

home state -- all 387 of them!

My task has been a research of his research; a weeding out of the pertinent from the extraneous! I have endeavored to compile his information according to the outline he was following. Also, I tried to get in touch with as many relatives as possible in order to update the data on the present day Tidwells. My thanks to each of you who responded to my letters of inquiry.

Since it is not easy to take over and complete another person's project, some errors will probably be found. If so, and if they involve you or your family, please correct them in your copy. (Anyone complaining about errors is a likely candidate to find about eight filing cabinet drawers full of material dumped on his doorstep!)

My research and writing begins with the chapter entitled "The Tidwells in Virginia". It is my earnest hope that you will appreciate my efforts and that this information will hold special meaning to you and yours.

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