

Duncan's interest in the Tidwell family history never lessened. The research project he started in the early 1930's continued, with increasing intensity, throughout the rest of his life. He enjoyed this research to the fullest, as his wife and children can attest. He even planned vacations that would enable him to visit more cemeteries, state and national archives and any places where he thought he might add to his data.

Duncan's plans to compile all this information into a book did not reach fulfillment. Because of ill health, the project came to a halt with only the first two chapters (about the Tidwells in England), written. Since so much vital data and his many hours of dedicated work did not deserve to be lost, I volunteered to try to complete the task. Little did I know what a chore I was undertaking! Research can be exciting and challenging but compiling such information and writing it can be pure drudgery!

In his zeal for Tidwell information he branched out far beyond the direct line...and he had squirrelled away information on just any Tidwell anywhere. His files included every letter he had received and copies of each one he had ever written, plus census reports, documents, newspaper reports and just anything pertaining to a Tidwell. Would you believe that he even had the names of each Tidwell man who fought in the Confederate Army, according to their