





103 Green Meadows Drive  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
February 02, 2018

*Dear Phillip,*

*You have been part of my life, albeit at a significant distance for most of the time, for all of my years - and a good many of yours! The miles, notwithstanding, I have always felt an unmistakable familial closeness to you, Dear Cousin.*

*When you were spoken of, you were, and always will be, to the Upchurch-Jeffreys Branch, "Phillip".*

*Your, Sallaine's and Sallaine's sister's visit to our home in, I recollect, 2004, was just wonderful. I believe that my eighteen-month regimen of industrial-strength antibiotics had just begun. A few years later, with the house down to the studs for renovation, you and Albert Perry paid a most enjoyable visit.*

*Your family was very special to me. Aunt Bessie once had our entire family of six to Sunday lunch. The meal that she cooked up on a wood stove took delicious to a whole new level.*

*Pat took me under her wing when I matriculated at UNCG. If she needed a Raleigh girl for a picture, the call came. What fun! She invited Mike and me for dinner, one night, and had prepared the tastiest standing rib roast that I have ever eaten. And, Bill gave me a job at WUNC TV!*

*Ernestine once came down with Mother for the weekend. As she was leaving, she gave me the nicest compliment, saying, "No food that you served made me feel bad!" (I can now identify with what an important and desirable statement that is!)*

*And Janet. What a sweetheart. Enduring such tragedy. She and Michael were extremely supportive to Karrie when she was at ECU for undergraduate study.*

*At the February third gathering to recognize your ninety years on this earth, so far, you have an enormous repertoire of work and life accomplishments to celebrate. Few people can approach or even imagine their magnitude.*

*With the new decade, I wish you improved health and *la joie de vivre* that has motivated and served you so well.*

*As always,*

*Bonnie*

*Your Cousin, Bonnie Jeffreys Brown*

*PS Today, Ground Hog's Day, marks 122 years since Grandmother's birth in 1896! (Referring to Edna Woodcock Upchurch.)*



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January 21, 2017

Dear Bonnie,

The enclosed letter documents your generous 2016 support of Allied Families. The enclosed US for 2016 shows our shift to digital you have helped us to achieve.

Provided is a summary of what we have done in our shift and what we hope for 2017 with your help. of our 200 Participants the burden falls largely on 50 of us. Whatever encouragement you can provide will be welcomed.

As you know I will be in Cary March 30-April 1. and I hope you will be with us as much as your schedule will allow

We have a rich documented heritage and I am most grateful for your embrace of our joint effort to augment, preserve, and share it.

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Kendly

Phillip Upchurch

**Subject:** RE: [FWD: DNA Letter (Go Daddy is not behaving, so I am using my email)]

**From:** "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <BonnieJeffreysBrown@ec.rr.com>

**Date:** Thu, Sep 22, 2016 11:33 am

**To:** <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, this is very interesting. During Mother's lifetime, the folks at St. John's always invited her and our family to homecoming due to the connection with the land. They must have thought that the Upchurch Family donated it. I was at home, one year, and attended their service. Everyone was extremely cordial – and I got to visit with the "little boy" who let me sit on his bicycle and have my picture taken with him when I was a toddler. Everyone called him Bootsie, but his name is Thomas. I know that because I asked him that day and called him "Thomas" for the first time. He seemed to hold a prominent place in the church's leadership and was attired in a beautiful white suit. I hope that Thomas is still living. Gosh, as I think about it, that must have taken place nearly 30 years ago! We were in Raleigh for a softball tournament in which Karrie was playing.

As always,

Bonnie

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**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com [mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2016 7:52 AM

**To:** Bonnie Jeffreys Brown <BonnieJeffreysBrown@ec.rr.com>

**Cc:** Miley-MU-14-16 Perry <maperry45@yahoo.com>; Gettis Upchurch <Gettisupchurch@carolina.rr.com>XXXXXX

**Subject:** RE: [FWD: DNA Letter (Go Daddy is not behaving, so I am using my email)]

Hi Bonnie---

At most I visualize The Pointe Church might be willing to give up a deed to the cemetery itself. If so, the key issue then might become how much, if any, money they might be willing to give or pledge towards maintenance. Although one might Project that there is a basis for claiming they should give up one or both of the two buildings I cannot imagine them doing so without a big legal battle. They are in a position to handle such a battle and we are not. I have no current information on the Plaque. It is of much importance to us historically as are any photographs or documents the Church may retain. I would hope an agreement could be reached for them to go with the Cemetery if possible.

I have no information on any revision provision as relates to the St. John's Church. However, it is my belief that this property did not come from the tract that Frank Jefferson inherited from his father. Rather it came from the next tract west which as I recall was originally 50 acres. Way back I think it was owned by a Black Tucker family. Later Uncle Gettis owned it for a short time. Then a Black man by the name of Bob Holoman owned it and finally it was owned by R. W. King. I am not aware of when the Church acre was deeded. This tract has always been of great interest to me. At one point it contained the Black elem entry school which I remember well as an empty building--an important local history note.

We anxiously await the outcome of the meeting with the Pointe Church.

Fondly~

Phil Upchurch

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

**Subject:** RE: [FWD: DNA Letter (Go Daddy is not behaving, so I am using my email)]

**From:** "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <BonnieJeffreysBrown@ec.rr.com>

**Date:** Wed, September 21, 2016 5:33 pm

**To:** <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, you are, without doubt, amazing. Your dedication and perseverance in preserving our family's heritage are rare characteristics that are treasures!

I am delighted that the chosen treatment is going well.

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**Subject:** RE: [FWD: Dorothy Etheridge narrative]  
**From:** "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <BonnieJeffreysBrown@ecrc.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 22, 2016 10:06 pm  
**To:** <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, thank you! One thing that I didn't see recorded was the birth of my grandmother's 13<sup>th</sup> child. One of the births was twins, twin girls. One did not survive. I have always felt a deep loss at not knowing Daddy's mother. And to die so young. I knew that she had died of puerperal sepsis – and understandably.

One of these days, maybe I will get back to Wake County for a visit. It has been a long, long time.

As always,

Bonnie

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**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com [mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:00 AM  
**To:** Bonnie--14-15 Brown <bonniejeffreysbrown@ecrc.com>  
**Cc:** Frank--14-X Jeffreys <frankjeffreys@gmail.com>; Ann--14-X Romeo <starstone9@aol.com>  
**Subject:** [FWD: Dorothy Etheridge narrative]

Hi Bonnie----

In addition to my earlier efforts re Dorothy our paid worker Jay Buck has spent time researching the issue. Last week I had a chance to review this briefly with Frank, Ann, Bob and Maria. I offered a copy but they said send it via email which I now do. Personally, I am rather pleased with what Jay has done and how he has created a narrative. It seems there is a good chance you trace back to Michael Ethridge, I would be interested in the responses of you and your siblings and any thoughts you all may have about a way forward.

Sorry we did not connect when I was in N.C. March 11-21. The Cary Facility looks great. Come and have a look.

Phil Upchurch

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

**Subject:** Dorothy Etheridge narrative  
**From:** Jay Buck <jaycbuck@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wed, March 16, 2016 12:01 pm  
**To:** Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Dr. Upchurch

I am attaching the narrative on Dorothy Etheridge. It kind of sums up what I have been able to accomplish via [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and [familysearch.com](http://familysearch.com). I might try to root around our NC records at the County Library tonight and see if there is any hidden gems there.

Leaving in the am for Florida. See you next week!

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Jay Buck  
 Wildwood, MO

[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject: RE: Jeff Upchurch****From: "Bonnie Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.r.com~~>****Date: Thu, Dec 17, 2015 5:33 pm****To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>, "Gettis Upchurch" <~~Gettisupchurch@carolina.r.com~~>, "Miley-14 Perry" <~~m14perry45@yahoo.com~~>**

V-e-r-r-y interesting! Thanks, Phillip.

Merry Christmas to all of you, too!! I continue to work, fulltime, and hope that you are well – and stay that way. Mother used to say, "When you have your health, you have everything!"

As always,

Bonnie

**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com [mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com]**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:03 AM**To:** Gettis Upchurch <~~Gettisupchurch@carolina.r.com~~>; Miley-14 Perry <~~m14perry45@yahoo.com~~>; Bonnie-14-15 Brown <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.r.com~~>**Subject:** Jeff Upchurch

Hi Cousins----

From time to time we have tried to track Jeff Upchurch's movements after the Civil War. This morning I looked at a page in the Ray Book by Bill Ray for the umpteenth time and a piece of information struck me. On page 21 he lists over 1500 acres sold by Buckner Ray from 1842 to 1866 in six transactions. He probably inherited this land. Transaction six was on August 7, 1866 in which he sells 280 and 3/8 acres to William Upchurch (William George Upchurch). From this I would conclude that Jeff did not go directly to Bartons Creek Township when he returned from the war in 1865 but rather went to Green Level and only the next year when his brother Bill bought the tract did he move to Bartons Creek TWP where he soon met and married Aurora. Of course the events could have unfolded differently but we have at present this one fact of the land purchase to use in building our story.

Please share this with anyone else you think might be interested

Merry Christmas to one and all~

Phil Upchurch

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(118) From Profile of Frances Holt Talley - Enbry 25 JUN 2012

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Re Uncle Wm - FH said he had to go to Dix Hill from  
Rex as Aunt Maude could not take care of him.  
She was NOT <sup>to</sup> send Uncle Wm to Dix Hill and he  
seemed well cared for. However, Lena was upset  
when Dix Hill did an unauthorised autopsy and  
left his head mangled. He was laid when in  
Dix Hill

Order of Deaths:

It would appear Aunt  
Maude could not stay in  
the home alone after Uncle  
Wm went to the hospital  
in early 1959 - hence to  
Uncle Frank's.

- (57) 1. Pat 1935
- (64) 2. Mac 1938
- (97) 3. Lena 1949
- (75) 4. Getta 1957 } 2yr
- (75) 5. Wm 1959 } 16yr
- (89) 6. Maude 1995

After Maude could not get  
along with Aunt Edna, Bonnie took her to Kilsbrough,  
but after a fall she had to go to a care facility as  
welfare - first at Sutton and then across from  
Rex at Hill Haven. Lena <sup>resented</sup> (FH driving) and  
complained about care at better places.

(119)  
1 JUN  
2013

Subject: Family News

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ecr.com~~>

Date: Sat, Jun 01, 2013 10:56 am

To: <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ecr.com~~>

Attach: Philip-AUI Stent Surgery.docx

→ PLACED IN BIOFILE OF PHILIP MICHAEL BROWN, JR M.D.

Attached is an article concerning Philip's "First-in-the-Country" surgery about which you may have heard. It is from the practice's website, so is more commercial sounding than if it were from a scientific journal.

Bonnie Brown

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

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14 JUN  
2012

Subject: Re: Back Home

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.n.com~~>

Date: Thu, Jun 14, 2012 8:19 pm

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, keep coming down. One of these days, I will make it to the reunion! I am delighted that your trip was successful.

If the Penny house to which you referred is the one in which Mrs. Harper and her family lived, I am acquainted with it, having enjoyed a couple of meals, there. I started dating Bobby in January of my 7th grade year when he was a junior at Cary. I was definitely the youngest person at the Junior/Senior Prom for two years! We dated for several years.

Mike's late brother's 3 grandsons from Chicago are visiting. Ages 15.5, 14 and almost 11. Mike and Mike Morris, a dear friend (retired pharmacist and shade-tree mechanic) who can do or fix anything, went to the hunting camp, today for guy stuff and an overnight stay. The hunting camp is in Bladen County on the bank of the CF River, a mile off of the paved road. On the way up, they had seen a 400-pound hog in the mud and some chickens at a country store. Then, as soon as they turned into the property, there, beside what passes for a road, was a brown bear. Those poor city-raised boys were seeing all kinds of things that they had never seen before. Mike Morris had a tremendous amount of real work planned for today. By tomorrow night, they will either be indoctrinated - or never want to come, again! They hardly know us, so they must be pretty adventuresome to make the trip. Of course our proximity to the big water helps!

The boys' respective parents, a niece and a nephew, used to come for three weeks in the summers for Mike's Basketball Camp. My niece and nephew in Raleigh came, also. It was wonderful to have the house so full. We all really bonded. So Geof and Jennifer, with their respective spouses, decided that they wanted their boys to get to know us and spend time in the state where their dad grew up. What made me feel so good was that Jennifer said that she knew that they would be welcome. We are very honored that they feel that way. The year that Karrie was born, 04-30-75, I decided that I just couldn't have all of the children in June for 3 weeks. (I also had a broken finger.) Then, as the time drew nearer, I could not stand it. I called Raleigh and Carbondale (Mike's brother, Jack, taught at SIU.) and said, "Send them on!" And they did. We ate a lot of home-cooked hamburgers that summer!

As always,

Bonnie

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14 APR  
2012

Subject: Re: Bartley Jefferson Reunion

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.n.com~~>

Date: Sat, Apr 14, 2012 12:00 pm

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, if we can, we will. Right now, I am plumb sick with a cold and son-in-law, Matt, has just, this week, been accepted to matriculate at Brody in August. How different their lives will become very soon. Sort of not knowing from day to day what will happen!

Bonnie

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

(109)

6 APR  
2012

Subject: Subscriptions

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.churchstory.com~~>

Date: Fri, Apr 06, 2012 12:17 pm

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phillip,

Yes, we are definitely interested in Grandmother's family. I had the pleasure of being in the presence of many of the Simpkins family in my early childhood. Aunt Minnie was a favorite of Grandmother's I think. One of the "girls" was deaf, but something that hit my young ears from her lips - and stuck - was (and her speech was impaired, somewhat) "If a man doesn't want me, then I don't want him!!" I have always been a listener!

I remember that some of the Simpkins were affected with albinism. I actually think that I may have mild ocular albinism.

We are close to Atkinson and Ivanhoe, here. Every time that I see a Woodcock obituary, I wonder if we were related! Recently, the widow of one of our physicians died. I was shocked to see in her obituary that her name was Mary Jeffreys Peedin! So few Jeffreys spell their name like we do! Again, I wondered if we were related.

Karrie and Matt had a Rushing family wedding obligation in Charleston for tonight. They arrived, here, after eleven, last night. We get to keep the children until they return tomorrow afternoon. Fun! The only problem is that I did not get to sleep until after 2:30 AM and two little people were saying, "Boo! Grandmother!" at 7:30. We were all up much too late. Mike has just taken them to the Children's Museum, downtown.

Bonnie

(108)

14 JUN  
2012

Subject: Back Home

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Jun 14, 2012 11:52 am

To: "Bonnie Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.churchstory.com~~>

Hi Bonnie---

Sallaine and I returned home on Monday somewhat used up but very pleased with our 20-day road trip. I collected tons of information which must now must be processed. We missed you at the Reunion but I know you were with us in spirit and that you would have been there in person if at all possible. Barbara Ann was there and she and I had a brief but enjoyable chat.

Along the way Monk and I dropped by and had a chat with Bo. I had hoped to visit more with Ann but that did not work out.

My effort to delve into the history of Swift Creek Township is proceeding nicely. Monk is helping us to get into old houses to allow write ups on them. On this trip he arranged for us to view the Jesse Penny house and the Phares Yates house. When Monk earlier dropped by the vacant Yates house he encountered a man in the yard who said right away "hello Monk". Monk was puzzled until the man said he was Bobby Harper and that he had inherited the property after his mother recently died. Also he reminded Monk that he (Bobby) was a school bus driver on a bus which Monk rode. Bobby gave permission for us to study the house. Later it came out the you and Bobby were an item in earlier years. How is that for a coincidence?

I trust you are now well and dealing with daily responsibilities.

Love,

Phillip Upchurch

(106) Notes of Call to RPA from Miley Albert Perry 4 MAY 2012

Today Mark went to the Phares Yates House.

By coincidence the owner Bobby Harper was there from Phoenix, AZ where he has long lived and done well.

Bobby greeted Mark by name but Mark did not at first remember Bobby - but soon recalled that Bobby drove the school bus on which Mark rode. Bobby has inherited two tracts totaling 15 acres going back to a 1952 purchase by his parents. His mother, recently passed, lived in the Phares Yates House. There are several other houses on the tract.

Bobby wants to combine & sell them. Mark says the asking price is too high. The Highway Dept will only let him combine if he grants them 90 ft of roadway for a future 5 lane road program for Lake Wheeler Road. Mark will contact Kimi Wrenn to see if she can come until Bobby is still water for 10 days. Otherwise a Handy Man has the key. Bobby is agreeable to a study of the house and possibly to putting it on the national register.

As a surprise Mark reports that **Bonnie Bell Jeffreys** dated Bobby Harper for a couple of years.

Bobby is now about 75 - born to abt 1937

Campfire - Harper Family - WC, SCTWP

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- Bonnie thank Patty (W) O'Neil could well have any records that her father had and would be cooperative.

We discussed whether Aunt Maude was bright or dumb & concluded there was evidence both ways. Bonnie did say Aunt Maude would make her little Phillip sad by telling him he was not performing his chore of folding wash clothes well.

Bonnie has no plan for retirement - says she got started late.

We inspected Mike's garden.

Aunt Maude was ordained at Inwood - never seemed a call there or elsewhere.

Dinner at Meekins Rtd Pub

87 29 MAY 2010

Subject: Your Visit, Today  
From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@es.xx.com>XXX  
Date: Sat, May 29, 2010 6:26 pm  
To: "Phillip Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phillip,

Mike and I so enjoyed our visit with you, Sallaine, Albert and Nancy, today! I hope that you didn't consider it a waste of time due to my misplacement of the photos of the store, b/c it was fun! As I continued my effort to "de-clutter" after the remodel, about 2 hours after you left, lo and behold, I picked up a greeting card with lots of stiffness - and, inside, were the pictures. I knew that they were in a "safe" environment, just not which one until I picked it up.

Enjoy the rest of your trip. I look forward to seeing you on the 13th.

Bonnie

88 20 MAY 2010

Subject: EVENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA  
From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@es.xx.com>XXXX  
Date: Thu, May 20, 2010 10:28 am  
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

The R & R man mentions about NC taking

Hi Phillip,

I appreciate your thoroughness. Has the note, below, gone to my siblings and children? If it hasn't, I will send it, but didn't want them to get two!

Unfortunately, I have managed to nearly "cough my lungs out" since about May 10. I am exhausted, to say the least. Had a chest X-ray, yesterday, but, learned, this AM, that it showed no reason for the coughing. Have also nearly lost my voice, completely. What voice is left is definitely a bass.

Karrie's husband is here, this week, shadowing physicians. She and the children headed down right after choir practice, last night, arriving about 11 PM, sleeping children and all. I am just a dud, b/c I feel so rotten. I do hate to be sick when the grands are here.

Hoping to get better, soon,

Bonnie

(85) 25 MAY 2010 - CONTINUED

Karrie and her family were here from late Wednesday night to Saturday afternoon - and I was Grandmother "Dud" in her pajamas! What a letdown, especially for me. Philip and his family were over for Friday and Saturday visits - and I am pretty sure that Philip had never seen me coughing as I was. It always concerns me that I may have something communicable, b/c whatever causes pneumonia and bronchitis is usually "sharable". Sunday night was filled with coughing fits. Poor Mike. It is exhausting, to say the least - and I think that I have cracked a (another) rib from the force.

Just wanted to catch you up on my situation. If I have to miss my weekend special events in June, I shall be extremely disappointed. I have already gotten replacements for all May obligations at church.

Have a wonderful trip. Hope that you find Albert doing well.

Bonnie

(86) From Notes of RPH/SSU NC Trip. May/June 2010 pg. (11)  
SAT 29 MAY 2010 - Visit of RPH/SSU & Monk & Nancy Perry  
to visit BDJ & Michael Mike in Wilmington, NC

We drove to home of Mike & Bonni Brown & spent 2:00 - 9:30 PM there with Mike & Bonni

Monk reports that Tom Pearce was killed by a bull at Fairview. He ran a Dairy. His son is <sup>^</sup>Tom Allen Pearce

[NOTE TO BARTLEY JEFFERSON U FILE]

Bonni says the Uphams Trunk went to Uncle Frank with Aunt Maud & on to Hillshoro when Aunt Maud moved to Bonni's (Maud's there when Bonni's children turned 1 + 3). Bonni has the trunk & I suggest it. She says it is empty. She does have the Uphams Rocking Chair which moved with Aunt Maud.

Bonni showed us several Uphams documents which she will get copied for us:

- shows BJD for 20 in 1869 found in Wake County Agricultural Club
- A list of family names in a Bible (must be the entries made by Frances Holt) Shows EM middle name "OLANRE"?
- other

Bonni does not know how she came by these items. She would not let them out of her hands for others to copy.



BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XID 808

(83)

7 MAY  
2010

Subject: Re: INWOOD

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>

Date: Fri, May 07, 2010 9:14 am

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phillip,

I have told everyone about the June 13 service, but I always think that direct contact is best, if possible. The addresses for our folks are:

Ann Jeffreys Romeo - [Starstone9@aol.com](mailto:Starstone9@aol.com)

Joseph Randolph Jeffreys, Jr. ("Bo") - [bojeffreys@gmail.com](mailto:bojeffreys@gmail.com)

Frank Upchurch Jeffreys - [frankjeffreys@nc.rr.com](mailto:frankjeffreys@nc.rr.com)

Phillip Michael Brown, Jr. - [pbrown7@ec.rr.com](mailto:pbrown7@ec.rr.com)

David Jeffreys Brown - No E-mail - 910-352-2827

Katherine "Karrie" Brown Rushing - [Kbrushing@nc.rr.com](mailto:Kbrushing@nc.rr.com) Telephone 919-329-0075

Thanks for keeping us up to date!

Bonnie

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17 MAY 2010 - Called Bonnie ↑

She agrees to meet with RPU/SSU & Manth/Nancy starting 1-2 PM on SAT 29 MAY 2010 at her home in Weymouth & see photos. She understands about Manth's health and that we might have to cancel at the last minute.

Bonnie says the secretary at Inwood is KIM HARTY and that her email address is <[oppie@inwoodhospital.com](mailto:oppie@inwoodhospital.com)>

Bonnie says I may need to talk to the nurse director at Inwood who is the dau of Sue Price

Bonnie means about the cancel dial's request. She will urge her family to postpone.

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25 MAY  
2010

Subject: NC Visit

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>

Date: Tue, May 25, 2010 7:01 pm

To: "Phillip Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phillip,

I had to look back to see when you are arriving in your birth state - and, lo and behold, you are likely already here! Hope that everything went well with the trip.

I have been struggling with this additional lung challenge and haven't gotten to get the photos copied for you as I had surely intended to do. It will be done, though.

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

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4 MAY  
2010

Subject: Visit Clarification

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ecm.com>

Date: Tue, May 04, 2010 8:02 pm

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, my message must have been completely off the wall. No, Karrie does not have a conflict for June 06, except for the birthday party - which is also Mike's and my conflict. She also does not have a conflict with June 13 - or May 25 that I know of, at present. I will make every effort to attend and so will she, but we do not want to alienate her brother and his family by boycotting their children's joint birthday celebration on June 06.

When I said that Karrie is off June 13, I meant that she doesn't have to work that day at her church. She had planned to come to *Wilmington at some point during her weekend off*. However, she is definitely willing to sing when you speak.

If your presentation could be at a time other than June 06, it would be great!!! Having it at night will put us on the road, late, but it won't be the first time!

Exhaustion kept me from the Jeffreys Family Reunion, May first, in Knightdale. I really wanted to go and had hoped to get additional information about that branch of the family. I feel a huge gap in my life because I know so little about my Jeffreys heritage!

Karrie's husband, Matt shadowed Philip, yesterday, as part of his prep for the MCAT in June. He came by for a few minutes, last night, on his way back to Garner and shared some of his day. He was very interested in the reactions of folks who had to be told that their legs needed to be amputated. As a VS, Philip does a fair amount of amputations and any surgery involving veins and arteries, like aneurysms. He doesn't do heart surgery.

Phillip, if you have any questions, please give me a call: 910-791-8360, anytime. I am usually up quite late, as in the AMs.

Sorry to have sent a confusing message, earlier, today.

Bonnie

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5 MAY  
2010

Subject: RE: Visit Clarification

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, May 05, 2010 3:49 pm

To: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ecm.com>

Hi Bonnie---

The Inwood meeting has been rescheduled and now will be at 6:30 PM on Sunday June 13, 2010. I trust you will get this on Karrie's calendar. We can sort out other details as time goes by.

I am now trying to reach Becky Bradley to see if she can participate. I sent her and email and will proceed to call.

You mention the Jeffrey's heritage. I do wish you could get some sort of a rough sketch. I have some notes from your parents but did not have a lot of luck using my Internet sources. If we get past an initial block a lot may unfold. I have a great deal of information about families east of Raleigh including one or more Jeffreys families.

Phillip Upchurch

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7 MAY  
2010

Subject: INWOOD

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, May 07, 2010 7:13 am

To: "Bonnie Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ecm.com>

Hi Bonnie---

Plans are moving along for the presentation at Inwood for Sunday June 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM. I now have agreement from Becky Bradley that she will play the violin possibly accompanied by her brother Bill on the piano. Last night I wrote out an order of service with guiding notes. I'll get it off to Mike Poole today. He is our main contact at Inwood. Once it has his blessing I'll share with others involved.

Going forward should I be emailing Karrie directly with a copy to you? Please advise. We still need a lot of coordination on the musical aspects such as who is to accompany whom, when, and choices of music. I hope the item right after my talk will be "have Thine Own Way Lord" as it has a special relationship to what I will talk about.

Can I count on you to urge your siblings and anyone else you think of to attend? Let me know if it is best that put my oar in the water on that effort.

Phillip Upchurch

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XID-808

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26 APR  
2010

Subject: Old Store

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>

Date: Mon, Apr 26, 2010 7:28 pm

To: "Phillip Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, no time to write, but wanted to let you know that I found a better picture of the store than the one that I sent.

Bonnie

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27 APR  
2010

Subject: RE: Old Store

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Tue, Apr 27, 2010 5:18 am

To: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>XXXX

Hi Bonnie---

Thanks. Glad you found another one. No rush to see it.

I made a commitment in Raleigh for Saturday May 5 so would not be able to come to see you that day.

Have been in contact with Sue Price at Inwood. They already have a speaker for Homecoming 2010 but she is exploring the prospect that I might speak on a Sunday while I am there on upcoming trip.

Best

Cousin Phillip

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3 MAY  
2010

Notes of RPU Call to Bonnie. She will contact Kami re her availability for participating at Inwood on 6 JUN - but I agreed would shift to 30 MAY, or 13 JUN if necessary

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Subject: Inwood Date

From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XJD-808

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22 APR  
2010

Subject: RE: Surprise  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Thu, Apr 22, 2010 5:01 am  
To: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com~~>XX  
Cc: "Miley Perry" <~~meperry15@yahoo.com~~>, "Gettis Upchurch" <~~Gettisupchurch@carolina.rr.com~~>

Hi Bonnie---

It was a marvelous surprise to get the photos. I had thought I would not see them until Monk and I come down to see you in June. I am delighted that you caught the store with the name Upchurch still on it. This will make a splendid photo for the front of my History of Swift Creek Township if you are willing to give permission. The photos are being forwarded to Monk and Gettis for their amazement.

It is also great that the photos have dates. I assume that the name Upchurch was put on by Bitsy when he took over the store and that it remained in May of 1956 even though his untimely death was the previous February. I have a similar photo of the two Aunts and my mother taken in 1950 when we had them to lunch when we lived at 1208 College Place in Raleigh right behind St Mary's College.

For The Cause!

Cousin Phillip

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23 APR  
2010

Subject: Family Death  
From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com~~>  
Date: Fri, Apr 23, 2010 8:54 am  
To: "Phillip Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

QUIT FOR JD MONKRS TO  
RE BIOFILE

Phillip, I am sure that you know of this sadness, but, just in case, am sending the obituary. I t/w Elisa yesterday. She is driving Frances Holt up. We are going in that direction, today, and plan to attend the funeral, Saturday.

Bonnie

Subject: RE: Family Death  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Fri, Apr 23, 2010 10:43 am  
To: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com~~>XX

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23 APR  
2010

Hi Bonnie---

June asked Monk to call me after Jo passed away and he did so on Wednesday. I had hoped to get an obit in due course and appreciate your thinking of me and sending it.

Jo and I were classmates as children and so had a common background. As I got to be a teenager she was at the top of my list if you know what I mean. She seemed not to notice. Years went by and as I began work on the history of Swift Creek Township we became close friends. She was extremely helpful and we talked often and I always visited her on visits to NC and peppered her with questions. I stayed in touch as her health declined and would like to think that our collaboration helped to make her last years more enjoyable and her last months more bearable. We last talked on March 20 for about 20 minutes. She was of clear mind and was upbeat and willing to engage in recollections. I shall miss her greatly as will the many friends she made over many years.

May she rest in peace.

Cousin Phillip

DONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XJD-808

(71)  
21 APR  
2010

Subject: Surprise  
From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <~~bonnie.jeffreys@upchurchstory.com~~>  
Date: Wed, Apr 21, 2010 8:38 pm  
To: "Phillip Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phillip,

I got to thinking that, maybe, I kept out the Upchurch pictures I was looking at over the weekend - and, lo and behold - I had. I carried them to work, scanned and saved them in two files. So, here is a preliminary look. The girl is unidentified, but it looks a little like Judy Johnson.

Bonnie



Aunt Maude and Aunt Bessie 6/1958



COPY OF THIS SHEET MADE  
FOR UPCHURCH STORE - SWCTWP & FOR  
BESSIE ESTELLE U b 1872 AGE 86  
MARTHA JAY U b 1876 AGE 71  
GETTIS NEWPERSON U b 1882 AGE 59  
WISCONSIN LAMAR U b 1884 AGE 75

SEP 59



Uncle Gettis 12/1941



BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XID 808

18 APR  
(68) 2010  
CONT

Second, I am blown away by the idea that you have a picture of the old Upchurch Store -- and with Uncle Wis in front. This would be perfect for the cover of my history of Swift Creek Township and I would like to start negotiations on getting a copy. Monk and Gettis had pondered about the fact that we had no idea as to how to get a copy and then our angel appeared.

I have talked to Monk and we have a plan to propose for your consideration. We would like to invite ourselves to come to see you when I am in NC 25 May -15 June. Monk and Nancy and Sallaine and I would drive down in the AM and spend a couple of hours with Frances Holt and then have lunch at her new place. The people who run it encourage lunch visitors and Frances Holt has been urging Monk to do this. This would leave us free to see you early in the PM and then drive back to Raleigh.

If the above is agreeable to you we would leave it up to you to propose a date that would be best for you. I assume it would probably a Saturday. If you can pull out some of the Upchurch pictures you mentioned we would love to see them. If you would have no objection perhaps we could take a few to a place to make some Xerox copies. For the store I would like the best copy possible. We could reflect on how to get that done. In our visit we could chat about our shared heritage which I always enjoy. I will come with a list of questions which otherwise I might not remember to ask.

Looking forward to hearing from you and to the prospects of a great visit with you and Mike.

Cousin Phillip

(69)  
20 APR  
2010

**Subject:** Re: Thank you for the letter!  
**From:** "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 20, 2010 9:14 pm  
**To:** <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phillip, you do write the best letters! Of course you may share with Bill. When Mike, Pat, Bill and I were together, Bill and Mike would always talk up a storm - about what I have no idea. They always looked like they were having fun. I know that Mike was.

I shall be happy to have some pictures made for you. However, the pictures were taken with an old Brownie camera that Uncle Frank (AKA Frank "Junior" although he wasn't - a junior, that is) and Mabel had given me - my first camera - and I loved it, but it wasn't an SLR!

As for the visit, you are welcome, anytime. We are, again, in the midst of paint and crowded rooms and empty rooms, so bear that in mind! With my crazy work hours, a Saturday would probably be good timing. The Medical Society is building a Habitat House, so we might have to meet at the build site! Somehow, even though we were supposed to have a physician to coordinate the volunteers on our assigned days, this non-physician has somehow gotten that job among her bizillion other ones! To say that association management is multi-faceted is an understatement.

Now, the challenge will be to find the pictures, again! If you think of them, send me the questions that you have so that I can let the answers come to me as they will - if they will.

As always,

Are you going to the Inwood Homecoming, October 10? And preach?

Bonnie

(70)  
21 APR  
2010

**Subject:** Coming to NC  
**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 21, 2010 6:41 am  
**To:** "Bonnie Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.rr.com>

Hi Bonnie---

We will be looking forward to our visit with you. I'll hold the three Saturday's of my visit open for now. They are 29 May, 5 June and 12 June. I'll ask Monk to do the same . When we get closer we can pick the one that best suits you. Bear in mind that we could meet with you in the AM and see Frances Holt in the PM if this would fit your schedule better. I'll be working on that list of questions but it might be something I do on the plane ride so as to be efficient. Over achievers like you and I tend to do that sort of thing.

I don't have a deal on the Inwood Homecoming yet but have been trying to reach my contact there in the last few days. They may be booked already. We will see.

Thanks for your kind comments about my letters.

Best!

Cousin Phillip

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XEN-808

Subject: Re: Fw: Please don't miss this one! for joey too  
From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.n.c.edu>  
Date: Thu, Mar 25, 2010 9:06 pm  
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

(66)

25 MAR  
2010

Phillip, I am relieved that Frances Holt is all right. Also t/w Elisa, today.

I do hope that you get to speak at Inwood. What a treat! Unless she has something that will keep her away, I know that Karrie would be honored to sing. She has a retreat at Bald Head Island for her choir sometime in October and I have the NC Medical Society meeting in Winston Salem in October. Just hope that these do not conflict with Homecoming - whose date I cannot remember. If Homecoming doesn't work out, surely another Sunday would be great, too. You would need to contact all of the former Inwood members and our far-flung relatives so that they could attend if at all possible.

I hope that Albert's surgery works, this time. It sounds like a less-than-safe situation. I will have to ask Phillip about it.

The music adds to the video, but the spirit of the couple is contagious!

The Bartlett Pear trees are a-bloom with the maples about ready to pop, too. It is a pretty - if pollen-filled - time in NC!

Bonnie

(67)

11 APR  
2010

see Profile of Gertie Bradley 4 Entry 11 APR 2010 for  
copy of letter sent by RPH to 5 relatives incl B D J

(68)

18 APR  
2010

Subject: Thank you for the letter!  
From: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.n.c.edu>  
Date: Sun, Apr 18, 2010 9:01 pm  
To: "Phillip Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Phillip,

Thanks for the wonderful letter recalling your visit with Pat. I just loved her. She was so kind to me when I was a student at UNCG. If she needed a picture of a Raleigh girl for a publication, she called me. She was a skilled photographer. One day, she called and asked me to find a second person, too. That took a little more doing, since the girls I knew were mostly from Cary! After Mike and I were married, she invited us over for dinner - and had the best roast that I still have ever eaten! When I graduated, she invited the entire family that had attended for me to her house for lunch!

Bill was a favorite, too. When I worked for WUNC for a semester (at \$.75 per hour), he warned the staff to watch their language during the live programming to protect my ears, since I was wearing headphones! I thought that that was the sweetest thing! He always had a great radio voice.

I have been searching for things pertaining to my CHS 50th reunion, June 19. Every time that I come upon old pictures of the Upchurch family, I wonder if you would like to see them - or if you have similar ones. I am glad that I took some pictures of the old store before it was razed. In one, Uncle Wis is sitting outside in his accustomed place. It is hard for me to look for things, b/c I so enjoy taking my time and remembering the special times. It is a real treat. I told Mike the other day that I would like to get all of my pictures in the same place. They are in many different closets and drawers. Real organization can come - sometime.

You and Sallaine are amazing. The rest of us can only aspire to your level of activity in what will be a mere few more years!

I appreciate all of your communication!

Bonnie

Subject: RE: Thank you for the letter!  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Tue, Apr 20, 2010 7:13 am  
To: "Bonnie Jeffreys Brown" <bonniejeffreysbrown@ec.n.c.edu>

Hi Bonnie---

I was overjoyed to get your email of the 18th. First, the input re my sister Pat gave me information I did not have and which I now treasure. You confirm my cherished memories of her. If you have no objection I would like to send a copy on to Bill as he and I have been refreshing our memories about Pat recently. He misses her greatly as do I. -CONT.

(18) NOTES OF RPU CALL TO BDSJ 30 JUN 2007

Home = (910) 791, 8360      Work = (910) 790-5900

Bonnie has rec'd UB Vol 28#1. I told her I had today placed in the mail to her 3 children the same issue. She is due to send in \$40 (to keep all four names on the list for next UB issue) - but I said I would settle for \$30.

Bonnie has no idea where her mother went to school and was surprised when I said she had been to Centennial in Raleigh, then to Enterprise then to Summit Club.

Her mother did tell her about the house burning and how the only thing saved was a bottle of sewing machine oil. Her mother also told of a lack of material goods while growing up.

To complete the master outline of Edna Lewis

▷ Philip Michael Brown, Jr and Christy in New Hanover Co, NC

▷ Philip Michael Brown, III in New Hanover Co, NC

▷ Bonnie Katherine Brown md 29 JUN 2002 (New Hanover Co, NC)

▷ Anna Southland Rushing in Wake Co, NC

I urged Bonnie to write her recollections of her parents, her Yulcrum Grandparents and her Yulcrum Aunts & Uncle

We discussed the family of Frank Jones Y, Sr. Bonnie says they would be glad to see me. Jeff & Pat are estranged from Gertie & Fred.



① Bonnie Jeffreys is the daughter of James U (XID 753) of Nathan / Culbert U clan - Bartley Jefferson U line. [ Profile noted in Valley Files ]

② Per 25 FEB 1978 notes of RPU visit to Ray Arnold CS11  
Bonnie Jeffreys had a number. They live in Wilmington, NC & have 2 boys & a girl. Her brother Frank Jeffreys is now with her.

③ see notes of RPU visit to Edna Fair U - 24 FEB 1975  
Bonnie Dell U mar to 30 OCT 1941

④ see pg 5 JAN 82 Edna Fair U to RPU

Bonnie Dell Jeffreys Ph 30 OCT 1941 (Rex Hospital, Wake Co, Raleigh, NC) and 12 JUL 1963 (Inwood Baptist Church) (Raleigh, NC). Philip Michael Brown<sup>sr</sup> 24 AUG 1940 (Durham, NC). son of Dock Brown and Nancy Ruth Southerland

⑤ See notes of 5 FEB 1995 call Patti Janet M'Lee to RPU  
BDDJA and "Mick" Brown who is now a retired school teacher. Their son Jr is soon to get his MO and to marry. Their daughter Bonnie Katherine Brown is a music major at East Carolina

⑥ 19 FEB 2006 (SUN) called Bonnie & had a nice chat. I wanted to get an address for one of the children of Frank Jefferson U, Sr. She called me back later in the day & provided the following:

FRANK JEFFERSON U, JR  
136 TANGLEWOOD COVE  
BELMONT, NC 28012

⑥ 19 FEB 2006 (SUN) - CONTINUED

Bonnie says she & Mike yesterday attended the memorial service for Frank Jefferson II, Sr in the Charlotte NC Area. All of his children except Fred were present. He lives nearby but has become estranged from the family. Bonnie confirms that Gettis uses a plow to mow home & travel to sheet stacks which is now his passion. Bonnie says Jeff & Patry are very close & Patry is the keeper of things. They say they want to keep the Uplands land in rural agricultural and will soon plant trees. Bonnie thinks the ashes of FJU, Sr will be spread over a farm his son Jeff has in the Charlotte Area. Bonnie spoke at the memorial service.

Bonnie reports that FJU, Sr came to her father's funeral but not to her mother's. He stayed in his home until the last & had a caregiver 24/7. He had Alzheimer's but it was not advanced & he enjoyed eating out and was taken somewhere every day.

Bonnie thanked me for the letter of condolence I wrote upon the death of her mother. When we visited Bonnie a couple of years ago she was not well as she had & has an enlarged passageway to her lungs & had started on 18 months antibiotic treatment just as we visited in her home. Aunt Edna had the same affliction. Bonnie finished the treatment last November.

Bonnie also talked at the memorial service for her father as the ministers were new & did not know him well. Bonnie will send \$10 for UB.

⑥ 19 FEB 2006 (SUN) - Continued notes of APU Call to Bonnie Dell. The update on her family is as follows:

I. Edna Lois U w/o Frank James U of the Nathan U, I / Gilbert U Sutherland - Bartley Jefferson U Line

A. Bonnie Dell Jeffreys

1. Philip Michael Brown, Jr (No issue by 1st mg)
  - △ md (2nd) JUL 2004 (1) CHRISTY MICHELLE BLACKMON
  - △ a. Philip Michael Brown, III b. JUN 2005
  - b. No further issue - 19 FEB 2006
2. Bonnie Katherine Brown "Kamie"
  - △ a. Anna Sutherland Roshing b. 9 AUG 2005

⑦ 4 JUN 2006 (MON) - Called Bonnie (910) 791-8360 & had a nice chat. Asked her to identify some of the family of Frank Jefferson U, or which she did - (see his old name). Bonnie says her health is OK but she still has the bronchitis issue. She says her sister "Bobbie" and brother Bo still live at home. Frank here has own house in Raleigh. Bobbie & her long term boy friend have bought a small home down near Golf Course & are renovating it. They may build there. Bonnie has a check she has been meaning to send me along with pictures she took when we visited two years ago. She also said she had misplaced the letter of condolence I wrote re the death of her mother. I promised to send a copy. She wants to share with her siblings.

(8) From Pg 4 & 5 of Notes made on RPA & SSA Trip to NC 27 MAY - 12 JUN 2004 - The excerpt below pertains to visit of RPA, SSA & Joyce (Sledge) Criffin to home of M/M Philip Michael Brown, Sr. CNE Bonnie Dell Jeffreys on 30 MAY 2004

B. Called Home of M/M & Bonnie Brown at 1:20 AM & got directions from Mike & went over for a 2 1/2 hr visit. They live 1.5 Miles North of I-40/Market Street on Green meadow drive.

Mike graduated from UNC in psychology & has spent life in High School Athletics. His claim to fame is his call to Dean Smith at UNC alerting him to potential of Michael Jordan who played at Pulmonston High & later at UNC. Mike is now retired but does consulting & all cooking. He has a cabin & garden in Bladen County. He is a hunter & had interests in common with Joyce. Bonnie has worked for 20 years as Head Staff person for an Assn of Wilmington Doctors. They have no grandchildren. Their son P. B. M. Jr & wife are separated (temporarily or permanently ??). Daughter and -- RUSHING. Her middle name = AARON. Mike & Bonnie seemed delighted to see us. Her GF was Wm Henderson Jeffreys & her GM was DO KATHY --. Bonnie says her GM may have been Jordan. She is adverse to Jordan. I will check.

Aunt Maud lived with Uncle Frank & Aunt Edna for several years & made their lives unhappy. So Mike & Bonnie took Aunt Maud to Hillsboro, NC to live with them until she broke her leg and had to be put in the Nursing home at Erwin in Harnett Co, NC.

I do not remember seeing Bonnie until she was a child. She remembers seeing me but does not recall when. She remembers my smile & cheerful outlook. She thinks I look like Uncle Gettys. Bonnie does not seem to grasp that Frank Jr used wit & guile to get the Lepidus land. Bonnie graduated from UNC - Greensboro. She was introduced to Mike by his friend who knew Bonnie at Cary High. They were married when Bonnie had one year left to go at UNC - she did finish. Bonnie referred to her Aunt Maud. Bonnie took pictures before we left & gave a \$10 check for U.B. All in all the visit was most enjoyable.

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XIV-808

March 19, 2011

REC'D 24 MAR 2011

Dear Phillip,

It is so kind of you to offer to assist Kavin in her search. Given your amazing expertise in the field, I think that she felt the need to "get up to speed" a bit before contacting you! She reports that Kaddis' maternal grandmother remains a mystery;

The payment for four subscriptions is enclosed. They are for Philip M. Brown, Jr.; David J. Brown, Katherine G. Rushing and me.

medicalsociety@eastnc.  
twcbc.com

Just think, your 2013 talk at Inwood isn't that far away! I really look forward to it.

As always,  
Bonnie

B. If you need  
to contact  
me "at" work,  
these are the  
ways:

910-790-5800

WD  
Bonnie p. 3, 2011

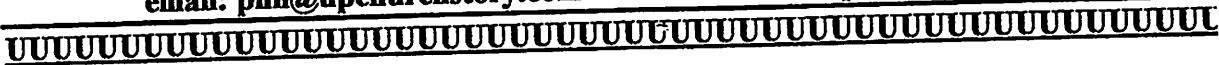
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25 DEC 201

Dear Bonnie,

I am sure Philip will honor your desire to pay  
his 2011 UB so I have credited his \$100 to the Upchurchs  
Research Fund which is used to buy books, documents,  
etc. The 2011 subscription is \$10 each so \$40 for you  
& your three children. Send any time. No rush. It  
will be produced next fall.

I am doing fine. Started 3 months of therapy  
on the 23rd - have a great therapist. Am trying  
myself to write a little which as you can see  
is shaky.

Barry is having Christmas for our St Louis  
family at his house later today. Sallaine  
has baked 6 pies/cakes to take for 12 people!

This is the best Christmas ever for us as  
we reflect on our life-long good fortune  
putting aside thoughts of material things

Our best to you & mine for a  
Great 2011  
Philip Upchurch

BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

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23 JUN 2010

Dear Bonnie,

After our AZ trip in May and intermening  
over 60 people on our three week NC trip we  
returned home on June 15 needing a vacation.  
Both were great trips. The three talks worked out  
well. It was great to visit with you & Mike  
in Wilmington and to visit also with Fran  
Holt.

I am only gradually getting to my "thank you"  
and earlier today sent one to Kamie. Her song  
at the Inwood event was wonderful. She and  
Berby put on a show to make our family  
proud. I am sure you could tell the talk I  
gave came from deep within. It was a pleasure  
to make your father a center piece - but still  
I did not do him justice. As a mentor to me  
at an early stage he helped to shape my life.

I appreciate the extra effort it took for you  
and Mike to come to the Inwood event. I  
enjoyed seeing for the first time your two  
grandchildren. Matthew seems to be quite  
a handful.

The items you showed me when we visited your home are very important for family history purposes. I do hope you will be able to get the papers somewhat restored and in a condition where copies can be made and shared. Two items caught my eye. One was the Bible Record where for the first time I got an idea of what the "O" in Aurora O. Ray stands for. The other was the 1869 record of Grandfather joining the Cattle Club. I suspect that a closer inspection will reveal other key items of interest, Monk and I would be happy to participate in whatever way feasible to make the sharing of these documents possible.

I still have to go over the notes I made from from the cryptic notations made when visiting with you. When I get to this task some more questions may surface.

I trust your health continues to improve. My cold which came six weeks ago lingers on as a cough. My heart doctor giving me a stress test (All OK) this AM listened to my lungs & said I should be OK in a week - and if not to see a doctor. He offered medicine but I declined. (we men are like that).

Til Next Time

Phillip Wybrunck, Cousin's





BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

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28 DEC 2007

Dr. MICHAEL HOUSE & FAMILY  
703 PINE FOREST ROAD  
AYDEN, NC 28513

Dear Michael & Family,

We know that the sorrow continues in your home and ours over the passing of Janet. Still, it is important that we remember the good times. I now write about one such time.

As you know Janet had a very joyful relationship with the Family of Michael & Bonnie Brown and had a special regard for their daughter, Kanie. Now Bonnie has established a memorial in honor of Janet. She has contributed a sum to the Upchurch Endowment at N.C. State University in memory of Janet. This memorial will also be recorded in the next Upchurch Bulletin. I will match all contributions to this memorial.

It is most appropriate that Janet's name be linked to the Upchurch Endowment as she was proud of her Upchurch heritage.

Uncle Bro"

Robert Phillip Upchurch

*Send  
Copy of this letter*

*sent to Bonnie 28 DEC 2007 - ALSO  
LTR 29 JUL 2009 TO NCSU*



interpretation and part input from other sources. This system is far from perfect and needs improvement but it is what I have used for years.

I visited Janet on 14 Oct and spent the night. She had had several "good" days before I arrived but on the day of my visit was down. She does not speak clearly and thus conversation is difficult.

We talked but she was not animated. She is aware of her situation and does not dwell on it. However, given that she and I are close and that this could be our last visit I was surprised not to see more emotion. It seems as if her medication had her in a semi zombie state.

I hope for the best but think that the doctors must be right when they project her life in months not years. I tried to make our visit memorable.

As part of my Snyft Creek Township History Project I am trying to construct a roster of the classes at Snyft Creek Elementary. Can you tell me when you started first grade there?

Trust your renovations are progressing nicely and you will soon have everything back in place.

Love  
Phillip

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27 OCT 2007

Dear Bonnie,

Having returned home safely on 23 Oct after 15 days in NC I find myself with a huge amount of material to process. All of this will add to records for the Upchurch Family, to the Project on preparing a history of Sycet Creek Township, and for my memoirs.

Mark and I especially enjoyed visiting with you and appreciated the time you took to chat with us. When three Upchurch descendants get together you can count on rich memories emerging. Later I embellished the brief notes made as we talked.

I mentioned that my memoirs now being written will contain a chapter of thumbnail sketches of 100-200 people I have known. I mentioned the one on your father and you expressed an interest in seeing it. A copy is enclosed. This is still in a draft stage - so let me know if you have input to make.

Your name renovation looks rather major and we know you will be pleased with the result.

Love

Cousin Phillip's R

CC MONK PERRY

TO RPU FROM  
BONNIE BOSON  
2007-SEE EMAIL

BONNIE

DELL JEFFREYS

XID-808



Frank Jefferson and Mable Bradley Upchurch

When I was a toddler, Mother explained that the person whose life we celebrate, today, was my uncle and her brother. And so he became, for the first part of my childhood, Uncle Brother.

I could sense the family's pride, mixed with fear, when he chose to defend his country during WWII. He left a beautiful young bride expecting their first child, and wondering if he would ever return to be a father to their son.

Aunt Mable was kind, with a lovely smile and lilting voice. She made a 2 ½ year old girl feel very important and grown up, when, after Jeff was born, she patiently taught me how to fold his cloth diapers. She had a way with animals and made the best oyster dressing that I have ever eaten. With four children - and at least as many pets, she kept her house immaculate. She and Uncle Frank gave me my first watch and, jointly, with my sister, a Brownie Camera that sparked my love of photography.

Riding to Charlotte with Uncle Frank, one day, he looked back over his shoulder at me and asked if I had ever ridden at the speed of 100 MPH. I allowed that, no, I had not. He teased, "Do you want to?" I nervously agreed. He gleefully floored the accelerator and, on a very straight road near Aberdeen, I had my first - and only - 100 MPH ride.

Our daughter moved to Belmont to teach choral music at South Point in 1997. During a visit, as he was proudly telling her about some of his considerable holdings, Uncle Frank shared a sage piece of advice: "The way to have a lot of money is not to spend it!"

Aunt Mable and Uncle Frank offered their hospitality freely. When my husband and I relocated to Charlotte in 1964, they offered their house as home base while we searched for a place to live. I asked Uncle Frank to recommend a bank. He did and told me whom to see there. When I identified myself and revealed that my husband was with the Mecklenburg County School System, the bank officer said, "Telling me that you are Frank Upchurch's niece and that your husband is a teacher are the two best references that you could have." In 1966, they gave us Patty's old crib to refinish for our firstborn. That special family crib was used by all three of our children.

The most significant thing that our uncle and aunt did for my three siblings and me was to give us Jeff, Fred, Gettis, and Patty Ann. With Uncle Frank's passing, all eight of us, now without the gift of living parents, have each other: brothers, sisters, cousins, blood relatives, no-matter-what forever friends, for as long as we reside on this earth.



BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XID-808  
February 28, 2007

Dear Phillip,

REC'D  
5 MAR 2007

Please send the UR to my children  
as follows:

Philip Michael Brown, Jr., MD and Family  
5131 Nicholas Creek Circle  
Wilmington, NC 28409-2356

David Jeffrey Brown  
3807 Calico Court NE  
Herald, NC 28451-4022

V.27 #1+2, 2006

3-5-07  
to all 3

Katherine Brown Rushing and Family  
800 Old Scarborough Lane  
Harker, NC 27529

Enclosed is a check for \$30. Please  
advise when renewals are due.

Thank you for your help.

Bonnie





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I have had a look at my Master outline for the Edna Lane (Ypschuck) Jeffrey Family and find only a few missing items as follows:

- 1) where did Philip and Christy marry?
- 2) where was Philip III born?
- 3) when & where did Karie & Matt marry?
- 4) when & where was Matt born?
- 5) where was Anna born?
- 6) what was the full name of ESTER SMITH and when and where was she born?

None of these items are critical but I keep marking away at the various Master outlines trying to get them as complete & accurate as possible. since there are/have been several hundred thousand members of the Extended American Ypschuck Family you can see I will never finish.

Why don't you and Mike make a special trip to St Louis to see us. We would love to have you as our guests and to show you around.

Lane  
Phil Ypschuck

(27)

REC'D  
21 DEC 2006

12-16-2006

# Peace and Joy

Philip M & Bonnie Brown  
103 Green Meadows Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28405-3726

Sent Bonnie an  
email 27 DEC 2006

Dear Phillip and Sallaine,  
Hoping to find time to pen  
a long letter, much of this  
has waited for 2½ years! Thank  
you for the June 2004 visit. It  
meant so much to Mike and me.

Having babies, PMB, III (06-01-05)  
and Anna (08-09-05), has been  
such fun. Philip and Christy expect

The Madonna of the Streets, as this portrait has come to be known, is an impoverished 11-year-old girl and her baby brother. Italian artist Roberto Ferruzzi's turn-of-the-century portrait captures in one timeless moment the beauty, vulnerability and innocence of children. The Madonna's countenance is a reminder at Christmas that children, no matter how impoverished, are a gift from God.

a sibling for PMB, III in June.

Enclosed is a check for  
receipt of Upchurch Heritage  
information and a second check  
to the organization in memory  
of my beloved mother, Edna Lois  
Upchurch Jeffreys.

Hope that all is well with  
you.

Merry Christmas! Please  
keep in touch - and  
advise me when the time  
is right to send further  
payments for receipt of  
information.

Mike and Bonnie





BONNIE DELL JEFFREYS

XID-808

ROBERT P. UPCHURCH  
351 Shetland Valley Court  
Chesterfield, MO 63005-4840  
(636) 530-6022



5 MAY 2006

Dear Bonnie

It was nice to talk to you by phone yesterday.  
Thank you for the input on Frank Jefferson's family.

Enclosed is a copy of the 26 JUL 2005 letter we discussed and which I promised to send. Provided with it also are copies of the letters mentioned in the body of the letter. As you can see my intention was to send a copy to your parents home. Whether I failed to get it in the mail or whether it got lost along the way is unknown. The letter reflects my deep feelings for your parents.

I was glad to learn that your health is now stable and that mine is well. Perhaps you will soon be looking forward to retirement and will have more freedom. Whether then or before please include a visit to me in Mexico in your plans.

With All Best Wishes & Love

 Phil Upchurch

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Enclosed is a copy of my Master outline for the family of Edna Loin (W) Jeffers. Please let me know if & when there are corrections, updates, etc.

Since we discussed Aunt Maude quite a bit I enclose herewith a copy of my 7-Page 22-Item Profile for her. Please let me have any questions that come to mind. Can you tell me if she actually passed away in Harnett Co, NC or in Walo Co, NC. If you can find time, I would be most grateful if you could write a few paragraphs about your recollections of Aunt Maude which I could add to her Profile.

Enclosed is a copy of my 2-Item Profile on your GF W. H. Jeffers. I am unclear as to whether his official name was "WILLIE" or "WILLIAM".

I could find nothing about the prospects that his wife Dorothy might have had an Indian heritage. I note that her family name might be spelled ETHERIDGE or ETHRIDGE. Both names appear for families in Walo Co, NC & Franklin Co, NC.



We had a nice visit with your mother & Barbara, Frank, Bob & Gina after we left you. Also, I had a great day visiting RAY Country in Northern Wake Co, NC with two RAY Cousins. They pointed out many RAY sites including the burial place of Bookner RAY, my GGF and your GGF - the father of Aurora (Ray) Upchurch.

Bonnie, I don't want to be a bother to you about family history matters. On the other hand I will always be happy to interact with you on any aspects that are of mutual interest.

Trusting that this finds you & yours well, I remain,



Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

BONNIE

DELL JEFFREYS

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SSAD  
2005

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Philip M & Bonnie Brown  
103 Green Meadows Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28405-3726

Dear Phillip and Sallaine,  
Your visit remains a very high point in our year! Did I send you copies of the pictures taken, huh? They were set aside to send, but whether they made it to the mailbox, I am not sure! If you only had

E-mail! In case you do, now, my home address is: PmandBTBrown@aol.com; work, bonniejeffreysbrown@earthlink.net.

Phillip, I am sorry to have missed so many years of your writing the Bulletin. It was a wonderful and generous labor of love.

Our thrilling news is that two of our children and their spouses are expecting babies: Philip and Christy in June; Karri and Matt, in August.

Wishing you a New Year of all that is positive and good!

Trise and Bonnie  
910-791-8360



# ROWAN ROOTS

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## BROWN-FISHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

The BROWN-FISHER ASSOCIATION held its annual reunion on Saturday 16th September 2017 on the grounds of the Old Stone House, home of Michael Braun/Brown. One hundred members and friends attended.

Registration began at 10 a.m. Attendees were greeted by Juanita Fisher Lagg, and Debbie Brown Taylor. At 11:30 a.m. a picnic style luncheon of hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and all the trimmings, prepared by Sarah Z. Brown, Norman Ribelin, Larry Brown and Doug Pruitt was served.

After lunch, President Stephen Brown greeted everyone to the reunion. He talked about the relationship between the Browns and Fishers and how the two families have supported the renewal and continuing upkeep of the Old Store House. The next project of the Association is to make use of the caretaker's house which is now vacant. A committee has been appointed to evaluate the house and make a plan for its future use.

Treasurer Larry Brown gave the current financial standing of the Association. He stated that the parking lot debt has been paid off and the Association can now proceed with its next project, the caretaker's house. The Association has an Old Stone House Improvement Fund.

President Stephen Brown recognized special guest to the reunion. Oldest persons attending: James "Jim" Brown age 91 of Salisbury and Juanita Fisher Lagg age 91 of Salisbury; youngest person attending: Skylar Menster one year old daughter of Randy and Kelly Brownell Menster of Salisbury; persons who traveled the farthest: Eizabeth Shepherd Bliss of Brigantine, NJ and Nate Ribelin of Alpharetta, GA. Three families had three generations present: Larry Brown, Doris Caudle and Ann Brown Kesler. The family of Walter Lee (Jack) Brown, a descendent of Michael Braun/Brown thru his son James had 30 descendents attending the reunion. 8 persons



attended the reunion for the first time. Children attending were: Olivia VanPelt, Jacob Helms, Natalie Helms, Emma Clifton, Summer Butterick, Aiyanna Covington, Summer Menster, Berkley Brown, Riley Adams, and Skylar Mentster.

Juanita Fisher Lagg recognized new life members since the 2016 reunion: Patricia Bonds Beck, Salisbury; Rodney Dale Kesler of Salisbury, Cathy Kirchin of Granite Quarry; Nathaniel Ribelin, Alpharetta, GA; Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Lewis of Wilmington; Phillip M. Brown of Wilmington; Dan Hicks Satterwhite, Inca, NC; Lauren Haynes O'Brian of Huntersville; and Josh Haynes of Denver.

A copy of the book MICHAEL BRAUN (BROWN) OF THE OLD STONE HOUSE, HIS INFLUENCE AND DESCENDENTS was auctioned by Larry Brown. The highest bidder was Terry L. Brown of Advance, NC.

President Brown also recognized Juanita Fisher Lagg for her many years as Coordinator for the Brown-Fisher Association. She keeps track of membership and reservations for the reunions.

An election was also held for the Board of Directors. President: Stephen Brown of Durham; Vice-president: Dean Brown of Spartanburg, SC; Secretary: Patricia B. Beck of

Salisbury, Treasurer: Larry Brown of China Grove; Coordinator: Juanita Lagg of Salisbury; Editor: Cathy Kirchin of Granite Quarry; board members: Rod Kesler of Salisbury; Sarah Brown of China Grove; Doug Robinson of Salisbury; Linda Shelton of Salisbury; Carolyn Miller of Salisbury; Candace Brown of China Grove; Keith Wolf of Albemarle; Norman Ribelin of Salisbury; Debbie Brown Taylor of Salisbury, Paul B. Walker of Concord; Sandra Phillips of Granite Quarry; and Ken Clifton of Salisbury.

The reunion was closed with the singing of The Lord's Prayer by S. Dean Brown of Spartanburg, SC.

Persons attending the Brown-Fisher Association reunion enjoyed visiting The Rowan Museum sponsored GERMANFEST activities also held on the grounds of the Old Stone House that day.

Submitted by  
Patricia B. Beck  
Secretary  
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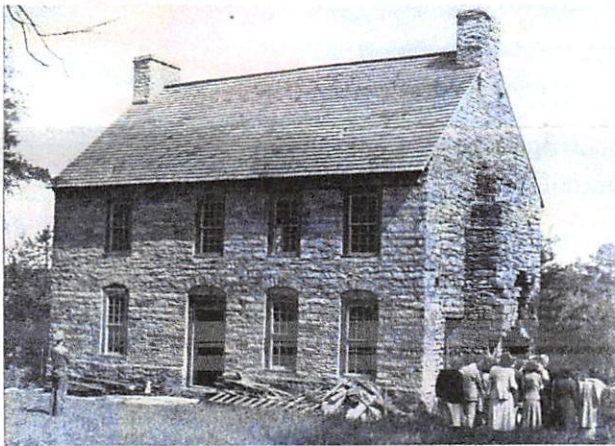
## WEBSITES TO CHECK

[www.brownfisher.weebly.com](http://www.brownfisher.weebly.com)

Check out the website for the Brown-Fisher Association. Add it to your bookmarks and keep checking.

<https://www.rowancountync.gov/307/Library>

If you are delving into your family's genealogical connections to Rowan County, a trip to the History Room in Rowan Public Library would be worth your time. Check the website for library hours and contact information for the History Room.



## OLD STONE HOUSE

To visit the Old Stone House at another time check this information from the Rowan Museum website.

When Michael Braun completed his stone house in 1766, the site was virtual wilderness. The two-story Georgian house is indeed stately for its time with the stones on the front carefully shaped and matched, creating an impressive face to visitors.

### Directions:

Located near Granite Quarry, NC. Head south on NC Highway 52 towards Albemarle, NC. Turn onto Stone House Road in Granite Quarry near the two gas stations. The Old Stone House is located a half mile down the road. Please park in gravel lot and walk across to take a tour.

### Tours:

#### Families and Individual Tours

Saturday-Sunday

1pm - 4pm

(April-November)

#### Group Tours

Call to schedule 704-633-5946

Have a question? Contact the museum at 704-633-5946 or email

[rowanmuseum@fibrant.com](mailto:rowanmuseum@fibrant.com) anytime.

### Address

770 Old Stone House Road  
Salisbury, NC 28146

# 2018 AT THE ROWAN MUSEUM

## April 2018

### Colonial Spring Frolic

Saturday, April 7 | 10am - 4pm

**Location:** Old Stone House, 770 Old Stone House Road, Salisbury, NC 28146

**Description:** Bring in spring the 18th century way at the Old Stone House! Dye Easter Eggs with colonial dyes, play games, dance, and enjoy tasting some colonial recipes!

### Upscale Yard Sale

Saturday, April 14 | Sunday, April 15

**Location:** 202 North Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

**Admission:** Free and open to the public

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## September 2018

### Germanfest

Saturday, September 15

**Location:** Old Stone House, 770 Old Stone House Road, Salisbury, NC 28146

**Description:** Watch the website and Rowan Roots for details

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## November 2018

### Antiques Show

Friday, November 9 | Saturday, November 10 | Sunday, November 11

**Location:** West End Plaza (Old Salisbury Mall)  
1935 Jake Alexander Blvd W, Salisbury, NC 28147

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## December 2018

### Old Stone House Christmas

Saturday, December 29 10am-4pm | Sunday, December 30 12pm-4pm

**Location:** Old Stone House  
770 Old Stone House Road, Salisbury, NC 28146

Check out the Website, [www.rowanmuseum.org](http://www.rowanmuseum.org), for details and information about the monthly History Club meetings and the 2018 Summer Camps for Elementary School and Middle School Students.