

① See Profile of Shirley Ann U - Entry ① & ④

I. Alfred Hambrin U of the Nathan U, I / Burtis U Siblings
A. William Buchanan U
Alfred U line
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1. Shirley Ann U

a. Virginia Elizabeth AXT b 28 MAR 1959
md David William Sisney. One
child & one expected

② See Profile of Shirley Ann U - Entry ② 1 MAR 1992

VEAP "Ginger" will be in Tucson, AZ 14-17 MAR 92
but schedules do not permit VEAP & RPR to meet.
VEAP has a new son - Benjamin David Sisney
b 15 APR 1991 (Rockford, IL).

③ See pg 21 APR 1992 Shirley Ann U to RPA
VEAP md 28 SEP 1985 David William Sisney
b 9 NOV 1959 (Rockford, IL). Two children.

④ See pg 8 SEP 1996 Shirley Ann U to RPA
VEAP. b Rockford, IL md in Rockford, IL
David William Sisney. Their 2nd child is named
Benjamin David Sisney (not David Benjamin Sisney)

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25 JUN
2012
Subject: Order Bulletins
From: Gingersis <gingersis@aol.com>XXXX
Date: Mon, Jun 25, 2012 10:34 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Dear Phil,

I am Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen's daughter, Ginger Ax Sisney. I wrote to you in 2007 regarding info. I'm back at the genealogy stuff now that I have a little free time. You told me then to send you money to order some Bulletins. I have no idea which ones to order. I'm mostly interested in Nathan and Burtis right now. I'm recording all the info I have on a family tree to share with my family.

VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AX (PEZ) XDP-27000

(5) 25 JUN 2012 - CONTINUED

For your recordings - sad news. Karl Koonmen has passed away as has my oldest brother, Roy LaVerne Ax, Jr. Roy died March 29, 2011 in Arizona of a heart attack. My mom has the beginnings of Alzheimer's, but she's doing pretty well. Losing Karl and then Roy has been hard on her.

Let me know how much to send you.

Ginger Ax Sisney

Subject: RE: Order Bulletins

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Jun 25, 2012 3:25 pm

To: "Gingersis" <gingersis@aol.com>

Hi Cousin Ginger---

It is good to hear from you after a long interlude. I had heard about the passing of Roy but the word on Karl is new to me. I am sorry you and Shirley have had to bear up under these unfortunate events. Please remember me to Shirley. She and I had a lot of interest in common.

I have just returned from a 20 day family history trip to NC and visited sites our mutual ancestors trod. At the moment I am knee deep in processing what was collected.

Since 2007 I have evolved a system to help new collaborators get into the swing of things. If you will send me \$50 I will enroll you to receive the Upchurch Bulletin to come out this fall and I will go through all 100 back issues and pick out 8 issues to send to you that I think will be of most interest to you. You can let me know if this interests you.

I am glad that you have found time to get back into your heritage. Our Upchurch history is a fascinating one/

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Phil Upchurch

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25 JUN
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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, May 22, 2014 6:44 am

To: gingsis3046@gmail.com

Hi Ginger---

Delighted you visited my website. I hope you had no trouble reaching and searching the three password protected places where I have tons of Upchurch information posted. In case it did not reach you the password is " 2013upchurch# ". Also, I hope you were able to watch some of the videos. Key for you would be the one on Nathan u., I and then going backwards to his ancestors covering your (and my) direct ancestors. You now have at your fingertips all that has been published in the UB and in a searchable format plus the 35 videos with more to come. Of course I have huge amounts of information which has not been published and that pertaining to your direct line could be shared with you going forward beyond what I have already sent.

I would like to introduce you to the new organization Upchurch And Allied Families Association, Inc. We created it last November and already have nearly 70 members. See our website www.alliedfamilies.com. I would be very much encouraged if you would join as a 2014 member for \$20. This will entitle you to a copy of the UB issue to be published this fall. Going forward all of my work will be done under the banner of UAFA. We will be "enrolling " the family of Nathan U.,I as a project under UAFA and invite you to be a Co-Sponsor of this project. I'll put you on the list to get updates of UAFA as it unfolds. In the meantime I would welcome any questions you have about your heritage.

I would welcome a report on Shirley. You had earlier indicated that she was in the early stages of alzheimers. I wish for her the best.

Looking forward to our ongoing interaction.

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 22, 2014 12:49 pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

COPY TO PROFILE OF "MOM"
[ma SHIRLEY ANN U]

I got the password - thank you very much. So I'm Nathan I and subclan is Burtis?

Mom is maintaining her own. We moved her from independent living to some care so she is eating better and having things to do. I think it has helped her, even tho she had a bit of trouble adjusting.

I talked to a Bill Upchurch the other day in relation to work. I'm going to get his cousin's name (who does all their research) and I told him about you. I didn't know there were any around here. That's why I looked at the website.

Take care -

Ginger Sisney

Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, May 23, 2014 6:09 am

To: "Ginger Sisney" <gingsis3046@gmail.com>

Hi Ginger---

Yes you are the descendant of Nathan Upchurch, I a soldier of the Revolution. You descend from his son Burtis (who had 9 sons) and thus you are of the Nathan U., I /Burtis U. Subclan. When we get the Nathan U., I Family enrolled under the Allied Families program our goal will be to assemble all the information about him and his descendants at one place on our website. Right now you have to look through all 4000 pages of the UB to find bits and pieces about this family. We need a minimum of \$200 to initially enroll the Nathan U., I family and anyone who contributes a minimum of \$50 for this purpose will be listed as a Co-Sponsor of this family.

I am so glad you ran across Bill Upchurch and I would be very much like to learn more about him. If you get the chance please ask him about his full name and his Upchurch heritage.

I was pleased to get your report on your Mom and to learn that you are caring for her. If you think it appropriate you can mention my name to her in hopes it will bring pleasant memories even if she does not respond.

With All Best Wishes.

Phil Upchurch

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VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AX (PEY) ALD- 27000

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Subject: Info

From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2015 12:50 pm

To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Does anyone in your network have information about Anne Eliza Reynolds Upchurch? She was the wife of Alfred Upchurch son of Burtis Upchurch.

Also looking for info on Anna or Ella Hawkins Upchurch - wife of William W. Upchurch, son of the above Alfred? She was the mother of Alfred Hawkins Upchurch.

Thanks.

PS My mom, Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen is still hanging in there!

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Ginger Sisney
gingsis3046@gmail.com

Subject: New Form Entry Contact Form

Subject: Re: Allied Families 2017
From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 03, 2017 7:08 am
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Phil,
I enjoyed my stay in NC. We drove thru the Oakwood neighborhood and happend on the house where great aunt Gertrude lived when she died. Do you know if she owned it or was just staying there? 123 Bloodworth.

We went to the cemetery but couldn't find the family plot. The ladies in the office showed us where it is, but there were no tombstones there. Do you know if there are tombstones? I was looking for William W and Gertrude.

Then we went to E. Hargett St. where Alfred had a carriage shop in the 1860s. We had lunch next door and it was all very nice. I did go to Yates Mill and the Green Level church the next day. Such beautiful country.

Thank you for your help and I will donate when I can.

Ginger Ax Sisney

On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 10:09 AM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi Ginger---

It seems our NC visits almost match but not quite---what a shame. Carla is our Volunteer Coordinator in our Cary Facility. The volunteers normally meet on Thursdays but this is no help for you as I understand you will be in the area on Monday October 23. Contact Carla to see if she or an alternate can be available to show you our facility.

Later on we hope to have a Tree Master for the Nathan Upchurch family and a series of helpers with some hopefully being in the Wake County NC area. With this set of participants we would be well positioned to show a family member visitor such as yourself around. But right now our capacity to do this is limited. I do have some ideas that might be helpful a little. First I would suggest you go to our website and look up the Enrolled family of Nathan Upchurch, I to which you and I belong. Look through all we have posted there which should be helpful. Pay particular attention to the line Nathan-Burtis-Alfred all your direct ancestors. This should give you some ideas. Some of your ancestors are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh and I suggest you go there. Also maybe visit Green Level Church which is on the Plantation Nathan owned. I do not have any close relatives you could visit but Cousin Miley "MonK" Perry is local and a descendant of Nathan and would be great to visit if you can catch up with him. Another is Marge Lucas who is a descendant of William Clinton Upchurch, I a brother of your Alfred.

I am delighted that you are looking into our shared heritage and hop[w that you will become an active participant for which a membership form is attached.

Do keep me in the loop on how you want to move forward on these matters. Welcome to NC.

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families

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

Subject: Re: Allied Families 2017
From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, October 09, 2017 7:40 pm
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

How do I contact Carla to arrange a visit on Oct 23?

Are there any cemeteries of interest to me where I might see ancestor's graves? I really have no idea of the layout of the land.

Any help would be appreciated.

Ginger (Ax) Sisney

On Sun, Sep 24, 2017 at 11:50 AM, Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com> wrote:

Darn -

I will be there Monday the 23 of October. I will make contact with Carla to arrange a visit. Thank you!

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Subject: Yourr cousin Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen
From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 02, 2016 9:36 pm
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Phil,

Just wanted to inform you that my mom, Shirley passed away on Sunday. She had congestive heart failure and some Alzheimer's complications. She was 86. Her service is next Monday in Rockford, IL.

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Ginger Sisney
gingsis3046@gmail.com

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Subject: RE: Yourr cousin Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen**From: phil@upchurchstory.com****Date: Sat, Feb 06, 2016 3:43 pm****To: "Ginger Sisney" <gingsis3046@gmail.com>**

Hi Ginger----

I was able to find and print the obituary. It has quite a bit of information. I will review my Master Outline and add new details. It was a pleasure to read the account of her busy life. She made the most of it. I can see why you miss he a lot. May Peace come, to you.

Love ~

Phil Upchurch

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

Subject: Re: Yourr cousin Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen**From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>****Date: Sat, February 06, 2016 8:00 am****To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>**

Shirley's obit is online at olsonfh.com. I'ts Olson Funeral Home in Rockford, IL. She will be buried next to my dad at Scandinavian Cemetary in Rockford.

Thank you for your kind words - I miss her already.

Ginger Sisney

On Wed, Feb 3, 2016 at 4:05 PM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi Ginger---

I was so sorry to have your message that Shirley passed away. It was thoughtful of you to let me know. I send my deep condolences knowing that little I can say will assuage your grief at this point. However, I know that with the passage of time you will think of all of the good things that happened in your life and the lives of others because she passed our way. I shall always treasure my memories of the unique circumstances that brought us together that being the appearance of you brother on the scene at the University of Arizona, may he rest in peace. Shirley triggered a deeper interest in that part of the Upchurch heritage that she and I shared. The details are a rich part of our heritage.

If there was an obituary I would appreciate a copy. I have the date of passing on January 31,2016 and for my records it would be nice to know where she passed away and the site of her burial or disposition of the remains. This all seems kind of pro forma but I like to show respect by having a good record.

I trust the world has otherwise been kind to you and that spring will soon open new vistas for you .

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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

Subject: Yourr cousin Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen**From: Ginger Sisney <gingsis3046@gmail.com>****Date: Tue, February 02, 2016 9:36 pm****To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>**

Dear Phil,

Just wanted to inform you that my mom, Shirley passed away on Sunday.

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My website <www.upchurchstory.com> is now back up and a few new things have been added - see the index. We are working hard to do a substantial upgrade of the website and to add several dozen videos and much more. Hopefully the next month or so will bring a lot of joy.

Please do generously my best in a way that you think the most appropriate. It has been a joy to get to know her & send all best wishes to you and yours and especially to Sherry for a pleasant Holiday Season.

Phil Upchurch

VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AX

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December 3, 2012

Ginger Sisney
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Rockford, IL 61114

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REC'D
7 DEC 2012

Dear Phil,

I am sending you \$25 to do with what you will. I'm interested in any info you have on my line of the the Upchurches. Also in the early US Upchurches and the info you are getting about the ones in England. Any info you have on the Burtis Upchurch line especially.

I'd love to hear more about Great Great Aunt Gerturde, also. My mom, Shirley Upchurch Ax Koonmen is "hanging in there" as she likes to say. She has early Alzheimer's, but isn't too far progressed. She is still living sort of on her own in an apartment in a Retirement community.

Was Nathan Upchurch I a soldier on the British or American side?

Thanks for anything you can send.

Ginger

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VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AX

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REC'D
17 NOV 2007

Mrs. David Sisney
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Phil Upchurch
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Chesterfield, MO 63005-4840

Dear Phil,

I am writing in regards to the Upchurch geneology. I understand you know it all! I am Shirley (Upchurch) Ax Koonmen's daughter. She's the daughter of William Buchanan Upchurch and the granddaughter of Alfred Hawkins Upchurch. I wrote to you before, but you may have misunderstood me.

I am wondering if you can send me what you may have on the ancestors (not descendents) of Alfred Hawkins Upchurch. I'll send you a check to pay for any copies you may want to send, or you can tell me where to find them online. I'm especially interested in the name of his wife.

I'd also like to subscribe to the Upchurch bulletin. Please let me know how much that would be.

I have just started having fun with this stuff, but I know you have the information I am looking for, or can tell me who to contact.

Thanks, in advance.

Ginger (Ax) Sisney

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In a quick look at my records I note that all I have for the wife of Alfred Hankins Upchurch is that her first name was "LETA" and that she died and is buried in Richmond, VA. Surely we can find more.

As we correspond I will no doubt learn more about your special interests and you can learn more about mine. This will make our future exchanges more productive.

One of the amazing coincidences for your family and mine concerns the fact that my wife was personally acquainted with Gertrude Upchurch in the 1940's. Gertrude was a sister of your GGF Alfred Hankins Upchurch & hence was your Greatgreat Aunt. There is more to be told about her.

I look forward to hearing from you and to a mutual exchange of information one time.

Sincerely yours

(L.P.)

Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]