



Upchurch & Allied Families Association

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January 22, 2017

Dear Williams,

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

Provided is a summary of what we have done in our shift and what we hope for in 2017 with your help. of our 200 participants the burden to support our \$25,000 2017 budget falls largely on about 50 of us. Whatever support you can provide will be welcomed.

I will be in NC March 29-April 2 to push the Cary Facility along. It has already made super progress. There will be two public events:

#1 Thursday MAR 30 2-4 PM - See the Volunteers in action. I will give a talk at 3 PM as the runner for Allied Families

#2 Saturday APR 1 2-4 PM - Open House I would be glad to see you at either or both. - In Appreciation
Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Re: Allied Families

From: William Upchurch <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>

Date: Sat, Sep 03, 2016 10:21 am

To: Woody Yates <woodyhyates@gmail.com>

Cc: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>, Carla—15-16 Michaels <bjm400@gmail.com>X

Woody,

I think that would be a neat idea. Let me get with Mom and see what she thinks.

William

On Sep 3, 2016, at 10:06 AM, Woody Yates <woodyhyates@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi William -

I made a suggestion to the group that a brief tour of the log cabin near your parent's home would be a wonderful opportunity for Allied Families to see the great work that your folks have done in preserving past artifacts of Wake County farming, etc. We certainly would not want to impose, but perhaps your folks would enjoy the group (5-6 people) coming over to see the cabin as a next step? Do you think that would be possible. Thoughts? If this would be of interest, please throw out a day/date/time they would prefer.

Thanks so much, William.

Warm regards,

Woody Yates

106 Glen Abbey Drive
Cary, NC 27513-3490
919.810.3115

On Tue, Aug 30, 2016 at 2:23 PM, William Upchurch <wupchurch@bellsouth.net> wrote:

Carla and Woody,

Thank you. I will pass the information along to them.

William

On Tuesday, August 30, 2016 8:12 AM, Woody Yates <woodyhyates@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi William -

We typically meet at the Allied Families office in Cary each Thursday from 2-4 pm.

If it is convenient, feel free to select an advance date (or potential dates) when you all would like to visit and we could have some specific items ready to "show and tell" that we think your parents would enjoy. Also, if you have any questions that you would like to send in advance we would be happy to address those as well. As Phil noted, we would very much like to scan any photos that you would like to share so feel free to bring those along as well or at your convenience.

Thank you so much for your kind assistance.

Cordially,

Subject: Re: Allied Families

From: William Upchurch <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>

Date: Tue, Aug 30, 2016 6:52 am

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

"William, III" <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>, Woody MU-14-15-16 Yates <woodyhyates@gmail.com>, X

Cc: Carla-15-16 Michaels <cjm400@gmail.com>, Rebecca-14-15-16 Bradley <bradleyrm@bellsouth.net>, Joan-15-Y-B-Y Levy <jlevy@bellsouth.net>, X

Phil,

I will be glad to pass along the info. If the teams want to let me know when they will meet again I will convey those dates to Mom and Dad.

William

On Aug 30, 2016, at 7:42 AM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi William:

Your involvement in Allied Families includes two families being the Nathan U., I Family and the Yates Family. As you know your father, Billy, is linked to the former and your mother, Doris Jean, is linked to the latter. We now have active teams in our Cary Facility working on enrolling these two families. I would like to ask your assistance in having your parents visit our team during one of their work sessions in Suite 120 at 1130 Kildaire Farm Road.

I know Billy and Doris Jean would enjoy seeing the progress being made and they could answer certain questions. Woody Yates is Leader of the Yates Team and Becky Bradley is Leader of the Nathan U., I Team with the help of Carla Michaels. The teams would like to discuss with your parents any photos they might have that could be scanned and made a part of our website.

Sending All Best Wishes to you and your sisters.

Phil Upchurch

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To: "William, III xxUpchurch" <tobacco1@bellsouth.net>

Cc: "Woody-MU-14-15-16 Yates" <woodyhyates@gmail.com>, "Carla-15-16 Michaels" <cjm480@gmail.com>, "Rebecca-14-15-16 Bradley" <bradleyrm@bellsouth.net>, "Joan-15-Y-B-Y Levy" <jlevy@bellsouth.net>

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Subject: Upchurch Family History

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Apr 21, 2016 6:17 pm

To: "William xxUpchurch" <~~tobacco1@bellsouth.net~~>

Attach: AF 2016 Membership Form.docx

Hi William---

You are on my contact list as regards the heritage of the Nathan Upchurch,I family. He is Head of Upchurch Clan 3. He was one of 22 Upchurches of the fifth generation of the Upchurch family in America. Much about him has been written in the Upchurch Bulletins 1980-2015. Details may be searched on our website www.upchurchstory.com password 2013upchurch. Additionally, we have made great progress in enrolling this family, including his descendants, on our newer website www.alliedfamilies.com password 2014allied#. What we have done so far is just a start. Note, for example, our work on Biofiles and cemeteries.

If we are to continue progress on the Nathan Upchurch,I family we will need participation from his descendants such as yourself. We need time, expertise, data and money. Perhaps you are in a position to volunteer. If so, just let me know.

A 2016 Allied Families membership form is attached. I hope you will join with us and be as supportive as your circumstances permit. Success in our venture will avoid losing what we have worked so hard to accumulate and will allow us to share and preserve the Nathan Upchurch,I family records far into the future. Please join and encourage others to do so as well. I am proud to say that Nathan was my GGGF. So far our Clan is leading the pack. Do help us keep it there.

It would be a pleasure to hear from you and to learn if your interest in your Upchurch heritage continues. Your questions will be welcomed

Sending All Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch, President, Allied Families

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WILLIAM BORTIS U, III PEI XID-966

Profile appeared in
Valley File

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① The Western Wake Herald WED 3 JUL 1985 Apex, NC.

Student attended Institute for Future Agricultural leaders

A Wake County student, William Upchurch, Jr., Rt. 1, Morrisville, attended the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) June 23-28 at North Carolina State University. The Institute was designed to introduce high school seniors to career opportunities in agriculture and life sciences and to develop leadership skills. It was

sponsored by the Agricultural Education Program at NCSU and the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

Upchurch, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Upchurch, Sr. was among 37 students from 31 counties attending the Institute.



William Upchurch, Jr.

② WESTERN WAKE HERALD
WED 7 APR 1993 APEX, NC.



Rescue squad donation

Apex Jaycee President Terry Jones (right) presents a check for \$250 to William Upchurch, Jr., president of the Apex Rescue Squad.

(3) THE NEWS & OBSERVER SAT 27 DEC 1986 RALEIGH, NC
(TO RPR from Ernestine Ray U in her Ltr 10 FEB 1987)

Cultivating for a future harvest

By KAREN FISHER
Staff Writer

"I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds — achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years. . . ."

This past year, almost half a million high school and college students repeated those words, from the the creed of Future Farmers of America. It sounds honorable, but with 34 percent of North Carolina's farmers working eight-hour day jobs in addition to farming, with debts up and profits down, can these youths really believe there's a future in farming?

They're betting their lives on it.

"People have got to eat, and people will always need agriculture, no matter what," says Chad Lanningham, 20, a senior and FFA member at East Wake High School in Wendell. "You can't industrialize everything in agriculture. It's almost impossible. You need the human element. Everything is so unpredictable that you always need the human element."

Just the same, less than 3 percent of the American public is farming, says K.C. Beavers, executive secretary for the state FFA. "Originally, vocational agriculture and the FFA were primarily intended for farm boys that were going back to the farm."

Not so any more, especially since about 20 percent of all jobs in the United States are related to agriculture, he says. "We no longer need, in agriculture, folks who are not as well educated. The skills and the knowledge basis is much more

Future Farmers still betting on better days, better ways

demanding."

Today's FFA, open to any student, 14 to 21, enrolled in agricultural vocation courses, is as much about agribusiness, forestry, soil and water conservation and horticulture as it is about production.

Nationally, the number of FFA members has dropped, by nearly 70,000 members in 10 years. But in North Carolina, "enrollment has been fairly consistent over the past five years, even with all the negative news," Beavers says. (In 1985, North Carolina had 16,265 FFA members.)

Most of what FFA is about has been the same since its 1928 beginning, members and advisers say — leadership.

Both former President Carter and former Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. held their first elected offices in their state FFA chapters.

"I haven't seen that many changes in the kids," says Norman McArthur, who has been an adviser in Wake County schools for the past 27 years. "We'll always need leadership, whether kids are on farms or not. Of course we don't have as many kids that come from farms as we used to have. But they still need the skills that we teach," adds McArthur, who now is FFA adviser at East Wake.

"The opportunities are endless," says William Upchurch, 18, FFA state vice president at the treasurer's position.

Upchurch, who attended Apex High School, is a freshman at N.C. State University.

Indeed, FFA members study and compete in contests in agricultural sales and service, agricultural mechanics, computer skills, public speaking and floriculture, among others. Future farmers learn to judge livestock and soil. They learn how to manage forests and farms and how to ride and care for horses.

"A lot of stuff you learn in school, literature, English, math, these things, you will use it later in life," state FFA president Mickey McCall says, "but a lot of the agriculture that students receive is really practical, hands-on things, that you will use every day of your life practically."

"One of the great things is public speaking and parliamentary procedure," adds McCall, 18, a NCSU freshman from Rosman in Transylvania County. "When you think of farmers you don't think of excellent public speakers. You'd be surprised."

FFA students are optimistic, but they're not unrealistic. They don't overlook the problems farmers are having, says Frank Bridges, FFA adviser at Apex High School. "It does concern the students," he says. "For example, my students were familiar with the hearing that they just had at the legislature" on whether to continue offering vocational education



William Upchurch, FFA official, on the future of farming: 'The opportunities are endless'

Staff photo by John Rollet

courses in high schools. "They see that kind of thing on the news and wonder how it's going to affect them."

Students whose families are farmers are especially aware. Bridges recalls one student, whose family had farmed in Apex since the Civil War. "They're moving away from farming now. They had been doing tobacco farming, and now they're getting into the construction business, earth moving. They're also diversifying. They're selling Christmas trees, whereas at one time their mainstay was tobacco. So they're trying to adjust with the changing times."

Upchurch says his family is adjusting, too. His father now works at another job during the day and farms at night. While he was growing up "the tobacco program was still running strong," Upchurch says. "Then it kind of went for Dad. I'm not going to be making a living only on the farm."

Upchurch is studying agriculture education. He hopes to one day work for the N.C. Department of Agriculture in research or development.

McCall also is studying agriculture education. He would like to return to Rosman and teach vocational agriculture at Rosman High School, his alma mater.

In fact, both young men say they plan to settle close to home. McCall hopes to continue the wholesale Christmas tree business he has with his father.

Upchurch wants to keep the family farm alive, even if it means being a part-time farmer.

"As long as (Dad) holds his ground, I'm going to come back and hold my ground, too," Upchurch says. "I'm going to try to keep it going. The farm is going to keep going strong as long as I'm breathing."

④ The Western Wake Herald WED 11 NOV 1987 Apex, NC

Upchurch to receive degree

William B. Upchurch Jr., 19, of Rt. 1, Morrisville, has been nominated and is to receive the American Farmer degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization.

The award is based on outstanding agricultural production, processing, and service records, and demonstrated leadership. Upchurch will be one of 728 members receiving the award at the National FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, Nov. 12-14.

Only one in 600 of the 416,000 FFA members have advanced through Chapter and State Farmer degrees to earn this national award.

Upchurch, the son of W.B. and Doris Y. Upchurch, is currently farming in partnership with his father and attending N.C. State University. He earned the degree on the basis of agricultural work and organization leadership

responsibilities.

Upchurch, a 1986 Apex High School graduate, just finished his term as state FFA vice president. He is also a past FFA district president and federation secretary. His FFA advisor is Frank Bridges at Apex High.

Although there has been a drop in statewide FFA membership, it still stands at 16,000 strong. Upchurch believes the students who are active in FFA today have "learned to adapt" to new technologies and growth areas such as food science, horticulture and forestry. The FFA program is "making changes right along with everything," he said.

As for his own involvement in FFA, Upchurch focused on the areas of leadership development, specialty crop production and livestock production. His future plans revolve around a possible career in Agricultural Extension or the marketing division of the

N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Active in community affairs, Upchurch is a member of the Morrisville Volunteer Fire Department, a senior member of the Apex Rescue Squad and president of his Sunday School class at Good Hope Baptist Church.

Upchurch and his father grow tobacco and small quantities of wheat and oats.

More than 20,000 FFA members will attend the student-run 60th FFA convention, making it the largest annual youth convention in the nation. They will see the American Farmer Degrees awarded, hear nationally-known speakers and witness the installation of the six new national FFA officers.

As a sophomore at N.C. State, Upchurch will also be helping the university's FFA chapter serve as host to this year's national Collegiate FFA Conference in Kansas City.

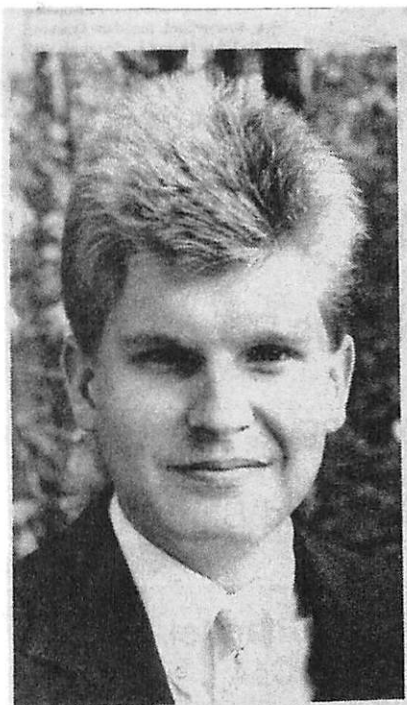
⑤ WESTERN WAKE HERALD
WED 22 FEB 1989 APEX, NC

Upchurch joins agricultural fraternity

William Upchurch Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Upchurch Sr. of Morrisville, has joined the agricultural fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho at N.C. State University.

Upchurch is a junior studying agricultural education and agricultural extension. He is president of the Agricultural Education Club, a member of the N.C. FFA Alumni Association and past state vice president of FFA.

Alpha Gamma Rho is an international agricultural fraternity with 60 chapters and a membership of more than 44,000 people in all 50 states and 54 countries.



William B. Upchurch

⑥ The Western Wake Herald WED 25 NOV 1987 Apex, NC

FFA degree received by Upchurch

William B. Upchurch, Jr. of Morrisville, joined an elite group of FFA achievers today. William received the highest FFA degree of membership - that of American Farmer. Along with 728 other outstanding FFA'ers the Apex Chapter member was honored at the 60th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO.

Always a highlight of the convention, the American Farmer degree ceremony included the presentation of a certificate and gold key to Williams as he walked across the convention stage in front of thousands of FFA members.

The American Farmer program is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, co-sponsored by the Armstrong Tire Company, New Haven, Connecticut; Case IH, Racine, Wisconsin; Cyanamid Agricultural Division, Wayne New Jersey; Nacchurs Plant Food Company, Marion, Ohio; The Farm Credit System, Denver, Colorado.



William Upchurch of Morrisville is congratulated by Kevin Yost (right), National FFA secretary, on his achievement of the American Farmer degree. The degree was awarded in a ceremony at the 60th National FFA convention, held in Kansas City, Missouri, Nov. 12-14.

⑦ THE CARY NEWS SUN 8 NOV 1987 CARY, NC

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Each degree winner receives a gold American Farmer key and an expense-paid trip to the National Convention.

⑧ Western Wake Herald WED 14 DEC 1990 Apex, NC



Citizen Award winner

William B. Upchurch Jr. of the Carpenter community recently received the first Citizen Award from the Carpenter Ruritan Club. He was recognized for his work with the Apex Rescue Squad and as captain of the Morrisville Fire Department and for his leadership de-

velopment work with high school students. William, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Upchurch Sr. of Rt. 1, Morrisville, is a senior at N.C. State University. His father is pictured at left, and on the right is the Ruritan Club president.

⑨ The Zebulon Record THUR 28 MAY 1987 Zebulon, NC

FFA doles out awards

The Wake County chapter of the Future Farmers of America held an awards banquet at Zebulon High School on Wednesday of last week.

More than 50 members of the student body, school faculty and guests were on hand as students were presented plaques for placing first, second and third in contests ranging from soil and livestock judging to parliamentary procedure and public speaking.

The events' guest speaker was North Carolina FFA Vice President William Upchurch. The Wake County FFA Federation is composed of students from Apex, Cary, East Wake, Fuquay-Varina, Millbrook, Wake Forest-Rolesville, and Zebulon high schools.

⑩ Western Wake Herald WED 31 MAR 1993 Apex, NC

Upchurch named marketing specialist

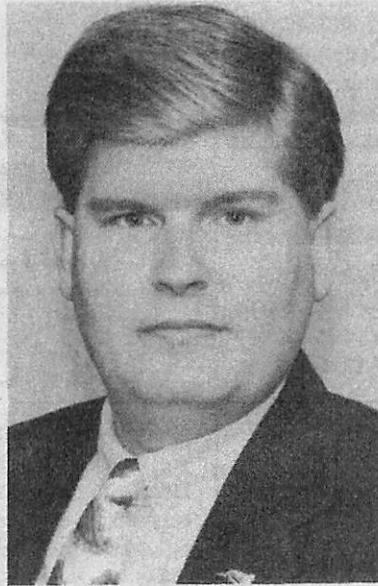
William B. Upchurch, Jr. of Morrisville has been named cotton marketing specialist for the N.C. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division.

Upchurch will be responsible for handling cotton information and marketing programs for the state.

"Cotton has become a major commodity thanks to the farmers' hard work and the promotional efforts for the state," Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham said.

"William Upchurch is an energetic, bright worker who will bring fresh promotional ideas to the department."

Upchurch grew up on a 60-acre tobacco farm in Morrisville. He graduated from N.C. State University in 1991 with a B.S. degree in agriculture education. While at the university, he made the dean's list and was active in numerous



William Upchurch

campus organizations.

Upchurch interned with the NCDA Marketing Division during

college. He worked at Ciba Geigy as a chemical sales representative prior to becoming a full-time market news reporter with the NCDA in 1992.

Upchurch began working for the Wake County Emergency Medical

Services during college and continues to work for them as a medic on his own time. He also a volunteer with the Apex Rescue Squad.

Previously Upchurch has received the DeKalb Award for Outstanding Senior in 1986 and the Carpenter Citizen of the Year Award in 1990. He was the state vice-president for the Future Farmers of America in 1986-87, the Apex chapter FFA president for two years, and the District III FFA president.

⑪ The Western Wake Herald WED 25 JUN 1986 Apex, NC

FFA elects Upchurch to State office

William B. Upchurch, a 1986 graduate of Apex Senior High School was elected to the position of State FFA Vice President-Treasurer during the 58th State Convention of the North Carolina Future Farmers of America (FFA) held June 11-13 in Raleigh.

Selection of officers came during the final business session of the three-day convention which drew over 1,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests.

During the coming year, William will spend approximate-

ly one-fourth of the time representing the North Carolina FFA Association; attending chapter, federation, and district activities, and representing the FFA before other groups.

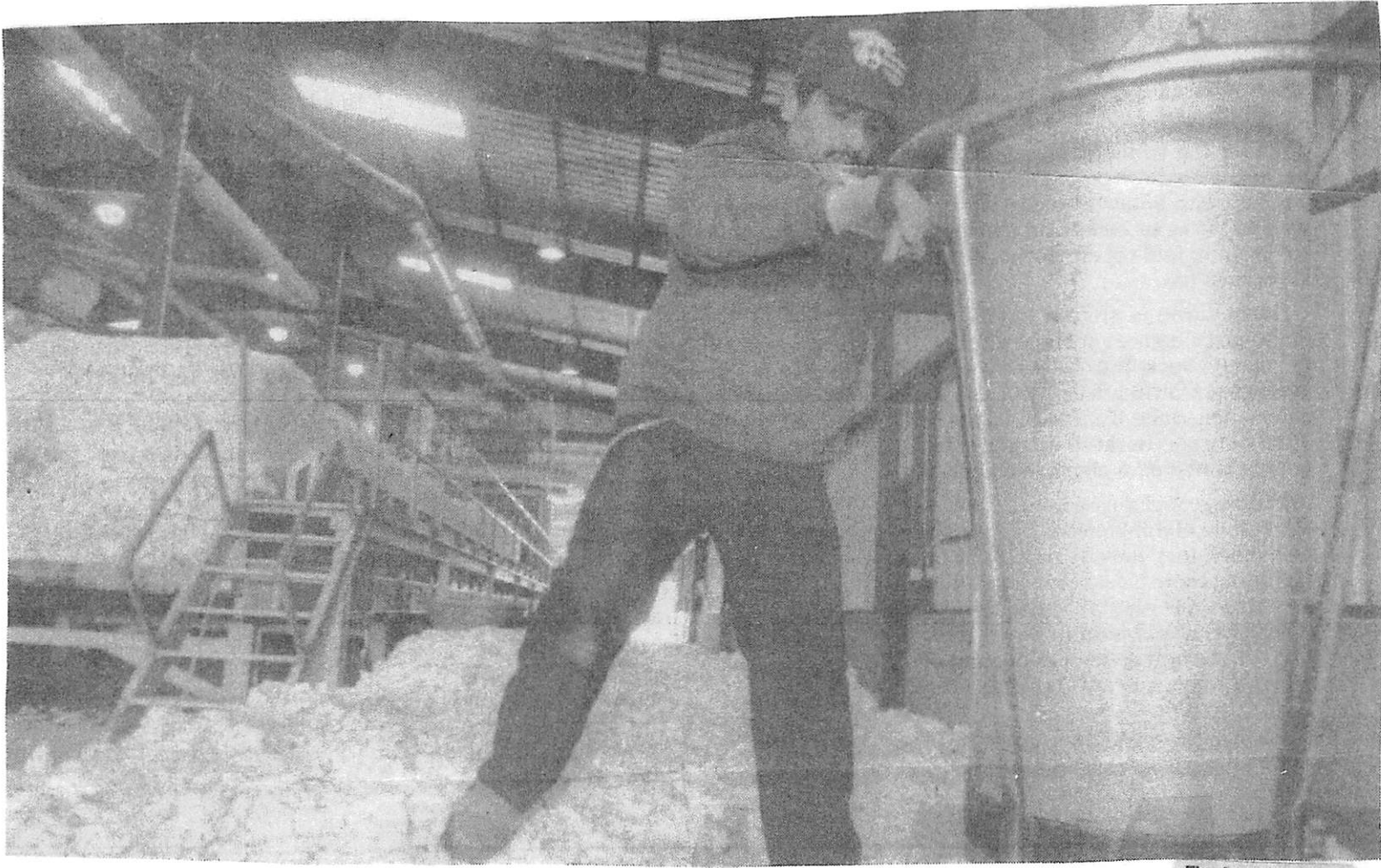
Candidates for state FFA office in North Carolina must hold the State FFA Degree.

They complete an application and are interviewed by a nominating committee which recommends a slate of officer to the official convention delegates for election.

While at Apex High School, William's vocational agricultural teacher was Frank Bridges.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Upchurch, Sr. of Route 1, Morrisville.

⑫ From Ltr JAN 1997 Emma Louise U DRA
 Item in: Burlington, NC Times-News THUR 5 DEC 1996



The Associated Press

Martin Mejorado vacuums up raw cotton and sends it into the gin at the Sampson Gin Co. in Newton Grove. Cotton farmers had feared Hurricane Fran ruined their 1996 crop, but this year's cotton harvest will be the largest since 1926.

Nice fall weather saves state's cotton crop

NEWTON GROVE (AP) — Near-perfect warm and dry growing conditions this fall resurrected most of the state's cotton crop, which farmers feared had been ruined by Hurricane Fran.

"I really thought we'd almost lost our crop for the year," said Gerald Warren, who with his brothers, Bruce and George, farms 2,400 acres in Sampson and Johnston counties. "It was lying flat on the ground and I didn't think it could take that kind of stress."

But this year's harvest, estimated at 990,000 bales, will be the largest since 1926. Growers are making money and agriculture officials are talking about how the huge harvest nearly made record books.

"We're tickled to death," Warren said. "Without the storms, we had the potential to be close to 1994," he said, re-

ferring to the most amazing season in recent memory.

Two years ago, high prices and a huge yield combined to make the harvest more profitable than this year's. The 1994 cotton crop yielded more income per acre and, at the time, was the most valuable since the state Agriculture Department began keeping harvest statistics in 1900.

This year's yield won't be as high as in 1994. Farmers are expected to pick about 1.4 bales an acre, down about one bale per acre from the record harvest. But it will be enough for farmers to earn a tidy profit.

"It should turn out they'll make a little money this year," said William Upchurch, a state agriculture marketing specialist. "But they're probably paying back to rebuild their sheds and things from the hurricanes," he said, referring

to damage from Fran and, before that, Hurricane Bertha in July.

Warm, dry weather in October was so good for crops that agriculture officials say without Hurricane Fran, this year might have biggest this century.

"I don't think anyone realized the crop we had in the making," said John Cooper, president of the Carolinas Cotton Growers Association Inc. The association is a marketing group that buys from 1,500 farmers in the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia.

"We could have had another 200,000 bales without the wind and moisture for a total of 1.2 million bales," Cooper said.

This year's crop is being sold at prices ranging from 70 cents a pound to 84 cents a pound. Farmers need to get about 65 cents a pound to break even.

(13) Apex Herald WED 16 JUL 1997 Apex, NC

Green Level landowners against incorporation

By ROBBIE ROBERTSON
Editor

At the heart of the debate over incorporating the area of Green Level is individual property owners' rights.

Some owners of large tracts of land say they'll be left with property that is not developable if Green Level becomes a town. They say Green Level will not be able to provide water and sewer as quickly or efficiently as Apex or Cary.

"If they make Green Level a town we'll never get water and sewer here," said Barbara Beckwith, who is the administrator of a 130-acre estate.

"I've got this land that nobody can do anything with without water and sewer," she added.

Like many landowners, Beckwith said the land isn't slated for development, but would like the opportunity if the need arose.

Beckwith said she had considered trying to develop the property herself, but has not looked into it seriously.

"It takes money to develop land," Beckwith said. "I would like to have some say-so as to how many houses to put on the land."

Beckwith said she had considered a golf course with nice houses around the borders.

Beckwith said she lives on 4.5 acres with a well and septic tank.

She is also served by county fire and rescue units.

Bill Upchurch, who lives on Carpenter-Upchurch Road between Cary and Morrisville, is another landowner who wants to keep his development options open.

Upchurch has 275 acres spread throughout Morrisville and Green Level, most of which consists of tobacco farms. Land development is his last option if the tobacco market collapses.

"We raise tobacco, and we're in kind of a perilous situation with this tobacco, now," Upchurch said, referring to increasing government control over the crop.

"We farm it," he added. "We don't want to sell it."

Upchurch said his property on Carpenter-Upchurch Road is bordered on two sides by Cary and Morrisville. His house is within 100 yards of the new high school.

"I could sell it tomorrow,"

Upchurch said. The 70-year old said he fields at least one call per week from developers hoping to buy his land.

Being in the midst of such prime real estate, Upchurch said annexation was inevitable.

"Someday they'll take us," he said. "Someday we won't raise tobacco."

Upchurch said he hope to pass on his property to his children.

Because of county regulations con-

cerning land perking, Upchurch has not been able to develop any of his land.

Upchurch said one of his children worked all summer trying to get a lot approved.

Upchurch said he prefers water and sewer services (and the taxes they bring) over the uncertainty of getting county approval for land development.

And Upchurch said he prefers an Apex or Cary to a Green Level for cost reasons.

"I don't think (Green Level) could buy water, it's too expensive," Upchurch said. "You can't build those mini systems anymore."

Jim Tate and Chris Smith, the prime organizers of the Green Level Incorporation Movement, have pledged to install water and sewer, if it is the public will.

Many large landowners in Green Level doubt the fledgling town would have enough money to provide such services.

"The law of economics is the strongest law in the world," Upchurch said.

Estimates from Apex's Director of Public Works, Tim Donnelly, put the figure for equipping a "compact town" with water and sewer into the millions of dollars.

A small community of 1,000, start-

GREEN LEVEL, WAKE CO, NC
WILLIAM BURTIS U, III
WAYNE ROBERTS
HUBERT ROBERTS

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MACON WILLIAMS

ing from scratch, would need to install approximately four miles of water and sewer lines, Donnelly said.

To install the collection system and buy the appropriate capacity would cost \$4 million, Donnelly added.

Two employees and equipment would cost \$150,000 per year, he said.

Houses in Green Level are often hundreds of yards apart.

Until water and sewer lines are run into the area, landowners are at the mercy of the state and its perking laws.

Wayne Roberts is another Green Level landowner who is battling to have houses on some of his property.

"Ten years ago when I built my house I didn't have any problems with the land perking," Roberts said.

Roberts said his son, Mike, was looking at building on some of his father's land, which will not perk.

Mike has consulted soil scientists and engineers to no avail.

"I just don't see where incorporation is going to do us any good, especially people who down the road may have some place they want to develop," Roberts said.

Roberts said his land has been passed down through the generations, and his father, Hubert, still has a garden, cows and hay on the land.

Wayne Roberts retired after 30 years with IBM in 1995. He currently works with Quality Cable in Fuquay-Varina.

Billy Council, a 63-year-old retired well driller, describes the incorporation movement as a battle between small landowner and large landowner.

"I have not talked to a single person who owns more than 10 acres who is for it," Council said.

Council said one of his neighbor, a recent arrival to the area, was in favor of incorporating.

"She wants to have more input on what to do with my property," Council said.

Council also said that incorporation would be costly, to the new town and to him.

"My property wouldn't be worth nothing," he said.

The town also couldn't afford police protection and water service, he added.

Council described his property as a nest egg, an easy way to convert

land into money.

"It's been in my family for years and it's not for sale," Council said. "But I may need to (sell it).

"I want that option to do with it what I want to."

If the time ever came to decide, Council said he would choose annexation over incorporation.

"If I had my druthers, I'd rather be in Cary ten-to-one than Green Level," he said.

Al Beckwith, who owns 145 acres in the area, also described the incorporation movement as large landowner versus small.

"We hate to see somebody come in and say 'You do this' and 'You do that,'" Mr. Beckwith said.

"I'm not for developing Green Level," Mr. Beckwith said. "I want it to stay just like it is."

Mr. Beckwith said he, too, needs water and sewer to develop any of his property.

Mr. Beckwith expressed doubts to whether or not the incorporated town could handle the demand efficiently.

"I'm afraid it'll be years and years before we get anything," he said. "Where are they going to get the money from?"

Eliza Williams, who owns more than 100 acres of land with her husband, Macon, on Green Level Road West, said they're not looking to sell but still oppose incorporation.

"If you're going to pay taxes you might as well get the benefits," Mrs. Williams said.

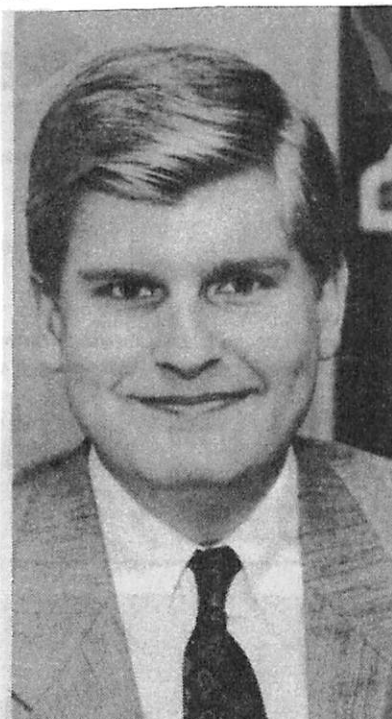
Even with water and sewer, Mrs. Williams said the land was not on the block.

"I don't think we're looking to sell," she added. "I'd like to keep it in the family."

The Williamses are the fourth generation to live on their land. Their farmhouse was built between 1905 and 1907, and is surrounded by woods and tobacco fields.

Macon Williams farms tobacco and logs trees.

"A lot of people around here build up around their parents," she said.



William B. Upchurch Jr.

**W.B. Upchurch
is intern in the
N.C. Ag. Dept.**

14 WESTERN WEEKLY
WED 14 FEB 1990 APEX, NC

William B. Upchurch Jr., a senior at N.C. State University, is spending the spring semester as an intern with the Division of Marketing for the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

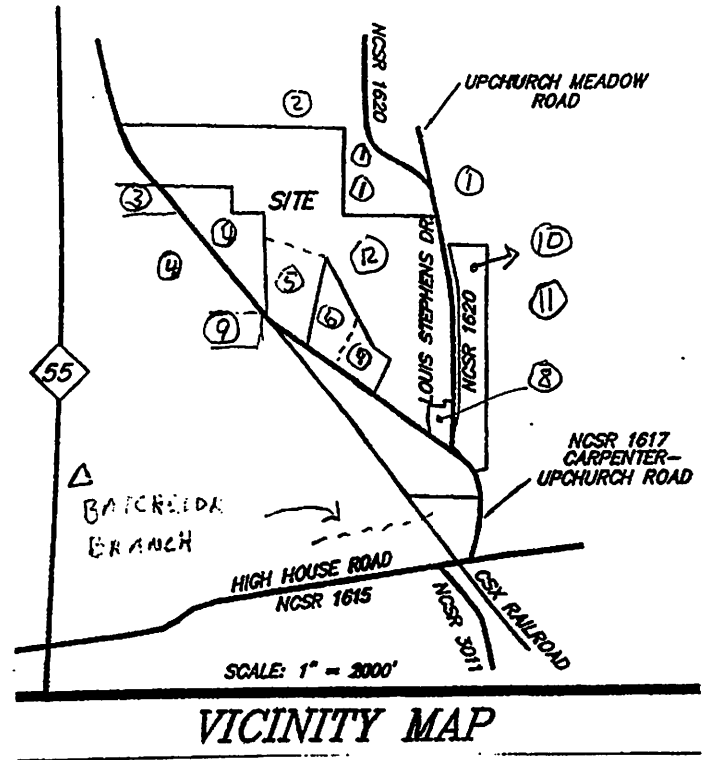
Upchurch, a Dean's List student majoring in agricultural education, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Upchurch of Morrisville. He is a 1986 graduate of Apex High School and a past state president of the Future Farmers of America.

Upchurch will be working along with agriculture specialists on sweet potato promotions, pork promotions, the Flavors of Carolina market development program and the Goodness Grows in North Carolina project.

- (15) Survey map Dated 10 NOV 2008 by Staley C. Smith of Smith & Smith Surveyors - Cedar Fork TWP - Wake Co, NC being Item E (has 2 SHEETS) of Items A → G Rec'd by APH on 9 JAN 2010 from Staley Caraway Smith Original to WC/NC Land Records - Western Wake Land of Wm Burton U, Sr - Town of Cary Project 08-1617

NEIGHBORS:

- ① J. MICHAEL EDWARDS
 ② ANNIE B. MILLS
 ③ PAUL G. RUSSELL
 ④ JAMES WADE RUSSELL
 ⑤ CURRENT HOME Wm B. U, JR
 ⑥ PATRICIA A KUESTER
 ⑦ PAMELA U JOYNER
 ⑧ Wm B. U, JR



- ⑨ DORIS YATES U



Attended APN, NC Talk 12 MAY 2009

- ⑩ PART OF 12

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William Upchurch (wife & son) #

2002 Carpenter Upchurch Rd., Cary, NC 27519

wupchurch@bellsouth.net

- ⑪ RIGSBEE FARM

- ⑫ LAND OF Wm BU, SR.

- (16) William Burton U Jr is son of William Burton and Doris Jean (Yates). U. (30, pg 14)

- (17) William Burton U Jr ↑ b. 16 SEP 1968 (35, pg 41)

WILLIAM BURTIS U, III PG12 XID-966

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(18) WILLIAM UPCHURCH

21 JUN 2009

2002 CARPENTER-UPCHURCH RD
CARY, NC 27519

Dear Nellie

Dear Kullrain
Attached in an email I tried to send you
yesterday - but it went to the wrong place.
I must have your email address wrong.

Phil Ysensch.

Subject: APEX TALK

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sat, Jun 20, 2009 11:12 am

To: ~~wupchurch@bellsouth.net~~X

Hi William---

Just now I am doing followup work on the talk I gave in Apex on 12 MAY 2009. It was a pleasure to see so many there but I was disappointed in not being able to chat privately with you and others. Also, there were many more stories to tell but not enough time to get them all in.

If there is any aspect of the talk or any local history or family history matter you would like to explore or share, please feel free to contact me. For more on what I am doing you can have a look at my website <http://www.upchurchstory.com/>. For more on my background you can google Robert Phillip Upchurch and click on the oral history taken in 1994.

Your father, Billy, asked me for several things which I am getting to gather this week end. You may want to take a look at that packet when his mail arrives about the middle of next week. However, I will be pleased to hear from you at any time. Your Upchurch Line illustrates the importance of the Upchurch Family in Western Wake and we need to use it to tell the broader story.

I really enjoyed my visit in Apex and am grateful to Debbie Douglass as the key person in The Apex Historical Society for arrangements and to The Halle Cultural Center for their co-sponsorship.

Phil Upchurch

(19)
20 JUN
2009

(20)

Subject: Videos

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sun, Dec 30, 2012 5:03 pm

To: "William Upchurch" <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>

2012

Hi William---

Your father called today to chat and we had a good visit. I told him about my new Upchurch videos and agreed to send you the link so you could show them to him when it is convenient. You can best reach the five short videos on Upchurch family history by googling YouTube "Upchurch Stories" and they show up close to the top of the list. Also, you can get to them through my website www.upchurchstory.com. I hope to make 50 such videos and to expand all sorts of Upchurch information on my website.

Wishing for you and yours a Happy New Year,
Phil Upchurch

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5 DEC 2013 - Just today I learned that the emails in (19) & (20) never went to WBU, III because I had the wrong email address. This was resolved when I called WBU, II "Buddy" and got the phone numbers for WBU, II - HOME (919) 469-0051 and CELL (919) 880-8069. I called WBU, II and he indicated his number <wupchurch@bellsouth.net> had that there is no "c". William says someone else already had the "c" - it is Wray U in GA - of the Hornum/Benjamin D. Subler. I described the video to William & asked if he would show them to his father. He said he would and expressed an interest in seeing them himself. I will send an email to WBU, II & make sure we are linked.

WILLIAM BURTIS U, III - P614 AIR 966

(22)
6 DEC
2013
Subject: Videos

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, Dec 06, 2013 6:11 am

To: "William Upchurch" <wupchur@bellsouth.net>

Hi William---

Thanks for giving me your correct email address yesterday. In the past my emails to you have gone incorrectly to the Wray Upchurch in Georgia who got to the name Upchurch before you did. I am glad to have it straight.

Your parents and I plan to have a chat sometime when we are in Raleigh December 11-25. They are interested in seeing some of the videos I have produced on the Upchurch family and I am hoping you can arrange this for them. The complete set of 30+ are listed on my website <www.upchurchstory.com>. Click on Upchurch Family History and there will be a drop down menu for the videos. You can pick and chose but No.31 and 32 should be especially interesting On December 2 I sent out a general e-newsletter about a new organization that we have just created to help carry on our family history work. I'll send it to you in a separate email and will discuss it with your parents when we are there.

All Beat Wishes!

Phil Upchurch

(23)
6 DEC
2013
Subject: [FWD: Family News]

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, Dec 06, 2013 6:18 am

To: "William Upchurch" <wupchur@bellsouth.net>XXXX

Attach: UAFA Enrollment & Participation Form-Color Version (2).pdf

UAAF OPER PROC Draft 6 NOV 2013 - Bob's Version.docx

UAFA Newsletter Template-Color Version (4).jpg

Hi William---

Here is the newsletter about Upchurch and Allied Families Association, Inc. We are in the final stages of applying for tax exempt status from IRS. This UAFA is our best hope for preserving the huge amount of Upchurch information we have collected and to have the work go on into the future.

Best!

Phil Upchurch

(24)
9 DEC
2013
Subject: Re: [FWD: Family News]

From: William Upchurch <wupchur@bellsouth.net>XXXX

Date: Mon, Dec 09, 2013 1:20 pm

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

Phil,

Thank you.

We are in the middle of running a Christmas tree lot, but as soon as we finish up I will get with Dad and show him the videos.

William

WILLIAM BURTIS U, III PG15 XSD-966

Subject: [FWD: UB Vol. 35]

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sat, Nov 22, 2014 6:30 am

To: "William-Y Upchurch" <tobacco1@bellsouth.net>XXXX

Attach: Upchurch Bulletin Volume 35 2014.docx

Hi William---

Thank you for your \$20 payment for a 2014 membership in Upchurch And Allied Families Association, Inc which arrived via PayPal. This entitles you to a copy of the 2014 UB which is forwarded herewith.

I especially value your participation in our family history venture because, among other reasons, it helps extend the very positive ongoing relationship I have had over the years with your parents on our shared heritage. Both Billy and Doris have contributed to get the Nathan U., I and Yates families enrolled under the banner of Allied Families. Since they do not use computers you can help them visualize what we are doing and how their support is being put to work. When you get a chance encourage your sisters to join with us as well.

As you know your particular a Upchurch line is very rich in local history and I continue to learn more about it and to share with others.

Do let me know if you have any questions or special interests.

Phil Upchurch

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NOV

2014

16 6:30 - 8:30 Met with the Billy U Family

21 OCT 2015

{ George U phone - (619) 352-3670 - I arrived at Billy's place & we drove separately to his dad Patricia (U) KUESTER's grand home next door. TRICIA met us here. Dave had prepared 3 desserts. Billy had broken leg. Walks with a cane.

(15) 21 OCT 2015 WED - CONT

William had set up a screen to project Youtube Videos. William wife & son came. Pam came from her home next door. She is Assoc Dean UNC School of Pharmacy & still working. We looked at 3 Videos - Michael, R & II & Vietnam U.I. I then gave a plan on A.F. There were very few questions. They seemed appreciative as a formality. The 2 daughters never gave any indication of interest but thanked me for my years of effort.

In the end positive notes came from William who said his participation would be ongoing. Dave gave complement on my work, knowledge & memory. Billy said "we want to continue to support the program". I agreed to send Billy a follow-up letter. Pam had to leave to do work (???) Trisha disappointed & I could not thank her properly.

Called SSU 9:00 pm. She is very upset - she no doubt read the Michael Edwards email. Our conversation ended abruptly and unsatisfactorily. I have some pre-mending to do when I get home.

Phone Number - Patricia

(601) 314-9074

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Subject: Upchurch presentation

From: Patricia Kuester <tkuester55@aol.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2015 8:55 am

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Phil,

I am trying to reach you
to make certain that I have
the best set up for tonight.
Please call my cell 610-316-9026.

Thank you,
Tricia Kuester
(Bill Upchurch's daughter)
Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Back Home

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Tue, Oct 27, 2015 6:15 am

To: "Patricia-X Kuester" <~~tkuester55@aol.com~~>

Attach: 2015 Form for participating in UAFA-Added example.docx

Hi Tricia---

It was great to return home on the 22nd after 16 glorious days spent on family history research in North Carolina. I want to thank you and you husband for being so gracious in opening your beautiful home for our Upchurch discussion. Having the larger family there was very nice. And you mother, as always, outdid herself by way of three delicious deserts. She is a charming southern lady as we have come to know at her table.

You no doubt sensed how bad I have been bitten by the family history bug. In truth the history of our family has not been told well in writings by others and that needs to be corrected. In Allied Families we are doing that job and working to preserve our hard won story far into the future. Your parents have grasped the significance of this and we have worked together for many years on both the Upchurch and Yates records.

Your bent may not be to become deeply involved in our family history work at this time. I do hope you will not mind if I keep you in the loop to receive periodic E-Newsletters on The Nathan Upchurch and Eli Yates families which we are enrolling and to which you and your children belong. If you are so inclined financial support would be welcomed. A membership is attached.

If you are interested I would be happy to mail you a copy of that part of my Master Outline which I keep on your part of the family. It has been upgraded periodically over the last 40 years. Also, feel free to ask questions now or in the future.

Sending all best wishes~

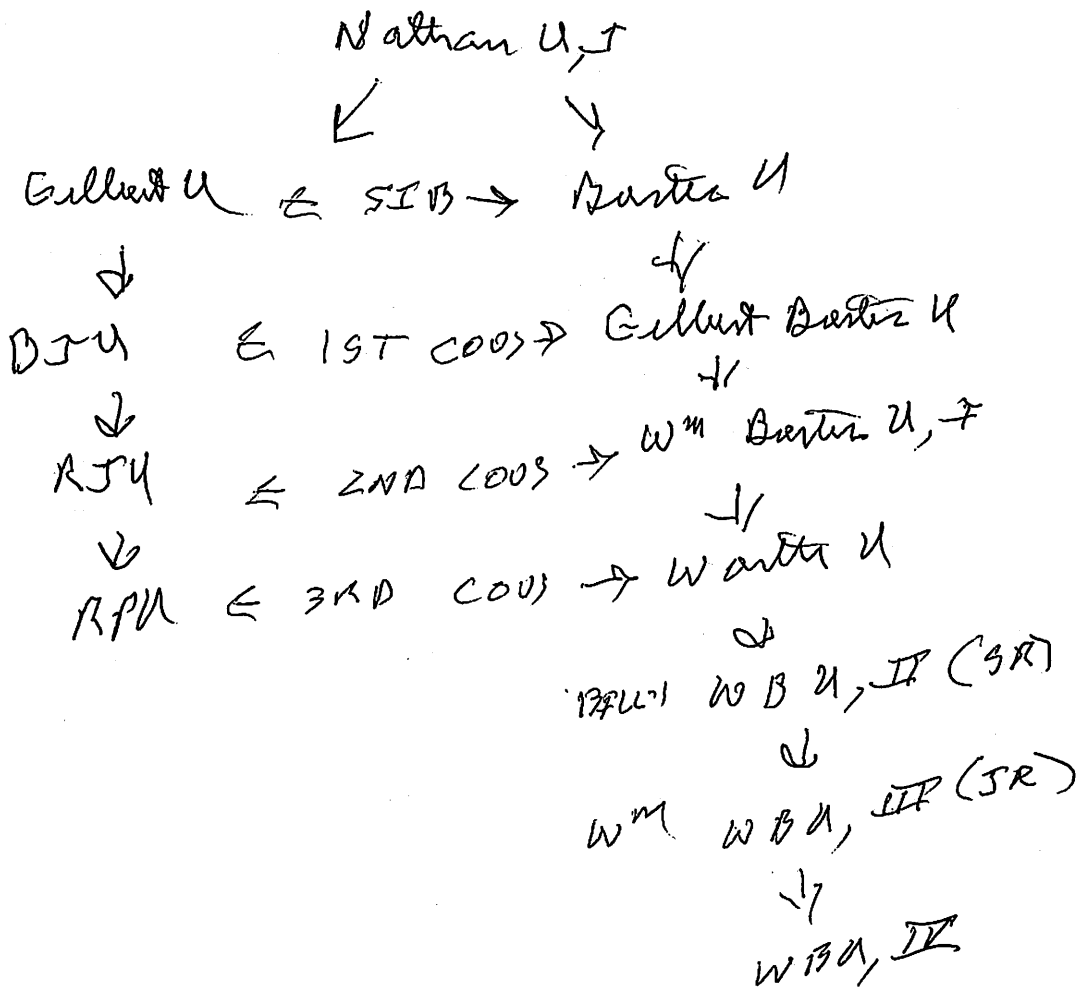
Phil Upchurch

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Hi William---

I will arrive at 6:30 pm if that is OK. I assume this will allow time for people to have finished supper. However, if you want me to come earlier or later just let me know. This will provide a great opportunity for us to review our shared Upchurch and Yates heritage in the area and to review the role Allied Families can play as we go forward.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

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Phil,

Great!! Let me know what time you would be arriving and I will let the family members know. We are going to meet at my sister Patricia's new house next door to give us more space. You can just come to Mom & Dad's house and we will get you headed in the right direction.

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