

legal papers with their mark. As one Tidwell researcher wrote, "they were conservative, uneducated and prolific."

That they were God-fearing, hardworking and law abiding can be attested to by the fact that no legal actions were taken against them either for unpaid debts or for breaking the law. By this time most had broken away from the Church of England belief and had embraced Methodism. It can be construed that they had Tory leanings during the Revolution for only two Tidwells are listed as fighting in that war. At least one Tidwell, William, had his lands and property confiscated in Georgia because of his Tory beliefs.

Around 1800 the togetherness that had existed between the various segments of the Tidwell family began to dissipate a little. The William Tidwell clan moved in to Georgia and other southern states while the members of the Richard (III) and Francis Tidwell families began migrating into Tennessee. By the time of the 1820 Census, very few Tidwells showed up on the census rolls of South Carolina.

The following, copied from Royal Land Grants, Volume II, page 431, reads as follows:

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GEORGE, the Third by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, and so