

### Note From the Editors

In this volume we will finish highlighting the documents Joyce transcribed on Jonathan Armfield (1774 – 1801) youngest son of William Armfield Sr. and Jane/Jean Hamilton. We would like to do something on the wives, daughters and sisters of these Armfield men, but have very little information on them. If any of our readers have done research on a particular female line, please consider submitting it for a future newsletter. Maybe some of you would be interested in pursuing one of these women in order to shed some light on their life and history. The lives of these women could not have been easy. There is a saying that behind every successful man is a woman. To take it one step further behind every man, successful or not, are women. As we would like to take a look at the females in our Armfield tree, we have included in this issue an interesting discussion of Mitochondrial DNA by Jim Bartlett. *Connie & Joyce*

### JONATHAN ARMFIELD ESTATE SETTLEMENT: 1813

North Carolina, Guilford County. Guilford County Estate Records. Image copy. Transcribed by Joyce Agerton, 2009.

*William Armfield  
& Others ~  
VS  
Solomon Armfield Executor  
of Jonathan Armfield Decd.  
[Award ?]  
filed Feb: Term 1813:*

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*State of North Carolina}  
Guilford County} Feb*

*The Case of William Armfield and Others against Solomon Armfield Executor of the last Will of Jonathan Armfield deceased having been submitted from Arbitrament and Award. We have taken the Same under Consideration. In our enquiries we have been much aided by the very Satisfactory Report heretofore made sundry fammillers of the Court who have\_\_\_[?] upon the Account. We have looked into all the Papers and Vouchers and Altho Several Persons who claim an Interest in the estate of Jonathan Armfield decd, are not before the Court upon this Petition yet in support it may be agreeable within to hear our views of the whole Case, we have therefore made out and accertained in the best way in our power the Interest of each Person entitled to any Share of the estate of Jonathan Armfield decd, in the hands of the Executor.*

The widow does not claim under the Will. She having dissented therefore took her dower in the Real estate and her third of the Personal property. Her Interest in the real estate was by her released to the Executor and all the land devised to be sold \_\_\_\_\_[?] held [?] By her for the benefit of the Legatee Jonathan Standly & the next of kin of the Testator.

We find that a Surplus of £2185:0:0 remained in the hands of the executor after Payments of Debts, funeral expenses, charges of Administration, Commissions fees. Of this Sum £885:15:0 arose from the sales of the lands: To £1300. the Residue is to be added £125 paid to the widow for her right of Dower and credited to the Executor in his Account Current that in way ascertain the true amount of the personal estate, of which the Widow is entitled to a third those Sums make £1425 - 1/3d of this Sum is £475: which we find to be the distribution Share of the Widow, of the Personal estate

We find that the Testator Jonathan Armfield directed all the Residue of his estate except a tract of land devised to his brother Solomon after Payment of Debt \_\_\_\_\_[?] to be put to Interest for Seven Years for the benefit of the Legatee Jonathan Standly - And as the Purchase of the Widow's Right of Dower was to encare? to the benefit of the next of kin alone and not to that of the aforesaid Legatee, we find that the Residue of the estate upon which the Said Legatee Jonathan Armfield is to receive Interest is £1685 -. And that the Interest upon this Sum for Seven Years is £707:14:0 to this Sum is to be added £100. of Principal, making in all £807:14:0 which we find became due and payable to the Guardian of the Said Jonathan on the 15th day of May A.D. 1810 -

We find that after the Widow's Share and the Legacy to Jonathan Standly, now called Jonathan Armfield are deducted from the aforesaid Surplus in the hand of the Executor and Such Interest charged against the Executor as we think he probably received upon Debts due at the death of his Testator, There Remained £1670 in the hands of the Executor for Distribution Among the next of Kin upon this Sum we have charged Interest for two years making in all principal & Interest £1870:4:0.

We find that Jonathan Armfield left five Brothers and two Sisters: that therefore the said sum of £1870:4:0 is to be divided into Seven equal Parts, to Wit. To

William Armfield-----	£ 267:3:5
Nathan Armfield -----	267:3:5
Solomon Armfield-----	267:3:5
Joseph Armfield-----	267:3:5
David Armfield-----	267:3:5

Jacob Brown & Mary his wife---	267:3:5
Wm. Fields & Nancy his wife---	267:3:5 — £1870:4:0

As the Settlement of this estate has been attended with much trouble and as it is to the Interest of all that it be clearly and amicably Settled so that no future disputes may arise among the Claimants, we are of Opinion that the Costs of their Petition & Reference Should be paid by all the next of kin in equal proportions, except the clks., Sheriff fees which are to be paid by the Defendant Solomon Armfield - We charge fifteen Pounds for making this Settlement & award - We do therefore award that the Defendant Solomon Armfield do pay to

William Armfield-----	£ 265:
Nathan Armfield-----	265:
Joseph Armfield-----	265:
David Armfield-----	265:
Jacob Brown & Mary his Wife---	265:
Wm Fields & Nancy his Wife----	265: <u>£1590</u>

immediately: And that he pay the Clks & Sheriff's fees due on this Case - & upon making payment of the said distributives Shares, we do award that each of the Distributives aforesaid Shall execute to him a Receipt for the same on Account of the estate of Jonathan Armfield deceased ~

Witness Our hand & Seals This 19th February 1813.

A.D. Murphey (Seal)  
Thomas Little (Seal)

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By Consent of all Parties concerned in the Petition mentioned in the within Award, We have thought proper to Amend the Same and instead of £ 265: we do award that the Executor Solomon Armfield pay to each of the Petitioners the Sum of £ 263:2:6 and that Receipt be given as within awarded--

Witness Our hands & Seals this 20th May 1813

A.D. Murphey (Seal)

Thos. Little (Seal)

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### MITOCHONDRIAL DNA

Jim Bartlett and Bob Bartley founded the BARTLETT- DNA Project in 2002 after they became convinced that John BARTLEY was the son of Thomas BARTLETT c1705-1783 of Richmond Co, VA - matching DNA proved their thesis. Thank-you Jim for submitting this interesting article. Jim teaches DNA to genealogy groups in DC, MD, VA and WV and usually at the DC and Baltimore LDS Family History Centers. Next month we will publish his second piece on the new FTDNA Family Finder DNA Test.

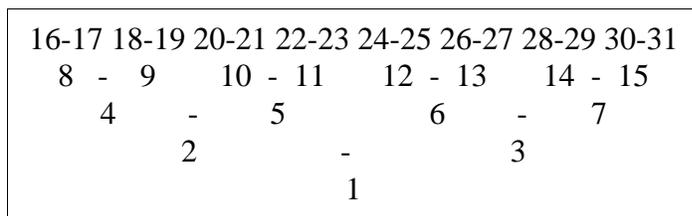
Using Mitochondrial DNA in Genealogical Research  
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 June 2010

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA for short) is passed from a mother to her children. Although men have this mtDNA (from their mothers), they cannot pass it on to their children. The mtDNA is passed along for many, many generations without change. Memorize these three sentences - they are the bedrock of using mtDNA in genealogy.

The result of your mtDNA test will be several "codes". Each code merely represents a specific location on your mtDNA where it is different from a "standard" mtDNA. There are 3 mtDNA tests: Basic - tests a small, but key, portion of your mtDNA and costs about \$100; the Plus - tests some more of your mtDNA and costs about \$150; and the Full Genome Sequence (FGS or Full) tests all 16,500 locations in your mtDNA and costs about \$300. Note that when you order a DNA test from [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com) (FTDNA), they send you a kit with instructions, sticks, vials, and a return envelope - you rub a stick on the inside of your cheek (similar to brushing your teeth), put the tip in a vial, repeat on other cheek, put the vials in the return envelope, and mail it!

My Basic test result is: 16126C; 16137G, 16294T, 16296T, 16304C, and 16519C. If you get this same result, please email me quick - we are related! We might be related within a genealogical timeframe (say within the past 400 years); but the problem is we'd usually be related 1,000 years ago (long before most genealogical records) - but we are related!!

So as a practical matter, how can you use mtDNA in your genealogy? For the explanation it helps to think of your ancestral tree back say four generations, when you had 16 great, great grandparents. Let's number this chart like an Anentafel Chart. See the chart below.



Now, there are two ways to use mtDNA in genealogy: bottom-up and top-down.

1. Bottom-up: You get your own mtDNA tested. You are #1 in the chart. The result would be the same as if you had tested your mother (#3); her mother (#7); her mother (#15); and her mother (#31). You then look for an mtDNA match. I call it the mtDNA-in-a-haystack conundrum, because there is no good way to find a match that helps you. Granted, FTDNA will send you an email, identifying everyone who tests with them who is a match with you. Also you can enter your results at [www.mitosearch.org](http://www.mitosearch.org) and hope a distant cousin also did an mtDNA test and entered their results at mitosearch. If you get a match at either place, it might be a close cousin within a genealogical timeframe (congratulations you're very lucky), or, more likely, it will be a very distant cousin, and neither of you recognize any of the names in each other's maternal lines.

2. Top-down: You can start with any female ancestor - let's use #23 in the chart above. Determine her daughters - let's label two of them A and B. Determine who daughter A married, and then determine all of her daughters. Determine who all of these daughters married and then their daughters. You may have to repeat this for several generations. **The objective is to find a living son or daughter of an otherwise all-female line back to a Matriarch (in this case #23) to take the mtDNA test.** Read the previous sentence again; understand and memorize it. If your genealogy is correct (and there is no adoption, infidelity, etc.), then this mtDNA is the same as your #23 ancestor!

Now, repeat this process with #23's daughter B. If the mtDNA matches that of daughter A, then you know there was no adoption, infidelity, etc., AND the genealogy research has to be correct.

This research is harder to do than surname research, because every single female, in every generation, gets a new surname. But that's what genealogists do - track down descendants!

Knowing the mtDNA of ancestor #23 also means you know the mtDNA of her mother, and her mother's mother, etc. AND you know the mtDNA of all of their daughters, and their daughter's daughters, etc., even if you don't know the names of these women. So now if you find matching mtDNA, and can't place it in ancestor #23's family, you'll want to see if that mtDNA came from a line that was near ancestor #23's birth date and place.

Using this "top-down" process, you are in control. You will have a much better chance of finding an mtDNA match, because you are finding that match. Yes, it takes a lot of your hard work, but you'll find a lot of new cousins along the way. I view it as a challenge project. I know I can work on it, research it; I know I can use my genealogy research skills to find descendants. With the "bottom-up" process, you are at the mercy of someone else creating a match for you; you're checking your email every day, hoping for a message with a close match. I'd rather be researching!

If you've done your own mtDNA (bottom-up), you can use the top-down approach on a different daughter of your earliest female ancestor. An mtDNA match would validate all your research. It would also insure you that other mtDNA matches that were close in time and location to your Matriarch would be worth investigating.

Note: Your father (or any of his living siblings) can be mtDNA tested - any one of them would have the same mtDNA as your ancestors #5, #11, #23, # 47, # 95, etc.

A word about your Deep Ancestry - In addition to providing the codes for you to find matches, your mtDNA result also gives you information about your deep ancestry - 5,000 to 50,000 years ago. FTDNA will evaluate your results, and tell you your mtDNA Haplogroup (your very broad part of all mankind - google it for more detail) - mine is T2b6. The first letter is the main branch of the tree of mankind. The "2" means it's a branch off of the "T" branch; the same with the "b", and the "6" is a smaller twig. Dr. Bryan Sykes wrote a book called "The Seven Daughters of Eve" in which he states that virtually all the women in England descend from one of seven females. He then describes each of these Clan Matriarchs and estimates where and when she lived. My Clan mother was Tara (starts

with a T like my Haplogroup), and she lived 17,000 years ago in the northwest of Italy among the hills of Tuscany, according to Dr. Sykes.

Soon the National Geographic Society will be reporting on their Genographic Project (Google it). They will have maps showing the migration routes of the earliest human beings based on their Haplogroups. Get your mtDNA tested now - learn your Haplogroup - and you'll be ready to trace the migration of your earliest ancestors on their maps. From the DNA in my saliva, I now know I also had ancestors in the Fertile Crescent 10,000 years ago; in the Balkans 5,000 years ago; in England by 400 AD and in the Virginia Colony by 1720.

A final note: When you test with a company like Family Tree DNA, they save the DNA for about 20 years. I got my father and uncle tested in 2004 - both passed away in 2006, but I still have their DNA on file, and have gotten more advanced tests run on their DNA. FTDNA has recently announced a DNA test that uses all of the DNA (not just the Y-DNA or the mtDNA), and it will allow matches on all your lines, not just paternal and maternal. It's called the Family Finder test. Who knows what type of testing will be developed in the next few years; who knows which of our relatives will be alive then. I'm glad I got some of my key relatives' DNA on file before they passed.

Please feel free to email me with any DNA questions you might have - I love this new genealogy tool! *Jim Bartlett*

### **Genealogical Networking**

Joyce and I are wondering if some of our readers might be interested in contacting others who are working on similar lines in order to collaborate and, hopefully, share their research with us? Our current thought is that you could contact either one of us providing your name, address, lines of interest and contact information. In order to protect your privacy, we would only connect you up with others researching your lines and who have given their permission to be contacted. Your queries are always welcome and will be published unless you ask us not to.

Along this same line of thought, in June, Diane Knight was wondering how many other readers were DAR or SAR members. We said we would publish those who have submitted papers for membership in one of these organizations and have been accepted. It would include the patriot and contact information so that any one else interested in pursuing membership or submitting a supplemental application, would have a contact who may be able to assist them.

In June, Susan Newman wrote; "Thanks for the Armfield newsletter! I know it has been with great effort, but we certainly appreciate your and other's work on it! I think that I mentioned pursuing DAR membership through William Sr. My mother, sister and I were all approved and received our number, 880986, in April. My DAR information and number are now on the National website. My line is through Julian, Joseph B. to patriot William Armfield Sr. I would be willing to assist others of this line for DAR membership." Susan is trying to determine where William was buried. She is coming up with conflicting information between New Garden Friends and Walnut Grove Primitive Baptist Cemeteries, both in Guilford County. She has contacted the local Guilford County DAR chapter about having a marker

from DAR placed at his gravesite when it is determined where he was buried.  
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Donna Railsback Braly sent in a DAR supplement applicaton going through the lines of Hadley Brown to Moses Brown to Jacob Brown married to Mary Armfield the daughter of William Armfield, Sr. In November she received word that her supplement had been approved, supplement #A999. Also approved was the CAR application of Kian Braly #154134, her grandson. You may contact Donna Railsback Braly at [ndbraly@pacbell.net](mailto:ndbraly@pacbell.net)

### Comments & Contributions

Susan Newman made a trip last Memorial Day weekend to the Round Mound cemetery in Atchison County where her ancestors are buried. She wrote; "We decorated the graves of Sarah and Hannah Armfield with beautiful flowers! My father is quite the horticulturist of roses and peonies. My mother recalls a story of Round Mound Cemetery in the mid 30's of decorating graves. Many family members were in their model T and drove up the hill. They had to manually mow the cemetery then as only the families took care of the cemetery. A big thunderstorm blew over as they quickly drove down to avoid heavy rain and lightening. My grandfather, Claude Julian Speck waded through water to determine the depth and exact course of the road going across a small bridge with no rails as the water from the down pour was quickly flooding the low lying area. Another farmer was trying to get control of a team of horses in an adjacent field. They were spooked by the near lightening. My grandfather was unable to assist him because of their own predicament with the car and passengers. For a little girl of 6 or 7 it was quite an outing! I am so glad my parents share these unique stories with me." Claude died in 1989.



*The two women are, left to right, Hannah Rich (Iddings) Armfield and Sarah E. (Armfield) Speck. The location was at their home in Atchison County, KS circa 1895. Hannah's biography submitted by Virginia Speck Marshall, Susan's mother was published in the Guilford Genealogist, Spring 1982, Vol 9 No. 3. Susan believes it was also published through the Iddings Association.*

### Gone But Not Forgotten

**Ruth Adelia Vaughan Armfield**, was born 16 Jan 1927 in Mitchell, Wheeler, Oregon to John Matthew Vaughan and Gladys Henrietta Traver. She married Douglas Raymond Armfield 1 Mar 1946 in John Day, OR. Douglas was the son of Ithamer Grant Armfield and Julia Worley. Ruth died 24 Sep 2010 in Estacada, Clackamas, OR and was predeceased by Douglas who died 9 May 2010. Both are interred in the IOOF Cemetery in Fossil, Wheeler, OR. They were married 63 years and were the parents of five children, three surviving: Elaine, Diane and Roger, 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Diane wrote that her mother was very active in genealogical research for her Vaughan/Traver and Armfield family trees as well as assisting others in their research. She volunteered for many years at the Portland Genealogical Library. Ruth was also a member of the Guilford County Genealogy Society, the Wheeler County and Multnomah County Genealogical Societies

and The Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc. She compiled and published two genealogy booklets from her research entitled; "Records of Wheeler County Oregon - Marriages of Wheeler County 1899 through 1920" and "Records of Wheeler County Oregon 1900 and 1910 Census (pre-online information days). Ruth

Both were published in 1991 by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc. helped compile and look up information for an unknown number of people and re-photographed old pictures for people in her home.

*Submitted by Diane Armfield Austin*



**“Robert Ennis Armfield**, aka "Bicycle Bob", was born 25 Dec 1925 in Madison, Wisconsin. The son of Harold and Marcella Armfield, brother to Jeanne Clougherty and husband to Kathleen Emily (McMahon) Armfield. Bob was known for dodging more than a few medical bullets over recent years. Sadly, after a 2 1/2 month struggle to recover from emergency surgery for a strangulated hernia, Bob quietly passed away at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Pacific Palisades in the early morning hours of Nov 17, his daughter Kristin by his side. Even through those challenging final months, Bob's personality shined through, flirting with the nurses (while intubated) and popping open a can of beer in the ICU.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a Bachelors degree in Economics, Bob eventually headed west to the Pacific. A WWII navy veteran, Bob was most comfortable in solitary pursuits and whiling away the hours doing simple everyday things...drinking copious cups of coffee while reading the paper at the Uptown Cafe; riding the street car, bus or his own bike around town; doing yard work (followed by a cold Pabst Blue Ribbon); making his weekly run to the 99 Cent store with his son Eric; taking road trips to the foothills in his old pick up with his dog Alf; and for reasons only known to him, calling his daughter and granddaughter George.

As an engineer at Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Robert enjoyed a lifelong career with Ma Bell, working his way up from the snowy roads of Wisconsin to the City By The Bay where he collected many fond memories. While in San Francisco, he met the woman who would become his wife, a beautiful RN from Ontario, Canada, Kathleen Emily McMahon. After their courtship in the city, the couple married and found themselves in Ukiah, happily expecting their first born, a baby boy named Eric. The new family eventually settled in Sacramento, adding a new baby girl, Kristin, to their story.

Wherever he hung his hat, Bob was known for his quirky smile and some might say equally quirky personality. Although not the most social of fellows, Bob was actually quite funny and charming once you got to the know the man behind the bicycle. Just ask anyone at the Uptown Cafe, Little Joe's, the Stoney Inn or around the tree lined streets of Woodlake. Frugal in every way, Bob still enjoyed an extended vacation when given the opportunity -- taking his family on interesting journeys to budget-friendly, out of the way locales for weeks at a time - from travelling by unairconditioned car into deep Mexico to renting a remote house in Kauai or setting up camp along the Oregon Coast. No Disneyland for this family, but the adventures were just as memorable. A loving father and grandfather, although not always in words or outward affection, his love came in the form of home cooked meals and,

later in life, supporting his children and grandchildren in their academic pursuits and other dreams.

Bob is survived by his children Eric and Kristin Armfield, daughter-in-law Karen Armfield, son-in-law Franklin Gelles, grandchildren Meghan and Stephan Armfield, his unofficial cat "Cat" along with an array of family dogs, cats, and other loving menagerie. A small memorial 'wake' will be held at The Uptown Cafe on Dec 4, 2010. Bob will then be interred at Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Forrest Hill, California alongside his wife Kathleen." *Submitted by Karen & Eric Armfield*

**Melody Armfield** wife of Daryl C. Armfield died on the 13 Nov 2010 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas and was interred on 18 November at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. Melody was born 11 Jul 1963. Daryl is down the line of Solomon Armfield (1800 - 1852). *Submitted by Joyce Agerton*

### **Family Search Indexing Project**

The Family Search Indexing project is looking for volunteers to index their billions of records and put them online - free of charge. It is fairly easy once you get the hang of it and a good thing to do when there is nothing on TV. You can choose what project you want to index. Here is the link to start indexing <http://indexing.familysearch.org/newuser/nuhome.jsf?3.6.2>

They originally said it would take 100 years to accomplish this, but now the estimate is 10 years. If you ever have used their microfilm you will understand that they have records from all over the world that they have microfilmed and what an unbelievable resource this will be. They already have a lot of the U. S. census data online. Any help appreciated. Lenora Mulock, [WIONEIDA-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:WIONEIDA-request@rootsweb.com)

### **Links**

Our website, <http://www.armfieldfamilynews.com/>, generated this posting from Elizabeth who found a book she thought we would be interested in; [African American Journey to Freedom in New York and Related Sites, 1823 - 1870](#) by Harry Bradshaw Matthews.

### **On The Road**

Ron & Marilyn Jennings were on the road again, this time to Pennsylvania. On their way home they stopped in Effingham County, Illinois and tracked down the grave site of Jane Iddings (1834-1865) daughter of Diane Armfield & Joseph Iddings and wife of William Brewster Cooper. More information about their trip and finds will come in a future newsletter. [rrmjennin@aol.com](mailto:rrmjennin@aol.com)

### **REMINDER:**

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