

Thank-you for the positive feedback and contributions you have made. We do plan to incorporate your information into future issues as it relates to the newsletter's topics. If there is something you would like to see us address, please let us know.

Some final thoughts on the Armfields in Virginia before we move on. After selling his 400 acres to John Pate in 1665, William disappears from any records we have found to date. A connection between this Wm. Armfield and our Armfield family has yet to be made. From Joyce Agerton's research, in the early land records that relate to William mention is made of a John Green that owns adjoining land. Could this John Green's descendants have gone to the Rowan/Guilford county area of NC? Greens were mentioned as witnesses to deeds, etc. and there are early marriages between Greens and Armfields in NC.

Other names that appear in conjunction with William in VA are Peter Knight and Piatt. The Knight surname appears in early Guilford County records. A family researcher wonders if there is a connection between her Piatt line and the early VA Armfields. They connect up later in Indiana. Piatt was spelled as Pyatt in a record she has.

We hope that researchers continue to take a look at Virginia records to learn more about these Armfields and their connection to our NC ancestors. We would like to hear your comments, thoughts, and research efforts.

Connie and Joyce

Armfields in Pennsylvania and North Carolina

In the Sketch of the Armfield Family as it appears in *The History of Guilford County, North Carolina* by Sallie W. Stockard, it is said that our ancestors arrived in Philadelphia in 1718 from England. They moved to Bucks County, PA where John Armfield bought a farm. About 1760, they went on an exploration expedition fo NC. In 1765, they left PA to settle in NC. It was written that three of John's daughters were married and remained in PA. To our knowledge no records have been found verifying these early Armfields in PA or for an original John in NC at that time. If someone has a record of a PA Armfield, please share it with us.

What we do have so far is;

According to William Wade Hinshaw's *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, Volume 1, NC Yearly Meeting of Friends, published in 1969 by the Genealogical Publishing Company, an Ann Armfield was received on certificate (roc) in 1752 as recorded in the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting minutes, Orange (now Alamance) County, NC. Cane Creek MM was established in October of 1751 and the original membership was scattered over a large territory. In paragraph four in this section it says, "Other persons who are mentioned in the minutes during the first eighteen months include the

following, some of whom were probably among the thirty families: Ann Armfield..." This puts an Armfield in North Carolina before the dates given in the Stockard account.

Southern Quakers and Slavery, A Study in Institutional History by Stephen B. Weeks, Ph.D, (University of NC and John Hopkins University) published by Bergman Publishers of NY, 1968 is interesting to read. In Chapter 1, he writes, "The influence of the Quakers in the settlement and growth of the Southern States has never been sufficiently recognized. They appeared in Virginia soon after their organization; they were in the Carolinas almost with the first settlers..." Later in the book in the chapter on the expansion in the eighteenth century is written, "The earliest of these meetings in North Carolina seems to have been that at Carver's Creek, in Bladen County. It was so named after the founder of the settlement, who removed from Pennsylvania. It was begun about 1740 and asked for a monthly meeting as early as 1743..." It broke up about 1797 with some of it's members joining MM in Guilford and Randolph. The records of this MM have been lost.

Cane Creek MM, in Alamance County was established in December of 1751 by the Eastern Quarterly Meeting. "There were some thirty families in the section, and some of the certificates presented were dated in 1748 and 1749, indicating that the settlement was of some standing...During the four years, 1751-54, sixty-eight certificates were presented to this monthly meeting; of this number twenty-eight came from various meetings in Pennsylvania; two came from Hopewell and six from Fairfax; seven from Camp Creek, Va; two from New Jersey; one from Falling Creek, N.C.; one from Gunpowder, Md.; and one from Ireland."

(From notes I made several years ago when I had viewed the book through an inter-library loan program.)

Ann Armfield was among these families. At present, we don't know where she came from, but hopefully someone may be able to track that down.

Ancestry.com's database for NC census, 1790-1890 has the following Armfields :

- 1755 Isaac Armfield and William Armfield, Rowan Co., NC
- 1759 Isaac Armfield and William Armfield, Rowan Co., NC
- 1760 Early Tax List Isaac Armfield, Isaac Jun Armfield, Thomas Armfield, William Armfield, Rowan Co., NC
- 1761 Isaac Sr. Armfield, William Armfield, Isaac Sen. Armfield (Early Tax List)
William Armfield (Early Tax List), Rowan Co., NC
- 1768 Isaac Armfield, Isaac Jr. Armfield, Thomas Armfield, William Armfield, Rowan Co., NC
- 1776 William Jail (?) Armfield , Halifax Co., NC
- 1782 Isaac Jun. Armfield, William Sen. Armfield, Guilford Co., NC

Review

Current records show an early William Armfield in Virginia in 1657. He disappears from records in 1665 after the sale of his land. There is a Leddy Armefillde in King & Queen Co., Va in 1706 and a Lydia Armeifeild in Prince George Co., VA in 1711 (Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol. 3). Our next record shows an Ann Armfield in NC in 1752. Many of these dates are before the time frame for Armfields in the Stockard sketch. If you have any records that would fit into this time frame, we would like to add them to a future newsletter.