

RHONDA JOYCE HINNANT 7e1

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Subject: Silas Merritt Upchurch Bible
From: Rhonda jones <rhjones69@att.net>XXXX
Date: Wed, Dec 21, 2016 9:55 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com
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*See James Marshall Necechens
- Scans of Bible*

Hi Phil,

A few years ago my mother acquired a huge 1895 Bible owned by Silas Merritt Upchurch. My mother recently passed and now it is in my possession. Silas Merritt is my great, great grandfather. Here is the outline:

Silas Merritt Upchurch
Ida Elicho Upchurch married Champion
Ida Esther Champion married Currin
Nancy Joyce Currin married Hinnant
Rhonda Joyce Hinnant married Jones

I am not certain of Silas's father but have heard you have a strong feeling it is Britton Mills. I see that I share DNA with a Britton Mills descendant. DNA may help us all solve the mystery.

As you can see by the photos the Bible is in delicate shape. I would like to donate it to your cause. I have lived my entire life in Wake County, Swift Creek area, on Ten Ten Rd. From your website I see you have a place in Cary. Would you like to add the Bible to your collection?

Rhonda Hinnant Jones

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Subject: RE: Silas Merritt Upchurch Bible
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Dec 24, 2016 11:38 am
To: "Rhonda jones" <rhjones69@att.net>XXXX
Cc: "Carla--15-16 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>

Hi Cousin Rhonda---

I am delighted you contacted me about the Bible. We will be quite pleased to add it to our Allied Families collection in our Cary Facility. For an easy transfer contact Carla Michaels who is our Lead Coordinator in the Cary Facility. You can arrange a time for the transfer with her. She can also tell you more about Allied Families and our Cary operation.

Do let me know if you are interested in exchanging more information about our shared heritage. I have just prepared an article on my involvement with Inwood Church I can send if you are interested. I also have more on Britton Mills and Candis Upchurch and their descendants. Perhaps you knew your Grandmother's first cousin Garland Worth Upchurch "Pete" who lived at Wilbon. I visited him on February 21, 1981 and got details which match the Bible inscriptions. I have a good Master Outline on your part of the family.

I do not want to be over-bearing. I am willing to share if you are interested and suspect we each have information other does not. You can let me know your desires.

Merry Chrirstmas~
Phil Upchurch

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EMAIL TO RPU 21 DEC 2016

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A. WHITNEY U

I. CANDIS U

△ LIKELY PARTNER: BRITTON MILLS

A. SILAS MERRITT U

△ I. IDA ELLCO (ELLCO?) V

△ M(D) JAMES HINTON CHAMPION

△ (A) IDA ESTHER CHAMPION

M(D) CURRER

△ (A) NANCY JOYCE CURRER

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△ (C) * (I) RHONDA JOYCE HINNANT
M(D) JONES

II. LEONZA C. U

△ (C) (I) GARLAND WORME U "PETE" 1909-1981
↳ RPU VISITED 21 FEB 1981

III. LAURA JANE U 19-30

(I) RABIE KIRKS

△ (A) CHRISTA BELL FUTCH

△ (C) * (I) JAMES MARSHALL NEWBERA
↳ NEW CONTACT - DEC 2016

* RPU NOTE - These two report a DNA match
with BRITTON MILLS

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Subject: Re: Silas Merritt Upchurch Bible
From: Rhonda Jones <rhonda@upchurchstory.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 24, 2016 1:15 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Hi Cousin Phil,

I would love to arrange a time to get the bible in Carla's hands. I would much rather see it with your collection where it can be shared with all Upchurch relatives.

Yes, I am familiar with the name Pete Upchurch. I have heard of him my whole life. My family frequented his little store many years ago to get snacks, hoop cheese, drinks, etc when they were taking a break from farming tobacco. My granddaddy fished in his pond. My aunt loved his grape vines!

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Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Rhonda Jones
919-779-4896

RHONDA JOYCE HINNANT PG3

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Subject: Re: Silas Merritt Upchurch Bible
From: carla michaels <cjm400@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 24, 2016 12:53 pm
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Cc: Rhonda Jones <rhjones69@att.net>

Dear Rhonda,
I wanted to write you personally to let you know that I would be happy to meet with you regarding your family Bible. The Allied Office on Kildaire is generally open on Thursdays from 2 to 4pm, but if this is not a convenient time, we can meet at a mutually agreeable time and place.

With the holidays upon us, our office is likely to be closed on December 29th, but will open again on January 5.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,
Carla Jordan Michaels

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Subject: New Form Entry: UAFA Resources Collection Viewing Form
From: "Rhjones69@att.net" <no-reply@weebly.com>
Date: Sun, Dec 25, 2016 7:47 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

You've just received a new submission to your UAFA Resources Collection Viewing Form.

Submitted Information:

Name
Rhonda Jones

Email
Rhjones69@att.net

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Subject: Re: Silas Merritt Upchurch Bible
From: Rhonda Jones ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Date: Sun, Dec 25, 2016 8:48 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com
Attach: image1.jpg

Hi Phil,

Soaking up all your Upchurch research and watching your YouTube videos. Fascinating! Made a monetary donation and look forward in helping with the efforts. Will get with Carla soon to donate the Bible

Read your bio. Not sure if you would remember my dad, High Lee Hinnant. He worked at the greenhouse on Dan Allen Dr for NCSU. Maybe your paths would have crossed being in plant science.

Here is an old photo depicting what you would have remembered him looking like. He passed away in 1988.



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Subject: Family Heritage
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Jan 03, 2017 11:33 am
To: "Rhonda-MU Jones" <rhjones69@att.net>
Cc: "Carla-15-16 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>

Hi Rhonda-----

The package I promised to send is ready to go in the mail tomorrow. I delayed a little to get some extra details. In the packet you will find:

1. A copy of my four pages of notes from my 1981 visit to Pete Upchurch. You will note that his input matches the Bible.
2. A copy of my 11 page 17 item Biofile on your ancestor Britton Mills. This makes you a member of the Mills Family which we are in the process of enrolling on our website. However, the descendants of his son Silas Merritt Upchurch is carried in my records under his mother Candis Upchurch which falls under the Master Outline for the Moses Upchurch/Whitney Upchurch SubClan making you also a member of the Moses Upchurch Clan.
3. A copy of a section of my Moses U./Whitney Upchurch Master Outline. In particular the first sheet shows Candis U and her son Silas Merritt U and his children. His grandchildren (if any, if known) are covered in Continuation Sections "CS" as shown on the left hand side of the page. I include only two of these CS 30 and CS 58. Note that information that was new to me from the Bible has been entered in bold. This whole sheet needs to be copied over. But in fact for updates I am switching to trees on Ancestry.com for each enrolled family. I hope you will help us upgrade these records which we can do on line involving a Tree Master for the Moses Upchurch enrolled family.

I hope you will study these records and let me know what you think. Hopefully, this will set the stage for more collaboration.

Looking forward to our collaboratiin~
Phil Upchurch

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Subject: [FWD: RE: Update]
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Jan 03, 2017 3:15 pm
To: "Rhonda-MU Jones" <rhjones69@att.net>

Hi Rhonda---

Walter was my first Technician at N. C. State 1957-1965. He went on to become a top flight Technician. He and I have stayed in touch. Will be interesting to learn if he knew your father.
Phil Upchurch

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

Subject: RE: Update
From: <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Date: Tue, January 03, 2017 3:11 pm
To: "Walter Haskins" <haskinswf@gmail.com>

Hi Walter----

It is always good to hear from someone who lives in the State where I spent so many happy years and to which my mind often returns these days. We had excellent family

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Subject: Re: Family Heritage
From: Rhonda Jones <rhjones69@att.net>
Date: Tue, Jan 03, 2017 4:53 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

I will be looking forward to the package in the mail! I also would love to help enter the data in ancestry.com. I use ancestry now.

Rhonda

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Subject: Packet received
From: Rhonda Jones <rhjones69@att.net>
Date: Sat, Jan 07, 2017 8:47 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com
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Phil,

Thank you for the wonderful packet of info! So happy to see proof that Silas Merritt's father is Britton Mills. I predict it is Britton Sr and not Britton Jr. Britton Jr would have been around 17 and Candid over 20. I would expect an unwed teen would have married her? It makes since Britton Sr was dragged into court to take financial responsibility, since he could not marry her. I just wonder what really happened and what Britton Sr character was like?

As you know I live on Ten Ten Rd in the Fairview Community. The Mann family, deceased Truman Mann, of Mann's Loop Rd, lumber mill owner, have been a big part of my life. I had no idea until researching Candice U. That this Mann clan is a descendant of Candice and John Mann. My brother is very close to Truman's son, Steve, and was thrilled to find out they share DNA!

I received my invite to contribute to the ancestry.com project however am not able to make contributions. I will email your ancestry.com head regarding how to contribute and get involved.

So happy to help carry on the "torch" in this project.

Rhonda Jones

Ps: we were suppose to have a "Chicago" snow storm unfortunately as you will see from my photos the snow lovers will be disappointed.

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Subject: RE: Packet received
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Jan 07, 2017 10:52 am
To: "Rhonda Jones" <rhjones69@att.net>

Hi Rhonda---

Glad to hear you got the package.

I had heard that Truman Mann had family history data but was not able to establish contact with him before he died. Coincidentally, I was an elementary school classmate of his wife Dorothy Lawrence. After many years of not being in contact with Dorothy I had a chance to visit her at a Cary High School reunion. This was after Truman died and Dorothy did not seem to know about Truman' interest in family history or at least did not want to discuss it. I have other local descendants of the Mann's and hopefully some of them will join with us on our Allied Families program. In the meantime we count on you to be an active participant. Perhaps you will be able to recruit more collaborators over time.

Til Later~

Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Voicemail
From: Rhonda Jones <rhjones69@att.net>
Date: Sat, Jan 14, 2017 8:58 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Hi Phil,

I received your voicemail however with the start of a new job and a very sick mother in law in the hospital I have been overwhelmed and unable to take the time to call you back. Once things settle I will return your call.

Rhonda Jones

RHONDA JYCE HINNANT PG11

(24) 24 JAN 2017 - 5:30 PM Rhonda Hinnant Jones called and we had a nice 30 minute chat. Her father worked for Plant Pathology at NCSU and at first was a greenhouse worker on campus - later was at Method. Retired as Manager of PP Greenhouses. Her father was James Wendell and her mother from Holly Springs. Rhonda was born in Farmville and has lived there all her life. First two years of school was at Supt Creek Elementary. High School was at Fargway. They attended Catawba Springs Church. Rhonda works full time - our chat ended when her husband came home. He is near Mark Perry. She will take the Bible to the Cary Facility and will find time to enter my Master Outline for Moral Ministry as a ministry. Re Merritt if she had heard that he may have fathered a child by me daughter. - PHONE NO (919) 779-4896

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Subject: Ida Ellico Upchurch newspaper story
From: Rhonda Jones <~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~>
Date: Fri, Jan 27, 2017 4:41 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com
Attach: image1.JPG
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Hi Phil,

My grandmother was interviewed a few years ago and I wanted to share with you. My grandmother was Esther Champion, daughter of Ida Ellico Upchurch who was the daughter so S. Merritt Upchurch.

I will deliver a copy to your office in Cary too!

(26) Item D RPH ma. email 27 JAN 2017 from Rhonda Joyce (Hinnant) Jones - FROM Fuquay-Varina Independent - WED 27 NOV 2005 [Original in Profile of IDA ESTNER CHAMPION



Jim and Lyn Bender and their six children will move into their new home at Esther Evans' old address on Wagstaff Road. The Benders owned the home that was built by the Champion family more than 70 years ago. The Benders have their own fond memories of the house and they look forward to making more family memories in their new home. The Extreme Home Makeover, Hometown Edition will be unveiled at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. The community is invited to attend and welcome to visit the new home on Friday and Saturday following the unveiling for an open house from 12 to 3 p.m. both days. Alice Ligon of Triangle Homeworks, who has coordinated the Extreme Makeover, said so many Fuquay residents have contributed to make this new home possible, she wants them to be able to see the fruits of their labor.

Family memories,

By KAREN WHITE
CORRESPONDENT
When Esther Evans received word that her long-time family homestead was to be torn down and rebuilt, she cried. She was exceedingly happy for the Bender family, recipients of the latest extreme home makeover. But, she cried as her own memories of the life she had while growing up on Wagstaff



Elico Champion, (above) was Esther Evans' mother. She and her husband created many memories for their nine children on Wagstaff Road through much of the early 20th Century.

I. Moses U - Head of Class

A. Whitney U

I. Candice U

Q. Samuel Merritt U

I. IDA ELLECO U

MD () JAMES HINTON CHAMPION

Δ (I) IDA ESTNER CHAMPION b 1921

Δ MD (1ST) () ROBERT CURREN

Δ MD (2ND) () LONNIE EVANS

(A) NANCY JOYCE CURREN

□ Δ (I) RHONDA JOYCE HINNANT

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January 27, 2017

Dear Rhonda

I am sending an update to Allied Families ^{members} and a request to renew. Since your contribution came in December we already list you as a 2017 member

Enclosed is a summary of our progress and hopes for 2017. The enclosed 2016 issue of the UAF shows our march to the digital world. Enclosed is a membership form if you need it or can convince Steve to join.

It is great to have you aboard.

Carla told me you declined the Bible for members. Thanks very much

Look forward to our ongoing interaction -

Phil Upchurch