence to John Quest on the 24th of September 1705

thence in court to Thomas Sisom of Philadelphia on the 27th of November 1705

thence to John Sisom and Thomas Sisom, Junior on 1st of April 1726

thence to William Edmeston (Edmundson) and Hugh Kirkpatrick on 15th of December 1726

The property was then divided and Hugh Kirkpatrick then took 205 acres, described as follows:

Startings at a hickory tree corner

thence North by the same 206 perches to a corner marked white oak...

thence West 159 perches to another corner marked white oak at a corner of Henry Reynolds.....

thence 206 perches to a stake in the ground

thence East 159 perches to the place of the beginning.

Thence from Hugh Kirkpatrick "for the natural love and affection which the said

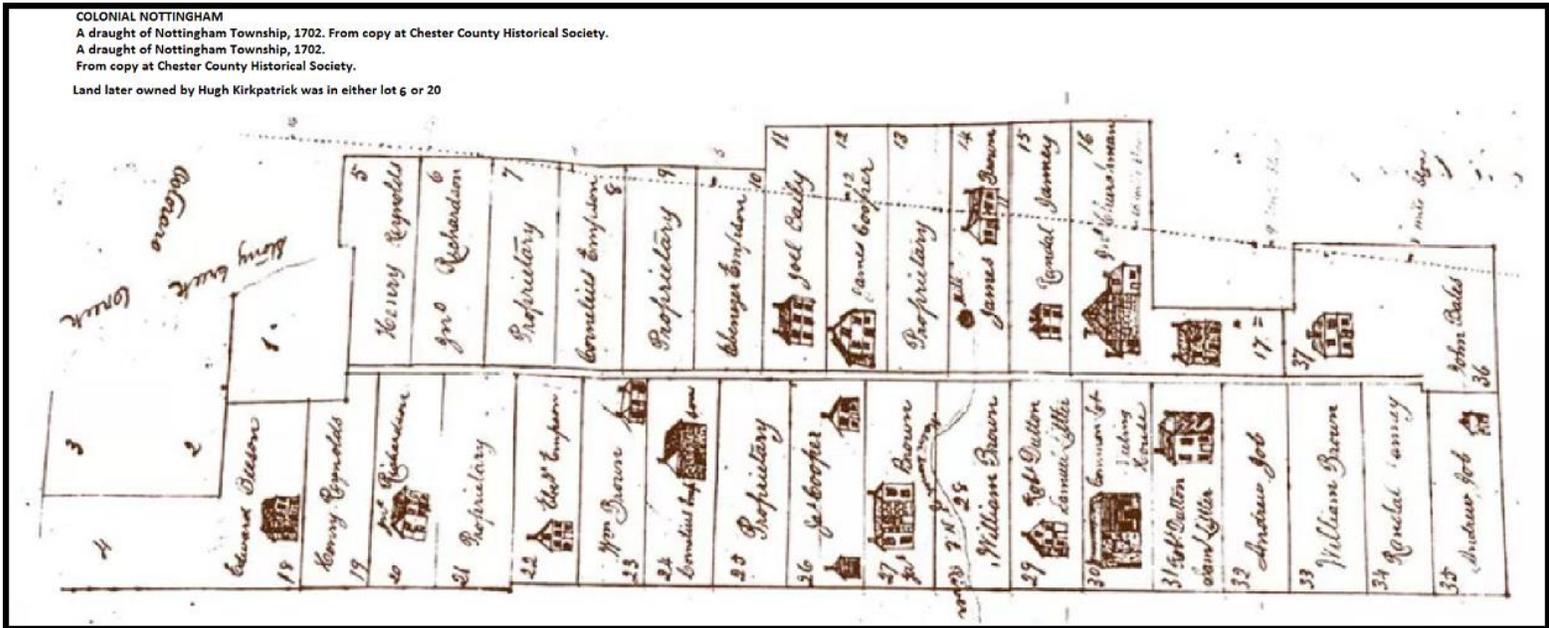
Hugh Kirkpatrick hath and bears unto his son John Kirkpatrick."

(and the sum of 50 pounds lawful money of PA)

Witnessed by John Alexander, Robt. Givans and John Alexander Junior

(Copies of the deed are at the end of this article)

Looking at the description of this land in the deed, and comparing that to the names of the original owners of the Nottingham Lots, (lots # 6 & 20 granted to John Richardson and bordered by Henry Reynolds of lots 5 and 19) it seem obvious that this land was part of either lot #6 or lot #20. On March 19, 1766



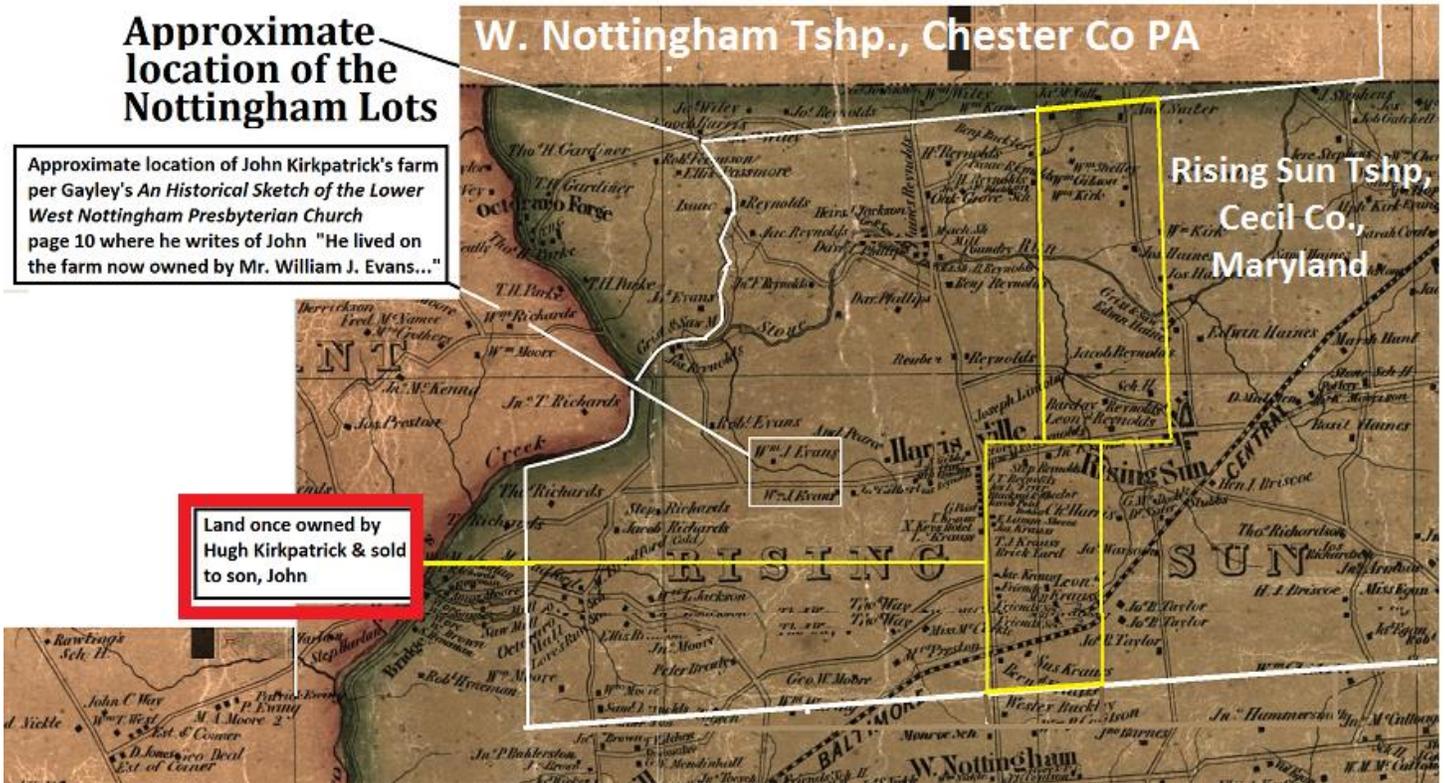
Approximate location of the Nottingham Lots

Approximate location of John Kirkpatrick's farm per Gayley's *An Historical Sketch of the Lower West Nottingham Presbyterian Church* page 10 where he writes of John "He lived on the farm now owned by Mr. William J. Evans..."

W. Nottingham Tshp., Chester Co PA

Rising Sun Tshp, Cecil Co, Maryland

Land once owned by Hugh Kirkpatrick & sold to son, John



Hugh wrote his Last Will and Testament which was proven on May 18, 1768 in West Nottingham Tshp, Chester Co., PA.

In the Name of god Amen, this Nineteenth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty six 1766, I Hugh Kirkpatrick of West Nottingham Province of Pennsylvania and County of Chester, Being very Much Indispos'd in Body, But in a perfect mind and Memory, I thank to god, therefore calling to mind the Mortality of My Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die, Do make & constitute Ordain and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Revoking Disallowing and Annulling by these Presents all and Every Testament or Testaments Will or Wills heretofore by me Made and Declared Either by word or Writing and this to be taken only for my last will and Testament and no other, and Principally I Recommend my Soul unto the Almighty that gave it, and my body to the Earth, to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executor and as touching such Worldly Substance wherewith it hath pleased god to Bless me with in this life, I Bequeath of the same in the following manner and form

Item I give and Bequeath to John Kirkpatrick My son all and singular my whole Real and personal Estate by him fully and fully to be possessed and Enjoyed ^{for ever} after my Decease

Item Whereas I have already given my son David Kirkpatrick Hugh Kirkpatrick William Kirkpatrick Margret Clinging Habnash Barshley Elizabeth Wisbet and Mary M^r Connell their part and portion already and moreover for the good will I have to each of them I Do give and Bequeath to David Kirkpatrick the sum of five pounds to be paid to him after my Decease and Twenty shilling to each of the rest to be paid to them and to David the sums herein specified a year after my Decease

Item I order that all my Just Debts by me Contracted in any way and my funneral Charges to be paid by my son John after my Decease

Item I order and appoint My son John Kirkpatrick my only whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, in Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal, the Day and year above Written

Sign'd Seald and Deliv'd
in presence of

Hugh Kirkpatrick

Rob^t Girard

James Pellowson

Before signing the words for Ever!
Interlined

WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT HUGH'S SON JOHN HUGH KIRKPATRICK

It is known that John Hugh Kirkpatrick was married to Jean Wilkins, as mentioned near the beginning of this paper. The proof that John, son of Hugh was the spouse of Jane / Jean Wilkins is found when we examine The Grantor's deed for the land he received from his father, Hugh. Note his wife's name:

Deed
John Kirkpatrick & W^o }
Jacob Reynolds } made the twenty sixth day of the first
Month in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred }
& Sixty nine **Between** John Kirkpatrick & Jane his Wife }
of the Township of West Nottingham in the County of Chester }
& Province of Pennsylvania at present so called Yeoman }
of the one part and Jacob Reynolds of the same Place Grantor }
of the other part **Whereas** by Virtue & in pursuance of a }
Warrant & forever defend by their Heirs **In Wit** }
ness whereof the said John Kirkpatrick & Jane his Wife }
both interchangeably set their Hands & Seals the Day & }
Year aforesaid John Kirkpatrick & Jean Kirkpatrick }
Deed signed sealed & Delivered in the Presence of us }
William Allen William Haines John Alexander }
Chas^r Esq. March 24. 1769 Then personally appeared before }
Alex. Johnston Esq. the aforesaid John Kirkpatrick & }
Jean his Wife & brought with them the aforesaid }
Indenture & acknowledged the same to be his Act & Deed }
& desired the same to be recorded as such she the Jean }
being of Age & being examined apart was consenting to }
the same Given under my Hand & Seal as above Alex. }
Johnston Deed^o Recorded the twenty eighth Day 28 Mar 1769 }
of March in the Year of our Lord 1769

Now consider that John Hugh Kirkpatrick's oldest son was named DAVID, obviously named after his oldest brother David Kirkpatrick (1720-1770) son of Hugh.

After 28 March 1769 we find no further documents for, from or about John Hugh Kirkpatrick.