

According to this Mr. Tidwell, four Tidwell brothers had come to America from Wales and all the Tidwells were descended from these brothers. Of course I was later to learn that this was not the case but it gave me great encouragement. I set out in earnest to try to learn more of the family.

Possibly two years later I learned of a Mrs. Ettie Tidwell McCall of Atlanta, Georgia who had written a book entitled McCall-Tidwell and Allied Families. I corresponded with her and obtained a copy of her book. Mrs. McCall stated that the family origin was in England rather than Wales and gave a few uses of the name in England. According to her, the Tidwell family in America originated with three brothers, John, Richard and Robert Tidwell who migrated from England to Virginia (Westmoreland County) in the 1680's. This garbled version was accepted as true until I came across some Westmoreland County records in the Genealogical Library at Houston about 1963 or 1964. Information about Richard Tidwell led me to believe that perhaps here was the source of my Tidwell line. A few years later, through Miss Jennie Belle Lyle of Little Rock, Arkansas, my attention was drawn to the work of William A. Tidwell of Chevy Chase, Maryland, on the Tidwell family history. Through Miss Lyle I obtained the loan of a copy of his A History of the Tidwell Family and had a xerox copy made. This splendid