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Contact Phil at (636) 898-8516 or (314) 313-4734 (cell)

April 30, 2017

Dear Billy & Denise Jean,

Sorry we missed you on our recent trip to NC but it was good to catch up by phone. It was sad to learn George had passed. He was a great friend and cooperation.

Enclosed please find the following.

- A copy of our 19 APR 2017 Newsletter
- A list of Projects for Cary
- A membership form for 2017

I hope you & Denise Jean will continue to support our effort and that you will visit our Cary Family when you can Thursday 2-4.

Sending All Best Wishes

Phil Upchurch

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March 17, 2017

M/M WILLIAM B. UPCHURCH
2132 CARPENTER UPCHURCH ROAD
CARY NC 27519-7003

Dear Billy and Denise -

Since my letter of February 28 to you I have come up with some budget information for Allied Families. It is being sent to all supporters and your copy is enclosed.

Our plans to be in N.C are now firm. I will be in the Cary Facility March 30, 31 and April 1. We will have an Open House on Thursday 2-4 and Saturday 2-4. I will give talks at both. It would be great to see you both while I am there.

Fondly, Phil Upchurch



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February 28, 2017

Dear Cousins Betty & Don Jean

Volume 27 No 1 of Wake Treasure just appeared and it contains the article I wrote on Green Hope School. I thought you would be interested so a copy is enclosed. I am sure it brings back memories.

I will be in NC March 30, 31 & April 1 spending most of my time at the Allied Families Care Facility Suite 120 at 1130 Kildare Farm Road. There will be Open House 2-4 PM on Wednesday March 30 and Saturday April 1 - I would be great to see you at either or both.

We now are working actively with Kim Wren. Thanks for contacting her.

Hope we can count on your support for Allied Families this year.

Phil Upchurch



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January 22, 2017

Dear Billy & Devin Jean,

The enclosed letter documents your generous 2016 support of Allied Families. The enclosed UB for 2016 shows our shift to digital you have helped us to achieve.

Provided is a summary of what we have done in our shift and what we hope for in 2017 with your help. of our 200 participants the burden to support our \$25,000 2017 budget falls largely on 50 of us. Whatever encouragement you can provide will be welcomed.

I will be in NC 29 MAR - 2 APR and at the Cary Facility on Kildaire Farm Road 2-4 PM on Wednesday March 30 and 2-4 PM on Saturday April 1. It would be great to see you both at one or both events.

In Appreciation

Phil Upchurch

RENEWAL
FORM
ENCLOSED

- ① William "Billy" Burtis U in Doris Jean Yates. He is son of Martha Moore and William (Pearson) U.
(30, pg 14)

NATHAN U, I/BURTIS U SUBCLAN
CS7 - BIOFILE REFERENCED
IN VALLEY FILES

- ② Address

William Burtis U II
Route 1
Mansville, NC 27560 } In AF

- ③ See Notes on John Jenks Cem - Greensboro, NC - This farm now owned by William Burtis U II.

- ④ William Burtis "Billy" U b 18 JUN 1928 md 26 NOV 1949 Doris Jean Yates b 7 JAN 1930 (35, pg 41)

sent sample copy of U B Vol 4 No 3 to above in bulk mailing with order blank enclosed.

William Burtis U II attended the Upland Festival in Raleigh, NC on 16 FEB 1986

- ⑦ 22 SEP 2010 WOU, II called styling himself as "BILL". I says his cousin's wife Mrs William Rayman Johnson, Sr is in charge of preparing a history for Green Level Church and Bill appealed to me for help saying he would be willing to pay. I offered to help at no cost saying he could contribute to the Upland Collection at NC State - see my letter to him of 23 SEP 2010 re my input

- ⑧ 29 SEP 2010 - Called ~~about~~ to Billy. He rec'd package. I suggested Kevin (Beach) Whinn as a source & gave him his phone no. Asked Bill about input on Johnson. He could not help

WILLIAM BURTIS U, II (P62)

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(9) Apex Herald THUR 2 DEC 1999 Apex, NC



Mr. and Mrs. William B. Upchurch

Together for 50

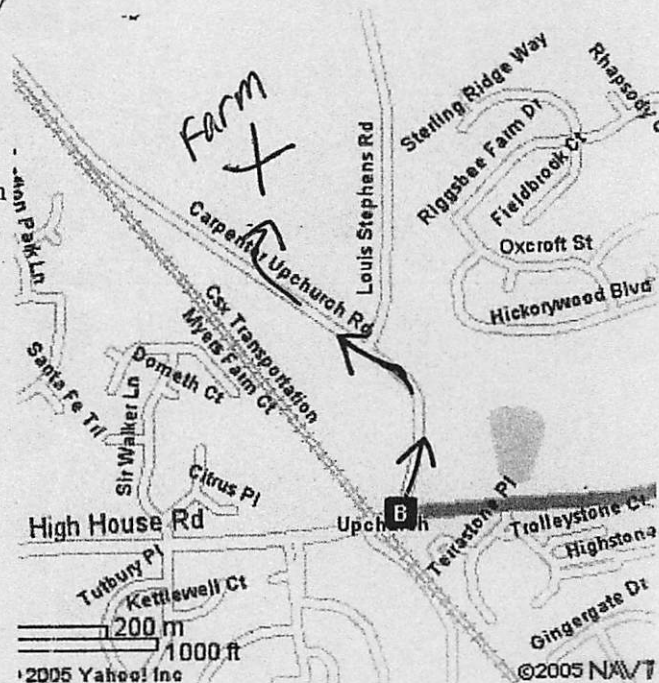
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Upchurch of Morrisville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 27, 1999, at a reception held at Good Hope Baptist Church given by their children and grandchildren. Their children are Pamela Joyner of Morrisville, Tricia Kuester of Philadelphia, Pa., and William Upchurch Jr. of Raleigh. They have five grandchildren. They were married on Nov. 26, 1949 at Green Level Baptist Church in Apex.

(16) Item in Ltr 2 NOV 2005 Ann (Poe) Greling to RPL
(sent to M/M Ren Greling)

THE WAKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at 2:30 for a look at life on the farm in the days of long ago. Doris Yates Upchurch and her husband, William, needed a place to preserve family history. In 1976 they bought a one room log cabin from a neighboring farm. After moving it to their family farm, Mrs. Upchurch began to fill it with iron pots and stoves, a wooden desk from the old Green Hope school, a bench from the Good Hope Baptist Church that was built in the early 1800s and many other items. While cleaning out an old barn on the Upchurch property, she noticed family "treasures". There was the family Bible with the names of Mr. Upchurch's grandparents etched on the leather cover. There were papers from tobacco sales and Wake County tax bills dating to the late 1800s.

DIRECTIONS: From Wade Ave. take the ramp onto I-440 SOUTH, go 3.5 mi. I-440 SOUTH becomes US-1 SOUTH, go 2.7 mi. Take CARY PKWY exit toward CARY, go 6.1 mi. Turn left on HIGH HOUSE RD, go 1.7 mi. Turn right onto CARPENTER-UPCHURCH RD. FARM ON RIGHT.



WILLIAM BORTIS W, II (PC3) XID-962

(11) The Western Wake Herald WED 3 MAY 1989 Apex, NC



Receives safety award

Margaret Tingen represented the Wake County Farm Bureau's Women's Committee at an awards luncheon with the N.C. Safety Council. The award, which honored the committee's Farm Victim Extrication program, was presented by Billy Upchurch of the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation.

(12) FROM 1995 CD-ROM

Upchurch Franklin H
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Upchurch Robert
Upchurch Ryan & Dianne
Upchurch William B ↑

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2132 Carpenter Upchurch Rd

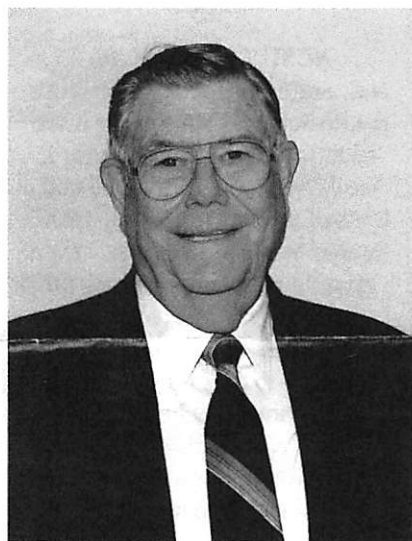
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BILLY UPCHURCH — Farm Bureau Friend And Employee Retires



"I thought if we could get the farmers together — we could whip the world," Billy Upchurch said with a chuckle. He was recalling the time back in 1963 when he decided to take a job with North Carolina Farm Bureau as a field representative.

"I never meant for this to be a permanent job," he said. "Prices were low on the farm and I wanted to do something to improve conditions for farmers — and then go back to farming myself."

The plan changed. Thirty-two years have passed since he decided to "turn in his bed post for a lantern" and carry the light for Farm Bureau. What started as a personal campaign to improve the farmer's lot became a lifelong vocation for this tobacco farmer from Apex, North Carolina.

On August 31, he retired as one of the organization's best known and loved employees; a true friend of agriculture.

Billy began his career as a field representative covering seventeen counties in the middle part of the state. In this job he spent countless

days and nights on the road, attending county meetings and working to improve the farmer's lot and encourage growth in membership.

In 1972 he was named Coordinator of Special Programs, specifically to help create the Young Farmer and Rancher Program. He explained, "There was concern that we did not have enough young people involved with the Farm Bureau organization. I hit the road to find young people in agriculture and encourage them to join."

**"Billy Upchurch has given
unquestioned loyalty and
devotion to Farm Bureau.
He has been an integral part
of our phenomenal growth
and expanded service to
members."**

W.B. Jenkins, FB President

His success in "discovering" future Farm Bureau leaders is legend. Some of the young people he encouraged to join Farm Bureau include Larry Wooten who serves as Assistant to the President for N.C. Farm Bureau; Chester Lowder, current Director of Field Services; and Howard Reinhardt, Ronald Hawkins and Jim Roney who today serve as field representatives.

In this job Mr. Upchurch was also instrumental in developing Farm Bureau's Theft Reward Program; which pays \$500 for information leading to the conviction of individuals who steal property from member farms.

In 1979 he was promoted to Director of Field Services and in 1995 he was named Special Assistant to the President.

A highlight of Billy's career was receiving North Carolina Farm Bureau's highest honor — the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, at the annual state convention in 1992. The honor was bestowed by Farm Bureau President W.B. Jenkins, for exceptional service to agriculture. Mr. Jenkins said, "Billy Upchurch has given unquestioned loyalty and devotion to Farm Bureau. He has been an integral part of our phenomenal growth and expanded service to members."

Looking back, and looking to the future Billy said, "Things have not changed. I'm fighting for the same things today as yesterday — to get things done for the farmers, and be of most service to our members. As I see it, this will continue to be our challenge in the future."

Above his own service as an employee though, he points to the many dedicated volunteer Farm Bureau members at the county level. He credits them with holding the key to future success of the organization. He said, "Volunteers are the life-blood of this organization. Service to members will always begin, and end, at the county level." **FB**

(14) Item in the 31 JAN 2005 Ann Pol to RPU - News Observer 25 JAN 2005

BY DEMORRIS LEE
STAFF WRITER

△ **CARY** - Doris Jean Yates Upchurch needed a place to preserve her family history. So when a log cabin from a neighboring farm became available in 1976, she and her husband, William Upchurch, bought the one-room building for \$300.

After moving the structure with its original wood floors and roof intact from the Carpenter area to their family farm, Doris Upchurch, 75, began to fill the space with things of old. Cast-iron pots and stoves, a wooden desk from the old Green Hope School that both she and her husband attended, a bench from the old Good Hope Baptist Church that was built in the early 1800s.

"I'm not into the fancy antiques," Doris Upchurch said Monday as she stood in front of an old black potbellied stove. "I like the everyday things. I like preserving the heritage of the community and this family."

William Upchurch, 77, and his family have owned and farmed the land west of Cary since his grandfather, also named William Upchurch, settled in the area in 1865. William Upchurch was born in a house that's still on the nearly 200 acres the family still owns.

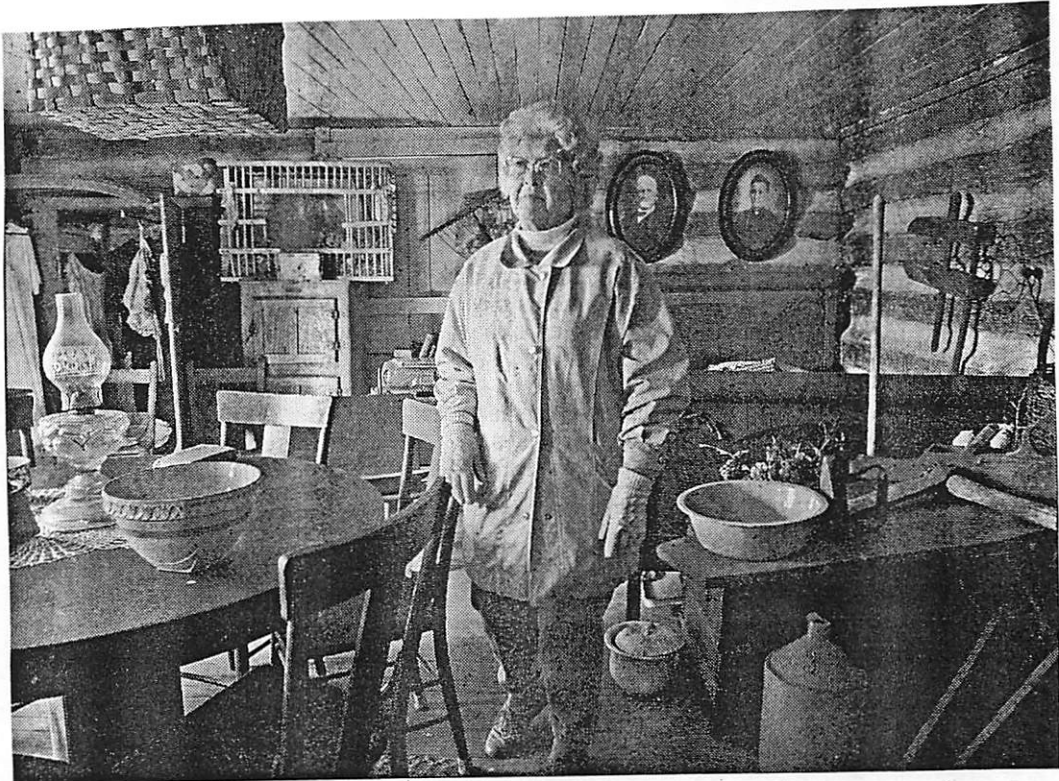
"People bring us stuff now because they just think we are going to preserve it," William Upchurch said. "They kinda look to us as the historians around here, but of course we are about the oldest ones still living."

△ The log cabin, on Carpenter Upchurch Road, was the first family home of the Hurst family farm, Doris Upchurch said.

When family members began to tear down the Hurst family home, they discovered the original log cabin that had disappeared as room after room had been added on.

"As the family grew, they would just cut another door and add another room," Doris Upchurch said.

While cleaning out an old barn on the Upchurch property, she noticed family "treasures." There was the family Bible with the names of Upchurch's grandparents etched on the leather cover. There were papers from tobacco sales with handwritten dates such as July 14, 1892.



Doris Upchurch and her husband, William Upchurch, preserve artifacts from a rural past. 'All these things,' she says. 'They just say so much about our community.'

STAFF PHOTO BY TAKA AKI IWABU

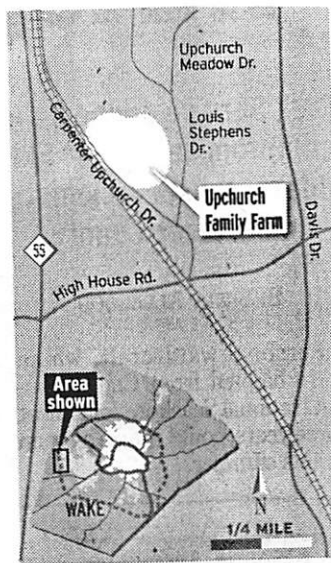
There were Wake County tax bills dating to the late 1800s.

"I just couldn't let it go," Doris Upchurch said. "All these things."

They just say so much about our community."

Through the years, she has established a hands-on history museum for western Wake. Besides the cabin, there is a former tobacco work building filled with artifacts from the area, old farm equipment that was used years ago to tend the land, and a corn crib.

"A lot of folks have never seen a corn crib," Doris Upchurch said.



"We would take all the husk from the corn and put it in that building so that it can dry. Once it dries, we would feed it to the livestock."

Upchurch isn't stingy with the history. She opens up the area to schools and scout troops. She lets passers-by take pictures of each other in front of the log cabin.

"This area is just so different now with all the new people, and I just don't think many of them know how things used to be here," she said. "I like to show them the everyday things that were used in the past. I even have a few of my childhood dresses in there. I guess they are old enough to be considered history now."

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THE WORD FROM | WESTERN WAKE

Log cabin houses a trove of county's heritage

⑮ Item Rec'd 9DEC2004 by RPU from Ann Poe.

FROM: The News & Observer MON 22NOV 2004 Raleigh, NC

New cemetery fills need

BY DEMORRIS LEE
STAFF WRITER

CARY - Terilyn C. de'Marsi's dreams came to fruition earlier this month when Wake Memorial Park became the final resting place for its first client.

One of at least four public perpetual-care cemeteries in Wake County, Wake Memorial promises to ease a shortage of burial space in the county's western region. De'Marsi, the park's owner, said the privately owned cemetery will help meet a need fed by the area's rapid growth.

Cary's Hillcrest Cemetery has been at capacity for years, and there are 55 people on the waiting list hoping that people who have bought plots will choose to be buried elsewhere and those plots will become available, said Karen Gray, Cary's deputy town clerk. Unable to find spots in the town-owned cemetery, many residents have had to bury loved

"We didn't want to sell for development," Upchurch, 77, said as he stood on the neatly trimmed grass with a large gold monument of praying hands behind him. "We are not opposed to subdivisions, but we wanted something that's needed."

Only 30 acres will be developed initially and about 20,000 plots sold, but there could eventually be as many as 100,000 plots. There will be a mausoleum and two columbaria, and there are plans for a chapel.

Statewide, 71 percent of people in North Carolina choose to be buried; in Wake County, the percentage is lower, with 61 percent taking the option, according to the State Center for Health Statistics. In Wake County, 29 percent of people are cremated, compared with 20 percent statewide.

Other options include cremation or burial outside the state.

Wake Memorial Park is located in a now-bustling area of Cary where several new schools and subdivisions have been built and real estate is at a premium. And while churches are being built in western Wake, few are setting aside land for cemeteries.

When new communities are built, they are sold as places where people can work and live, and possibly stay forever, said Robert Fells of the International Cemetery and Funeral Association in Reston, Va. But he said one factor is often left out.

"Take Reston, Virginia," Fells said. "The man who designed it, while he thought of everything, he left out cemeteries. The idea was that everything you need would be right here. When you have a growing population, you will need cemeteries just as much as you need hospitals and fire departments."

While there is still some capacity in the Apex town cemetery, Keith Weatherly, the town's mayor, said a new one in the region is welcome.

Anyone can be buried in the Apex Cemetery, but the price of a plot doubles to \$600 for nonresidents. There are 2,620 plots, with 482 remaining to be sold. The town sells about 100 plots a year.

"We are getting folks that want to be buried in the town cemetery from all over Wake County, and we might be the only public cemetery where there's any room," Weatherly said.

Starting a perpetual-care cemetery is a tough process, said Claud Whitener, the administrator and general counsel for the North Carolina Cemetery Commission, the agency that has reviewed and audited for-profit cemeteries since 1975. The agency doesn't license church cemeteries or family plots on private property.

Whitener said a cemetery must have at least 30 acres of land with no liens and \$50,000 in a trust fund. The owners' finances and criminal history are checked. All

the salespeople's criminal histories are checked, and before a license is issued, 5 acres of the cemetery must be prepared and inspected by the commission.

The proposed project must also meet all ordinances and guidelines of the town. With the opening of Wake Memorial, there are now 176 licensed perpetual-care cemeteries in the state, Whitener said.

At a perpetual-care facility, 10 percent of the cost for the plot, vault and marker is set aside in a

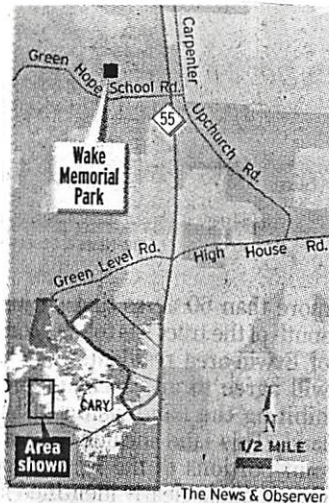
fund for the cemetery's overall maintenance. A plot at Wake Memorial could cost \$1,600, with \$160 going to the trust fund managed by the state commission.

Rudy Lea, president of Lea Funeral Home in Raleigh, said there is definitely a shortage reasonably priced cemetery space in Wake County. He said that people look for convenience and that, foremost, it's important they are buried where they have lived.

"Another cemetery is nothing but a positive for several reasons," Lea said. "For one, now people will have options, and it's good for competition. One cemetery can't overcharge because they are not monopolizing Wake County."

*Researcher Becky Ogburn
contributed to this article.*

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ones in Raleigh, which has three cemeteries with available space.

Meticulously landscaped Wake Memorial Park is located at N.C. 55 and Green Hope School Road. It sits on about 50 acres that as recently as four years ago was a tobacco farm owned by William Upchurch and his family.

CROSSFILE: WAKE MEMORIAL PARK
(A WAKE CO, NC CEMETERY)

WILLIAM BURTIS U, II

WILLIAM BURTIS U, II PG7 XIP-962
(16) Notes of RPU/SSU Visit 2:00-3:30 PM with Billy (WBU) & wife DORIS
10 JUN 2010

PGS
44, 45
Their
Phone
Nº
(919) 467
- 9475

AMMUS STONE AT UPCHURCH
The store on N side of Green Level Rd just west
of Upchurch is still partially there. The center part
burned but has been moved back a bit.

△ It was owned by I. W. Henry Mills - who at some
point had financial problems

△ A. Bill B. Joe C. Ernie

Billy does not remember the store in operation

△ But I recall Fearington, Sr told Billy there was quite
a complex at Upchurch. That he would
head to Raleigh for farm supplies and
service his trucks/horses at the complex

△ R. Jesse Fearington Jr - still living

Billy recalls that the truck for his present home
was delivered at Upchurch Station and hauled by
wagon to the home site.

△ Billy says in addition to the Upchurch School
there was an earlier one on Green Level Rd closer
to Hwy 55 [RUFUS MERRIMON U]

△ Merrimon U acquired 103 Acres from his FATHER WBU, Sr

The Merrimon U house was moved next to the
the Hugh U land - actually next to the Hugh Kelly
△ house [HUGH KYLE U]

△ 200 Acres went from WBU, Sr to Watters U - possibly
including part of his siblings land [WORTH-MOORE U]

Re local large farms Billy cites the STONE
Family farm - east-west of Davis Dunn owned
△ by I. S. Stone [SID. W. STONE]

△ A. Walter Stone

△ B. John Stone

△ Billy had no awareness of the Hubbard U
△ land or of his son Parker.

NOTE: True to call Billy believes that WBU, I got land from
the Horton estate when he married the widow Horton

Mary Turner 25 JUN - 10 SEP 2010
- Always got recording

△ but Billy feels WBU, I bought a lot of land.
Billy & Davis attend the Church in Carpenter
and have for many years.

Doris had prepared a High Tea for us with
a variety of delectables including County ham/dessert
& she prepared a care package for us.

(17) UPCHURCH SURVEYS BY SMITH SURVEYORS - APEX, NC - FOR MORE
DETAILS SEE BIOFILE OF STALEY CARAWAY SMITH - ENRIL 26 OCT 2009

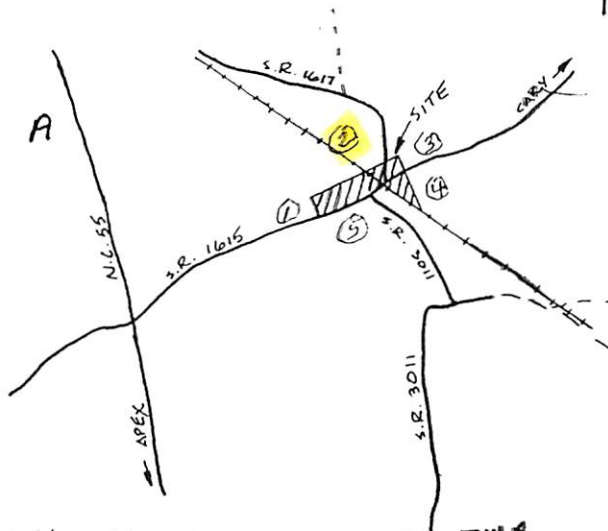
- A. ^Δ William Burtis U, Jr 30-38 S/o Wally Burtis U s/o Wm Burtis U, Jr +
72, 73, 04, 08 Gs/o Gilbert Burtis U - N/B USC
- B. James L. U 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 [JAMES LARRY U, MBE]
(wife Carrie L) 68, 78, 81, 82, 83, 84
- C. Charles B. U 7, 8, 9, 10 [C.B. U] - Charles Burtis U s/o Charles F Burtis U
67, 70 + Gs/o Gilbert Burtis U N/B USC
- D. Jerome W. U 26, 27 - Jimmie Walker U, Jr s/o Clyde Walker U + Gs/o
(+ wife) 62, 58 Albert Doctor U of N/B USC - Gilbert Burtis U Jr
- E. James C. U 17, 18 - James Clayton U s/o Helen Burtis U + Gs/o Albert Doctor U
64, 75 N/B USC - Gilbert Burtis U Jr.
- F. C. W. U 11, 12 [CLYDE WALKER U]
(MRS; C.W. UESTER) 67, 70
- G. Bryan U 5, 6 - Oscar Bryan U s/o Dennis Burch U s/o John Burch U
62, 62 Gs/o John Burch U - M/Murray U SC
- H. Upchurch Subair 3, 4
75, 81
- I. Davis U + Davis Y. U 1, 14 - wife of Wm Burtis U, Jr
[Wm DORIS JEAN 06, 08 YATES]
- J. Michael D. U 2 Michael Douglas U 1954 s/o Douglas Edmund U + Gs/o
(wife - STANLEY) 93 Charles Daniel U of M/Murray USC - John Burch U Jr
- K. Peggy Faye U 28-?
01
- L. Della J. U 15 Della Josephine U (Wm) s/o Sam Odell U s/o Bert Odell U
85 + Gs/o John Burtis U, Jr N/B USC
- M. Elsie F. U 15 - Hugh Kyle U s/o Albert Doctor U + Gs/o Gilbert Burtis U
4/0 Hugh 30, 81 - N/B USC
- N. Hugh K. U 16 ELSIE = NEE ELSIE TINGEN
- O. William A. U 31 Wm Albert U, Jr s/o Helen Burtis U + Gs/o Albert Doctor U
69 N/B USC - Gilbert Burtis U Jr
- P. Mark W. U 38 - s/o Raymond Burtis U, Jr s/o SR, Gs/o Walter Burtis U
93 f. N/B USC - Burtis U Jr - Gilbert Burtis U
- Q. Upchurch Realty Co 29
62
- R. ^Δ Norrie McNall 1 (+ Daniel U)
06
- S. ^Δ R. S. Foster 5, 6 (+ Bryan U) - Possible 2nd son of Mary Foster U s/o
62, 62 John Burtis U of N/B USC - Gilbert Burtis U Jr
- T. Charles Pamela 22, 23 (+ James C. U) - Charles Edward Pamela s/o
82, 83 L MBE? + Gs/o Albert Doctor U N/B USC Gs/o L MBE
- U. Michael J. U 33 (+ Wm B U) [Michael Eugene J. U
04 not Pamela Burtis U s/o
Wm Burtis U, Jr]

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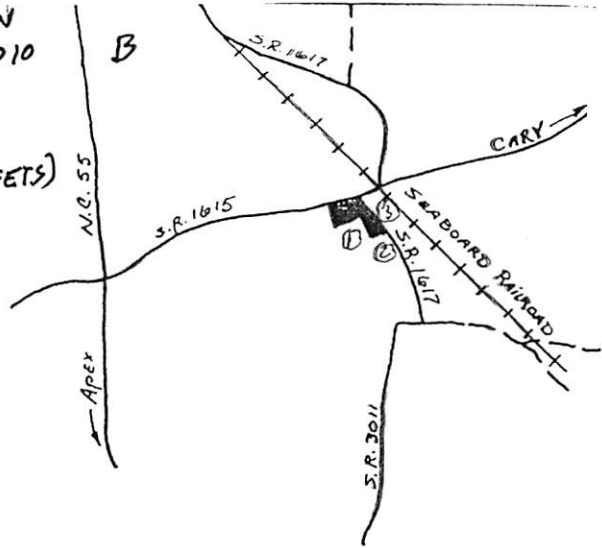
Survey Maps A & B of Tracts at Upchurch in Western Wake Co., NC Rec'd 9 JAN 2010 by RPU from Staley Caraway Smith
 - Original Documents filed [WC/NC - Land Records - Western Wake]

SEE ALSO
 SENTON
 9 JAN 2010

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VICINITY MAP - WHITE OAK TWP



VICINITY MAP

WHITE
OAK
TWP

A. Richard L. Watkins, Surveyor with Smith & Smith Surveyors. Certified by RLW 26 SEP 1979

B. Vernon Wayne Johnson, Surveyor with Smith & Smith Surveyors. Certified by VWS 7 JUL 1981

Chert for A & B = UPCHURCH SUBDIVISION

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS FOR A:

1. CLEO S. BAUCOM HEIRS

2. WM BURTIS U, SR

3. JOHN STONE HEIRS

4. WALTER STONE

5. L. C. SMITH, et al

[1912 Apex Journal
 Newspaper has
 details on these
 - in Durham
 Liberty Warehouse]

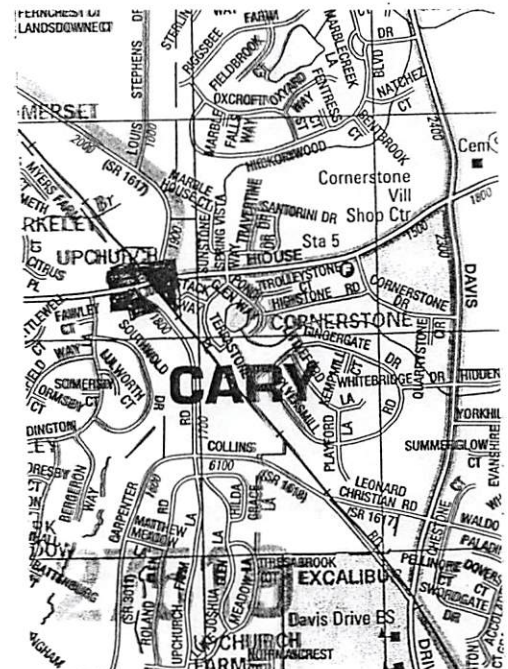
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS FOR B:

1. LOUIS C. SMITH

2. RONALD E. CARPENTER ESTATE [His FAT = WM H. Carpenter of Carpenter Store]

3. WALTER STONE

[] = Input from Staley 5 JUN 2010

ADC MAP - RALEIGH/CARY
WAKE CO., NC

(19) Interaction with WBU, II "Billy" on NCTRP MAY 2009-RP4

I. WED 6 MAY 2009

- Breakfast, walk, worked on notes
- William Burtis U, II "Billy" called & we had a nice chat. He and Dave will come to the Tach. He still lives in the Martha U House. I arranged for a visit at 2:00 PM on FRI 8 MAY 2009 at his home via home phone (919) 467-9975. He asked about Ted & mentioned him call to George at his home in CA

II. FRI 8 MAY 2009

- Mark & RP4 spent 2:00-5:00 PM with William Burtis & Dave (later) U "Billy". They were quite happy to see us and are excited about the Upchurch Park in Apex. He goes by "Billy" his son by William & as by WBU - I and WBU, II, III, IV. Billy says William now becoming interested. They have renovated the old Dr Norton House for William - spent \$170,000 mostly inside but left outside largely untouched. Billy feels that WBU, I did get a lot of land when he and the William Norton & the family are aware & proud of what their 17 year old ancestor did in marrying the widow. They have knowledge of the two stepchildren he acquired.
- Billy & Dave inquired of Ted & Billy passed Johnny Sledge, Bro of SSA, under whom Billy worked. Billy is now logorrheic but asked Dave to help him remember facts.
- Billy says they are in the Cemetery Bureau which they have actually given to their children.
- We sat in the old Martha U home - which Billy says was built for his wife in 1935 and had a most cordial chat for 1 1/2 hours. The stage was set for a return visit.
- Billy maintains regular contact with cousin George at his home in CA. Frank Hunter U, Sr is in bad shape. Joe Salotto is to get married soon.
- Billy reminds the Upchurch story on the Railroad at Upchurch being operational.

(19) - CONT

WILLIAM BURTIS U, II

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II. FRI 8 MAY 2009. CONTINUED

[A COPY OF THIS PAGE AND THE NEXT TWO PLACED IN "WC, NC - WHITE OAK TWP SITES FILE"

Billy drove the four of us on a local tour & I really must ask him to do the same again so I can fix the details more in mind & on paper. Also, I hope to go back on SUN & make a rough map. Points remembered:

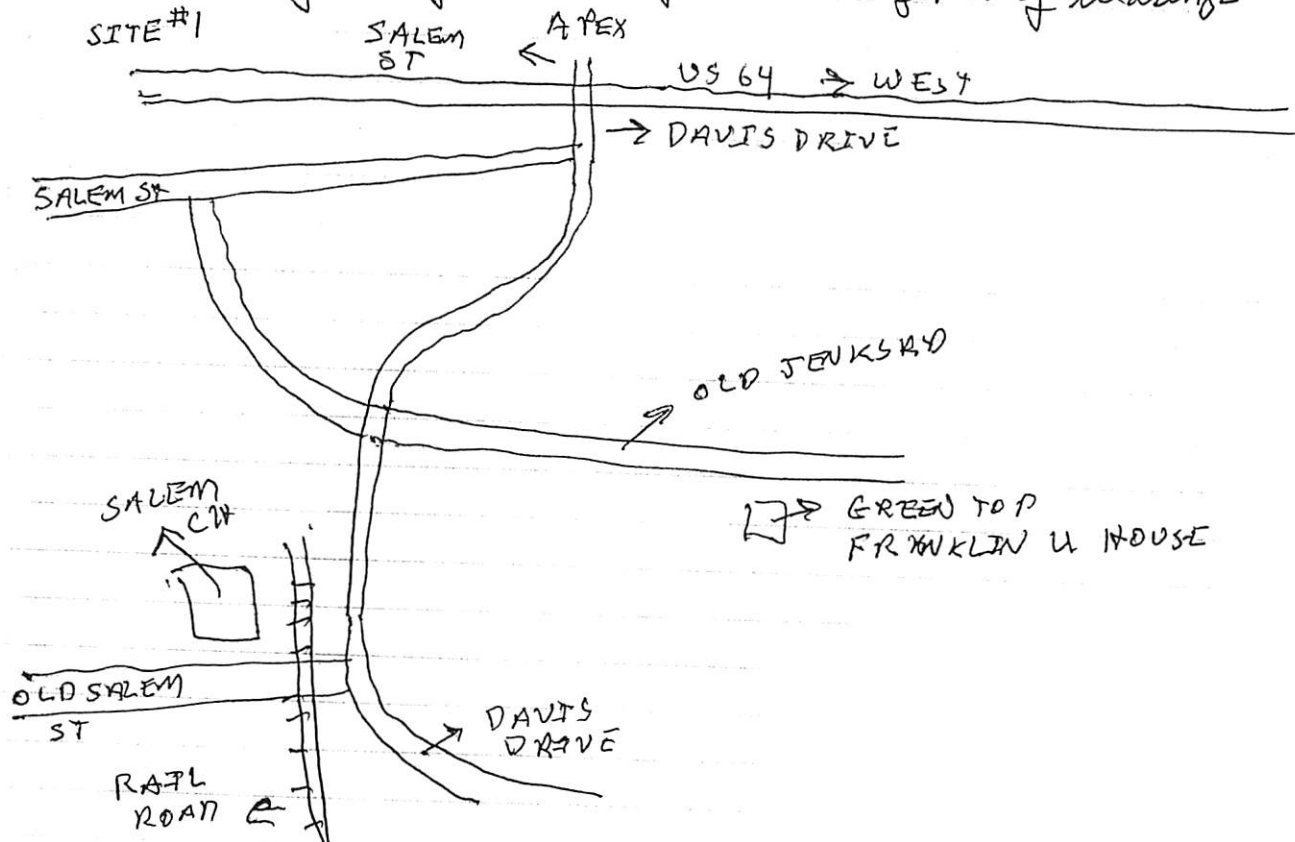
- site of Lynch School & its new location
- Site of Hartan Home & Tom Hartan home spot
- Sites of Home of George H & Murrell
- Hugh H home
- Suspect Green Level.
- Green Level School

The School at Green Level was where the old 2 story Masonic Hall was. WBH, I was active in the Lodge. Billy supposed that Nathan owned Green Level suspect site of Tom H home. Just before we left Davis opened & cooked me some butter beans (after I told her about Ladd always fixing me some).

III SUN

10 MAY 2009

→ Home over area in western Wake shown to us on FRI by Billy & Davis from U - & get my bearings



176) SUN 10 MAY 2009 - CONTINUED - CARPENTEX AREA

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↑ TO SALEM CHURCH
RAT ROAD

HOLT ROAD →

↓ HASBROOK DRIVE

END JENKS - CARPENTER RD

END COLLINS RD

COLLINS RD

UPCHURCH FARMS LANE

GEO. U. HOUSE (STANDING)

MERRIMAN U. HOUSE (GONE)

UPCHURCH FARMS BOB DEV

SCALE & DIRECTION NOT CORRECT

LEONARD CHRISTIAN RP

DAYLW DR. →

SITE OF TOM U. HOUSE (GONE)

PLAYFORD LANE

DEAD END

END COLLINS ROAD

JENKS - CARPENTER ROAD

SITE of UPCHURCH SCHOOL (MOVED TO CARPENTER)

CARPENTER UPCHURCH ROAD

↑ HIGH HOUSE ROAD

CIRCLE ON THE GREEN

DR. HORTON'S HOUSE

LOUT'S STEPHEN'S DR

UPCHURCH MEADOW RD

GREEN HIDE SCHOOL

FUTURE TR

WORTH UPCHURCH HOUSE

NANCY PEART RELATIVE

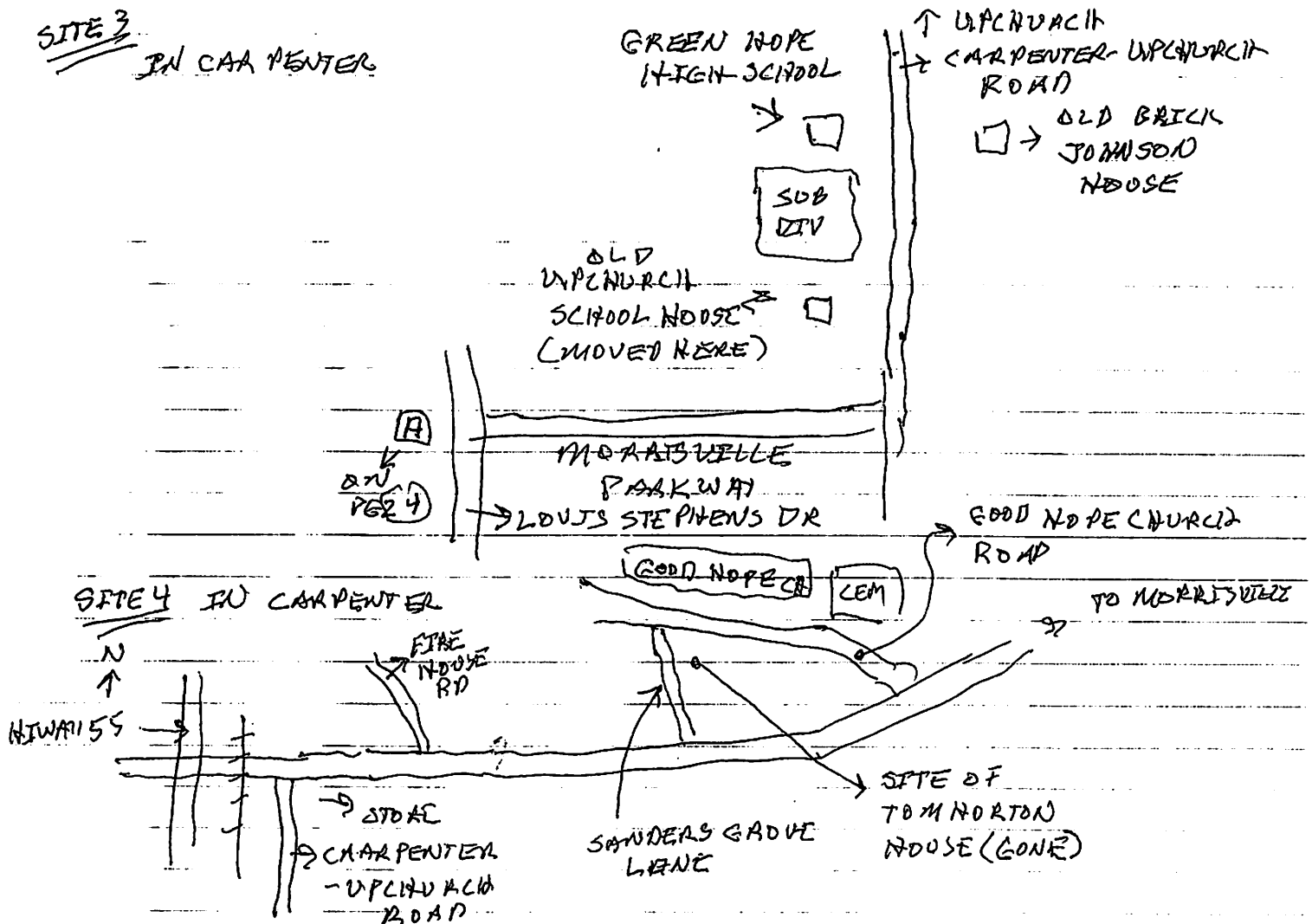
TO BIOFILE OF WM B. U, II

TO GOLF RD

MORRISVILLE PARKWAY

X5D-962

SITE 3
IN CAR PENTER



Attended Apex, NC Talk - 12 MAY 2009

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W. B. & Doris Upchurch #*

2132 Carpenter-Upchurch Rd., Cary, NC 27519

V. After the talk Bullyn came up for a chat. He has every indication of an aheadward looking interest. He made sure we met son William & GS will also also attended the talk.

(20) Item in 1st OCT 2003 Ann Pol to RPA - From: Newz
& Observer MON 22 SEP 2003

TOWN HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN LIFE | AND AFTER



Cary's population has greatly increased in recent years, and eventually those new people will need a final resting place. Hill Crest Cemetery, above, is the only public cemetery in Cary now, and all its plots have been spoken for.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHER STONEMAN

Cary may get a cemetery

*Bigger population
creates a demand*

By SAMANTHA THOMPSON SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Cary had its housing boom. The shopping centers followed. Now it's time to start developing six feet under.

A new privately funded and operated cemetery called Wake Memorial Park has received preliminary approvals from town and state officials to open off Green Hope School Road and N.C. 55 near Sears Farm Road.

CROSS FILE:

HILL CREST CEM., CARY, NC
 WAKE MEMORIAL PARK
 (CEM) - CARY, NC

WILLIAM BURTIS U, II "BILL"

UPCHURCH ROAD - WESTERN
 WAKE CO, NC

The development is another sign of Cary's staggering growth in recent decades. The only other option for Cary residents who do not have access to a family or church cemetery is the historic Hill Crest Cemetery, a public cemetery near Kildaire Farm Road. However, all the space in that cemetery, which the town maintains, has been spoken for for more than a decade. There's even a waiting list of 55 people, said Sue Rowland, the town clerk.

"This is just one more thing the town needs to provide for its citizens," said Cary Mayor Glenn Lang.

Site plans for the new cemetery still have to be approved by the town, and the state Cemetery Commission still has to license the operators. If all goes

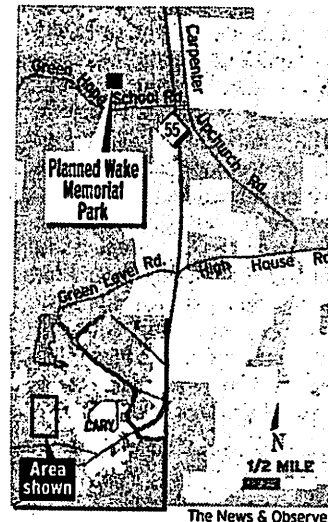
as planned, though, the cemetery will be open for business, either for families to buy plots or for burials, by the first quarter of next year.

Initial plans call for the cemetery to include more than 20,000 plots, a mausoleum and two columbaria, where cremated remains in urns can be placed. The number of plots could reach 100,000.

The cemetery will have ponds, landscaped gardens, walkways, courtyards and an entrance lined with cherry blossom trees. Although about 50 acres are being set aside for the cemetery, initially only 30 acres are going to be developed.

"I want people to feel comfortable about coming out here and having a picnic next to their grandmother's grave," said Terilyn C. deMarsi, a 14-year veteran of the funeral home and cemetery industry. DeMarsi had the idea for the cemetery in 1999 after realizing the town had nothing to offer families who wanted to bury a family member in Cary.

DeMarsi declined to say how much will be spent to build the new cemetery, which eventually could include an on-site funeral home. But burial costs will be competitive with other cemeteries throughout the region. Packages, which usually include husband and wife side-by-side spaces, burial vaults and flat



bronze headstones, generally run between \$5,700 and \$8,000.

The cemetery is a lifelong dream for deMarsi, who said she has held management positions at funeral homes and cemeteries throughout the nation.

After she had the idea, she began approaching developers in the area, looking for a partner in the project. Cary developer's Mike Hunter and Kyle Ward, owners of WW Partners, which developed Carpenter Village in Morrisville, saw the potential in the plan and teamed up with deMarsi.

"We felt that this was a needed thing in the community," Hunter said. "And it was a good oppor-

tunity for diversification for us."

DeMarsi then began working to get the necessary land, a process that included going door-to-door to more than 200 homes around Cary and Apex trying to find a family who not only was willing to sell but also had enough land to accommodate the cemetery.

Cary resident Bill Upchurch and his family were willing to partner in the project with their land, which up until just three years ago was a tobacco farm, off Green Hope School Road.

"I hope it's something that we'll leave to serve a need for the people in the town of Cary," Upchurch said. "I probably wouldn't have sold the land if it wasn't for this."

Lang said when the property came up for a special use permit last month, it met with no community resistance, a fairly rare occurrence with new developments in Cary. "I think it shows everybody understands the need here," he said.

The state hasn't licensed a cemetery that is open to the public in Wake, Orange, Johnston or Durham counties for more than three decades. However, privately run church and family cemeteries have been built.

Staff writer Samantha Smith can be reached at 829-4563 or samantha@newsobserver.com.

(21) EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK: "CARPENTER AS I REMEMBER IT"
BY: HENRY BRYAN EDWARDS 2006 - The Items Below have
possible interest to RPH as his MILLS and UPCHURCH
relatives lived in or near Carpenter, Wake Co, NC

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UPCHURCH

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Δ B. FRANKLIN UPCHURCH

Δ C. KATTA UPCHURCH

Δ D. CHRISTINE UPCHURCH

Δ E. PAULINE UPCHURCH

NEED TO PLACE:

Δ BILLIE UPCHURCH

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Δ A. BILLY UPCHURCH

[WILLIAM BURTIS, JR]

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Δ B. PATSY UPCHURCH

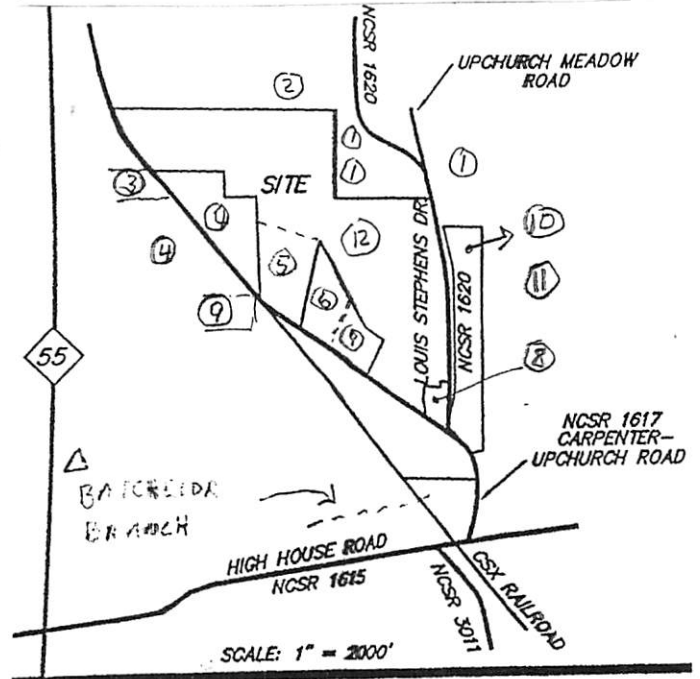
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- (22) Survey map Dated 10 NOV 2008 by Staley C. Smith of Smith & Smith Surveyors - Cedar Fork TWP - Wake Co, NC being Item E (has 2 SHEETS) of Items A → G Rec'd by APH on 9 JAN 2010 from Staley Caraway Smith Original to WC/NC Land Records - Western Wake Land of Wm Burtis U, Jr - Town of Cary Project 08-1617

NEIGHBORS:

- ① J. MICHAEL EDWARDS (8) Wm B. U, JR
 ② ANNIE B. MILLS (9) DORIS YATES
 ③ PAUL G. RUSSELL (10) PART OF ⑫
 ④ JAMES WADE RUSSELL (11) RIESBEE FARM
 ⑤ CURRENT HOME Wm B. U, JR (12) LAND OF Wm B U, Jr
 ⑥ PATRICIA A KUESTER
 ⑦ PAMELA U JOYNER



VICINITY MAP

- (23) THE APEX NEWS

WED 8 MAY
 1996 APEX,
 NC

FRED
 HEINEMAN
 RICHARD
 JENKS
WB U, II



FARM ISSUES- Fourth District Congressman Fred Heineman attended a special roundtable meeting of the board of directors of the Wake County Farm Bureau. Topics of discussion included the recently passed farm bill, the im-

migration bill, capital gains and inheritance tax relief. Heineman, seen here at left, is with board member Richard Jenks of Apex, center, and Bill Upchurch of Morrisville.

(24) Western Wake Herald WED 6 JAN 1993 Apex, NC

Upchurch receives farm bureau honor

William B. Upchurch received the North Carolina Federation's highest honor, the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award, during the organization's recent annual convention in Greensboro.

Upchurch, who lives on a farm near Morrisville, is director of field service for the state Farm Bureau.

W. B. Jenkins, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, said the honor is given for exceptional service to agriculture.

"Billy Upchurch has devoted more than 30 years to strengthening and serving Farm Bureau," Jenkins said.

"Billy has given unquestionable loyalty and devotion to Farm Bureau and has been an integral part of our phenomenal growth and expanded service to members," Jenkins commented.

Upchurch began his career with the organization as a field representative and later became coordinator



William Upchurch

of the Young farmer and Rancher program before his appointment as director of field services.

This year he is completing his 30th year as an employee of the agency.

(25) Notes of RPU Call to WBU, II & wife Anne 8406-2012 (919) 467-9475
George Allen U, II & wife Anne are in a Rest Home (619) 352-3670
WBU, II now has a part nader. Re Mr Raymond Johnson, Jr - phone
= (919) 467-1286, Shop (919) 467-1376. With Ellen Johnson and Carl Adams
& had 1 child PATTIE ROWE; GRACE HODGOOD JOHNSON (JR) and JACK LADD
(not LANE) & had JEANETTE LADD. Three GGC of Raymond =
Rita Paul Rose Johnson, Grace Emeline Johnson, Stella Mae Johnson

(26) 5 DEC 2013

I called Billy & to get the correct email address for his son William. He gave me phone number & contact William which I did. (See his Profile)

I told Billy of our upcoming visit to NC and we agreed to meet for a chat and perhaps to go see Raymond Johnson. Billy will be away several days. I will call when we get to NC.

I described the video & Billy is anxious to see them & will contact on William & help.

I described the new organization & Billy seemed quite receptive. I will need to follow up to see if he can be brought on board.

(27) N.C. MARRIAGES

William B Upchurch

birth: 1927

North Carolina

Marriages, 1759-1979

marriage: 26 Nov 1949

White Oak Twp., Wake,
North Carolina

spouse: Doris Jean Yates

(28) 14 MAR 2016 - MONDAY

Late in day about 7:00 PM dropped in unannounced to see Billy & Doris Jean

Visited Billy & Doris Jean U. 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Got to church. Eaten at Yates. They will leave
4:30 WED to see mother Woody & Jean Yates
- Also will come to open house

Billy says Raymond Johnson member
our visit - would welcome another

Rec'd
CHECK
\$10 for
membership
at Yates

WILLIAM BURNS U, II "SR" "BILLY" XFD-962

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March 24, 2016

Mr & Mrs William B. Upchurch
2132 Carpenter - Upchurch Road
Cary, NC 27519-7003

Dear Cousin Billy & Doris Jean -

It was great to see you and to chat in your home on March 14. My March 11-21 trip to North Carolina was a great success. The Allied Families Cary Facility is now operational and we think it will give a big boost to our family history work. We have four coordinators who will keep it open 8 hours per week. We can build on this. Woody Yates will lead the work on the Yates family.

Thank you for your \$70 check enrolling you both as 2016 members of Allied Families and for the extra in support of the Yates Family Project. We are now at \$980. When the reaches \$1,000 we will have the upfront expense dollars we need and future contributions will go

into a long-term support fund to sustain the Yates Family Reserve and Allied Farmers far into the future. Our goal is to have a \$10,000 endowment to support each family.

We are a little early to ask you to help us with cemetery heavy years the Yates and Upchurch families on the Wake/Chatham border. But that time will come as soon as Woody & his son Matthew get records organized. I think you will be pleased with our progress of work.

It was good to hear you tell about Raymond Johnson. I hope his health holds up and we can all go to visit him on my next visit later this year.

It is always great to visit with you and I will see you again this fall if not before.

Warmly.

Phil Upchurch

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WILLIAM BURTIS U, II (SR)

XID 962



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October 31, 2015

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CARY NC 27519-7003

Dear Cousin Billy and Doris Jean -

The 16 days of October spent doing family history in Wake County was hugely successful. It is fantastic that we now plan to open an Allied Families Workspace at 1130 Kildaire Farm Road in Cary - thanks to Cousin Michael Edwards. Enclosed is a draft of eight projects for the facility.

It was gracious of Tricia to open her beautiful home for our gathering on October 21 and Doris Jean outdid herself on desserts. I had two! I hope the presentation made sense. The Upchurches & Yates have a great heritage in the area. We must work to

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Collect all the data and to preserve it along with all we have gathered over the last forty years. William did a great job in arranging the computers

I was very much encouraged to hear you say that you and Dixie Jean would continue to support our program. We already have the Nathan Lynch Family online and with the help of Woody and Matthew Yater we will soon have Yater Family to which Dixie Jean belongs online as well.

My memory is that in December 2013 you wrote a check for \$140 to Alheid Farmer which was divided into \$20 memberships - one for each of you - with \$50 to support the enrollment of the Nathan Lynch Family and \$90 to support enrollment of the Eli Yater Family. I enclose an enrollment form for each of you and hope you will be as generous as you consider appropriate. We already have \$1140 set aside for support of the Nathan Lynch

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Family. When this reaches \$5,000 it will be invested in a special Scottsboro Account where we hope growth and contributions will help it grow to the \$10,000 level at which time it will become an endowment. The Yates fund is small but it too will grow over time.

The Kildare Farm Road Workshop will make a huge difference in our ability to recruit volunteers. I look forward to showing it to you the next time I visit.

Sending my warmest regards to you both.

Phil Upchurch

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January 30, 2015

Mr & Mrs William B. Upchurch, Sr

Dear Billy and Devin Jean -

We continue to build momentum in our Allied Families organization dealing with family history. Since most of this is reflected online I take this opportunity to report to you on the status of enrolling the Nathan Upchurch and the Yates families.

Attached are copies of what we show on line for the Nathan Upchurch family to which you and I belong. This is a good start and we hope to add more in 2015

Since Billy gave \$50 to support the enrollment of this family he will be listed as a Co-Sponsor.

We do not have anything on line on the Yates family yet but have been busy organizing Yates data to use. Matthew Yates and his

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Father Woody Yates are helping. Since your
fees are \$50 to support the enrollment
of this family she will be listed as a
CO-SPONSOR when it is properly organized.

I invite you both to renew your
memberships in Allied Families for 2015.
Forms are enclosed for each of you. The
minimum for 2015 membership is
\$20/person but you are invited to
become a member at a higher level
if you are so inclined. Also, we need
to add more to support the enrollment
of the two families you helped us get
started.

I hope this finds you both well
and looking forward to Spring. Here
we are in great shape. We hope
to visit North Carolina in April or
May and look forward to a chat
with you then. In the meantime
Sallaine and I send all best wishes
your cousin

Phil Yedwards

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12 MAR 2014

Dear Billy & Daris -

Yesterday I sent a progress report on our Upchurch & Allied Families Association to about 25 key supporters. Your copy is provided herewith and with it I send my thanks for the early support you have given. I think we have made excellent progress and the future looks bright.

I am sure a number of people will join us in our effort to "enroll" the Nathan Upchurch, I family and the Yates family as well.

Hope all is going well with you. Here we are really ready for spring

All Best Wishes

Phil Upchurch

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email: phil@upchurchstory.com Website: www.upchurchstory.com

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13 JUN 2012

We returned home late on June 11 after 20 days away from home. We held up well for the trip but we always were glad to be back at home. Now I am trying to catch up on items that accumulated while we were away and to process information collected which was a huge amount.

It was very kind of you to arrange for the visit to meet my Johnson Cousins for the first time. It was really interesting to see Raymond perk up at the end. I now need to meet him.

Thanks also for alerting me to the interest of Patricia in family history. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to her. I'll look forward to working with her and to meeting her in due course.

It was good to see you and your family
at the talk & game in Alex. one has to keep
string the pot! Fondly Philly Wyndmarch

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WILLIAM BOUTTS U, II

AND 962

This note handed to APU by WBU, II
on 5 JUN 2012 with \$10 cash
APU

W.B. UPCHURCH
2132 CARPENTER-UPCHURCH ROAD
CARY, NC 27519

SSA - Note - For
the 10 sent
UP Vol 32 No 1
APU

(not on 2012 list)

Patricia Upchurch
Knester

105 Carnoustie
Way
Medina,

Pa. 19063

Phone -

610-627-9749

Please send any
Upchurch Material

Thank You

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CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005-4640

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RPU:s
Enclosures

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There are other maps and special descriptions in various issues of the Upchurch Bulletin that apply to our Upchurches in Western Wake County. I have picked out four recent issues to send to you which are enclosed. They are Vol 25 No 2; Vol 27, No 1; Vol 29, No 1; and Vol 30, No 1. If you want to pay for them they are \$5 each. I can send more if you so desire. Details on our Upchurch Family History Week are enclosed in case they might be of use.

When we come this summer I want to take a picture of the Barton House you and Melvin have restored. I hope to publish the picture and the story of the house in a future Upchurch Bulletin. We will be in NC 31 JUL - 11 AUG 2009 to attend a wedding. I'll call you along the way to see if we can get together.

With All Best Wishes

Phil Upchurch

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FROM BELLE
WEST 9 JAN 1977
LTR TO RP4



NATHAN UPCHURCH - Territory in Wake Co. - N.C.

← Carpenter

main road →

Mr. M. L. Lure

church

John Upchurch

2 cement

Smith

James Bartlett Upchurch

2 cement

Tenant

Gilbert Up

2 cement

2 cement

Log 2 cement

John A Stone

Green Cinder Block.

← 1 mile upchurch

carry →

church

2 cement

2 cement

2 cement

James A Edwards

2 cement

white frame

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Dear Billy & Norm -

We leave tomorrow for a three week visit to NC - and yet that will not be enough time to get everything done.

I will be giving those talks as described in the attached announcement. It would be great to see you at any or all. At Apex we will include the Herten-Uphelm house among those we will show.

The Inwood talks will tell about my
growing up and how my ancestors helped
start the church in 1877.

I'll try to catch up with you along the way and hope we can have a nice chat.

Phil Zischewski

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12 APR 2009

Dear Billy & Doris

It was a pleasure to meet you several years ago and for you to show me your "Ypsichurch Calvin". I still have a picture of us in front of it. Also, I know you must remember my wife's late brother, Johnny Sledge.

I am writing especially to invite you to attend an Upchurch Talk I will give in Arey on May 12, 2009. Details are enclosed. Your ancestor will be among those covered. It would be a pleasure to see you there. You can tell the group if I make mistakes.

Please do spread the word to others who might be interested.

I trust all is well with you and the family.

Phil Ussery

N. Carolina Is Booming, Despite Anti-Smoking Efforts

Farmers Expect Squeeze-Out Eventually, But Healthy State Economy Is Putting Clinton Surprisingly High In Surveys

By Jon Sawyer

Post-Dispatch Washington Bureau Chief

SMITHFIELD, N.C.

FOR BILLY UPCHURCH, watching over his precious piles of yellow-leafed tobacco on the floor of Farmers Tobacco Warehouse, it was a good day in a bad year.

The auctioneer stepping briskly between the long rows of tobacco, each pile loosely arranged on a burlap sheet, sang out the sonorous monotone that is all but unintelligible to the uninitiated. But on this day no translation was required: The half dozen buyers from the big tobacco companies were paying a uniformly high price, \$1.92 a pound, for every single pile.

The fact that prices are running at least ten cents a pound higher than average is due to the ravages earlier this month of Hurricane Fran, which wiped out nearly a quarter of the crop on tobacco farms in eastern North Carolina.

Farmers like Upchurch know they are facing an even bigger calamity than Fran — the anti-tobacco initiatives of President Bill Clinton, who is pushing both for banning tobacco advertising aimed at teenagers and for regulation of tobacco as a drug by the Food and Drug Administration.

Upchurch, 69, has farmed tobacco all his life. His daddy gave him an acre to work when he was 16 and the money he made off that crop was enough to put him through N.C. State University. His son did the same, working a piece of what Upchurch had built up into one of this region's largest tobacco holdings. The

anti-tobacco crusade still strikes the father as faintly un-American.

He also knows that sooner or later, and probably sooner, the battle is lost.

"I think in the long run it's going to gradually squeeze us out," Upchurch said. Upchurch said that his own son, now 27, had opted against taking over the family farm and had built a career in state government instead.

"We wanted him to come back and take over the operation," Upchurch said. "But when he was a senior in college he said he'd rather not; he'd seen what was coming." The father said he couldn't blame his son. "Fifteen years from now, if he was farming tobacco he'd be squeezed out, for sure."

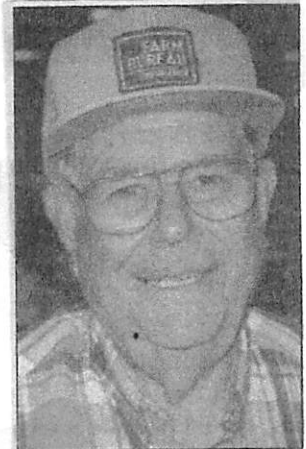
The best evidence for that dour prediction is North Carolina itself. With a booming economy, rapid-fire industrial diversification and the steady influx of new residents, this long-time mainstay on Tobacco Road isn't that much different, these days, from the rest of America.

Tobacco's Downward Trend

Those are among the trends that explain why even in North Carolina, one place where Bill Clinton has laid down an unambiguous marker against an important local industry, his odds against Republican challenger Bob Dole look surprisingly good.

Local studies put the direct earnings of tobacco farmers in North Carolina at about \$1 billion a year, with an additional \$10 billion in indirect economic activity. Big as that number is, it accounts for less than 7 percent of the state's overall economy and no one expects anything other than continued decline.

Tobacco's share of overall farm production in North Carolina has steadily declined over the past 25 years. So has the number of jobs in tobacco manufacturing, which peaked in the early 1960s at about 33,000 and



Billy Upchurch



Tobacco buyers gather around the product at a bright-leaf auction recently at the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse in Smithfield, N.C.

Jon Sawyer/Post-Dispatch

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has dropped since by more than half, to 16,000 jobs as of 1995.

The U.S. share of tobacco production worldwide has dropped just as precipitously, thanks to cheap labor overseas, from 18 percent in 1970 to 8 percent in 1995, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Tobacco's clout beyond the farm and factory in North Carolina, once overwhelming, has waned as well, from the statehouse to education.

Trinity College was a small Methodist institution in Durham. It was the money of James Buchanan "Buck" Duke, founder of the American Tobacco Co., that transformed it into the educational powerhouse that today bears his name. Ditto Wake Forest University, a small Baptist institution that was moved whole hog to Winston-Salem 41 years ago when the heirs of R.J. Reynolds offered to build an entire new campus.

Both Duke and Wake Forest, moreover, relied on tobacco money to build what are today among the country's leading centers for medical care and research. At Wake Forest, the medical school itself is named for Bowman Gray, the late chief executive at R.J. Reynolds.

The universities and medical schools are also symbols of tobacco's declining economic role, however, especially in Winston-Salem — where the medical school and North Carolina Baptist Hospital have supplanted R.J. Reynolds as the county's largest single employer. The medical school was a co-sponsor, in fact, of a study earlier this

year that urged North Carolina to phase out of tobacco as rapidly as possible.

So while Clinton's rhetoric may have put the anti-tobacco forces front and center, nothing is sudden or new about the assault on the golden weed.

A former top executive at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco said that as long ago as 1964, with the U.S. Surgeon General's first report linking cigarette smoking to cancer, the writing was on the wall. He said he took early retirement about a decade later because "it wasn't fun anymore."

"We were spending more time defending the company," he said, "than promoting the product."

'Camel City' Shifts

The surest proof of changing attitudes is that Clinton hasn't been seriously hurt, even in places like Winston-Salem — "Camel City" — birthplace of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco and the town that spawned some of the industry's most storied cigarettes.

A poll earlier this month found that in Winston-Salem and the surrounding Forsyth County, Clinton and Dole were virtually even, with 45 percent of respondents favoring Dole and 44 percent Clinton. Moreover, while two-thirds of those polled said they opposed regulating tobacco as a drug, only a third said Clinton's endorsement of regulation would make any difference in their choice of a presidential candidate.

Republicans are banking on the poll's other finding — that among those for whom regulation does make a difference, virtually all say the issue will point them toward GOP candidates. In the case of Democrat Harvey Gantt, for example, the ex-Charlotte mayor who is mak-

"This is America. If a man wants to smoke, he's going to smoke."

JOE McLAMB of Benson, N.C.

ing a second bid to unseat Republican Jesse Helms, 29 percent of those surveyed in the Forsyth County poll said Clinton's stance on tobacco made them less likely to support Gantt — even though Gantt himself opposes FDA regulation of tobacco. Only 4 percent said Clinton's position made them more likely to vote for Gantt.

Helms has been running ads that highlight Clinton's attack on tobacco. So has Rep. David Funderburk, the first-term Republican congressman from a district just east of Raleigh who faces a tough challenge from state school superintendent Bobby Etheridge. Etheridge himself grew up on a tobacco farm and his family continues in the business.

"With Funderburk, this is politics," Etheridge said.

"With me, it's a way of life."

Even in this tobacco-rich district, Etheridge said, he hasn't felt compelled to go on the attack against his own party's president. He believes voters in his district understand his position and that neither Clinton nor Democrats locally should be judged on any single issue.

"I wrote the president a letter and let him know I didn't agree with him on this," Etheridge said. "My wife and I don't agree on everything, either," he added, "but I still love her."

Leo Daughtry, a Smithfield lawyer and Republican who is also majority leader of the North Carolina house of

representatives, insists that Clinton's anti-tobacco stance will make a difference.

A Slap In The Face

"People here are very aware of tobacco's significance, historically and presently," Daughtry said. "They think of it as a way of life more than as an economic engine. And when Clinton says tobacco is a drug, it's like slapping a lot of these people in the face."

Take Joe McLamb of Benson, who owns federal tobacco allotments on 60 acres and was among those watching the auction at Smithfield's Farmers Tobacco Warehouse.

McLamb, 70, said he had never gotten beyond seventh grade but that tobacco — and hard work — had made him a success. The notion that farmers here might convert to other crops was dismissed out of hand: "If you tried to rent this land out for anything else you wouldn't even make enough to pay the county tax."

McLamb believes Clinton's assault on tobacco is pure politics, based on the calculation that the unpopularity of his proposals in this part of the country will be more than offset elsewhere.

"I think half of it's just spite," said McLamb, who also discounted Clinton's focus on teen-age smoking as empty political rhetoric. "I'm not opposed to doing everything you can to keep young people from smoking but it's not worth a hill of beans," he said. "They'll do it more if you tell them not to. . . . This is America. If a man wants to smoke, he's going to smoke."

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Wake Co. farmers meet with Dole in Upchurch

By SUZY BRET
Staff writer

Jimmy Williams knows the hard work that goes into farming. He spends hours each day working in the tobacco fields, priming the plant tops and irrigating the rows and awaiting some much needed rain.

When harvest time arrives, he'll be out there in the hot sun, pulling tobacco leaves that his family hopes will bring in a good profit. He knows, though, that farming is a tough business. "I think a lot about us going in the hole," he admits.

That worry doesn't change his mind about wanting to have his own farm one day. You see, Jimmy Williams is just 10 years old.

"He's a good worker," says his father, Macon Williams of the Upchurch community. "He's out there every day with us doing a little bit of everything."

But the odds of Jimmy owning a farm grow slimmer with each passing year. While Wake County is the fourth largest tobacco producing county in the state, the smaller farmer is having a tough time

making ends meet.

It's those dwindling numbers that brought Jimmy and Macon Williams, Ricky and Garry Edwards, Omer Ferrell, Steve Gooch, Marshall Ream, and other southwest Wake farmers out to meet with Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) when he and Congressman William W. Cobey Jr. visited their community last week.

"There's not but six or seven farmers in the whole community," says William B. Upchurch of Carpenter-Upchurch Road. He and his wife, Doris, hosted what Cobey aides had planned as an agricultural tour during a Congressional break.

"When Dole's office said he had set aside some time and we could use him, we asked him to come along because of his involvement in agriculture," said John King, Cobey's campaign manager. Dole is the second ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and sits on the Finance Committee where he introduced the 1985 tobacco program.

"Jesse (Helms) wasn't sure we

could get it through Agriculture," said Dole of the federal tobacco program he believes will help farmers through recent crises. He said Congress has voted to spend \$30 billion this year compared to \$20 billion during the four-year administration of Jimmy Carter.

The new program enables tobacco companies to sign contracts to buy tobacco surpluses at discount prices, and is aimed at having more domestic tobacco purchased. The price support level for flue-cured tobacco will drop from \$1.72 to \$1.44 per pound, while the assessment for growers is expected to drop to four or five cents.

"Do you think you can live with this?" Dole asked the local farmers and farm leaders assembled at the Upchurch farm. Despite unanimous agreement, Upchurch said, "Farmers are like anyone else. If something doesn't work, then they're going to try something else."

He noted that increasing industrial development coming into the Research Triangle area is eating up more and more small farmers. "If they'd just leave us alone," he said, referring to efforts by developers to buy up area farmland. One farmer told of offers of \$25,000 per acre in the Carpenter-Upchurch area.

Besides the onslaught of development, Steve Gooch, who manages the 350-acre Upchurch farm, said farmers are facing a severe drought that has left the state

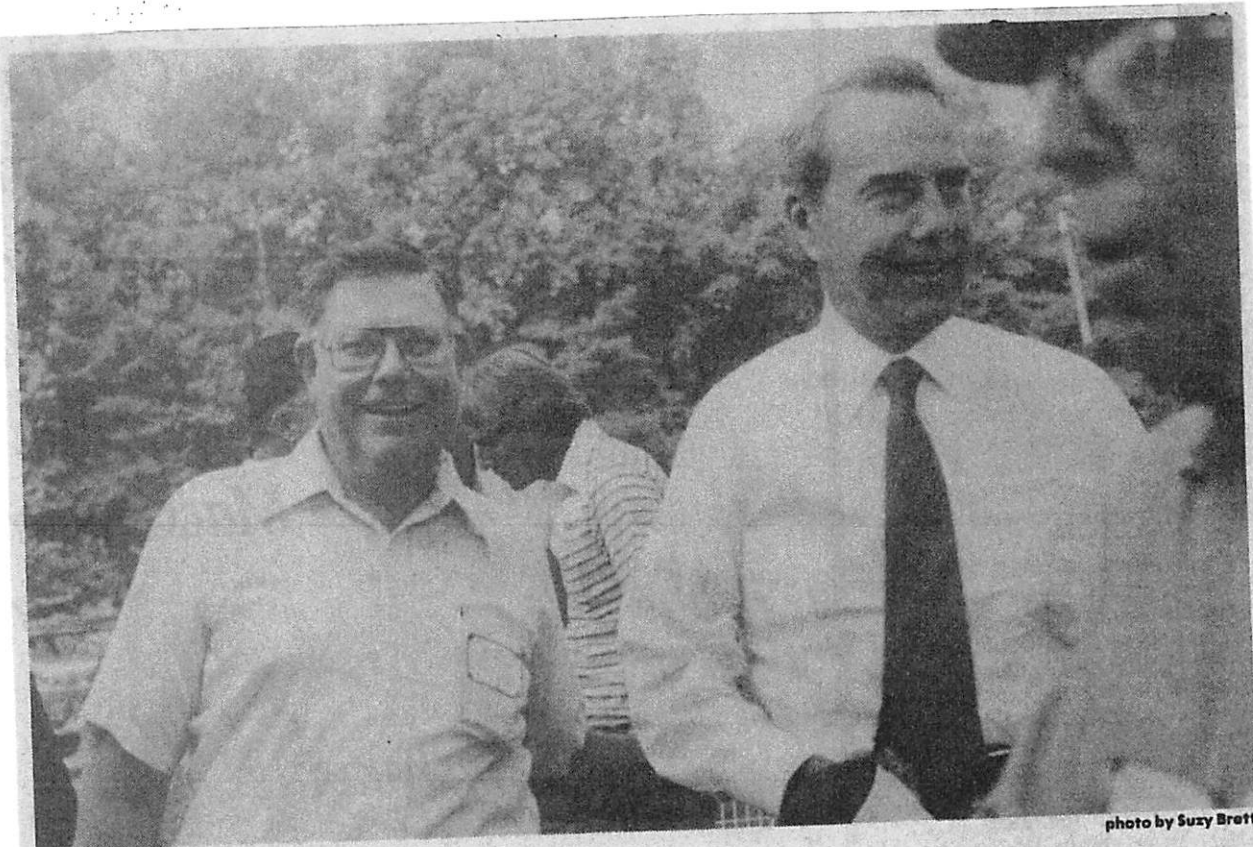


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U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, right, talks with William Upchurch of the Upchurch community

on Wednesday. Dole visited Upchurch's farm during a local visit.

nine inches behind in average rainfall for the year, plus various increases in fees and taxes associated with planting, storing and selling tobacco.

"We've been pumping like mad," he said of the irrigating he has done for the tobacco.

Gooch told Dole it costs about \$1.10 a pound to produce tobacco, and the price to farmers last year was between \$1.37 and \$1.40. "To get a higher price for his tobacco, a

farmer must keep it clean, pick up dull leaves, harvest it four times, just do a better job than others."

Brothers Ricky and Garry Edwards, who farm nearby land that their grandfather and father farmed, said if the drought doesn't get the local farmers, the taxes "will eat you up." They said they hoped Dole's tour of the tobacco field would make him more aware of what the small farmer faces.

The Senator's visit to Upchurch

was big news, however. "It's exciting," said Garry Edwards. Their host agreed.

Upchurch told the farmers attending the tour that Dole's support for Cobey's campaign mattered little to him. He was simply pleased to have the Senate majority leader in North Carolina. "As far as I'm concerned, this tour is not political. If Sen. Dole is ever president, we need him to know what the farmer in North Carolina is doing."

Losing ground?

Residents of outlying communities prefer to remain rural

By MARY BETH STARR
Staff writer

Back in the early 1900s, when railroads were beginning to boom in central North Carolina, two small communities northwest of Cary were named for the families who donated their land for the passage of the iron rails.

Farming was the main occupation then, and the trains carried tobacco and produce across the state, as well

as the passengers who got off at whistle stops between farms.

The Carpenter and Upchurch communities are still rural in many ways, but some of the residents see development coming and are prepared to face it.

However, the people there and in the Sorrell's Grove community north of Cary say if they could control the future, they would like to remain rural communities.

The Sorrell's Grove community, near the Durham County line, has been a farming community for years, but the arrival of the Raleigh-Durham Airport and new development standards around Interstate 40 adopted by Wake County have already taken away some of the rural character.

The community was founded around the Sorrell's Grove Baptist Church, beginning in 1901, according

to Jesse Markham, a longtime resident.

Carpenter and Upchurch were both named for the families who donated land for the Durham and Southern Railway Co., when it was built in the early 1900s.

The Carpenter and Upchurch families still reside in the area, farming and running a country store.

A fourth community, Shiloh, is located to the east of Sorrell's Grove and above Morrisville. The mostly black community has been removed from Cary's ETJ request after residents sought to become part of Morrisville to avoid Cary's expansion.

The Cary Town Council two weeks ago agreed to remove Shiloh from the request because they feared the residents were acting on misinformation in requesting the an-

nexation. They said Shiloh residents may not understand the difference between ETJ and annexation, and may think Cary was trying to annex the section.

Some of their annexation petitions were considered Monday at the Morrisville Town Board of Commissioners meeting, but no action was taken.

Members of the Sorrell's Grove Church voted last week to become part of Morrisville. The pastor, Andrew Pickens, said that vote didn't have anything to do with Cary's ETJ request.

Morrisville has almost surrounded

the church property after it annexed the Marketplace Mall next to I-40, and property behind it which is being developed as an office park.

Church members have not yet officially requested annexation, according to Morrisville Town Administrator Peter Bine.

Even if the church is annexed, residents of the adjoining community will still be in Cary's ETJ, if the Wake County commissioners approve the request.

That doesn't sit well with longtime resident Jesse Markham.

"I don't care for anything the city has to offer," he said of Cary.

Markham lives about a half mile from the church.

"I live on a private road, I have plenty of water and my sewer is working good. It's not crowded too bad. I like it like it is," he said.

Although his children went to school in Cary, he identifies more with Morrisville, he said.

But he's not anxious to be annexed anywhere.

Richard Jones lives on the north side of I-40. He's not sure what town he identifies with now that Raleigh has annexed property near Globe

Road.

"We're happy with the farming community," he said. "I'd just as soon not be in anybody's ETJ. We have so many jurisdictions out here already. Between the Airport 1, Airport 2 and Highway District, we're controlled three ways besides the county.

"They (Cary) are not providing anything. We would just have another one to control you," he said.



William Upchurch stands at the signpost for Upchurch.

Because of all the annexations by Raleigh, Cary and Morrisville, he is unsure who owns some of the land.

"It doesn't look good for anybody out here who doesn't want to build an office," he said.

Jones plans to hold onto his land as long as he can. But he knows development is coming.

Some members of all three communities fear that being in Cary's ETJ will bring development of offices and industries more quickly than if they remain in the county's jurisdiction.

But Joel Carpenter, the fourth generation to run Carpenter General Store, is ready for that development.

"Back then (in the late 1800s), everyone was a farmer, and primarily since then until the last 10 years," he said from a bench in the

old-fashioned general store he and his brother run.

But now, he said, tobacco farming is fading out, more residential development is coming in and people have started working at the Research Triangle Park.

"We would like things to stay the same," he said, "but we see that change is imminent, and we feel the best road in looking at development is being part of Cary.

"Cary will bring a better environment for development, if development is what we must have," he said.

Omer Ferrell owns a farm in Upchurch and another in Carpenter on which he lives.

Morrisville's planning district is located east of his property, and the Research Triangle Park planning zone is within a mile and a half.

He is still farming his land, but with land prices going up each year, "I know I'll have to stop farming sooner or later," he said.

He feels that with Cary, there is the potential to obtain water and sewer services within the next few years, which will make his land increase in value.

William Upchurch has lived in the Upchurch community all his life. His

great-grandfather, for whom he is named, moved to the same farm in 1863.

A country store used to be located on the west side of the tracks but no longer exists, he said. He was told that farmers coming from Chatham County would stop overnight and camp at that store on their way to Raleigh.

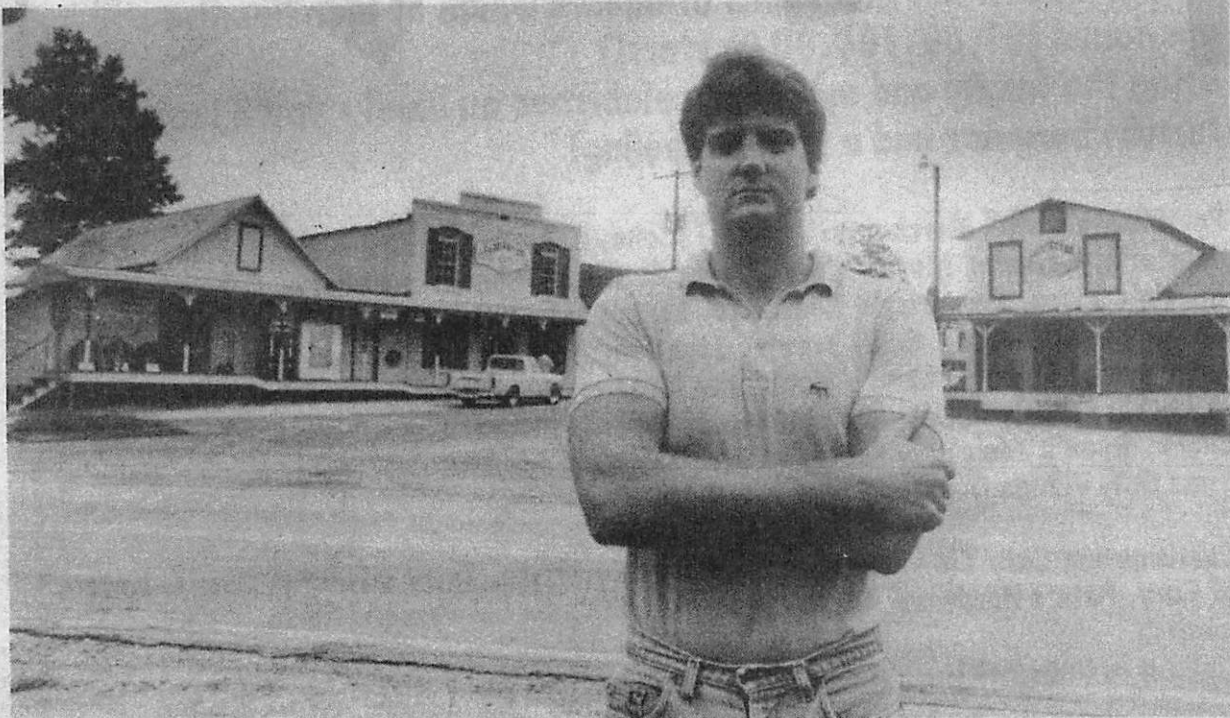
Later, the railroad came in and across part of Upchurch's land, and named the community for him.

Avery Upchurch, the mayor of Raleigh, is one of Upchurch's cousins.

William Upchurch said he feels "all right" about being part of Cary's ETJ. "I'd rather be there than someplace else," he said.

Cary owns the sewer line that will be coming through, he said.

"Whoever's got the water and



Joel Carpenter is the third generation of his family to operate Carpenter General Store.

sewer's got the control," he said.

Upchurch wants to keep farming. "I don't relish having a bunch of houses around me," he said.

On the other hand, "Being in their zoning jurisdiction will protect us," he said. "No one will put in a honky tonk or a trailer park next to my land."

Another Upchurch resident holds the opposite view.

Kim Perry of High House Road said she doesn't want anyone coming in telling her what she can and can't do in her yard.

"I moved out here with the anticipation it was going to stay country," she said.

She criticized Cary for not having the schools and roads that are needed to keep up with the growth of the community.

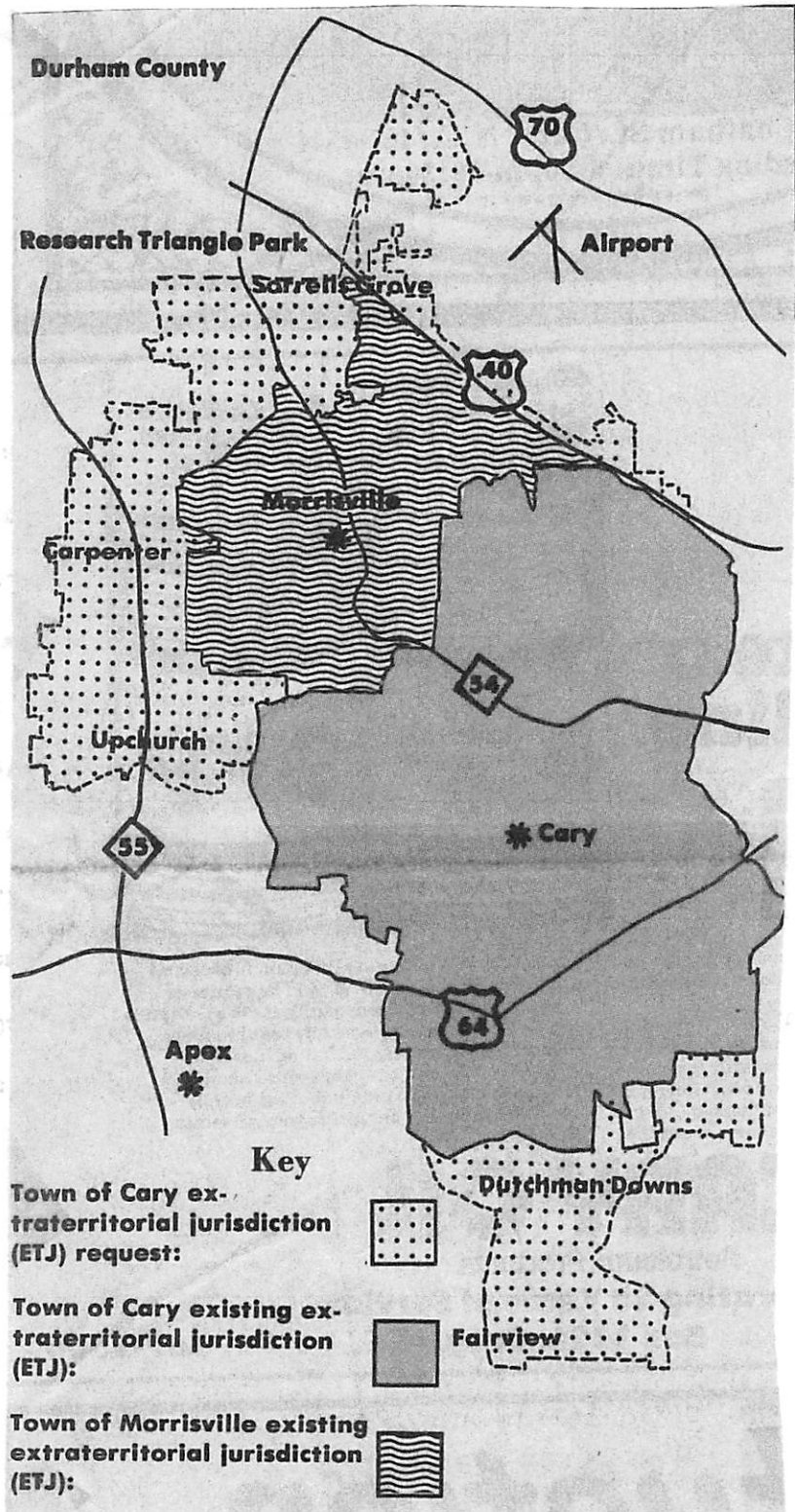
"The traffic on High House Road

is abominable," she said. "Cary keeps hoarding land and developing it. Where are they going to put the kids in the subdivisions they plan on annexing?"

She said she is aware that Cary does not force anyone to annex, but she feels that annexation is the next step.

"Why else would they want us in their ETJ?" she asked. "They have to hire more people to cover people coming in for building permits out here. They can't cover all this extra land."

Cary will have some time to prepare to serve the new areas. The Wake County commissioners must approve Cary's request. Because they are considering several other requests from other towns, officials say it may take several months to decide.



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MR & MRS WILLIAM BORTIS UPCHURCH

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Here are some questions I need answers to:

(1) Martha Moore U

a) where born, where died, where buried, where married?

b) Date of Marriage?

(2) Fillian Pearson

a) when and where born?

b) when & where died?

c) Her full maiden name?

d) Name of her parents?

(3) William Burtis & Dora Jean (Yater) Upchurch

a) Date & place of birth of both & date & place of marriage?

b) Parents and grandparents of Dora Jean Yater?

c) Date & place of birth for your 3 children?

(4) Patsy (Upchurch) Fella

a) Full name for Patsy U & her birth date & place?

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b) Date & place of marriage

c) Full name of Patsy's husband and her date & place of birth?

d) Full names of their children & date & place of birth. (I show only one - William Fella)

Any of the above information you can supply will be most welcome. Don't worry if your response is incomplete.

Let me recap our relationship:

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Nathan U

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Wesley Moore U ← 3RD " → Robert Phillip U ← ME

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you → William Butler U II ← 4TH " → Barrett Phillip U

So your father & I were 3rd cousins, you and my son are 4th cousins while you and I are 3rd cousins once removed. I am trying to sort out the Yates side also. My gf Bartley Jefferson U was born in the Green Level area but left at the time of the Civil War.

P.S. Is there a written history of the Baptist manorville church?

Sincerely yours
Phil U Church

[ROBERT PHILLIP U CHURCH]

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William Burtis Upchurch Sr.

JUNE 18, 1927 - AUGUST 21, 2018



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William "Billy" Burtis Upchurch, Sr., 91, of Cary, passed away on August 21, 2018 at The Oaks at Mayview in Raleigh.

Billy was born June 18, 1927 in Wake County, North Carolina to the late Worth and Lillian Upchurch.

Billy enjoyed a very successful career spanning over 30 years with North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award to Agriculture. After retirement, he continued by serving on the Wake County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Over the years, he traveled the state, meeting and working with members of the agricultural community. He considered each one of them his friend. His most proud accomplishment was his successful farming operation that he developed from a young age.

Billy and Doris were active members of Good Hope Baptist Church where he served several years as

Chairman of the Deacons and Sunday School Superintendent.

Billy was preceded in death by his sister, Patsy Latta.

Billy is survived by his wife of 68 years, Doris Yates Upchurch; son, William Upchurch Jr. (Amanda); daughters, Patricia Kuester (John) and Pamela Joyner (Michael); six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 4 PM Friday, August 24, 2018 at Good Hope Baptist Church, 6630 Good Hope Church Rd, Cary, NC 27519. Burial will follow the service with Masonic Rites. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Apex Funeral Home, 550 W. Williams St., Apex, NC 27502.

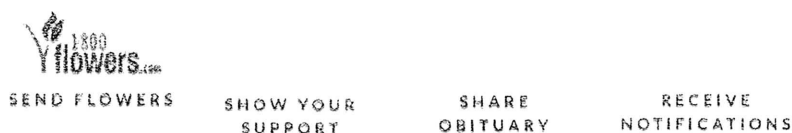
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The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Dr. Richard Torrey, Dr. Bruce Usher, Dr. William Dunlap, and the caring staff at The Oaks at Mayview in Raleigh.

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August 23, 2018

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My prayers are with you all.

Pam & Aaron Brothers

August 23, 2018

Dear Pam, Mike, and Family,

Aaron & I wish to extend our sympathy in the passing of your Father & Grandfather. We are traveling and will miss the services but wanted you to know that we are thinking of you. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength.

Pam & Aaron Brothers

Howard Reinhardt

August 22, 2018

Billy was a fine man. He has been someone I tryed to pattern my life after and will leave a real void in his family and community.

Melissa Buchanan

August 21, 2018

Mr. Bill was a very sweet and kind man. It was always a pleasure to serve him at the Wake County Farm Service Agency. He surely made his mark everywhere he went. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Mr. Bill.

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