

WILLIAM HERBERT GATES, JR (PS) XFD-61888

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Subject: New Form Entry: Contact Form  
From: "w\_gates@bellsouth.net" <no-reply@weebly.com>  
Date: Mon, March 09, 2015 11:43 am  
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Abel U, Sr/  
John U  
Subclan  
Mary Catherine  
U. Line  
CS-91  
Burgie Water  
in Valley  
Filed

You've just received a new submission to your Contact Form.

**Submitted Information:**

**Name**  
William Gates <sup>Δ</sup>

**Email**  
w\_gates@bellsouth.net <sup>Δ</sup>

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Wed, Mar 11, 2015 9:10 am  
To: w\_gates@bellsouth.net

Hi William---

Delighted you found my website. If you had any trouble getting the password it is "2013upchurch#" I hope you watched some of the videos. Let me know if you have questions.

I cannot be sure I have you in my system and would very much like to know how you fit into the family. If you will give me a couple of names that link you to earlier Upchurch generations I will search my records and give you a report. It is very important to know which of the 22 Upchurch clans is yours as that way you can focus on aspects that are of the most importance to you.

If your interest continues I will have more to share with you on what I assume is a shared family heritage.

Looking forward to hearing more from you.  
Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form  
From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2015 8:38 am  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>  
Cc: Rubye <nannyrue4@gmail.com>

Mr. Upchurch,

Thank you for your reply. I have enjoyed watching your videos and using the search feature of the Upchurch Bulletins to find information about Abel Upchurch.

By way of introduction my name is William Herbert Gates, Jr. My father is William Herbert Gates. His mother is Mary Armenia Nelson. Her mother in Mary Catherine Upchurch Nelson (3795). Her father is John Upchurch (3776). His father is Abel Upchurch, Sr. (589). Beginning with my father these ancestors were born or lived in Greene and Pickens Counties, AL. Our knowledge of our Upchurch family history was very limited. Recent research, primarily on the internet ([Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), etc.) brought us back with some confidence to Abel Upchurch, Sr. in Greene County. Abel's earlier family history was hard to determine. Your Upchurch Story web site clarified Abel's ancestry.

I have drafted a continuation of the Abel U., Sr./John U. Subclan Outline to add Mary Catherine Upchurch's descendants through the 9th generation, which includes my father. He and others are still living. Do you use a standard convention for citing living relatives? My concern is privacy.

The person in the Gates family who has kept the family history torch lit is my cousin Rubye Gates Bain of Pickens County, AL. We have discovered your site together and I am copying her on this email.

I look forward to your reply.

Bill Gates  
[w\\_gates@bellsouth.net](mailto:w_gates@bellsouth.net)  
843-763-5177

WILLIAM NERBERT GATES, JR (P62)

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21 MAR  
2015

Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Sat, Mar 21, 2015 7:40 am  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: "Rubye Bain" <nannyrue4@gmail.com>  
Attach: Membership Form 9 JAN 2015.docx

Hi Cousin Bill (and Rubye)---

I was overjoyed to get your email placing you in the Upchurch family. I maintain a large notebook for the Abel U., Sr/Jo U. SubClan to which you belong with separate sections for each of the 15 children of John--some sections more complete than others. I can mail copies of parts of this as needed. For 40 years my records have been kept manually. I am transitioning to digital but there is a whole nother story. My Section on the Mary Catherine U. Line is very limited consisting of the following "Mary Catherine U. "Kate" b.1866 d.1955 Md 16 SEP1988 (Greene Co., AL) George W. Nelson". So you can see I need to add a lot and I hope you can help me on this. I have found two family trees for this couple on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) but they conflict. Can you advise me as to which tree I should follow. Alternatively, if you can email me a descendancy chart that would be very helpful.

While you can help me on the descendants of Mary and George, I can help you on the ancestors of Mary and it appears you have already had a good look at my records. Of course I have tons more in my files.

Your Abel, Sr and my ancestor Nathan U., I were brothers. From the UB issues you can learn about their heritage going back to Michael Upchurch. The brothers grew up together in Franklin County, N.C. in the Moccasin Creek area and in the UB Issues I have written of my many trips to the area and about what I have learned. I hope to visit again in June. Abel U. Sr left NC about 1820 and there is some prospect that he had two families but this needs study. Also, among his children documented in AL there appeared late on the scene a female who seems to be a not before documented daughter. All of this is from my memory and one needs to check the records to see where to go next. There is always more to do.

I invite you to have a look at our new organization at [www.alliedfamilies.com](http://www.alliedfamilies.com) ---password "2014allied#". Here we are trying to do family history in a more powerful way. I hope you will join with us in this effort and that you will support the enrollment of the Abel., Sr family. A membership form is attached. On this website you will note the enrollment process already illustrated for Nathan U., I and others. In particular I draw your attention to the family of William U. IV where considerable detail is given on how your ancestor Abel U., Sr was misplaced early on.

There is a lot in the UB issues about Abel, Sr and his descendants. When we enroll this family we will extract the details on his family to place in the Abel U., Sr narrative to make this easy to find.

I am involved in many activities so my attention to our collaborating will have to be measured. However, be assured of my sincere interest and my hopes that our collaboration will be very productive.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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21 MAR  
2015

Subject: OOPS  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Sat, Mar 21, 2015 10:06 am  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: "Rubye Bain" <nannyrue4@gmail.com>

Hi Bill --again---

I forgot to answer the question you asked about privacy. On my Master Outlines I enter everything and share all as these records are closely held and I send copies only to my cooperators. In a way it is good that I did this in that many of the people for whom I collected data from cooperators and elsewhere are now deceased. Had I been more restrictive the data would not have been preserved/shared as completely. I have tended not to be so regimented in holding data close for living persons as much of it is publicly available anyway and those of us in the family history mode just handicap ourselves by giving extra emphasis to privacy. That having been said, I yield to the matter of privacy as we move to the Internet as there we are more susceptible to being taken advantage of and people are generally more concerned about privacy. We are now starting to construct family trees for enrolled families as a part of the Allied Families operation. These will be public trees and there we will adhere to the concept that nothing is shared for living persons.

Do let me have any thoughts that come to mind.

Phil Upchurch

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21 MAR  
2015

Subject: Mary Catherine Upchurch Outline  
From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Sat, Mar 21, 2015 4:07 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>  
Cc: Rubye <nannyrue4@gmail.com>  
Attach: John Upchurch Subclan.pages  
John Upchurch Subclan pdf conv 2.pdf

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I have attached the outline in two files. I use a Mac computer so Pages is my word processing software. The second file is saved as an Abode pdf and has pdf in the file name.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Bill Gates

OUTLINE OF THE ABEL U., SR./JOHN U. SUBCLAN (THROUGH THE 9TH GENERATION)

H. ABEL U., SR./JOHN U. SUBCLAN

XID  
589/3776

VII. John U.

3776

M. 2/Mary Catherine U., b. 18 JAN 1866 (Greene Co., AL),

3795

d. 11 APR 1955 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery),

md. 16 SEP 1888 (Greene Co., AL) George W. Nelson, b. 3 OCT 1865 (Carroll Co., MS), d. 17 FEB 1915 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Carrollton

Cemetery, AL)

1. William Webster Nelson, b. 21 JUL 1889 (Greene Co., AL), d. 24 JUN 1977 (Demopolis, Marengo Co., AL) (Bur. Demopolis Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Demopolis, AL), md. Mamie Chaney. b. 6 AUG 1914 (MS), d. 3 MAY 1990

a. Mamie Sue Nelson (Chaney), living

b. Charles Webster Nelson, b. 6 DEC 1939 (Greene Co., AL), d. 21 AUG 2009 (Tuscaloosa, AL) (Bur. Demopolis Memorial Gardens)

c. George Nelson, b. abt. 1945, d. unk. d. 4 NOV 2007 (Marengo Co., AL)

2. Mary Armenia Nelson, b. 4 OCT 1891 (Greene Co., AL), d. 8 JUL 1940 (Pickens Co., AL), (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery, AL), md. 15 DEC 1915 (Pickens Co., AL) John Pinkney Gates, b. 11 OCT 1879 (Pickens Co., AL), d. 5 FEB 1964 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery, AL)

a. Oscar Pinkney Gates, b. 13 MAY 1919 (Pickens Co., AL), d. 22 MAR 2007 (Tuscaloosa, AL) (Bur. Graham Memorial Cemetery, Reform, AL), md. 14 JUN 1947 (Columbus, MS) Benita Skelton, b. 26 AUG 1927 (Reform, AL), d. 24 JUN 2006 (Tuscaloosa, AL) (Bur. Graham Memorial Cemetery, Reform, AL)

b. William Herbert Gates, living

c. George Raymond Gates, b. 6 OCT 1925 (Pickens Co., AL), d. 5 APR 1961 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery)

d. Olen Nelson Gates, b. 18 JUN 1928 (Pickens Co., AL), d. 5 AUG 2010 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery) md. 28 JUL 1973 (Aliceville, AL), Naomi Harris b. 4 OCT 1926, d. 2 OCT 2006 (Carrollton, AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery)

e. Betty Jean Gates, living

3. George Moore Nelson, b. 27 APR 1894 (Greene Co., AL), d. 25 DEC 1918 (Snyder, TX)

4. Frances Elizabeth Nelson, b. 17 AUG 1896 (Greene Co., AL), d. 4 JUN 1965 (Palm Springs, CA)

5. Alvin Maurice Nelson, b. 17 JUL 1899 (Greene Co., AL), d. 9 SEP 1920 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Carrollton Cemetery)

6. John Paul Nelson, b. 7 SEP 1900 (Greene Co., AL), d. 25 AUG 1983 (Snyder, TX), md. 23 AUG 1927 (Snyder, TX) Eva Strayhorn, b. 3 DEC 1904, d. 6 SEP 1994

a. Paul Nelson, living

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7. Luther Wallace Nelson, b. 20 MAY 1906 (Greene Co., AL), d. 28 FEB 1910 (Greene Co., AL) (Bur. Union Christian Church Cemetery, AL)
8. Gladys Nelson, b. 11 APR 1909 (Greene Co., AL), d. 5 OCT 1972 (Tuscaloosa, AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery), md. 28 DEC 1934 (Columbus, MS) Charlie Raymon Gates, b. 6 OCT 1908 (Pickens Co., AL), d. 21 FEB 2003 (Pickens Co., AL) (Bur. Spring Hill Church Cemetery)
  - a. Rubye Gates Bain, living
  - b. Gerald Gates, living

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Subject: RE: Mary Catherine Upchurch Outline  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Sun, Mar 22, 2015 3:21 pm  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: "Rubye" <nannyrue4@gmail.com>

Hi Bill---

Thanks for giving me a big boost on the Mary Catherine (U.) Nelson Line in the Abe U., Sr/John U. SubClan. I was able to print and process the pdf you sent which provided me with details on 27 individuals. I assume the other attachment would simply duplicate the pdf and if not please let me know. I was left with a puzzle as to how to navigate it.

For the 27 I have made an extract sheet covering them all and have assigned XID numbers and have entered the data into my Master Outline Notebook for this SubClan. Now to file the 27 sheets in my Biofile System where there are Biofiles on several hundred thousand individuals accumulated over the last 40 years. As I file these I will be alert for any surprises.

There are several paths our collaboration could take and I will let that unfold as it will. Initially, I ask if you have any special thoughts or questions. I have some data, more or less, on the 15 children of John U. In going from him down to the 9th generation I have 46 pages and will be happy to copy and send you any or all of these as you desire. There is always more work to be done on these. The descendants (if any/if known) of the ninth generation are maintained in Continuation Sections. So far I have descendant of 91 of the GGC of John. I would propose to send these at this time. Perhaps by then you will have had a look at Allied Families.

Just looking over the Notebook for the Abel U., Sr/John U. SubClan reminds me of the many dozens of people who contributed to this compilation and brings back fond memories.

After I hear from you with any suggestions /questions/pathways you may offer I will give some thought as to collaborating. A number of ideas come readily to mind.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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MAH

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Subject: Mary Catherine Upchurch Revision  
From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2015 4:51 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>  
Cc: Rubye <nannyrue4@gmail.com>  
Attach: John Upchurch Subclan pdf.pdf

I have updated two items on the attached using the outline format as follows:

- H. VII. M. 1. a. - Mamie Sue Nelson "Chapman". Name changed from Chaney to Chapman.  
H. VII. M. 1. c. - George Nelson - added death date and location 4 NOV 2007 (Meridian, MS).

Per your offer, I would be grateful to receive a copy of the 46 pages of John Upchurch descendants information. My address follows.

Bill Gates  
1961 White Birch Lane  
Charleston, SC 29414

WILLIAM ROBERT GATES, JR. (RES) AID-6188

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2015

Subject: RE: Mary Catherine Upchurch Revision  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2015 5:53 am  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: "Rubye" <nannyrue4@gmail.com>

Hi Bill--

Thanks for the updates and your address. I have a packet ready to go into the mail to you this morning. I have since made the changes in my Master Outline.

Look forward to your response after you have studied my packet.  
Phil Upchurch

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30 OCT  
2015

Subject: Thanks---  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Sat, Oct 03, 2015 5:59 am  
To: "William-15 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill---

Many thanks for your \$20 check in support of Allied Families which arrived on the 1st. You are now listed as a 2015 member of Allied Families. We are actively engaged in creating a narrative for the Abel Upchurch, Sr family to which you belong and hope to post it soon. We will have periodic newsletters to this enrolled family. I will welcome your inputs along the way.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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4 FEB  
2016

Subject: Thanks  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Thu, Feb 04, 2016 7:32 am  
To: "William-15-16 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi William---

Many thanks for your \$100 generous contribution to our Allied Families effort. It arrived on the first. This makes you a 2015 Seeker member. Of your \$100 \$20 will be assigned to a basic membership fee and \$80 to the support fund for the Abel Upchurch, Sr family. I am very much encouraged by your participation.

I have this morning drafted an E-Newsletter to go to the Abel Upchurch, Sr family. With any luck my associate Mary Lou Brown will be able to perfect it tomorrow when she is in and send it out. Any response you have will be welcomed.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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12 FEB  
2016

Subject: Re: Abel Upchurch, Sr. Family Newsletter  
From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Fri, Feb 12, 2016 1:35 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phil,

I have reviewed the Abel U., Sr. Narrative and have the following comment:

II. B. A Presentation of Abel Upchurch, Sr., his Children, and Grandchildren beginning on page 3 identifies nine children while Footprints of the Abel Upchurch, Sr. Clan .. identifies eight children. The reason for this difference is Nancy, born about 1801. Has her place in the Abel U., Sr. family been resolved?

You have identified help needed in transcribing Biofiles. Can you describe what that entails?

Bill Gates  
843-763-5177



Newsletter for the Abel Upchurch, Sr. Family  
February 5, 2016

WILLIAM HERBERT GATES, JR (PG6) XFD-61888

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2016

Subject: RE: Abel Upchurch, Sr. Family Newsletter  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Fri, Feb 12, 2016 4:28 pm  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill---

Thanks for carefully reviewing the Abel U., Sr documents. In our early research records that surfaced for Abel in NC and AL listed the children but made no mention of a daughter Nancy. Later information surfaced to justify her being added as a daughter. In this matter we need several follow-on activities as follows:

1. We need a review of the facts and to confirm that Nancy deserves to be listed as a daughter with the supporting sources.
2. The information in 1. above needs to be made a part of the Abel U., Sr presentation so that any interested party can see how the story unfolded.

3. We need cooperators to help in 1. and 2. Is this you cup of tea?

We have just printed out a copy of the contents of our entire website and are proceeding to review and upgrade the presentations.

Your commentary reveals that our Allied Families program is beginning to work. Increasingly members of enrolled families are contacting me about one aspect or another. We now need to harness this interest/energy to improve each enrolled family and to amplify the data bases that support these families. We have a great program on which to build

I am most appreciative that you will consider becoming a Transcriber. To get an idea of this project go to our website [www.alliedfamilies.com](http://www.alliedfamilies.com) password 2014allied#. There click on the Resources tab and go to Biofiles. You will see a general description and then some Biofiles. If you click on the Biofile link it will allow you to view/search all posted Biofiles. Down the road we plan to have hundreds of Biofiles posted if not thousands. have several hundred thousand in my four drawer file cabinets. Right now the focus is on transcribing and posting the Biofiles of the patriarchs and their children and grandchildren and their spouses. For the enrolled Abel Upchurch, I family this will provide a lot of information. If you are agreeable I will send you a single Biofile to test your interest in transcribing.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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2016

Subject: Fwd: Abel Upchurch, Sr. Family Newsletter  
From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Tue, Feb 23, 2016 2:44 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil,

Did you get the below email indicating I was agreeable to receiving a Biofile for transcribing?

Bill Gates

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Subject: Re: Abel Upchurch, Sr. Family Newsletter  
Date: February 13, 2016 at 9:45:27 AM EST  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

I am agreeable - please send a Biofile for transcribing.

Bill

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2016

Subject: RE: Fwd: Abel Upchurch, Sr. Family Newsletter  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Thu, Feb 25, 2016 11:44 am  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill---

For some strange reason your email of February 13 is not in my files. Thank you for your reminder. I am pleased to have you as an Allied Families transcriber. I am now one of 15 such volunteer transcribers and the only one for the Abel Upchurch, Sr Family.

I have drafted an updated set of guidelines for transcribers and will be sending it out to all 15 shortly. Also, I will be getting together some Biofiles to send out shortly. We have a new process of scanning and OCR treatment of Biofiles before they are sent to be transcribed. This is a little extra work at this end but it will make transcribing easier. You will soon see how this works.

It is great to have you aboard as a volunteer. It will take a lot of effort to get the Abel Upchurch, Sr Family enrolled and online but it will be a great step for us. We have lots of data to start but organizing takes time. Even when we get a good version posted that will not be the end. As we go into 2017 and beyond there are documents, cemeteries, images, etc, etc to add. After you give us a hand with Biofiles for a while we can see if some of these other aspects fit you.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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2016

Subject: [FWD: Update Allied Families Founders]  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2016 10:40 am  
To: "William-15-16 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Attach: Guidance for Transcribers for Allied Families.docx

Hi Bill---

As a strong supporter of Allied Families I thought you might be interested in this report I have just sent to the six Founders. We are making great progress and just have to keep our foot on the pedal to build momentum. I am grateful for your support and encouragement.

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WILLIAM HERBERT GATES, JR (PG1) XSD- 61888

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Trust all is well in your world~  
Phil Upchurch

Hi Fellow Founders of Allied Families---

The last six months have involved a flurry of activities relative to building momentum in our Allied Families organization. Some inputs have been sent your way but I take this opportunity to provide details on some updates as follows:

1. My trip to N. C. last October was very productive in many ways and led to the

17  
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JUN  
2016  
Subject: Re: Penelope Williams Biofile Transcription

From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2016 7:47 am

To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil,

I would be interested in traveling to NC for a meeting. FYI - I will be out west the first week in October.

I'm happy to help with the transcriptions.

Bill

On Jun 18, 2016, at 8:06 AM, [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com) wrote:

Hi Bill---

Thanks for your speedy response re Penelope. I have this morning vetted the transcription, added a couple of things and a Commentary and will give to Jay on Monday to take further.

As you know our plan is to transcribe and post the Biofiles of each patriarch and their children and their grandchildren and their spouses. Since you have already done Bartley and Penelope I have made myself a cheat sheet showing their eight children and spouses and Jay and I will discuss Monday and lay a plan to send the Biofiles of all the 8 and spouses to you, possibly in batches. This will keep you busy for a while. Then we can shift to the other children of Abel U., Sr.

I am much encouraged by your robust activity on the Abel U., Sr Family. Your work and that of others will gradually add to the on-line documentation for this family. I hope you and other Abel U., Sr descendants will be pleased.

Given your interests/circumstances is there a possibility you could travel to North Carolina to participate in one of our Allied Families meetings there? We have one planned for this October, details to be worked out. We have hopes that representative of several of the Enrolled families can be present at some point in time. It would be great to meet you and to show you the community where Abel U., Sr lived.

With Much Appreciation~

Phil Upchurch

18  
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JUN  
2016  
Subject: RE: Penelope Williams Biofile Transcription

From: [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2016 3:34 pm

To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill---

Delighted that you may be able to come up from S.C. to attend our Allied Families gathering in Cary, N. C. next October. I will keep you in the loop as plans unfold.

Look forward to meeting you and to having you check out our Cary Facility and meet other participants/cousins. With luck we should be able to plan a side trip to the Moccasin Creek Enclave established by the father of Abel U., Sr about 1770.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

WILLIAM HERBERT GATES, JR. (T&B) AFD-61888

19  
10  
Aug  
2016

Subject: Phil Upchurch-Medical

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2016 6:55 am

To: "William-15-16 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Jbill---

Regrettably I share the news below. I had hoped to see you in N.C. in September but have had to cancel that travel. I will keep you on a special list to be notified when we can reschedule.

We are moving responsibly to put in place contingency plans for operations, people assignments, monetary arrangements and more. Fortunately a number of people are standing by to help in these matters having bought into the vision of Allied Families. I hope we can count on you to be among our solid participants. Your record of deep interest in family history is impressive and I am deep appreciative of our collaboration and friendship. Your transcription work has been outstanding.

Sending All Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch

To Whom It May Concern (Friends and Associates of Phil Upchurch).

For all of July, 2016 I suffered from what I thought was indigestion. After visiting several doctors it turns out I have pancreatic cancer. An aggressive operation called the Whipple Procedure will be

20  
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Jan  
2017

Subject: Allied Families Membership

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Jan 05, 2017 3:24 pm

To: "William-15-16 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill---

Sending many thanks for your \$120 check in support of Allied Families which came in the mail on the 4th. All will be posted in 2016 for tax purposes but your 2017 Seeker membership for 2017 will be marked prepaid. I have credited \$50 of your payment to support of the enrolled family of the Abel U., Sr to which you belong. So far a total of \$2,170 has been given for this purpose. Of this the first \$1,000 is used for up front expenses which leaves \$1,170 now sequestered towards the \$10,000 endowment we hope to have for the long term support of this enrolled family.

Please do have a look from time to time at the narrative we have posted for the Abel u., Sr family. In the next few weeks I hope to be making a survey on what is being done to augment each enrolled family and I will count on your continued participation in this regard

Thanks for being so prompt with your support for 2017 and all best wishes for a great year ahead.~

Phil Upchurch





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Upchurch & Allied Families Association

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Upchurch and Allied Families, Inc. is a not for profit organization under which Phil Upchurch, colleagues, and members perform family and local history work. See [www.alliedfamilies.com](http://www.alliedfamilies.com) and [www.upchurchstory.com](http://www.upchurchstory.com).  
Contact Phil at (636) 898-8516 or (314) 313-4734 (cell)

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23 MAR 2015

BILL GATES

1961 WHITE BIRCH LANE

CITARLESTON SC 29414

Dear Cousin Bill -

As promised I provide herewith copies from my Master Outline Notebook maintained for the Abel U; Sr/ John U subclass through the 9th generation. Descendants beyond the 9th generation (if any) if known are included in Continuation sections "C5" or shown on the left hand side of the pages.

As a convention if any of the 5-9 generation members were cooperators I put a [C] by their names. Only a few of these are now alive. If there were 1 or more cooperators designated in the Continuation sections I put [1C], [2C], etc beside the C5 numbers. I probably missed entering some [C]'s.

you will understand that especially in the early years (1970-1995) I relied heavily on inputs from correspondents. In recent years I have added my own effort using census & other records from Ancestry.com. In some ways we are like the dog that chased cars and finally caught one - what next?? The same can be said for the collection of data and the companion sets I have.

I would be interested in exchanging ideas with you and think we could have a very productive phone conversation. So give me a call at (636) 898-8516 after you have had a chance to reflect on the enclosed materials.

Phil Gschwend

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**Subject:** Family History

**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com

**Date:** Tue, Dec 12, 2017 4:31 pm

**To:** "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

**Cc:** "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>, "Nancy McClintock" <Nancy.McClintock@alliedfamilies.org>

**Bcc:** "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>

Hi Bill---

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$250 in support of Allied Families which arrived today. We will, consider this a prepayment for your 2018 Finder Membership. A portion of your contribution will be allocated to the long-term support of the Abel Upchurch, Sr enrolled family

Our program of work continues at a rapid pace. We have recruited several beyond you who are helping migrate my manually kept family outlines into a series of Legacy Trees on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). When finished the several Legacy Trees will encompass over 62,000 family members. On another front just today Jay Buck and I worked together to add a Geographical Section to our Resources tab on our website. The year ahead should see continued progress.

Our Team is greatly encouraged by your support and that of others like you.

Merry Christmas~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

**Subject:** Future of Allied Families

**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com

**Date:** Fri, Jun 02, 2017 9:44 am

**To:** "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

**Cc:** "Dr. Tom-S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>

Hi Bill----

Because of the strong collaboration you and I have had on family history I want to alert you to the fact that my health issue made it prudent for me to resign last March as President of Allied Families. The Board elected Dr. David Thomas Upchurch of Georgia to succeed me. I am leaning on Tom and others to take over the leadership of our Association. My duties are step-wise being handed off to associates in our Chesterfield and Cary offices in an orderly manner. I will help out as long as I can. For 11 months I have tolerated well the chemo treatments for my pancreatic cancer but my doctors only say "You have beat the odds so far, enjoy each day". Truly, I am blessed.

You will probably hear from Dr. Tom and I hope you will collaborate with him as you have with me.

Our heritage represents the building of America since 1638. Our continued success in Allied families will be a tribute to those who have worked since 1950 to document our pathways and a boon to future generations who will want to know their heritage--two worthy goals. We have come a long way together. May the journey continue.

Fraternally Yours~

Phil Upchurch, Cousin and Manager, Allied Families

Subject: [FWD: Another NC Visit-Phil Upchurch]  
From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Sun, May 21, 2017 5:22 pm  
To: "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>

Hi Bill---

The forwarded email is a way of letting yo know of our trip to NC and that we will definitely have focus on Abel Upchurch, Sr. It would be fantastic if you could come. Just let me know if it is feasible and we will work on the details.

Cheers~

Phil Upchurch

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

Subject: Another NC Visit-Phil Upchurch  
From: <phil@upchurchstory.com>  
Date: Sun, May 21, 2017 5:16 pm  
To: "Samuel-Z Upchurch" <Wupchurch001@nc.rr.com>, "Katherine-16-Z Takvorian" <kate.takvorian@gmail.com>

Hi Sam and Katherine---

Just want to alert you to the fact that I will be visiting the Allied Families Cary, N.C. Facility in early August. Will fly in on August 1 and out on August 7 thus will be working in the Facility for the 2nd through the 6th. If your schedule permits it would be great to have you visit while we are there. Representatives of the Abel Upchurch, Sr and the Richard Upchurch,III families are already scheduled to attend.

We will participate in the volunteers work session on Thursday August 3 2-4 pm and have a round-table discussion for visitors on Saturday August 6 2-4 pm. These would be good times for you to come but if other times suit you best just let me know what is convenient and a chat can be arranged. On our visit we hope to continue helping the Cary Facility to evolve to be the national headquarters of our Association.

I hope that Ginger has already informed you of this visit. I am delighted that she plans to come. We have tentatively scheduled a field trip on Saturday morning to Franklin County, NC to see where Abel Upchurch, Sr got his start. It would be wonderful if you could both join our little journey

Sending All Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families



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Contact Phil at (636) 898-8516 or (314) 313-4734 (cell)

January 23, 2017

Dean Ball,

The enclosed letter documents your generous 2016 support of Allied Families including the 120 check you made in November. The enclosed USB for 2016 shows our right to digital you helped to achieve.

I'm sending a summary of what we have done in our right and what we have for in 2017 with help from many of our 200 participants the burden of funding our 2017 2017 budget fall on about 50 of us. Any additional support you can provide along the way will be welcomed.

I will be in NC March 24-April 2 working to support our Cong Family. I would be glad if you could join in. Let me know if you need details.

In appreciation

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Phil Upchurch

[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** Thanks-2019 UAFA Membership**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com**Date:** Thu, Dec 20, 2018 2:45 pm**To:** "William-S-0-5-6-7-8 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>**Cc:** "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>**Bcc:** "Dr. Tom-S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi Bill----

Thank you for your generous \$250 donation to Allied Families which arrived on December 19. We will mark your 2019 membership as paid. A portion of your donation will be allocated to the long-term support fund for the Abel Upchurch, Sr enrolled family.

Progress on the overall Legacy Tree Project is excellent. Sometime in 2019 we hope all will be finished and our focus can shift to the Active Trees--a great break-through.

We are pleased to have you as a key active member to help grow our effort on the Abel Upchurch, Sr Enrolled Family.

Trust your recuperation continues.

Merry Christmas~

Phil Upchurch, Founder, Allied Families.

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**Subject:** UAFA Volunteers

**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com

**Date:** Tue, Dec 04, 2018 1:32 pm

**To:** "William-S-0-5-6-7-8 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill

Thanks for responding to Nancy. This is a new program we will execute 3 times/year so as to not lose any of our great volunteers. The work you have provided on the Abel U Legacy tree is great!

Merry Christmas

Phil

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**Subject:** [FWD: Tree Master Update]  
**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 15, 2018 10:12 am  
**To:** "William-S-0-5-6-7-8 Gates" <w\_gates@be.south.net>  
**Cc:** "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>  
**Bcc:** "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch1@charter.net>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>  
**Attach:** Update.pdf

Hi Bill---

I think of you often and trust that you continue to recover and soon will be as good as new. We look forward to your help in completing the Abel Upchurch, Sr Legacy Tree when you are up to it.

Attached is Jay Buck's June 11, 2018 report on the status of our Legacy Tree Project. Note that 23 are helping and more are being recruited. Work is underway for 17 Clans. I hope that many of the 23 will continue as we shift from Legacy to Active Trees.

Another batch of Cooperators is helping with Biofile transcriptions. I will recruit more to help with the Biofiles for the first four generations.

In Appreciation~

Phil Upchurch, Founder, Allied Families.

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**Subject: STATUS**

**From:** William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

**Date:** Mon, Apr 09, 2018 12:18 pm

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

**Cc:** Jay Buck <jaybuck@gmail.com>, Rubye Bain <nannyrue4@gmail.com>

Hi Phil,

As Rubye mentioned I had back surgery one week ago today. Good news is surgery successfully removed tumor on my spinal cord and it was nonmalignant.

Unfortunately I have a long period of recovery, maybe up to six months. Right now I am unable to sit or stand for longer than 10-15 minutes. I will not be able to continue Upchurch work in the immediate future.

I was almost able to finish the Abel U, Sr Legacy Tree. The unfinished Abel children are:

Abel U, Sr/Nancy U pages 3 & 4

Abel U, Sr/ Dolly one page

Abel U, Sr/ Mary one page

Abel U, Sr/ Lynia one page

Abel U, Sr/Abel Jr one page

This is approximately six pages of you hand written notes.

I hope you can find someone to finish the Abel Legacy Tree.

It would be a nice milestone.

Best wishes, Phil. I will keep you informed on when I can return to active support. Bill Gates

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**Subject: RE: STATUS**

**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com

**Date:** Tue, Apr 10, 2018 6:40 am

**To:** "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

**Cc:** "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>, "Rubye--S-0-5-6-7-8 Bain" <nannyrue4@gmail.com>

**Bcc:** "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi Bill---

Thanks for the good news about the success of your operation. I hope the recuperation will go well and that you will gradually become more active. All things considered you are fortunate as am I.

I will ask Jay and Rubye to interact to see if she can pick up where you left off on the Abel Upchurch, Sr Legacy tree. It would be a wonderful step to have this completed. We will continue to look for other descendants of Abel Upchurch, Sr to work actively with us. We are doing this for all of the enrolled families which takes a lot of exchanges and coordination. We are at a critical building stage and down the road soon hope to reap the benefits.

Do let me know, from time-to-time, how you are progressing. You have been one of our most dedicated and productive collaborators and we are anxious to have you back in harness but not before your recuperation has been accommodated.

Be sensible in recovery~

Phi Upchurch, Founder, Allied Families.

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Subject: RE: Computer Inputs

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Dec 04, 2017 6:42 am

To: "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Cc: "Jay Buck" <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>

Bcc: "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Carla--S0-5-6-7 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi Bill---

I am gradually contacting all Volunteers who are helping create family trees for Allied Families. Some confusion has arisen due to the fact that we assigned some Active Tree Masters starting a couple of years ago and then recently we decided to downplay Active Trees in favor of Legacy Trees. So we are generally suspending work on Active Trees until we can get the Legacy effort well underway and pending the creation of good guidelines for populating Active Trees.

We have you listed as an Editor for both the Abel Upchurch, Sr Active and Legacy Trees and will leave it that way but prefer that you concentrate on the Legacy Tree. OK?

We also have you as Editor of the Tree for the first five generations. Let us leave that as it is understanding that I need to vet what you have done so that we can lock it in place as a Legacy effort. Then we can start an Active Tree of the first five generations with the understanding that few if any names will be added but that some data may be added or upgraded giving sources. I am most appreciative for your important contributions and for your flexibility. Please let me know of any concerns or questions.

Just to be clear about our Allied Families Trees I offer the following:

Legacy Trees--- These represent exactly what I placed in my manually kept Master Outline notebooks for 40 years. An Allied Families Advisory Panel recommended that these notebooks be scanned and that Allied Families recruit Volunteer Tree Masters to create an Allied Families Tree for each of the 22 Upchurch Clans. These are to be labeled, for example, "Moses Upchurch RPU Legacy Tree". These trees will become archival and never changed but will be available for off-takes to contribute to "Active " Trees. Note that sources or supplemental information such as photos are not to be added to the Legacy Trees. It is understood that the sources are the Biofiles I created which are being treated on their own separate from the Master Outlines/Legacy Trees. Creating a full set of Legacy Trees is now a very high priority for Allied Families.

Active Trees--- Once we are well along in creating Legacy Trees Volunteer Tree Masters will be recruited to create active trees to be labeled, for example, "Charles Upchurch Allied Families Active Tree" or some other suitable title. Once started these "Active " Trees for each of our enrolled families will be subject to continual improvement. Data to populate and Active Tree can come from a Legacy Tree or from any other source including electronic transfers. The guidelines for Tree Masters for Active Trees will be more complex than the ones for Legacy Trees and are still in preparation. Tree Masters for Active Trees will be expected to collaborate with others who are willing to contribute data. We started a few Active Trees a couple of years ago before we committed to first doing Legacy Trees. Work on such Active trees is now being suspended or kept to simple additions.

I trust that you and your family are doing well. At my end my last Cat Scan a week or so ago showed my tumor stable which is great news. I am one lucky guy.

Sending All Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

WILLIAM GATES

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Subject: First Five Generations

From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Date: Wed, Sep 20, 2017 8:09 am

To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Good morning Phil,

I have completed entering the First Five Generations into the [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) Descendants of Michael Upchurch tree. I note the following on your handwritten chart for the first five generations:

1. Charles, son of Richard II - has a "p" preceding his marriage date, marriage location and spouse. What does the "p" denote?
2. William IV, son of Michael III - has arrow from "b" to 17xx (crossed out) and 1726 entered. Father Michael III has birth date of 1728, after his son's birth. [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) tree already had a birth date of 1758. Resolution is needed.
3. William IV, son of Michael III - spouse is Sarah \_\_\_\_ with no birth or death data. [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) tree already has spouse as Sarah Williams and her birth of 1737. If husband William IV was born in 1758, then she would be about 20 years older than him. This is possible but probably needs further investigation.

I found it difficult to sort out each individual's data on the handwritten chart and recommend someone review the [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) tree to validate my entries.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Bill

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From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Oct 02, 2017 2:09 pm

To: "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" &lt;w\_gates@bellsouth.net&gt;

Hi Bill---

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

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

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

**A. Re my past/current volunteer effort:**

1. I have in fact been a volunteer to input data--Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Re a current project :**

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b. I have and unfinished project which is\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Re a future project:**

1. I am willing to enter data going forward-- Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

**2. I prefer the following:**

a. A Biofile--- Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

b. A Legacy Tree--- Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

3. For the present I am unable to be a remote Volunteer Cooperator to input data. If true respond ---Yes\_\_\_\_\_

If you are able to volunteer, Jay Buck or I will soon send you an item to enter.

The cooperation we have had from those who input data on a remote volunteer basis is impressive. Such devotion demonstrates that our Association has become successful and has great potential for the future. We are grateful beyond measure for your support and encouragement.

In addition to the responses requested above we will welcome any suggestions and advice you may offer now or in the future.

Sending All Best Wishes ~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

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From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 12:07 pm  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: "Jay--OM aaxBuck" <jaycbuck@gmail.com>  
Bcc: "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Carla--S0-5-6-7 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>

Hi Bill---

We have your assignment. Yesterday Deb, Jay, and I returned from a very productive three day working session in our Cary Facility. More details on that later.

This morning Jay and I conferred about your next assignment and Jay will be sending you the scanned /vetted Master Outline for the entire Abel Upchurch, Sr family tree. Our request is that you enter this in [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) as a Legacy Tree to become static. We realize you had already started on a Living Tree for the Abel Upchurch, Sr family and ask you to put that aside until we can get the Legacy Tree completed. We are asking all of our Volunteers to help us get the Legacy Tree exercise behind us hopefully by the end of the year.

I have this morning vetted the first five generation Tree you created for us for which many thanks. I found a few changes which Jay says he can handle. We will then put this on line as a Legacy Tree. At some point we will want to use this Legacy Tree as a starting point for an Active Tree to which changes/sources/etc can be added.

Sorry it has taken some time to get more movement on assigning projects to Volunteers but we stopped to validate participants and to recruit more and this brought more help but provided a tangle of paperwork we are now getting under control.

Delighted to have your enthusiastic participation~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families

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Subject: Fwd: Computer Inputs  
From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Sat, October 28, 2017 12:31 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phil - I am ready for my next assignment.

Bill Gates

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Subject: Re: Computer Inputs  
Date: October 9, 2017 at 9:21:32 AM EDT  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

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From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Wed, Nov 08, 2017 5:27 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil,  
Sorry, I don't have anything to add concerning Virginia or other Abel descendants.  
Bill

On Nov 8, 2017, at 7:23 AM, [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com) wrote:

Hi Bill---

There are several descendants of Abel Upchurch, Sr that have expressed interest in their heritage. One of these is Virginia who seemed exceptionally interested when we met in Cary. I thought she would become very active but she has since been somewhat unresponsive. I write to ask if you have any particular insight into her situation that would be helpful to me in bringing her into the fold. Also, any thoughts you might have about other Abel descendants that could be convinced to help would be appreciated. Sometimes you have to know a special bit of information to help get the job done. I sense we are on the cusp of getting several Abel descendants to participate significantly but people have many diversions and extra effort is needed to have them focus on family history.

I appreciate your deep commitment and enjoy working with you.

Best always~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

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Date: Wed, November 08, 2017 6:07 am

To: "Virginia-S-0-0-6-7 Collier" <[Virginia.collier@gmail.com](mailto:Virginia.collier@gmail.com)>

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Date: Wed, Nov 08, 2017 6:23 am  
To: "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Bcc: "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>  
Attach: Recap of 2017 Activities to Date 2017 10 30.docx

Hi Bill---

There are several descendants of Abel Upchurch, Sr that have expressed interest in their heritage. One of these is Virginia who seemed exceptionally interested when we met in Cary. I thought she would become very active but she has since been somewhat unresponsive. I write to ask if you have any particular insight into her situation that would be helpful to me in bringing her into the fold. Also, any thoughts you might have about other Abel descendants that could be convinced to help would be appreciated. Sometimes you have to know a special bit of information to help get the job done. I sense we are on the cusp of getting several Abel descendants to participate significantly but people have many diversions and extra effort is needed to have them focus on family history.

I appreciate your deep commitment and enjoy working with you.

Best always~

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

Subject: Back Home  
From: <phil@upchurchstory.com>  
Date: Wed, November 08, 2017 6:07 am  
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From: phil@upchurchstory.com  
Date: Thu, Aug 31, 2017 3:28 pm  
To: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Hi Bill---

I am still fighting an email flood. Now up to yours of August 22. Tried to call you ---no answer. The missing people you cite all belong on the first five generation chart. My chart on suffixes was an abbreviated one designed only to show where suffixes were needed. For example, since we do not know the names of the two daughters of Michael Upchurch, I and know of no descendants for them there were no suffixes involved. So their names were excluded to lend simplicity. Your chart/tree should include all names.

Cheers~

Phil Upchurch

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From: William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>  
Date: Sat, August 26, 2017 2:00 pm  
To: Jay Buck <jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org>  
Cc: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

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Subject: Fwd: Re: First Five Generations

From: Jay Buck <jaycbuck@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 22, 2017 3:49 pm

To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

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From: "William Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Date: Aug 22, 2017 3:22 PM

Subject: Re: First Five Generations

To: "Jay Buck" <jaycbuck@gmail.com>

Cc:

Hi Jay,

I have printed and reviewed the first five generations attachments and have started updating the tree. Question concerning Frances - wife of Michael U I: Phil's master outline does not include her birth date and location, death location county, and burial location. The tree is already populated with this info and the source given is Find A Grave as created by Chris Upchurch on Jan 1, 2008. Do we accept this Find A Grave info as true and leave the tree populated with this info or do we delete this info and add a comment addressing the deletion and why?

Bill

> On Aug 15, 2017, at 11:02 AM, Jay Buck <jaycbuck@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi Bill

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> Attached is Phil's handwritten chart showing the five generations of the Upchurch Family in America. Also attached is Bob Heck's (Phil's son-in-law) translation of the same. You'll notice that the colors in Bob's translation tends to match up with Phil's chart.

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> Look these over and let me know if you have any questions.

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> thanks!

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> -

> Jay Buck

> Wildwood, MO

> <Six Generations .jpg><Six Generations \_0001.jpg><Six Generations \_0002.jpg>

**Subject:** Third Generation

**From:** William Gates <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

**Date:** Wed, Aug 23, 2017 3:09 pm

**To:** Jay Buck <jaycbuck@gmail.com>

**Cc:** Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Jay & Phil,

James U I spouse Elizabeth does not have a death date on the master outline. The ancestry.com tree already had a death date of 1772 but with no source listed for this date. I changed death date from "1772" to "unknown" in tree. OK?

William U I has a birth date of "about 1715" on master outline. His father Richard U I has a death date of "before 1700" on master outline. Need resolution.

Bill

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From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Aug 31, 2017 2:58 pm

To: "William-S-0-5-6-7 Gates" <w\_gates@bellsouth.net>

Cc: "Jay-OM aaxBuck" <jaycbuck@gmail.com>, "Carla-S0-5-6-7 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>

Bcc: "Dr. Tom--S-4-0-6-Z Upchurch" <tupchurch41@charter.net>, "Deb-S-4-5-6-7 aaHeck" <debrauheck@aol.com>

Hi Bill---

Heavy flow of emails here. Slow in responding to you; I apologize.

Re: email dated August 22 - re Frances:

I will check my Biofile tomorrow in the Valley Office and respond.

Re: email dated August 23 - re: Third Generation

OK to change Elizabeth from 1772 to unknown.

Re Williams U, I S/O Richard U.I. I now see this name conflicting in my records.

Will check their Biofiles tomorrow and respond.

We have very incomplete sources/records for dates/places for the five generations. I have faced this for years. With regard to birth dates, I invite you to see the framework article prepared and presented on Page 7 of UB Vol 35 NO1 Jan-Dec 2014. Note that I failed to catch the William/Richard conflict you noted.

I now realize that we need to transcribe and post the Biofiles of all our first five generations of our Upchurch family. They also need to be studied for sources for dates/places for the article outline you are preparing. These operations are important and need to be done, but I would rather you do the best you can using "unknown", if necessary. We can then post your best effort on our website with a note that more work to be done. Maybe this will encourage others to come forward with facts and sources. Is this approach okay with you?

After your best effort, as time allows, we can add more items to the website. I would propose we consider the following:

1. A narrative about the first five generations including some puzzles?
2. An upgraded 5 generations chart?
3. Biofiles of all 1-5 generations
4. Possibly a revised version of the UB Vol 35 article?
5. Others?

This would finally give our best presentation on the first five generations. It will be a big effort and will be worthwhile.

I would welcome your thoughts for the larger plan and advance your chart to our website when you are ready for this step. More later.

Feel free to call me at any time. If I am out just leave a message and I will get back to you.

Thank you for your perseverance,

Phil Upchurch  
Manager, Allied Families



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**Subject:** New Form Entry: Contact Form**From:** "w\_gates@bellsouth.net" <no-reply@weebly.com>**Date:** Mon, Mar 09, 2015 11:43 am**To:** phil@upchurchstory.com

I RESPONDED 11 MAR 2015

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