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② See Ltr 4 JUN 1985 Lebens Eugene U to RPU

"There is a John U living in Valdosta, GA
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who teaches at the University there. He had been
out to Clyattville, GA and talked to my brother
William having seen the article about Susan U
in the paper. William loaned him the Morgan book.
I tried to talk to John but he was on a trip
to Washington with a group of students

③ See Ltr 23 JUL 1990 Cheryl Marie U to RPU

John Calhoun U b 8 NOV 1933 m 13 APR 1962

Rebecca Ruth Tull.

④ See Ltr 9 SEP 1990 Cheryl Marie U to RPU

John b Raleigh, NC m Ft Lauderdale, FL

Rebecca Ruth Tull b Los Angeles, CA. They had
first two children

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6 APR
2007

04/06/07

Dear Phil,

You may have already received a copy of the enclosed clipping; however, if you haven't seen it I think you will find it to be both interesting and informative. It is out of the 31 March 2007 edition of **The Charlotte Observer**.

Incidentally, Becky and I will return to China in June for what will probably be our last time to go there and work. After the summer session is over, we plan to take the new train to Lhasa, Tibet. I hope I don't run out of air while on the Tibetan Plateau!

We continue to look forward to your visit in Jan or Feb—or both. Hope you and yours have a great spring and summer.

Regards,

John

Mr. John C. Upchurch
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Note - New article concerning Robert Hayle U and
has been placed in his Biofile - RPA

REC'D
9 APR
2007

JOHN CALHOUN U

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(22)
21 SEP
2011

Subject: Re: UPCHURCH E-NEWSLETTER 20 SEP 2011
From: John Upchurch <johnupchurch@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2011 9:44 am
To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Cousin Phil,

Becky and I enjoyed the newsletter. We look forward to subsequent issues. Sorry to hear about your fall. Hope you'll soon be back to normal.

I can't remember if I sent you a check for the 2011 UB; I find each issue to be enlightening and valuable. So in the event I neglected to respond to your earlier request, I am sending you a check, which I hope will bring me up-to-date.

FYI-- Becky and I returned to Tsinghua University in Beijing this past summer to teach conversational English. It was our fifth trip there. We had a great time with our Chinese hosts and friends.

A question: is the NCSU Upchurch Collection solely for materials you have provided to the library? My thought is there surely must be some way to keep the collection focused and manageable.

Many thanks for all you do. Hope you have a wonderful autumn.

Best wishes,

John

(23)
21 SEP
2011

Subject: RE: UPCHURCH E-NEWSLETTER 20 SEP 2011
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2011 12:50 pm
To: "John Upchurch" <johnupchurch@yahoo.com>

Hi Cousin John---

It is a pleasure to hear from you. I'll make sure you get the next UB issue.

I have read several books on China lately one being "When China Rules the World". Someday I hope to sit and talk with you and Becky about China.

The Upchurch Collection at NCSU is set up to embrace only my records. That is the way they do business. They can accept related materials from others based on the merits of the case and then show a link between the two collections. Another approach is for me to accept records from another person and, if I think it useful, to make it a part of my collection and then it goes in under my name. At some point I want to offer this option to Upchurch Collaborators but must think it through first. It is a shame that many people have extensive and valuable collections and die believing that another family member will preserve them. Often they end up in the dump. At this point I am trying to understand all the ramifications of moving the collection along a path of exposure on line. That is the wave of the future. I need NCSU to be the owner of this process as they have a long term interest in having as much of their material on line as possible indefinitely.

BEST!

Phil Upchurch

JOHN CALHOUN U

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(27)
29 APR
2012

Subject: Re: Holland-Upchurch House—Apex

From: John Upchurch <~~johnupchurch@yahoo.com~~>

Date: Sun, Apr 29, 2012 7:45 pm

To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Cousin Phil,

Thank you for including me on the item on my great aunt Tula and her home. I knew the house well when she lived there. As a lad in Cary, I must have cut her grass at least 100 times over the years. You've been to the house, so you know it was something of a showplace in its prime. You also referenced Tula's long stint of service to the Baptist Church in Apex. She taught the same Sunday School class for over 50 years, and was recognized for that with a front page article in the statewide Baptist newsletter/newspaper. You may or may not know that Tula, always a card carrying Baptist, upon her death (if memory serves me correctly), left a large estate to three related entities: Wake Forest University, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and a Baptist orphanage. I think the orphanage was perhaps the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville. She left one-third to each. She did not leave anything of consequence--and maybe it was actually nothing--to her church or its long-time pastor Rev. Robbins who, over the years, spent a great deal of time taking Miss Tula wherever she wanted to travel.

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Tula seemed to be particularly partial to my father, C.A. Upchurch, Jr. She was closer to him than any other relative, in the years following my grandfather's death in 1955, I think. My dad was known by one and all as Abie or Abe, which is what I called him my entire life; that name must have had something to do with his grandfather Allinder Burtess. I never knew Abe to even mention his granddad, and I didn't even know my great grandfather's name until you gave it to me several years back. Tula was an interesting woman to say the least. She and H. O. owned, operated, and staffed a drug store on Apex's main street. She sold the business shortly after H.O.'s death and invested wisely. She lived a rather quiet, unassuming life and most people--relatives and acquaintances alike--never knew she had anything other than minimal resources.

Hope you have a good and profitable trip to N.C. in May. Glad you had a good visit to Ireland. Becky and I traveled there about 10 years ago, rented a car at the Dublin airport, and drove completely around the periphery of the island, including Northern Ireland. She was, of course, scared to death of my driving--and truth be told, so was I. I found W. B. Yeats gravesite, took a photo of his headstone, and had a picture made for all members of my English faculty at Valdosta State University. That put me in good stead for about a year with a rather contentious bunch of elitist scholars!

Thanks again for keeping me in the loop.

All the best,

John

(29)

30 APR
2012

Subject: RE: Holland-Upchurch House--Apex
 From: phil@upchurchstory.com
 Date: Mon, Apr 30, 2012 7:29 am
 To: "John Upchurch" <~~johnupchurch@yahoo.com~~>XX

Hi John---

My brain, working in mysterious ways, told me to include you on the Tula story. I am delighted with your response which adds so much personal relevant knowledge. I am pressed now to take care of accumulated matters and to prepare for the NC trip so will not be able to do justice to pulling the Tula story together until later. I'll make a "To Do" node which is a step up from a "To Do" item and hope a more comprehensive story can be constructed. I need to see how the other parties want to proceed. One lives in hopes that one of them would pull it all together but you and I may have to reinforce each other as regards our mutual interest. Over time my Biofile on Tula will grow and be worth sharing.

If you do not have a copy of "Puck, Perseverance, and Paint" re Apex by the Holleman brothers, I can commend it. I still have to extract Upchurch details including the Tula references.

We, too, saw the Yeats site. I was greatly impressed by the Library at Trinity College and with many other aspects of Irish history. While I enjoyed being informed and asked tons of questions I resist making Ireland a project as I would be wont to do in view of the fact that I always seem to have more irons in the fire than I can properly service.

I am impressed that you have so much memory of Apex and hope we can exchange more on the subject over time. How about you and Becky pay us a visit in St Louis where we can share to our hearts content. We would love to have you as our guests.

Phil Upchurch

(29)

8 JUL
2012

Subject: [FWD: COLLABORATION]
 From: phil@upchurchstory.com
 Date: Sun, Jul 08, 2012 8:32 am
 To: "John Upchurch" <~~johnupchurch@yahoo.com~~>X

Hi John---

It has been one hectic, enjoyable, productive six months what with the trip to Ireland and 20 days in NC/SC. Mixed in have been some business obligations, family activities, etc. Packets of papers piled up to be processed. At last, I am able to see the end of the tunnel.

Anyway, I forward herewith a copy of my email to the Holleman brothers to give you a sort of report. Let me know if you need more feed back. I'll be glad to send a list of the people that Warren suggested be contacted if you are interested. I wonder if you actually knew any of them. Did you know Mack Upchurch? I still want to find the store he ran. While in Apex I learned that Salem Street continues to be operated successfully as a historic district with seven applicants for each vacancy. Not all small towns pull this off. You must have many memories of it as a quiet little village.

I found your report on Miss Tula very charming and wonder if you have more stories. Ewan mentioned that she drove a large car maybe a Cadillac. Perhaps you know. In what years did you live in close proximity to Apex?

I trust that you and Becky are having an enjoyable summer. We have been in a heat wave but it is supposed to break today which will be fortunate for the guests we have arriving tomorrow to spend several days.

With All Best Wishes.

Phil Upchurch

----- Original Message -----

Subject: COLLABORATION
 From: <phil@upchurchstory.com>
 Date: Sun, July 08, 2012 8:06 am
 To: "Warren Holleman" <holleman78@comcast.net>
 Cc: "Toby Holleman" <tobyholl@ptd.net>

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11 JUL

2012

Subject: Re: [FWD: COLLABORATION]

From: John Upchurch <~~johnupchurch@yahoo.com~~>

Date: Wed, Jul 11, 2012 12:32 pm

To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Greetings Phil,

I always appreciate and enjoy hearing from you. Glad to learn the Ireland trip was a good one and that your visit to the Carolinas was productive. I regret we could not get by to see you last month when you were in our vicinity; however, we were tied up with a convention and with family. We have suffered through the same heat wave that has affect the midwest so drastically. Today is perhaps the coolest day we have had since back in May. I hope the weather broke a little toward the lower temp. side while your guests were visiting with you recently.

✓ You asked several questions in your note. I'll respond to them as best as I can. Also, I think I would like

to see the names of people Warren Holleman suggested as possible contacts, although I suspect there are few that I know, should you still be willing to share the names with me. For instance, I did not know Mack Upchurch. Also, I do not recall Miss Tula ever having a Cadillac. One of the reasons I say this is because Tula was very much a product of the depression. She was quite thrifty and cultivated the mystique that she was barely able to get by. A Cadillac would never have been her choice of vehicle.

TO
BIOFILE
OF
ARTULA
I. U

My recollection is that the last car she owned was a 1950 Dodge sedan, black in color. I am reasonably sure of this inasmuch as I sort of lusted for the car during my teenage years. She didn't drive it much, mainly to church and the post office. The car was always garaged and she was very possessive of it (that means she would not let me drive it!). I am not sure when she sold it, but I believe she kept the car well into the '70s. I have a vague recollection her driver's license was taken from her about then, but I don't recall her causing or being involved in an accident.

Interestingly, at the reading of Tula's will, the Dodge was mentioned and noted it was to be given to her minister, Preacher Robbins. He deserved it, of course, but at the time she died, Tula no longer owned the car.

TO BIOFILE
OF
CAREY
ALMON
U, JR

You asked about when I lived near Apex. My family moved to the Cary area during WW II, probably in about 1942-43. Prior to that we lived in Raleigh on Everette Ave. Following the WW II move, we lived between Cary and Morrisville. When I was about 8 or 9 years old, we moved into Cary proper and lived there until 1955 when we moved back to Raleigh. Even after the move to Raleigh, we saw Tula fairly frequently until my parents moved to Daytona Beach and I went into the Army in 1958. As I mentioned in an earlier note, Tula was very fond of my father, and they stayed in close touch until he died in the mid-1970s.

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I do have several memories that pertain to Aunt Tula. They mainly involve personal matters that might prove to be somewhat interesting to a researcher such as yourself. I'll save these for another day and time. In the meantime, I hope you all have a wonderful summer, in spite of the oppressive heat. Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to thank you for your kind invitation to come by your home and visit at some point in time. Becky and I would be honored, and should we ever be close to St. Louis, we will let you know.

All the best, John

Subject: Upchurch Bulletin 2014 Vol. 35

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Nov 24, 2014 6:04 am

To: "John Upchurch" <johnsupchurch@yahoo.com>

Attach: Upchurch Bulletin Volume 35 2014.docx

Hi John---

As a 2014 member of Upchurch And Allied Families Association, Inc you are entitled to a copy of the 2014 UB which is provided herewith as an attachment. I will welcome any comments you have. As you will note producing each issue is a labor of love for family history.

Some people have had trouble getting the passwords for our two websites so I will now give them to you. For www.upchurchstory.com it is 2013upchurch#. There you will find all of the UB issues posted and the 35 videos of which we are very proud. For www.alliedfamilies.com it is 2014allied#. There be sure to have a look at the families enrolled so far and the Resources posted, especially the Biofile section.

I will welcome your ongoing support of our family history effort. Do let me know of your special interests, comments, or questions.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Renewal Allied Families

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Feb 09, 2015 7:24 am

To: "John Upchurch" <johnsupchurch@yahoo.com>

Attach: Membership Form 9 JAN 2015.docx

Hi john-

Your participation as a member of Allied Families in 2014 allowed us to make great progress in it's first full year of operation. Our website www.alliedfamilies.com (password 2014allied#) demonstrates several key features we plan to expand in 2015. I hope you will continue your support this year. A membership renewal form is attached--or use PayPal.

Note that you can direct your financial support in various ways. If you have time and talents to offer, that would be a valuable contribution as well. Just drop me an email. Suggestions will be welcomed

Your strong support of our shared Upchurch heritage over the years has been very important. We seem to be kindred spirits when it comes to our pride in family. Someday I hope we can visit an share thoughts about western Wake and our heritage there.

Best---Always.

Phil Upchurch, Manager Allied Families

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Allied Families

Upchurch & Allied Families Association

Upchurch and Allied Families, Inc. is a not for profit organization under which Phil Upchurch, colleagues, and members perform family and local history work. See www.alliedfamilies.com and www.upchurchstory.com.
Contact Phil at (636) 898-8516 or (314) 313-4734 (cell)

January 23, 2017

Dear John-

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

Probes is a summary of what we have done in our shift and what we hope for in 2017 with the help of many. The burden of funding our \$25,000 2017 budget falls largely on about 50 of us. I thank you for being so prompt in sending in a 2017 contribution. Encouragement of all kinds is welcomed.

I hope your schedule is shaping up so you can join us when I am in NC March 29 - April 2 to perfect our Allied Families Facility in Cary. I believe you would be impressed.

In appreciation for your years of support.

Phil Upchurch

RENEWAL
FORM
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February 10, 2015



Dr. John C. Upchurch
107 Granite Blf
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Dear Cousin Phil,

I believe you have very recently celebrated another birthday. Congratulations. Hope you had a wonderful day and were surrounded by friends and family. For myself, I don't do much to celebrate my birthday any more. I'm just happy to still be kicking. Along these lines, I heard you have faced some health related issues since we last communicated, but are back to your normal energizer bunny-like self. I hope my information on how quickly bounced back is accurate.

Anyway, yesterday I received your latest invitation to send a check renewing my support of Upchurch & Allied Families organization. I am more than a little embarrassed over having not taken care of the matter earlier. The original notice for renewal came in the fall when Becky and I were traveling around Spain, Portugal, and tiny Andorra. When we got back to Dahlonega, I was overwhelmed by six weeks of backlogged mail, I simply put the renewal info on the back burner with the expectation that I would take care of it in a couple of days. That did not happen, and I am sorry for the delay. Anyway, a belated check is enclosed.

Incidentally, several months ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Tom Upchurch. It seems that both of us are serious Rotarians. I hope our paths cross again in the near future. Bringing him on-board with Allied Families was clearly a very good move. He has done a lot of specialized computer work for our Rotary district and he is quite impressive.

My new job these days is to put together an old car (Hudson-Essex-Terraplane) convention in Chattanooga between June 25 and July 1, 2016. It will be an international gathering of the HET Club, and we expect between 600-800 guests. When Becky and I were coerced into serving as convention co-chairs we did not fully recognize how much time it would take to develop such a car meet. We are at long last beginning to fully appreciate (and understand) the value of the word "no" when it comes to opportunities to serve on major projects. In fact, I've decided that, in spite of having a number of academic degrees, I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer. But now that the convention project is underway, I believe when the convention is over I will be able to fully retire by using the word NO when appropriate. !

Enough rambling. I do hope all is well with you and yours. Take care of yourself, and thanks for all you do for our Upchurch family.

Regards,

John

I have enclosed 5 of the sort from GA. If you have knowledge of any of them the injunt would be welcomed.

Our website continues to grow. I hope you have had a chance to view some of the videos. Cousin Tom II is currently editing ~~the~~ on our ancestor Richard II, II and they should be up soon.

I am currently on the verge of proposing some sort of organization that I can help get started and that will continue the momentum we now have after I am gone. To have a chance for getting 501(c)(3) status, which can be quite important, we probably will have to use an organization title that is broader than UPLHVAULT. It is a challenge to figure out exactly how to proceed. I'll hope to have more on this soon.

Sallaine & I trust you and Becky are well, busy and enjoying life

Cheers.

Phil Upchurch

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Last spring we exchanged emails about the Tula Upchurch home in Apex. I did meet the current owner and furnished him with a lot of detail including what you sent. I was disappointed in his lack of follow-up. This is probably because he is heavily involved in the work world, has a young family, etc, etc. He does seem to have a real appreciation for the house and wants to know more of its history and has plans for more restoration. Overall, Apex is very good for this sort of thing. They had their home tour recently & I have the brochure.

Our next trip to NC will be May of 2013. Someday I hope to get further south and would very much like to drop by for a visit. It would be a great treat to meet you and to chat.

With all best wishes for a very Christmas and a Great 2013!

Phil Upchurch

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Charles J. Peterson
Gary & Judy Upchurch
Sharon Self
John C. Upchurch

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Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Dr. John C. Upchurch
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Dahlonega, GA 30533

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Dear Cousin Phil,

I inadvertently sent the UB order form through my shredder. Sorry for having to send you my order info in this manner. Becky and I are so pleased that you continue to make progress following the fall you took a few months back. Enjoyed the latest UB. The colored photos were a very nice touch. Your granddaughters are lovely.

I think the enclosed checks ~~\$~~ have sufficient info on the for you to determine my wishes. We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season.

Thanks for all of your hard work on behalf of the Upchurch gang.
all the best,

John

-June 21, 2009

Dear Cousin Phil,

This is a very much overdue note. I must apologize for it being so far removed from your last letter of December 13 last. As usual, the months have flown by. I have allowed myself to take on too many volunteer activities; but on the other hand I am thankful that I have the time and energy to devote to my extra curricula passions, such as Rotary and Georgia Retired Educators. My June resolution is to try to develop the same passion for staying in touch with corresponders. Anyway, please permit me to wish you a happy Father's Day as well as a wonderful summer solstice.

There are several points I need to address early on. The first is to thank you for sharing with me the photograph of your family, taken on the 60th and 80th anniversaries, and the identity sheet of all the persons in the picture. I recognized so many names that have been mentioned over the years in the "Letters From the Editor" section of the UPCHURCH BULLETIN. You have a most beautiful helpmate in Sallaine and a family that is clearly comprised of people with exceptional good looks. Indeed, as you recently noted, they all are above average. You clearly have every reason to be proud of one and all.

Thanks too for the mention of me on p. 75 of Vo. 29, No. 2;. It was very kind of you to devote the time, effort, and space. I am honored, and I want you to know I am very appreciative of your thinking of me.

Next, I want to let you know I am grateful for the information you furnished me on my aunt, Frances Marian Dowdee. I made copies and passed them along to Marian's son (Alan Dowdee) and daughter (Jane Dowdee Clontz Pressley).

The final point I must address is that I have enclosed, at long last, the participation sheet for the current calendar year. I am sorry about the delay in getting this done.

Becky and I are both well—a bit overfed but with our health reasonable good. Our daughter, Cheryl, and her family will be arriving soon from Stuttgart for their first visit to our place in about two years. We are very much looking forward to seeing them all again and especially visiting with our three teenage grandchildren. We are making plans to keep everyone busy while in Georgia. They will return to Germany for at least another year. They hope to learn sometime prior to Christmas whether this will be their final year overseas.

I was installed in May as president of the Georgia Retired Educators Association. We have approximately 18,500 members statewide. I spend most of my time traveling to local units (mainly based on Georgia's county structure) speaking on what the association is engaged in that relates to education in our state. Of special interest to our members is legislation being promoted in the General Assembly that has a relationship to the

Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; that is, a relationship to their pensions. It has been quite a struggle over the past several years to safeguard our money and at the same time protect our 3% annual COLA which, interestingly, has been prepaid during our working years. Of late, the economic downturn in our state has seen the Consumer Price Index be below the prepaid COLA percentage, hence the question of whether to pay a COLA at the rate we have always enjoyed. Then there's the question of whether retirees aged less than 65 should have government supported health insurance. There are those in the General Assembly who currently say NO. Lastly, there is an overriding question of whether our defined benefits retirement plan ought to be converted into a contributory benefits plan (government 401K), in order to save the state money. To say the least, I am getting a clinic in state government 101 this year.

We'll not do much traveling for the next 10 months or so. We contemplate traveling to Europe for about three weeks in October. Plans are being formulated now. I think we may take a short river cruise down the Seine from Paris to the Normandy area. I have not been to the D-Day landing sites or to the American cemeteries in that part of France. We will stop in Stuttgart, of course, to see family for a week or so.

I don't know what your travel plans are; however, please know that when you and Sallaine are in the vicinity of Atlanta we would very much like to provide you both with a place to stay that you can call a home away from home. We are not too far from the Burwell Community in Carroll County, GA, which was home to several Upchurches, as well as Carroll County itself. Then, in the southern part of the state in Valdosta and Claytville are some Upchurches whose family came from Kentucky. Finally, there are a few Upchurches in nearby Athens, some of whom appear to have been successful business people. I personally know almost none of these people, except for the south Georgia folks, but we can certainly make arrangements to drop in on them!

I just realized this missive is too long and that I have taken up too much of your time, so I'll close for now. Besides, my '49 Hudson needs my attention. Right now I am attempting to wire a three-pole voltage regulator with six wires, two of which just miraculously appear through the firewall. Since I don't know where they are coming from, I don't know where to hook them to the voltage regulator. I could certainly use a NC State electrical engineer.

I hope you and yours have a great and productive summer. I will end this where I began: with an apology for my tardiness with regard to correspondence.

All the best,



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Phil Yost

JOHN CALHOUN U

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11 MAR 1982

MR JOHN C. UPCHURCH
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VALDOSTA, GA 31601

Dear Mr Upchurch,

There is to acknowledge receipt of your order for Volume 1 (1980) of Upchurchs Bulletin and of your 10 check in payment for same. The four issues will go to you by bulk mail on 15 MAR 1982. I hope you will enjoy the issues and that you will order Volumes 2 and 3 for which an order blank is enclosed.

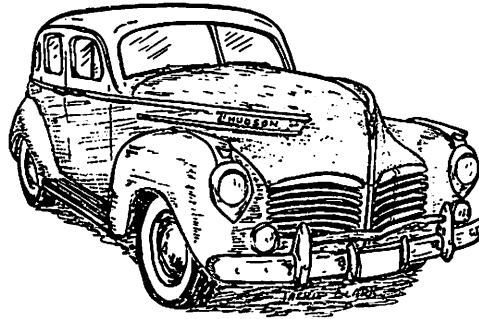
I am anxious to know how you get into the Upchurch family. If you will complete, insofar as possible the enclosed Family Chart and return it to me I will search my files and let you know what is found.

If you know of others who could be interested in Upchurchs Bulletin, their addresses would be welcomed and an address form for such addresses is enclosed.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

REC'D
17 DEC 2002



12/13/02

Dear Cousin Phil,

Thanks for the note. You continue to do outstanding work on behalf of our family. Thanks for that too.

I did not know of your broken leg. It sounds as if you have had a time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

We also want to send our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy 2003.

Kind regards,
John Upchurch
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9 DEC 2002


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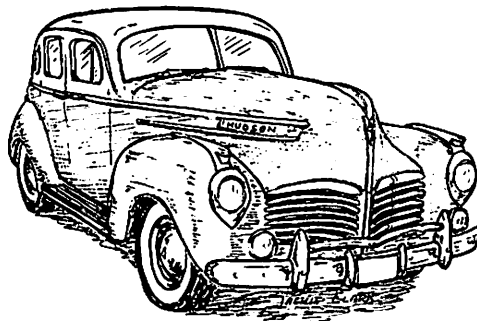
Dear Cousin John,

Thank you for your \$35 check renewing your subscription for the UB for 2003 and in support of our Upchurch records. We continue to find lots of information and I continue to work hard to fit it all together.

My broken leg still keeps me from going downstairs to work with my family history files. Still I find a lot to do staying on the main floor. This is a 4 month process. I should be putting some weight on the leg in January and by 1 FEB 03 I hope to be walking normally. For the rest of my life there will be a strong appreciation for being able to walk.

My very best goes to you and yours at this special time of the year.

Sincerely yours
 Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



12/31/07

Dear Phil,

We just returned from a trip to Stuttgart to spend Christmas with our daughter and her family. We had a great time.

Becky and I wish you and Sallaine a joyous and healthy 2008. Sorry we will not be able to see you during your stay in Florida. I hope you can find time to rest, relax, and enjoy each other's company.

Warm regards,
John

Subject: Thanks

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, Jan 18, 2008 2:23 pm

To: John Upchurch <johncupchurch@yahoo.com>

Hi John—

We are half way through our stay in Florida and are enjoying it very much. We did have quite a bit of learning to make our computer work but did eventually learn the ropes.

Thanks for your check for the UB. Our mail comes to us once each Friday from St Louis. Your \$10 check will be mailed to our bank for deposit today. I hope it will be OK if we keep the \$50 check for the Library until we return to St Louis on 31 Jan at which time I will send it to N C State along with my matching amount. The transmission is a little complex and I want to make sure it goes into the right account.

Glad you had a nice trip overseas.

I am finding a little time to look up some odd family details using Ancestry.com. It is a very useful tool. But I am afraid that this part of the Country leads to laziness.

All Best Wishes!

Phil Upchurch

fell into the hands of our kidnappers.

Your proposed trip to Germany sounds interesting. Sallaine is making noise about a river trip in Europe. I need to get busy on plans and find some money.

Congratulations on becoming President-Elect of the Retirees Association. This is an honor and also an important duty. In NC the Legislature "bonused" money from our Retirees Fund there about 5-8 years ago. They promised to pay it back and are doing so. Still - I don't trust the Legislature.

This summer promises to be a quiet one for us. We hope to catch up on a number of things.

With Appreciations and All Best Wishes

Phil Bychurch

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3 JUL 2006

Many thanks for your check for the UB and in support of Upchurch Research. The memorial to your CF will appear in the next UB

This note will be waiting for you when you return from China. I hope all will have gone well on the trip. We have just returned from a 3-week family history trip to VA & NC. Later this month we will sail the Baltic Sea for 10 days.

with All Best Wishes.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

JOHN CALHOUN U

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13 June 2005

Dear Cousin Robert:

Just a short note in between trips to let you know how pleased I was to receive the newest UPCHURCH BULLETIN. You continue to do outstanding work for our family. Thank you. Please find enclosed a renewal check.

I recall you having taken a trip to China a few years back. You had an amazing time, as best I can remember. I don't think I got around to telling you that Becky and I were in China most of this past summer. We taught conversational English in Beijing at Tsinghua University. We are returning to Beijing on June 18 (this coming Saturday) to do the same this coming summer. We enjoyed China very much. At the end of our teaching last year, we spent an additional two weeks traveling to some of the places you undoubtedly visited, namely, Xian, Chengdu, Juzaighou (spelling?) in the mountains of northwestern Sichuan, Guilan, Hong Kong, and a few smaller places in between. It was just the two of us. This year, following the summer term, we will fly to southwestern China and spend a few days in and around the cities of Kunming and Lijiang, then we will drop by Shanghai and Qingdao on our way back to Beijing and our flight home.

We also followed you to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. We just returned about two weeks ago. Had a great time, as I know you did. We went with Grand Circle Travel. It was our first experience with a tour company. I was most impressed with The Outback and New Zealand (although not so much with Auckland).

Finally, I enjoyed your comments about your major prof, at NC State, Dr. Lovvorn. ^{*}I did not know him, but I do have a couple of tenuous linkages with the university. I was a student there during the 1956-57 academic year. Started out majoring in textile chemistry. It did not take long for me to determine that I did not want to work in a mill. Later graduated with my baccalaureate degree from Florida State with a major in history, a subject that was much more to my liking than textiles (and especially organic chemistry). My other linkage to State was through my dad, Carey A. Jr., who I called Abie just like all of his friends did. During much of WWII, he served as NC State's Director of Information. Abie stayed in touch with many people there in the years following his departure from State. I recollect that he was fairly close with Rudy Pate. Do you remember him?

I have rambled on more than I had intended. I'll close for now but will write again toward the end of the summer following our return. Hope you and Sallaine ha a wonderful summer.

Warm regards,

John U.

* It is great you had such a long lasting relationship with Dr. Lovvorn. My major prof (doctoral level) barely speak! Oh well ...
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my hand at selling Chinese Imports - (home furnishings, etc). I have a contact in St Louis who imports such things and could be my supplier - at least in the beginning. I am not sure if this will come to pass but I could not help mentioning it in view of your deep interest in China.

Yes - New Zealand & Australia were great for us. We are next off to Great Britain for 18 days in August (4-21). We will be on our 3rd tour with GLOBUS. The emphasis will be on Scotland.

You and I just missed each other at NC State. I was there 1953-1965 but was away APR 1955 - APR 1957 to fulfill a two year U.S. Airforce obligation in Eglin AFB, Florida. I was there in the mid 1940's when Alvie was there but as a high school worker & later N.C. State student and junior faculty member (Research Instructor JUN 1949 - DEC 1950). Thus our paths would have crossed incidentally, if at all. Still you would think I would remember an Upchurch if one was encountered. Gradually, I got to know Rudy Pate. He later got excellent promotions at N.C. State & his name appeared prominently. He

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had an associate LANDIS BENNETT with whom I had quite a bit of interaction in the 1950's & 1960's

My association with Dr. Lannom was of great satisfaction to us both. My PhD was under Dr. Maurice Peterson at the University of California at Davis. He was very good with people and he and I had a very cordial relationship while I was a student. However, as I later looked back on our relationship I had the feeling that I was a little too brash for his taste. We maintained contact over the years - Christmas cards & the like - but our relationship was not what you would call "warm". At one point in my career I saw a letter he wrote about a job I was seeking. He implied that my 10 years in Industry (Monsanto) might make me less than perfect for a University position. I got the job anyway.

My suspicion is that in addition to my brashness the fact that I did not accept an Assistant Professor position offered to me at Davis when I finished my PhD left the Davis people with a bad taste. At that time (1953) the

University of California System were considered the best anywhere - and especially by the Administration & faculty there. Anyone who would turn down an Assistant Professorship there had to be seen as ungrateful. I have never had any reason to discuss this with anyone before but your comment about Major Professors caused me to reflect on the matter.

We hope to have 2-3 weeks in North Carolina this fall to do family history work. In the meantime we find each day full of opportunity and we are pleased that we have the energy and good health to be active participants.

I will very much look forward to hearing from you when you return from China and after you have had a chance to catch up with accumulated matters.



Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

JOHN CALHOUN U

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From It 7 FEB 2004 John Calhoun U DRP4

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By now I suspect boredom has set in. It was a real treat hearing from you again and receiving the wonderful information you sent my way. Thanks for all you do, and best wishes.



I am most pleased that you plan to send in more details and I will welcome them - including details for your father. It is great that you have contact with your Aunt Marian. I urge you to get from her as much details about the family as she is willing to provide. I am sure she has a great deal stored in her mind which none of the rest of us have. It is also wonderful that Cheryl share our interest in family history.

You may get to the Civil War battlefields before I do. I want to go in 2004 or 2005 but have to fit it into the schedule. Enclosed is a copy my 3-Page 12-Item Bioguide on your GGF Abinley Bartles U. I believe he and my GF Bartley were in the same unit until Bartley was captured on 12 MAY 1864 at the Bloody Angle in the Wilderness. ABU avoided this capture and continued to serve until he was captured on 2 APR 1865. These dates need to be confirmed. In fact, it would be helpful if you could obtain a complete copy of the Civil War Records for A.B.U. We could then compare notes more effectively.

The persimmon beer story brought back fond memories. In the early 1940's my Uncle Getty U, a bachelor, and I became "luddies". We persimmons hunted together. Also he engaged me in the process of making persimmon beer. Apparently,

he was relying on memory as to how to proceed as we never produced anything that was useful. The procedure was very elaborate starting with getting a large oak barrel.

Your biographical sketch also brought back fond memories. Please provide more if you can - perhaps a several page narrative of what you recall of growing up with the family in NC. Cheryl and I would both enjoy it.

By coincidence I also attended Cary High School but only for one year 43-44. Also I had a close association with N.C. State from 1941-1965. Among other things I experienced Organic Chemistry as a student but it had a more favorable impact on me than on you. This interest played a large part in my professional life. Only years later did I learn that the Professor who taught Organic Chemistry, Alden Reid, Sr, was actually a cousin of mine!

In your association with Appalachian State Teachers College did you become aware that H.F. "Cotton" Robinson was President there. I knew him well in earlier years when he was a statistics professor at N.C. State.

Your connection with Neut Gungvick is very interesting to me. However, he has been a disappointment

To me and many other republicans from a political standpoint. He, like Bill Clinton, had a huge potential to serve the public good and both messed up. It seems the majority of our politicians have "feet of clay". Anyway Newt seemed to function best throwing political hand grenades from the back bench than he did when serving as Speaker when the art of compromise is important. Anyway, I obtained his fictional account of the Civil War as a Christmas present and enjoyed reading it. He is supposed to have 2 more in a trilogy.

John, I don't want to imply that you should become consumed by family history. However, to the extent that you have interest I will be delighted to continue our interaction at whatever level suits you. You can easily tell that the subject has captured me.

Our best to you & Becky.

Sincerely yours
 (133) Phil Upchurch
 {ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH}

I want to send JCH after he responds to
my letter of 12 FEB 2004

- His possible interest in the Yated is
further roots in NC.
- send map for Mt Pisgah Church

JOHN CALHOUN U

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Dear Cousin Phil:

I greatly appreciate your letter and the information you recently mailed me, both on my family as well as that pertaining to my missing **UB** issues. With regard to the issues I need, I have had a senior moment and cannot find my copy of the list of missing items. If you still have the list I mailed you, please use it to gather up the issues for mailing. If you did not keep the list of the issues I need, just let me know, and I shall develop another list. Anyway, enclosed a check in the amount of \$90 (\$85 for the issues and a small contribution toward the cost of mailing). I look forward to having a full collection of **UBs** in the near future.

Becky and I hope you continue to get stronger and are able to resume a full level of activity which, for you, must be going full speed each and every day. I say that only because I know you have many, many irons in the fire. In your last letter to me, you included information that your grandfather, Bartley Jefferson U and my great grandfather, Allinder Burtess U were cousins and were together during the Civil War. I know absolutely nothing about my GGF, other than the information you have provided, so I am anxiously awaiting your report in a forthcoming **UB** of your trip to the battle sites. Speaking of battle sites, my daughter Cheryl and her family just moved to Stafford, VA, a little north of Fredricksburg. Her husband is a naval officer, and the family just returned from a two-year stint in Iceland. Becky and I had the pleasure of visiting with them in Iceland on two occasions. If you and Sallaine have not traveled there, the island is a marvelous place for tourists. A bit pricey, it is nevertheless a beautiful place, clean and pristine. Tourism there is increasing and practically everyone speaks English. But I digress. . .

Because Cheryl is now in the midst of the area where so many Civil War battles took place, I am looking forward to combining visits to her home with nosing around the battlefields in Virginia and Maryland. I am therefore anxiously awaiting your report of your GFs activities. You will be my absentee guide for the appropriate Civil War sites.

You asked me if I have ever seen the gravestone of Allinder Burtess at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Chatham County; no I haven't. I would very much like to. I went back to Wake County for a two-day visit a few months back. Went by Montlawn Cemetery and the one at Cary. We would like to go back in the near future and spend several days in the Raleigh area. When that happens I intend to look up ABs gravesite, but first I will have to find out where in Chatham County the Mt. Pigsah cemetery is located.

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I have not had relatives, at least any I know, in the Raleigh area for many years. Consequently, I have only passed through the city a couple of times over the past 30 years. My Upchurch grandparents' home is still standing. It is about a half block from the governor's mansion on the edge of that wonderful Victorian district whose name escapes me now. A rather small home by today's standards, my grandparent's homeplace sits on a small lot which, when I drove by the place in my recent trip to Raleigh, brought back several memories. My grandfather, Carey Almon Sr., was an interesting person to say the least. He was first and foremost a wonderfully gifted preacher, one well read and very bright. He had many interests in life; however, few of them provided him with much in the way of monetary compensation. For cash he seemed to rely on his wife, Frances, who worked many years for the NC State Department of Education as a secretary. She always called him Mr. Upchurch, even when discussion him among close family members. My aunt, Marian U. Dowdee, told me a few months back that even growing up, her mother always referred to my GF as Mr. Upchurch. Anyway, as head of the anti-saloon league or some such organization in Raleigh, he rather routinely made persimmon beer in a barrel on the back porch of the Raleigh home, a welcome

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** treat which he relished greatly once the fermentation had taken place. To help provide food during the growing season, he had a plot of ground about one-half mile of the house where he had a garden. He tended it with the help of a borrowed mule. The garden seemed to have provided him with a reason to leave the house for many hours of the day; I think it was his escape. Also, he would also bring home some oddball things from time to time. One of my favorite things, when I was a youngster, was a stagecoach. I have no idea where he got it, but it gave me many hours of enjoyment playing and dreaming about the old west. I fought off many robbers and Indians during the period when he parked the stagecoach in his driveway. He was greatly missed after his death in 1954, in part because he was so unpredictable. He could always be counted on to provide something or say something that would become a topic of conversation for the rest of us. Except for his spiritual life, he was not one who seemed to live according to a plan.

I am sharing the information you sent to me on my nearest relatives with Aunt Marian and Cheryl. We will update and add whatever we can to your information. It may take a month or so to get things together. If you would like, I will try to get together copies of pertinent materials on my father for your files; but I do not want to burden you with those kinds of things unless you are willing to receive them. On second thought, you probably have enough information on him as it is.

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UB. enclosed - your list

family heritage.

Also reported in an update for us as of last October. I am doing fine now.

My mind keeps generating more family history projects than the body can undertake. One of these is a project to visit all of the Civil War sites where my Grandfather Bartley Jefferson U participated (VA, MD). I have books and background information that will tell me where to go. Naturally, I will hope to report on this trip in the UB. Maybe I'll go this Spring or next Fall - no definite plans yet. I mention this project to you because the same sites most likely involved your GGF Allister Burtless U "A.B." as there two men (cousins) were together throughout the war. Have you ever seen the gravestone for "A.B." at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Chatham Co, NC?

It is always a pleasure to hear from you - and thank again for your encouraging remarks.

Sincerely yours



Phil Upchurch

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January 23, 2004

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Dear Cousin Phil:

Happy 2004 to you and your family. Enclosed is a renewal for Volume 25. I look forward to receiving the two issues you will be sending to subscribers during the year.

I was distressed to learn that you had bypass surgery during the fall but extremely pleased to read that your recovery is progressing nicely. I know what you are going through. Back in the summer of 1999 I had the same surgery, except I had four bypasses. I am doing well; for me it certainly was a new lease on life. Becky and I wish you a long and productive future now that your "pump" has been reconditioned!

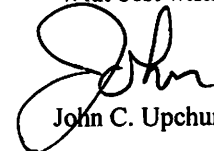
Also, please permit me to offer sincere congratulations to you and Sallaine upon the occasion of your fifty-five years of marriage. That's quite an accomplishment for this day and time. May you two have many more years together.

I read with a degree of understanding your desire more of your future time and attention to things other than the grind of annually producing two volumes of the *UB*. You are to be congratulated and thanked for your tireless efforts to untangle the story of the Upchurch family. Clearly, you have done outstanding work on behalf of many thousands of people who, without your efforts, would have little knowledge about their family from Michael I to present. You have made a significant difference to those of us who have little knowledge of or expertise in genealogy. Thank you very much for all you have done and what you will continue to do in the future.

Several years ago I mailed selected copies of my *UB*'s in my collection to my daughter. The box was lost in the mail, and I am now missing a fairly large number of issues, most of which specifically mention my part of the Upchurch family. I do not know if it is possible to purchase individual issues from you (as opposed to entire volumes); however, I thought I would inquire. Enclosed is a list of the lost issues. Please review it at your convenience, and let me know if there is a way you might be able to fill in some or all of the gaps I now have in my *UB* collection and what the replacement cost would be.

Phil, I look forward from hearing from you, not only about the issues mentioned above but also whatever you might produce on the family on a sporadic basis. In the meantime, I pray your health continues to improve and that you and Sallaine are able to find the time to do those things you both have dreamed about doing.

With best wishes,


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area. This includes a strong effort to preserve older houses in the Area. On 2 DEC 2001 Gabbaine and I participated in their annual Christmas Tour of historic homes and we saw other historic houses as well. Two were closely associated with your relatives.

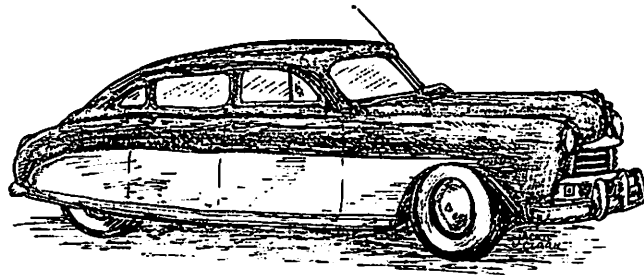
The H. O. Holland house on the tour has an Upchurch connection. His wife was nee ARTULA J. UPCHURCH, your Great Aunt.

Another historic home being preserved by M/M Jay Douglas (new owners) is the "MAC" Upchurch house. The Douglasses had us in for an evening chat. "MAC" was Malpheus Gilbert Upchurch. He married an Upchurch, namely LESSIE HELEN UPCHURCH. She is a 1st cousin of your GF Cary Almon U, Sr.

By following all of these matters we hope to garner much new information about our Upchurch Family that lived in the Apex/Medina Wake Co, NC Area.

It is always nice to hear from you and I would welcome any input or questions you have.

Sincerely yours
 Phil Upchurch
 [ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



01 JAN 2002

DEAR COUSIN ROBERT,

ARE BACK ISSUES OF THE UPCHURCH
BULLETIN AVAILABLE; THAT IS, SPECIFIC ISSUES
FROM SELECTED YEARS AS OPPOSED TO YEARLY
VOLUMES. A FEW YEARS BACK I MAILED
MY DAUGHTER A SELECTION OF ISSUES FROM
SEVERAL YEARS AND THEY WERE LOST IN
THE MAIL. I WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE
MY COLLECTION AGAIN, BUT DO NOT NEED
COPIES FOR THE FULL YEAR.

I HOPE YOU AND YOURS ARE HAVING A GOOD
WINTER SEASON. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR
EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR FAMILY ARE
DEEPLY APPRECIATED:

BEST WISHES,

John Upchurch

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P.S. I HOPE MY QUESTION ABOVE MAKES SENSE!

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Thank you especially for telling me about your neighbor John and Barb. This is indeed a coincidence. I have today written him about our Upchurch history effort and invited him to participate in any way that he sees fit. You are right, he does belong to the KY Upchurches. I have his line well documented but would be pleased

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To have him as a participant. I do have quite a bit of information to show with him if he is interested.

We are now well settled in our new home and are pleased with our arrangement whereby others will handle the details on our farming operation. We are already planning some more travel. Included will be several 2-week trips back to NC to do family history work over the next several years. The first of these is now scheduled for late April. I am anxious to get my feet on the ground back there again. You can be sure the Nathan & clan to which you and I belong will be a priority.

As your time and interests allow I will be happy to exchange more details on your line. There is always more to do with appreciation & all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
(C-7) Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



John Cathoun Upchurch
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TO: Robert Upchurch

DATE: 1/13/01

Dear Cousin Robert,
Here's one of those "It's a small world!" items.
My wife and I live on a short street, ending in a
cul-de-sac, in the foothills of the Appalachians.
There are three houses on the street. One home
was put up for sale several months back. The
purchaser -- and my new next door neighbor --
is John David Upchurch and wife Gail, a truly
delightful couple. Like you and me, John is
~~an~~ an educator, serving as director of
admissions at Brenan University in Gainesville,
GA. He is part of the Kentucky clan, I
believe. I don't know if he knows of your
work on behalf of the family, but should
you wish to write him, John lives at 71
Granite Bluff, Dahlonega, GA 30533.
Happy 2001 -- and best wishes.

JOHN C. UPCHURCH
Vice President for Academic Affairs
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John

REC'D
30 SEP 1985

9/28/85

Dear Phil,

I am gathering the info you
asked for in your last letter.

Will write again soon.

Thanks for your most interesting
and welcome letter.

Please send the requested Upchurch
Bulletins when you have time.

Best wishes,

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John Upchurch

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25 AUG 1985

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Dear Cousin John,

Thank you for your letter of 14 AUG 1985. I am
delighted to know of your interest in the Upchurch
Family and am pleased to report that you
and I both belong to the Nathan U I Club.
That gives me an added reason to correspond
with you. In addition we have in common
the fact that my Grandfather, Bailey Jefferson
U and your GGF, Alexander Burtess U, enlisted
in the CSA on the same date and as far as
I can tell stayed together throughout much
of the war.

Your ancestors did indeed come from
Western Wake Co, NC. In the Upchurch Bulletin
the story is told in several places about how
our ancestor Nathan U I moved to the Green
Level area about 1802. In fact we know now

established the exact place of her plantation and there is shown on a map in the U B. Some of your family was closely associated with Mt Pisgah Baptist Church which is near Green Level but just over the line and in Chatham Co, NC. This church was formed in 1814 and I have extracted the early minutes of the church and recorded them in the U B. Fascinating stuff. Your GGF A B U is buried in the church cem. Your GF (Carey Almon U. Sr.) has his picture in the church as he was one of several ministers who got them started there. Your GF is bur at Mount Laurel Cem in Raleigh, NC. I have mapped his burial site.

There is much more I could tell you but I think it is best for you to read the Bulletin and then ask me questions. Some order blanks are enclosed.

I am anxious to have some more details on the family of Carey Almon U. Sr. Can you help with the following:

- 1) For Carey Almon U. Sr.
 - a) When and where did he marry?
 - b) What is the full maiden name of his wife Frances Reynolds?
- 2) For your Aunt Marian U.
 - a) Are she and her husband I. Leonard Decadee still living?
 - b) Names of her children?
 - c) Was she married only once?

3) For your Uncle Emory Leslie U

- a) Is his wife still living?
- b) Names of his children?

4) For your father - Carey Nelson U. Jr.

- a) Still living?
- b) When ~~and~~ was he born?
- c) When and where married?
- d) Full maiden name of your mother, when and where married, still living?
- e) Was your father married just once?
- f) Names of your brothers & sisters?

5) For ~~For~~ Yourself

- a) What does the 'C' in your name stand for?
- b) When and where married?
- c) Full maiden name of your wife and when and where was she born?
- d) Full names of your children and when and where born?

I know you may not know all of the above but anything you can supply will be helpful.

By the way - what do you do at Valdosta State College. It seems as as in the same business!

It is really good to find another member of the Nathan U. I can and I look forward to corresponding with you.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

{ ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH }

JOHN CALHOUN U

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19 AUG 1985

Mr. R. Phillip Upchurch
P. O. Box 35804
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Dear Mr. Upchurch:

I am so sorry for the delayed response to your letter of mid-June. My wife and I have been on a fairly long vacation, our first in many years.

Since you and I were last in touch, I moved to Valdosta, where perusal of the phone directory quickly indicated that I had moved to an unusual place--there were ten Upchurches listed!

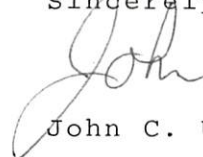
I would be delighted to learn how I fit into the Upchurch family. The branch I am related to were always numerically small, at least in my lifetime. I never met any of my Upchurch relatives beyond grandfather, grandmother, one great aunt, father, one uncle, and one aunt. No cousins, etc. Moreover, I have no recollection of any discussions by any of these people of other relatives outside of those just mentioned. Unfortunately, of all of the people listed above, only my aunt is living, and she remembers little more about the family than I. So you can see that any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

My grandfather was Carey Almon U. I have no idea where he was born, but have a feeling it was in North Carolina. It may, in fact, have been near the small agricultural hamlet of Upchurch, which, I believe, was located in western Wake County. I must admit I could be in error on the location of his birth place.

In any event, I intend to soon purchase some of the UPCHURCH BULLETINS which I don't already have, so you will be hearing from me soon.

Again, thank you for writing and for your willingness to try to fit me into the family.

Sincerely,



John C. Upchurch

→ [CAREY ALMON U,SR]

P. S. I am sitting at the typewriter and, since I don't have much practice in typing any more, I tend to think more about the act of typing than what I am writing! In other words, I forgot to say anything about my father and his brother and sister. Let me remedy this oversight. My grandfather had three children: my father,
△ + △ Carey Almon, Jr.; a son, Ewing; and, a daughter,
□ + △ Marian. My father was born in Burlington, N.C. as best I can remember.

J.

11 JUN 1955

MR JOHN C. UPCHURCH
2209 BRITAINCLIFF DR
VALDOSTA, GA 31601

Dear Mr Upchurch

I have been some time since we have been in touch. Just yesterday I had a letter from Helen Eugene U of Charleston, SC. ~~He~~ indicates that you recently sent her brother William in Clyatsville, GA.

I am very anxious to learn how you fit in the family. Could you send me the names of your father and his brothers and sisters and the name of your grandfather Upchurch. There is an excellent chance that this information would allow me to connect you back to Michael U I, the original Upchurch immigrant who came to America in 1649. I'll be glad to send you a sketch.

Hope to hear from you!

sent SSAE
& card

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

Re the stamps it has to be said that we attach stamps because we are not modern enough & use a printed type. Glad you enjoy them. I am a "retired" philatelist. The story: About 1967 Sallene and I took our 3 kids on an outing to a Missouri Park named for George Washington Carver. There we found and bought for our son Barry - age 7 some stamps with the Carver image. He took them to school and persuaded his classmates they were valuable and sold them at a much elevated price. The principal put a stop to the venture and gave Barry a lecture. - But Barry and I went on to become father & son stamp collectors. I specialized in US airmails and had a special book made to hold my collection. I belonged to the Mansanto Stamp Club and attended regularly until we left in 1975. I maintained my membership for the 20 years we were in AZ but other activities crowded out stamp collecting. A couple of years ago I gave my entire collection to Barry.

on that nostalgic note I'll say Merry Christmas to you and all and wish you safe travels
Phil Upchurch

JOHN CALHOUN U

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November 27, 2009

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30 NOV 2009

Dear Cousin Phil,

Just wanted to say thank you for the recent UPCHURCH BULLETIN. It was extremely interesting and instructive. I was so pleased to have a photocopy of the NCSU press release on you. It was full of fascinating information on your life and work. You have had a particularly productive career, and the good news is that you have not slowed down yet. My wife Becky enjoyed the press release too. I plan on taking a copy of it to our daughter Cheryl who, along with her family, is now into her third year in Germany. On Dec.13, we will fly to Stuttgart and spend Christmas with them again.

I have been busy with the Georgia Retired Educators Association since last May. I have traveled about 7,000 miles within Georgia, mainly to speak at local unit meetings. I am now in the midst of planning for next May's annual GREA convention, which will be held in Macon. We expect an attendance of about 600. I have just learned that one of our speakers, Herman Cain, a noted African-American political conservative and motivational speaker from Atlanta, has just bowed out as our banquet speaker. Until that happened, I was pretty much on top of things. Now I have to regroup and look for another volunteer speaker with a message and name recognition.

As you may recall, I have several collector cars. My Hudsons are my favorites. Next Friday thru Sunday, we will host the statewide Hudson group in Dahlonga for the group's annual Christmas weekend. Our town, originally built because of gold and the location of a US mint (1832-61), is now a place that depends upon tourism. So next weekend there will be a big tourist-driven Christmas festival with arts, crafts, music, Christmas play, and the like. With all that going on I think my Hudson brethren will have a good time.

Please permit me to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. I would imagine you'll have a large crowd with you at some time during the holidays. I know it will be a special time for all of you.

Best wishes,



P.S. Are you perhaps a philatelist? I note that each time you mail me a bulletin, you have not use a printed tape but have gone to the trouble to affix a variety of attractive postage stamps. I have collected stamps for decades and appreciate your taking the time to make your envelopes collectible.

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Dear Cousin John

Just a note to thank you for your \$10 for US
2011 & for the \$50 for the Endowment (see separate
letter to NCSU 10 DEC 2010 - and to report that
I had surgery on my right rotator cuff on
8 DEC 2010. Doing fine - 1st therapy session
today - gone through much. As you can see
I can scribble a little. More when I get
more operational.

We are blessed here in many ways -
I hope you & I can meet at some point.

I in the meantime a merry Christmas
to all.

Phil Yechurch

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Subject: Special Activities

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Sep 26, 2018 7:00 am

To: "John Calhoun-4-5-6-7-8 Upchurch" <Johncupchurch@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Dr. Tom-S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>

Bcc: "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi John----

I have started the practice of reaching out to each Board Member, one by one, to inquire if they have special interests that go beyond their Board responsibilities re policies and procedures. We have number of initiatives underway some of which may intrigue you. If you can find the time I would be happy to have a phone chat with you about this matter. For example, given your interests and mine in cars should we have a Car Category on our website under Special Subjects?

Delighted to have you aboard~

Phil Upchurch, Founder, Allied Families.

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(NATHAN U, I; TABITHA UPCHUR CH SUBCLAN - 9TH GEN & BEYOND XIP
 DESCENDANTS OF CAREY ALMON U, SR (OF THE NATHAN U, I
 - TABITHA U - GOLDEN ALMON U, SR - ALLINDER BURTRESS U LINE)
 a. CAREY ALMON U, SR b 18 MAR 1879 (WAKE CO, NC) d 17 JUL 1954 (WINSTON 3215
 SALEM, NC) (BUR - MONTLAWN CEM., RALEIGH, NC)

MD 26 DEC 1906 (DANVILLE, VA) FRANCES LEE REYNOLDS b 26 AUG 1981 5677
 (CATHAM CO, NC) d 12 NOV 1968 (MONROE, NC) (BUR - AS HUS)

[C] (I) CAREY ALMON U, JR b 17 DEC 1907 (BURLINGTON, NC) d 15 DEC 1974 5678
 (CARROLLTON, GA) (BUR - LAURENBURG, NC) "ABIE"

MD 4 DEC 1937 (WASHINGTON, DC) MARY CAREY ROSE CALHOUN b 16 OCT 1917 26007
 (LAUREL HILL, NC) d 1 DEC 1976 (DAYTONA BEACH, FL) (BUR - LAURENBURG, NC)

[C] (A) JOHN CALHOUN U b 8 NOV 1938 (RALEIGH, NC) 13802

MD 13 APR 1962 (FT. LAUDERDALE, FL) REBECCA RUTH TULL b 29 JUN 1942 26008
 "BECKY" (LOS ANGELES, CA)

(I) MARGARET LYNN U b 20 DEC 1962 (TALLAHASSEE, FL) 26009

MD 17 FEB 1950 (LAKE PARK, GA) RONALD CLARENCE DEY 26011
 b 21 NOV 1964 (HARRISBURG, PA)

[C] (2) CHERYL MARIE U b 19 MAR 1964 (TALLAHASSEE, FL) 26010

MD 2 JUL 1988 (LAKE PARK, GA) STANLEY GERARD BURLINGAME 26012
 b 1 FEB 1962 (DOVER, NJ)

(a) ALLISON LYNN BURLINGAME b 28 OCT 1991 (JACKSONVILLE, FL) 29120

(b) ANDREW UPCHURCH BURLINGAME b 13 AUG 1993 (JACKSONVILLE, FL) 33023

(c) ALEXANDER JOHN BURLINGAME b 29 MAR 1995 (JACKSONVILLE, FL) 37337

(3) NO FURTHER ISSUE

(B) DAVID U b ca 1944 (RALEIGH, NC) d ca 1944 26013

(RALEIGH, NC) (BUR - CARY, NC) (LIVED ONE DAY)

(C) NO FURTHER ISSUE (BUR - OAKWOOD CEM., RALEIGH, NC)

(II) EWEN, LESLIE U b 7 AUG 1911 (KINSTON, NC) d 25 DEC 1955 (RALEIGH, NC) (BUR - AS FAT) 5679

MD 1 () LUCY VIRGINIA GRISSOM b ca 1911 () d 1992 () 5680

cc Deb
Hester
Jay

Hi Tom -

Please accept this email as my whole-hearted endorsement of ~~John~~ Dr John ~~Calhoun~~ Calhoun Upchurch as a candidate to serve on the Allied Families Board. John and I have collaborated on our shared heritage for over forty years. He has always been generous in supplying information and financial support. He is of the Nathan Upchurch I clan and grew up in Wake County, NC knowing his Upchurch relatives and many of our allied families.

The strong interest of John in our ongoing work is made obvious that he and his wife Becky have made two trips to Cary to attend our open house events held in our Cary Facility.

The background statement that John has provided reveals that he has had most experience in many roles. He has clearly shown his leadership skills and his willingness to serve as a volunteer.

We are fortunate that John is
willing to become a member of our
Board. Should the need arise in
the future I feel he could assume
a significant leadership role in
our Association. In the meantime
he can provide good advice on
policies and practices.

I ~~can~~ recommend John without
reservation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Upchurch, Founder, Niles
Families

Subject: Welcome to the Board

From: Tom Upchurch <tomupchurch41@gmail.com>XX

Date: Thu, Aug 23, 2018 10:28 pm

To: John Upchurch <johnupchurch@yahoo.com>

Cc: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear John,

It is my honor and pleasure to officially welcome you to the board of Upchurch and Allied Families Association (UAFA).

I will be sending information about our organization in the next few days.

In the meantime, I have included a short paragraph about each of our new board members that the current members have already seen. I thought you would enjoy getting to know a little about one another.

Thank you again for being willing to share your time and talent. We have a great opportunity to help create something good!

Tom

Staley C. Smith. Staley lives in Apex, NC. He will add to our board another Wake County Citizen with very deep roots in the area. He is a 4th generation professional land surveyor and owner of Smith & Smith Surveyors.

John C. Upchurch. John lives in Dahlonega, GA (where there was a big gold rush in 1829). He is an emeritus professor of geosciences after a long, distinguished academic career. I don't think he has discovered any gold despite his geologic skills. John is in the Nathan Upchurch I clan.

Howard B. Upchurch, Jr. Howard lives in Montgomery, AL and is President of Guilford Partners, Inc., a rehab, development and management company of income-producing real estate. His father, Howard B. Upchurch, Sr was killed on D-day, 6 June 1944. His great grandfather, Burton Upchurch, was a captain in the CSA army and the only Upchurch officer that we know about in either Union or Confederate Armies. Howard is a member of the Abel Upchurch Clan.

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Subject: Allied Families

From: Nancy McClintock <nancy.mcclintock@alliedfamilies.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 18, 2017 9:23 am

To: John Upchurch <johncupchurch@yahoo.com>

Cc: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>, jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org

Dear John,

Thank you very much for your kind offer to contribute to the Allied Families. Your check will be used as a prepayment of your 2018 dues.

May 2018 bring you many wonderful memories.

Sincerely,

Nancy McClintock,
Families

Corresponding Secretary, Allied

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