

① 23 NOV 1990 - Cheryl Robin Abbot ↑ called from her residence in Dallas, TX. She is a single person who started on her family history project in high school and returned to it about once a year. Her father was in the military so she lived in Alaska, Washington, DC, TX, etc. She got a BS in Economics from Texas, A & M. and is now employed as an economist with the U.S. Dept of Labor. She encountered a single issue of the UB (early 1980's) in the Dallas, Library & so called me. By info she supplied & by checking my records we were able to establish her line as:

□ I. George U - Head of class

□ A. John U

△ 1. Daniel Granville U [she shows him
- as Granville C. U & this is on her
- tombstone at Paris, TX]

△ a. Atrial Freeman U [she has him
- as Heile Freeman U; I had him
- as Atrial F. U]

△ i. George Granville U - was an
- Oklahoma state senator

△ (Z) June Bernice U
- ml ——— Abbot

□ (A) Cheryl Robin Abbot
- U Washington, DC

Cheryl ↑ says Daniel Granville U moved his family to TX. She will send in info & \$15 for UB 90.

Cheryl ↑ stopped off in Wayne Co, KY & found much U presence

② 29 JAN 1996 - CRA ↑ called to discuss the upcoming Sup of TX. She has some possibilities for a meeting place for a lecture but it appears I have a better place in mind. Cheryl has had some health problems but hopes to be OK in April. I am to call her as necessary
at HOME (214) 285-1208
or at WORK (214)-767-9661

③ 10 MAR 1996. Talked with Cheryl q. We agreed to meet at her home in Mesquite, TX at 11:00 AM on SAT 6 APR 1996. - Directions - Arrive in Dallas Area on I-30, go South on I-635 to I-20 (which goes to ~~Shoreport~~ ^{TERRELL}). Go East on I-20 1/2 mile & exit right on Beltline Road. (~~Turn right on Beltline?~~). Travel 1 1/2-2 miles on Beltline - 1 light, 4 way stop, 2nd light. (~~Then go through town & some country. 2nd light is at covered walk -~~ At 2nd light turn left ^(EAST) on Kearney & go through 1-2 blocks of residential then Country to covered walk on right - turn left on Buldrip - 4th street = Primmrose. Turn rt on Primmrose - 2nd house on left. There are two papers Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star Telegram. Cheryl will send flyers to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.

④ 31 MAR 1996 - Cheryl called. on I-20 - it goes to Terrell not Shoreport. on Beltline turn right. All plans are in order

⑤ 6 APR 1996 - RPU & SSU met in the name of CRAA and her mother June (U) Abbot. Notes later made are as follows: [She also viewed Person App data see below]

Breakfast at Hampton Inn. Traveled to Mesquite TX - arrive about 12:00 Noon & spent until 3:00 PM. Visited with Cheryl Abbot and her mother June (U) Abbot. June & Cheryl live together. Cheryl works in Dallas for US Govt - Economic Service. She is a very bright & happy person. June gave me data on the RA lady and on Civil War pension applications Cheryl & June - provided. Explained to Cheryl name for name of Family History Project

For Pension Applications

Recollections of visit on 6 APR 1996

- ① Upchurch, Lee Howard (Mrs) 45633 Brazos Δ
- ② " → [Nee MARTHA SUSAN HAMMO] Martha S. 24445 Ellis Δ
- ③ " , Mary E. 37304 Wharton Δ
- ④ " , Oliver H.P. 05526 Grimes Δ
- ⑤ " → [Nee SARAH ELIZABETH MILLER] S.E. (Mrs) 18994 Grimes Δ
- ⑥ " → [Nee SARAH ELIZABETH W] S.E. (Mrs) [XID-134] 25386 Carr Δ
- ⑦ " , W.H. 38499 Hill Δ
- ↳ [WILLIAM HENRY U, I] -

- They have 3 nice dogs (Dachshunds) note that Cheryl also attended the lecture in Ft Worth on 7 APR 96

- ① Husband: Howard, Joseph, #13046, Brazos Δ+Δ+Δ
- ② " : Kenyon Brannon Δ
- ③ " Oliver H.P. Δ
- ④ " → [XID-203] James Monroe (For I?) Cherry or Claborn Δ
- ⑤ " " " → [XID-73] Δ
- Hughes, James A., #14442, Taylor City Δ

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CHERYL

ROBIN ABBOT PG3

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⑥ Photo of CR An taken on 7 APR 1996 in Fort Worth, TX at time of an upchurch lecture. Taken by Gerald Bailey Tyler & sent to RPA in LA 2 MAY 1996



⑦
15 DEC
2007

Subject: Merry Christmas
From: "Cheryl Abbot" <Abbot58@bix.com>
Date: Sat, December 15, 2007 11:37 pm
To: "Phil Upchurch" <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Cc: "Cheryl-Home" <Abbot58@bix.com>, <AbbotCheryl@bix.gov>

Howdy Cousin Phil,

I got your message and was thrilled to hear you've gotten "online." I took a quick look at the site -- the picture is great and I'll bet you'll start getting lots of contacts from other family members.

I'm sorry to say I haven't done anything on my genealogy work in years. I was promoted to Regional Economist a few years ago and I've just been trying to keep my head above water ever since. I'm hoping things will start to slow down next year, but I've hoped for that before! An article I wrote on energy costs and consumer expenditures is scheduled to be published next spring in the Monthly Labor Review so maybe I'll send you a copy. Or now that you're comfortable with the Web, I may just send you the link.

I just wanted to touch base with you because I decided not to do my Christmas letter this year. (I feel like such a Scrooge!) Next Monday I'm flying to Macon to be with my sister's family for Christmas. I didn't take any vacation last year, so I'm actually taking nearly 3 weeks off from work now and I'll be spending 2 of them in GA. The pups will be staying here with their favorite dog/house sitter. They must love her a lot because whenever I've left for work trips and I get back, they barely even acknowledge that I've been gone!

Have a wonderful Christmas,
Cheryl

BRIAN E

DEATON

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WHITE W MARRIAGES - KY - PER CHARLES J. PETERSON, JR
 LTR 20 JAN 2001 - BASE DOCUMENT IN MARRIAGE FILE 3

GROOM			BRIDE			MG.		MG DATE		
Groom's name	Age	COUNTY	Bride's name	Age	County	Bride	COUNTY	Month	Day	Year
UPCHURCH	JASON	M 19 ADAIR	0 TUCKER	TERA	E 20 ADAIR	0	ADAIR	8	23	1997
UPCHURCH	JAMES	W 19 WAYNE	0 TUGGLE	MARGRET	S 21 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	4	15	73
UPCHURCH	BOBBY	G 21 WAYNE	0 TURPIN	DONNA	L 19 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	2	9	1985
4) RULE	CHARLES	L 53 JEFFERSON	1 UPCHURCH	ALINE	51 OLDHAM	2	JEFFERSON	4	9	77
TUCKER	RUSSELL	G 30 WAYNE	1 UPCHURCH	ALLYSON	G 27 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	4	14	1998
PYLES	CHAUNCY	W 23 WAYNE	0 UPCHURCH	AMANDA	S 24 WAYNE	1	WAYNE	2	27	1999
LOWE	CHRSTPR	W 21 WAYNE	0 UPCHURCH	ANGELA	M 19 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	6	24	1995
EDWARDS	GREGORY	A 29 WAYNE	1 UPCHURCH	ANITA	G 32 WAYNE	1	WAYNE	9	10	1994
RICHARDS	DELLMAS	E 23 WAYNE	1 UPCHURCH	ANITA	G 23 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	6	28	1986
STIDHAM	JAMES	D 31 BULLET	1 UPCHURCH	ANN	E 30 BULLET	3	JEFFERSON	8	23	73
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GREGORY	JAMES	P 51	2 UPCHURCH	BETTY	J 52 WAYNE	2	WAYNE	8	3	1991
MARTIN	DILLARD	73	2 UPCHURCH	BETTY	L 51 WAYNE	1	WAYNE	12	24	1998
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HOLLAR	DANNY	L 47 ANDERSON	1 UPCHURCH	BILLIE	R 44 FRANKLIN	2	ANDERSON	5	13	1995
COFFMAN	WILLIAM	R 56	1 UPCHURCH	BLANCHE	K 45 LEWIS	1		5	29	84
INGRAM	MARTY	D 29 CHRISTIAN	0 UPCHURCH	CAMMIE	L 22 SHELBY	0	SHELBY	6	6	1992
ABBOTT	SCOTTY	23 WAYNE	0 UPCHURCH	CAROLYN	S 26 WAYNE	1	WAYNE	5	16	1992
DALTON	KEITH	A 26	1 UPCHURCH	CHARLOT	L 27	1		7	26	1991
TUCKER	TIMOTHY	W 18 WAYNE	0 UPCHURCH	CHASNEY	A 16 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	2	14	1998
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DICK	JONATHN	W 24 WAYNE	1 UPCHURCH	DARLENE	F 22 WAYNE	1	WAYNE	6	6	1997
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LEE	JASON	W 21 JEFFERSON	0 UPCHURCH	ERICA	J 18 JEFFERSON	0	JEFFERSON	1	5	1990
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MOORE	DOUGLAS	E 42 MARSHALL	1 UPCHURCH	FAYETTA	C 41 MARSHALL	2	MARSHALL	2	4	83
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MOON	TRACY	17 GREEN	0 UPCHURCH	GLENDA	16 GREEN	0	GREEN	2	17	84
HUGHES	ANDREW	M 23	0 UPCHURCH	HEATHER	A 21 WARREN	0	WARREN	9	1	1990
TILLER	WILLIAM	T 25	0 UPCHURCH	HOLLY	A 24 WAYNE	0	WAYNE	8	5	1989
SHARP	JAMES	L 31 DAVIESS	1 UPCHURCH	JAMIE	M 22 DAVIESS	2	DAVIESS	6	4	84
SHARP	JAMES	L 29 DAVIESS	0 UPCHURCH	JAMIE	M 20 DAVIESS	1	DAVIESS	9	25	82
SMITH	KERMIT	S 44 FRANKLIN	3 UPCHURCH	JANE	P 44 FRANKLIN	1	FRANKLIN	2	15	1992
CRABTREE	RICHIE	L 28 MARSHALL	1 UPCHURCH	JENNIFR	D 21 MARSHALL	0	MARSHALL	12	16	1994
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1) NO OF PRIOR MG FOR GROOM; 2) NO OF PRIOR MG FOR BRIDE
 3) SEE BASE DOCUMENT FOR VOLUME OF RECORD & CERTIFICATE NO.
 4) RACE NOT GIVEN

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I. George U - Head of Clan CS-20

A. John U

1. Daniel Granville U

a. Abrial Freeman U

i. George Granville U

(I) Jane Bernice U

(A) Cheryl Robin Abbot ↑

For earlier Interaction
see Archive Files



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January 24, 2017

Dear Cheryl,

It is time for an update on Allied Families. The enclosed UB for 2016 shows our shift to digital you have helped us achieve.

Provided is a summary of what we have done in our shift and what we hope for in 2017. We should be able to do a lot with our \$29,000 2017 budget if we can fund it. Any encouragement you can provide will be welcomed.

I will be in NC March 29 - April 2 working in our Allied Families Care Facility adding new projects. We have about a dozen volunteers working in the facility. It would be great if you could come up and see our progress.

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Sending All Best wishes

Phil Upchurch

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18 JAN 2014

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Dear Cheryl -

I write for several reasons. First - to report that the 2013 issue of the Upchurch Bulletin is now available on my website www.upchurchhistory.com. Also, take a look at some of the 34 weblogs posted. In particular note the one for your ancestor George W. you can then look at one pertaining to each of his ancestors (and yours) going back to Michael W, I. Any comments you have will be welcomed.

Also, I want to write your attention to the new organization we have created (we never had before) UPCHURCH AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION, INC "UAFSA" or "ALLIED FAMILIES". All of my work will be carried forth under this banner. It will be a powerful tool to help families gather, organize, and share information, using the power of the Internet and the many sources available on the Internet.

An important feature of VAFB will be the "enrollment" of families. For each family we will start with an ancestor who lived about the time of the Revolution and then add details on descendants. For Wylshuch we shall add each Wylshuch Clan as a separate enrollment. So ^{the} George Wylshuch Family (your ancestor) would be separately enrolled. In this way we can give far more attention to the George W family than we could in the UB where 22 Clans had to share space.

The entry fee for enrolling a family is \$500. But this can be acquired step-wise. Any individual who contributes \$50 or more towards enrolling a family will be listed as a co-sponsor of that family. Contributions can be made as memorials.

I hope we can count on you to join as a 2014 member. Membership is 20/year. Also, I hope you can help us get the George Wylshuch Family enrolled.

I never think of you without thinking of your lovely words - and especially Willie.

With fond memory.

Phil Wylshuch

REC'D
16 DEC 2004

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Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year,

Cheryl, Heidi, Dorel &

Willie Upchurch!

Howdy Family and Friends,

I know I always start my letters by saying that I can't believe it's that time again. But this year I *REALLY* mean it! Due to work requirements, I didn't take my normal long summer vacation and I think that may have messed up my time perception for the rest of the year.

Our Chief Economist left the unit back in February and our clerk left at the same time. Because of budget cuts, we lost the clerk position permanently and they just started interviewing for the Chief's slot this month. What that means is that my unit has been operating with fifty percent of our normal staff (just an economic assistant and me) for ten months! The Chief had been doing most of the public speaking and after he left, that duty fell to me. My biggest presentation was in September to a group of about 200 Dallas business people (i.e., Republicans!). I was invited to give a briefing on the local and national economies because, as my host put it, "the upcoming election has gotten everyone so interested." Well, an invitation like that is frightening to government economists since our job is to interpret numbers -- not political policies. So I opened the presentation by saying that our agency takes great pride in being completely APOLITICAL and my definition of success for the day would be if everyone left with a better understanding of the economy -- but still wondering if I was a Republican or Democrat. That got a pretty good laugh. And I'm proud to say that among those I spoke to after the presentation, two-thirds thought I was a Republican! So it was a total success for me.....if not for my candidate (grin)! We should know by the first of the year who was selected for the Chief's position, so keep your fingers' crossed for me.

I spent Thanksgiving in Albuquerque with Kim, her husband Scott, and their youngest, Kristen. Scott is still working as a contract nurse-anesthetist and Albuquerque is his westernmost assignment to date. We had a great time over the holiday, especially when people would ask us if we were visitors. We would say yes, and that we came from Dallas, NYC (where Kristen is attending school), and Georgia. That always elicited a surprised look! We hit the old Route 66 area and did a lot of window-shopping. We also visited Santa Fe where we were able to help the local economy a bit more. On the last day we drove to the top of the Sandia Mountain range in Albuquerque. The crest was covered in 12 inches of new snow, the temperature was 28 degrees, and the wind was vicious. And we were dressed in jackets! After a quick visit to the gift shop for emergency winter-wear, we climbed to the peak just long enough to take photos to prove we were there... and for a quick call to Kim's oldest, Patrick, who was back in Macon working over the holiday.

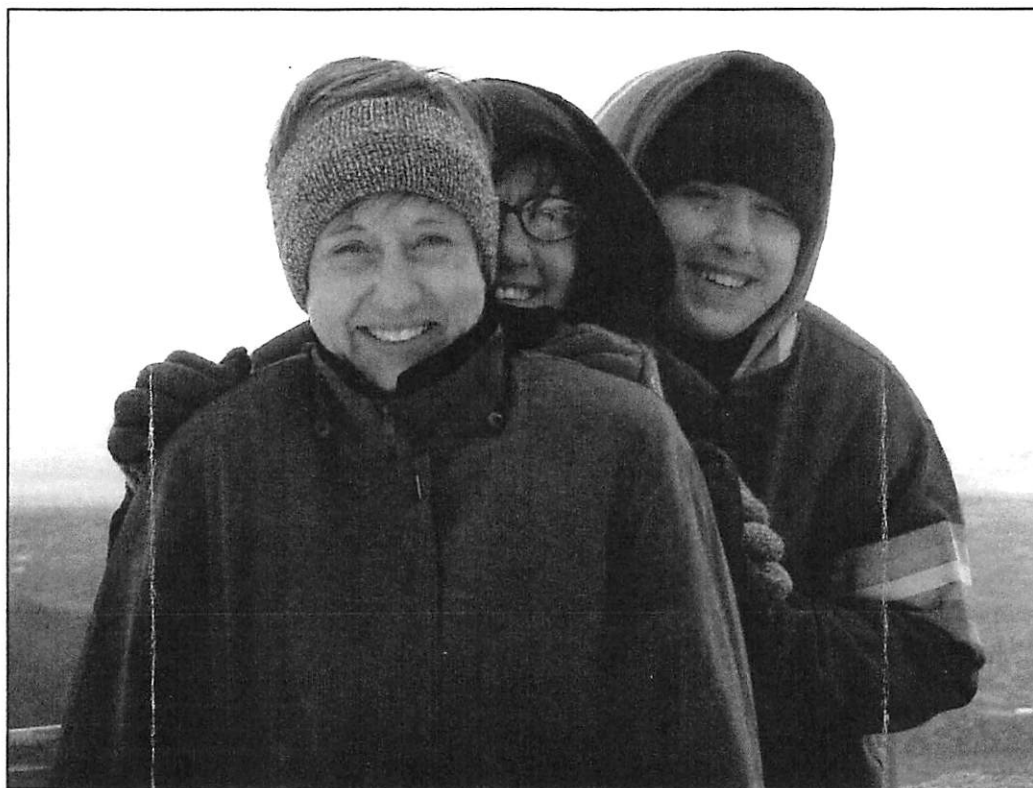
While we were in Albuquerque, Steve and his youngest, Tyler (age 17), were in Mexico City for a rock-climbing competition -- for Tyler, not Steve! I received an invitation from them to spend Thanksgiving in old Mexico, but opted for New Mexico. Although I expected Spanish to be a major factor in both places, I thought my odds of finding someone who spoke English (or at least Texan!) were better in Albuquerque. Steve said language wasn't too terrible a problem. He had a translation device with him, which helped a lot in coming up with the proper Spanish terms. But he said things got a little more difficult when people would answer his questions in Spanish -- and actually expect him to understand what they were saying! They managed just fine though and had a great time, including staying at the old Olympic Village -- once they found it! Ross, who graduated from High School in June, opted to spend the holiday in South Texas -- a place that speaks slightly more English (grin). He's working fulltime now at his step-father's architectural firm while trying to decide what he wants to do with the rest of his life. I certainly don't envy him that decision -- for better or worse, that's something most of us haven't had to worry about in a long time!

Merry Christmas to All.....Cheryl & the Weiner Brigade (all still going strong)

Kim and me at the bottom of the mountains.... and already cold....



Kim, Kris, and me at the topand freezing!




Celebrate Sallaine's 80th birthday (I actually falls on 8 JAN 2006). Our family and a few other close family members and special friends made this a memorable event. Sallaine protested having anything to focus on her but we insisted. In the end she was gracious and was pleased to learn how much she has influenced the lives of so many.

We gave Sallaine a book of memories. Enclosed is a copy of the article "My Wife Remembered" that I prepared for the book. Perhaps you will get a chuckle out of this.

The past year has been a great one for Lynch Family history work and 2006 holds a great deal of promise. I am in the midst of preparing tons of stuff.

One sign that you are taking good care of the little ones. Since they are now in their "mature" years I wonder if you anticipate adding some younger members to the brigade.

With All Best Wishes for a Great 2006

Sincerely Yours
 Phil Lynch
[ROBERT PHILIP LYNCH]



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REC'D
14 DEC 2010

Christmas 2010-2011

Howdy Friends and Family,

Notice the date? I've decided to give in to my recent pattern and just date the letter for two years! As usual, work is the centerpiece of my life and I'm guessing that will continue to be the case until I retire. Retire? How in the world did we get to be so old? In theory, I could retire from my position as Southwest Chief of Economic Analysis with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in two years and five months – but who's counting? ☺ Honestly though, I don't have a clue what I want to do with my life after work, so I'm guessing I'll hang around for another five years or so. In looking over my previous Christmas letters, I've always mentioned some event that has consumed a big part of my work year (Hurricane Katrina, writing, and website re-design). I'd have to say the last two years have been consumed with the state of the economy, and more recently, the election season. Many of you live in parts of the country that were impacted by the failing economy much more than Texas and I hope you've all managed to come through it okay. Even though things in the Southwest haven't been as bad, they have definitely taken a turn for the worse. That means labor stats are in demand, so I've spent most of the year looking into my crystal ball – without much luck. The fall political season was a nasty one and much of it centered, rightfully, on the economy. When reporters wanted to verify candidates' economic statements, they would call BLS and we would confirm or deny the veracity of their statements. Needless to say, most of them took great liberties, but I was impressed with how the reporters made them toe the line (at least in the SW). Here's hoping that the next time I write I'll be talking about the booming economy keeping me busy. And maybe by then, they'll be giving Federal workers a raise. (I couldn't resist that comment!)

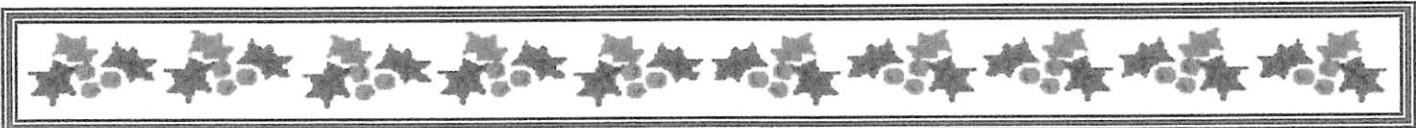
I didn't take a long vacation this year, but Kim and Steve were able to come to my house for a few days this summer, so the siblings got to eat out, watch movies, and visit for a little while. Since I didn't take a long vacation earlier in the year, I'm taking a really long one now. I'll be at Kim's house in Macon for the last two weeks of the year meaning I'll be there for two birthdays (sister & niece), Christmas, and New Years! Wish me luck with the airport full-body scans and pat downs; the agents are drawn to my insulin pump and it's been scanned for explosives a couple of times!

Kim is still manager of the regional Diabetes Center, but Scott has stopped doing his traveling anesthesia work. He now works as the surgical scheduler (sorry Scotty if that's not a good description), at one of the Macon hospitals and is finally back home after being on the road for years. Their daughter Kristen graduated from the University of Georgia in 2009, but the local economy didn't offer her much, so she moved to Oregon. Unfortunately, that economy was even worse, so she moved back home in 2010. Like so many other people, she's been unable to find "paying" work, but I'm told she does an excellent job as unpaid chef at the Sinclair household. Her brother Patrick and his wife Misty live in Atlanta and have managed to keep both their fulltime jobs. They continue to spend their spare time living the renaissance life. (My last Christmas letter contained photos of their fully-costumed Renaissance Fair wedding.)

I'm running out of room so I'll just say that Steve and the boys are doing fine. Steve is still a high-level systems analyst with IBM in Austin (something of an accomplishment in this economy) and the boys are with him, working and going to school. Tyler transferred from University of Texas at El Paso to UT-Austin in 2010. Needless to say, our family has a fun time during football season with grads from UT, A&M, Baylor, and Michigan!

My 2008 letter noted that I had lost Willie and Heidi in the last three months. I'm sorry to report that Gretel went home in February of 2009. Losing them all in the span of six months was incredibly hard, but they had a great life and I took comfort in that. I'm not yet ready to take on the responsibility of owning a dog, but in the last few months, I've started watching the Dog Whisperer again, so ownership probably isn't too far away!

...Merry Christmas to All... Cheryl



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REC'D
9 DEC 2005

Happy Holidays,

Christmas 2005

Howdy Friends and Family,

Convin Cheryl, Heidi, Dorel & Willie

This has been a busy year for the Abbot household. Last year I filled half a page talking about how tough work had been because my Unit had lost two people from our four-person staff. Things haven't really improved this year except in one area. After 11 months of vacancy, they finally got around to filling the Regional Economist slot in January. And I'm happy to say that they filled it with me! Unfortunately, I wasn't able to fill my old Economist position until September, so my workload has been pretty phenomenal for most of this year. More often than not, I put in 50-hour weeks and since I'm now a manager, the hours above 40 are for "free." The last time I looked at the records, I'd put in more than 180 hours (nearly 5 weeks) of non-compensated overtime this year. I've always heard the phrase "be careful what you wish for..." and now I understand what it means! But at least you taxpayers can take some comfort in the free work!

Although I didn't take any long summer vacations this year, I was able to take a few days here and there and play hostess for my siblings. Steve and Kim came to visit for a few days this spring -- and without dogs or children! The house seemed empty, but we had a great time. We just hung out watching movies, talking, and eating out. During their visit, we got a call from Kim's daughter, Kristen (21), who was about to start her final year of film-school in Manhattan. She told her mom that she had decided this field of endeavor wasn't for her and she would like to try something else. She wanted to start with an intensive 8-week Latin course at the University of Texas in Austin this summer. Steve immediately volunteered a room in his house and after further discussion between Kris and her folks, a plan was agreed upon. Kristen would work in Texas for a year after her summer course ended in order to earn in-state tuition and build up her own funds before she returned to UT in the fall of 2006. The other big addendum to the plan was that Kristen would move in with me following her Austin summer course!

I have to admit after living alone for 8 years I was a little nervous about the idea. But the arrangement has turned out to be truly wonderful (at least for me). Kris is a great kid and it's nice to have someone besides the dogs to talk with after a long day at work. The dogs (ages 13, 15, and 15) are SO happy to have her here and we're all already dreading when she leaves next September. Kristen got a job with my Vet, which is just 5 minutes from here and the best benefit (for me!) is that I now get a 25% discount on all my vet bills! That was really nice a month ago when Willie's back went out requiring several visits to the vet and eventually a 3-day hospital stay with IV steroids. Willie was NOT a good patient and no one at the hospital could get him to eat, drink, or walk. To remedy the situation, Kris stepped right up and would go and visit him at 9:00 at night to help him through his ordeal. Not only did Willie get TLC, but I also got a huge discount on my bill - which was very important because Gretel's back went out a week later! We've been playing recovery center here at the house for a couple of weeks now, but everyone finally seems to be on the mend.

In May, as part of my job with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, I staffed an exhibit at the New Orleans Convention Center, the same one that became a scene of such desperation just a few months later. But during those better times, I visited one of the casinos during my off hours and managed to turn a \$70 "investment" into a \$600 win. (That's certainly better than the return I've been getting on my stock portfolio!) I took another trip in late September to Galveston Island to give an Occupational Outlook presentation. I left Galveston on Saturday and the voluntary evacuation for Hurricane Rita began on Sunday. You may have seen the hotel I stayed at on the news - it was the Emergency Command Post for the Island.Just like mobile homes seem to draw tornadoes, I'm beginning to think my visits summon hurricanes.

Although Katrina and Rita hit areas far south of Dallas, their impact was felt all over our State as hundreds of thousands of evacuees were forced to abandon their homes. We had one worker living in New Orleans who called the day of hurricane to tell us that his government car had been hit by a telephone pole. That was the last we heard from him for 3 days. He finally called us from his son's home in Illinois to say that he had made it out unscathed, but there was nothing left for him to return to in the Crescent City so he was staying put. Two of my cousins live in Louisiana, one in Houma (south of New Orleans) and another in the southwestern part of the state. When Katrina hit New Orleans, my cousin Michael headed north to stay with his sister for a night. He returned to Houma the next day to find his property in pretty good shape and he said with the use of his own generator, the "on and off" power situation didn't bother him too much! Then Miss Rita came along making the southwestern part of the state a dangerous place to be. So my cousin Carla took herself and her two daughters to stay with her brother Michael in the "safe" area south of New Orleans. Luckily, her home also weathered the storm just fine and everyone is back where they should be now and glad the Hurricane season is finally over. Here's hoping we never make it into the Greek alphabet again!

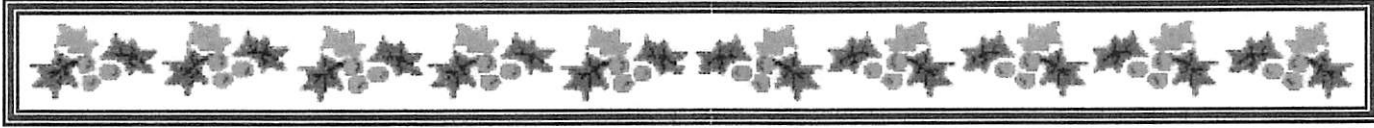
From a selfish point of view, the massive movement of people that resulted from the hurricanes' destruction also added to my workload. In the midst of all the human misery, our labor force data became very important to policy-makers. The statistical methodologies had to be revised and the media had to be kept informed. This meant many a late night composing e-mail briefing papers for media distribution. At one point, we had about 25,000 evacuees living at the Dallas Convention Center and Reunion Arena. But that number paled beside the estimated 250,000 who were staying in DFW at hotels, churches, private shelters, and with family. And on the heels of Katrina, we had Hurricane Rita and the massive "crawling" exodus from Houston. Downtown traffic became horrible. Because of Rita's projected path, I warned my niece to fill-up her car a couple of days before the experts started warning of shortages. Silly me, I didn't get around to doing it until the night before Rita made landfall. The gas stations only had premium grade left -- at about \$3.00 a gallon, up from \$2.10 just the month before -- but I was happy to find anything available!

Following all the hurricane action, Kim and Scott were able to come visit us for a long weekend in October. Once again, other than sitting around and talking, we didn't do much except eat out. But the barbeque and Mexican food places were very happy to see Scotty! Scott is still doing the "traveling" anesthesia work, but most recently he has been much closer to their Georgia home, so weekend visits have been fairly frequent. Their son Patrick still works fulltime at GEICO, but he managed to squeeze in enough studying to finish his degree and graduated from Mercer this year.

Steve and his boys are doing just fine although I'm embarrassed to say that I've been so busy this year I haven't seen the boys since last Christmas. But I'm hoping to squeeze in a visit during the upcoming holidays. Ross, who graduated from High School in 2004, is working fulltime and preparing to take a delayed graduation trip to Europe! Tyler, who is a senior in high school this year, took a rock-climbing trip to Canada this summer -- following his Mexico City trip last year. It's pretty sad when the younger generation has more world travel under their belts at age 20 than I do at age 30. (Yes, that's a big, fat lie, but you can do the math yourselves.)

For those of you in Yankee-land, I just thought I would add that I put up all my outside Christmas lights on Thanksgiving Day -- wearing shorts and a tank top! Well, I've gone on much longer than usual this year, but I think I've finally run out of things to say. Wishing everyone a wonderful Season.

Merry Christmas to All... Cheryl & the Weiner Brigade (and Kristen!)



While we plan to do some international travel each year there is still much of the US we would like to see or to see again.

The eldest of our eight grandchildren has announced she will be married early next year. They plan to tie the knot in Guam of all places. They will then return to Seattle and have a special event. We will go to Seattle but not to Guam.

I trust this finds you and the hounds well and enjoying life. Drop us a line when you find time.

With All Best Wishes .

Sincerely yours



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Hi Cousin Phil,

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Thanks so much for the article on the dachshund artist. The photos of her "weiner"-dog works of art look so realistic. The brief discussion of her prices looked a little out of my league, but the sculptures are so cute I plan on visiting her website. Thanks again.

Hope all is well with you & yours,

Cousin Cheryl & the weiner pack

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New Year's 2009

Howdy Friends and Family,

REC'D 14 JAN 2009

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I knew I wasn't going to get around to doing a Christmas letter this year, but I didn't realize until last week that I hadn't done one for two years! After reading the cards over the holidays, I thought I owed everyone a quick update on the last couple of years.

Work is still the biggest time-consumer in my life, but things are beginning to slow down. The research article I had been working on for nearly a year was published in the April 2008 *Monthly Labor Review*. For those of you needing some light bedtime reading, "An analysis of Southern energy expenditures and prices, 1984-2006." is at www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2008/04/contents.htm. I was the "cover story" in that issue, and although I can't take credit for the cover graphic selection, I think it was very cool! Based on the article, I was contacted a couple of times by producers from The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer to be a guest, but the logistics never quite came together to allow it. Frankly, that's OK by me. Considering the current economy, it still scares me a little to think I might be considered a U.S. energy expert by anyone! Another big project that's off my plate now is the national website re-design team I was on for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. We completed our work this summer, and so far, the reviews have been good.

My brother Steve and I spent Christmas 2007 at my sister Kim's house in Macon. We were there when Patrick, Kim and Scott's 29-year old son, returned from his year of teaching English in Korea. So we were also there when he proposed to his bride to be, Misty! Steve and his two boys Ross and Tyler (ages 22 and 21) and I were all able to return in May to attend the wedding. And where did it take place? At the Atlanta Renaissance Fair! As a member of the Sinclair clan, the groom was decked out in full Scottish regale, including an authentic kilt -- although he would never tell us how "authentic" it was! The bride wore a custom made gown of the era and was quite beautiful. Somehow the pair convinced us all to dress the part -- and being the hams that we are, we happily obliged. I was a three musketeer along with my niece Kristen and a close friend of the family, Steven. Kim made quite the fetching wench, Scott was a very believable serf, and Steve and the boys (ranging from 6'2" to 6'4") were highwaymen. Considering it was May in Georgia, the weather was absolutely fabulous and a great time was had by all.

Kim and Scott are still in Macon where Kim continues as the manager of a regional Diabetes Center and Scott is still on the road doing his nurse-anesthetist magic. Patrick and Misty reside in Atlanta and Kristen (age 25) has been living at home since this summer while finishing up some online courses for her degree. Steve continues his systems' analyst work with IBM in Austin and Ross lives at home while attending a local college. Tyler decided engineering wasn't his cup of tea -- despite making excellent grades his first semester. He returned to Austin where he announced that cooking is his passion! He lives in an apartment and works as a junior chef at one of the swankiest places in town. Last fall, Steve and I loaded up on cash and visited the establishment. Tyler treated us to some of the most amazing appetizers we've ever had!

I'm sorry to say that this has not been a good year for my Weiner Brigade. Little Willie (age 16) became extremely ill with a gall bladder blockage in the fall and I had to put him down on September 30th. Heidi (age 18), my "healthy as a horse" dachsy suddenly became gravely ill from kidney failure while I was in Austin for Christmas. Steve was with me when I put her down on December 23. Her sister, Gretel, is lying next to me on the floor right now wrapped in a blanket. She's almost completely deaf and blind, but I'm still amazed at how well she has adapted to her disabilities. This seems like a terrible way to end my letter, but since they have been a part of my life for so long, they deserve the honorable mention. They both had a wonderful and extremely long life and I'll continue to take care of Gretel as long as she still has the desire and wherewithal to stay with me.

*Wishing you all health and happiness in the coming year
Cheryl & Gretel*



Kim, Steve, Cheryl



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