

[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** Allied Families Collaboration**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com**Date:** Thu, Oct 05, 2017 2:41 pm**To:** "Gene-Z Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>

Hi Gene---

I write to thank you for your interest in our family history venture and to tell you of a new milestone reached regarding data processing. From the copy of the forwarded email below you will see we have reached out to 50 remote volunteer computer operatives to update our collaboration and to set priorities. Having 50 such volunteers is a major achievement and shows the strength of our family history approach

We do not have you listed as a remote volunteer computer worker and hereby extend an invitation for you to join our volunteer ranks. You may not be able to accept for whatever reason but do know such help is vital to keeping up the fantastic momentum we have achieved so far in Allied Families dealing with our shared heritage.

In any case please do visit our two websites to stay current on our progress and let us have your comments and advice from time to time.

In appreciation for sharing your heritage and for making it a part of our growing American family~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

Hi Kendal---

This email is to thank you for your participation in our Allied Families History Association and to ask for your feedback concerning your future participation. You are among fifty on our list as active Biofile transcribers or as active in helping to create "Trees" on [Ancestry.com](#). This same email is being sent to all cooperators who have volunteered to make computer entries for our family history effort. Our focus has evolved along the way and I may have missed a beat with some cooperators. This email may even cross paths with other exchanges I have with you. Let me describe to you our current priorities to give you more background.

Biofile Projects:

Part I: We are using Volunteers to transcribe the Biofiles of the Patriarchs of enrolled families along with Biofiles of their children and grandchildren and their spouses. This will extend to about 500 Biofiles of which over 100 have been transcribed and are posted on our website. We want to continue this process and to recruit more transcribers.

Part II: In our Chesterfield office we have a team working on preparing Biofiles to be scanned and to be put on-line. This effort goes far beyond the 500 Biofiles of Part II as we probably have about 250,000 Biofiles to scan. We have budgeted about \$7500 to make Part II happen.

Master Outline Projects:

Part III: During forty years of research I manually placed family history records in 50 Notebooks. They are subject to being lost by fire, flood or otherwise. Our current highest priority is to enter the data from these Notebooks into [Ancestry.com](#) trees Clan by Clan and to label them "RPU Legacy Trees" They are not to be changed but the data will be available for adoption or as a source to be cited. If you are familiar with making entries in [Ancestry.com](#) or are will to learn your help as a volunteer Tree Master will be highly valuable.

Part IV: After Part III has been completed we will ramp up our effort to create "Living" Trees on [Ancestry.com](#) for each of our enrolled families. Some of this work has been started but we prefer to concentrate on Part III covering the the Master Outlines for now.

Our correspondence with Cooperators has been somewhat irregular as we have juggled duties and my health issues and as the above process has unfolded. Sorry about that--now we hope for more orderly exchanges going forward. This brings me to ask you for your response to the following:

A. Re my past/current volunteer effort:

1. I have in fact been a volunteer to input data--Yes_____ No_____

2. Re a current project :

a. I have and unfinished project-- Yes_____ No. _____

b. I have and unfinished project which is _____.

B. Re a future project:

1. I am willing to enter data going forward-- Yes_____ No_____

2. I prefer the following:

Subject: Allied Families 2017 Membership

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sat, Apr 29, 2017 11:48 am

To: "Gene-Z Curtis" <gene curt@yahoo.com>

Attach: 2017 Form for participating in Upchurch and Allied Families 22 Dec 15 revision.docx

Hi Gene----

It has been some time since we exchanged emails. Your early support of Upchurch and Allied Families Association which is dedicated to our shared family heritage effort provided encouragement. However, we have missed having you recently as a member. As you know many want their heritage preserved but only a few are willing to be active. I hope you are in a position to renew for 2017 using the attached membership form.

Here are just a few of the things we have done recently---

1. Posted the 2016 Upchurch Bulletin on our website www.upchurchstory.com.
2. Upgraded entries on our website www.alliedfamilies.com including:
 - a. Expanded details for enrolled families.
 - b. Posted over 80 transcribed Biofiles prepared by remote cooperators.
3. Visited the Allied Families office in Cary, N.C. and helped to upgrade operations there.
4. Made progress on scanning the Master Outlines containing over 62,000 names of Upchurch and allied family members.

If you have time/talents you would offer to help in our family history effort, please let me know We hope to hear from you soon and to again have you as a supporter of our effort to preserve and share our family history.

Sending All Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families

Subject: Supporters and Budget

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sat, Mar 11, 2017 4:34 pm

To: "Gene-Z Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>

Hi Gene---

This is a report and an appeal for help on Allied Families finances for 2017 being sent to supporters. Below is a 2017 income and expense budget. The projected budget of \$25,000 will allow Allied Families to do a lot. However, to actually fund this, we must count on those who have been previous participants. I hope we can count on you for 2017, and that you will be as generous as you can be.

In past years you have been a member. We would be much encouraged if you would rejoin or family history effort.

Our webmaster is an absolute must and Jay is doing a great job. It is essential for us to have the help of Maureen on membership services and Mary Lou on bookkeeping. In Cary, Judy handles the Cary newsletter, coordinates our DNA project and is getting up to speed on Tree Masters. We urgently need an archivist in Cary to help with our collection. All together, these paid people amount to less than a full-time person, our volunteers add up to many times as much. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sending best regards,
Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families

**Allied Families Projected Income and Expenses for 2017
March 10, 2017**

I. Income

A. Background. For 2016, there were 40 donors at \$20., will count on 50 for 2017. For 2013-2016, the donors for over \$20 gave an average of \$230. There were 54 such donors in 2016.

B. Projected 2017 Income

1. 50 Donors at \$ 20.	\$ 1,000
2. 60 Donors at \$230.	\$13,800
3. Endowment Income	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total Income:	\$24,800

II. Expenses

A. Cary Rent	\$ 3,600
B. Personnel (\$10/hr)	
1. Jay (webmaster) 12 hr/wk	\$ 6,240
2. Mary Lou (bookkeeping) 6 hr/wk	\$ 3,120
3. Maureen (membership) 4 hr/wk	\$ 2,080
4. Judy (Cary - Projects) 4 hr/wk	\$ 2,080
5. Archivist (Cary) 2 hr/wk	<u>\$ 1,040</u>
Total Personnel:	\$14,560
C. Cary - WiFi	\$ 1,080
D. Office Expenses	

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Subject: Allied Families 2017

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Jan 25, 2017 4:02 pm

To: "Gene Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>

Attach: 2017 Form for participating in Upchurch and Allied Families 22 Dec 15 revision.docx
ALLIED FAMILIES Programs and plans 2013-2017.docx

Hi Gene----

Now is a good time for an update on Allied Families. I hope you will renew your membership for 2017 using the attached form or PayPal.

Also attached is a summary of what we have accomplished and our hopes for 2017.

For more details on our route to digital see the Upchurch Bulletin for 2016 recently posted on www.upchurchstory.com--password 2013upchurch#. Also, note progress on your enrolled family at www.alliedfamilies.com password 2014allied#.

I will be in North Carolina March 29-April 2, 2017 working in the Allied Families Cary Facility starting some new projects. Would love to see you there. Let me know if you need details.

Our progress has been substantial but we need participation whether as a casual follower or as a dedicated worker and donor. I hope you will give us encouragement by renewing today and being as generous as your circumstances allow.

Sending all Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch

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EUGENE HAROLD CURTIS, JR PG1

① DEC 2013 - RPU Notes - I was attending a meeting of the Old Barn Club in SCTWP Wake Co, NC when a member handed me \$20 which ELHS had sent to her and a member of Allied Families. This went to

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③ Subject: Upchurch Bulletin 2014 Vol. 35 1. Mildred Virginia Key b1918 d-
From: phil@upchurchstory.com a. Eugene Harold Curtis, Jr
Date: Mon, Nov 24, 2014 5:02 am b. 23 NOV 2015 -
To: "Gene Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>
Attach: Upchurch Bulletin Volume 35 2014.docx

Hi Gene---

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

④ Subject: Renewal Allied Families
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
9 Date: Mon, Feb 09, 2015 6:46 am
FEB To: "Gene Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>
2015 Attach: Membership Form 9 JAN 2015.docx

Hi Gene-

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

I hope to be in Raleigh in April or May and hope we can meet for a chat.

Best---Always.

Phil Upchurch, Manager Allied Families

EUGENE HAROLD CURTIS, JR PEZ

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Subject: Family History
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Sep 26, 2015 7:26 am
To: "Gene Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>

Hi Gene---

I will be in Raleigh October 7-22 and I hope you and I can meet to explore our mutual interests in family and local history. I have two meetings scheduled. On October 8 at 2:00 pm I will be giving a seminar in Room 2215 in Williams Hall on the NCSU campus on my memories about the College of Agriculture going back to 1942. Then on October 8 in the Hampton Inn on Tryon Road near Wake Med at 2-4 pm I will be leading a discussion on progress and potential for our Allied Families Association. It would be great to see you at either or both of these events. But I hope we can meet privately at another time if you are available and interested.

Look forward to a visit~
Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Back Home
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sun, Oct 25, 2015 6:23 pm
To: "Gene Curtis" <genecurt@yahoo.com>

Hi Gene---

October 7-22 found me in NC spending 16 glorious days on family history research. Sorry our paths did not cross this time. Maybe we can connect on one of my 2016 visits. I was honored to give a seminar at NC State University on the history of College of Agriculture going back to my arrival on campus in 1942. Several trips were made to Franklin County and to the Wake/Chatham border. I must have visited with over fifty people and came home with fifty pages of notes which are now being processed.

One great piece of good luck was that a Cousin has offered Allied Families a nice office cheap on Kildaire Farm Road in Cary. We hope to crank it up on January 1, 2016. Already we have six volunteers. I am now drafting a list of projects to be carried out. It looks like we are poised to make great progress in learning more about the families of Wake and nearby counties.

I am always open to new ideas and to details on family history.

Hope all is well in your world.

Best~

Phil Upchurch