

Letter From the Editors

The focus of this issue will be the family of Jacob Armfield and his wife Ann Stephenson of Guilford County, NC and Madison and Wayne Counties of Indiana. The children (and their spouses) of Ann and Jacob were listed in the probate record of Nov 1850 filed in Madison County (refer to our Sep issue). Following is our synopsis of the lines of Jacob. Some lines need more thorough research. Many people have been researching Jacob and his family and have contributed a wealth of information over the years. If we have not acknowledged you, we do thank you for sharing your work with us. We welcome comments, contributions, corrections that any of our readers have. *Joyce & Connie*

The Children of Jacob and Ann Armfield

1) The oldest son of Jacob and Ann was **Hiram** born 9 Dec 1802 in Guilford County, NC. The date of his birth is based on his age at the time of his death on 31 May 1864. Inscribed on his headstone was his age of 61 yrs, 5 mos, 22 dys. Many older tombstones list age and date of death. The following link is to a tool we use to calculate birth dates from the age of death and the date of death inscribed on tombstones, found in death certificates or obituaries. <http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html>

Hiram married Jane Carmichael on 20 Jul 1826 in Guilford County. Source is The Patriot newspaper of "Wed. Aug 23, 1826 MARRIED, on Thursday, the 20th of July, MR. HIRAM ARMFIELD to MISS JANE CARMICHAEL." Their marriage bond was dated 19 Jul 1826 with Harmon Armfield as the bondsman and Jno. G. Hanner as the witness (North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868). Based on Jane's age at the time of her death, Jane was born 4 Jun 1806 in Guilford County, NC. We do not know who her parents were.

In 1830 the couple were residing in Guilford County. According to the research of Norvil Brown, Jacob and Ann relocated to Indiana around 1831; made a brief stop in Henry Co. and were in Madison County, IN before the 1840 census. Family information is that they were Quakers, but joined the Methodist Church in Indiana due to a lack of Quakers in that area. Hiram was counted in the 1840 census of Madison County, IN where he first purchased 40 acres on 26 Sep 1840 and farmed. Hiram purchased another 40 acres with an issue date of 10 Nov 1841 (U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907). Hiram and family were recorded in the 1850 and 1860 Pipe Creek Township, Madison Co., IN census. As far as we know Hiram and Jane had seven children: Mary Ann (c1827-1856), Wiseman (1829-1904), Eliza Jane (1832-1870), Matilda (1837-1912), Alfred (c1838-1861), Stephen "Stewart" (c1843-1884, Emsley (1845-1921).

Hiram died on 31 May 1864 in Elwood, Madison, IN and was buried in Madison Twp., Tipton Co., IN at the Mount Pleasant/Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Section 32. Jane was recorded in 1870 and 1880 Elwood, Madison Co., IN census. She died at the age of 79 yrs, 9 mos, 25 dys on the 29 Mar 1886 in Elwood and was buried in the City of Elwood

Cemetery, Row 35, Addition 8. Burial information contributed by Ron & Marilyn Jennings and Norvil Brown, family researchers.

2) **Alfred Armfield** was either born abt 1803 or 1811 in Guilford County, NC. He married Mary "Polly" Iddings on 13 Sep 1831 (North Carolina, Marriage Collection, 1741-2004, data base, ancestry). Mary was the daughter of Jonathan Iddings (1779-1840) and Phoebe Couch (1781-). Information on Mary Iddings comes from *The Iddings & Their Forebears*, Riverbend Publishing Company, Marion Kentucky, Volume 1, 1993, Part II, p. 34. Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, SLC, UT 84150, 929.273, Id2id. Raymond Iddings, family researcher, published the works *The Iddings Their Forebears* (two editions) which contains all the descendants of Richard Iddings & Margaret Charles, 2001.

Alfred and Mary may have had five children: Stephenson, Jacob (c1832-), Henry W (1833-1888), Ann (c1834-), John Wesley (c1841-). In the 1840 census only one son aged 5 thru 9 was recorded as living with them. In the Iddings family history written by Raymond Iddings, he noted that Jacob, Stephenson, Ann and Henry were Mary's stepchildren which would indicate Alfred had been married before he married Mary. We have not found any record of a previous marriage. If Alfred was born in 1803, he would have been 28 when he married Mary so he could have been married previously. If born in 1811 he would have been about 20 yrs of age. The births of four of his children occurred after their marriage date so this would indicate they were his and Mary's children. Stephenson Armfield has never been substantiated.

In 1840 Alfred was residing in Greensboro Twp, Henry Co., IN. In 1850 Mary and son John Wesley were residing in Henry Twp, Henry, IN with James and Sarah Waters, a farmer. Alfred had died c1844 in Greensboro, IN and may have been buried at the Greensboro Friends Cemetery in Henry County. There is a grave for Alfred Armfield born in 1811; died unknown; buried in the Greensboro Friends Cemetery (Findagrave.com). Church records recorded Alfred as a church trustee (Greensboro 19 Mar 1840 MEC (Greensboro) Johnathan Disbro, James W. Connely, Henry P. Kennard, Mathew Sanders and Alfred Armfield, trustees. 3 Jun 1842 MEC (Greensboro) Richard Henderson, Alfred Armfield, Joel Stephenson, James C. Crowley and Mathew Sanders were the trustees. After Alfred's death, Mary moved to Missouri and lived near her son Henry W Armfield. She was in Kansas City, MO in 1873 and in 1878 and 1880 residing near her son in St. Louis, MO. Mary died on 23 Jul 1881 in St. Louis (Missouri, Death Records, 1834-1910, ancestry) and buried in the Bellefontaine Cemetery.

3) **Diana Armfield** was born abt 1808 in Guilford County, NC. She married first to Joseph Iddings on 18 Aug 1831 (North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868, ancestry database) in Guilford County, NC. Bondsman was Harmon Armfield and witness was John Hanner. Joseph Iddings was born abt 1803 and it is believed he died before the 1850 census as Diana had remarried. In 1840 there was a Joseph Iddings living in Hendricks Co., IN with 2 males under 5 yrs, 1 male 5-10, and 1 male 30-40; 1 female in 5-10, 1 female 10-15 and 1 female 30-40. This family composition doesn't seem to match up well with the children we have for Diana and Joseph: Mariah (1832-1867), Jane (1833-1865), Jannett (1838-).

Diana Iddings married second Stephen Osborn on 1 Nov 1849 in Henry Co., IN (Indiana Marriages, 1802-1892, ancestry database). Another supporting marriage record was found

in "The Patriot Wed. Feb. 17, 1830 MARRIED, in Guilford, on Thursday week last, by DAVID EDWARDS, ESQ., MR. STEPHEN ORSMAN of Randolph to MISS JANE ARMFIELD of Guilford." In the 1850 Greensboro, Henry, IN census Mariah Iddings, Jane Iddings and Jeneth Iddings were living with Stephen and Diana.

Stephen Osborn was born 26 Oct 1808 in Randolph County, NC; died 26 Dec 1890 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa; son of William Osborne and Anna Macy. He had married first Jane Armfield, Diana's sister, on 4 Feb 1830 in Guilford County (NC Marriage Collection and Marriage Bond ancestry databases). They appear to have moved to Greene County, IN sometime after their marriage. After Jane's death and his remarriage to Diana, Stephen and Diana were living in Salem, Henry, Iowa in 1870. It is not known when or where she died, but before 1885 as Stephen was recorded in 1885 as widowed and living with his daughter Martha "Mattie" and her husband John Hartley in Des Moines. Stephen was buried in the Woodland Cemetery in Polk Co., IA (Iowa Graves Registration Survey, WPA, Polk County, Iowa).

4) **Jane Armfield** was born about 1811 in Guilford County, NC; died sometime after the birth of their last child in 1844. She married Stephen Osborn on 4 Feb 1830 in Guilford County. Based on census records Stephen and Jane had five known children: Letitia M (c1830-), Clarkson H (c1838-), Diana (c1839-), Martha A (1843-), Jane (c1844-).

5) **Tilman Armfield** was born 19 Feb 1812 in Guilford County, NC; died 22 Sep 1861 in Pipe Creek Twp, Madison, IN; buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Madison Township, Tipton, IN (Web: Indiana, Find A Grave Index, 1800-2011). Tilman married Mary Ann Pickering on 3 Jan 1839 in Henry Co., IN (Indiana Marriages to 1850, Ancestry database). Mary Ann was born 4 Jun 1820 in Flushing, Belmont, OH the daughter of Joshua Pickering and Nancy Brashears; died 30 Aug 1894 in Pipe Creek Twp, Madison, IN; buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Madison Twp, Tipton, IN. In 2004 and 2005 descendants and researchers Margaret and Randolph Currie and Norvil and Beverly Brown visited Pleasant Hill/Mount Pleasant Cemetery and took several pictures of the headstones. Tilman and Mary are buried in row 19, grave 17. Mount Pleasant/Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Section 32 is on the south side of County Road 550 south and west of State Highway 37. Their stone is due back of the cemetery sign and next to the fence and trees.

Tilman emigrated to Indiana about 1833 and first purchased 40 acres of land on 13 Jul 1836 in Madison County while a resident of Henry County. On 3 Sep 1836 Tilman sold this property to Alfred Armfield. On 5 Aug 1837 Tilman purchased 40 acres in Madison County where he was then residing. Tilman and Mary are recorded in several census records. In 1842 they were residing in Pipe Creek Township and Tilman's occupation was school teacher. In 1843 Tilman was a deputy county surveyor and teacher. Tilman's will was probated on 5 Oct 1864 in Madison Co., IN (Grantor Book 29, p 122, Mary Ann Armfield widow of Tilman Armfield). The children of Tilman and Mary as recorded in Madison County will/deed record book 14, p 159 were: James S (?-1860), Mary (?-1879), Angeline (1839-1920), Alcinda (1842-1919), Susan J (1843-), Phebe P (1845-1864), David R (1847-1848), Melissa (1849-1851), Tillman Orlando (1854-1927).

The following excerpt written about Tilman's son Dr. Tillman Orlando is from *Portrait and Biographical Record of Madison and Hamilton Counties, Indiana* published in 1898; "His

father, Tilmon Armfield, was born in North Carolina, July 19, 1812. He spent the days of early youth in his birthplace, and attended the primitive schools of his home district. From his youth trained into habits of industrious thrift he attained to his majority manly and self-reliant, and determined to try his fortunes in the broader fields of the northwest. At twenty-one years of age the father followed the tide of emigration to Indiana, then mostly a wilderness, and, a genuine pioneer citizen settled in Henry County, near Greensborough, and in that locality for the eight succeeding years taught in the log schoolhouses of those early days. In 1842 he removed to Pipe Creek Township, Madison County, and here continuing his duties as a teacher also engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits. He was likewise an adept in surveying, and a man of ambitious enterprise and executive ability, held with efficiency the position of Deputy County Surveyor, discharging with faithfulness his official duties up to the time of his death, a period of eighteen continuous years.

Tilmon Armfield passed away September 22, 1861, mourned by all who knew him as a friend, neighbor and citizen, and left as a bequest to his children the memory of his sterling integrity and upright career undimmed by dishonest word or deed. As an official of the county the father had surveyed the greater part of Madison County, then known as the Indian Reserve. He also laid out the original plats of the villages of Mooreston and Quincy, now Elwood, and participated actively in the promotion of various public enterprises of merit. The mother yet surviving, Mary A. (Pickering) Armfield, is a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Joshua Pickering, a native of South Easton, Ohio, where the maternal great-grandparents of our subject settled. Grandfather and Grandmother Pickering with their family emigrated to Indiana in 1832, and located in Henry County when their daughter Mary A. was about twelve years old. Now arrived at seventy-three years of age Mrs. Mary A. (Pickering) Armfield possesses a store of valuable reminiscences of the pioneer times, their sacrifices, privations and triumphs. Dr. Armfield, one of four children who with their cheerful presence brightened the home of the parents, remained upon the old homestead until twenty-one years of age, and assisting in the round of agricultural duties, also gained a good common education in the district schools of Pipe Creek Township.“

6) **Isaac “Ike” Armfield** was born Feb 1814 in Guilford County, NC; died 18 Jul 1886 in Grant Co., WI; buried on the 20 Jul 1886 in the Hill Crest Cemetery in Montfort, Grant, WI. Isaac was married twice. His first marriage was to Margaret Ann “Peggy” Riley on 14 May 1835 in Wayne Co., IN (Clerk of Court marriage license record, book B, p 440). Margaret was born 12 Jan 1813 in Franklin, Warren, OH; died sometime after Nov 1850 (not substantiated). She was the daughter of Nathan Riley and Ann Settle Ballenger. Isaac purchased land in Madison County on 16 Jan 1836 which he sold to Thomas Beeson on 10 Apr 1853 before moving to Wisconsin with his second wife Elizabeth Hannah Piatt. They were married 24 Dec 1851 in Hamilton Co., IN. Elizabeth was born 31 Jul 1828 in Canton, Hamilton, OH; died 27 Dec 1914 in Portland, Multnomah, OR; buried 29 Dec 1914 in the Rose City Cemetery in East Portland, Clackamas, OR. She was the daughter of Moses Piatt and Jane Smith. Isaac was farming in Highland, Iowa, WI in the 1860 census.

Children of Isaac and Margaret were: Thomas Cranor (1837-1911), Nancy Ann (1838-1885), John (1840-1920), Wesley (1842-1898), Mary Jane (1845-1884), Martha (1847-1906). The children of Isaac and Elizabeth were: Alfred (1854-1863), Orville Prescott Boyden (1857-1917), Samantha May (1859-1861), Tillman Monroe (1859-1934), Sara Ella (1866-), Florence (1869-1914). Many descendants of Isaac are living and are actively researching their respective lines. They have contributed much to our knowledge of this

family. Isaac's obituary which appeared in the Montfort, Wisconsin Monitor, July 22, 1886 read "On Sunday afternoon, July 18, Mr. Isaac Armfield, one of our most respected citizens, peacefully passed away. Mr. Armfield was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, in 1814, where he passed his first eighteen years of life. In company with his parents, he then immigrated to Indiana and subsequently to the State of Wisconsin, where he had resided for over thirty years. He was twice married and leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his loss. When but nineteen years of age, he united himself with the M. E. Church and has ever since been a faithful and conscientious member of the same. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning where a large concourse of people gathered at the M. E. Church, where Rev. J. Steele preached a very able sermon for the occasion."

7) **Susanna B "Susan" Armfield** was born abt 1816 in Guilford County, NC; died 25 Nov 1888 in Kokomo, Howard, IN. It should be noted that there are two Indiana death records for Susanna with a different death date and surname spelling; Crowley and Crawley. We currently believe it is the same person. Susan married James W Crowley on 18 Oct 1836 in Henry Co., IN (Indiana Marriages to 1850, ancestry database). They appear in the 1850 Greensboro and 1870 Kokomo, Indiana census records with no children. James was born abt 1811 in MD according to census records. In *Hazzard's History of Henry County, Indiana, 1822 - 1906*, Military Edition, Vol II, George Hazzard, Author and Publisher, New Castel, Indiana 1906, p 1009: James W Crowley was appointed associate judge for the term beginning 5 Jul 1843 to 5 Jul 1850. He was a merchant and postmaster in Greensboro from 1849 to 1853. Some time after 1853 he moved to Kokomo, IN. In the *History of Howard County, Indiana* by Jackson Morrow, Vol I, p 447, J. W. Crowley was involved in the building of the Methodist Church. In 1870 James was involved in the retail furniture business. We do not know when or where he died.

8) **Paris John Armfield** was born 5 Oct 1820 in Guilford County, NC; died 17 Aug 1878 in Powersville, Putnam, MO; buried in the Wyreka Cemetery in Putnam Co., MO. Researcher Marilyn and Ron Jennings visited this cemetery in 2005 and took pictures. Paris' headstone inscription reads; Died Aug 17, 1878 Aged 58 Y 10 M 12 D. Wyreka is a ghost town in York Twp, Putnam County. Paris married twice. On 8 Jul 1841 Paris married Rebecca Dollarhide in Henry County, IN (Indiana Marriages to 1850, ancestry database). Rebecca was the daughter of James Dollarhide and was born abt 1815 in NC. In 1860 Paris and Rebecca were residing in Burlington Twp, Des Moines, IA. Rebecca died abt 1864. Their children were: Reuben Edward (1841-1880), Caswell Henry (1845-1910), Joel B (c1846-1916), Sarah J (c1848-), Mary E (c1849-). On 16 Oct 1866 Paris married Sarah Ann Townsend in Chillicothe, Livingston, MO (Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002 ancestry database). Sarah daughter of Charles Robert Townsend and Mary Thomas was born 15 Jan 1842 in England; died 18 Mar 1928 in Edgar, Clay, Nebraska; buried in the Edgar Cemetery. Paris and Sarah's children were: Charles Paris (1867-1953), Sarah Ann (1869-1936), Diana (1872-1932), Shelly (1872-1872), Albert (1874-1890), Elmer (1874-1949), David Howry (1875-1945), Mary (1877-1947), Infant son (1877-1877).

9) **Elam Armfield** was born 25 Sep 1823 in Guilford County, NC; died 30 Aug 1875 in Henry County, IN; buried in the Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown, Henry, IN. Elam married twice. His first marriage was to Paulina Nelson (1833-1853) on 23 Mar 1851 in Madison County, IN. They had one daughter Mary Ellen (1852-1854). Elam then married Sarah Anne Brown (1828-1899), daughter of William and Sarah Brown on 10 Mar 1855. They had four children: Nora Alice (1856-1929), Henry (1858-1872), Eliza (1859-1867),

Rosa Nell (1866-1922). The couple were residing in Indiana when Elam enlisted as a Private in the Union Army, Company A, 57th Infantry. He was mustered out on 24 Jun 1862. Elam continued to reside in Knightstown until his death in 1875. Sarah moved to Ogden, IN after her husband's death where she died in 1899. She was buried in the City of Elwood Cemetery. Elam worked as a tollgate keeper and later was on a pension due to injuries suffered during the war. Information on this line has come from a variety of sources including a family Bible; *Journal of North Carolina Genealogy*, William Perry Johnson, Editor, Vol. 8, No. 4, December 1962, Number 32, pp. 1043,1069; research records and letters including some from Constance Barth, granddaughter of Orla Austin Armfield dated 1988 and contributed by Ron & Marilyn Jennings, researchers. Elam may have had another son John who died very young, as did Henry. Elam was in the Old Soldiers Home in Knightstown due to health problems. One story was that Elam was captured and held prisoner in the Andersonville prison, but no record of this has been found.

Family Lines & Queries

Marsha Toler descends from Hiram through his third child, Eliza J. Armfield, born in 1832 in Indiana. Eliza married Thomas Moore in Madison County, Indiana in 1852. This information was obtained from the research of her step-father, Norvil Brown, from his book *All These Kinfolks of Norvil L. and Beverly R. Brown*, Vol. I. Eliza was the mother of her 2nd great grandmother Martha Moore who first married James Patterson, the father of her great-grandmother Pearl Patterson who married Edward Parker Price. Martha Moore divorced James Patterson and married J. W. Hopkins. She has visited the graves of Martha Hopkins and Pearl Patterson Price as both are buried in Kansas City, KS at the Mount Hope Cemetery. Her oldest daughter, Meghan Noble Thomson and her husband, Kenneth, moved to Guilford County where Hiram had been born and lived. She worked for a while at Guilford College, a Quaker college in Greensboro. The athletic field there is named Armfield Athletic Field. mtoler754@aol.com Over the past several years Norvil and his wife Beverly have contributed a lot of information and media to add to our Armfield history.

Research in Indiana

Back in 2008 we communicated with Beth E. Oljace, Indiana Room Librarian, Anderson Public Library regarding records they had as we had found the 1850 warrant that referenced Jacob and his children. Beth wrote that "they don't have any additional records in the library basement, but there could be some things in the courthouse basement. They have several drawers of microfilms of county records, but due to a courthouse fire in 1880, most of the county's early records were destroyed. The recorder's office was located outside of the courthouse, which is why those records survived. If your Armfields were living in the area after 1880, there are probably related items there. If you're looking for early information, there are basically the land records, the county histories and the newspapers, which start in the 1850's and are few in number. The Indiana State Library has all the early newspaper microfilm that the Anderson Public Library has and they will loan it to your local public library (Anderson library doesn't loan microfilm). A list of the Madison County newspapers they have is available on their webpage." Beth relayed that doing pre-Civil War research there is very difficult.

Gone But Not Forgotten

Mrs. Laura Lucille Martin
Oak Grove, Louisiana

Born in Oak Grove, Louisiana on 5 Oct 1922
Departed on 4 Nov 2012 and resided in Oak Grove, LA.
Visitation & Service was Thursday, 8 Nov. 2012
Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Cox Funeral Home, Oak Grove, Louisiana

OAK GROVE, LA - Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Lucille Martin, age 90, of Oak Grove, Louisiana will be held at 2PM on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Cox Funeral Home Chapel in Oak Grove, Louisiana.

Reverend Mike Howard will officiate.

Interment will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Oak Grove, Louisiana.

"Mrs. Martin passed away on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at Autumn Care of Fayetteville in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her father, Mosie Author [sic]¹ Armfield; her mother, Mary Guice Armfield; 3 brothers, Henry Richard Armfield, Dillard Armfield, and Nathan Armfield, 4 sisters, Lula Kovac, Bessie Schrock, Ruby Mason and Josephine Robinson.

She is survived her son, Chester Owen Malone of Live Oak, Florida; son, James Hersel Martin of Fayetteville, North Carolina; daughter, Toni Lee Golson of Monroe, Louisiana; daughter, Gloria Dean Robertson of Arkansas; daughter, Alice Wilson of Tucson, Arizona; 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Pallbearers are: Marcus Robinson, Bobby Kovac, Delco Erskin, John Thomas Kovac, Kevin Ray Kovac and Willie Aaron. Family will receive friends Thursday, November 8, 2012 from noon until time of service at Cox Funeral Home in Oak Grove." Submitted by Pat Schrock, her niece.



ARMFIELD, Harry Sr.

Harry Armfield Sr., 85, of Marlborough, beloved husband of Barbara (Powell) Armfield died Monday March 19 at Marlborough Health Care. Born January 7, 1927 in Jersey City, NJ, he was the son of the late Robert A. and Carrie E. (Hurst) Armfield. Harry had lived in Marlborough for more than 40 years. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He had retired from The Hartford Insurance Company where he had worked as a Catastrophe Property Casualty Adjuster. He was a member of the East Hampton VFW, the Marlborough American Legion Post, and was a board member of Intercommunity Mental Health. Besides his wife he is survived by his two sons Anthony E. Armfield of Ludlow, MA, Harry Armfield Jr. of Rocky Hill, two daughters Chryl Lynn Tatum of Middletown, Sabrina Martin of Lithonia GA, six grandchildren Bruce Jr., Harry III, Bruce, Alana, Rebekah, and Lucas. He was predeceased by his son Bruce A. Armfield and a sister Edna M. Love.

Funeral services will be held Monday March 26 at 11 a.m. in the Spencer Funeral home 112 Main St. East Hampton with the Rev. Robert Faulhaber officiating. Burial will follow in the Connecticut State Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday morning from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the State Veteran's Home in Rocky Hill 287 West St. Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Published in The Hartford Courant on March 24, 2012

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