Extension of the information on Alexander Kidd

There is a section about the hunt for Alexander Kidd, and that's where my part of the family comes in.  I am descended from an Alexander Kidd, who came to America in 1736 and purchased the land where the town of Walden, New York is.  The town was originally called "Kiddtown," and the family operated a cotton mill on the Wallkill River.  Later, a Mr. Walden came to the area and built a larger mill, possibly on the same site, and the town was then re-named for him.
   The first Alexander was in the Wallkill Militia during the Seven Years' War, fighting for the English.  His sons Alexander, James and Robert (my ancestor) were in the Second Battalion, Ulster County Militia, on the American side in the War of Independence.  This musthave been the source of some interesting discussions around the family dinner table.
   The area was first settled by Dutch and German immigrants, but obviously a large number of Scots-Irish settled there later, for the two counties are Ulster and Orange.  Orange, of course, could mean The Netherlands, or Northern Ireland.
   The Kidd house still stands in Walden, and during the war General Washington used it for his headquarters before moving to Newburgh.
    My branch of the Kidd family then descends thus:  Alexander (1710/1715-1778), Robert (1750-1822), Daniel (1776-1852), John D.
(1815-1892), John S. (d. 1925), and his daughter Isabel Esther, my grandmother (married James A. Cronin).

Sincerely

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