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Dear Cousin Sam,

I was disappointed to learn from the latest issue of your newsletter that you will no longer be publishing this item. It is unfortunate that you did not have more subscribers and more help in your efforts. You and I both recognize that not everyone is interested in their family history. Of those who are interested only a few are willing to put out the effort to support and help with family history projects. Still, there seem to be a few of us that go the extra mile. I want you to know that I appreciate what you have done. There are surely others who also recognize your contributions.

For some time into the future I will carry on my efforts on Upchurch family history. Perhaps at some point I will wish to devote a greater portion of my time to my own Upchurch line as opposed to all Upchurch lines. Also, it would be so nice to work on my non-Upchurch ancestors. It is all a pleasure to me.

Perhaps you and I could continue to try to help each other on Sherwood Upchurch. I realize we need better documentation on his linkage to earlier Upchurch generations. I have recently developed a strong interest in the Upchurch records in Brunswick Co, VA and hope to visit there in the next year or so. Perhaps we can find more of Sherwood's tracks there.

We also have some puzzles about the children and grandchildren of

Sherwood Uphurch that need to be solved. To the extent that information on any of those matters comes into your hands and to the extent that you have interest I would be glad to work with you.

So for now I want to thank you again for all your efforts on behalf of Uphurch family history and to say that I hope you and I will interact in the year ahead!

Here's wishing you a happy, healthy, and productive 1998.

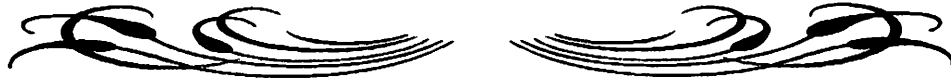
Sincerely yours  
① Phil Uphurch  
(ROBERT PITCUP UPHURCH)



BARBARA SUSIE BRIGHT

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16 December, 1995

REC'D  
22 DEC 1995

Phillip Upchurch  
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Dear Phillip,

I received your letter this week and want to get a response to you before Christmas, however this will have to be short. We will be going to Tallahassee for the holidays and therefore, I will be away from my files and computer.

The information that you are questioning was not mine and I did not try to prove or disprove it. I published it as it was given to me and then proceeded to give my version after that.

The narrative that was done by Emmett's uncle was what you asked about. I am sure it falls into the category of the "*three brothers who came to this country*". Every family has this same tradition it seems. My mother told me about the three McMichen brothers who came from Ireland, all three were born in South Carolina. My father was told about the three Bright brothers. This rates right up there with my great grandmother was a "*Cherokee princess*".

One thing that I did was add the name Ashburn to my Osburn Upchurch to accommodate Emmett since that is the way he spelled it on his sheets, and the way it is spelled in the marriage record. It is easily another spelling of the same phonetic name. I should however, have used the ( / ) in all cases where I used both names.

I have a strong suspicion that Osburn is also of the family of Charles Upchurch the Rev. soldier who died in GA. Probably Keyton / Keaton and Osburn were brothers as the uncle stated.

The James Keyton that he is talking about is the James listed in the 1860 census of Chambers Co, AL as the son of Osburn. He and his father served in the Civil War together from Georgia.. He is Emmett's great grandfather, his grandfather is William Bevy U' and his father is William Terrell U'.

Hope this is a little clearer.

Sincerely,  
Sue

*This sent to me by David L Upchurch*

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24 FEB 1996

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Cecil Roy Upchurch	4-11-1898	3-27-51
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George Homer Upchurch	3-4-1902	5-5-67
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Margaret E. Upchurch	11-27-1905	
Ralph K. Upchurch	9-17-1907	
H. Frank Upchurch	8-7-1909	5-15-81
Mary A. Upchurch	7-1-1911	2-10-88
Lena R. Upchurch	8-22-1913	4-6-17
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Ancestor Chart  
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Address Rt 1 Box 235  
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b. 1808  
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b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
30 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
m. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
31 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_

4 William Berry Upchurch (Father of No. 2)  
b. 22 Feb 1870  
p.b. Troup County, Ga.  
m. 1890  
d. 27 Sept. 1937  
p.d. La Grange, Ga.  
9 Susan Bradford (Mother of No. 4)  
b. 1841  
p.b. Upson County Ga.  
m. 31 Aug. 1865  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.d. \_\_\_\_\_

2 William Terrell Upchurch (Father of No. 1)  
b. 17 Aug. 1900  
p.b. Troup County, Ga.  
m. June 1927  
d. 1 Nov. 1971  
p.d. La Grange, Ga.  
5 Alice Elora Adams (Mother of No. 2)  
b. 27 Aug. 1875  
p.b. Troup County, Ga.  
d. 12 Mar. 1960  
p.d. La Grange, Ga.

1 David Emmett Upchurch  
b. 10 June 1953  
p.b. Troup County, Ga.  
m. 14 Nov. 1953  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.d. \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 3)  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.b. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.d. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Elizabeth Lee (Mother of No. 1)  
b. 25 June 1908  
p.b. Camphill, Al.  
d. Jan. 1981  
p.d. Troup County, Ga.

7 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 3)  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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14 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 7)  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.b. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.d. \_\_\_\_\_  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 7)  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
p.b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10 DEC 1995

Volume 6 Issue 4 of the Upchurch-Bright Newsletter arrived on 8 DEC and I was pleased to have it. You are to be congratulated on your continued work in organizing and publishing family history. I find your work most useful and I am sure many others do also.

I also have Osborn Osburn b 1808 (VIC) in my records and basically agree with you regarding his descendants. However there seems to be some uncertainty as to his ancestors. I have enclosed a copy of Pg 70 of your recent newsletter and have labeled four names in red - 1, 2, 3, 4. It is about these four names that I have a question. Can you comment on the following points?

A. I assume (3) "ASBORN" is the same as the one you describe later as "Osburn Ashburn Upchurch b 1808". Is this correct?

B. I assume ① and ④ are the same individual (Ashurn/Ashburn), that the last name of this individual is UPCHURCH and that he is the presumed father of ③. Is this correct?

C. Regarding ② "James Keyton"

1. Can I assume that this person is an Upchurch also namely James Keyton Upchurch?

2. What is the relationship of ② to ①? (I sense they might be brothers but this is not entirely clear).

Any help you can give on the above will be appreciated.

My strong belief is that the UPCHURCH ancestor of Ashurn Upchurch b1808 did not come from Ireland but that they are among the descendants of Michael Upchurch, I who arrived in America in 1638.

With All Best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

① Sincerely Yours  
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[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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{ ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH }



I hope you will go over this and give me your response. I would be extremely pleased to have any additional fragments of information that would help to make us feel more comfortable about the organization of the Sherwood Upchurch clan.

I was glad to see the details on the Gilbert Upchurch family. Of course most of this was already in my files but it is nice to spread the word. I'll go back over what you published to pick up any new bits of information. I have tracked the FL history of Upchurches fairly closely. It was started by my Great Uncle Nathaniel Smith Upchurch who went to the FL/GA area before the Civil War. His son John Jones Upchurch, Sr. [I] became very wealthy using the lumber industry as a start. Some of this activity was in southern GA. I have had a variety of contacts with the FL Upchurches over the years. I have a gold headed malacca cane given John Jones U, Sr. to his brother



Noble U at Christmas in 1899 when Noble U was in medical school at Vanderbilt Univ in TN. I had a first cousin, now deceased, who married the daughter of Noble U. I could go on and on about the FL Upchurch family and their connection to the NC Upchurch branch of the family. It fascinates me.

It's correspond about the matter of indexing the U B. It is a complex issue and a decision should not be taken lightly. Let me pose some of the issues as I see them. I would appreciate your comments on these matters. First, a complete index on the U B would involve a lot of pages. I would guess that even with some condensing and creative layout an index for a single issue of the U B (20 pages) would take about 8 pages. This is because the even numbered pages each contain 30 names - amounting to 600 names per issue. In addition, to this one has the other kinds of names.

- birth people, place, stream, etc, etc, that occur on the odd numbered pages. At the end of each fine year I have summarized the entries on the even numbered pages by showing the number of individuals in each issue for the various subclans. This is a partial substitute for an index. A given individual having an interest in a given subclan could know which issues to inspect to obtain information on that particular subclan. Additionally, you will note that the even numbered pages of each issue show the subclan on the right hand side of the page. Again, an individual interested in a particular subclan could scan the right hand side of all the even numbered pages of all the issues to pick up the presence of subclan members.

Another facet of my system is that I am always willing to send cooperators a machine copy of the Master Outline section relating to their part of the family. This would be the most up-to-date version of my data bank.

This service I provide makes life easier for a cooperator and avoids the problem that details in earlier issues of the UB may not be the latest version of the family situation. From my personal standpoint I have have extensive files organized in different ways. I have a People file with an Upchurch and a non-Upchurch sections. The former is alphabetized by first name and the latter by last name then by first name. This occupies 2 4-drawer file cabinets. I spend a great deal of time entering materials in these biopies. This gives me a huge reference base which is growing all the time. It is much more extensive than the UB itself. I also have other files on cemeteries, Deaths, Births, Geographical Entities (states, counties, etc), Streams, Mills, Roads, etc. much of this material is cross-referenced in the biopies for particular individuals. All of this is useful to me and in turn to the people I correspond with.

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but it does not answer the question about  
the need for an index of the U.B.

It is possible that one could index  
the U.B. just for the odd pages. This would  
be a manageable project and it would  
be helpful to reader to an extent. It  
has the obvious disadvantage of omitting  
the names of individuals that appear on  
the even numbered pages.

Please reflect on this alone and let  
me know your thoughts.

As regards issues for the Huntsville Library  
we follow a pattern of gradually supplying  
back issues every time we make a bulk  
mailing. Once we start this pattern the  
library individual gets all current issues as  
they appear. The Huntsville Library has been  
getting current issues of the U.B. for Volume  
13 (1992) and 14 (1993) and will get all future  
issues as they appear. So far we have sent  
back issues covering Volume 1-6 (4, 5 & 6 were  
sent with the bulk mailing we made  
earlier this month. Volumes 7-12 will be  
sent as we make future bulk mailings.

Sue, let me encourage you to keep working on family history. We have many interested people but not many that are putting the effort and energy you are into the project. There is a huge amount of material to be uncovered, organized and published. I am sure you will evolve a process that is suitable to your tastes and available time and resources. Whatever you do it will be useful.

We are off early tomorrow morning for two weeks in Missouri to take care of farming business. I am almost caught up at the office but will no doubt be behind when I return - as well as behind on genealogy. - In any case it is all great fun & rewarding -

Hope to hear from you soon!

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Yelchur

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

Notes for Sue Bryant Picklet

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Re Elbert S. U in U/B Newsletter Vol 1 #2

He is most likely the son of Keaton U & gr  
of Charles U, Head of Uptimish Clan #2



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Dear Mrs Richter,

For some time I have been corresponding with Mr H. V. Nelson of Bathon, AL about our mutual interest in Upchurch family history. In his latest letter of 26 FEB 1993 he was kind enough to send me a copy of your letter of 20 FEB 1993 to him. I was very interested to learn of your being a descendant of James S. Upchurch and of your desire to sort out his relationship to Sherrod (Sherwood?) U and Adam U. I, too, have been over this puzzle several times and have published some aspects of this issue in the Upchurch Bulletin on which details are enclosed. I will be happy to correspond with you and to share details that may be of mutual interest. I feel that we should be able

to sort out how farer S. Upchurch fits into the family and this would be a nice breakthrough. I will need to go back and review that section of the family as it has been a number of months since I have refreshed my memory on exactly where we stand.

Could you give me a listing of how you link back to farer S. Upchurch? Perhaps you already have an outline or Family Data Sheet that would suffice.

I was quite interested to learn that you are publishing the Upchurch-Bright Family Newsletter, could I become a subscriber? Are back copies available? I understand your records are on computer. Unfortunately mine are not. However, I have on the order of a million profiles for individuals who are related to the extended Upchurch family by blood, marriage, circumstance or location.

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I am not sure of your method of  
pursuing family history but I do hope  
we can work cooperatively. It is  
an exciting venture and there is  
always more to learn.

Hope to hear from you soon.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch  
(ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH)

BARBARA JOSIE BRIGHT

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The following item appeared in Upchurchs - Bright  
Family Newsletter Vol 4. 1933 Page 17 Issue 1  
[Note that this is a response to a letter RPY  
to Sue Bright Richter dated 6 MAR 1993]

**MAIL BAG CONT' from page 11**

Dear Phillip,

Thank you for your kind offer to work together and exchange research information. I will be happy to exchange information and research.

Over the last few years I have been corresponding with many people with Upchurch and or Bright connections. Many of the Upchurchs' have told me to get in touch with you. Because you had all the answers and all I needed to do was ask. One man even told me that I would be foolishly trying to reinvent the wheel if I did not. I guess I must have wanted to do that. Anyway I kept copying records and piecing families and putting off writing you.

I have envied your connections with so many people who have been so willing to share their family history with you. Some of the ones I wrote did not send me anything since you already had it and that was enough for them.

I have made notes of all the things I was going to write to you about. The letter if written would have been a book in itself.

I am happy that you have written. I really look forward to our future cooperation in this endeavor.

I have a large database and even though the numbering system is automatic with my computer program. Where we have names that agree I have added your ID NUMBER to that person. Of course I have only compared the three Volumes of the Bulletin that you sent to the Huntsville Public Library. The Library receives about 400 Genealogical Society and Family News periodicals quarterly. As an employee of the Heritage Room I get access to early review of these. Plus dozens of our patrons are constantly running across my SURNAMES as they are searching for their own families and they copy the location for me.

I am sending you this issue for your review. I will be happy to exchange newsletters with you. If you are interested.

Hope to hear from you again soon. Sue

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FAMILY HISTORIAN RESEARCHING THE SURNAMES OF UPCHURCH, BRIGHT, RICHTER, McMICHEN, JONES, LIPHAM, STRICKLAND, HILL, CALLAWAY, SIMS, TOMLIN, TOMLINSON, BURNETT, SPENCER, MORRIS, McADORY, OWENS & JACKSON.

20 Feb 1993

Mr. H. V. Nelson  
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Dear Mr. Nelson,

I recently found your query in the Family Puzzler,  
#1164, ~~1991~~

I am the editor of the ~~Upchurch Bright Family Newsletter~~  
(now in 4th year) and seek to record any and every Upchurch  
family possible.

I would very much appreciate the addition of your  
Upchurch lines to my database.

I have over ~~2000~~ names in this database I have  
collected and pieced together families with the main  
information coming from the Census and published County  
records.

I will be happy to share any helpful information that  
I have. On Nancy Upchurch Jarrell I have no more than you  
listed in the query. I  
would like to add all descendants that you have information  
on.

I did not plan to collect Upchurches on such a large  
scale until I started trying to find my grgrgrandfather  
Upchurch's family. He was ~~James~~ (Samuel?) UPCHURCH born  
in NC. In 1850 he is in Campbell Co GA. along with Sherrod  
& Elizabeth Upchurch & Joseph Upchurch. A couple of people  
have reported Sherrod as his father. I think not James is  
22, Joseph is 23, Sherrod/Sherwood & Elizabeth are 79. The  
records would have had them married for over 20 years in  
their 50's when they had 3 sons. John stayed in Rutherford

Co., NC. They are not in his household in 1840 in Rutherford Co., NC. I believe they are his grandsons who came with him to GA between 1840-50. James married Sarah Burnett the daughter of Valentine & Mildred Upchurch Burnett, Mildred is the daughter of Sherrod. James would be married to his niece if the reports are true. I think more likely James, John & Joseph are the sons of Adam another son of Sherrod, who also stayed in Rutherford.

The oldest son of James was William Washington Upchurch. He was in Dothan in the early 1900's where he married 1908 his 3rd wife Anovie PARR Smith. His second wife was a Mary and they had 2 daughters I have no information on them and do not know if they have descendants perhaps in your area. He and Anovie had several children of which I have contact with the survivors.

I would really appreciate your filling out the sheets enclosed and returning them to me. If I can be of any help to you please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Sue



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JONES, CRUMPTON, SMITH, BURNETT, HILL, CALLAWAY, NELSON,  
SIMS, LIPHAM, TOMLINSON, TOMLIN.*

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12 July, 1993

Phillip Upchurch  
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Dear Phillip,

Thanks for the 2 issues of Upchurch Bulletin. I am sending you the three early volumes of Upchurch - Bright newsletter. They are not nearly as large or as well done as yours. I started small and have tried to improve with each issue. Also the 1st ones were very closely geared to my own family. However, Volume Three, issue one, has a lot of research I did on your direct line of Gilbert Upchurch.

Back a little over a year ago I wrote to you on behalf of Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society. You promised to send all of your back issues for the Huntsville Public Library. To date you have sent 1-3; and 13-14. As corresponding secretary of TVGS, I get to see all publications before they are deposited at the Library. Therefore, in exchange for the volumes 1-3 of my newsletter please send some of yours between volumes 4-12.

I am also an employee of the Huntsville Library in the Heritage Room, Special Collection. One of the things we are most interested in as librarians, is that a publication be indexed. I am sure that you are especially interested in that when you enter a new library.


I would like to take on the task of indexing all of your publications, it would be a long hard task, and I am not sure I really have time to do this. What method of recalling information from your Bulletin do you use? Do you have some type of index?

I really don't have time for busy work if you have some sort of index. Let me know. Also if you do not want me to get involved in your business, please let me know that also.

Recently I was able to spend about 2 hours in the Chattanooga Public Library. It was a great experience in that they were so well organized that in those 2 hours I was able to copy at least 10 good sources about Upchurch's. Even though our Library has a much larger collection and nicer facilities a patron could spend 2 days searching for the same amount of information. Except of course, for the Family Files that have Upchurch- Bright Newsletter and the Upchurch Bulletin.

I am starting to ramble so will close and get this off today. Hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Sincerely,

  
Cousin Sue

PS. I don't think I mentioned that James S. Upchurch married Sarah Burnett the daughter of Valentine and Mildred Upchurch Burnett. He was married three times however and it may be Sarah is the dau/ of another wife.