

# Armfield Family

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## Letter from the Editors

From the positive responses we have received for our first issue, it seems the readers are pleased with the newsletter and want to continue to receive it. There are currently 64 on the mailing list. In addition, nineteen were returned as undeliverable and only two people asked to be removed from the mailing list. If you know of someone who would like to be included, please ask them to write and we will add them. Do not hesitate to write us if you have something you would like to share, information to contribute, a comment, or a query to ask. It is your involvement that will make this newsletter successful in our attempt to put together an accurate family history.

Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed to open the newsletter. If you do not have it, you may go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> and download the latest version. This is a free download. For those of you who are unable or choose not to do this, I can send you the text version of the newsletter.

Connie and Joyce

## Armfields in Virginia

We thought we would continue with our look at the Armfields in Virginia in the 1600's. Our source of information comes from Nell Marion Nugent's, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1800, Vol. 1, 2, & 3, Richmond {VA}: Dietz Printing Co., 1934 and reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1983 and The Records of Colonial Gloucester County, Virginia; Descriptions Of Lands Patented Within The Present Boundaries Of Gloucester And Mathews Counties, Virginia, Abstracted from the Land Patent Books in the Land Office, Richmond, Va.*

Wm. ARMFEILD was in Virginia in 1657. He was one of 44 persons listed as being transported into VA by Gervase Dodson. Gervase Dodson received 5200 acres in Westmoreland Co., 16 Sept. 1657, (Patent Book No. 4, page 373).

blank ARMEFEILD, was given "400 acres in Gloucester Co., 24 Nov. 1663, beginning at John Greens corner tree by Mr. Pates Swamp, running W. By N. & by land of Mr. Peter Knight. Granted to Thomas Curles 28 Apr. 1659, by him sold to Mr. John Pate, who assigned to sd. Armefeild." (Patent Book No. 4, page 470)

ARMFIELD, Wm. "Mr. Rich. Dudley 944 acs. Gloster Co., upon branches of Poropotank Cr., 28 Oct. 1665, p. 172. Adj. Mr. John Green by Mr. Pate's Sw., along Mr. Peter Knight, by Spence's lyne to Parradise Path, to Chiscaille Path, to Mr. John Pate, & c. 400 acs. granted

Wm. Armfield 24 Nov. 1663, purchased by Mr. Pate who assigned to sd. Dudley; 544 acs for trans. of 11 Pers..." (Vol. 2, page 44)

There was a Leddy Armefillde in VA in 1706. (Vol. 3, page 108)

ARMEFEILD, Lydia, "John Sadler, Citizen & Grocer of London, & Rev. Joseph Richardson, Clerk, Husband of Ellinor Richardson, Execs. of Thomas Quiny, Brewer, late of London; 2208 acs. (O.L.) called Merchants Hope, in Pr. George Co; on James River; & Powel's Creek; 28 Apr. 1711, p. 40. 1850 cas. part due them by several purchases; 358 cas. being surplus land & due in right of sd. purchases for which the rights mentioned below are entered. Imp. Of 8 pers: Lydia Armefield..." (Vol. 3, page 121)

### INTERESTING TIDBITS

Randy and Margaret Currie are Ballenger family researchers who have done research in VA. They shared that "Imp." in the above context means Importation; i.e., the persons granted the patent had imported those people into the colony in VA. Under the head right system, each person transported qualified whoever paid their passage to secure 50 acres of land. In this case, the head rights were used for additional acreage. The head right system was gradually replaced by out right purchase.

In a history of the first eight colonies of Virginia, it talked about the London Company after 1610 offering potential investors flexibility in creating new settlements in VA. 'Shiploads of settlers were sent to VA to create largely self-sufficient "hundreds". The name reflected the anticipated number of new settlers required to establish a permanent community.'

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From; *A Brief History of the Quakers In England And Virginia and The Hargrave Family 1634-1939* by Harry S. Hargrave of Los Angeles, CA, printed by W.J. Dankers Co., 1991 and found in a database on Ancestry.com.

"While Virginia was settled by the English in May of 1607, we have no record of Quaker activity until 1656, when Elizabeth Harris came from London. Extravagant stories had preceded their coming and in 1660 Virginia enacted a law providing a fine of one hundred pounds sterling for any master or owner of a ship bringing a Quaker to Virginia. They were ordered not to hold meeting and fines for the first, second and third offences ranged from fifty to five hundred pounds of tobacco."

### QUERIES

From Judy H. we have; Do you have any information on Hamilton Armfield b. 1804 in NC and d. bet. 1860-1870 in Guilford Co., NC? He married Thankful Short 2 Feb 1832 in Rockingham, NC. [Hague@uci.net](mailto:Hague@uci.net)

John W. is researching John J. Armfield who was a mechanic and gunsmith in Deep Creek, NC and was captured by the Union Army in April 1865 and died at the Pt. Lookout Prisoner of War Camp in June. Specifically he is looking for original letters John J. wrote at that time. He believes they exist somewhere around Greensboro, NC. [Jwethe951@aol.com](mailto:Jwethe951@aol.com)