

ISAAC TIDWELL: according to Duncan and William A. Tidwell, Isaac was a son of John and grandson of Francis, etc. I have researched and re-researched the materials of both Duncan and W.A. Tidwell without coming up with concrete proof. The following excerpt from a letter written by Duncan to W.A., dated February 27, 1973 gives the basis for this assumption:

"Since the late 1930s I have toyed with the idea that Isaac was the son of John Tidwell, eldest son of Francis (as you suggested in your History of the Tidwell Family). I based my views on the fact that according to the 1800 census of Fairfield County, South Carolina, John Tidwell, Sr. and Robert Tidwell were the only Tidwells listed in the county old enough to be the father of Isaac Tidwell (who was born before 1775 according to the 1820 census of Giles County, Tennessee). The will of Robert Tidwell in 1806 lists all of his fourteen children and Isaac is not among them. This provides a plausible solution for the parentage of Isaac."

To further strengthen this theory, I found these two excerpts on page 100 of William A. Tidwell's A History of the Tidwell Family: "...By 1808, Eli Tidwell, son of John Tidwell and grandson of Francis Tidwell had moved to Dickson County" [Tennessee]. And "...sometime before 1820 the brothers Eli and Isaac and the young Robert Tidwell moved to Giles County in southern Tennessee...."