

twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand and Eight hundred and Six, and of the Independancy of the united States of American the thirtieth year

his

Robert T Tidwell (Seal)

William Arledge

mark

his

George Lott

mark

Sarah Arledge

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For the Tidwells, frontier life in the Carolinas was one of hardships and hard work. Few, if any, of them had any schooling. In such isolated areas schools were seldom available even for a month or two of the year and teachers were practically non-existent. If children were taught to read and write this had to be done in the home. Few of the parents had the ability, much less the time, to take on such an obligation. Most of the Tidwell men had to sign their