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Subject: Talk in Apex on 12 May 2009
From: Mike Unchurch [mike@bmi4u.com](mailto:mike@bmi4u.com)
Date: Wed, Jul 01, 2009 2:14 pm
To: Phil Upchurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
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## Phil, <br> Phil,



Thank you for persistence in getting touch with me. You had the right email address (mike@bmi4u.com), but you sent your email around the time my office was changing email servers and I lost some emails.

Last night I looked through my notes again to find a letter you sent me in 1980. It is attached if you would like to reminisce about what you said along with a letter from Ms. West of Durham.

When I was talking with you in 1980 I did not know any further back than my GrGr Grandfather Benjamin Unchurch. Since then I was told that his father and mother were Calvin Upchurch and Agnes Young. And Calvin!s father was Jubal Unchurch. I done recall how I got that info or even if it is correct.

If you would like to contact me I can be reached at mike@bmi4u.com (this is my work email and the best one to use) or my home email is mupchu3424@aol.com My wife does a good job of monitoring this address.

Phil, thank you very much for a life-time of researching the Upchurch family.
Please call or contact if you have any questions.
Thanks,
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Subject: Cooperation
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Thu, Jul 02, 2009 7:10 am
To: "Mike Unchurch" [mike@bmi4u.com](mailto:mike@bmi4u.com)
Ec: "Gwen O'Daniels" [irishgentry@softcom.net](mailto:irishgentry@softcom.net), [ GWEN
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Hi Mike---
With your email of yesterday in hand I now have your place in the family properly fixed. Thanks for sending me the two items. I have my letter of 16 NOV 1980 in your Biofile along with your earlier input which was very helpful. The letter from Belle to you is new to me.

As matters stand I carry your family as part of the Jubal Upchurch,I Clan and as descended from his son Calvin $U$ and his grandson Benjamin $U$. However, the linkage from Calvin to Benjamin is circumstantial and more research on that linkage is needed. AS we exchange a little more you can let me know of the level of your interest in that matter.

Over the years I have continued to collect and organize large amounts on information on the Hornet County, NC Upchurches from which you descend. Also I continue to visit and collect data in Franklin Co., NC where my ancestor Nathan U.,I and his brother Jubal U.,I lived.
I will put in the mail today a copy of my four page Master Outline of the family of your GF John Cleveland U. I would welcome any corrections or additions you are willing to provide.

My wife and I will be in Raleigh from 29 JUL - 11 AUG 2009. If you would like to meet for a chat assuming our schedules can be made to match you can let me know.
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(19) Subject: APEX TALK

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Hi Mike---
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.

Now for the really big question. I am embarrassed to say that I have not been able to figure out how you fit into the Unchurch Family. Can you give me some clues? I have a huge number of Mike/Michael entries in my system and you may be among them but I can't tell. I'll be glad to share information with you as soon as I get on the right track.

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 cosponsorship.

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Thanks for your subscription to the 2010 UB. I am now writing it and will have it in the mail by the end of November the Lord willing and the creek don't rise.

As a heads up I can tell you that the next UB will have a big shift in your Unchurch Line. Gwen and I have now agreed that your ancestor Benjamin was not the son of Calvin $U$ but rather was the son of his brother Stephen $U$. This puts you in the Jubal U.,I/Stephen $U$ Subclan. I'll explain more in the UB.

Best!

Subject: UB vol 35 as pdf
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Thu, Dec 04, 2014 7:55 am
To: "Mike Ray Upchurch" [mikerupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmail.com)
Attach: Unchurch Bulletin Volume 352014 .pdf
Hi Mike---
This is in response to your email of the ind. The formatting problem you mention comes up to bite me from time to time and your suggestion to use pdf's in transmission is a solution for some issues. My associate Mary Lou has converted our word document for UB Vol 35 to a pdf and a copy is attached. Please let me know if this is an improvement as I am inclined to use pdf's for attachments henceforth.

Thank you for your encouraging words.
We are moving ever closer to the point of preparing data and a narrative to enroll the family of Jubal U.,I to which you belong. In this connection let me ask a couple of probing questions. We will want to annotate cemeteries where members of this family have been buried. I think of two off hand where his grandson Benjamin had family members buried. One is at Buies Creek Cemetery and the other is at Neills Creek Baptist Church. Have you ever visited either of these? I have a god start on assembling data from the Internet on both and will be happy to mail you a copy if you think you might be able to spot some additions to our start at annotating these records for later use. I have never visited either place but would like to some day as there is a lot of Unchurch history at both and my Uncle was minister at the latter about 1920.

I hope you and Hilda are hitting your stride in retirement.
Cheers ~

> Phil Upchurch

Subject: Re: UB vol 35 as pdf
Date: Sun, Dec 07, 2014 6:19 am
To: Phil Upchurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Good morning Phil,
The UB Vol 35 came to my new Apple computer much clearer as a pdf file. Apple can read the doc file from Word, but it does not always understands the fonts being used. Therefore it changes the spacing of the fonts causing the page formatting to be altered.

I'm excited to learn more about my connection to the Jubal U. clan. I was told as a youngster that we were not related to the "Raleigh Upchurches". And until recently I could only identity to my great great grandfather Benjamin U. that is buried at Neill's Creek Baptist Church.

Buies Creek is the home for 3 of my grandparents as well as where I grew up. In fact, as a child we lived about 200 yards from Buies Creek Cemetery. I have spend many hours playing in and around thai area.

I know were Neill's Creek Baptist Church is located and have visited the grave of Benjamin in the past. It is located a few miles out of Buies Creek going toward Angier.

The next time you are in NC and have the time, I would love to take you to Bries Creek and show you around. In the meantime, I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

Thanks, Mike Upchurch

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Subject：Renewal Allied Families
From：phil＠upchurchstory．com
Date：Mon，Feb 09， 2015 2：42 pm
To：＂Mike Ray Unchurch＂＜mikerupchurch＠gmail．com＞
Attach：Membership Form 9 JAN 2015．docx
Hi Mike－－－－
Your participation as a member of Allied Families in 2014 allowed us to make great progress ir 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 many will join with us in supporting the enrollment of the Jubal U．I family in which you and I both have a keen interest．Hope to see you in April or May．

Best－－－Always．
Phil Unchurch，Manager Allied Families

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37) Subject: Re: Renewal Allied Families
    From: Mike Upchurch <mikerupchurch@gmail.com>
    Date:Tue, Feb 10, 2015 8:08 am
    To:Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Phil，
It was good to hear from you again．
When you visit NC in April or May I would love to show you around the Neil＇s Creek Baptist Church cemetery as well a the Buies Creek cemetery．Please let me know your schedule．
Thanks，
Mike U．
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From：＂MikeRUpchurch＠gmail．com＂＜no－reply＠weebly．com＞
Date：Tue，Feb 10， 2015 8：13 am
To：phil＠upchurchstory．com
You＇ve just received a new submission to your UAFA Resources Collection Viewing Form．
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## Submitted Information：

Name<br>Mike Unchurch

## Email

MikeRUpchurch＠gmail．com

Subject: Update


From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Jun 02, 2015 11:50 am
Attach: 2015 Form for participating in UAFA-Added example.docx [Mikeaupchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:Mikeaupchurch@yahoo.com)
Hi Mike--- [mice lineal 4]
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The last six months as been like a blur as I have worked to build momentum for Allied Families. One of the big challenges was to figure out a way to handle what we anticipate will be a huge Resource File and to have it search-able. We are currently embarked on a Phase One ant if it works there will be no need for a Phase Two. Our plan is to use a merge program Nuance which we have bought and to stepwise merge ever growing increments into our present on-line pdf file so that it will always stay one file. In about a month we should know if this works. Pleas follow us on our website www.alliedfamilies.com where the password is "2014allied\#".

All of the above has delayed my trip to North Carolina and I am now thinking to wait for cooler weather--maybe September. I still plan on a a trip to Veils Creek and Buies Creek with you and hopefully a trip on to Franklin County where your Benjamin was born as a son of Stephen and a GS of Jubal. I have prepared a work sheet for these two cemeteries so we can easily relate Unchurch interments one to anther.

We are making plans to give more visibility to the Jubal Unchurch Clan with a view to enrolling this family as we have done for his brothers Moses and Nathan. I hope we can count or you to renew your 2015 Allied Families membership and to be a supportive as you can be. A membership form is attached.

On next Friday we have a new part-time Allied Families helper to start working one day per week. He will work at the low rate of $\$ 10 /$ hour. Even-so, this will take about $\$ 3,000$ per year. He should help us turn out more work. He obviously is not focused on making a lot of money. He seems to have the right skills and interests.

Trust you and Hilda are bearing up in retirement.
Phil Unchurch
Subject: Re: OPPS
From: Mike Unchurch [mikerupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmail.com)
Date: Tue, Jun 02, 2015 7:15 pm
To: Mike Upchurch [mikeaupchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeaupchurch@yahoo.com)
Cc: Phil Upehurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Are you the son of Woody Unchurch and the Grandson of Woodrow Upchurch?
Mike R. Unchurch
Raleigh, NC
Thanks.
919-291-7899
Subject: Report to Allied Families Founders
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Aug 22, 2015 6:15 am
To: "Mike Ray-14-X Unchurch" [mikerupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmail.com)
Attach: Enrolled Families 10 Aug 2015.xIsx
Hi Mike--
This report I sent to Allied Families Founders earlier today is being sent to you to keep you ir the loop. I forgot to mention that the the Nuance merge program will allow us to keep making a website pdf ever larger and search-able.

Trust all is well with you.
Phil Unchurch
Hi All---
I think we have just about reached a milestone in our AF operation and I provide you this update. The milestone was amplified in a meeting yesterday involving Bob Heck, Mary Lou Brown, Jay Buck and myself. Deb and Bob have been interfacing with Teresa to see how we car most effectively continually add to our AF website. Our basic proposed advance is that we can use the merge program we have purchased (Nuance) to continually merge new data/text we
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Subject: RE: Now Form Entry: Family Tree Request
From: phil@upchurchstory.com


Date: Thu, Jan 21, 2016 9:13 am
To: MikeRUpchurch@gmail.com
Hi Mike---
Per your request I have just invited you to be a contributor to the Allied Families Tree for the Jubal U.,I Family. This is in rudimentary form. I do not believe we yet have a Tree Master to augment this tree. This we need. Let me know if you were able to reach and view the tree.

Phil Unchurch

## Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Family Tree Request

From: Mike Upchurch [mikerupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmail.com)
Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2016 3:35 pm
To: Phil Upchurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Phil,
Thanks for sending the link to the Jubal Unchurch family tree. Since l'm new to Ancestry.com it is confusing as to what data is correct. Most trees on Ancestry has Benjamin U. (1829) father as Calvin U. However the Jubal Unchurch Tree has it as Stephen U. I will need to correct many of the links I have made.
Thanks again for all your help.
Mike R. Unchurch

Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Family Tree Request
From: phil@upehurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Jan 23, 2016 5:38 am
To: "Mike Unchurch" [mikerupchurch@gmali.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmali.com)
Cc: "Michael Avery xxUpchurch" [churchpants@gmail.com](mailto:churchpants@gmail.com), "Lissa-X Wall-McMahel" [lissa@blindpros.com](mailto:lissa@blindpros.com), "Gwen O'Danlels"
2016 Hi Mike---
For many years we thought Benjamin was the son of Calvin but a great cooperator did good work to show that it was Stephen. Once a mistake like this is made it gets on the Internet and never gets corrected as you witnessed. That is why is is so important for Allied Families to get it's records online and widely recognized as a quality source. Among other things we must be willing to correct when errors in our own records are found. We all have to understand that family history is always a work in progress and the wrong conclusions are often reached even with what seems good information. Thanks for helping us get on the right track.

We are building good momentum on the Jubal U. I Family.
A breakthrough on transcriptions. Our staff member Jay Buck also works part time at the St Louis Library Genealogical Section and has free access to a new $\$ 20,000$ OCR scanner. He has scanned some of our Biofiles and reports excellent digitization of all printed items. Details are to be worked out but it seems we will be able to use this machine for free to treat Biofiles before they are sent to Transcribers meaning they will not have to type documents that were taped in as print items. More on this later. Phil Unchurch

## From: Mike Upchurch [mikerupchurch@gmall.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmall.com)

Date: Sat, Jan 23, 2016 6:54 am
To: Phil Upehurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Good Morning Phil,
I appreciatie you taking your time and expertise to clarify my understanding of the Benjamin U. family. I'm a newbie at true research and have depended on others work. Now with my Ancestry, com membership I'm able to view old records for myself. I will need to rely more on my own research and less on others.

That is good news to have access to a quality OCR scanner. As with all genealogical research, scanning is a very time consuming experience. However the benefit of having this data online is enormous. This will open this data to an army of researcher to further clarify.

Thanks,
Mike U.

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Phil,
Good news!!!
I have found the grave site of my GG Grandmother Arabella Unchurch.
Last week I made contact with Marshall Woodall, the Chair of the Cemetery Committee for Deil's Creek Baptist Church. Marshall was a wonderful gentlemen that shared his records of the cemetery. In meeting I mentioned I wanted to also look for the grave of my GG Grandmother. After showing him a map of where I thought it was located, he volunteered to take me to the owner of the property. He knew the owner quiet well so we went unannounced. Not finding him at home we were left with just trying to find the site ourselves.

We found the location on the map, but found no indication of a grave site. Being very disappointed I referred back to the instructions we used when we tried to find the grave. Once I read the directions to Marshall he immediately stated he know where the grave is located. In fact he remember there being some grave stones there. He also recalled he visited a 1st cousin who lived near the site.

As indicated by others, the site is overgrown with briars and vegetation. However we were able to work our way in to get photos of the 3 different stones. These photos are attached at the bottom of this email.

With clear names on all three stone, I decided to research the names of the other two stones. Interestingly the other stones are of black people buried there some 40 years after the death of my GG Grandmother Arabella. I do not know if there are other stones there that may be covered by dirt or vegetation. Marshall told me the farm has been owned by the Butts family, however it has been recently sold. He told me he would try to find the owner's name. With permission I would like to clear the underbrush and look for other stones.

Now that I have solved one mystery I'm faced with another.????
Thanks for letting me ramble on about this discovery.
I will shortly be sending Jay the info that I have on the Veil's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Let Jay know to be looking for it.

Thanks again for all you do,
Mike Unchurch

## Hi Mike---

This is wonderful news. I case you have not informed Gwen I am copying her. I have made a note in my UB file in hopes I can reference your discovery in the issue to be prepared this fall.

The steps you plan to take to preserve the newly discovered cemetery are very much in order. Feel free to review our Allied Families cemetery program on our website to see if you want Allied Families involved in your preservation efforts. We can discuss prospects if you desire.

I am glad to know you have made progress on the bigger cemetery. When we see what you have done I may have a proposal to do more on this effort.

Best ~

## Phil Upchurch

Subject: Re: Pictures of the grave stone of Arabella Unchurch First WIO Benjamin Upchurch From: Mike Unchurch [mikerupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmail.com)
Date: Wed, Jun 01, 2016 6:32 am
To: Phil Upchurch [phil@upehurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upehurchstory.com)
Phil,
Thanks for your observation of "this may have been land of Benjamin $U$ ". I will do more research on the land.
Mike U.






Subject: Re: Phil Upchurch-Medical
From: Mike Upchurch [mikerupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mikerupchurch@gmail.com)
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Date: Wed, Aug 10, 2016 3:26 pm
To: Phil Upchurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Phil,
You, your family, and the entire Allied Families team will be in our prayers. May God's blessing be with you during your surgery and recovery. Mike Unchurch

## Subject: Fwd: Allied Families Membership

From: Maureen Buck [maureen.buck@alliedfamilies.org](mailto:maureen.buck@alliedfamilies.org)
Date: Tue, Sep 20, 2016 8:46 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

[^0]Maureen,
I have forwarded your email to 7 of my Unchurch family with a request for them to forward to other cousins. Hopefully I can get more email addresses of my cousins.

Thanks,
Mike Unchurch
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Date: Sat, December 10, 2016 8:10 am
To: Jay Buck [jaycbuck@gmail.com](mailto:jaycbuck@gmail.com), Phil Upchurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)

Good Morning Jay \& Phil,
I hope this email finds both of you doing well.
I am currently working on the Buies Creek Cemetery that has almost 500 names. When I started, Find A Grave had 495 names. Now they have added 3 more names. If I add the new names to the existing list in alphabetical order, the spreadsheet will change the numbers near the end. If these numbers are used in the relationships with other people, such as S/O 447 or D/O 495, the reference number will now be incorrect. Please call or contact me and I can further explain the problem.

This is not just a problem for Buies Creek Cemetery, but for any cemetery that has any additions. Please think about this dilemma and let me know how to proceed.

Thanks,
Mike U.

## Subject: RE: Question on Cemeteries

From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Dec 10, 2016 9:19 am

Hi Mike---
Good to hear from you and it is great that you are annotating Neill's Creek Cemetery. I have been working closely with Jay and Carla to perfect Inwood Cemetery as a model annotated Cemetery. We are solving issues and making improvements as we go along. Now you present us with another challenge. I'll offer my thoughts.

The problem you mention will be an ongoing one for many cemeteries we annotate. My suggestion is that once we start to work on a cemetery we should lock into place the alphabetical listing found on Find A Grave at the time of beginning. Let's say there were 268 names. If more names are added later, for whatever reason, I suggest they be added at the end by adding more numbers 269, 270,271, etc even if not in alpha order. The reason for this is that as one would start annotating using the 268 names the numbers are used in the annotation process. It would be overly complicated to go back and keep changing the numbers every time one or more names would be added. If you and Carla will discuss this I feel you will likely come to the same conclusion I have. Please let me know.

It is encouraging that we continue to perfect our cemetery annotation project. I feel it is a real step forward in how to mesh cemetery information and family history. When we get a little further along I think some of our Cary Group should go to organizations such as WCGS, Apex Historical Society and other such groups to make a presentation our annotated cemetery effort. I think it would be a good recruitment tool.

Merry Christmas ~
Phil Upchurch

## Subject: Re: Question on Cemeteries

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Phil,
Thanks for your response.
There is another thought about this problem that I would like to share. I don't know if it will work in the complete project, but let me explain. Since the chart already has a unique number for each person provided by Find A Grave, do we really need another reference number? We could express relationships such as S/O and enter the Find A Grave number. This would eliminate the need to enter the names in alpha order. In addition, changes made in the future will automatically be re-alphabetize. This is an easy function of "excel".

I will be glad to further explain to Carla and Judy this Thursday.
Just an idea from, Mike U.

## Subject: RE: Question on Cemeteries

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Mike---
The additional issue you raise reveals that our protocol for annotated cemeteries really need coordination here in our early stages of development. I think if you and Judy and Carla can put your heads together and then give Jay and myself some feedback we can get all the issues on the table and reach a consensus on our format.

## Subject: Happy Birthday

From: mupchu3424@aol.com
Date: Thu, Feb 09, 2017 9:21 am
To: Phil Unchurch [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Hello Phil,
I hope you have a very Happy Birthday today. You are the the most active 89 year old I know!
Wishing you a very special day today with your friends and family! We look forward to seeing you in March.
Best regards,
Hilda Unchurch
919-291-7977
Sent from my iPhone

## Good Morning Phil,

I would like to use this very special day to not only say HAPPY BIRTHDAY, but for also getting and keeping me interested in genealogy. I think it was in 1986 that I ordered my first Upchurch Bulletin. At that time I could not connect my Buies Creek clan of Upchurches to the other Upchurches in Wake county. Thanks to your work I have a connection back to our US immigrant Michael Unchurch.

Thank you very much for all you do. $\qquad$ And I hope you have a very Happy Birthday.

## Mike Upchurch

Remembering our trip to Harnett and Franklin Counties.


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## UPCHURCH FAMILY HISTORY

Benjamin (Ben) Upchurch was born 1830 and was the father to five children (all sons) born to Benjamin Upchurch (1830-1910) and Arabella Medlin Upchurch (1827-1867). Benjamin had moved to Hairnet County from Granville County to work in the tar, pitch, and turpentine trade. Benjamin and Arabella's children were James, J.K. (Kit), Calvin, Jeff, and Charlie. Jefferson Davis (Jeff) Upchurch who was born September 10, 1861. He was the fourth son of Benjamin and Arabella. Following Arabella's death, Benjamin married Katie Johnson and they had three children--Frank, Will, and Mollie. The Benjamin Upchurches lived on NC Highway 210 near Neill's Creek Baptist Church where they are buried.

This community was also the first home of Jeff Upchurch and his bride Virginia Horton from Johnston County. She was born December 16, 1869. They were married in a double wedding. Walt and Lilly Johnson also became man and wife in that double ceremony. Virginia's daughter, Annie Bell remembers her mother recalling that she and Jeff had only one chair when they set up housekeeping. Jeff and Virginia continued to live in the Neill's Creek community for several years. Their older children were born there. These were John (1887-1959), Zeblon (1899 and died young), Benjamin (1891-1938), Lessie (1893-1963), Ezra (Dick) (1896-1936), and Bessie (1897-1973).

Later, Jeff and Virginia moved to Buies Creek where he became a merchant. His first store was located near Kivett's brickyard along with those of two other merchants, Floyd Taylor, and Sandy Stewart. Late one night, fire destroyed the three wooden store buildings. Mysterious circumstances surrounded this fire. Jeff was the only one of the merchants who did not have insurance on his business. Shortly thereafter, however, Jeff and Leslie Collier opened another store on the current site of

Blanchard's Barber shop. This store also burned down. Jeff then bought the large building across the street.

It was as a merchant at this location that he is best remembered. Jeff also had a farm where the Women's Campus, The Fine Arts Building, the Maintenance Plant, and the College Laundry of Campbell University are now located.

While Jeff was establishing his farm and mercantile business, he and Virginia had the remainder of their family. Born in Buies Creek were Rosa (1901-1968), Annie Bell (1906-Present), Lala (1908 to Present), Issie (19081925), and Woodrow (1912-1971).

Jeff's General Store was an important establishment in Buies Creek. His stock of provisions was wide and varied and provided for most of the needs of the citizens of the small town. Uncle Jeff, as the community children called him, provided for the other needs also. His daughter, Annie Bell, recalls that he always got up early on cold mornings to go to the store to start a fire in the big, pot-bellied stove that heated the building. He just wanted it warm when the early school bus arrived with its first load of children. He wanted his children to have a comfortable place to wait until the school house opened. Uncle Jeff also gave the children candy while they waited.

A merchant all his life, Jeff Upchurch was one of the founding fathers of Buies Creek and later served as its last mayor. He and Virginia were instrumental in the building of Buies Creek Baptist Church. In addition to contributions of material, money, and labor made by her husband, Virginia gave her egg money to the church building fund. She also cooked free of charge, for the crowd of men who plastered the church building-quite a task with a house full of children. Jeff also substantially helped his friend J.A. Campbell get Campbell University off the ground.
All of the surviving children of Jeff and Virginia were respected and
contributing citizens of Harnett County. The eldest son was John who married Lutha Stewart, also of Buies Creek. John was a grading contractor and later a merchant in Raleigh. When he moved his family back to Buies Creek he opened a general store across the street from what was later to be Buies Creek's first public school for grades 1-12 and is today Buies Creek Elementary School. He ran the general store and was a mail carrier. As a mail carrier, he delivered the mail to Lillington in the morning and to Coats in the afternoon. John and Lutha's children were Thurman (killed as a teenager in a horse accident), Ernie Mae, Clyde Davis Upchurch (19151968), and Daisey Lea (died as a young woman in the early 50 's).

At the age of 18 Clyde told John that he never intended to tell another mule to get up unless the mule sat down on him and joined the Navy. While home on leave in 1940 he met and courted Clara Green Williams, whose widowed mother Elizabeth (Betty Gregory)
Denning/Williams had run a boarding school for students at Campbell. Clyde and Clara were married in November of 1941 and their first child Clyde Williams (Buddy) Upchurch was born in August 1942. They had two more sons, John Emory (1944) and Michael Rae (1950). During World War II, Clyde was promoted to Warrant Officer and was highly decorated for bravery when he led a group of survivors in the Battle of Midway in an attempt to save the sinking and listing aircraft carrier, Yorktown. During the survival effort a Japanese submarine fired another torpedo into the badly damaged ship and sank the Yorktown.

After a 22 year career in the Navy, Clyde retired back to Buies Creek, bought a tractor and began to farm. The first year after he retired (1954), the old Williams home place in which they were living burned. Later the same year all the cattle Clyde had purchased broke out of their stable, ate green soybeans, developed colic and all died. The following year his swine
developed cholera and $100 \%$ had to be destroyed.
Recognizing his decision as an 18 year old boy not to farm might have been a good decision, Clyde followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a merchant in Buies Creek. He opened Buies Creek Hardware and Machine Shop. He was known throughout Harnett County as the guy who could fix anything. He was also somewhat of an inventor. He invented what is today known as the McCall Rebounding Machine (used by most athletic programs to test athletic jumping ability). He also invented the swivel tongue irrigation pipe wagon (used to allow a tractor to swivel the irrigation pipe at the end of field as they headed back in the opposite direction).

Clyde was diagnosed with cancer in April 1968 and died in October the same year. Clara had been diagnosed with cancer in 1950 and had fought courageously until her death in 1978. Her prayer in 1950 was for God to grant her the time to see her three boys old enough to take care of themselves. Not only did God grant her desire to see them grown, but also to see the eldest son, Clyde, marry the former Judith Ann Currin and give birth to their only child Gregory Adam Upchurch on March 11, 1971.

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## October 14, 2015

## Good Morning Phil,

Thanks again for investing your time to show me the cemeteries of my family around Harnett and Franklin Counties. It was my pleasure to listen to you recall some of the information you have discovered.

The Unchurch story as told by Winifred Upchurch Stewart is enclosed. Please review for any errors.

As we discussed yesterday, I will email you a link to my DropBox so you can retrieve the pictures I took. You are welcome to use them anyway you like.

Thanks,

Jefferson Davis Unchurch was born September 10, 1861. He was the fourth of five children (all sons) born to Benjamin Upchurch (1830-1910) and Arabella Medlin Unchurch (1827-1867). Benjamin had moved to Carnet County from Granville County to work in the tar, pitch, and turpentine trade. Benjamin and Arabella's children were James, J.K. (Kit) Calvin, Jeff, and Charlie. Following Arabella's death, Benjamin married Katie Johnson and they had three children -- Frank, Will, and Mollie. The Benjamin Upchurches lived on NC highway 210 near Veil's Creek Baptist Church where they are buried.

This community was also the first home of Jeff Unchurch and his bride Virginia Horton from Johnston County. She was born December 16,1869 . They were married in a double wedding. Walt and Lilly Johnson also become man and wife in that double ceremony. Virginia's daughter, Annie Bell remembers her mother recalling that she and Jeff had only one chair when they set up housekeeping. Jeff and Virginia continued to live in the Neill's Creek community for several years. Their older children were born there. These were John (1887-1959), Zeblon (18\%9 and died young), Benjamin (1891-1938), Lessie (18ф3-1963), Ezra (Dick) (1896-1936), and Bessie (1897-1973).

Later, Jeff and Virginia moved to Buie's Creek where he became a merchant. His first store was located near Rivet's brick yard along with those of two other merchants, Floyd Taylor
and Sandy Stewart. Late one night, fire destroyed the three wooden store buildings. Mysterious circumstances surrounded minis fire. Jeff was the only one of the merchants who did not have insurance on his business. Shortly thereafter, however, Jeff and Leslie Collier opened another store on the current site of Blanchard's Barber shop. This store was also burned out. Jeff then bought the large building across the street.

It was as merchant at this location that he is best remembered. Jeff also had a farm where women's campus, the fine arts building, the maintenance plant, and laundry of Campbell are now located. While he was establishing these ventures, Jeff and Virginia had the remainder of their family. Born in Buie's Creek were Rosa (1901-1968), Annie Bell (1906 to present), Lala (1908 to present), Essie (1908-1925), and Woodrow (1912-1971).

Jeff Unchurch's general store was an important establishment in Buie's Creek. His stock of provisions was wide and varied and provided for most of the needs of the citizen of the small town. Uncle Jeff, as the community children called him, provided for the other needs also. Daughter Annie Bell recalls that he always got up early on cold mornings to go to the store to start a fire in the big, pot-bellied stove that heated the building. He just wanted it warm when the early school bus arrived with its first load of children. He wanted his children to have a comfortable place to wait until the school house opened. Uncle Jeff also
gave the children candy while they waited.
A merchant all his life, Jeff Unchurch was one of the founding fathers of Buie's Creek and later served as its last mayor. He and Virginia were instrumental in the building of Buie's Creek Baptist Church. In addition to contributions of material, money, and labor made by her husband, Virginia gave her egg money to the church building fund. She also cooked, free of charge, for the crowd of men who plastered the church building -- quite a task with a house full of children. Jeff also substantially helped his friend J.A. Campbell get Campbell College off the ground.

All of the surviving children of Jeff and Virginia were respected and contributing citizens of Hornet County. John, a merchant in Raleigh and Buie's Creek, married Luth Stewart. He also carried the mail. Deliveries were mad to Lillington in the morning and to Coats in the afternoon. John and Luth's children are Ernie Mae, Thurman, Clyde (who was also a merchant), and Daisy Lea. Ben, a merchant as well, married Lela Parker. Their three daughters are Winifred, Nellie, and Frances. Daughter Lessie married sion Mitchell. Their family includes Graham, Hazel, Sara, Bob, and Mack. Ezra (Dick) married Sallie Mae Wallace and they had four children: Earl, Louis, Helen, and Ruth. Bessie married Jesse wood and they lived, until retirement in Littleton where Jesse was a merchant. They spent their retirement years in Buie's Creek. Jesse Jr. was their son. Rosa
married Leland Stewart and they ran the store after her father's death. Their children are Jeff and Charles (Mutt). Lala and Herbert Betts married and their children are Ruth and Nina Belle. Annie Bell was sixteen when she married Levy McLeod. Only a year older, Levy said he would join the army if she did not marry him. She quit school and married him. Frank and Joyce Lee are their children. ${ }^{\text {brother }}$ The baby of Jeff and Virginia was Woodrow. Like his older, Ben, Woodrow was a great baseball player -- a left-handed pitcher. Woodrow played organized baseball and made it to major leagues briefly. In one game with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, Woodrow struck out Babe Ruth three times. An arm injury in a traffic accident ended his baseball career. He married Agnes Avery and their son is Woody.

Jeff Upchurch died in 1933. Virginia Horton Upchurch died in 1937.
by Winifred Upchurch Stewart

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