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5 MAY 1997

NORMA HIRTH
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Dear Cousin Norma

Thank you for your letter of 22 APR 1997 and for all the family details which have been properly recorded. Enclosed is a copy of the 3 page section of the George Valentine U. Master outline that pertains to the family of your GF Walter Edgar U. We have had input from 4 individuals on these 3 pages and I hope we can develop more momentum. Enclosed is a list of what is missing on your fathers family. I will be grateful for any answers you have or can get. I will understand if you do not address sections 1) & 3) of this list.

You asked about the author Michael U. Enclosed is a copy of his 8 page 9 item Biograp on him. He did not respond to my letter of 10 JUL 1988 to him. If you get any more insight on this family member, please let me know.

Enclosed is a copy of the 3 item Biograp on your GGF George Valentine U. With a little effort I am sure more could be found for him.

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Enclosed are two Biograph sheets on a Jeanette U.
 Would I be correct in saying that the address in
 Webster, MI was for your mother? I realize she died
 in 1986 and this is a 1995 list - but such lists
 are often out of date. Does the Social Security Report
 apply to your mother. This shows b 23 APR 1899
 vs 25 NOV 1903 for my other records. Also it shows
 b IN vs MA. (I am wondering if there is some
 confusion here between Springfield, MA and Springfield,
 IN). I have found these social security records to
 be not always correct.

You mentioned in one letter the possibility of
 a trip to England. From the UB & Englandia you
 will have learned that for Upchurch history
 you should visit BRINGTON as well as LITTLE
 GIDDING. They are only a few miles apart.

It was great to hear from you and
 I look forward to our future interchanges,
 whether sooner or later.

P.S. Have you ever
 had any contact
 with your 5 Upchurch
 under or their
 families? Phil U



Sincerely yours
 Phil Upchurch

{ ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH }

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY OF
HARLEY MASON W PCHURCH, SR

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- 1) For Harley Mason U, Sr
 - a) when in 1903 born and when in 1961 died?
 - b) when did he marry?
- 2) For Norma Jean U
 - a) In what County in MI were you born?
 - b) For Gordon Craig Hirth
 - i) where was he born?
 - c) For Steven Scott Hirth
 - i) where was he born?
 - ii) when did he marry?
 - iii) Full maiden name of his wife & when & where born?
 - iv) Full name of HARLEY Hirth & where born? Boy or Girl?
 - d) For Leslie Anne Hirth
 - i) where was she born?
 - ii) when was she married?
 - iii) when & where was James Russell Genova born?
 - iv) when was Natalie Anne Genova born & where married?
 - v) when & where was David Bryant Oswald born?
 - vi) when was Nathan James Genova born?
 - e) For Randall Jay Hirth
 - i) where was he born?
 - ii) when was he married?
 - iii) Full maiden name of MARY BRASSOU & when & where born?
 - iv) Full name of Brandon Hirth & where born?
 - f) For Gregory Bruce Hirth
 - i) where was he born? & where married?
 - ii) Full maiden name of ELAINE CORNEL & when & where born?
 - iii) Full name of Kyle Hirth & where born?
 - iv) Full name of Scott Hirth & where born?
- 3) For Harley Mason U, Jr
 - a) when & where married?
 - b) Full maiden name of his wife & when & where born? [CARMEN R-]
 - c) Did he have just one child?
 - d) For Harley Mason U, III
 - i) when & where born?
 - ii) Did he marry/have children? If so, details?

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24 APR 1997

Tuesday

Dear cousin Phil,

I apologize about the lateness of this reply. I am a procrastinator. In answer to your questions about Harley Mason jr. I will do my best.

We no longer are in touch. His PhD

is in Latin American relations. Degree

is from Columbia Univ N.Y. He

did marry and I don't have info.

on her. He had one son Harley Mason III

He lived in ^{the} Chicago ~~at that about~~

area ^{and} taught at Northern Ill Univ.

I believe.

Now a question for you. I read

the New York Times and I have

noticed reviews in the NYT Book Review

by Michael Apichuck who is an author

himself. Do you know of him?

I enjoy the latter Apichuck Bulletins

Wish I could be so lucky with information

on my mother's side of the family. It

is quite colorful from tales I've heard.

Sincerely

Norma Heath

Norma Heath
1415 Creel Crescent
Ann Arbor Mi 48103

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY 11 FEB 1991
 OF HARLEY MASON UPONURCH, SR (4-2)

- Q1) For Harley Mason U, Sr
- a) when in 1903 was he born? Don't know
 - b) when in 1961 did he die? "
 - c) when and where did he marry? Detroit Mi.
 - d) did he have just two children? yes
 - Δ e) For Jeanette ~~Adams~~ BENHAM
 - i) what is her full maiden name? Jeanette Alvin Benham
 - ii) when in 1904 was she born? + November 25
 - iii) when in 1986 did she die? 5/7/86
- Q2) For Norma Jean U Angela Jnd. 10/9/48
- a) when in 1948 were you married & when married? 10/7/56 Ann Arbor
 - Δ b) when and where was Edmund William North born? mi.
 - c) Need day & month of birth ^{+ place of birth} for each of your five children?
 - Δ d) For Gordon Craig Keith b. 6/18/1949
 - i) when in 1953 did? 6/8/53 Ann Arbor Mi
 - ii) where died? Ann Arbor Mi
 - iii) where buried? BETHLEHEM CEMETARY ANN ARBOR, MI
 - e) Did any of your children marry/have children?
 If so, details? ANSWERS ON OTHER PAGE
- Q3) For Harley Mason U, Jr
- a) what is his field of specialization? (we PhD's
 are curious about each other!)
 - b) did he marry/have children? If so, details?
 ANSWER ON LETTER —

JOHN U, III / SAMUEL U PCHURCH SUBCLAN - 9TH GENERATION & BEYOND

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A GEORGE VALENTINE U b 3 JAN 1856 (SALINE CO, IL) d 72 OCT 1929 - CONT.

(I) WALTER EDGAR U b 29 FEB 1880 (FRANKLIN CO, IL) d 4 DEC 1947 - CONT.

(C) HARLEY MASON U, SR b 1903 (BENTON, IL) d 1961 (BENTON, IL)
(BUR- MASONIC/ODDFELLOWS CEMETERY, BENTON, IL)

MD () JEANETTE BENHAM b 1903 33115
(SPRINGFIELD, MAD 1986 (ANN ARBOR, MI) (BUR- FOREST HILLS CEM, ANN ARBOR, MI) IV

Δ (I) NORMA JEAN U b 21 SEP 1927 (DETROIT, MI) 33116

Δ MD 1948 (OCTOBER 9) EDWIN WILLIAM HIRTH 33117

- Δ (A) GORDON CRAIG HIRTH b 6/18/49 1949 () d 6/8/53 33118
1953

Δ (A) STEVEN SCOTT HIRTH b 11/18 1951 33119
m. DEBBIE 6/28/85
b. HALLEY 8/3/87

Δ (C) LESLIE ANNE HIRTH b 4/5 1952 33120
Δ married James Russell Jensen 11/5/71
Δ married (D. Notatie, Anne b 4/26/74
David Bryant Oswald 5/31/97
Δ S. Nathan James b 11/29/76

Δ (A) RANDALL JAY HIRTH b 12/22 1953 33121
Δ m. MARY BRASSOU 8/15/81
Δ b. BRANDON 2/24/83

Δ (A) GREGORY BRUCE HIRTH b 1/20 1957 33122
Δ m. ELAINE CORNEL 7/18/81
Δ b. KYLE JULY 12 = 89
Δ b. SCOTT 4/6/92
- U. NO FURTHER ISSUE

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MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY 11 FEB 1991
OF HARLEY MASON UPNURCH, SR (5.2)

1) For Harley Mason U, Sr

- a) when in 1903 was he born?
- b) when in 1961 did he die?
- c) when and where did he marry?
- d) Did he have just two children?
- e) For Jeanette Behan
 - i) what is her full maiden name?
 - ii) when in 1904 was she born?
 - iii) when in 1986 did she die?

2) For Norma Jean U

- a) when in 1949 were you married & when married?
- b) when and where was Edmund William Herth born?
- c) Need day & month of birth ^{& place of birth} for each of your five children?
- d) For Gordon Craig Herth
 - i) when in 1953 died?
 - ii) where died?
 - iii) where buried?
- e) Did any of your children marry/have children?
If so, details?

3) For Harley Mason U, Jr

- a) what is his field of specialization? (Use PhD's
are curious about each other!)
- b) Did he marry/have children? If so, details?

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① 4 SEP 1993 - Norma Jean U called to say she is just starting to collect her family history. She was referred to me by her father's 1st cousin, Earl Eugene U of Benton, IL. She lives in Ann Arbor, MI and from her description of her line the following is clear:

I. George Valentine U - of the John U, III / Samuel U Subclan - John U line.

A. Walter Edgar U

Δ I. Harley Mason U, Sr

□↑+Δ a. Norma Jean U and Edwin Hirth, now deceased.

Δ b. Harley Mason U, Jr

Her address: Mrs Norma Upchurch Hirth

1415 CREAL CRESCENT
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103

I agreed to send her details on the UB

② Rec'd 18 DEC 1993

Please make check payable to : MICHAEL ENTERPRISES
Mail to: MICHAEL ENTERPRISES, P. O. Box 35804, Tucson, AZ 85740

NAME: NORMA HIRTH B-9-94

ADDRESS: 1415 CREAL CRESCENT

CITY: ANN ARBOR STATE MI ZIP 48103

*Some reductions available for those on a restricted budget. Write for details.

Rec'd 18 DEC 1993 CN# 2985 for 15 signed 14 DEC

Norma Hirth
Gift(s) (Please include payment) Norma J. Hirth

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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③ See It 23 SEP 1993 Norma Jean U & RPN

I. George Valentine U. of the John U, III / Samuel U
Subclass - John U line.

A. ~~Walter~~ Edgar U

1. Harley Mason U, b 1903 (Benton, IL) d 1961 (Benton,
IL) (Bur. Masons / Oddfellows Com., Benton, IL)
m. Jeannette Benham b 1903 (Springfield, MA)
d 1986 (Ann Arbor, MI) (Bur. - Forest Hills Com.,
Ann Arbor, MI). Deceased.

a. Norma Jean U (b 21 SEP 1927) (Detroit, MI)
m. 1948 Edwin William Hirth.

- i. Gordon Craig Hirth. b 1949 d 1953
- ii. Steven Scott Hirth (b 1951)
- iii. Leslie Anne Hirth b 1952
- iv. Randall Jay Hirth b 1953
- v. Gregory Bruce Hirth (b 1951)
- vi. No Further Issue.

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Sept 23

Dear Phil,

You will never know how good it felt to be addressed "Dear Cousin Norma" by you in your letter. I've never known a family so new I love one. This quest of mine was started as a request to my children they have always had an extensive family on my husband's side but nothing from mine. And I have never realized how starved I was for these notes until our phone conversation and letter. My grandchildren are extremely excited. It was this third phone call that led to you. How could I be so lucky? Now I have one foot of my background due to your research.

REC'D
25 SEP 1993

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I travel extensively and now feel a return to England is in order. Perhaps you could give me more information about Little Gidding, England. I believe you suggested you had been there.

Also two other things. You said one of our relatives had fought in the Revolution. If that is so is it possible I could belong to the D.A.R.?

Secondly, is there a crest of faunus for the family? I am an artist and would like to paint a replica for my children.

Now then, here is information I have mostly gained from Eugene Upchurch of Benton, Ill. who led me to you.

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1690

married Francis Delke? she died 1691

1649
Came to Virginia

Michael Upchurch Original Immigrant - 1652
Died 1681

1658-1699 Richard I

Died 1758 John I married Elizabeth Hunicutt

Died about 1784 James III

Died 1795 John II married Ann Hamilton

9-11 6-30 1772-1841 Samuel
married Mary Ellen Simmons
Born 10-13-1772
Died 12-16-1841
left Virginia for Tenn. 1810
moved to Gallatin Co, Ill. 1820

10-12 1798 1840 9-2 John
married Catherine Johnson
Gallatin County, Ill.
They were there in 1820

1820-? Caswell
born in Wilson Co. Tenn.
married 10-16-42 To Sarah Clayton 7-24-25
3-4-1890

They were in Salina county Ill. 1860
Mrs Franklin County 1870 near Benton

1-3 10-22 1856-1929 George Valentine married Barbara H. Cook 6-28-61 3-22-32

2-29-1880 12-4-1947 Walter Edgar + Ada Waymon 1881 1962
George Bluford Upchurch 8-26-81 7-23-45

Clarence Upchurch

Eugene Upchurch

Harley

Jesse

Norma Jean U.

Carroll

any other sisters or brothers you have

John

my children and you are second cousins

Jack

- My father

△ Harley Mason Upchurch

- B. 1903 - Benton, Ill.

- D. 1961 - Benton, Ill.

- Buried in Masonic / Oddfellows
Cemetery in Benton, Ill.

- My Mother

△ Janette Burdum

- B. 1903 - Springfield, Mass..

- D. 1986 - Ann Arbor, Mi

- Buried Forest Hills Cemetery
in Ann Arbor, Mi

□ The Norma Jean Upchurch

- B 1927 in Detroit, Mi
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- Brother

△ Harley Mason Upchurch, jr.

- B March 16, 1929 Detroit, Mi

□ Married Norma Jean Upchurch

△ Edwin Wm. Kirk 1948

Children

△ + △ + △
△ + △

① Norma Ann - B. 1949 - D 1953

② Steven Scott B 1951

③ Leslie Anne B 1952

④ Robert Lee B 1953

⑤ Gregory Bruce B 1957

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26 SEP 1993

MRS NORMA U HIRTH
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Dear Cousin Norma,

It was a joy to get your letter of 23 SEP 93 and to learn that you are appreciative of all the work that has been performed to document our mutual Upchurch heritage. I get about three letters like yours each year. I put in over 1000 hours a year on our family history and letters like yours make it all worthwhile.

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your check for \$171.00. The UB issues you ordered are being shipped under separate covers. This seems like a lot of money but not when you realize that out of Michael Enterprises we have spent over \$50,000 since 1980 in dealing with the establishment of our Upchurch Heritage. There does not count the time my wife or I

spend not the counter hours people like yourself spend collecting data. It is a very exciting venture.

As regards little Gidding and the Upschurch situation in England, please scan the issues of the U B to see what you pick up. I put a lot in over the year. After you have done that we can correspond about your proposed trip and I can give more details. Can you give me a rough idea of when you would plan to go and how much time you would spend. This will give me a clue on how to approach our exchange on this matter. You will enjoy it very much.

As regards the DAR I have never seen evidence that your Ancestor John U, III or his son (Samuel, Stephen, or John) served in the Revolution. They were generally of the right age except that maybe John U, III was too old and his son may have been too young. Sometimes evidence can be produced to show that an individual supported the Revolution by providing supplies to their qualifying descendants for DAR (or SAR) membership. If we could qualify

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John U. III or one of his children this would be a splendid breakthrough.

As regards a crest I fear that such is not to be had on an official basis. I have not made a study of crests but as I understand how they came into being our Upchurch family members of that era simply did not qualify. I would be happy to be proven wrong. Some promoters have pretended to set forth an Upchurch crest but this is a fraud.

It is nice to learn that you are an artist. Perhaps you could put your talents to work for our Upchurch heritage in other ways. A painting of one or more scenes at Little Bidding would be great. I am sure there are sites in the U.S. involving our Upchurch heritage that would make good subjects for painting.

Provided herewith is a copy of the 20 page Master Outline for the family of George Valentine U. for your use. Feel

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free to copy and share it with other family members. Many individuals have contributed to getting the Master Outline to its present state. I hope you and other family members will help us to continue to perfect this outline. I enclose some specific questions on your father's family and will be grateful for any answers you have or can get.

Normally, it is great to have you as an active participant in our Upshur Family Heritage Project and I look forward to our future exchanges.



Sincerely yours
Phil Upshur

P.S.

I have entered three corrections in red on your chart and return same herewith.

Phil U

Note - Also sent 11" x 17" chart

[ROBERT PHILIP UPSTON]

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY OF HARLEY MASON UPCHURCH, SR 26 SEP 1993

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1) For Harley Mason U, Sr

- a) when in 1903 was he born?
- b) when in 1961 did he die?
- c) when did he marry?
- d) where did he marry?
- e) Did he have just two children?

f) For JEANETTE BENHAM

- i) Is BENHAM the correct spelling?
- ii) what is her full maiden name?
- iii) when in 1903 born?
- iv) when in 1986 died?

2) For Norma Jean U

- a) when in 1948 did you marry?
- b) where did you marry?
- c) Did you have just five children?
- d) For Edwin William Hirtz

- i) when was he born?
- ii) where was he born?

e) For Gordon Craig Hirtz.

- i) when in 1949 was he born?
- ii) where was he born?
- iii) when in 1953 did he die?
- iv) where did he die?
- v) where is he buried?

2) For Norma Jean U - CONTINUED

f) For Steven Scott Hirth

- i) when in 1951 was he born?
- ii) where was he born?
- iii) did he marry/have children? If so, details?

g) For Leslie Anne Hirth

- i) when in 1952 was she born?
- ii) where was she born?
- iii) did she marry/have children? If so, details?

h) For Randall Jay Hirth

- i) when in 1953 was he born?
- ii) where was he born?
- iii) did he marry/have children? If so, details?

i) For Gregory Bruce Hirth

- i) when in 1957 was he born?
- ii) where was he born?
- iii) did he marry/have children? If so, details?

3) For Harley Mason U, Jr

- a) did he marry/have children? If so, details?

NORMA JEAN U (13-1)

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5 SEP 1993

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Dear Cousin Norma,

I thank you for your call on 5 SEP 1993 expressing your interest in our Upchurch heritage. I have been actively engaged in this project for over 20 years and since 1980 have published the Upchurch Bulletin in which details are enclosed. I have continued the work started by others in the 1950-1970 era and have enrolled many correspondents. Together we have made splendid progress in documenting our Upchurch heritage. I hope you will become a regular correspondent and that we can work together to update and make more complete your part of the family tree. We can make progress faster if you can subscribe to the U B and purchase all of the back copies. Details on the John U, III clan to which

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you belong are scattered throughout the various issues of the U B. Whether you subscribe or not I am anxious to exchange information with you. Would you please start from your end and send me whatever you have collected on the family of George Valentine Uplund. I normally collect full names (full maiden names of females), dates of birth, marriage and death and places of birth, marriage, death, and burial. Any details whatsoever will be appreciated.

You will learn all about me from the U B. Could you write me a little about yourself, if you don't mind.

The details on the John U, III/John U Subclan to which you belong have been discovered and published as a result of my own research supplemented by correspondents such as yourself.

I'll hope to hear from you soon.



Sincerely yours
Phil Uplund

[ROBERT PHILIP UPKURCH]