

Letter from the Editors

In this issue are transcribed the wills, probates, and estate settlements for the following Isaacs that have been highlighted in past newsletters: **Isaac Jr. [2]** will of 20 Dec 1784, no probate date; **Isaac Sr. [3]** will of 12 Jan 1841, probate of 1845, and estate settlement of 1846; **Isaac Jr. [4]** estate settlement 1908; **Isaac** estate settlement 1855. The transcriptions are as accurately represented as possible so all spelling, capitalization, and grammatical "errors" are included as presented in the documents. The documents can be found at the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh, CR 046, Guilford County. They are filed alphabetically by county and surname.

If you have any documents that pertain to the families we are featuring, please consider contributing for future use in a newsletter. Thanks to all of you who contacted us after the last newsletter. Your research help and comments are very much appreciated. The size and complexity of the Armfield family can be a little overwhelming at times. We do need your involvement to make this an Armfield family newsletter. *Joyce & Connie*

The Will of Isaac Armfield, Jr. [2] 1784

Whereas Isaac Armfield of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina well knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of Death and being weak in body but of a sound mind & memory do leave the following lines as my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I Recommend my Soul to the Lord and my body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as to my worldly Substance wherewith I am possessed of I leave Bequeath & Dispose of in the following manner.

Impremus It is my will that all my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be paid up and discharged in a reasonable manner time.

2ndly I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Armfield the plantation whereon I now live and all my Personal Estate Except such a part of the personal Estate as will pay my Just debts During the time that she Remains my widow.

3rdly I give to my Two Eldest Sons William Armfield and John Armfield my tract of Land whereon I Now live Containing two Hundred Acres to be Equally Divided between them at the Death or Marriage of my widow to them their Heirs and assigns for Ever.

4thly I give to my Daughter Sarah Armfield the first Colt that Shall Be folded from my Stock.

5thly I give to my Six Children named Sarah Armfield, Isaac Armfield, Ann Armfield, Joseph Armfield, Jacob Armfield & Elizabeth Armfield all the Remaining Part of my personal Estate at the Death or Marriage of my widow to be Equally Divided between them to their Heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I will and appoint my Beloved son William Armfield and my loving Brother William Armfield my whole and Sole Executors of this my last will & Testament Ratifying and allowing what ever they may Lawfully Cause to be done.

In witness where of I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Twelfth day of the Twelfth month in the year of one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty four.

*Signed and Sealed and Acknowledged to be his last will & testament in the presents of us
Enoch Macy Isaac Armfield (Seal)*

*William Armfield
Nathan Armfield”*

Isaac Armfield, Jr. [2] son of Isaac Armfield, Sr. [1] and unknown - a.k.a John.

**The Will of Isaac Armfield, Sr. [3] 1841
Probated 1845 & Estate Settlement 1846**

In the name of God Amen

I Isaac Armfield Senior of the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina being far advanced in life and knowing the certainty of Death and being desirous of making a disposition of my Earthly proceeds, do make publish and ordain this as my last will and testament.

Item 1st Into the hands of Almighty God I commit my Soul and to the earth my Body to be buried in a manner Suitable to the wishes of my Relatives.

Item 2nd I will and devise unto my Beloved wife Jane Armfield for and during her natural life the Dwelling where I now live together with the out Houses and a good and Sufficient support off my plantation - and one bed and furniture and one case of Drawers.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath unto my son Isaac Armfield JR. my plantation where I now live containing one Hundred and twenty three acres be the same more or less Subject to the Incumbrance mentioned on and in the 2nd item of this my will.

Item 4th I will and devise unto my Daughter Polly McClintock the Sum of five Dollars.

Item 5 I will and Devise unto my Daughter Jane Hendrix the sum of five Dollars in cash.

Item 6th I will that all the residue of my property be sold by my Executors and the proceeds Equally divided Between my five sons. To wit: Martin B., Mark, Harmon, Isaac & Jacob Armfield.

Item 7th I hereby constitute and appoint my son Isaac Armfield Executor to this my Last will and Testament to Execute the same according to the True intent & meaning of the Same hereby revoking all wills by me. heretofore made and ratifying this as my True will.

On February whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the 12 day Jany. A.D. 1841.

Isaac Armfield (Seal)

Witness
Job Worth
John Trotter Jurat

Will Probate – 1845

State of North Carolina} February Term
Guilford County} 1845

The Execution of the foregoing last will an Testament of Isaac Armfield Decd. proven in open Court by John Trotter one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto Ordered to be Registered. When and where came Isaac Armfield the Executor therein appointed into open Court and was duly qualified as Such.

Jest.
John M. Logan C.C.

Estate Settlement – 1846

State of N.C.} To the worshipfull
Guilford County} Court of please and
quarter seshing February term 1846 in obedience to an order of Nov. term 1845 we have settid with Isaac Armfield Endn of Isaac Armfield Decd. and find from the Clerks certifitet the Estate to be

~ ~ \$104.85

Vouchers

No. 1 Judgment paid as security for	\$ 63.50
No. 2 provin account by M. B. Armfield	24.50
No. 3 Lemon Recpt. for ten Dollars for Board	10.00
No. 4 Isaac Armfield's recpt for making coffin	6.00
No. 5 Ralph Garels Recpt for Counsel	5.00
No. 6 John Willsons Recpt for digging Grave	2.50
No. 7 Alfred Shorts Recpt for brining sale	1.00
Court Charges	<u>1.60</u>
Amount of Expendatures paid out	114.10
Amt. of the estate	<u>104.85</u>
Amt. paid by Executor more than amt of estate	\$ 9.25

We the undersigned examined the foregoing settlement and find it correct given under our hands & seals this 17 February 1846

J. N. Millis JP (seal)
Wm Galbreath (seal)

Book H, page 96, Isaac Armfield, Sr. [3] son of Isaac, Jr. [2] and Elizabeth Armfield.

ISAAC ARMFIELD Jr. [4] - 1908

Jr. Greenwood Comes appointed to sell the land of Isaac Armfield decd. Comes into Court & files the following as his final Settlement. To received from sale of land \$600.00 Credit as follows.

<i>Pd. Bill of cost on sale of land</i>	\$2.45	
<i>" J.b. Sparger Surveyor</i>	4.00	
<i>" Probate of deed</i>	.25	
<i>" one half cost on Judgment in case of Armfield & Short 'N Johnson</i>	4.62	
<i>Jr. Greenwood case fees</i>	12.00	
<i>Jr. Greenwood for time & expense in the proceeding to sell land</i>	8.00	
<i>Phone messages</i>	.75	
<i>Debt due Jr. Greenwood by Isaac Armfield</i>	12.00	
<i>To Int on same for 10 years</i>	7.20	
<i>W.l. Reece Atty</i>	10.00	
<i>W.w. Hampton (cfc?)</i>	.55	61.82
	<u>538.18</u>	
<i>To M.h. Armfield note</i>	<u>96.31</u>	
	634.49	

The above acct. to be divided into 5 shares which is \$126.89 M.D. Armfield having sold his share to J.F. Armfield, M.H. Armfield & Nancy A. Greenwood they are entitled to his part.

<i>Heirs of } J.B. Armfield is entitled to</i>	\$42.29 2/3>	
<i>Monroe } J.F. Armfield is entitled to</i>	42.29 2/3>	126.89
<i>Armfield } Lila Woodruff is entitled to</i>	42.29 2/3>	
<i>Nancy A. Greenwood is entitled to</i>	169.20	
<i>M.H. Armfield is entitled to</i>	169.20	
<i>Less his note due estate</i>	<u>96.31</u>	
<i>Bal due him</i>	72.89	

*Sarah Armfield widow of
J.F. Armfield is entitled to* 29.80

<i>Heirs of { J.J. Armfield is entitled to</i>	23.23 2/3>	
<i>{ E.M. Armfield " " "</i>	23.23 2/3>	
<i>{ E.G. Armfield " " "</i>	23.23 2/3>	
<i>{ C.h. Armfield " " "</i>	23.23 2/3>	169.20
<i>{ Ora V. Armfield " " "</i>	23.23 2/3>	
<i>{ R.b. Armfield " " "</i>	23.23 2/3>	

*J.R. GREENWOOD
Comr,*

*Approved Jany 25th 1908
D.O. HAMPTON
csc*

Book 2, page 289 Isaac Armfield Jr. [4] son of Isaac and Jane Armfield

ISAAC ARMFIELD – 1855

State of North Carolina}
 Guilford County}

To the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County
 August Term 1855

We Nathan Hiatt Justice of the Peace of said County and George Albright, Fm. Walker and John B. Houston Freeholders in obedience to the (annesseed?) order proceeded on the 28th day of June to view the estate of Isaac Armfield decd. and out of stock crop and provisions on hand we have laid off and allotted to Martha Armfield widow as follows that is to say all the wheat on hand supposed to be fifty bushels, all the oats on hand, ten head of hogs, all the corn that may be raised on the plantation, two calves for beef, there being not sufficient of the crop stock and provisions on hand to make a Comfortable provision for the said widow and family for one year, we assess the defecency to the sum of forty dollars to be paid to the widow by the administrator of Isaac Armfield decd one bed and it nessary furniture, and one wheel and cards as her absolute property, and put her in possions of the same.

Given under our hands and seals June the 28th 1855

Witness	George Albright (seal)
Nathan Hiatt (JP seal)	F.m. Walker (seal)
	J.B. Houston (seal)

List of Sale of Property of Isaac Armfield Dec. made by Wm. S. Gilmen, his admr. June 30th 1855.

Names	Articles	\$
Widow	3 planes	.25
"	1 axe	.35
"	2 Chisels	.30
"	Plane & Rasp	.40
"	1 Handsaw	.50
William Reece	2 saws	.10
Howard Otwell	2 Sythe Blades &	.31
Wat Ozment	25 Pane of Glass	.55
Do paid twenty cts	Can of Putty	.25
William Spain	Files - Oil can	.06
Do Do	1 Box of Locks	.60
Thos Jenkins	Clamps & Hammer	.25
Wm Spain	1 Lot of Lumber	.45
Jeremiah Field	1 Bureau	8.50
Leven Ozment, Jr.	1 Table	1.40
(Blank) Harvey	1 do small	1.50
Thos Jenkins	Lumber on Loft	.50

<i>Wat Ozment</i>	<i>1 Plow</i>	<i>.25</i>
<i>(Blank) Murphy</i>	<i>1 Tree Horse Plow</i>	<i>2.20</i>
<i>(Blank) Ozment</i>	<i>1 spike Harrow</i>	<i>2.20</i>
<i>Emsley Armfield</i>	<i>1 Waggon wheel</i>	<i>1.25</i>
<i>William Rankin</i>	<i>1 Ox wagon Frame</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>D. Griffin</i>	<i>1 Lot Maple plank</i>	<i>.75</i>
<i>Wm. Spain</i>	<i>1 Do Lumber</i>	<i>1.37</i>
<i>widow</i>	<i>1 lot Boards</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>Do</i>	<i>1 Cupboard</i>	<i>3.25</i>
<i>Gaston Gamble</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>	<i>1.75</i>
<i>widow</i>	<i>1 Lot cherry Plank</i>	<i>.10</i>
<i>Jno. Carslie</i>	<i>1 Bureau</i>	<i>5.40</i>
<i>Do Do</i>	<i>1 Table</i>	<i>.95</i>

Wm S. Gilmer Admr.

Isaac Armfield son of William Armfield (Sheriff Billy)

Queries and Family Lines

Joan Case wonders if anyone has seen information that would indicate Mary Jane Hamilton was the wife of William Armfield, Sr. and that her mother's name was Mary? bjcase10@comcast.net

Pam Scott's line is through Isaac's (s/o William Jr. 'Little Billy' Armfield) daughter Matilda who married Gilbert Edwards and moved to Indiana. Does anyone have information on Polly Armfield who married Anuel Edwards in 1850 in Guilford County? She suspects this may be Isaac's widow. Also researching this line through Joab (s/o Little Billy) is Suzanne and Mark Troemner. We will be receiving more information on this line from the family's researchers. pscott@aerotropic.com and troemner@presenter.com

Does anyone have information on a Caswell Armfield who married Elizabeth Jane McColgan in Burlington, Iowa on 1 Jan 1864? They had a son Harry born in September 1864 in Iowa. By 1868 Elizabeth and Harry were in Colorado and she was married to John Sparks. Contact Connie at cstenhjem@comcast.net

Pat Crockett is searching for information on Sarah Gustavus wife of Isaac Armfield son of John and Unknown Dunlap Armfield. She has been unable to locate her after the 1850 census for Copiah County, Mississippi. If anyone can tell her anything that may be helpful, she would like to hear from you. crockett18@earthlink.net

Joyce and I would like your ideas of who you think Sumners A. Armfield age 73 is in the 1880 census of Jamestown, Guilford, North Carolina? She is living with J. B. Armfield (Joseph B.) who is 95 years old and a widower.

Contributions and Comments

Frederic (Rick) Saunders contributed the following information regarding our reference to "Freemen" in the Chester County, PA tax lists (pp. 6,7 in the March 08 newsletter) where we found the references to an Isaac Armfield. Rick wrote that "freemen" were single (unmarried men) and were not men who did not own land. He

said that by locating when a person made the transition from the “freemen” tax list to the regular tax list, you can get an approximate time of his marriage. He sent a link for the Chester County tax lists including definitions and descriptions. The link is at <http://dsf.chesco.org/archives/site/default.asp> Rick says to enter “tax lists” in the search engine, to get abstracts for a number of years. The site does not include 1747, 1748, or 1749 tax lists. There are published books of Chester County deeds and Orphans Court probate minutes. There are also some Chester County (and the part now Delaware County) Quaker records that have been published, as well as microfilm copies of others. He suggests researchers look for Hinshaw’s Virginia Quaker records, as many Guilford County Quaker families spent some years in Virginia after leaving Pennsylvania and before arriving in North Carolina. He also suggested that the Chester County tax lists for 1747 - 1749 be examined.

Rick is quite familiar with these tax lists as he has been researching his Hoskins family of Guilford County for several years and has gone through the microfilm of the original Chester County tax lists. Thank you, Rick, for contributing this helpful information. We look forward to new discoveries of our Pennsylvania Armfield family and appreciate your help. To contact Rick, write him at fzsaund@ix.netcom.com

James Armfield Acree wrote that our last issue gave him clues as to where his middle name came from. John R. Acree moved from Bertie County, NC to Sumner County, TN in 1800. John Armfield died in Sumner County in 1833. His grandfather Amos Armfield Acree was the first relative to have the Armfield middle name. James was named after him. Amos was born in 1869 and was the grandson of John R. Acree. The John Armfield and John R. Acree families were possibly friends from NC and Sumner County days. The Armfield name lives on in James family through his youngest son Lt. Col Keith Armfield Acree, USAF and he wrote “and we’re proud of it”. Jimacree@bellsouth.net

Ron Jennings mother was Lauda (Newlin) Armfield. Algie Newlin, past history professor and interim president at Guilford College in Greensboro, published a Newlin family history that goes back to the Newlins in Concordville, PA. There is a picture of him on the college campus. Ron’s ancestor Nathaniel Newlin appeared in our last issue in the discoveries section. Nathaniel built a grist mill which is still standing in Concordville, PA. He and his wife Marilyn attended the 300th anniversary a couple of years ago. The stadium at Guilford College is named the Armfield Stadium. Rrmjennings@aol.com

Jo Ann Post Pendley sent the following information regarding H. G. Armfield (Dec 2007). In The Guilford Genealogist, Vol. 34, No. 4, Winter 2007, Issue No. 119, p. 11, “Note Card Files at the Greensboro Public Library” there is a listing for Armfield private school, H. G. Armfield, Patriot (11 Feb 1835). If you are interested in a copy of this item, you can write the Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street, Greensboro, NC. Phone 336.373.2471, Contact at the library is Arthur Erickson or you can contact Joyce who has all the back issues of the Guilford Genealogist and can send you a copy of this entry.

D. A. Short in response to our past mistake on the Jacobs wrote that she was told this by an elderly woman many years ago, “The person who makes no mistakes, does nothing” (Author Unknown)”. Thank you Anita. She has been busy researching the Robert Armfields in New Orleans, a very perplexing branch. If you have any

information on the New Orleans Armfields, please let her know.

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Susan Wilkens contributed more information on the children of Isaac Armfield [3]. She is connected to the Armfield line through the Hendrix/Hendricks family. Her ggggrandfather was Henry Hendrix/Hendricks, born abt 1763 and was in Guilford County, NC moving from Maryland by 1790. Harmon Armfield's daughter was Louisa Jane who married James Lockman. Her sister Polly was sometimes referred to as Mary. James Lockman was a brother to her great, great grandfather, Billy Lockman, and she has also done research on this line. Jane Armfield was born 24 Apr 1813. She married Wilson Hendrix on 12 Dec 1833 in Guilford County, NC. The marriage was witnessed by Isaac Armfield, Jr. Wilson died in 1859 in McNairy County, TN of typhoid fever. Jane also died in McNairy County, TN. They are buried at the Buena Vista Methodist Church Cemetery in McNairy County. She has a picture of Jane's tombstone. Thank you Susan. We appreciate your help.

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DNA Question

A question was submitted to Paula Hinkle and Doug Miller of the Southern California Genealogical Society.

Question: How many kinds of family DNA companies are there and how do they work?

Answer: There are five or six companies that do genealogical DNA testing. The SCGS project is using the Family Tree DNA Company as they have a large database which is important. They offer discounts to project participants and they were the first company to start this type of testing. Men inherit their Y chromosome from their fathers who got it from their fathers, etc all the way back to their earliest direct paternal ancestor. Men and women inherit their mtDNA chromosome from their mothers, who got it from their mothers, etc all the way back to the earliest direct maternal ancestor. It is important to define what your objective is in testing before you test. If we are looking for Armfields to match then we need to find a relative male Armfield to test. Doug does not believe the Armfield DNA project is off the ground yet. We do hope some of our male Armfield relatives will participate and get this project started. Doug sent the following link to the Family Tree DNA frequently asked questions site, www.familytreedna.com/faq.html

SUMMARY

In this issue we highlighted some of the Isaacs of our early Armfield family. In September, we will continue on to include Isaac the son of John who married Sarah Gustavus. Upon our request, we received information on this branch of the family from some of it's researchers and we want to thank you! If any of you have anything to add on the Isaacs, please share and submit information to us within the next couple of months.