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UPCHURCH	GARY	LYNN		10-1-1946	m	CASS	GRACE BOBO	MORRIS UPCHURCH
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UPCHURCH	GLEND A			8-2-1940	f	<u>CASS</u>	GRACE BOBO	MORRIS UPCHURCH
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① 1830 NC Census lists J Morris U - he of Anthon  
Co - Pittsboro District (Note: there is an outside  
chance this could be Moser U as no Moser is  
listed in the 1830 census. -RPW)

② 1840 NC Census - lists O Morris U.

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008386	UPCHURCH MORRIS E	58	SAWNER KERMIT G	67	2/10/1973	<u>BRAZORIA</u>
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006225	UPCHURCH MORRIS E	74	SMITH LOIS A	53	2/5/1989	<u>BRAZORIA</u>
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## ○ TEXAS DIVORCE RECORDS

File Number	Husband	Husband Age	Wife	Wife Age	Children under 18	Marriage Date	Divorce Date	County
000421	UPCHURCH MORRIS E	74 ↑	LOIS A	54	00	2/5/1989	1/24/1990	BRAZORIA
079074	UPCHURCH NEAL C	24	CYNTHIA J	25	02	1/5/1974	12/5/1978	HARRIS

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26 JAN 1989

MR MORRIS UPCHURCH  
310 KIAMICHI ST. E.  
HUGO, OK 74743

Dear Mr Upchurch,

As you will see from the enclosed materials I am keenly interested in the entire Upchurch Family. The reason I am writing to you at this time is because Mr Edwin Alder mentioned your name to me today. I looked in the files and found the above address but no other information linking you to earlier Upchurch generations.

Ed Alder and I have been good friends for almost 40 years. He was a Vice President at Eli Lilly and Company and has recently bought a retirement home in Tucson. He is originally from Hugo, OK. He recalls a man of Upchurch who came to Hugo, OK in about 1943 from Arkansas at about age 23. He recalls this individual as being an excellent teacher and later



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as school administrator and coach. I don't know if you recall Ed or not but you must be the same movie of Upchurch he recalls. Is that correct?

Could you let me know your date and place of birth and the same for your father and his father if possible. With this information in hand it is likely that I can connect you back to much earlier generations. I have complete census records for the Upchurchs who were on the 1850 and 1880 census records in Arkansas.

Please let me know if you have any specific questions.

Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP  
UPCHURCH]

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○ FROM 1995 CD-ROM

Upchurch Forrest A	406 N J St	Hugo	OK 74743-2816	405-326-6797
<u>Upchurch Morris</u> ↑	310 E Kiamichi St	Hugo	OK 74743-6836	405-326-2250
Upchurch Willie	S Of City St	Hugo	OK 74743	405-326-2085
Upchurch Don	S Of City	Kingston	OK 73439	405-564-4470
Upchurch Gene	E Of City	Krebs	OK 74554	918-423-5743
Upchurch Gwen L	45 Nedegiacomo	Krebs	OK 74554	918-426-5082
Upchurch Gladys	509 W Park Ave	Mcalester	OK 74501-2327	918-426-4649
Upchurch R L	316 E Jackson Ave	Mcalester	OK 74501-4125	918-426-9476
Upchurch William R	2907 N Ash St	Mcalester	OK 74501-2215	918-423-8913

○ Bayley List

Maris Upchurch  
310 Kiamichi St. E. } In AF  
Hugo, OK 74743

MORRIS JOHN U

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FROM EMAIL 21 FEB 2015 TO RPU FROM DEBORAH  
SCHUMAKER - RE HARMON U / ALLEN U SUBCLAN - RPU 2 MAR 15  
I. HARMON U - HEAD OF CLAN → ALLEN U → PATRICK GORDON U →  
6. JAMES D U

- △ I JAMES D<sup>2</sup> UPCHURCH (Patrick Gordon<sup>1</sup>) was born on 07 May 1891 in Columbia County, Arkansas, United States. He died on 06 Feb 1970 in Paris, Lamar County, Texas, United States (Y). He married CORA FLORENCE PONDER. She was born on 05 Oct 1895 in Pike County, Arkansas, United States. She died on 08 Aug 1979 (Y).

James D Upchurch was counted in the census in 1900 in Waldo town, Columbia, Arkansas, USA. He was counted in the census in 1910 in Parker, Nevada, Arkansas, USA. He was counted in the census in 1920 in Bryan, Oklahoma, USA. He was counted in the census in 1930 in Boswell, Choctaw, Oklahoma, USA. He was counted in the census in 1940 in Bokchito Town, Bokchito Township, Bryan, Oklahoma, USA. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery Hugo Choctaw County Oklahoma, USA.

Cora Florence Ponder was counted in the census in 1920 in Bryan, Oklahoma, USA. She was counted in the census in 1930 in Boswell, Choctaw, Oklahoma, USA. She was counted in the census in 1940 in Bokchito Town, Bokchito Township, Bryan, Oklahoma, USA. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery Hugo Choctaw County Oklahoma, USA.

James D Upchurch and Cora Florence Ponder had the following children:

- △ A FORREST ALDON<sup>3</sup> UPCHURCH (James D<sup>2</sup>, Patrick Gordon<sup>1</sup>) was born on 28 Feb 1918 in Rosboro, Pike County, Arkansas, United States. He died on 04 Aug 2011 in Hugo, Choctaw County, Oklahoma, United States (Y). He married Lois Melvine Dossey on 26 Sep 1942 in Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma, United States. She was born on 14 Oct 1920.

Forrest Aldon Upchurch was counted in the census in 1920 in Bryan, Oklahoma, USA. He was counted in the census in 1930 in Boswell, Choctaw, Oklahoma, USA. He was counted in the census in 1940 in Bokchito Town, Bokchito Township, Bryan, Oklahoma, USA. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery Hugo Choctaw County Oklahoma, USA.

Forrest Aldon Upchurch and Lois Melvine Dossey had the following children:

- △ △ i. DAVID EARL<sup>4</sup> UPCHURCH was born about 1945. He married MARGARET DARLENE.  
△ △ ii. JOHN WAYNE UPCHURCH was born on 09 Jan 1949. He died on 25 May 2009 (Y). He married FREDIA LOUISE BURGESS. She was born on 04 Oct 1950.  
△ iii. JAN MARIE UPCHURCH was born on 05 Jul 1952.  
△ △ iv. DAN ROYCE UPCHURCH was born on 28 Sep 1953. He married SUSAN SULLIVAN. She was born on 25 Sep 1954.

- △ B MORRIS JOHN<sup>3</sup> UPCHURCH (James D<sup>2</sup>, Patrick Gordon<sup>1</sup>) was born on 25 May 1922 in Blue, Bryan County, Oklahoma, United States. He died on 06 Jan 2012 in Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, United States (Y). He married Mary Helen Boyette on 12 Sep 1948 in Stamps, Lafayette County, Arkansas, United States. She was born on 29 Jan 1929 in Arkansas, United States. She died on 16 Dec 2000 (Y).

Morris John Upchurch was counted in the census in 1930 in Boswell, Choctaw, Oklahoma, USA. He was counted in the census in 1940 in Bokchito Town, Bokchito Township, Bryan, Oklahoma, USA.

Mary Helen Boyette was counted in the census in 1930 in Stamps, Lafayette, Arkansas, USA. She was counted in the census in 1940 in 501 Central Avenue, Stamps, Baker, La Fayette, Arkansas, USA. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery Hugo Choctaw County Oklahoma, USA.

Morris John Upchurch and Mary Helen Boyette had the following children:

- △ f. ALAN LEE<sup>4</sup> UPCHURCH (Morris John<sup>3</sup>, James D<sup>2</sup>, Patrick Gordon<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Jun 1948. He married Betty Charlotte Kirkland, daughter of Elvin Earl Kirkland and Zeffie Mae Davis, on 25 Jun 1972 in Dallas, Texas, USA. She was born on 07 Dec 1946 in Lufkin, Angelina, Texas 75902, USA.

Alan Lee Upchurch and Betty Charlotte Kirkland had the following child:

- △ i. CHAD ALAN<sup>5</sup> UPCHURCH was born on 16 Oct 1977 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, United States.

- △ z. JOHN MARK<sup>4</sup> UPCHURCH (Morris John<sup>3</sup>, James D<sup>2</sup>, Patrick Gordon<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 May 1955. He married DONNA KAY COOK. She was born on 20 Jul 1957.

John Mark Upchurch and Donna Kay Cook had the following children:

- △ i. AARON MARK<sup>5</sup> UPCHURCH was born on 03 Jun 1982 in Tarrant, Texas, United States.  
△ ii. JESSICA RENEE UPCHURCH was born on 18 Sep 1984 in Tarrant, Texas, United States.

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UPCHURCH	JOE	WILLIAM		1-6-1935	m	CASS	NETTIE BOBO	MORRIS S. UPCHURCH
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MORRIS SHEPPARD U

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TX Births

UPCHURCH	KENNETH	MORRIS		5-11-1937	m	CASS	GRACELORINE BOBO	MORRIS SHEPPARD UPCHURCH
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① See Attach Page 6 of 2 FEB 1928 Ltr Elva Burkhalter to RDU filed with Walter Jackson U.

A. Morris U b 2 AUG 1908 in Queen City - Cass Co, TX and 10 JAN 1931 Grace Bobo. Henry of Phil Jr / Clarence U. - Sarah Elizabeth U. Line

② See Ltr 10 JUL 1980 Elva Era Burkhalter to RDU - Pg 6. Morris Sheppard U b 2 AUG 1908 and Grace Bobo

③ on 15 FEB 1980 Rec'd an order for UB 80 from Mrs Elva Era U (nee Elva Era Burkhalter) for herself and one for:

Morris U  
Rt 1, Box 151  
Atlanta, TX 75551

} In AF

(Note: Morris  
is her brother  
- RDU) (connection  
He is her BIL  
- RDU)

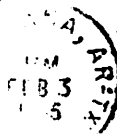
④ See Ltr 18 DEC 1982 Jody Carol Whitlow to RDU

Morris Sheppard U and Grace Bobo b 15 JAN 1906 (Queen City, Cass Co, TX). They and 10 JAN 1931 (Texarkana, Miller Co, AR).

⑤ Rec'd 8 FEB 1985 - Ch # 545 for 15 for 1985 UB  
Signed 1 FEB Grace U / Morris U / Mrs Grace U  
Morris U 796-4091

B-5-85

Morris Upchurch  
Route 1 - Box 151  
Atlanta, Texas 75551



Michael Enterprises  
P.O. Box 35804  
Tucson, Arizona 85740

Rec'd  
8 FEB 85

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- ⑥ See Walter Jackson U Biofile - entry 2 OCT 1987  
Morris Sheppard U attended the Walter Jackson U  
 Reunion in the Atlanta, TX state park on  
 20 SEP 1987. see reference for his photo
- ⑦ See 1st 2 OCT 1987 Judy Carol Whitlow to RPH  
Morris U will marry 28 NOV 1987 Mr Ann Stanley
- ⑧ See 1st 19 DEC 1988 Elva Eva Burkholder to RPH  
MS U and again in NOV 1987 "Geta nice lady. They  
 are in a new brick home."
- ⑨ Item Rec'd 12 NOV 1989 by RPH from Mrs Gary Lynn U (nee -  
 Judy Carol Whitlow) - from Atlanta, TX newspaper

2A Sunday, Oct. 15, 1989 Citizens Journal

## Will honor educator Morris Upchurch

# Alumni want to rename QC Middle School

By JOHN COLEMAN  
 Journal Editor

Students attending grades 5-8 in the Queen City Independent School District in the future may say years later they attended the Morris Upchurch Middle School.

Representatives of a group of concerned citizens and ex-students will be present at Tuesday night's school board meeting to present the trustees with signed petitions requesting the name change.

According to A.R. Sirmans, the treasurer of the Queen City Alumni Association and the individual who was asked to spearhead the effort, the decision to pay tribute to Mr. Upchurch in this manner centers around his long years of service to the area as an educator, including his longterm role as principal in the high school-junior high school building that now houses the middle school, and his part in consolidat-

ing about eight different common school districts into what became the Queen City ISD.

"Back in the 40s, Mr. Upchurch was a school board member in the Blaylock Common School District. Blaylock was the key vote in deciding whether the eight school districts north and west of Queen City would consolidate. Up to that time, Queen City only had through the 10th grades. Students went to Atlanta for the 11th and 12th grades. After the consolidation, Queen City had all 12 grades," Sirmans said.

Upchurch had served more than 33 years as an educator in the community before retiring almost two decades ago. Now in his late 70s, he still lives in Queen City and takes a strong interest in the educational needs of the community. Two years ago, he

founded the Upchurch Scholarship Award.

"He and Mr. J.K. Hileman were really the founders of the schools in this city," Sirmans said Friday. "The elementary school is named after Mr. Hileman. It's only fitting and proper that we remember the deeds of Mr. Upchurch by naming the building where he spent a majority of his career for him."

Sirmans said that between 400 and 500 signatures had been gathered on the petition to rename the middle school. The school board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the administration office.

He said he didn't anticipate any opposition to renaming the school after Upchurch. He said going before the board was something that had to be done in order to accomplish the objective.

- ⑩ 7 JUL 1990 - Call to RPU from Stan Hammett of Tucson, AZ. (See his profile for more details)

The Aunt of Stan Hammett became the 2nd wife of MSUP about three years ago. MSUP suggested to Stan that he contact RPU. Stan confirmed the high standing of MSUP in his local community and referred to the fact that a school had recently been renamed for him. MSUP has spent his life as a school teacher.

- ⑪ See str 3 FEB 1989 Elva Eva Burkholder to RPU

MSUP had only four children. He and 2nd 28 NOV 1987 (Queen City, TX) Anne (Mamie) Stanley  
MSUP has one grand daughter.

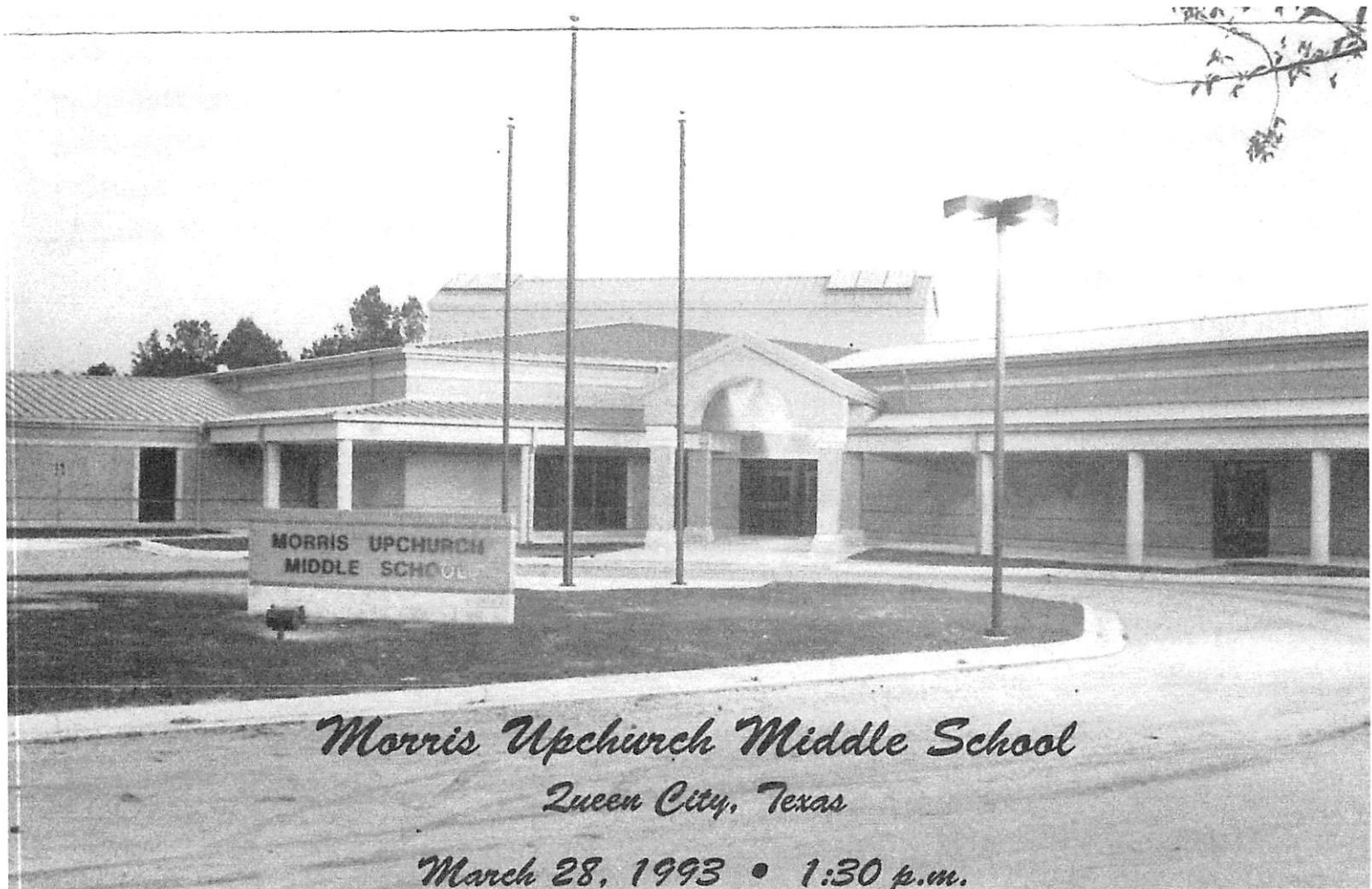
- ⑫ See str 2 JUN 1993 Judy Carol Whitlow to RPU

Anne NMN Mamie d 18 APR 1993 (Atlanta, TX)  
(Bur - Queen City Cem., Queen City, TX). She was the second wife of MSUP. It was an ordeal but we finally got Gary's dad [MSUP] to move back to the homeplace with his oldest son James. He is in fair health but needs someone to watch out for him. We all live on land touching each other - Gary, James, Kenneth and Glenda so he has plenty of family around him.



MORRIS SNEPPARD U PG4 XFD-2725

(13) From Ltr 9 APR 1993 Judy Carol Whitlow to RPH  
Also see Reverse





(14) From Ltr 9 APR 1993 Judy Carol Whitlow Ed RPH  
 [NOTE: There is no date in this Pine Country Bulletin - RPH]

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# S-N-A-P-S-H-O-T-S

## DEDICATION CEREMONY

The ribbon was cut Sunday at the new Morris Upchurch Middle School in Queen City. Dedication ceremonies were held and a tour conducted for the nearly 200 people in attendance. Guest speaker was Mary Perkins of the State Board of Education. Classes began in the new building on March 22. Upchurch, a long-time Cass County educator, is in the center of the photo at the right.



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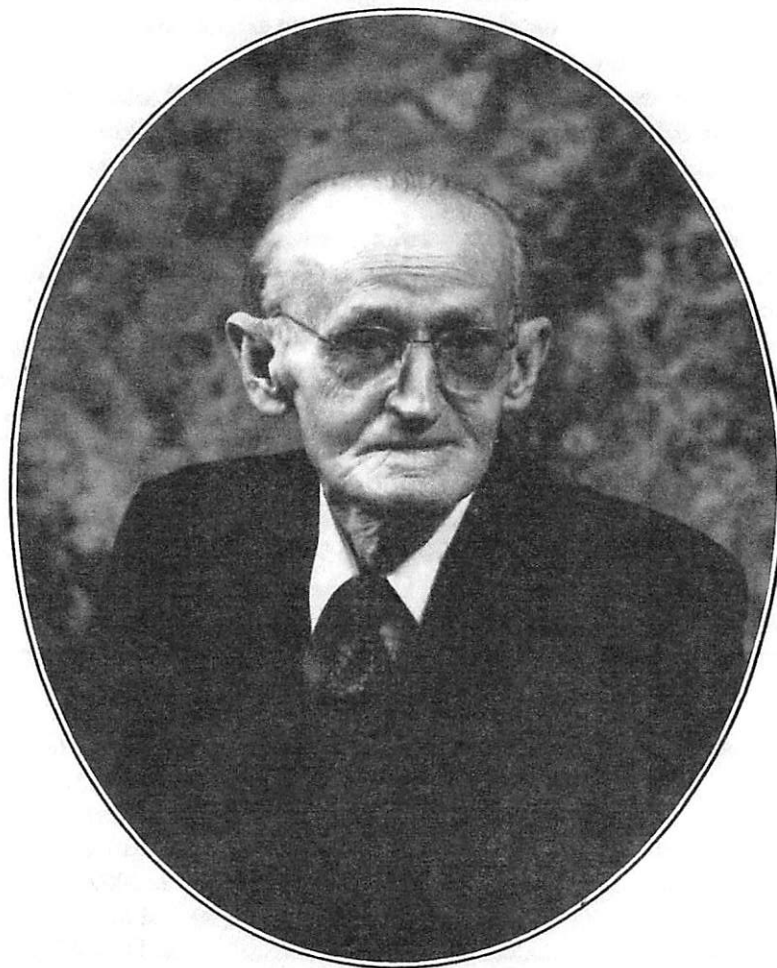
## *My Special Guide*

It has been said that life is like a journey. While on this journey we are to walk the straight and narrow. The easy way is not always the best way, keep our eyes on God, and follow Jesus. Everyone goes on this journey, but we all start off differently. All of us have different guides and teachers. We are all given the same map, which is the Bible. Pa, or Morris, as others sometimes call you, I am thankful to God to know guides and teachers like you and Ma (Grace). As a teacher like yourself, I have seen that not everyone is blessed with caring and loving parents and grandparents. As I journey through life, I am thankful that you were there when I was a child and were there when I needed advice or someone to listen.

Just like a journey, when I was a child I felt I could take risks and try anything. The reason I could is because of you being there for me if I had taken a fall or went off the "trail" God wanted me to walk. My best memories of you when I was a child was when I would walk to your house through the pasture with my dog. You or Ma would be there waiting for me. I also miss the times of just sitting in the swings on your porch and talking or just watching time pass by. There was not anything you wouldn't do for me. If I wanted ice cream, we would get in your car and go to the store that was a mile away and get some. I loved Ma's pancakes that she would cook for me anytime. I always loved riding in the truck with you to check on the cows or chase them to another field. As I got older, I never had to hear an excuse as to why you didn't attend one of my baseball games, academic banquets, or graduation ceremonies. These are just a few examples as a guide through life of what you have done for me. It was encouraging just by the fact to be associated with a man that was thought of so much by others.

Now you are gone and I have grown. Every so often on my journey of life I have to ask for advice, and I understand how you used the Bible and applied Jesus' teachings to your life. I hope to remember all that you taught me and can tell others what you did. I think one of the most important things I learned from you was the importance of service and sacrifice to others. I have so many guides and teachers in my life, and you will always have a special place in my heart.

NATHAN UPCHURCH



Morris Upchurch

AUGUST 2, 1908 - APRIL 25, 1997

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## Morris Upchurch

Morris Upchurch, 88, of Queen City, Texas went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 25, 1997. He was born August 2, 1908.

Mr. Upchurch spent 33 years with the Queen City ISD, both as a teacher and principal of the elementary and junior high schools. In addition, he served from 1948-1950 on the first Queen City school board following the consolidation of rural schools with the district.

Special tribute was paid to Morris Upchurch in 1989 when the Queen City Middle School was renamed The Morris Upchurch Middle School. He was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He was also a Mason.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, James W. Upchurch, Kenneth M. and Ruthie Upchurch, Gary L. and Judy Upchurch, all of Queen City; one daughter, Glenda Upchurch Parr of Queen City; six grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law, Wayne and Pam Upchurch, Doug and Donna Parr, Nathan and Philicia Upchurch, Dan Parr, Matt Upchurch, Bart Upchurch; two granddaughters and one grandson-in-law, Nancy Upchurch, Tammy and Louis Stinson; four great-grandchildren, Jessica Upchurch, Tyler Parr, Trevor Parr, Tristen Parr; one brother, Emmett Upchurch of Queen City; two sisters, Lou Bessie McAlexander and Letha Pyle of Atlanta.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Grace Bobo Upchurch; his wife of six years, Anne Stanley Upchurch; one grandson, Jeffery Boyd Upchurch; and one son-in-law, Paul M. Parr.

### SERVICES

April 29, 1997

Invocation ..... Dr. Herman Hendrix  
*Pastor, First Baptist Church, Queen City*

Eulogy ..... A.R. (Buddy) Sirmans  
*Queen City Alumni Association*

Song ..... Cary and Kim Crump  
*Music Director, Antioch Baptist Church*

Obituary ..... Rev. Don Williams  
*Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church*

Song ..... Cary and Kim Crump

Message ..... Rev. Harold Garrett  
*Retired U.S. Navy Chaplain and Former Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church*

### GRAVESIDE SERVICES - ANTIOCH CEMETERY

Rev. Franklin Wray, Youth Director, Antioch Baptist Church  
Masonic Service

## The Patriarch

He's the patriarch of the family,  
And we continue what he began.  
To feed and teach the people,  
Every woman, child, and man.

Because he lived as a provider  
For the body, spirit, and mind.  
His life's work will endure  
Long after his time.

An advisor and an encourager,  
He was always our biggest fan.  
And when we had our doubts,  
He was first to say, "You can."

He left us a legacy  
And a standard to uphold.  
Do God's will with our lives,  
We'll be paid in Heaven's gold..

How do we say goodbye  
To a man who did all this?  
How do we celebrate his life  
While knowing what we'll miss?

We continue what he taught us.  
We're all put here to give.  
We'll share this truth with others,  
And the patriarch will always live.

- Dan Parr -

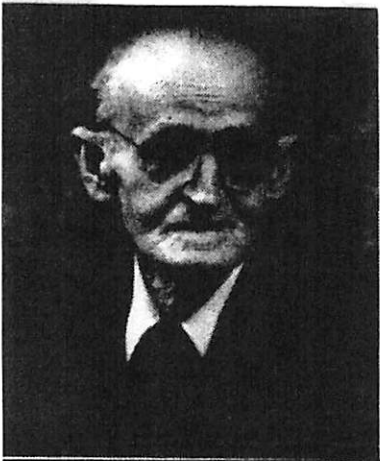
*Da never met strangers.*

*He only met people whose names he did not know.*

*We love you,*

*Tammy and Louis*

⑮ Item A & B in dt 9 JUN 1997 Judy Carol Whitlow to RPA  
 "B" - Newspaper source not stated: "A" Citizens Journal  
 SUN 4 MAY 1997 (Law Co, TX)



MORRIS UPCHURCH

## Family patriarch leaves legacy in education

By SHEILA MCBAIN  
 Journal Staff Writer

A lifetime resident of Queen City, Morris Upchurch died Friday, April 25, at Atlanta Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Upchurch was born Aug. 2, 1908. He was a fourth generation Queen City native. Of his 88 years, he spent 33 years employed with the Queen City Independent School District.

He was a teacher and principal at the elementary and junior high campuses. Prior to joining the Queen City School District, he taught in rural schools such as Blaylock and Hebron from 1933 until 1950.

Upchurch was a member of the first Queen City school board. He served from 1948-50 following the consolidation of rural schools with the Queen City School District. He retired from teaching in 1983.

He was honored in 1989 when Queen City Middle School was renamed to Morris Upchurch Middle School.

Upchurch was the patriarch of his family. He began a teaching

legacy which continues to grow in Queen City.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 55 years, Grace Bobo Upchurch. She was also an educator for 33 years. Also by his wife of six years, Anne Stanley Upchurch; one grandson, Jeffrey Boyd Upchurch, and one son-in-law, Paul M. Parr. Parr was an educator and is the namesake for the Paul Parr Relays at Liberty Eylau High School.

Upchurch left behind several relatives who followed in his footsteps as an educator. His daughter, Glenda Upchurch Parr; son, Gary Upchurch; daughter-in-law, Judy Upchurch; grandchildren, Nancy Upchurch, Doug Parr, Dan Parr, and Nathan Upchurch; neices Philicia Upchurch, Pam Upchurch, and Susie Grogan.

He is also survived by sons and daughter-in-law James W. Upchurch and Kenneth M. and Ruthie Upchurch; one brother,

Emmett Upchurch; two sisters, Lou Bessie McAlexander and Letha Pyle; grandchildren, Wayne Upchurch, Tammy Stinson, Matt Upchurch, and Bart Upchurch; great-grandchildren, Jessica Upchurch, Tyler Parr, Trevor Parr, and Trestin Parr.

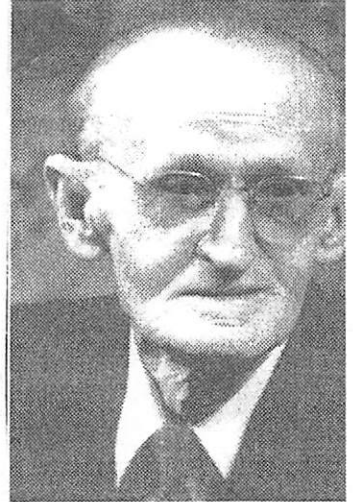
Upchurch was a deacon in the Antioch Baptist Church and was a mason.

The Morris and Grace Bobo Upchurch scholarship fund was established Oct. 21, 1986. Queen City Independent School District Superintendent Sidney Lane accepted checks totaling \$10,000 from the Upchurch's children, Kenneth, James, Gary, and Glenda to establish the fund.

A \$10,000 scholarship fund was established in the spring of 1990 for Anne Morris Stanley Upchurch.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 29, at the First Baptist Church of Queen City. Interment followed in Antioch Cemetery in Cass County under the direction of Hanner Funeral Home.

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Special tribute was paid to Mr. Upchurch in 1989 by renaming the Queen City Middle School, The Morris Upchurch Middle School. He was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He was also a Mason.

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He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Grace Bobo Upchurch; his wife of 6 years, Anne Stanley Upchurch; grandson, Jeffery Boyd Upchurch; and son-in-law, Paul M. Parr.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Baptist Church, Queen City with the Harold Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery, Cass County, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, Queen City, or Morris Grace Upchurch Scholarship fund.

Pam Upchurch has a Master's degree in business and is a secretary on our elementary campus.

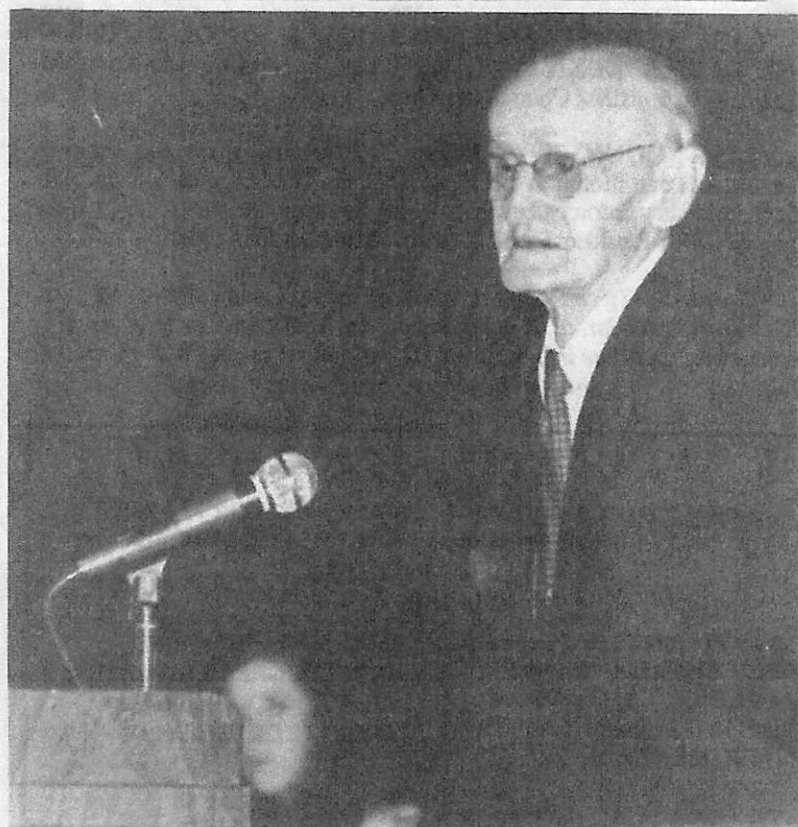
Philicia is a granddaughter-in-law, Nathan's wife.

The newspaper called them neices - which is wrong.

⑦ From It 9 APR 1993 Judy Carol Whitlow to RPH  
In CITIZENS JOURNAL WED 31 MAR 1993 CASS CO, TX

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## New QC school facility dedicated on Sunday



Journal staff photo by DALE GIBSON

### Guest of honor

Morris Upchurch, veteran educator at Queen City and the person for whom the Middle School is named, spoke briefly to a crowd of about 200 at the dedication of the new Morris Upchurch Middle School Sunday afternoon.

About 200 people attended the dedication of the new Morris Upchurch Middle School in Queen City Sunday afternoon.

The \$3.95 million facility was just recently completed and students and faculty moved into the building Monday, March 22, following Spring Break. Approximately 400 students attend the middle school.

The guest of honor was Morris Upchurch, for whom the school was named.

Joining Upchurch on the stage were State Board of Education board member Mary Perkins, who

talked about the need for changes in the way middle school students are educated.

Wydas Dawson, Billy Heldt and Buddy Sirmans told of their memories of attending Queen City and their recollections of Mr. Upchurch.

Douglas Devine, the current Middle School principal, and Chester Juroska, the current Queen City superintendent introduced the guests and welcomed the audience.

Following the National Anthem, played by the Middle School band,

Jill Appelbee, National Junior Honor Society president, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Council President George Fedrick gave the invocation.

The benediction was given by Basil Tilmon, a representative from the National Junior Honor Society.

At the completion of the formal ceremony refreshments were served to the guests and tour guides were given throughout the new

building.

Student tour guides were Jill Appelbee, Lovita Belford, Ray Campbell, Leanna Drayton, George Fedrick, Amanda Gennings, Nicole Grundy, Montaine Harrison, Jennifer Hunt, Velevia Johnson, India Jones, Todd Jones, and Leanna Smith.

Also, student tour guides were, Johnny Solley, Amanda Strickland, Michael Stringer, Basil Tilmon, William Tomlin, Amanda Wilcher, Jake Williamson and Frank Woolf.



(17) FROM 1995 CD-ROM

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Upchurch Diana	703 Holly St	Atlanta	TX 75551-2307	903-796-7059
Upchurch Earnest	Center Hl	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-6846
Upchurch Edna	Spencer Chpl	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-6888
Upchurch Emmett	Blalock Rd	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-3980
Upchurch Gary	Blalock Rd	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-7602
Upchurch James H	Courtland Rd Rr	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-2528
Upchurch James W	Knights Blf Rr	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-4091
Upchurch Jeffery		Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-2528
Upchurch Jeffery	Blalock Rd	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-5642
Upchurch Joe	106 Country Estate Dr	Atlanta	TX 75551-3202	903-796-6404
Upchurch Kenneth M	Blalock Rd	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-4326
Upchurch Morris <sup>1</sup>	807 Fm Rd	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-2426
Upchurch Paul H	Hwy	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-5859
Upchurch Razzie L	Blalock Rd	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-4629
Upchurch Ronnie	423 Holly St	Atlanta	TX 75551-2301	903-796-5486
Upchurch Sadie		Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-6062
Upchurch W L	Old Shrevprt Rr	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-4460
Upchurch Wayne		Atlanta	TX 75551	903-728-5796
Upchurch Wayne	Knights Blf Rr	Atlanta	TX 75551	903-796-4952

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12 APR 1988

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Morris Upchurch  
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Atlanta, TX 75551

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UPCHURCH MORRIS  
CL - BOX 151  
JURON CITY, TX 75572-9002

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Date

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2ND Notice

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PS Form 3848-A,  
Oct 1988

- See Notes of RPU/SSU Sojourn to Texas in 1996  
- See Pages 13 for notes of 5 APR 1996 visit in Cass Co, TX  
and discussions with MSU who escorted us on a  
tour of Upchurch sites in the county & he attended the  
Upchurch Seminars. Morris repeated stories passed down  
to him about his Upchurch heritage and about the  
historic presence of Upchurch in Cass Co, TX. These items  
were filed as appropriate

(19) From The Atlanta Citizens Journal SUN 26 OCT 1986. Atlanta TX. (To RPU in 14 OCT 1987 Judy Carol Whitlow to RPU

Upchurch family donation establishes memorial

# QCISD receives \$10,000 scholarship

fund



Journal staff photo by BARBARA CARROLL

Those Involved In establishing the Morris and Grace Bobo Upchurch Memorial Scholarship Fund are, from left, Gary Upchurch, Morris Upchurch, Kenneth Upchurch, Queen City ISD Superintendent Sidney Lane, James Upchurch and Glenda Parr.

By BARBARA CARROLL  
Journal Lifestyle Editor

QUEEN CITY — Calling them "one of the first families of Queen City," QCISD Superintendent Sidney Lane accepted checks totaling \$10,000 from the Morris and Grace Bobo Upchurch family Thursday to establish a memorial scholarship fund for the school.

Morris Upchurch, patriarch of the family, presented the checks which represented contributions from his three sons, James, Kenneth and Gary Upchurch, and his daughter, Glenda Parr. His wife Grace Bobo Upchurch died earlier this year.

An additional check from Jerry and Sue Griffin Clements was also presented, representing the first contribution to the fund from outside the family.

Gary Upchurch serves as curriculum director for Queen City schools and Glenda Parr is a first grade teacher at J.K. Hileman Elementary School.

Morris Upchurch is the fourth generation of his family to live in Queen City, as was his late wife. His paternal grandfather arrived here about 100 years ago. His maternal great-grandfather came to the area in 1869 following the Civil War. Mrs. Upchurch's family

arrived in 1856.

The pair spent 33 years with the Queen City School District, both as teachers and Upchurch as principal of the elementary and junior high schools. Prior to teaching at Queen City, the couple had taught in such rural schools as Blaylock and Hebron.

In addition, Upchurch served from 1948-50 on the first Queen City school board following the consolidation of rural schools with the district. Both Upchurches began teaching with Queen City in 1950.

Mrs. Upchurch began her teaching career in 1928, retiring in

1969, while he began in 1933 and retired in 1973.

"I was principal of three generations and teacher of two," Upchurch said.

The fund was officially established by a resolution adopted by the school board at their regular meeting Oct. 21.

The resolution reads, in part, "Whereas Grace Upchurch and Morris Upchurch have diligently and faithfully served the Queen City Schools for 33 years each, accepting their duties and respon-



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sibilities in the school system that benefited the educational opportunities of many students and...were outstanding as teachers of fundamentals and patriotism and dedicated members to the education profession..."

According to Lane, the scholarship will be awarded for the first time at the end of the 1987-88

school year. The amount will be the interest made from the investment of the principal from June 1-May 31 of each year.

The principal will be invested in a certificate of deposit. All contributions received after the fund is established will be invested in a savings account which will in turn be invested in the certificate of deposit on June 1 of each year.

It will be maintained at the First National Bank of Atlanta and the school is charged with the respon-

sibility of administering the fund.

The student will be selected by a committee comprised of the high school counselor who will serve as chairman, school board president, director of instruction, high school principal, one department head, one extracurricular activities sponsor and one lay person from the district.

The criteria established for selection includes that the student must have exhibited leadership qualities through participation in

extracurricular activities and shown outstanding citizenship and high moral character.

In addition, no student who has received a full scholarship will be eligible.

If a recipient fails to finish the college year or semester, the amount left will be refunded to the school to be placed back in the scholarship fund.

The amount of the scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university of the student's choice and will be applied to the cost of tuition, books, fees, room and board in school housing.

If and when the principal of the fund becomes sufficient to generate the additional income, more than one scholarship may be awarded in a given year. This determination will be made by the superintendent, school board president and high school counselor.

"By establishing this fund, the Upchurches are doing something for the community, in keeping with their family tradition," Lane said. "This scholarship fund will continue to serve the community in the future and the Upchurch name will gain even more respect."

(20) see ltr 31 MAY 1996 Judy Carol Whitlow to R M

MSUN actually has no middle name. we do not know how the "Sheppard" got started

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**6 EAGLES WAY LANE**

[illegible]

when we visited you indicated that John Upchurch "Bump" was already present in

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Cass County, TX when your Grandparents arrived there in 1885 but that he moved on west to Mt Vernon, TX. As we returned home we stopped by Mt Vernon, TX on 16 APR 1996 to see if we could find any reference to this 1/2 brother of your Grandfather James Monroe Upchurch. Although we looked at numerous records in the courthouse and the Public Library in Mt Vernon we found no reference at all to John Upchurch. In fact no reference were found for any Upchurch in the County except for a late comer who bought a tract of land in 1991. We will keep trying to locate records on John Upchurch.

You mentioned that you might contribute your Upchurch Bulletin to the Atlanta Library. This is an excellent idea. Enclosed are some flyers on the Bulletin in case you want to fill out your collection - or in case anyone needs a flyer. I have arranged to place a set of the Upchurch Bulletin in the Texarkana Library and in 6 other Texas Libraries.

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I will have a report on our trip in  
the next Upchurch Bulletin

We keep learning that families generally  
traveled together as they moved west in  
the United States. Your Grandmother Sarah  
Elizabeth Upchurch had a brother Richard  
Upchurch, IV. I don't think he ever came  
to Texas but four of his children settled  
in the general area of Hill and Ellis Counties  
just south of Dallas / Ft. Worth. I was able  
to locate and visit the gravesites of these  
four individuals who would have been  
1st cousins of Walter Jackson Upchurch.

Now, I am most grateful for your  
interest in our shared Upchurch roots  
and appreciate your willingness to help us  
learn more about and to document  
our family history



Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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MR MORRIS UPCHURCH  
RT 1, BOX 151  
ATLANTA, TX 75551

16 FEB 1980

Dear Mr Upchurch

Recently I received an order for a  
one year subscription to Upchurch Bulletin  
for you from Mrs Elva E. Upchurch. She also  
paid for the order.

I have one still to print in  
a few days and will be mailed about  
March 1, 1980.

Enclosed herewith are some extra  
flyers in case you can use them.

I hope you will be pleased with  
Upchurch Bulletin.

Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]



Water from RDU/SSU Unit on 9 APR 1996 in Cass Co, TX with  
Morris Sheppard U re information handed down in the  
 family about the presence of early Upchurch in Cass Co, TX

<sup>Suspected the</sup>  
 land originally purchased in 1885 by James  
 Monroe U, II when he and Sarah Elizabeth U  
 moved to Cass Co, TX. Morris said his  
 older brother told him that a brother  
 of James Monroe U, II was already in  
 Cass Co, TX in 1885 - that he owned  
 adjoining Upchurch land that he was  
 called "DOMP" but that his real name  
 was John U. This person soon moved  
 about 70-80 miles west to Mt Vernon, TX.  
 Morris does not recall if John U had  
 issue. Morris is aware of the connection  
 of his ancestor to Charity U and that the  
 Green family was also involved.

Morris recalls that his Grandmother's  
 sister, Charity Ann Lavonia Ann (U) Ballard  
 visited them. He does not recall if they  
 had children and is not aware of  
 her husband being buried in Cass Co, TX.  
 However, he says they are Ballard family  
 members in the county today and there  
 is some interest in family history. There  
 is also interest in Olive family history.

Much of the Upchurch land from post  
 1900 is still in the family. This land  
 is located along both sides of County  
 Road 3548 just before it enters County Road  
 3546. This rolling land was originally  
 cleared and farmed to cotton & pear. It  
 is now all in pasture or pine woodland.

Originally the Upchurch family attended church  
 at Courland which is on County Road  
 3432 just south of 3437. This church was formed  
 before 1850. James Monroe U, II and his wife  
 are buried there (I suspect the monument).  
 The church is currently active. When Morris  
 first said he adopted his wife's church at  
 Anderson as ~~was~~ had a more active program

I. RICHARD U, III - Head of  
 A. CLABORN U, I

1. SARAH ELIZABETH U  
 MDC) JAMES MON-  
 ROE U, II

A. WALTER  
 JACKSON U

A. MORRIS  
SHEPPARD  
U

2. CHARITY LAVONIA  
 ANN U MDC)  
 PHILIP BALLARD

I. CHARLES U - Head of  
 CLABORN

A. CHARITY U  
 CLABORN -- GREEN

1. JOHN MICHAEL U  
 "DOMP"

2. JAMES  
 MONROE U, II

3. WILLIAM  
 LEWIS GREEN  
 [AKA WILLIAM  
 LEWIS U]

MORRIS SHEPPARD U

○ TEXAS BIRTH INDEX - PER C. J. PETERSON, JR 18 JUL 2005  
1903 - 1999

Name	Birth Date	Gender	Birth County	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Joe William Upchurch	6-Jan-35	Male	Cass	Morris S Upchurch	Nettie Bobo
Kenneth Morris Upchurch	11-May-37	Male	Cass	Morris Sheppard Upchurch	Graceloline Bobo
Glenda Upchurch	2-Aug-40	Female	Cass	Morris Upchurch	Grace Bobo
Gary Lynn Upchurch	1-Oct-46	Male	Cass	Morriss Upchurch	Grace Bobo

MORRIS WENDEL U, SR

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- ① Morris Wendel U<sup>sr</sup> b 8 AUG 1915 and 5 MAY 1942 Anna Pearl Phelps. Morris is son of Olive Cleveland U & gr of Abraham L. U of George/Shadrach U Clan (29, Pg 146).