

Note From the Editors

We are returning to our regular format of focusing on a particular Armfield family and providing transcriptions of research records we have collected. We have been working on the children of William Armfield, Sr. and Jane/Jean Hamilton. In this newsletter we will be covering Solomon Armfield who married Thankful Cummings. We also want to remind everyone about the Armfield DNA projects and hope you seriously consider helping all Armfield researchers unravel the Armfield family tree. Please contact any of us involved with the Armfield DNA projects with your questions and comments.

Connie & Joyce

Solomon Armfield

Solomon was born about 1767 and died 10 Dec 1832 in Guilford County, NC. The Patriot of Greensboro, NC reported on Saturday 26 Dec 1832 that Solomon Armfield died in Guilford County on the 10th, at the age of "about 65 years." Solomon married Thankfull Cummins on 28 Mar 1807 in Stokes County, NC. Their bondsman was Thomas Cummins and witness was E Shober. Thankfull Cummins was born about 1786 and died 30 Nov 1859 in Guilford County, NC. She was buried in the Old First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Greensboro, Guilford, NC. Thankful's name appears as Thankfull Cummins in records and as Thankfull on her headstone. We do not know where Solomon was buried.

The children currently believed to be Solomon and Thankful's are: Allen H (1808-), William Addison (1810-1879), Malinda, Alvira/Elvira (1812-1855), Calvin C. (1821-1910), and Ann Eliza Jane (1823-1907). In the estate papers below, five of these six children are listed.

The Children of Solomon & Thankful

Allen H. Armfield; All we know about Allen H is that he was alive in 1843 when his name was among those children listed in the Guilford County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, November Term 1843.

William Addison Armfield; William was born around 1810 in Guilford County, NC and died 13 May 1879 at the age of 69 in Madison County, IN of "Lung Fever" (Anderson Democrat Newspaper, 16 May 1879). He married Elizabeth G. Petty on 12 Jan 1837 in Guilford Co. In 1850 this family was residing in North Carolina, but sometime around 1857 they moved to Indiana. In the 1860 census the family is at Fall Creek, Madison, IN. Elizabeth and William had six children: Dr. John Dickey (1839-1913), Jesse C. (1842-), Solomon E. (1843-), Robert Allen (1847-1869), Margaret (1852-), Sarah Ellen (1857-1876). Margaret and Sarah are living with their parents in the 1870 census of Pipe Creek, Madison County. Sarah Ellen died 25 Oct 1876 not long after her marriage. We are speculating that William married a second time to Vienna McClure, but few substantive records have been located to conclusively support this. There is a newspaper reference to the marriage of Wm. A. Armfield to Viena McClure in a Madison County newspaper

dated 05 Dec 1873. From WPA records for Madison County is the record of the marriage of L. E(stella) Armfield, age 23, daughter of William A and Vina Kyger who married 11 Aug 1897 to James R. Burris. We recently found information that Vienna Armfield Bailey (1835-1922), Oliver A Armfield, son (1877-1922), and Estelle Armfield Burris, daughter (1874-1958) were buried in the Fogartyville Cemetery in Bradenton, FL. Marilyn and Ron Jennings made a trip to the cemetery and also to the local library where they located obituaries for Vienna and James Bailey and Estelle Burris. From the obituaries it appears that Vienna and her son Oliver moved to Florida sometime around 1911 probably to be near her daughter and son-in-law. It also appears she married W. K. Bailey in 1890 in Madison County, IN. An obituary for "Wessley K. Bailey" in Indiana was dated 30 Jul 1893. Vienna has been recorded with various surnames in records we have found: Vienna Kyger, McClure, Bailey, and Wells. She was buried as Vienna Armfield Bailey. If anyone has any information on this line, please let us know.

Malinda Armfield; Malinda was born about 1810 in Guilford County, NC and died sometime after 1880. She married Allen Bird Short 29 Nov 1827 in Guilford with Bondsman Arthur Sullivan and Witness John G Hanner. Between 1836 and 1844 the family moved to Missouri and in the 1850 census they were residing in District 31, Franklin, Missouri. Malinda and Allen had five children that we know of: Elizabeth Thankful (1834-), Solomon (1836-), Allen Albert (1844-), John Napoleon (1849-1910), Jordan (1849-). In the 1880 census Malinda was widowed and living with her son Jordan and his wife Caroline in Central, Franklin, Missouri.

Elvira/Alvira Armfield; Alvira was born about 1812 in Guilford County, NC and died the 23 Jun 1855 at the age of 43 in Guilford. In the 1850 census of Guilford County, Elvira was living with her mother Thankful in the home of her sister Ann Eliza Jane Armfield Kirkman. She was buried by her mother in the Old First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Greensboro.

Calvin Cummings/Cummins Armfield; Calvin C was born 14 Feb 1821 in Guilford County and died 29 May 1910 in Greentown, Howard, Indiana. He married first Penninah Elizabeth Albertson on 30 Nov 1846 in Guilford County (Her name has been spelled many different ways). Penninah was born 2 Apr 1828 in Perquimans County, NC and died 27 Apr 1880 in Greentown, Howard County. Calvin and Penninah were buried in the Lamb Cemetery in Howard County, IN. Calvin and Penninah had seven children: Robert, James A. (1847-1863), Mary Jane (1849-1876), Joseph William (1850-1923), Henry Patrick (1853-1907), Martha Elizabeth (1860-1905), John Calvin (1861-1914). On the 5 Aug 1880 in Howard County, Calvin married his second wife Ellen Gibson (Cynthia/Cinthia Ellen Fulwider). This was her second marriage. She lived until 3 Apr 1911 and was buried in the Lamb Cemetery. Calvin and Cynthia did not have children, however, she had two from her previous marriage to Samuel Gibson.

Ann Eliza Jane; Ann was born 1 Aug 1823 and died 7 Aug 1907 in Guilford County. She was buried in the Moriah United Methodist Church Cemetery in Greensboro, NC. On 1 Feb 1844 (bonddate) she married Andrew McGee Kirkman in Guilford County. According to census records, Ann Eliza Jane and Andrew's children were: John Calvin (1844-1917), Elvira C (1847-), James Allen (1849-1919), Alpheus A (1852-1916), William (1855-), David E (1858-1894), Roxana Alice (1863-), Rosanna J "Rosa" (1863-).

**SOLOMON & THANKFUL (Cummings) ARMFIELD
ESTATE PAPERS**

North Carolina, Guilford County. Guilford County Estate Records, 1778-1942. Image copy. Transcribed by Joyce Agerton, 2009.

<p>41 Thankfull Armfield</p> <p>Exparto Petition</p> <p>February Term 1833</p>	<p>James Millis Esq David McGibbony Jeremiah Field } Jonathan Short } Comss</p>
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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
 Guilford County } February Term 1833

To the Worshipful Justices of said County. The Petition of Thankfull Armfield, Widow [symbol] Humbly Complaining Showeth to your Worship that her late husband Solomon Armfield departed this life sometime in the month of [blank] in the year 1832 Intestate leaving your petitioner his widow him surviving and unprovided for. Your Petitioner therefore prays your worships to decree to her & family one years provisions out of the Estate of her deceased husband, and that your worships will appoint a justice & three freeholders to allote to her her years provision and such Articles as by law she is entillted to and your petitioner as is duly bound will we pray.

Thankfull Armfield

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
 Guilford County } Sessions Novr. Term 1843

To the Worshipful Justices of said Court The Petition of William A. Armfield , Calvin C. Armfield, Elvira Armfield & Eliza J Armfield by her Guardian ad litem John Logan - Exparte -

Your Petitioner Complaining Sheweth unto your worships that Solomon Armfield died in the year 1832, seized possessed of a Tract of land in the County containing 140 acres adjoining David McGibbony property That your Petitioner together with Malinda Short, Allen H. Armfield, whose undivided Shares in said Land has been purchased by One of your Petitioners viz William A. Armfield are the children of the said Solomon Armfield Deceased who died intestate, and therefore tenants in common in said Tract of land descended. Your Petitioner therefore

prays Your worships to appoint Five Freeholders as commissioners who after being duly sworn shall proceed to divide and appropriate the same according to law among the several Tenants in Common, and make return under their taxed Heads of their proceedings to the next Term of the Court, and your Petitioner as in duty [symbol].

J. E. Leach Sol
for Petitioner

[Jacket]	109 [crossed out] 101 Petition of William A Armfield & others for Partition of Land Exparte Jonathan Armfield } Emsley Armfield } Joseph Armfield, Sr. } Freeholders Christopher Hiatt } Nathan Hiatt } writ ___[?] [Signature?] Clk appointed Guardian ad litem for Eliza Jane Armfield J. E. L. atto
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This Case Coming on to be heard, It is ordered and decreed by the court that Jonathan Armfield, Emsley Armfield, Joseph Armfield Senior, Christopher Hiatt & Nathan Hiatt be appointed Commissioners to make partition of said Land according to the prayer of Petitioners.

State of North Carolina } Guilford County }	Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1843
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William A Armfield, Elvira, Calvin C Armfield & Eliza J Armfield by her Gua. ad litem. John M. Logan ~Exparte	} } } } }	petition for partition of Land of Solomon Armfield, Dec.
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To the Sheriff of Guilford County, Greeting

This Case Coming on to be heard on the reading of the petition, and the arguments of Council it is declared by the Court that the petitioners are ~~entitled~~ [crossed out] tenants in Common in a tract of Land in the County of Guilford Containing 140 Acres adjoining David McGibbony & others. The property of Solomon Armfield Decd. and it has who been shown to us that Malinda Short & Allen H. Armfield are also tenants in Common in said land and when divided shares in said land has been purchased by one of the petitioners Wm. A. Armfield all children of the aforesaid Solomon Armfield Decd.

It is therefore Ordered by the Court this the Sheriff of Said County to summons a Lawful Surveyor with Jonathan Armfield, Emsley Armfield, Joseph Armfield, Christopher Hiatt & Nathan Hiatt freeholders appointed Commissioners whose duty it shall be to Measure, plott divide Land allot to the petitioners as aforesaid nearly coequally in quantity and quality in Said land as above mentioned, that the Tax the more valuable divided or dividens with Such Sums or Sums of Money to be paid to the lot, or lots of infirm nature as to make all the lots equal that the Cause all Suitable Surveys and plots to be made and that they report their proceedings accompanied with their platte surveyors in writing under their hands & Seals to the next Term of this Court ~

Then fail not and how you [then?] and this writ.

Witness. John M. Logan, Clerck of our Said Court this 3rd Monday of November 1843. Spring T." December 1843

John M. Logan Sol.

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& others	.40
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Writ of Partition	2.50
of Land of	<u>.75</u>
Solomon Armfield	3.25
To February Term 1844	J.E.L. 4.00
Executed	J. Hill <u>1.80</u>
Report filed	9.05
J. J.? Doak Shff	TO. <u>1.20</u>
By Joab? Hiatt	10.25

North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter
Guilford County } Sessions Nov Term 1843

To the Worshipful Justices of said Court.

The petition of Thankful Armfield vs William A Armfield & others.

Your petitioner humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships that her late husband Solomon Armfield died in the year 1832 seized and possessed of a tract of land in the County containing 140 acres adjoining the lands of David McGibbony & others out of which you Petitioner is entitled to Dower. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Worships to issue a writ to the Sheriff of this county commanding him to summon a Jury of twelve freeholders entirely disconnected with the parties who upon oath shall set off and allot to your Petitioner one third part of said Land and premises including the Mansion House and put her in possession of the same and make return of these proceedings according to law, at the next term of this Court. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

J. E. Leach Sol
for Petitioner

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The citation of
Thankful Armfield
vs
William A Armfield
& others
For Dower
[line crossed out]
Nov Term 1843
J. E. L atto
[Signature]

This case Coming on to be heard it is ordered & decreed by the Court that the writ of Dower issue to the Sheriff according to the prayer of the Petitioner that the Deft acknowledge notice, and John M. Logan is appointed Guardian to Eliza Jane Armfield a minor also acknowledges notice.

State of North Carolina } J. J. Doak shff of said
Guilford County } County in percuent to an
order made by your worships at November Term attend with Jesse Wheler

Surveyor on the following Jury. John Russell, James Woody, Nathan Coffin, Joseph Edwards, Alfred Edwards, Durvey Tiller, Noah Fisher, Johnathan Couch, Thomas Edwards, George Trotter, Jeremiah Walker, John McKnight at the house of the late Solomon Armfield dec on the 9th day of February 1844 to lay of allot to his wife Thankful Armfield her dower in Said lands as follows beginning at a Post oak the south west corner of the land owned by the sd Solomon Armfield deceased running north sicity two poles to a stake in the road on the north side of the buffalo creek thence east forty poles to an ash thence north twenty poles to a stone thence west forty sise poles to a stake thence south eighty two poles to sweet gum on Howel Iddings line thence west eighty sise poles to the beginning containing thirty nine acres more or less containing the mansion house wherein the sd Solomon Armfield dwelt nesit before and at the time of his death with the necessary offices and out houses there unto attached which being done we the aforesaid Freeholders, sheriff and surveyor did put the said Thankful Armfield in full possession given under our hand and Seals this February 9th 1844.

		Nathan Coffin (seal)
	Jeremiah Walker (seal)	John McKnight (seal)
Jesse Wheeler (seal)	Joseph Edwards (seal)	Thomas Edwards (seal)
Surveyor	George W. Trotter (seal)	John Russell (seal)
J. Doak Shff	Noah Fisher (seal)	James Woody (seal)
By Joab Hiatt D Shff	Alfred Edwards (seal)	Jonathan Couch (seal)
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yDNA Update From Rodney Williams

Rodney would like to remind everyone of his free-stay offer at the Strawberry Creek Inn which you can check out on line at <http://www.strawberrycreekinn.com> or write him at innkeeper@strawberrycreekinn.com We were hopeful that some of our readers would take advantage of his wonderful offer. So far this has not happened. More importantly, we need your help to stitch together the ARMFIELD family tree. Who knows? Maybe you can break down some of your own brick walls in the process by contributing your DNA to one of the ARMFIELD DNA projects.

Rodney checked ysearch <http://www.ysearch.org> and there doesn't appear to be any new Armfield testers. There are a couple of new matches that are pretty close with the names BURTON and EDWARDS. What he finds quite interesting are the testers' descriptions of the geographic origins of their earliest known paternal ancestors; the Lancashire/Cheshire, England area. This area keeps popping up in our research. The MATHERS (with whom he suspects we are also connected with a little farther back in time) are known to be from Lancashire. According to Ancestry.com, in the UK the ARMFIELD surname was found at the highest concentrations in 1891 in the general region of Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire counties; <http://www.ancestry.com/facts/Armfield-family-history-uk.ashx>. 1891 is the only year this analysis is available on Ancestry.com. It would be interesting to see the distribution at an earlier time before people spread out. Most references to the geographic origins of the first ARMFIELDs to arrive in the US mention 'Northern England'.

Perhaps the knowledge that DNA matches with ties to this more specific area are popping up will be helpful to some of your readers in narrowing down their research. It might also be interesting to find a genealogist who specializes in that area to see what insights they might have. Rodney did a quick internet search which yielded a link to the 'Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society' <http://www.lfhhs.org.uk/index.htm> and the 'Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society' <http://www.mlfhs.org.uk>. A search for 'Armfield Lancashire' turned up a famous soccer (excuse me, football!) player and commentator named Jimmy Armfield born in 1935, who was born in Lancashire.

At Family Tree DNA <http://www.familytreedna.com> there still appears to be one member of the ARMFIELD project, Rodney did come across another group with 143 members that might be of interest; the 'British Quakers DNA Project'; <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/britishquakers/default.aspx> ARMFIELD is not currently listed as one of the surnames of interest, but the group description states that your name does not have to be on the list of surnames in order to join. You only have to have known direct paternal or maternal ties to at least one Quaker of British descent. You can join multiple projects on Family Tree DNA. There are no new matches at Ancestry.com.

Census 2010

This quoted message was received by Joyce on 21 Jan 2010. It was reprinted with the permission from the author, Virginia L. Aldridge; *"This is the year our country will do a census of all the people living in your household. This is very important for you to fill out and mail back to our government. So please do not forget to fill out your census form and return it. However, before you return it make a copy of it and place it in your genealogy files. I made a copy of my 2000 census before returning it to the government. Your future generation genealogists will be thrilled to find in your files your 2010 census. Remember this census we will fill out this year will not be available for 72 years to the future generations for research. I only wish I had thought of this before 2000 and that I had a copy of all the census records I sent back. Please encourage all your family members to do the same."* Regards, Virginia L. Aldridge

Correction

JoAnn Pendley caught an error in our Dec 2009 (p. 4) issue regarding Joab Armfield. Matilda and Virtuous were sisters of Joab's, not his daughters. Thank-you JoAnn.

ArmfieldFamilyNews Website

Due to the generosity and hard work of Bruce Stenhjem, in concert with a web designer, the official website of the Armfield Family Newsletter was launched. If you are missing a copy of the newsletter, want to recopy an issue, etc., you can go to this site and download what you need. armfieldfamilynews.com or www.armfieldfamilynews.com

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