

# ARMFIELD

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, Issue No. 1

SEPTEMBER, 2005

This has been a project that has been thought about, talked about, but had not materialized until now. Be it age or retirement or the ease of the internet, the time seems right to put it together. The goal is to provide a forum for family researchers that will aid us in our endeavor while tracing our roots.

The Armfield family is a large, complex, and varied family. They have been in this country for a long time. Although the internet has been extremely helpful and has linked up many descendants that otherwise might not have found each other, there is also much that is inaccurate. If we can work together to correct and authenticate our information, we will have accomplished a piece of work that our early ancestors would be proud of and so will we.

We seem to have a common beginning with the History of Guilford County, North Carolina by Sallie W. Stockard, published in 1902, "Sketch of the Armfield Family." It provides a good frame work to begin our research, but caution needs to be taken as to the accuracy of some of the data. A case in point is that Armfields were in the United States before 1718 as stated in the sketch. A William Armfield was granted 400 acres by John Green in 1663 in Gloucester County, Virginia. This appears in Land Office Patents #5, 1661-1666, V. 1 & two, p. 152, reel five. Some of us are now focusing on Virginia to shed light on these early settlers and their relationship to us. We would like to have your assistance in going beyond the commonly accepted Guilford County History to look for the actual beginnings of the Armfields in America.

Connie Armfield Stenhjem, editor

### A NOTE FROM JOYCE AGERTON, CO-EDITOR

Connie and I are embarking on un-chartered waters. The success of our endeavor will depend on the cooperation of all of us working together for the benefit of our Armfield family. A family that we are proud of.

We all have hit a brick wall in our research at one time or another. We hope that by sharing and helping each other out we can scale some of those walls. All suggestions on what you would like to see in this Newsletter are welcome. Queries, old documents, letters, anything that may be of interest to family descendants, may be

submitted for entry into the Newsletter. Please include the documentation of your information, and how to contact you if questions.

We welcome the names and E-mail addresses of new contacts who may want to receive future copies of the Newsletter. In case you are wondering, we used our personal address books to identify those of you who are receiving this Newsletter. It at any time you prefer to have your name removed from the mailing list, just let us know. We are not prepared to send copies of the Newsletter via the US Postal Service as we currently do not have funds to do so.

A reprint of the original 1902 edition “*History of Guilford County, NC*” by Sallie W. Stockard can be purchased from;

Guilford County Genealogical Society-Publications  
P.O. Box 49104  
Greensboro, NC 27419-1104

The cost is \$18.00 prepaid. NC residents add 7% sales tax.

#### A CHALLENGE

As it appears out Armfields were in Virginia in the 1600's, let us see if we can shed some light on them and how they relate to our North Carolina Armfields.

- In 1657, a Wm. Armfeild is one of 44 people Gervase Dodson transported into VA. He received 5200 acres for the transportation of these people.
- In 1663, blank Armefeild is granted 400 acres in Gloucester Co.
- In 1665, Armfield, Wm. sold his land to Mr. Pate. We lose him after this.  
Source; *Cavaliers & Pioneers (Abstracts of VA Land Patents & Grants 1623-1800)* by Nell Marion Nugent

“By the 1750's we find former slaves mentioned in Parish records of the Jamestown area of VA. It is believed the early Armfield slaves were Indian and freed at an early period of our history. There was a big influx of people from VA to NC in the 1750's due to cheap land offered by the government to settle the state. The earliest record we have of Armfields in NC is found in 1752 Quaker records that show Ann Armfield was received by certificate to the Cane Creek Monthly Mtg. which was then Orange Co., NC. This is some 13 years before the Stockard Sketch records their arrival in NC. From the research of Joyce Agerton.

We hope that you will contribute to making this a useful and informative newsletter. Send your comments, questions, research successes and failures, and insights to Joyce ([gigi@seark.net](mailto:gigi@seark.net)) or myself ([cstehjem@comcast.net](mailto:cstehjem@comcast.net)). We will do our best to make this a newsletter that will assist us in putting together our family's history. Our goal will be to get this out to you at least four times a year. The frequency will depend in part on your input and the amount of information we have to share.