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Dear Cousin Uppie & Hazel

Thank you for your renewal of the UB for 1994 and for your generous contribution of \$50.00 to the Upchurch Research Fund. Such donations allow us to purchase reference documents which are especially valuable for our family records.

Please accept my apologies for misspelling Hazel's maiden name in the UB. I have consulted the master copy and have checked to see that my working files are correct. It seems that no matter how closely we check some error creep in.

We continue to make excellent progress on the Abel U, Sr / Benjamin U subplan to which you belong and feel this will continue in 1994.

With All Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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Dear Hazel & Uppie

This is just a note to thank you for your renewal to the U B for 1993 and for your donation to the Upchurch Branch Fund. The expenses are always with us and contributions such as yours helps us to keep the Upchurch history search going at a strong pace.

As you will have seen from past issues of the U B the documentation of Abel Upchurch, Sr as a son of Richard U, II is being found correct. We are still doing active research in Franklin Co, NC to find details. We have definitely located the land owned by Richard U, III when he died in 1817. He was a brother to your ancestor Abel U, Sr !!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

☺ Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

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Dear Cousin Hazel & "Uppie"

Thank you for your renewal on the U.B.
for '92 and for your generous donation to the
Upchurch Research Fund. This comes in very
handy for buying books, placing the U.B. in
libraries, etc, etc. It is appreciated very much.

Enclosed is a copy of the Michael Enterprises
System. I hope to publish this in the U.B. Let
me know if you have comments.

More earth shaking - enclosed is a draft
of an article on Abel U, Sr the ancestor of
Uppie. I hope to publish this in the U.B. but
am sending it to a number of descendants
of Abel U, Sr first. Some may be able to
add to or correct this prior to publication.

All the best for a Merry Christmas!
Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

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22 MAR 1991.

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Dear Cousin Hazel,

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 MAR 1991. I have extracted all the details for my biopic system and corrected the name of Almedia (James) Johnson on the master outline.

You must have read my mind. I was going to ask you to help me identify one or more libraries in Birmingham or in all of Alabama where we might find sets of the Upchurch Bulletin. Your letter gives us a head start on this. I have written to both Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Wells and will hope to hear from them. Perhaps you would make a call or two to learn what options might be open to me. The Genealogy Library at Samford University may be a good bet for me but I would like to get a feel for

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The overall situation. For example, would the ordinary person looking for their family roots be likely to go to Sanford. Each city, county, state differs as to be best place to deposit family history materials. I was quite surprised to find that Sanford has a whole Institute devoted to genealogy. Most Universities give family history a low priority. Any additional publishing you can do will be appreciated.

Provided herewith is a copy of the two page master outline for Benjamin W, his children & grandchildren. You and Jerry & Mary have done a fine job of helping us get in good shape on the section of this family. You can see we have a way to go on the other children of Benjamin W. (XFD-3773). I realize you may have no contact with these other relatives but if you have any ideas or leads I will be glad to follow them.

I trust you're in feeling better these days
Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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22 MAR 1991

20 March 1991

Dear Cousin Phil,

Our trip to Meridian was as unproductive as I had expected it to be...but I had to try. The only information we obtained is that Alimettia James Upchurch's name is not spelled correctly in the present records. Her name was Almedia. She was the wife of Benjamin Newton and was Uppie's grandmother. We learned this at the Oak Grove Cemetary at Bonita (Meridian). We found the plot where she is buried and that is the name on the stone. I am sure it is correct because her daughter, Martha Wheeler Johnson, her husband, and others are buried on the same plot and I am sure that Martha had the correct spelling of the name on her mother's stone. We also feel sure that the plot just behind the Wheeler plot is where William Edward, Sr., Carrie James Upchurch and Zella Upchurch are buried. It is the only vacant looking lot in the entire cemetary and since no stones were erected, we cannot be sure until we get back down and try to find out where we can find the map of the cemetary and the names of those who owned the plots. If we can find this information and the name in which the deed is recorded is Bates, then we know for sure and if we can somehow locate the exact spots of burial, I will have stones put up. Uppie is not feeling very well these days so I don't know exactly when I can get away to drive down again. All the people with whom we came in contact at Meridian (Lauderdale County) and also at Decatur (Newton County) were as helpful as could be.

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When we could not find a record of the exact marriage date for William Edward and Carrie James in Lauderdale, we went to Newton County since her family was from that area. We were allowed to go through any and all records.. but one "tome" of the marriage records had been destroyed by fire and yes, wouldn't you know it? It was the one covering the years we were searching for. We learned that only marriage records were kept in the counties and for birth or death records one must go to the capital, Jackson. All those in both County offices plus the nice gentleman who was in the Archives office in Meridian told us that it would be useless. One said no records of births or deaths were kept before 1910 and the other said 1920 but in any case, we needed earlier records than those years.

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FOR
WILLIAM
EDWARD
W, SR

Now, I found some news in which you may be interested. I think I told you I had purchased a book "How To Trace Your Family Tree" and that the author is a professor in the genealogy department of one of our local universities. Today I called the Institute of Genealogy at Samford University and talked to a lovely lady, Mrs. Marilyn Morton. She enjoys talking as much as I do so we had a long conversation. They do have a genealogy department at Samford University Library and Mrs. Morton said I may be interested in taking her classes if I do decide to trace my family. She also said they have family histories in their genealogy library. I shall give you the names and addresses she gave me. Her name is:

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Mrs. Marilyn Morton - Institute of Genealogy, Samford University,
600 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, Al. 35229
Phone: 205 / 870-2780

→ write to her 22 MAR 1991

She said that if you were interested in placing material in the library to contact:

Mrs. Elizabeth Wells - c/o Special Collection Department, Samford University
600 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, Al. 35229
Phone: 205 870-2749

→ write to her
22 MAR 1991

Wish I had found some dates we were looking for in Mississippi but as I said, I did not expect it.. the people who complied the information had done a thorough job. Mrs. Morton, with whom I spoke today, has Upchurches in her family and they were from Mississippi so I shall lend her my "Those Mississippi Upchurches".

Sincerely,

Hazel Upchurch

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3 MAR 1991

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Dear Cousin Hazel,

Many thanks for your letter of 24 FEB 1991.
All the details have now been extracted and they
add nicely to the master outline for William
Edward U, Sr.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my three
page biopic on Benjamin U (XFD-3773),
your husbands greatgrandfather. You probably
have most of this. I question the marriage
in item 1 as being in Franklin Co, NC. I
suspect it was Wake Co, NC but then maybe
it is correct. We need to verify it.

Several months ago I had a call from
Dianna and we had a nice chat. Maybe
Carol will come around in due course.

I hope you and Uppel have a nice
trip to MS. Let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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REC'D
28 FEB
1991

3727 Keswick Circle
Birmingham, Al., 35242
Sunday, February 24, 1991
MAS JAMES H. U

Dear Cousin Phil,

Thank you so very much for your letter of Feb. 17th and all the information and charts you sent us. I returned from my visit to friends in Florida on Friday and immediately enjoyed the back issues of the Bulletin. Now, I shall attempt to answer the questions you asked about missing details on the family of WILLIAM EDWARD UPCHURCH, SR.

Δ + □ + □ + □ a) Mr. Upchurch had six children - Edward Ware by his first wife, Cora Riley, and Zella Elizabeth, Newton Benjamin, Carl Roger, Gerald and Howard by his second wife, Carrie James.

□ + □ b) We have no record of the date in 1907 of his marriage to Carrie but that is on the list of information we hope to learn when we go to Meridian in the near future. Mr. Upchurch's bible listed only the dates of births.

□ c) As for Cora Riley, as I told you in previous correspondence, we know nothing at all about her and had never known her name until we read "THOSE MISSISSIPPI UPCHURCHES". I will try to learn something about her in Meridian but it is doubtful if we can get any information about any of them which we do not have at this time. I understand statistical records of that time are very sketchy.

□ d) As for Carrie James Upchurch, no middle name was written in the bible therefore my husband thinks she may not have had one. That, along with her birthplace, is also on my list.

□ 2. As for William Edward Upchurch, Jr. AKA Edward Ware - the same story. I wrote all we know of him but shall see if I can learn the day, month and place of his birth. I would think that he died somewhere in the St. Louis, Mo. area but know absolutely nothing about this or if he married and had children.

□ 4) Newton Benjamin Upchurch

□ + □ + □ + □ a) Carol Zella, Diana Mae and Gerald Newton (Jerry Lee Smith), I know only what Mary Smith and Diana Turner have told me. As I wrote, I do think it would be best to get the information from Mary. All I know is that Carol married Hal Stephenson and has a son, Charles Turner Stephenson. Diana told me she had been married but is divorced and she had no children. □ + □ + □ I am not sure that Carol Upchurch Turner Stephenson is aware of the fact that Jerry and Mary Smith and Diana Turner have contacted us. I understand she does not want to acknowledge our existence and feel it would be best that you get the information from Mary, Jerry, or Diana.

□ 5) Carl Roger Upchurch

Δ a) James Conway Upchurch: his first and second marriage took place in Birmingham, Al.

Δ c) Andrea Lynne was married in Birmingham, Al.

Δ d) Scott NMN Upchurch was born, died and buried in Birmingham, Al. (Elmwood Cemetary)

Δ + Δ e) Adrienne Elizabeth and Eric Conrad were born in Birmingham, Al.

□ Note: Believe me, any birth, marriage, death and burial of any member of the Carl Roger Upchurch family took place in Birmingham. Carl's family never wandered away from home.

□ 6) Gerald NMN Upchurch was born on 27 May 1916 - info from the Upchurch bible.

I have made a list of information I will seek in the Meridian area and will get down there within the next few weeks. I shall report to you any little bit I can find but as I said, I am not optimistic. Uppie and I stopped by the Oak Grove Cemetary at Bonita, Ms. (Meridian) back in 1981 to see what we could find. It is a small church cemetary. All records of burials were kept at the church but the sad thing is that the wooden church had been burned to the ground and all the records with it. We talked to the pastor of the church and he sent us to see an elderly gentleman who knew more about the cemetary than any other living person. However, we could not learn anything as he, naturally, could not remember the names of all the people buried there. I shall never forget the disappointment of that day - rain was pouring down and we walked throughout the cemetary trying to find the graves of Uppie's parents... but a road had been made through the middle of the cemetary and the gentlemen told us some of the graves had been covered over by this road. Needless to say I was absolutely ill over the entire thing. However, we shall cover these tracks and any public records we can find to attempt to find the information I have mentioned. We plan to stay several days and see if we can learn anything about Carrie James' brother, Hugh James. That may lead to something. We plan to check into a motel and stay until all avenues have been exhausted.

Now, I am thoroughly embarrassed to write this next information. I cannot understand how I could have been so negligent. CARL and LOCHIEL UPCHURCH adopted a little girl in 1947 who died of polio during the epidemic of 1951 (pre-vaccine). She was a precious little girl, two months younger than our Bunny and died on Bunny's 4th birthday. I am so sorry I forgot about JAN, but shall give you the information now for the CARL ROGER UPCHURCH line. They had the one birth child, JAMES CONWAY UPCHURCH, M.D.

JANICE CARLENE UPCHURCH, born 15 September 1947 in Birmingham, Al.
 died July 16 1951 in Birmingham, Al. (spinal and bulbar polio)
 buried in Elmwood Cemetary, Birmingham, Al.

I shall add this information to my records which I am storing in my good old Apple MacIntosh. I just cannot believe I forgot about JAN... and nobody ever reminded me.

Have much to catch up after my "safari".. Thank you again for the information you sent and I shall let you know what, if anything, we learn in the Meridian area.

Sincerely,
 Hazel B. Upchurch

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17 FEB 1991

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Dear Cousin Hazel,

I have spent all my spare time in the past week processing your letters of 31 JAN and 3 FEB and want to thank you for this excellent set of materials. All the details are now properly placed in Profiles and/or on the Master Outline.

Enclosed is a copy of the Master Outline for the family of William Edward W, Sr along with a set of questions on the family. Thanks to you & Mary & Peggy & others we have made fantastic progress on this family. If we can get a few more of the missing items that would be fine. There may be one or two facts that will elude us for now. I am also sending a copy of the two page Master Outline for Benjamin W (XIV-3973), the grandfather of William Edward W, Sr. We need to make progress on this Outline as someone has the interest and inclination. It would be nice to locate more facts and to have a few more co-researchers like you & Mary.

I am sending a copy of this letter and of the enclosure to Mary & Jerry in Denver so we will all be equally informed.

Here is how your husband and I are related:

Michael U, I (XFN-146) [b. 1620 England; d. VA 1649]

Richard U, I (XFN-149)

James U, I (151)

Michael U, III (159) ← BROTHERS → Richard U, II (152)

William U, II (166) ← 1ST COUSINS → Nathaniel U, I (78)

Abel U, Sr (589) ← 2ND " → Gilbert U (82)

Benjamin U (3775) ← 3RD " → Bartley Jefferson U

Benjamin Newton U (10462) ← 4TH " → Robert Jefferson U

William Edward U, Sr (10464) ← 5TH " → Robert Phillip U → ME

James Howard U, Sr (26774) ← 6TH " → My children (5)

Upple So your husband's father and I are fifth cousins, Upple and my children are 6th cousins, while Upple and I are 5th cousins once removed!

I appreciate your order for the back issues of the U B and this order for 1991. The back issues will have arrived by the time you get this. You will have a lot of reading to do. Let me know if you have questions. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upple

[ROBERT PHILIP UPPLE JR.]

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY
OF WILLIAM EDWARD UPCHURCH, SR

17 FEB
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1) For William Edward U, Sr "Ed" [AKA EDWIN]

- Did he have just four children?
- When (about 1907) and where was he 7nd boy?
- For Cora Riley
 - What was her full maiden name?
 - When in FEB 1974 born?
 - Where in MS born?
 - When & where did and where buried?

d) For Carrie Garner

- What was her full maiden name?
- Where in MS was she born?

2) For William Edward U, Jr [AKA Edward Wade]

- When in FEB 1899 born?
- Where in MS born?
- When & where did & where buried?
- Did he ever marry / have children? If so, details?

3) For Zella Elizabeth U - All OK

4) For Newton Benjamin U

a) For Carol Zella U → Carol Zella Turner

- When and where married?
- Does she have just one child?
- Full name for Hal Stephenson & when & where born?
- Full name for Charles Stephenson & when & where born?

b) For Brava Mae → Brava Mae Turner

- Did she ever marry / have children? If so, details?

c) For Gerald Newton U → Jerry Lee Smith - All OK

g) For Carl Roger U

a) For James Conway U

- i) where was her first marriage?
- ii) where was her second marriage?

b) For James Roger U - All OK

c) For Andrea Flynn U

- i) where did she marry?

d) For Scott NMN U

- i) where born?
- ii) where died?
- iii) where buried?

e) For Adventure Elizabeth U

- i) where born?

f) For Eric Connors U

- i) where born?

h) For Gerald NMN U

- a) we have her ~~birth~~ ^{death} on 27 MAY 1916 and 27 MAY 1915.
I have settled on 27 MAY 1916. OK?

1) For James Howard U, Sr "Uppie" - All OK

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3 February 1991

Mrs. James H. Upchurch
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REC'D
6 FEB 1991

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Dear Cousin Phil,

See? I believe I can develop the habit of putting the day, month and year in that order!! And I do hope you have a good sense of humor - I just can't imagine living without mine - because I know that many things I write require that particular trait from the person who reads it!! I have a certain philosophy.. why go through this thing called Life without laughing at it....

Now, to the information you would like. Before I received your nice letter yesterday, I had mailed you lots of stuff...copy, plus additions, to a letter I had written Mary and other things which to tell you the truth, I can't remember just what - therefore, I will dig down in my rapidly decaying mind and tell you all I know, which isn't too much, about the questions you asked plus all I know about the list of questions Mary sent me saying you would like to have the information. Yes, I know - after all these years, you are being inundated with information about the family of William Edward Upchurch, Sr...poor you..but it was a family which did not communicate very well and since I am the wife of the youngest of his children, I know very little ... just the things my husband remembers and things I heard Carl Roger speak of, but I will do my best, so I guess you should just cancel all appointments for this day and dig in because I never know when to stop!!!

My husband, James Howard, (Uppie) was 7 when his mother died and 14 when his father died. He knows very, very little about any Mississippi family and after Mr. Upchurch moved to Birmingham sometime between 1911 and 1913, there was very little communication between them and the Meridian families. In fact, there evidently was very little communication between the immediate family. Mr. Upchurch was having a bad time after Carrie died just trying to work during those depression years and trying to bring up the four boys. And I must say, in all candor, from what I hear he loved his boys and did his very best two for them, but Newton and Gerald, truly turned out to be the proverbial black sheep of the family in spite of all he could do. Carl Roger and my husband have been wonderful family men - men whose families meant everything in the world to them. I first met Carl in April, 1942, saw Gerald once in 1942 when he was stationed at Camp Croft, S. C. (he was in the 82nd Airborne and made many jumps into enemy territory in Africa, Sicily, Italy, was on the continent behind enemy lines 24 hours before D-Day, wounded there, back to jump during the Battle of the Bulge and was wounded again. He came back to Birmingham for about two years after World War II and since we lived here for four years until my husband was recalled to active duty, I saw him a few times then. He still have shrapnel in his head - it had gone in just about the eye and at the time he was discharged he was told they did not remove it because if they had, he would have been left blind. After an accident in 1947, he began having terrible headaches and was admitted to the Veterans' Hospital at Tuscaloosa. There it was decided the shrapnel must be removed and he was given week-end leave to come to Birmingham before being transferred to Memphis, Tn. on the Monday to have this surgery. All I can think of is that he was frightened about it after having been told earlier he would be blind and he went A.W.O.L. - did not return to the hospital at Tuscaloosa. From that day forward, not one person here heard from Gerald - had no idea where he was - until his brother Newton called to say Gerald had died of a hart attack on the street in Burt, Iowa. That was 12 May 1953. Gerald had no middle name and he never married. This long period of never letting his brothers know where he was is indicative of Gerald and Newton.

My husband and his brother Carl, had not seen their brother Newton since about 1939-40 at the time we met and not one member of them family saw him from that time until the Spring of 1950. He had a way of never letting his brothers know where he was. When they learned where he was, my husband flew to Michigan to see his brother and was appalled at what he found. I saw Newton only one time, I think in early summer, 1950 when he showed up in Birmingham and frankly, that was enough for me. We learned for the first time in 1950 that he was married and had children and from what he told us, we presumed all was well. Tried to stay in contact but that

□ + □ was unsuccessful. Mary may have told you the sad story from that point on. My husband tried to get the children but there were many complications and even in 1953 when Newton came back to Birmingham after bringing Gerald's body back (we were living in Germany at this time and knew nothing about Gerald's death for several months) he told his brother Carl that he and Bonnie were divorced, the children were with their mother, and all was fine. I still despise him for that.. his children had been adopted, he did not know where they were and he was still lying.

□ + □ + □ From copies of records Mary and Jerry have sent us Newton always listed his place of birth as Birmingham but he was actually born in Meridian, Mississippi.

□ + □ Now, enough of the Black Sheep. I just thought all this would explain why we did not know the whereabouts of Newton's children until Mary found us recently. I shall answer your questions concerning our immediate family just in case you did not get all the information you need from that I sent you before receiving your letter of 25 January 1991.

△ + □ JAMES HOWARD UPCHURCH was married 4 January 1942 at York, S. C. to HAZEL RUTH BULLABAUGH who was born 25 April 1920 in Concord, N. C. We have two children:

△ + □ JAMES HOWARD UPCHURCH, JR. was born 8 February 1944 in Concord, N. C. while his father was flying his 69 missions in a P-51 Mustang out of England. My husband saw his son for the first time in September, 1944. On 26 November 1966, HOWARD, Jr. was married in Concord, N. C. to ELLEN BURDETTE HELMS who was born 15 September 1944 in Concord, N.C. They have just one child, KATHLEEN UPCHURCH - who has no middle name - (my son just liked the lilting sound of the name Kathleen and they decided she could add a middle name if she so chose to do after she was 18 years of age.) KATHLEEN was born 1 March 1978 in Dallas, Tx.

□ + □ MARGARET FRANCES (Bunny) UPCHURCH was born 16 July 1947 in Birmingham, Al. The Frances is spelled with an "e". and her big brother decided before she was born that he was going to have a little sister and decided her name would be Bunny. Oh, unhappy day! Since she was a little girl, she has been called Bunny ever since. MARGARET was married 31 December 1981 in Arlington, Va. to Elwin Kyle Goad who was born 27 February 1938 in Carroll County, Va. Sadly, for physical reasons, there can be no children from this union and no more from HOWARD and ELLEN, therefore our precious KATHLEEN (who will become 13 and consequently one of those teen-agers on March 1!!) will be the our only legacy. I have told her she must retain the Upchurch name even after marriage. Our daughter MARGARET has done just this.

△ + □ Uppie and I are proud of our family and especially of the wonderful communication between all of us. Howard, Jr. went to the University of Louisville and M.I.T. and Bunny to the University of Louisville. Bunny has just retired after 20 years as A.A. with Judges of the Federal Court in Washington, D. C. She and Kyle are now finishing building their permanent home in the Shenandoah Mountains, on the river, at Calmes Neck, near Bluemont, Va. Howard, known as Mr. MacIntosh, is a computer expert and now has his own computer business in Garland, Tx. but to us his most wonderful accomplishment is that he and Ellen are two of the best parents I have ever known.

□ + □ + □ Mary had written to ask me about my husband's Air Force career and I sent you a copy. I forgot to mention that among his World War II decorations, he was presented the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with an oak leaf cluster and a Presidential Citation. Later he attained his Command Pilot Wings.

□ Have you discovered by now that your cousin Hazel LOVES to talk? Guess that is my hobby! and yes, I readily admit I talk too much - but I promise you I will try to control that in the future!!!

□ Now - let me look over the l-o-n-g list of questions Mary sent me with a note that you would like to have the information.. will probably be repeating myself over and over again - but excuse it, please - I always like to explain that in April I will be going into my 72nd year so one must just say "Well, the poor thing is old and can't remember what she has said and done.." Yes, yes, I am thoroughly enjoying "the last of life for which the first was made" These are the glory

— years!! AND, please, please, send me the sketch of how my husband's line and your line connect and how you are related. Would appreciate anything you have along this line.

□ Now for the questionnaire Mary sent and which I think came from you:

△ 1) a) William Edward Upchurch, Sr. is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Bonita, Ms. (which is considered Meridian now) When I heard that his and Carrie's graves were unmarked, I was quite upset and so Uppie and I drove to Meridian so that I could have markers erected. Uppie knew exactly where they were but Time had marched on, the little church at the cemetery had burned down and all records lost. A larger, brick church had replaced the old one. The pastor referred us to an elderly gentleman who knew the cemetery well. My husband went directly to the area in which his parents had been buried but a dirt road had been built through the cemetery and it seems it covered the graves of his parents. This made me ill. I had never known before that they were in unmarked graves and then, when I learn about it, they are no more.

□ b) William Edward Upchurch, Sr. had six children

□ + □ c) When we read the information in "Those Mississippi Upchurches" was the first time we had heard the name "Cora Riley", the first wife. We knew of course Mr. Upchurch had been married before he married the boys' mother, Carrie James Upchurch but had never heard the name. Therefore, we know nothing about her.

△ d) The only name we know for Carrie is just Carrie James. My husband thinks she may not have had a middle name in that is listed in the Bible is "Carrie James Upchurch" He knows nothing about where in Mississippi she was born (we hope to find out about this when we go to Meridian) but we think in the Meridian area since she had a brother, Hugh James, who lived on a farm nearby in Decatur or Union, Ms. Carrie died 19 October 1928 and as I have explained, is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery at Bonita (Meridian) Ms.

△ + □ 2. William Edward Upchurch, Jr. Carl Roger is the only brother who ever saw him and that was a very brief visit made with his father, William Edward, Sr. to St. Louis, Mo. to once again attempt a reconciliation. We know nothing about his birth except that we read in Genevieve Tharps's book that he was born in February 1899. We do not know if, when or to whom he was married, when he died or where he was buried. We know that he served in World War I and with further rejection of his father, he changed his name (not adopted) to that of a dead soldier, Edward Ware. The only thing we have is an old telegram, which we found between some pages in Mr. Upchurch's bible, which was sent to Mr. Upchurch in 1924 and was asking for money. The telegram was signed "Edward Ware".

□ 3. Zella Elizabeth Upchurch died at the West End Hospital In Birmingham 15 June 1924. She is buried in the same Oak Grove Cemetery at Bonita. Some explanation is due here. Mr. and Upchurch had no cemetery lot and Mrs. Lillie Mae Bates, daughter of Mr. Upchurch's step-sister, Martha Johnson Wheeler, allowed them to use a lot she owned at Oak Grove Cemetery.

□ + □ 4. Newton Benjamin Upchurch. a) his children, as Mary Smith has probably informed you, are still trying to find out if their birth mother, Bonita Maxine Milne Upchurch, is still living. Mary is working as diligently on this as on every other thing she has done, bless her heart. She can give you all the information she knows concerning Carol Zella and Diana, (Jerry's sisters) as Carol Zella does not want to acknowledge our existence at this time. Diana came to visit her Uncle Howard and me this past December and we were VERY happy to meet her and enjoyed ever so much having her in our home at the same time our son was visiting. I feel, due to the circumstances, you must get this information from Jerry and Mary. We are happy they found us and are looking forward to their visit in July.

△ 5 CARL ROGER UPCHURCH was born 4 July 1914 in Birmingham, Al.

— a) died in Birmingham 24 April 1987 and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, B'ham, Al.

△ b) Married LOCHIEL MELISSA CONWAY in Birmingham, Al. 13 October 1935.

△ c) LOCHIEL MELISSA CONWAY was born in Leoma, Tn. 7 May 1915.

△ + △ d) Carl had one child, JAMES CONWAY UPCHURCH who born in Birmingham 6 July 1936.

HAZEL RUTH BULLABAUGH

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3727 Keswick Circle
Birmingham, Al. 35242
January 31, 1991

☐ Dear Mr. Upchurch,

☐ Mary Smith said you would want information about this branch of the
- Upchurch family so I have made copies of the information I have known or
☐ have found to add to that which I had from Genevieve Tharp's book "THOSE
☐ MISSISSIPPI UPCHURCHES". I don't think you have much of the information
since my husband's father, William Edward, left Meridian sometime
☐ between 1910 and 1913 - just that which Mary Smith, of Denver, has
☐ accumulated. She is such a dear.

☐ Mary had written me for information including my husband's military
- career, etc. I merely added a bit to the letter I wrote her and sending a
- copy of it to you.

☐ + ☐ In case some of it may seem confusing to you, my husband's name is James
☐ Howard Upchurch (for his mother, Carrie James) and the family always
☐ called him Howard. I was introduced to him as Uppie and all his friends
☐ call him Uppie...and his neices and nephews call him Uncle Howard - In the
☐ Air Force it was always first name and middle initial so many people
☐ called him Jim... but not to worry - he answers to any of them!!

☐ Since I did copy the letter I mailed Mary Smith instead of re-writing
- everything there will be much you will not want.. sorry, guess I am getting
- lazy.. but I have written all I know and honestly do not expect to obtain
- additional information when we go to Meridian. However, if we are lucky, I
- will send you anything new I learn.

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- Sincerely,

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- *Hazel B. Upchurch*

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☐ Hazel B. Upchurch

Tuesday - January 29th

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☐ + ☐ Dear Mary and Jerry,

☐ - I will catch you up on what I have done.. you will find some of it included in the letter. The page beginning with "more information" is what I have redone to add to the end of the chapter on Benjamin Upchurch which states at the end that nothing more was known of this branch of the family after they lived on Bragg Ave., Meridian, Mississippi. Received my book from Genivieve Tharp yesterday and she asked that I mail her this same information - which I shall do.

☐ + ☐ Also, on the list of Decendants of Benjamin and Cinderilla Tant, I re-typed that and added the so called "missing Upchurches" to it. Am also enclosing a copy of that and the page on what I have called THE BIRMINGHAM UPCHURCHES... Carl is the only one who remained in B'ham from the time the family moved here from Meridian. We lived in Birmingham from early 1946 to 1950 and moved back in November, 1987. So, living here now are Carl's widow, Lochiel Melissa, their son, Dr. James C. Upchurch and his family as listed on the "THE BIRMINGHAM UPCHURCHES", and us... James H.(Uppie) Upchurch and Hazel B. Upchurch.

☐ + ☐ Now, what we have done - went to the County Records, or whatever it was, yesterday and obtained a copy of Zella Elizabeth's death certificate. Uppie did not remember just what month, etc. she died. You will find that in the addition to the Benjamin Upchurch chapter which I am enclosing.

☐ + ☐ + ☐ I remember Carl always saying Newton was born in Mississippi and Uppie (that is the nickname bu which I have always known my husband, James Howard) thought so too but since everything you sent on which his birthplace was listed says he was born in Birmingham, I checked on this. The lady was very nice and helpful. I gave her Newt's birth date and told her we were not sure if he was born in B'ham or in Meridian, Ms. She checked and told us the first of the family born in B'ham was in 1914. Well, that is Carl, so Newt was actually born in Meridian and I have stated that in the addition I wrote.

☐ + ☐ We are planning to drive down to Meridian sometime the week of February 10th and will do all we can to get additional information. We plan to spend the night and have plenty of time to go to the records department, cemetary, and perhaps to find some descendants of Martha Wheeler.. her daughter was Lillie Mae Bates - who is probably dead - but we will see if we can find any of her children. Uppie always thought Martha Johnson Wheeler was his aunt, his father's sister, but we find from the records that she was William Edward's step-sister - no blood relation. He remembers Aunt Martha quite well. She was nice to him and he loved her. Some time fter his mother died, (or it could have been after his father' death) she took Uppie on a trip with her to visit another of her daughters who lived in Jacksonville, Fl. She lived with her daughter Lillie Mae Bates in Meridian until her death. Uppie is very familiar with the cemetary at Bonita.. it is the same on we went to back in 1981 and found such distressing news. You see, Bonita was a very small town out from Meridian but with the growth of the area, it is considered a part of Meridian now.

☐ + ☐ I am going to see about getting the following records in Meridian: 1. a birth certificate for Newton, 2. a marriage certificate, or information, for the date William Edward and Carrie James were married. 3. Any information I can obtain about the JAMES family including a birth certificate for Carrie and her parents' names. Carrie's brother Hugh had no children and I think I sent you the last address of Carrie's sister who lived in Pomona, Ca. I am sure she is dead by now. If you can think of any other information you would like for us to look for while we are in Meridian, do let me know. Uppie is getting a little interested in this stuff now - and I told you I am exasperated because in talking to you and feeling your enthusiasm, I believe I will start working on mine... Oh me!! Do I really want to? !!!!!

☐ + ☐ I have asked Lochiel if she would like to go to Meridian with us. She doesn't care about the information but always likes a trip somewhere so I think she will go. Something of interest to me is that Benjamin Newton, William Edward's father and Uppie's grandfather, was married

□ + □ + □ + □ (2nd) to Alimeita JAMES Johnson (mother of Martha Wheeler). Then, William Edward, Uppie's father, married Carrie JAMES as his 2nd wife... I am sure there is a connection someplace - doesn't it sound like it?

- You asked some questions I shall ATTEMPT to answer although as I have told you, by the time I knew the Upchurch family, nobody seemed to know anything or at least didn't talk about much. I just know what Uppie knew and since he was the youngest, he remembers only what he experienced himself.

□ + □ As for William Edward's step sisters, the only one he heard of was Martha Johnson Wheeler and he remembers her with love. As to how many he had, we know only what we read in the Benjamin Upchurch chapter. As for Lucinda Upchurch, listed as William Edward's sister - Uppie knows nothing and says he never ever heard her name. I agree with you that she probably died as a newborn or at least a tiny infant.

▷ The information you asked about Zella, she died June 15, 1924 (at West End Hospital, B'ham, of ruptured appendix) She is buried in the same cemetery as the grandparents (Oak something at Bonita) and where the parents are buried in unmarked graves - that broke my heart as the graves are lost now.

→ OAK GROVE CEM.
BONITA, LAUDERDALE
CO, MS

The other questions you asked are covered in the enclosed material except the question as to when your Uncle Howard entered the Air Force. Here it is along with a very, very brief story of our life together for over 49 years. I have told you that his mother died when he was 7 and his father when he was 14 and he had to make money any way he could in order to pay room and board someplace and to go to school. As soon as he was old enough he joined the Alabama National Guard to make a few dollars a month. This unit was called on active duty in February, 1941 as the 104th Coast Artillery for the so-called year and a day but then war with Japan with declared on December 7, 1941 and he knew he was in for a long, long time. We were married 4 January 1942 and about that time restrictions such as "must be single" and "must be a college graduate" in order to become an Aviation Cadet were dropped if the applicant could pass an exam equal to the college degree in certain pertinent subjects and if the wife consented for him to become an Aviation Cadet. Uppie passed the tests and I consented. He was sent to Maxwell AFB for pre-flight, to Bennettsville, S.C. for primary, to Macon, Ga. for basic and then to Dothan, Al. for advanced training where it was determined he would be a fighter pilot and it was here he received his wings and became a 2nd Lt. After additional training at Orlando, Fl. his unit was sent to Philadelphia, Pa. as the embarkation point. He was sent to England - 8th Air Force - and flew the P-47 Thunderbolt for a few missions before switching to the wonderful P-51 Mustang. He flew a total of 69 missions during World War II. He came back to the States in September, 1944. Howard, Jr. had been born while Uppie was overseas and from the time he came home, Howard and I moved around with him. We were stationed at several Florida bases (Punta Gorda, Clearwater, Tampa) until the war was over. He was released from service in February, 1946 and we moved to B'ham where he joined the Alabama Air National Guard in order to keep up his pilot experience, etc. Bunny was born while we were living here and we lived here until he was re-called to active duty at the time of the Korean War - 1950. He was already flying jet aircraft at this time and continued throughout the remainder of his Air Force career. We were stationed in Columbus, Ga., Victorville, Ca., Tacoma, Wa., El Paso, Tx., Louisville, Ky., as well as tours in France and Germany. In 1965 he was sent to Viet Nam. He was medically retired from Viet Nam in May, 1966.. after a total 27 years of military service. He retired as a Lt. Col.

COPIED FOR JAMES HOWARD II, SR

We were living in Louisville, Ky. at this time but Uppie decided he would like to retire in Florida. We moved there in June, 1970 and bought a home on Treasure Island, Fl. Living on that wide open water was beautiful - but also miserable because of the heavy, industrial strength humidity. I took it as long as I could but then, in 1987, after the death of my sister, I knew that if I were ever to get out of Florida, that had to be the time. So, we moved back to Birmingham as a sort of compromise. Uppie likes hot weather and I like cool weather and we have some of both here. Plus the fact that it is half way between our two children. Howard and

- +△+□ his family live in Garland, Tx. and our daughter Margaret (Bunny) and her husband live in
- Bluemont, Va. - in the mountains near Winchester, Va. We are very proud of our granddaughter
- Kathleen Upchurch. She was born 1 March 1978 so she will be a teen-ager this year! She is
- the only grandchild we will ever have which makes her even more precious to us. I think I have
- ▷ + □ sent you our childrens' marriage dates. If not, James Howard Upchurch, Jr. married Ellen
- Burdette Helms in Concord, N. C. 26 November 1966. They are the parents of Kathleen and
- + □ believe it or not, but I named Ellen! Her parents were my good friends. She and Howard played
- together as children when we would be in Concord visiting my mother.. but did not see each other
- for ten and one-half years. They had grown up by then and were practically strangers. Well -
- △ they fell in love and were married. Such a happy day for the four parents! Bunny (Margaret
- Frances) married Elwin Kyle Goad in Arlington, Va. 31 December 1981.

- Well, I believe that is all I can tell you...except to proudly say that we have had a wonderful
- marriage - there have been many, many ups and down, sorrows, sadness, disappointments...
- but countless joys, adventures and happy times. We have two wonderful children - not perfect,
- by far -but we decided they were well worth keeping!! and we have had a home filled with love.
- After 49 years of marriage we are still in love. What more can a person ask than a loyal
- life-time mate he and she still love more with every passing day? And if we can make it until 4
- January 1992, all of you are invited to our golden anniversary!!

- As I wrote the last paragraph (and I guess my age has something to do with it) I am reminded of
- the last lines of a book I read sometime ago - can't remember the book but do remember the last
- few lines which were:

- "and now as I sit facing the west, the sun is slowly sinking into the sea.
 - Soon it will be twilight, and then the dark.
 - But ah, my friends, it has been a beautiful day..."

- Do you think Robert Phillip Upchurch may want some of this information? I will send what you
- ▷ think he would be interested in to him in case he does..



□ + □ More information is known about BENJAMIN NEWTON'S son, W. EDWIN "EDDIE" UPCHURCH
 □ (WILLIAM EDWARD UPCHURCH). W. EDWIN was born June 4, 1877 in Clarke County,
 □ + □ Mississippi. He was married twice, the first marriage being to CORA RILEY on 13 April 1898
 □ in Lauderdale County. CORA was born in February 1874 in Mississippi. They had a son,
 □ WILLIAM EDWIN UPCHURCH, JR. who was born in February 1899. The second marriage, about
 □ + △ 1907, was to MISS CARRIE JAMES who was born 5 March 1889. W. EDWIN, JR. rejected his
 △ father and went to live with relatives in St. Louis, Mo. All that is known of him is that he served
 △ in World War 1 and changed his name by assuming that of a dead soldier (ED WARE). A daughter,
 □ + □ + □ ZELLA ELIZABETH, was born to EDWARD and CARRIE on 10 July 1908 and a son, NEWTON
 - BENJAMIN was born on 10 September 1910. At this time the family was living on Bragg
 - Avenue in Meridian, Lauderdale County Mississippi. Some time between 1910 and 1913
 △ WILLIAM EDWARD moved his family to Birmingham, Alabama. Three more children were born
 □ + □ + □ to CARRIE and EDWARD: CARL ROGER, GERALD, and JAMES HOWARD.

△ CARRIE JAMES UPCHURCH died 19 October 1929.
 △ WILLIAM EDWIN (EDWARD) UPCHURCH died 9 June 1935
 □ ZELLA ELIZABETH UPCHURCH died 15 June 1924.

△ NEWTON BENJAMIN UPCHURCH was born 10 September 1910 and died 27 August 1964. He was
 □ + △ married to MISS BONITA MILNE and had three children: CAROL ZELLA UPCHURCH (TURNER)
 △ + □ born 8 December 1944, married HAL STEPHENSON, and has a son CHARLES TURNER
 □ STEPHENSON. They live in Michigan. DIANA UPCHURCH (TURNER) born 7 February 1946 lives
 □ + □ in Citrus Heights, Ca. and GERALD NEWTON UPCHURCH (JERRY LEE SMITH) born 5 September
 □ + △ 1949, married MISS MARY PARKER and has two sons, BLAKE B. SMITH born 10 January 1985
 □ and MATHEW L. SMITH born 12 January 1986. They live in Denver, Co.

△ CARL ROGER UPCHURCH was born 4 July 1914 and died on 24 April 1987. He married MISS
 △ + □ LOCHIEL MELISSA CONWAY on 13 October 1935 and had a son, JAMES CONWAY UPCHURCH born
 □ + □ 6 July 1936 who married MISS VIRGINIA IRENE DODD 9 November 1956 and had JAMES ROGER
 □ UPCHURCH born 28 December 1960 and ANDREA LYNNE UPCHURCH born 18 December 1961
 □ + □ (she married JAMES ELLIS O'NEILL 12 August 1989) JAMES CONWAY married his second wife,
 □ + □ MISS CAROL JEAN FLECK on 8 September 1967 and had SCOTT UPCHURCH born 10 December
 □ 1971 and died 22 March 1972, ADRIENNE ELIZABETH born 9 May 1973 and ERIC CONRAD born
 - 11 April 1975. All of this family live in Birmingham, Al.

△ GERALD UPCHURCH was born 27 May 1916 and died 12 May 1953. He never married.

□ + □ JAMES HOWARD UPCHURCH was born 27 June 1921. He married MISS HAZEL RUTH
 □ BULLABAUGH of Concord, N. C. on 4 January 1942. They have two children, JAMES HOWARD
 △ UPCHURCH, JR. born 8 February 1944 in Concord, N.C. and MARGARET FRANCES UPCHURCH
 □ + □ born 16 July 1947 in Birmingham, Al. JAMES HOWARD, JR. married MISS ELLEN BURDETTE
 □ + □ HELMS of Concord, N. C. 26 November. They live in Garland, Tx. and have a daughter, KATHLEEN,
 □ born 1 March 1978 in Dallas, Tx. MARGARET FRANCES (BUNNY) UPCHURCH married ELWIN
 □ KYLE GOAD of Arlington, Va. on 31 December 1981. They live in Bluemont, Va.

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN UPCHURCH AND CINDERILLA TANT

- ☐ I. UNKNOWN FEMALE (UPCHURCH)
- ☐ II. UNKNOWN FEMALE (UPCHURCH)
- ☐ III. CHURCHWELL UPCHURCH
 - ☐ A. RETTA UPCHURCH
 - ☐ B. UNKNOWN MALE (UPCHURCH)
- ☐ IV. WILLIAM UPCHURCH
 - ☐ A. JOHN BENJAMIN UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. LENA UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 2. MARY UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 3. MARGARET CORRINE UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 4. ZACHERY TAYLOR UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. EDNA WYDELLE UPCHURCH
 - ☐ b. EUNICE NORA UPCHURCH
 - ☐ c. JAMES TAYLOR UPCHURCH
 - ☐ d. CHARLES JACK UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. JAMES RONALD UPCHURCH
 - ☐ e. DOROTHY JEAN UPCHURCH
 - ☐ f. LILLIAN RUTH UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. GARRY WADE HOSEY
 - ☐ 2. WILLIAM RANDALL HOSEY
 - ☐ 3. SUSAN LORRAINE HOSEY
 - ☐ 4. STEVEN ZACHERY HOSEY
 - ☐ 5. JOSEPH MICHAEL HOSEY
 - ☐ 5. JOHN FRANKLIN UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. BENNY LEE UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. DAWN MARIE UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 2. JOHN MICHAEL UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 6. GEORGE CHESTER UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. RITA JOYCE UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. DANNY RAY ADAMA
 - ☐ 2. PAMELA SUE ADAMS
 - ☐ b. HAROLD UPCHURCH
 - ☐ c. BARBARA FAY UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. HAROLD DWAYNE SMITH
 - ☐ 2. CLINTON NEAL SMITH
 - ☐ 3. AMY GERI SMITH
 - ☐ 7. CLEO L. UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 8. WILLIAM MATTHEW UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. BILLIE JEAN UPCHURCH
 - ☐ b. JOHN ESTES UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 1. PATRICIA ANN UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. RANDALL RAY WEST
 - ☐ b. STACY REBECCA WEST
 - ☐ c. RACHAEL JANE WEST
 - ☐ d. SHEILA ANN WEST
 - ☐ 2. MARY LOU UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. CARLEY WESLEY CAPPS
 - ☐ b. BOBBIE JO CAPPS
 - ☐ c. FRANKIE LEE CAPPS
 - ☐ 3. JOHN EDWARD UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. ERIN RENEE UPCHURCH
 - ☐ 4. PAUL FRANKLIN UPCHURCH
 - ☐ a. ATHENA LOYE UPCHURCH

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DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN UPCHURCH and CINDERILLA TANT (CON'T)

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- 5. ALAN DEWAYNE UPCHURCH
 - a. CHRISTOPHER ALAN UPCHURCH
 - 6 ← b. THOMAS EARL UPCHURCH
 - 7 ← c. CHESTER DWAYNE UPCHURCH
- △ B. GEORGE E. UPCHURCH
 - △ 1. THADDEUS UPCHURCH
 - △ 2. UNKNOWN CHILD
- C. RICHARD UPCHURCH
- D. SONNY UPCHURCH
- V. FRANCIS E. UPCHURCH
- VI. NOAH P. UPCHURCH
- VII. AMMA C. UPCHURCH
 - A. ALLA UPCHURCH
- VIII. BENJAMIN NEWTON UPCHURCH
 - A. LUCINDA UPCHURCH
 - B. WILLIAM EDWIN UPCHURCH (WILLIAM EDWARD UPCHURCH)
 - 1. EDWIN UPCHURCH
 - 2. ZELLA ELIZABETH UPCHURCH
 - 3. NEWTON BENJAMIN UPCHURCH
 - a. CAROL ZELLA UPCHURCH (TURNER)
 - △ 1. CHARLES STEPHENSON
 - b. DIANA UPCHURCH (TURNER)
 - c. GERALD NEWTON UPCHURCH (JERRY LEE SMITH)
 - 1. BLAKE B. SMITH
 - 2. MATHEW L. SMITH
 - 4. CARL ROGER UPCHURCH
 - △ a. JAMES CONWAY UPCHURCH
 - △ 1. JAMES ROGER UPCHURCH
 - △ 2. ANDREA LYNNE UPCHURCH
 - △ 3. SCOTT UPCHURCH
 - △ 4. ADRIENNE ELIZABETH UPCHURCH
 - △ 5. ERIC CONRAD UPCHURCH
 - 5. GERALD UPCHURCH
 - 6. JAMES HOWARD UPCHURCH
 - a. JAMES HOWARD UPCHURCH, JR.
 - 1. KATHLEEN UPCHURCH
 - b. MARGARET FRANCES UPCHURCH

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Mrs. James H. Upchurch
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Dear Mr. Upchurch,

Mary Smith, of Denver, Co. told me you may be able to give me an address whereby I could write for Belle Lewter West's book "History of the Upchurch Family". I had this books which I foolishly lent to a relative who misplaced it. I will appreciate knowing any way in which I may obtain two copies of it.

Mary sent me many, many records of the Upchurches - and from these, my husband's father who was William Edward Upchurch (listed in the records as William Edwin) and a descendant of the Benjamin Upchurch branch of Mississippi Upchurches was last heard of in Meridian, Ms. in or about 1910. Well, here we are!! Showing up in Birmingham, Al.!! William E. Upchurch and his wife, Carrie James Upchurch, moved to Birmingham and I have sent Mary Smith the information from that time through the present. If by any chance you would like to have this information, please let me know. It is possible that Mary may have mailed it to you already.

We are very happy that Mary finally located us. It is wonderful to know what happened to the children of my husband's brother who was a wanderer from whom we heard very little - about once a decade... but never giving information about his family.. or the few things we heard were incorrect. (that's just nice for saying he lied a lot!!) Through Mary's many efforts we have now had a visit from one of them, stay in constant contact with Mary and Jerry, her husband, and expect to see them in July. Now that my husband and I are beginning our 7th decade - the last of life for which the first was made - it is a blessing to know these children. And also, it is nice to let the Upchurch History majors know that the family of William E. Upchurch did not just disappear from the face of the earth!!!

Didn't intend to go on so - but I am a talker. If you can assist me in obtaining the Belle Lewter West book, I will be most appreciative. I would like a copy and also one for my daughter. I have called Durham, N. C. but she is not listed in the city directory by her name or married name. Incidentally, I am from Concord, N. C. and was interested in reading from the information Mary sent that Benjamin married a N. C. lady whose last name was McGraw. My mother was a McGraw before her marriage... my husband and I have been having some laughs that perhaps 'way back yonder we could have mutual ancestors!!

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely

Hazel B. Upchurch

Hazel B. Upchurch
(Mrs. James H. Upchurch)

HAZEL RUTH BULLABROGH

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MRS JAMES H. APCHURCH
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BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

Dear Cousin Hazel,

Your letter of 20 JAN 1971 was most welcome.

I have enjoyed working with Mary & Jerry on their Uplands line. I was able to provide details on the pre 1910 issues and they have been filling in the more recent events. It has been a great cooperative effort and it is such a joy to see spirits rekindled along family lines.

Now to the West Book. I know her well from 1975 until her death a few years later. I visited in her home in Durham a number of times and for several years we exchanged letters on a weekly basis. She was a wonderful lady. Her three copies of the book were given to her daughter who lives in the Northwest. Initially she agreed to fill order but she never did. People would send her checks and she would never cash them or respond in any way. It is discouraging. Essentially the books are unavailable. Belle West gave me a few of them which I pass to

place in libraries around the country along with sets of the Upchurch Bulletin. I have written permission from Belle Mead to include the essence of her book into the U² ones too. I don't have a library in Birmingham to deal with. Do you have the address of one that has an interest in genealogical material? Not all libraries do.

Jerry & Mary recently sent me a batch of information which I have processed. A letter has gone back to them indicating what is still missing on the family of William Edward U, Sr. I am sure they will send me anything you have provided to them. They have been very cooperative. However, here is what is missing on your immediate family:

- 1) For James Howard U, Sr.
 - a) where was he married?
 - b) where was he married?
 - c) Hazel, what is your full maiden name and when and where were you born?
 - d) Did you and James have just this child?
- 2) For James Howard U, Jr.
 - a) where was he born?
 - b) when and where did he marry?
 - c) what is his wife's full maiden name and when & where was she born?
 - d) Did they have just one child?
 - e) what is the full name of Kathleen & when & where was she born?

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2) For Margaret Francis U

(3)

- a) Should it be FRANCES or FRANCIS?
- b) where was she born?
- c) when and where did she marry?
- d) Does she have children? If so, details?
- e) For E. Kyle Good
 - 1) what does the "E" stand for?
 - 2) when & where was he born?

I will be grateful for any of the details you have or can obtain.

If you have I will be happy to send a photo of your husband's line and name back to Michael U, I should have said as related. I have a large amount of information on the Melbain U, to/ Abel U, or Sablan U which your husband belongs. Much of this is included in the various issues of the Upilwady Bulletin on which details are enclosed. I would be pleased to have you as a subscriber and participant. Also I am willing to share other special items which could be of interest.

It is so nice to find the Melbain Edward U, or Family. Thanks a lot for your help.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Upilwady

[ROBERT PHILIP UPILWADY]

BERN BULLARD, JR

① The Cary News WED 30 JUL 1986 Cary, NC

Jerry and Pat Horne of Dynasty Drive in Cary announce the birth of a daughter, Ashley Caroline, on June 29. She weighed 8 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Adams Bullard of Morrisville, and Bern Bullard Jr. of Raleigh, and paternal grandparents are Janet and Bruce Horne of Cary.