

Letter From the Editors

Before we continue with the children of **Isaac Armfield, Jr. [2]**, Joyce and I need to correct an error in our last newsletter regarding the children of William "Sheriff Billy" Armfield. We apologize for not discovering this error before the newsletter went out and we hope it didn't confuse you too much. The Jacob listed under the letter "L" was not the son of Sheriff Billy, but rather the son of Isaac and Jane Armfield d/o William "Little Billy" Armfield. Sheriff Billy's son was Jacob B. Armfield born about 1814; died after 1850 and probably before 1860. He has not been found in 1860 census records. Jacob married Elvira Shelly/Shelley 28 June 1837 (Bd) in Guilford County, NC. She was born about 1824; died after 1879. Their children were Laura Ann born about 1839 who married Henry Bencini and Rosella B. born about 1852 who married Emery Wooters. Jacob's family appeared in the 1850 census of Guilford County, NC. We thank Jo Ann Post - Pendley who alerted us of the mistake. As much as we try to avoid making mistakes, they will happen and we hope you will contact us whenever you read something that is incorrect or confusing. Would you please note this correction in your January 2008 newsletter to avoid passing on incorrect information.

Connie & Joyce

Children and Grandchildren of Isaac Armfield, Jr. [2]

1. William Armfield (Sheriff Billy)
This family appeared in the December 2007 issue.
2. John Armfield was born between 1760 -1764 in Guilford County; died before November 1833 in Sumner County, TN. He married an unknown Dunlap, daughter of John, Jr. and Elizabeth Dunlap about 1784 in Guilford Co. A marriage record for John has not been found. The will of John Dunlap, Jr. named the one daughter, Margaret. It did not indicate that she and John Armfield were married. John Dunlap, Guilford County, NC Will Abstracts, p. 63, Book A: 0104; "*John Dunlap - 27 Jan 1794 - Prb Aug 1805, Son John - 106 ac, working tools, mare, saddle, my wearing clothes, Dau Margaret Dunlap - household furniture, 100 pds in bonds on Col. John Gillaspie and his son Daniel Gillaspie, Son Robert - 106 ac with improvements, where I live, Gr dau Mary Armfield - one cow, Exrs: John Armfield, Daniel Gillaspie, Margaret Dunlap.*"

The following information comes from Abstracts of Deeds, Guilford County, NC, Book 9, pp. 219, 363, by Dr. A. B. Pruitt. Entry #4340; On 12 Dec 1805 Robert Dunlap sold 126.5 acres (part of which joined Ann Green) to William Armfield for \$120 witnessed by John Armfield and Margaret Dunlap. Oath witnessed by John Armfield May 1807. Entry # 4494; On 14 Sept 1807 John Armfield and Elizabeth sold 80 "poles" for \$250 on the waters of South Buffelow Creek border which began at a post Oak in McGibbony's line joining Wm Armfield and Jacob Armfield. The deed was signed by John Armfield and Elizabeth Armfield and witnessed by Isaac and Joseph Armfield. Oath witnessed May 1808 by "Isack" Armfield. By 1816 John

was listed in the tax list for Sumner County as having 170 acres on West Middle Fork Red River. In the 1817 tax list John was shown owning 270 acres of land. Following his death in 1833, Joseph Ing and George Zaricor were named administrators of his estate. It is believed his wife predeceased him as she was not mentioned in the estate papers. John's estate was worth \$130.96 and ¾ dollars. Names listed as buying items from John's estate were: Thomas T. Summers, Wm. Jackson, and Paris Green. Their children were Isaac, Sarah (Sallie), Mary, R.G., Violet, and Margaret.

A. Isaac was born 1787 in Guilford County; died 06 July 1872 in Copiah County, MS. He married Sarah Gustavus d/o John and Rhoda (Vardeman) Gustavus 24 March 1825 in Copiah Co., MS. Sarah was born in 1810 in St. Tammany Parish, LA. During the War of 1812, Isaac enlisted as a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment, Roulston's West Tennessee Militia, Henry Hamilton's Company. By the 2nd of November Isaac was a Capt. in 43rd Regt. in the TN. Militia. The source is Mrs. John T. Moore, Record of Commissions of Officer in The TN Militia 1796 -1815. Isaac received a pension from his service in the War of 1812. From "The Survivors Pension claim" Isaac enlisted November 13, 1814 and was discharged 13 May 1815, having served 182 days. In Mary L. Flowers Hendrix's Mississippi Court Records 1799 -1859, p. 137, 1845, Hinds County, MS, drawer 90, case 2749, Sarah Armfield vs. Isaac Armfield is a reference to litigation involving a marriage contract they made in 1834. Sarah won this lawsuit against her husband. Their children were Jonathan G., unknown infant, and Anthony B.S. In the 1850 census of Copiah Co., MS, Isaac, 63, is with Sarah, 40, and their son A. B. S., 16. They were living near their son John and his family. In the 1860 census of Copiah County, Isaac, age 72, is living with his son A. B. S. and family. Sarah is not with them.

- (1) Jonathan (John) Gustavus born 1826 in Copiah Co., MS; married Anna E. Tomlinson on the 14 March 1845 in Copiah Co., MS.; died before 1880 in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. Anna was born in 1827. In the 1860 census of Copiah County the children of John and Anna were Sarah, age 11, Vellumnio, age 9, Isaac, age 5, Rhody, age 3, and Mary E., age 2.12.
- (2) An unknown male infant was born about 1828. This child appeared in the 1830 census, but not in the 1840 census records.
- (3) Anthony B.S. born 1836 in Copiah County, MS; married 12 August 1854 to Amanda Moore born abt. 1833. In the 1860 Copiah County census they have three children: E. R. B., age 4, W. G., age 2, and Margaret, age 4.12 months. A. B. S. Armfield was living in the 2nd Ward, Catahoula, LA in the 1880 census.

B. Sarah (Sally/Sallie) born in Guilford County date unknown; married 28 June 1817 in Sumner County, TN to Peter Summers. If anyone has information on this family line, please share with us.

C. Mary born 5 Aug 1794 in Guilford County; married 23 July 1822 in Sumner County, TN to George Zaricor/Zericon; died after 1880 in TN. The family appeared in the 1860 census of Sumner Co., TN, District 10 as Geo, 50 Mary, 58 Jane, 24 Octavus, 22 Fredonia, 19. In the 1860 census George, Mary, and Jane were living together. This couple was still living in Sumner County in 1880.

- D. R. G. born about 1800 in Guilford County; married 23 May 1837 to Betsey McDaniel in Sumner County, TN (Marriages of Sumner County, TN 1787 - 1838, ancestry database). Does anyone have information on this family?
- E. Violet born about 1801 in Guilford County; married Joseph Ing, III 06 November 1821 in Sumner Co., TN; died 1877 in Gibson County, TN. In the 1850 census of District 12, Gibson, TN this family was recorded as follows: Joseph age 49, farmer, Violet age 49, Eli W. age 26, John age 22, Isaac age 20, Melvina age 17, Elizabeth age 16, Martha age 14, Joseph age 10, and Robert age 8. Joseph is living with his son Joseph in 1880.
- F. Margaret born between 1806 - 1811 in Guilford County; married Ezekiel Armstrong 19 April 1839 in Gibson County, TN, his second marriage. This family appears in the 1850 Gibson County census with children: Marion age 22, Emily age 21, John age 18, Mary age 16, William age 9, and Jesse age 7. The children are all shown to have been born in Tennessee. The 1850 census record shows her birth year as 1806 and the 1860 Gibson County census has her birth as 1811. This 1860 census does have Ezekiel's age recorded wrong.
3. Sarah born about 1769 is a mystery to us as we have not seen any primary source records for her. She may have married about 1789 to an unknown Hendrix and were the parents of at least one daughter they named Mary. If anyone has information on Sarah, please let us know.
4. Isaac Sr. [3] born about 1772; died 22 January 1845. He married his cousin Jane Armfield daughter of William Jr. (Little Billy) and Elizabeth Green 17 November 1798 in Guilford County. When Isaac [3] came of age he began using the title of Sr. and his son became Isaac Jr. [4] making them the second pair of Isaac Sr. and Jr. The numbers in brackets behind the various Isaac's names are meant to show their generation from the first Isaac Sr., a.k.a. John Armfield. Isaac's will dated 12 January 1841; probated February Term 1845 in Guilford County names seven children: Martin B., Harmon, Mary/Polly, Mark, Isaac Jr. [4], Jane and Jacob.
- A. Martin B. born about 1801; died 30 March 1876 in Yadkin Co., NC He married 12 December 1827 (Bd) Guilford County to Jane B. McClintock. They are buried in East End Baptist Church Cemetery in Yadkin Co., NC. Their children were Isabella, Emily, Martha Ann, and Laura Ann Elizabeth. Emily, Martha Ann, and Laura Ann Elizabeth all died young.
- B. Harmon born 02 July 1802 in Guilford County; died 01 July 1849 in McNairy Co., TN of "bilious fever." He was buried in Bethel Springs, McNairy County, TN (*Ansearchin News*, 1967). He married Delitha Wilson 10 Jan 1838 (Bd). Delitha and her children can be found in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of McNairy County, TN. Their children were Isaac Andrew, Mary/Polly, William, Jane, and Jessie M. In 1850 Mary is shown as Polly and her sister is recorded as Louisa.
- C. Mary (Polly) born about 1807; married Lemmonds McClintock 06 August 1832 (Bd) in Guilford County. Their children were Emsley W., Mary Ann, Sarah J., Nathan S., Nancy J., George M., Barbary P., and William Jasper.
- D. Mark D. born about 1808; died 04 December 1863. Mark D. was a Capt. In Co. B, 11th NC Infantry in the Civil War. He was wounded and taken a prisoner at Gettysburg and died at Johnson Island in Sandusky, Ohio. Mark was buried in

grave number 115. Mark married Elizabeth Belt in December 1837 as reported in the Raleigh Register. They were the parents of five children: Lucy J., Frances M., Thomas L., Mary Elizabeth, and William.

- E. Isaac Jr. [4] born 22 April 1809; died 02 February 1896; buried in Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery in Mt. Airy, Surry County, NC. Mary Hendrix (parentage not proven) married Isaac Jr. [4] on 09 January 1834 in Guilford County. Both Isaac Jr. [4] and his wife Mary (Polly) died in Surry County, NC and were buried in Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery. In 1983 a census was made of this cemetery by Lemuel Wallace Kallam which is now posted on the internet. This census does have errors. According to this work, the tombstone of Mary had the following inscription, "granddaughter of Isaac." If this was correct, it would have meant that Mary was the granddaughter of Isaac Jr. [2] who married Elizabeth -? - making Mary and Isaac second cousins. We called upon Henry "Buzz" Armfield for help which he most graciously offered. He made a special trip on January 1, 2008 to the Oak Grove United Methodist Cemetery in Mount Airy, Surry, North Carolina to view and record the grave sites of this family. We can't thank him enough. We have incorporated his findings in the family's narrative.

Isaac's tombstone stands alone and is engraved with "*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.*" Isaac married Mary (Polly) Hendrix 09 January 1834 (Bd) in Guilford County. Her grave is to the right of Isaac's and is surrounded by a 5" granite border. Her space is shared with the grave of Albert L. Armfield. The stone has been broken off and reset in a notch in the granite making the date of death almost illegible. Mary's tombstone reads, "In Memory of Mary Armfield Consort of Isaac Armfield Born July 9, 1811 Died August 28, 1881". According to Webster's Dictionary, consort can mean a companion or partner, hence a husband or wife, spouse. This family moved to Surry County prior to the 1850 census. Their ten children were Marcus D., Jacob H., Sarah Jennie, Nancy Ann, Martin H., Isaac Monroe, John Frank, Albert Loton, Mary Matilda, and Elizabeth C. Virginia.

Albert's tombstone reads, "*Albert L. Armfield Died September 14, 1880 Aged 29 years 9 months 21 days.*" It sits to the right of Mary's grave and it makes no mention of Isaac and Mary being his parents. To the right of these graves and outside the granite border is the grave of Isaac E. or B. Armfield. It was difficult to read as most of the facing was washed out and the stone is disintegrating. It says Died November 11, 1861 (unsure of the year as it is not clear). The next grave to the right is that of Mary Matilda. The tombstone reads, "*To the Memory of Mary Matilda Armfield Daughter of Isaac and Mary Who departed this life August (looks like 1854 or 1864).*" This stone is not made of the same material as the others and looks to be more like the slate stones that were in the Oak Ridge UMC. The script did not appear to be professionally done. The bottom part where "*Who departed this life . . .*" appeared had been badly chipped and it was impossible for Buzz to read the rest of the inscription on the stone.

- F. Jane born 24 April; died 28 December 1882 in TN. She married Wilson Hendrix 12 December 1833 (Bd) Guilford County. Wilson was born 07 February 1810; died 10 April 1859 in TN. Their children were Emily, Mary, Rachel, Albert, Sarah, Nancy A., Philander W., Martha, and Wilson W.
- G. Jacob was born about 1811; died after 1880. This family can be found in the 1850 Southern Division, Guilford, NC, Federal Census. In 1880, Jacob is living in the home of his daughter, Fannie Whittemore. He married Louisa Benton (1815 - 1890) 28 January 1837 (Bd) in Caswell County, NC. Louisa Benton Armfield is buried in the Lynn-Benton-Soyers-Lee Cemetery, Crowder Homeplace Road, Ruffin, Rockingham NC. Their children were
 (1) Mary J. born abt. 1839; married P.R. Wright in Rockingham Co., NC.
 (2) Sarah born abt. 1840 married Alfred G. Stanley in Rockingham Co., NC.
 (3) Deborah Frances (Fannie) born abt. 1841; married J. M. Wittemore.
 (4) Lucinda born abt. 1847.
5. Ann born about 1774; died unknown. Ann married John Green 04 September 1797 (Bd) Guilford County. In Abstracts of Deeds, Guilford County by Pruitt, book 9, p. 27; On 16th Sept 1805 Ann bought 90 acres of land for \$90.00 from the estate of John Dunlap and his wife Elizabeth. This deed was signed by five of her siblings; William, Isaac, Jacob, and Betsy. Entry # 4359, book 9, p. 235; On 16 Feb 1807 Ann Green sold 90 acres 30 poles for \$100 on waters of N Buffelow Cr; "border begins at a pine on Thomas Black's line and joins Gillaspie; part of John Dunlap deceased's survey" to Adam Mitchel. This deed was signed with Ann Green's mark "X" and witnessed by Isaac Armfield and Saml. Mitchel. Oath was witnessed "Aug court" by Isaac Armfield. The children of Ann and John are unknown. If anyone has ideas of what may have happened to Ann after 1807, we would love to hear from you.
6. Joseph C. born 03 January 1776; died 04 May 1853; buried in Deep River Friends Cemetery, Guilford Co. On 16 November 1800 Joseph married Elizabeth Beeson, daughter of Richard and Mary Beeson. Elizabeth born 14 November 1778; died 06 April 1849; buried with Joseph C. (Family Bible Record of Joseph C. Armfield, in possession of Joyce Agerton). Joseph C. was the Coroner of Guilford County from 1820 -1831. Their nine children were Richard Beeson, Sarah, Sarah (2), Mary, Richard Beeson (2), Leuraney, William Settle, Wiatt Jackson, and Betsy M.
- A. Richard Beeson born 02 July 1801; died 08 September 1803.
- B. Sarah born 28 March 1803; died 30th June 1803.
- C. Sarah (2) born 31 August 1804; died 21 May 1887 in Pettis County, MO; buried in Black Water Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery. Sarah married Obadiah H. Chipman 06 July 1826 his second wife in Guilford County. They were the parents of six children: Keziah, Lurania, Ann Peratine, Joseph, Jesse Winston, Laura Elizabeth.
- D. Mary born 02 October 1806; died 29 February 1880 in McKinney, TX. She married John Masten Chipman 12 November 1829 in Guilford County. Their children were: Elizabeth, William James, Tamsey Emaline, Ingraham Chandler, Anna Lucena, Mary Lurania, Joseph, Sarah Melvina, and Thomas McKinney.
- E. Richard Beeson (2) was born 20 August 1809; died 08 June 1887; buried in Deep River Friends Cemetery. He married Anna Chipman 07 January 1841 in

- Guilford County. Anna was born 02 April 1811; died 01 March 1895; buried with Richard. They were the parents of two children, Wyatt Jackson and Mary A.
- F. Leuraney born 27 May 1811; died 28 December 1862; buried in Black Water Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Pettis County, MO. She married Albert Dillon 06 October 1851 in Guilford County. They were the parents of two children, Leroy and Sarah Elizabeth.
 - G. William Settle was born 25 April 1813; died 29 December 1822. He was buried in the Deep River Friends Cemetery.
 - H. Wiatt/Wyatt Jackson was born 13 August 1815; died 11 October 1843; buried in Deep River Friends Cemetery, Guilford County. **This is the person you may see on internet trees as our original ancestor, John Wyatt Armfield. As you can see, that is not the case! Please join us in correcting this whenever and wherever you see it.**
 - I. Betsy M. born 27 September 1817; died 14 July 1894 in Pettis County, MO. She married Enoch Stephens 26 October 1848 in Guilford County. Enoch was the son of Evan and Noama (Johnson) Stephens, Jr. Enoch was born 03 March 1816; died 23 August 1895. Both are buried in Blackwater Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery in Pettis County, MO. They were the parents of two daughters, Mary Jane and Laurney Elizabeth.
7. Jacob born about 1778; died 06 January 1813 while serving in the War of 1812. He married Elizabeth -? - probably in Guilford County about 1799. A marriage record hasn't been found. They were the parents of a daughter and son, their names not known. They moved to TN after 1800 and before 1810 when they settled in Montgomery County.
 8. Elizabeth (Betsy) born about 1781, died between 1840 and 1850 according to the family tree of Patrick Barrett and census records. Elizabeth married 07 December 1809 (Bd) Guilford County to George Payne. George born about 1780; died about 1860 in Wilkes County, NC where they moved soon after they married. Their children may have been: William, Zebulon, Lucinda, Alfred, Uriah, Rhoda, Narcissa, and Amanda.

Discoveries

Some of us have been attempting to verify our earliest Armfield ancestor as written about in Sallie Stockard's Armfield Sketch. We have yet to find any primary records that prove that this person was John Armfield. What we had found to date are early records of an Isaac Armfield in NC (June 2007). We had yet to find any records of an early male Armfield in Pennsylvania. However, we are excited to report that we have recently located an Isaac Armfield in PA. He appears in the 1726 and 1740 Tax List of Concord Township, Delaware County (actually Chester County at that time), PA along with several other surnames that are familiar to those of us researching our family. Joyce has corresponded with a researcher who has the book Concord Township Pennsylvania by Robert Case and Isaac is mentioned twice in the index. Isaac was paid 1 pound and 5 shillings from the estate of Nathaniel Newlin, 1729 and he was paid 7 shillings from the estate of Henry Gest, 1738. This researcher also wrote that in the time frame we are looking at in Chester County, and the taxed men on the lists were

divided into two groups; those who owned land and were taxed for it and those In another group called freemen who lived in the township and were also taxed, but owned no land. Isaac was not listed among the freemen. None of the Chester County MM records were included in Hinshaw's Encyclopedia as he died before he completed his work. We now have an area in Pennsylvania to research which includes the counties of Chester, Delaware, and York. We hope you will assist us in our exciting search for this PA ancestor. Pennsylvania has not been an easy state to research.

We know that Ann Armfield was received on certificate at the Cane Creek MM on 7 March 1752 in NC. We also have a warranty dated 30 Nov 1753 for Isaac Armfield in Rowan County, NC. So it is possible that the Isaac we found in Pennsylvania from 1726 to 1740 is the same Isaac who was in NC in the early 1750's. It would seem that somewhere there are other records on Isaac in PA before his move to North Carolina. Please help us look for these records.

Queries and Family Lines

John Armfield Weatherly would like to gather information on Armfields who stayed in North Carolina after the Civil War. Jweathe951@aol.com

Anita Acosta is looking to connect with others researching her family lines, especially her ggrandmother, Elizabeth Hannah Piatt who married Isaac Armfield (his second wife) on 24 Dec 1851 in Hamilton County, Indiana. Isaac was son of Jacob s/o William "Little Billy" Armfield, Jr. Elizabeth was born 31 July 1828 in Canton, Ohio; died 27 Dec 1914 in Portland, Oregon. She was the d/o Moses Piatt and Jane Smith both of Virginia. They had six children: Alfred, Orville Prescott Boyden, Tillman Monroe, Samantha May, Sara Ella, and Florence/Flora. alacosta@mchsi.com

Contributions and Comments

Henry "Buzz" Armfield sent more information about the cemetery he visited. It is Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2598 Westfield Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030. Tel. 336.719.0004. This is where the Mount Airy Armfields are buried. Oak Grove UMC is about ½ mile outside the Mount Airy city limits in the Bannertown community. The Oak Ridge UMC is in the town of Oak Ridge, NC and not in the city of Greensboro. Thank-you so much Buzz for making the trip and contributing the information. We do appreciate your help!

We want to thank Diane Austin for volunteering to assist us with our Armfield family research. She has already been busy looking for records and we look forward to her help and contributions.

Since our last newsletter Paula Hinkle and Doug Miller from the Southern California Genealogical Society have started an Armfield DNA Project. It can be accessed through two sites: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/armfield/> or <http://genforum.genealogy.com/armfield/messages/271.html> Paula can be contacted directly at phinkel@pacbell.net. We do hope some of our readers will give some thought to participating in this project.

We failed to mention the Marion, Indiana Public Library in our last issue. Betty Reynolds wrote us to let us know that they have had people using our newsletters. We have added another library to our readership. The State Library of North Carolina, has accepted our publication. They will be placed in the "Armfield Family Vertical File" and are available to their library patrons. Kay Tillotson, Genealogy Information Specialist, wrote that their library keeps and catalogs donated family history research in paper format in their genealogy vertical files. If you would like more information about this or the library in general, you can write Kay at Genealogy Services, State Library of North Carolina, 4641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4641 or call 919.807.7460. Thank you Kay for assisting us in this process.

Last December we had a few newsletters returned probably due to changed e-mail addresses. Remember to let us know if you change your address so we can continue to send you the newsletter.

A Farewell - He Will Be Missed

Marleen Armfield sent the obituary for Charles B. Armfield (1921-2008) which says he "was called home on Jan 17, 2008." Charles was the son of Charles M. and Bessi Armfield of Greeley, Colorado. If you would like a copy of his obituary, let us know.

A Poem For the Genealogist

Dear Ancestor

*Your tombstone stands among the rest; neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out on polished, marbled stone.
It reaches out to all who care; it is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist; you died and I was born.*

*Yet each of us are cells of you in flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse entirely not our own.
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled one hundred years ago,
Spreads out among the ones you left who would have loved you so.*

*I wonder as you lived and loved; I wonder if you knew.
That someday I would find this spot, and come to visit you.*

Author Unknown

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