

### **A letter from the Editors**

This issue marks the beginning of our fourth year publishing the Armfield Family Newsletter. In a review of the past three years, it is interesting and rewarding to see how we have progressed. Your comments and contributions have been crucial for the growth and development of this newsletter. Joyce and I will go forward in the hope that the newsletter continues to assist you, our readers, in your research efforts and will improve on and expand our overall Armfield family history. We anticipate your future involvement. We thank Bruce Stenhjem who has been invaluable in providing us with technical assistance in the production of the newsletter. We also thank Pat Crockett and Gay Carroll for their submission of material on **Isaac and Sarah (Gustavus) Armfield** for use in this issue as well as the research assistance of Diane Austin. The transcribed land records were obtained by Pat during a visit to the courthouse in Copiah County, MS. *Connie & Joyce*

### **Isaac Armfield, son of John Armfield and grandson of Isaac Armfield, Jr. [2]**

Isaac Armfield (1787-1872) of Copiah County, Mississippi appeared in the March 2008 issue on page 2. It is assumed Isaac was buried in Copiah County, MS after his death on 2 Jul 1872. Gay wrote that there is a record of Isaac in Tennessee before he enlisted in the infantry. On 7 Jul 1812 Isaac Armfield was a bondsman for the marriage of William Burney and Anne Guthrie in Sumner County, TN.

Isaac signed on for six months in the Tennessee Infantry under Captain Henry Hamilton, Third Regiment, Carroll Brigade part of Roulston's West Tennessee Regiment as an order sergeant. During his six months tour, the command marched from Gallatin to Nashville, Tennessee. In Nashville they took on water and ascended the Cumberland to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers into New Orleans where he fought in all the battles around New Orleans. By the 2nd of November, Isaac was a Captain in the 43rd Regt. in the TN Militia. The source is Record of Commissions of Officers in the Tennessee Militia 1796-1815 by Mrs. John T. Moore. Nearing the end of his tour, the company was marched back to Colbert's Ferry, Tennessee where he was discharged on 15 May 1815 having served one hundred eighty-three days in the War of 1812. Isaac received a pension for his service in the war. The "Survivor's Pension claim" states Isaac enlisted 13 Nov 1814 and was discharged 13 May 1815, having served 182 days. After the war was over and sometime between 1820 and 1825, Isaac returned to Tennessee. The 1820 TN census records have John Armfield with one male 10 to 15 yrs., one male 26 to 44 yrs., and one male 45 + yrs. Isaac would have been 33 in 1820 and could have returned to his father's home.

On 24 March 1825 Isaac, who was thirty-eight years old, married Sarah Gustavus, age 15, the daughter of John Gustavus. Sarah Gustavus was born in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana in 1810. Her father John, born in Georgia, arrived in Mississippi about 1805 and married Rhoda Vardeman on 13 March 1806 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

After their marriage, Isaac and Sarah made their home in Copiah County, Mississippi. On 13 Aug 1829, Isaac was a bondsman and Justice of the Peace for the marriage of Joshua Goza and Keziah McGrew in Copiah County, Mississippi. They had two sons: John Gustavus Armfield, born 1826 and Anthony B. Shelby Armfield, born 1836. Both of their sons enlisted in Confederate Army, Mississippi Infantry during the Civil War. Source: Mississippi Civil War Soldiers Index, pp. 4, 5, [www.researchonline.net](http://www.researchonline.net)

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD No. A—COPIAH COUNTY

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, } *Bond &* APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE IN MISSISSIPPI

Copiah County  
 To the Circuit Clerk of Copiah County, Mississippi:

We, the undersigned, hereby make application for a Marriage License authorizing the performance and solemnization of the Rites of Ceremony of Marriage, and in support of said application assign the following facts to-wit: Our names, race, ages and addresses are as follows:

Name Isaac Annfield Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Male Applicant)  
 Name Sarah Gustavus Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Female Applicant)

The names of our parents, guardian or next of kin are:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(Male Applicant)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(Male Applicant)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(Female Applicant)

Affidavits as to our respective ages are attached hereto and filed herewith in support of said application.  
Isaac Annfield (Male Applicant)  
Sarah Gustavus (Female Applicant)  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21 day of March 18 25 A. D. 1925  
John F. McCas *J. Big*  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, } AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTS, GUARDIAN, OR OTHER PERSONS AS TO AGE OF APPLICANTS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE IN MISSISSIPPI

Copiah County  
 To the Circuit Clerk of Copiah County, Mississippi:  
 We, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, make oath (or affirm) that \_\_\_\_\_  
 is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; and that \_\_\_\_\_  
 is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; and that said parties are making application for issuance of Marriage License to which application this affidavit is attached.  
 Relation to male applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relation to female applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 194\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, } NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR NEXT OF KIN OF APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Copiah County  
 TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 GREETINGS:  
 You, and each of you, are hereby given notice as required by law that \_\_\_\_\_  
 Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_  
 Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 have this day filed application with me as Circuit Clerk of said County and State, above named, requesting the issuance of Marriage License for the solemnizing of the Rites of Marriage between said parties; and hearing no legal objections thereto, I will on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 194\_\_\_\_\_, issue said License to said applicants.  
 WITNESS my signature and official seal this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 194\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A true copy of this Notice mailed by registered mail. Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postage prepaid, in accordance with law. \_\_\_\_\_  
 This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk } By \_\_\_\_\_, D. C.  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, } MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE

Copiah County  
 To Any Person Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:  
 You are hereby Licensed to Celebrate the RITES OF MATRIMONY between Mr. Isaac Annfield  
 and Sarah Gustavus and for so doing this shall be your warrant.  
 GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 21 day of March 18 25 1925  
John F. McCas *J. Big* *Probate*  
Circuit Clerk  
 By \_\_\_\_\_, D. C.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, }  
 Copiah County  
 By virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Copiah, I have this day celebrated the RITES OF MATRIMONY between  
 Mr. Isaac Annfield and M. Sarah Gustavus  
 GIVEN under my hand, this 24 day of March 18 25 1925  
James Arroworth J. P.

Isaac was a farmer who bought and sold land. At one time he purchased a Negro girl and her four children for one thousand dollars. Another time he purchased one hundred seventy-five acres of land for two dollars and seventy-five cents indicating that he was an astute business man, however, this was not necessarily true in his personal life.

In the book Reports of Cases, Decided in the Superior Court of Chancery, of the State of Mississippi, by Robert H. Buckman, Chancellor, pub. 1844 by E. Morgan Publishing Company, is "Sarah Armfield V. Isaac Armfield et al." Beginning on page 311 is a description of a suit over a marriage contract Isaac had with Sarah. "The bill of Sarah Armfield, formerly Gustavus, who sues by her next friend, states, that in March 1825, she was courted by Isaac Armfield, and that, to induce her to marry him, he agreed to settle upon her, in money or property, exclusive of dower, the sum of two thousand dollars . . ." In 1834, nine years after their marriage, Sarah sued Isaac after he purchased two Negro girls, At the time of their marriage, Isaac had settled with Sarah monetarily and he "was free from debt, and remained so for two years after." Sarah regarded the purchase of the two Negro slaves (Jenny and Milley) in 1834 as property "which she would take in part fulfilment of said articles, to which said Isaac assented . . ." As Isaac and Sarah never made a disclosure of the value of the Negroes, the lawsuit resulted in the case being submitted to the court. The Chancellor wrote; "This may have been a perfectly fair and bona fide transaction; but if it were, it was about as well calculated to deceive purchasers and creditors, as the most fraudulent scheme that could have been devised . . ."

The U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907, an Ancestry.com on-line database, gives a description of land patents obtained by Isaac Armfield. In October of 1835 he purchased 39.51 acres and in December of 1840, he purchased another 87.32 acres and 277.57 acres.

In 1845, Sarah again brought forward a suit against Isaac for money and property. It appeared Isaac made payment on the debt for a time, but in the Superior Court of Chancery record term of 1848, Sarah vs. Isaac Armfield appeared the following; Isaac Armfield "agreed in consideration of a contract of marriage which the said Sarah, complainant agreed to settle upon her the sum of two thousand dollars in money or property exclusive of her claim of Dower in the Estate of said Isaac x that in consequence of said agreement marriage was solomized between the said Isaac and Sarah and it appearing that said Isaac never settled the amount stipulated in the said articles but that same time in 1834 said Isaac purchased two Negro girls named Jenny and Milley whom said Sarah designated as property which she would take in part payment of said Marriage Articles to which the said Isaac assented and agreed and it also appearing that the said Isaac has never otherwise made any settlement in satisfaction of said Articles of Marriage . . ." In 1849 Sarah again took Isaac to Court. This time Isaac owed Sarah one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars with 6 percent interest on the debt and seventy-three dollars ninety-four and three fourth's cents to include the cost of the suit. Sarah forced approximately three hundred fifty acres of Isaac's land into a sheriff's sale. Sarah then bought the three hundred fifty acres for fifty dollars. The fifty dollars were applied to Isaac's debt, leaving Isaac owing about the same amount on his debt and out three hundred fifty acres of land. In the 1850 Slave Schedule for Copiah County, Isaac was recorded as owning two female slaves, ages 64 and 28.

In 1851, Sarah took Isaac to court for a third time. As a result of this suit, she received two Negro women, one bay horse, one sorrel mare, two yoke of oxen, one ox wagon, and fifteen head of cattle. Sarah again purchased property, paying two hundred dollars and thus probably breaking Isaac. In 1854, Sarah and Isaac jointly sold eighty-seven acres of land. Sarah disappeared from records after this. What happened to Sarah after 1854 is a mystery. Sarah's father and brother, also living in Mississippi, died of yellow fever about this time. Sarah may either have died (of which no record has been found) or she may have left Isaac. She would

have been forty-four years old at the time. She appeared in the 1850 census and in 1853 Isaac's household was recorded in the Copiah County, Mississippi census as having two males and one female. Sarah has not been found on any following census records. Isaac continued to live in Copiah County with his son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Susan Amanda. In the 1870 census, Isaac is still living with Anthony in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Townships. In 1871, he applied for a pension for his service in the War of 1812. He received eight dollars a month until his death on 6 July 1872 at the age of eighty-five.

On a recent trip to Copiah County, Mississippi, Pat and her husband searched for the graves of Isaac and Sarah with no luck. A woman who had visited all of the graveyards in Copiah for her book said she'd never come across an Armfield grave. She said that back then tombstones had to be shipped by rail from New Orleans and were very expensive. As it took many months to get them, most people just didn't have tombstones. In the more than thirty cemetery books that were checked, she found no Armfields listed.

TRANSCRIBED DEED RECORD "C" COPIAH COUNTY  
Book C - Page 309

Recd. 31st August 1829 of Isaac Armfield one thousand dollars in payment for twenty two years also four children by name -

Recd. 31st August 1829 of Isaac Armfield one thousand dollars in payment for a Negro woman named Caroline aged twenty two years also four children by name Henry, Bassels, Matilda, and Will which negroes I warrant to be in all respects sound and slaves for life.

MOSES FOSSTER, SEN. (SEAL)

Book C - Page 459

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI )  
COPIAH COUNTY )

This Indenture, made the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty, between Josiah Cory and Isaac Armfield, both of the County and State aforesaid, witnesseth that the said Josiah Cory for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold relinquished, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, release, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Isaac Armfield forever,

a part of the north east quarter section of Section seven in Township ten of Range six east in the district of Choctaw late purchase and state of Mississippi including the above quarter except forty acres in the north east corner of sd. quarter, which now belongs to the said Armfield, the above named land containing one hundred and twenty acres.

To have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises, unto the said Isaac Armfield, his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above mentioned.

JOSIAH (x) CORY (L. S.) his mark

NANCY (x) Cory (L. S.) her mark

(feoff n. heritable land granted by feudal lord; lord's right in such land. feoffee n. person to whom feoff is granted. feoffor, feoffer, n. grantor of feoff. feoffment, n. grant of feoff. Enfeoff means to invest in an estate held in fee.)

TRANSCRIBED DEED RECORD "J" COPIAH COUNTY  
Book J - Page 501

Know all men by these presents that Isaac Armfield of the County of Copiah and State of Mississippi for and in consideration of the sum of seventeen hundred and forty five dollars to me in hand well and truly paid by Benjamin Wright of the State aforesaid and County of Warren I have bargained sold granted feoffed and delivered and by these presents do bargain sell grant feoff and deliver to the said Benjamin Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in the State and County of Copiah as above mentioned (towit)

The north W. quarter of Section No. 25 Township No. 10 N. of Range No. 5 E, containing one hundred and seventy four acres and 64/100 also the W. half of the South W. quarter of Section twenty five in Township 10 N of the 31st degree of latitude of Range 5 E. in the District of Choctaw and the State of Mississippi containing eighty seven acres and 31/100 of an acre also the E. half of south E quarter of Section No. 26 Township No. 10 N of Range No. 5 E containing eighty seven acres and 32/100 of an acre the whole containing three hundred and forty nine acres and twenty seven hundredths of an acre

with all the immunities and appurtenances thereunto belonging which premises I warrant and forever defend from me my heirs assigns executors or administrators and every other claimants the said premises to the sd. Benjamin Wright his heirs assigns executors or administrators to his or their use and behoof forever.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord 1836, and the sixtieth year of the Independence of the United States.

ISAAC ARMFIELD (SEAL)  
SARAH ARMFIELD (SEAL)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI )  
COPIAH COUNTY )

Isaac Armfield personally came before the subscribing Justice of the Peace and acknowledged he signed sealed and delivered the within deed of conveyance on the day and year therein mentioned as his act and deed. Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of August 1836.

THOS. B. ADAMS, J. P. (SEAL)

Book J - Page 502

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI )  
COPIAH COUNTY )

Sarah Armfield personally came before the subscribing Justice of the Peace and acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed of conveyance of her own free will without any fear or threats of her husband for the purposes therein mentioned. Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of August 1836.

THOS. B. ADAMS, J. P. (SEAL)

Filed for record March 3rd 1841 & recorded March 11th 1841.

W. W. COOK, Ck.

TRANSCRIBED DEED RECORD "D" COPIAH COUNTY  
Book D - Page 152

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI )  
COPIAH COUNTY )

Know all men by these presents that I, William Lungino of the first and wife have this day for the

valuable consideration of six hundred dollars to be in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day sold and delivered by these presents sell and deliver into Isaac Armfield of the County and State aforesaid the

West half of the south west quarter of Section twenty five in township ten north of the thirty first degree of Latitude of Range five east in the district of Choctaw and State of Mississippi containing eighty seven acres and thirty one hundredths of an acre, also the east half of the north west quarter of Section twenty five in Township ten north of the thirty first degree of Latitude of range five east in the district of Choctaw and State of Mississippi containing eighty seven acres and thirty one hundredths of an acre

with all the immunities & appurtances thereunto belong, which premises I warrant and forever defend from my heirs assigns executors or administrators & every other claimant the said premises to the said Isaac Armfield his heirs assigns executors or administrators to his or their behoof forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto myself and wife set our hands & affixed our seals the twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four for the purposes therein contained. Given under my hand and seal of office this 26th February 1841.

R. JOHNSON, Clk

Filed for record 26th February 1841 and recorded March 11th 1841.

W. W. COOK, Clk

TRANSCRIBED DEED RECORD "L" COPIAH COUNTY  
Book L - Page 694

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COPIAH COUNTY

I, John C. Wade, Tax Collector of Copiah County have this day according to law sold the following tract of land towit,

the west half of north east quarter and east half of north west quarter of Section thirty six Township ten Range five East containing an estimation one hundred and seventy five acres more or less

for the taxes of Lewis L. Taylor (the reputed owner) for the year of 1846, when Isaac Armfield became the best bidder at the sum of two dollars and seventy five cents. I therefore sell and convey said land to said Armfield his heirs and assigns forever.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of September A.D. 1847.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COPIAH COUNTY

Personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the Probate Court of Copiah County, John C. Wade, Tax Collector thereof and acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the within deed of Isaac Armfield on the day and year and for the purposes therein specified.

Given under my hand and official seal at Gallatin this 8th April 1848.

E. D. BROWN, Clk. (L. S.)

Filed April 8th 1848.

E. D. BROWN, Clk.

Filed for record this 2nd day October A.D. 1849. E. D. BROWN, Clk

**Children and Grandchildren of Isaac and Sarah Armfield**

1. John Gustavus was born 1826 in Copiah County, Mississippi and appears in Ancestry.com databases. In Mississippi Marriages, 1776-1935, John G Armfield and Ann E Tomlinson married 14 Mar 1845 in Copiah County. They had sons: William A. born abt. 1845; died Oct 1849 of fever and Isaac T. born 1849; died of fever Oct 1849. In the 1850 Copiah census J G age 24 is recorded with Ann E B age 23 and Sarah E age 1. In 1860 the family was recorded as Jno G age 34, Anna age 33, Sarah age 11, Vellumnio age 9, Isaac age 5,

Rhody age 3, and Mary E age 2.12. In 1870 the family was living in Township 9 & 10 west of Rr, Copiah Co., however, their surname was misspelled Arinfield. John was 45, Anne 40, Sallie 18, Rhoda 12, Louisa 4, and Eveline 2. By 1878 John and his brother Anthony with two of their sons, Isaac Shelby and Edwin, were registered voters in Catahoula Parish, LA. In 1880 census of Catahoula Parish, Eveline age 13 was living in the 8<sup>th</sup> ward, Catahoula, LA with her brother J S (Isaac Shelby) Armfield, sister Rhoda age 22, and her cousin Wm Tomlinson. John Gustavus and Ann are not found in this 1880 LA census. Eveline continued to reside with her brother Isaac twenty years later. Pat found five graves of her grandfather's children at the Pritchard Cemetery in Harrisonburg, LA. At the head of the children's graves there appears to be two adult graves, but no stone. She feels this could be the stone of John and Ann. Gay's grandfather Isaac Shelby Armfield son of John Gustavus died in LA 22 Mar 1940.

2. Unknown infant born about 1828 and probably died before 1840.
3. Anthony B. Shelby (A. B. S.) born in 1836 appears in Ancestry.com databases. In Mississippi Marriages, 1776-1936, J. B. S. Armfield married F. A. Moore on 13 Aug 1854 in Copiah County. Amanda was born 1836. A B S was living with his father Isaac age 63 and mother Sarah age 40 in the 1850 Copiah census. In 1859 he purchased 119.07 acres and again in 1860 he purchased another 79.38 acres in Copiah Co. as recorded in the U S General Land Office Records, 1796-1907. Anthony appeared in the 1860 Slave Schedule as owning one black female, age 30. The family in 1860 Copiah Co. census showed Isaac age 72 with ABS age 24, Amanda age 27, ERB age 4, WG age 2 and Margaret born 4/12 months. The family (Arenfield) remains in Copiah County, Mississippi during the 1870 census, but in 1880 census they appear as residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, Catahoula, LA. The family was recorded as ABS age 45, SA age 46, MA age 19, and SO age 12.

Both John and Anthony were in the Confederate Army during the Civil War ("U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865"). A. B. Shelby Armfield was a Private with the 36<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry, Company G. John G. Armfield enlisted 11 Mar 1862 and was a Private with the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion Mississippi Cavalry (Moorman's), Company E. From Civil War records in possession of Gay Carroll comes the following information. John gave his age as 36. He was sent to the hospital 23 May 1862 by Colonel Brown and returned to his unit on 4 Jul 1862. He was again sent to the hospital and returned to his unit 28 Oct 1862. In Nov 1862 he was ordered back into the hospital until January/February of 1863 when he returned to his unit. John G. deserted on 30 Apr 1863. Gay wrote that there is a family story that was told to her by her father about John's military service. Isaac Shelby Armfield was to have swum the Mississippi River with a horse he was taking to his father John Gustavus on the battlefield. As Isaac would have only been eight years old in 1863, could he have swum the Mississippi with a horse at Vicksburg? Gay wonders if it could have been a different river and done to assist him to desert.

In "Civil War Prisoners of War Records, 1861-1865" are the following records (Ancestry.com on-line databases);

No. 1003, J G Armfield, Confederate, Private, Co. G, 24 Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, Surrendered May 4<sup>th</sup> in Alabama, Paroled May 19<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, MI, Residence in Copiah.

A B S Armfield, Confederate, private, 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry, MI, Captured Apr 1865, Transferred to Vicksburg, MI on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1865.

### **Contributions and Comments**

Diane Austin sent a link for information and pictures of Isaac Shelby, Salina, Issac Erwin (Bud), and Moses Arthur Armfield as well as several other Armfields at the following website, <http://www.findagrave.com> Per Isaac's tombstone, Isaac Shelby was born 1855; died 1940; buried Oak Grove Cemetery, West Carroll Parish, LA. Salina born 1861; died 1926; buried with her husband at Oak Grove Cemetery. Moses Arthur son of Isaac Shelby born 1881; married

Mary "Kate" Guice; died 1931; both are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. Diane had more to share on these families, but due to limited space we could not fit it all in. For more information you can write Diane at [austinrd@juno.com](mailto:austinrd@juno.com)

Gay Carroll has more information on John Gustavus, father of Sarah Gustavus that she would share with those interested. She also sent the following comments regarding the March 2008 newsletter about the John Dunlap and John Armfield families. From her records John Dunlap, Jr. was the brother-in-law of John Armfield, not his father-in-law. The 1768 Rowan Co., NC census lists Jno Dunlap, Wm. Dunlap, Jno Dunlap, Junr, living in the same household. A Guilford County marriage record shows John Dunlap, Jr. married Elizabeth Carmin on 30 Dec 1796. This was two years after John Dunlap, Sr. wrote his will in which he named his granddaughter, Mary Armfield. In Aug 1805 the probate was returned on John's will and on 16 Sep 1805 John Jr. and wife Elizabeth sold land to Ann Green. In the body of this deed it states; "it being part of a tract or survey of John Dunlap, Dec'd and left to S'd John Dunlap his son...Feb 1806." Mary Armfield's birth date was 1792 not 1794.

Regarding Sarah, daughter of John Armfield, who married Peter Summers in 1817; Peter died shortly after their marriage. In the court's Nov term of 1818, Sumner Co., TN, there was an inventory of Peter's estate completed by Isaac Armfield, Adm. In March 1826 unpaid taxes were listed in Carroll County, TN which is next to Gibson County. Sarah's sister Violet Ing lived in Gibson County and in the 1860 census a Sarah McClure, age 67, born in NC was listed with the family. Who was this Sarah? There was a marriage record for a Sarah Summers and Mathew Ing dated 29 Jan 1827 in Sumner Co. In the 1850 TN census a Sarah, age 54, born in NC, was living with William McClure, age 76, born in NC. More research is needed as these Sarah's may be from different families and not our Sarah Armfield Summers.

For more information on any of these families you can contact Gay by writing her at 808 Florida SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Pat's e-mail is [crockett18@earthlink.net](mailto:crockett18@earthlink.net)

Joan Case wrote that she found several interesting books at [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com) when she searched Armfield Family. Some of them can be read online. The book Carry me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life by Stephen Deyle contains pictures of Isaac Franklin and John Armfield. Joyce has more information on Isaac Franklin and John Armfield. If interested, you can contact her.

Conrad Stinnett, III is looking for information on Colonel William Hanner/Hanna who married Mary/Polly Armfield, daughter of Nathan and Jane Armfield and Benjamin Cagle. He wrote that Colonel John Armfield and Captain Hanner were often mentioned in his family's oral history. His third great-grandfather was Benjamin Silas Cagle who worked for Colonel Armfield at Beersheba Springs. During the 1850's, Benjamin Silas began as a construction foreman at the Beersheba Springs Hotel and Resort in Grundy County and took up his permanent residence at that location. Eventually he bought a house at Beersheba Springs and settled there permanently. Stories have been passed down about the resort, Colonel Armfield, Bishop Polk, and others. One recalled the day that Capt. Hanner rode off to war and was never seen again. He has a chest of drawers made by Ben Cagle and a saber used by Captain Hanner. "The Cagle family was certainly a part of Beersheba and descendants like me, who have never been there, have been instilled with an appreciation of the place." [conradstinnett@yahoo.com](mailto:conradstinnett@yahoo.com)