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Subject: Allied Families 2017

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Jan 25, 2017 4:15 pm

To: "Janine—14-X-Y Caldwell" <caldwell_shire@ctvea.net>

Attach: 2017 Form for participating in Upchurch and Allied Families 22 Dec 15 revision.docx

ALLIED FAMILIES Programs and plans 2013-2017.docx

Hi Janine----

Now is a good time for an update on Allied Families. I hope you will renew your membership for 2017 using the attached form or PayPal.

Also attached is a summary of what we have accomplished and our hopes for 2017.

For more details on our route to digital see the Upchurch Bulletin for 2016 recently posted on www.upchurchstory.com--password 2013upchurch#. Also, note progress on your enrolled family at www.alliedfamilies.com password 2014allied#.

I will be in North Carolina March 29-April 2, 2017 working in the Allied Families Cary Facility starting some new projects. Would love to see you there. Let me know if you need details.

Our progress has been substantial but we need participation whether as a casual follower or as a dedicated worker and donor. I hope you will give us encouragement by renewing today and being as generous as your circumstances allow.

Sending all Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch

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[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject:** Allied Families -2016**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com**Date:** Sun, Apr 17, 2016 7:35 am**To:** "Janine---14-X Caldwell" <caldwell_shire@ctvea.net>**Attach:** AF 2016 Membership Form.docx

Hi Janine---

We are now well into our budget year of 2016 for Allied Families. I write in hopes that you will continue to provide your support for our family history effort as you have done in past years. A membership form is attached. We have continued to grow our effort in a number of ways. Our number of participants has grown to 175 of whom many have continued to renew their membership but not all. Our budget is at about the \$10,000 per year level. We have quite a few volunteers including 17 remote transcribers of Biofiles and more are expected. Even some modest growth in our budget will allow the hiring of some much needed part-time help for our Chesterfield, MO and Cary, NC operations. Help is available at \$10 /hour. I could make good use of some help.

A significant part of our financial plan is to allocate as much as possible to the long-term support fund destined to reach endowment levels for reach enrolled family. So far we have a pooled amount of about \$6,000 sequestered. Endowment earnings will keep Allied Families operational down the road.

I am especially proud of the progress we have made leading to the enrollment of the Nathan Upchurch family to which you belong. We would like for this family to be one that moves ahead. I hope you will review our website from time to time to note progress and that you will offer suggestions. Perhaps you are in a position to be a volunteer. Just let me know.

In appreciation all you have done to help us make a lot of progress on our shared Upchurch heritage~

Phil Upchurch

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Subject: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: "caldwell@ctvea.net" <caldwell@ctvea.net>

Date: Mon, March 17, 2014 2:44 pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

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

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Janine Caldwell

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Tue, Mar 18, 2014 7:03 am

To: ~~caldwell@ctvea.net~~

Hi Janine---

Delighted you found my website. I hope you had no trouble reaching and searching the three password protected sites where I have tons of Upchurch information posted. In case the password did not come to you it is "2013upchurch#". Also, I hope you were able to watch some of the videos. Any comments you have will be welcomed.

I do not find you in my files but you may be there. I would like to know how you fit into the family. If you will send me a couple of names that link you back to earlier Upchurch generations I will search my system and give you a report. It is important to learn which of the 22 Upchurch Clans is yours as that way you can focus on what is of most interest to you.

I invite your attention to a new organization we have recently created "Upchurch and Allied Families Association, Inc". The website is www.alliedfamilies.com. All of my work will now be carried out under the banner of UAFA. I would be most encouraged if you became a 2014 member at \$20.

Please do let me have any questions you have about your Upchurch heritage.

Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: "Dennis and Janine" <~~caldwell@ctvea.net~~>

Date: Tue, Mar 18, 2014 6:40 pm

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phil,

I was very delighted to have found your website as well. Thank you for contacting me. I was able to watch only a few of the videos and ran out of time to do some actual accessing of the protected sites. I am anxious to get a chance to dig in the records. My father is Dale Touchton, and his mother was Theresa Upchurch, the daughter of Edward Ponder Upchurch of south Georgia/north Florida area. His father was Nathaniel (maybe a son of Gilbert?). The conundrum I am having is that I have heard all my life from both my grandmother and her siblings that their "father's people" came from Ireland – so the family has always had the assumption that our Upchurch ancestors came from Ireland. There is much about them that would support this – I have just been unable to prove it as all I've seen from the census records is that they came from North Carolina. After viewing a few of your videos, it seems to me that the Upchurches have been in this country for quite some time and came here from England. The Irish connection most likely had to have come from a mother – which I haven't had a chance to research yet. I am sure after I have had time to really get to watch more of the videos and dig in the protected information that you have worked on so hard for so many years, I will find many Upchurch answers. I have loved family history my entire life. I do not know why I am just now stumbling on your website, but I am mighty glad I did. I will poke around the website you provided about the "Upchurch and Allied Families Association".

Thank you so much for contacting me, and I am hoping you do have my line in your system.

Janine Caldwell

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Mar 18, 2014 8:15 pm
To: "Dennis and Janine" <caldwell_shire@ctvea.net>

Hi Cousin Janine---

I will give you a quick response as we are getting ready to leave for a three day tour tomorrow.

I have your parents in my system but not any of their children so you are new to my system. You and I share a great deal of Upchurch heritage which I am sure will amaze you. Your GM Theresa U. and I are second cousins. Her GF Natahniel Smith U. and my GF Bartley Jefferson U were siblings. Their father was indeed Gilbert U. 1792-1845. Gilbert was the son of Nathan U., I head of one of the 22 Upchurch Clans each a member of the fifth generation of the family in America. With this information in hand you can begin to look briefly at each of the issues of the Upchurch Bulletin posted on my website and get a great deal of information that should be of interest to you. In short order you and I should be able to cooperate to greatly improve our records on your part of the family if you are so interested,

I would like to call your attention to a new organization we have just created---Upchurch and Allied Families Association, Inc. The website is www.alliedfamilies.com. All of my work going forward will be done under the banner of this organization. I would be most encouraged if you would become a 2014 member for \$20.

I am excited about being in touch with you. Please let me have your questions. I hope we can soon exchange more.

Hurriedly.

Phil Upchurch

⑤ 21 MAR 2014. A report from PayPal shows Janine sent in \$20 for a UAF 2014 membership

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Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: "Dennis and Janine" <caldwell_shire@ctvea.net>
Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2014 6:43 pm
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

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Cousin Phil!

I stand amazed indeed. Thank you so much for taking time out to let me know before your trip. I hope your tour went well. I have become a 2014 member of the organization. I have viewed some of the bulletins and have just been in awe at the information so far. I hope to dig more this weekend into the bulletins and more of the videos. I have already learned so much more than I have ever known.

I feel as though I have found a treasure. I am happy to fill you in on my small part of the family. The only Upchurch cousins I have ever known were the children of my grandmother's siblings (of which she only had 2). One of my regrets in life is that I didn't write down all that my grandmother used to tell me. She was the best story teller. Being young, I felt like she would always be around and that I would never ever forget what she told me. Unfortunately, neither was the case. She passed when I was just 16 and I don't remember as much as I would like.

I look forward to more conversations. Thank you so much for contacting me.

Your new-found cousin,
Janine

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Mar 22, 2014 7:59 am
To: "Dennis and Janine" <caldwell_shire@ctvea.net>

Hi Janine---

We are now back home after a delightful three day tour of sights in Arkansas. First, I want to thank you for your \$20 membership in UAFA which PayPal has reported to me. Over time I will have more to say about Allied Families as we will want our mutual ancestor Nathan U., I and his family to be "enrolled" under the UAFA program.

You cannot imagine how finding a new cousin who is interested in family history and who, like me, is a descendant of Gilbert U excites me. There is so much I have to share and so much I want to learn from you. You know more than you think! Of course you have a lot of catching up to do by just reading the UB issues if you can sort out which parts are of special interest to you. Also, I have huge amounts of information not included in the UB issues that will be of special interest to you.

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We must soon begin to exchange some facts but you need some time to look at the UB issues and to look at the videos. Re the videos you can look first at No 31 on Nathan U., I who is your direct ancestor (and mine) and then go backwards to 28/27 and to 25, 26, and finally to 4/9 which takes you back to our direct ancestors in turn getting you back to Michael U.I.

But first I am anxious to hear your voice and to explore in a chat about how we can best interact. Please give me a call when it is convenient. My land line is (636) 530-6022.

Cheers~

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: "Dennis and Janine" <dennis@ctvea.net>

Date: Sun, Apr 13, 2014 4:07 pm

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi!

I apologize it has taken me so long to get back with you. After we corresponded here, I have been putting in many hours at work each week and haven't had so much time or energy to read/view as much as I would have liked sooner. I did send my Dad the link to watch the videos as well.

After reading some of the bulletins and listening to some of the videos, we are beginning to think we are from a different set of Upchurch or there is some missing puzzle pieces. The puzzle being that my Dad, as well as his first cousins all agree that they were told their grandfather was Irish. My grandmother's father, as you know, was Edward Ponder U, and he was living with my grandmother at his death. My aunt remembers him well and said he had an Irish brogue and had Irish mannerisms. They were told that Edward Ponder U was Irish. I remember my Grandmother telling me these things all my life. Edward died before my Dad was born (there is 14 years age difference between my Dad and his sister), so he didn't know him personally, but his Mother told him these things. My Dad's first cousins were all told the same. It's a bit of a hullabaloo at the moment.

My Dad doesn't know much more about his Upchurch kin as there was a "falling out" between his gf Edward and his brothers. Apparently, there was a lot of bitterness. My Dad has always wished to know more about them. He has told me that we are related to some Upchurches in St. Augustine, FL that are/were involved in the judicial system. He remembers some of the names of some of his mother's uncles and cousins of which she spoke. There were some stories of them in the bulletins that were very interesting.

An interesting note is that my grandmother told us her Mother's people were French – which explains her and her sister's names (Theresa Estelle and LaMontine) – the mother named the girls and the father named the 1 boy (John Walter – we called him Uncle Buddy). It is not hard to believe that my grandmother Theresa was of French heritage – she was of dark complexion, jet black curly hair and dark brown eyes – while her brother and sister had blue eyes.

There was one of the documents that I could never get opened amongst the protected information. It was the Register of American Ancestors (Through 2012). So, I am not sure how much information you have on our branch from Edward down. I'm happy to tell you what I do know.

Is there a time that is better than another to call and chat?

Sincerely puzzled,

Janine

Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2014 6:19 am

To: "Dennis and Janine" <dennis@ctvea.net>

Hi Cousin Janine---

I think I can explain your doubt. But first, there is no question but that the paternal heritage of Edward Ponder Upchurch was English and that his father, Nataniel Smith U. headed a line in the Nathan U./Gilbert U. Subclan. Edward and my father were first cousins. As we talk and exchange information I will be able to convince you about all of this.

Re the prospect of French and Irish heritage I suspect this could well be true but that, if so, it comes from the maternal lines as from the wives of Edward or his father. I have seen this confusion about heritage quite a few times before. For some reason the paternal heritage can fade into the background while the maternal heritage takes a front seat. The result is the later generations begin to relate their heritage is of the maternal line without giving due consideration to the paternal line. I suspect that this is the case with your family. It will be fun teasing out more details. When we talk we can go over this again.

You can call me any time although I usually fold my tent about 8:00 pm St Louis time but I am up at 5:00 am.

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I can appreciate that your work responsibilities are demanding. So, let's pace ourselves and interact whenever you have time and energy. We have a lot to share and I am anxious to get details from you and to make sure you are fully informed about you Upchurch heritage. My files contain huge amounts of information bearing on our mutual family members that are not reflected in the Upchurch Bulletin issues.

I am puzzled as to why you cannot reach the Register where over 60,000 members of our Upchurch family are listed. Keep trying.

Looking forward to your call and to other exchanges.

Cheers

Cousin Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Upchurch Bulletin 2014 Vol. 35

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Nov 24, 2014 5:20 am

To: "Janine Caldwell" <caldwell@ctvea.net>

Attach: Upchurch Bulletin Volume 35 2014.docx

Hi Janine---

As a 2014 member of Upchurch And Allied Families Association, Inc you are entitled to a copy of the 2014 UB which is provided herewith as an attachment. I will welcome any comments you have. As you will note producing each issue is a labor of love for family history.

Some people have had trouble getting the passwords for our two websites so I will now give them to you. For www.upchurchstory.com it is 2013upchurch#. There you will find all of the UB issues posted and the 35 videos of which we are very proud. For www.alliedfamilies.com it is 2014allied#. There be sure to have a look at the families enrolled so far and the Resources posted, especially the Biofile section.

I will welcome your ongoing support of our family history effort. Do let me know of your special interests, comments, or questions.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Renewal Allied Families

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Feb 09, 2015 3:02 pm

To: "Janine Caldwell" <caldwell@ctvea.net>

Attach: Membership Form 9 JAN 2015.docx

Hi JANINE----

Your participation as a member of Allied Families in 2014 allowed us to make great progress in it's first full year of operation. Our website www.alliedfamilies.com (password 2014allied#) demonstrates several key features we plan to expand in 2015. I hope you will continue your support this year. A membership renewal form is attached--or use PayPal.

Note that you can direct your financial support in various ways. If you have time and talents to offer, that would be a valuable contribution as well. Just drop me an email. Suggestions will be welcomed

We seem to be kindred spirits when it comes to our pride in family. Allied Families is a bold move and the prospects continue to look bright. I hope the magic of Allied Families will allow us to find many more descendants for the Nathan Upchurch family to which we belong and that 2015 will be the year of great accomplishment. We are off to a great start on our part of the family.

Best---Always.

Phil Upchurch, Manager Allied Families