

WONDA SUE

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○ TX Births

UPCHURCH	WONDA	SUE ↑		1-23-1935	f	HILL	EARLY MAY WEST	D RAYBURN UPCHURCH
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WONDA SUE U

○ TEXAS BIRTH INDEX - PER C. J. PETERSON, JR 18 JUL 2005
1903 - 1999

Name	Birth Date	Gender	Birth County	Father's Name	Mother's Name
<u>Wonda Sue Upchurch</u> ↑	23-Jan-35	Female	Hill	D Rayburn Upchurch	Early May West

○ OBITUARY DOWNLOAD BY JENNA LANE U FOR RPU

Paper: News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
Deceased: Ashley W. Johnson
Date: December 2, 2003

FUQUAY-VARINA – Ashley Warren Johnson, 20, died Sunday, November 30, 2003. Funeral service 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church. Burial, church cemetery.

Ashley was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, George Warren.

Surviving: parents, Allen and Lisa Gray; sister, Tonya Scott and husband, Chris of Angier; nephew, Adam Scott; maternal grandmother, Myra Warren of Fuquay-Varina; paternal grandmother, Lucy Gray of Fuquay-Varina; aunts, Jo Anne Upchurch and husband, Woody of Garner, Becky Gray of Raleigh; uncles, Tony Warren and wife, Paulette of Garner, Jimmy Gray and wife, Jeannie of Raleigh; cousins, Kim, Kelley, Robin, Erin, Josh, Ronnie and Hunter.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions for cancer research may be made to The Lymphoma Society, 4320 Bland Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Arrangements by Thomas Funeral Home.

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WOODY

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○ FROM 1995 CD-ROM

Upchurch Charles H Jr	Fayetteville Rd	Garner	NC 27529	919-772-4405
Upchurch E I	1048 Indian Creek Tr	Garner	NC 27529-9332	919-772-2963
Upchurch Ray	303 Benson Rd	Garner	NC 27529-3003	919-779-5547
Upchurch Ronald W	341 Beechwood Dr	Garner	NC 27529	919-772-7715
Upchurch Sam Keith	25 Josephine Rd	Garner	NC 27529-9618	919-553-1185
<u>Upchurch Woody</u> ↗	1414 Vandora Springs Rd	Garner	NC 27529-4117	919-662-1926

WOODY U

① Address in JUL 57 West Memphis, AR Phon Bk; copied 8 SEPT 57

Woody Upchurch

1292 Faxon Ave.

West Memphis, AR 72301

Phone 292-2624

} in AF.

WOODY U

WOODY U = JEFFERSON WOODROW U JR, whom see

WORTH

WORTH U

① Address in Los Angeles - Pasadena, CA Phone Bk JAN 1975
Copied 3 JUN 1975

Worth Yedwards

5351 North Rosemead Blvd } In AF
San Gabriel, CA 91776 }
phone 286-7653

Also in Nov 1975 Los Angeles Phone Bk for
Northwestern Area AC 213 Copied 18 JAN 1977

WORTH U

See G. WORTH U.

① See 19 SEP 1979 Ltr Bonnie Pegram to RPH

Bonnie toured Holly Springs NC area looking for grave of Bennett A. U & met several people of interest == "I also met a Mr Worth Upchurch, known as G.W. Upchurch, Rt 1 Holly Springs. His family is not listed in Mrs West book also. He is a very nice man. I gave him one of the order blanks of Mrs West's book. He seemed quite interested in our family history. I told him that you would probably be in touch with him. I met him in June."

② Address

Mr G. Worth Upchurch
Route 1
Holly Springs, NC 27540 } In AF

③ See Mendham Records for Cary Ernest U Sr.

Cary Ernest U Sr b 17 JUL 1900 d 25 NOV 1944 of Bright's Disease. He d at the home of his brother Garland Worth U near Wilton in Wake Co, NC.

④ See Ltr 31 OCT 1981 William Shelton U Sr to RPH

Garland Worth U (Pete) b 20 AUG 1909 d 14 OCT 1981
and Florence Johnson, now deceased. - address
Rt 1 Holly Springs, NC 27540. Children =
Bobby U, Gailya U, Jenny U - all md & have children.

⑤ North Carolina Death Records 1968-1996
 UPCHURCH, GARLAND WORTH Death Date: 14 October 1981 Gender: Male
 Place of Death: Fuquay Varina, Wake, North Carolina Race: White
 Residence: , Wake, North Carolina Age: 73 Years
 Autopsy: No Marital Status: Widowed
 Hospital: General Hospital Bed Code: 20-34 Beds
 Attendant: Physician Burial: Burial in state
 Birth Date: 20 August 1909 State of Birth: North Carolina
 Father: UPCHURCH SS# 245403092

⑥ SOCIAL SECURITY OUTPUT 1870-1991

GARLAND	UPCHURCH	BIRTH	NC	08/20/1909	245-40-3092
GARLAND	UPCHURCH	DEATH	NC	10/00/1981	245-40-3092 XX

⑦ Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery - Fuquay - Varina,
 Wake Co, NC

G. W. "Pete" U 20 AUG 1909 - 14 OCT 1981

H&W Florene J. U 1 APR 1912 - 3 SEP 1975

⑧ From Biopile of Henry Thomas Lawrence - Entry 7 APR 2008
 Henry Thomas Lawrence who lives near Wilson, NC
 says Pete U (G.W.U.) and ran a store in Wilson.

⑨ N. C. MARRIAGES

Garland W Upchurch

North Carolina	birth:	1906		
Marriages, 1759-1979	marriage:	22 Dec 1928	Apex, Wake, North Carolina	spouse: Florene E Johnson

INPUT FROM RHONDA JOYCE (HINNANT) JONES
EMAIL TO RPU 21 DEC 2016

I. MOSES U - HEAD OF CLAN

A. WHITNEY U

1. CANDIS U

△ LIKELY PARTNER: BRITTON MILLS

Q. SILAS MERRETT U

△ A. IDA ELLICO (ELLIO?) V

△ M(D) JAMES HINTON CHAMPION

△ (A) IDA ESTHER CHAMPION

M(D) CURRAN

△ (A) NANCY JOYCE CURRAN

M(D) HINNANT

△ (C) * (I) RHONDA JOYCE HINNANT
M(D) C) JONES

ii. LEONZA C. U

△ (C) (I) GARLAND WORTH U "PETE" 1909-1981
↳ RPU VISITED 21 FEB 1981

iii. LAURA JANE U CS-30

(I) RABIE KIRKS

△ (A) CHRISTA BELL FUTCH

△ (C) * (I) JAMES MARSHALL NEWBERN

↳ NEW CONTACT - DEC 2016

* RPU NOTE - These two report a DNA match
with BRITTON MILLS

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After Lunch. BAT 21 FEB 81 - continued

Mr Pete U = Garland Worth U b. 20 AUG 1909

From a mule named (L) near near 6 miles NW

Pete. Garland mar. F = L. C. U and Pearley Sloan
the only one who could handle heavy farmer
called Pete
Lena
GF = Merritt U. - md Anne

has Green fawn lemon 55

died after end of 1919

GGF = does not know in 1920's

GW knew Merritt U d. in 80's
GW mar 10 yrs old when Merritt died
GW now 72

GW does not know where buried (Annie)
buried in old Family Land (also)
below Duncan in a church
maybe at Shady Grove
between Duncan & Corbett

GW does not know of any Bor S of Merritt.

L.C. U Bro & Sister

Never known! Edry U - mar deformed had epilepsy - drowned - just we

I knew of 2. Hosea U - md Carrie -
went to GA & raised a family
Atlanta ← 12 girls - no boys
ie all girls endry

- Bonnie
- Dannal
- Rosie
- Belbie

[VEELSA U]

lived & d. in Raleigh NC
lived around Raleigh

Vielze - md ? Baker
- md Hennock Champion
- md ??

Knew 3.

[IDA ELIICO U] ♀
♀

Knew 4. Elco
Knew 5. Carrie

→ Bur Penny Grove - 2 miles down road, south.
→ may or may not have stone

Merritt U - farmed & owned
same - in the
section where burned.
Ran a cone mill

Merritt U was he & raised where
he lived - GW remember him
talk about the

Merritt U was in Civil War - was
wounded - They took bone out of knee
A Family Bible was kept - but only
children ages kept.

Merritt's wife died before him - He did
away with her stuff. She had a
bible - she was very religious

Merritt was rich

Merritt brought his knee bone home. He
swathed mostly without a stick. Had
to break leg to get in coffin

Merritt lived with L.C.U for 8 yrs.
M did not have much to do with
children.

Knows of no U Family Cem.

Garland's M & F bur at Bethel Am Church
Rune from 55 to
Cape Fear River

Garland lived here 3-4 miles NW all
his life

Hosea U was a Rail Road Section
foreman - built Rail Roads - lived
in Rome Ga - big bird hunter -
Came back to live in NC

COPIED
FOR
A. MERRITT
U

Elio lived in this community

Peter B # 1

- Δ 1 Thenny (♂) oldest man age 18
- Δ + Δ 2 Amery ♂ [J. AVERY U] and Mennie Arnold
- Δ + Δ + Δ 3 Ernest ♂ and Julian Flowers → dau Frank Arnold
- Δ + Δ 4 * Carrie ♀ m Lawrence Johnson
- Δ 5 Herbert ♂ m [unclear]
- Δ + Δ 6 Ullius ♂ [J. WILBUR U] and Beatrice Motrell (?)
- 7 Garland Worth [PETE]
- Δ + Δ 8 Annie Leah m Jack Horner Sr.
- Δ + - 9 Shelton ♂ m in FL [W. SHELTON U]
- Δ 10: Junie Mann (adopted at age 10)

died in Cherry Point NC - this name

↳ last name - kept this name

↳ May have been child of Carrie U - Peter thought she m a Mann.

Leathermoon from Juncelton, NC

* Stayed in local community.

↳ lived in Fayetteville
 Nest lived all around -
 Rocky Mt, Durham,
 Ashville etc.
 Garland = the only Farmer.

Coatsberry section = a place to look for Menitt U.

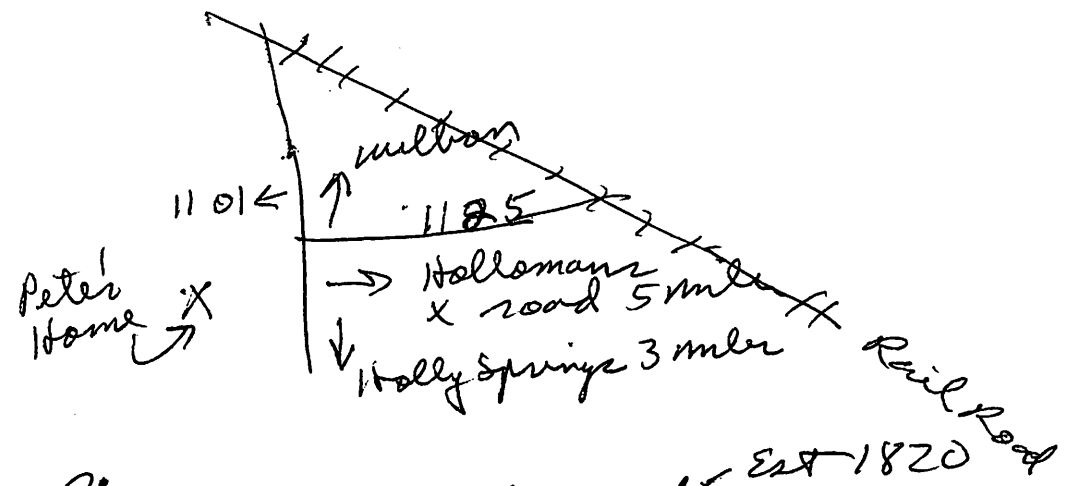
Vinton recently
 One lady = an [unclear] - had info but lost same
 Holly Springs in RT 1 = Peter Address
 Annie Leah has a son in AZ for his health - Jack Horner, Jr
 Azima

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His address
Rt 1
Holly Springs
29540

Peter Home - very neat inside & outside
He has always farmed & run a store
The store now = Wilton Barheque
552-3422



United Piney Grove Church - Est 1820
East of Peter Home.

Worth M Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759-1979	birth: 1905 marriage: 11 Sep 1926	Raleigh, Wake, North Carolina	spouse: Lillian Pearson
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○ People & Land ownership in and around ^ΔUPCHURCH in Western Wake Co, NC - Input from W^m Burke U, II to RPU
10 JUN 2010

^Δ MILLS STORE AT UPCHURCH

The store on N side of Green Level Rd just west of Upchurch is still partially there. The center part remains but has been moved back a bit.

Δ It was owned by I. W^m Henry Mills - who at some point had financial problems
A. Bill B. Joe C. Essie

Δ Δ Billy does not remember the store in operation but Jessie Fearington, Sr told Billy there was quite a complex at Upchurch. That he would head to Raleigh for farm supplies and service his mules/horses at the complex.

Δ A. Jessie Fearington, Jr - still living
Billy recalls that the beds for his present home was delivered at Upchurch station and hauled by wagon to the home site.

Δ Billy says in addition to the Upchurch school there was an earlier one on Green Level Rd closer to Henry St → [RUFUS MERRIMON U]

Δ Δ Merrimon U acquired 103 Acre from his FAT WBU, Sr
The Merrimon U home was moved next to the the Hough U land - actually next to the Hough ^{KYLE} U home → [HUGH KYLE U] → [WORTH MOORE U]

Δ 200 Acre went from WBU, Sr to Worth U - possibly including part of his relative land

Re local large farms - Billy cites the STONE Family farm - east-west of Davis Duns road by I. Sil Stone [STO W. Stone]

Δ A. Walter Stone
Δ B. John Stone

Δ Billy had no awareness of the Hubbard U land or of his son Parker.

Billy believes that WBU, I got land from the Houghton estate when he married the widow Houghton but Billy feels WBU, I bought a lot of land.

① Worth Moore U is son of William Buster U (XID-93) and Narcissa Yates. He and Lillian Pearson. Their children = William (Billy) Buster U + Patry U. [This reference also shows a second Worth U presumed to be a son of XID-93 + 1st wife Sillie Horton but there must be just one Worth - RDU).

(30, pg 13, 14)

② Stone in ^{GREEN LEVEL} ~~Salem~~ ^{WAKE CO,} ~~Apex~~ ^{Wake Co,} NC
Worth M. U. 22 APR 1905 - 19 MAR 1939

③ Info from William Buster U (Billy)
Worth U b 22 APR 1905 d 19 MAR 1939 - son of William Buster & Narcissa (Yates) U. They had 2 children

④ From William Buster U (Billy) Brite.
Worth Moore U b 22 APR 1905

⑤ See William Buster U (XID-93) will in will file - names son Worth M U. who is listed as one of 4 children by 2nd wife those 4 to divide most of property with 7 living children by 1st wife to divide \$5,000.

⑥ See Notes of 18 NOV 1978 visit by RDU to Adelia June U.
Worth Moore U drank badly - he was found dead on the road.

⑦ See It's 21 JUN 1985 Percy Bryan U to RDU
Worth Moore U b Wake Co, NC.

⑧ See It's 26 JUL 1985 Percy Bryan U to RDU
Worth Moore U d in Watts Hosp in Durham, NC after an auto accident. He was ind at Apex, NC. His wife died in Durham, NC. She was living with her dau Mrs Patsey Latta. She was bur at Green Level Cem, Wake Co, NC.

WORTH MOORE U

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① In 1975 Univ NC Alumni Pre day
Worth Moore U e 09-1923
Morusville, NC 27560 LAF

WORTH W. U

① Address in Los Angeles - Pasadena CA Phone Bk JAN 1975
Copied 3 JUN 1975

Worth W. Yurchuk
633 South Almirante ~~Drive~~ ^{Ave.} } in AF
West Covina, CA, 91791
Phone 332-4905

Also in ~~LA~~ NOV 1975 Los Angeles Phone Bk for
Northeastern Area AC 213 Copied 18 JAN 1977

① From Sta 5 DEC 1998 Ben Lane U, Sr Ed RPA - originally in Atlanta Journal Constitution 24 NOV 1998. Also Ben reports "Phil was a football player at Boy's High School and at Georgia Tech.

NOTE: RPA feels this group fits into the U Family as follows:

I. John W. Osburn of the Harmony U / Benjamin U Subclass - Osburn U line

A. Phillip Reese U, Sr b MAY 1899 (GA)
md () BESS COLLINS

1. Phillip Reese U, Jr b abt 1927
(Atlanta, Fulton Co, GA)

AX Death
Had 9
Grandchildren

d 22 NOV 1998 (Greenville Memorial Hospital) md () Ann Wray

- a. Patricia U md () - - SALTER - line in Monroe, GA
- b. Nancy U md () - - NEU - line in Port Orange, FL
- c. Phillip N. U - line in Marietta, GA
- d. Wray D. U (M) - line Suwanee, GA

- 2. Eleanor U md - - DENOBRIGA - line Kingsport, TN
- 3. Sarah U md - - HUGGINS - line Richmond, VA

② see Sta 9 JUN 1988 Minam Virginia U to RPA
Address in Roswell / Alpharetta, GA Phone Book.

WRAY U A

10315 Old Woodland Entry
Alpharetta, GA 30201
404-475-8710

UPCHURCH

Phillip Reese Upchurch, 71 of 312 Yellowroot Lane, died November 22, 1998 at Greenville Memorial Hospital. A native of Atlanta, GA (Fulton County), he was a son of the late Phillip Reese and Bess Collins Upchurch, a life long Lutheran, and retired from the Coca Cola Company. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He was a graduate of Boys High School of Atlanta and of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Surviving: his wife, Ann Wray Upchurch of the home; two daughters, Patricia Salter of Monroe, GA, Nancy Hill of Port Orange, FL; two sons, Phillip N. Upchurch of Marietta, GA, Wray D. Upchurch of Suwanee, GA; two sisters, Eleanor DeNobriga of Kingsport, TN, Sarah Huggins of Richmond, VA; nine grandchildren. Memorial services will be held 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Decatur, GA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alexander-Tharpe Fund of Georgia Tech Athletic Association, 150 Bobby Dodd Way, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30332-0455 or a charity of one's choice. The Wood Mortuary, Inc., 300 W. Pinsett St., Greer, SC 29650. 864-877-3351.

WRAY D

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③ FROM 1995 CD-ROM

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Upchurch Anthony N	2135 Primrose Place Ln Sw	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-7001	404-972-0856
Upchurch Anthony N	2135 Primrose Place Ln Sw	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-7001	404-972-0926
Upchurch Anthony N	2135 Primrose Place Ln Sw	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-7001	404-972-0961
Upchurch Arthur B	3264 Creekview Dr N	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-4139	404-564-3229
Upchurch Donald	650 Oakland Rd	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-3735	404-963-2091
Upchurch John	1211 Providence Dr Sw	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-6170	404-978-8221
Upchurch Michael D & S		Lawrenceville	GA 30245	404-962-8448
Upchurch R R	391 Davis Mill Rd	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-3883	404-963-6531
Upchurch Roy F	1731 Atkinson Rd	Lawrenceville	GA 30243-5605	404-963-8837
Upchurch Susan	2101 Deer Run	Lawrenceville	GA 30244-5935	404-985-9186
Upchurch Wray D ↑	951 Hounds Ridge Ct Nw	Lawrenceville	GA 30243-6319	404-682-9250

④ FROM 1995 CD-ROM

Upchurch Thomas	Rte	Lexington	VA 24450	703-464-4116
Upchurch Thurman Daniel	608 Euclid Ave	Lynchburg	VA 24501-3322	804-845-3670
Upchurch Jas B Jr	11199 Soldiers Ct	Manassas	VA 22110-7739	703-368-9685
Upchurch Bonnie	12 Ironwood Ln	Nellysford	VA 22958-9527	804-361-2339
Upchurch James T	21 Marina Dr	Newport News	VA 23602-3116	804-874-6671
Upchurch Wray D ↑	892 Cobham Hall Cir	Newport News	VA 23602-7739	804-877-9764
Upchurch Tony C	2626 Black Fir Ct	Reston	VA 22091-4208	703-758-9503

⑤
2 JUN
AD

Subject: Re: APEX TALK
 From: Wray Upchurch <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>
 Date: Sat, Jun 20, 2009 8:19 pm
 To: phil@upchurchstory.com

I'm afraid you have the wrong person.

On Sat, Jun 20, 2009 at 12:12 PM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi William---

Just now I am doing followup work on the talk I gav 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

WRAY D (1-3) U 763 AFD-46294

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JUN
2009

Subject: Sorry
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sun, Jun 21, 2009 7:48 am
To: "Wray Upchurch" <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>

Hi Wray---

Sorry my email to William Upchurch of Wake County, NC went to you by mistake and thanks for letting me know.

I hope you will not consider it an intrusion if I tell you a little of what I have on the name "Wray Upchurch" in my files. You can respond or not as you so desire.

I have two 1995 addresses for Wray D Upchurch one for newport News, VA and one for Lawrenceville, GA. Then I have an obituary of Phillip Reese Upchurch, Jr of Atlanta, GA showing a son Wray D. Upchurch of Suwanee, GA. A first guess would be that all of these Wray entries are for you.

I have good but not complete records on your part of the family. You belong to the Osburn Upchurch line in the Harmon Upchurch/Benjamin Upchurch Subclan. Before 1800 Harmon was in Montgomery County, NC (his land later fell into Stanley County). Several of his sons went West. It took a lot of digging for me to establish that son Benjamin went South.

Anyway, let me know if you are interested and/or are willing to share.

Phil Upchurch

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21 JUN
2009

Subject: Re: Sorry
From: Wray Upchurch <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, Jun 21, 2009 10:27 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Yes, you have describe me and my father. My father Phillip Reese was born in Macon Ga. but that's about as far back as I know about. His mother was Bess (I don't remember her maiden name) was from Alabama I think. Do you have a lineage for my family you could share? By the way, my first name is from my mothers side. It is her maiden name. She is from Bergen county New Jersey.

Wray Upchurch

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21 JUN
2009

Subject: Cooperation
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sun, Jun 21, 2009 3:37 pm
To: "Wray Upchurch" <wupchurch@bellsouth.net>

Hi Wray---

From your email of this AM it looks like we are on the same page. I have your line on two pages which I will gladly send if you will give me your postal address. I keep my records manually. With a little work and a little cooperation you and I should be able to add several pages to the two I can send.

Your ancestor Harmon Upchurch was one of 23 members of the 5th generation of the Upchurch Family in America. He was a 2nd cousin of my GGGF Nathan Upchurch, I. Harmon had a son Benjamin who had a son Osburn who had a son Phillip Osburn Upchurch. This P. O. U. had 7 children one of whom was John W. U. who had 5 children one of whom was your father.

After you get my sheets you can decide the extent of your interest. I have published about 100 issues of the Upchurch Bulletin. For new contacts I offer for \$40 to go through them all and pick out 8 issues that I think might most interest them. You can let me know if this interests you.

In 1989 I gave an Upchurch Lecture a East Point, GA. At that time I visited La Grange where some of you folks aer buried.

All Best Wishes.

Phil Upchurch

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Dec 05, 2013 2:02 pm

To: ~~wupchurch@bellsouth.net~~

Hi Wray---

I am delighted you found my website. I hope you had no trouble getting the password and successfully negotiating the three sites that are password protected. I have a ton of Upchurch information there. Also I hope you were able to watch some of the videos. The password in case it did not come to you is "2013upchurch#".

A lot has happened since we we last in touch in 2009. And we are poised to make a lot happen with our new association. I would welcome you as a member and would be happy interact with you in whatever way you see fit. You will note there is a video on your ancestor Harmon U and on each of his ancestors leading back to Michael Upchurch, I

It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Phil Upchurch

----- Original Message -----

Subject: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: "wupchurch@bellsouth.net" <no-reply@weebly.com>

Date: Mon, December 02, 2013 1:21 pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

You've just received a new submission to your [Contact Form](#).

Submitted Information:

Name

Wray Upchurch

Email

wupchurch@bellsouth.net

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Wrena Upchurch

North Carolina	birth: 1872		
Marriages, 1759-1979	marriage: 20 Feb 1890	Apex, Wake, North Carolina	spouse: Edmond Lewis

WYLIA

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○ OBITUARY DOWNLOAD BY JENNA LANE U FOR RPU

Paper: Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)

Deceased: CHAPEL HILL – Mrs. Betty Stephenson Lloyd

Date: November 29, 1997

CHAPEL HILL – Mrs. Betty Stephenson Lloyd, of Chapel Hill, died Thursday at her residence. She was 66.

Mrs. Lloyd was born in Durham County and last employed with Northern Telecom in RTP. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

A funeral will be held 2:00 Sunday at the Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lloyd is survived by her husband, Henry R. Lloyd; four sons, Thomas L. Lloyd and Charlie M. Young, both of Chapel Hill, and Michael W. Young and Jimmy Lee Young, both of Pittsboro; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine M. Shaw, of Little Rock, AR; a foster daughter, Mrs. Wylia Upchurch Long, of Chapel Hill; sisters, Mrs. Mary Day, of Durham, Mrs. Bobbie Trola, of Creedmoor, and Silver Stephenson, of Raleigh; brothers, Clifton Stephenson and J.W. Stephenson, both of Durham; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Walker's Funeral Home.

Wylia Upchurch

MdL) - - LONG

WYLLIA JEAN U

○ NC BIRTHS - 5 SEP 2005 - PETERSON - ORANGE CO

Upchurch	20 Sep 1914	Orange	Wm Alonzo Upchurch
Upchurch	24 Jun 1916	Orange	Alonzo Upchurch
Wiley Alonzo Upchurch	4 Mar 1920	Orange	W Alonzo Upchurch
Upchurch	8 Jun 1923	Orange	Alonzo Upchurch
Harvey Ray Upchurch	17 Dec 1924	Orange	W Lonzo Upchurch
Umstead Upchurch	2 Feb 1927	Orange	Collie Upchurch
Upchurch	13 Jul 1927	Orange	Mangum Upchurch
Mark Sthepherd Upchurch	11 Jun 1954	Orange	Millard Charles Upchurch Sr.
<u>Wyllia Jean Upchurch</u> ↗	17 Jan 1957	Orange	Wiley Lonza Upchurch
Mark Wakefield Upchurch	7 Oct 1957	Orange	Roy Wakefield Upchurch
Melvin Scott Upchurch	25 Feb 1960	Orange	Alvah Melvin Upchurch
Carolyn Louise Upchurch	19 Nov 1960	Orange	Douglas Bernard Upchurch

WYLLA LANE U

XFD-22811

I. Richard U, III - Head of Clan

A. Claurus U, I

1. James Butler U

a. James David U, I

i. George Selan U, Sr

(I) Wylla Lane U b 28 MAY 1917

(Wrens, Waldron, Scott Co, AR)
d 22 JUN 2001 (Nampa, Canyon
Co, ID) m 27 APR 1946 (Heavenly,
OK) Claude NMW Jones b
25 JAN 1914 (Kartshorne, OK)
d 28 OCT 1993 (Nampa, ID.)
Cous - Caldwell, OK. - 1 Child

Complete file for WLU
placed in Archive
File 29 AUG 2003 - RPU

WYLIE UPCHURCH

① On 21 JAN 1979 I met a Mr Ed Adams on flight
Tucson - Chicago. He is retired & lives in Tucson
originally from Chicago. Has an insurance
business in Chicago. He has known 2 W's
in his life - one a truck driver in Chicago.
The other was a Sargent Wylie Upchurch
whom he met at Fort Bragg NC in 1942.
Wylie was from NC and was in a Training
Battalion.

① Wyman Astor U (b 13 DEC 1917) m. 5 OCT 1940 Doris Marie Crotter (b 6 JAN 1920). Their children:

1. Judith Lee U (b 8 APR 1942)

2. Wyman Cordell U (b 4 DEC 1945) - m

3. Sylvia Elizabeth U (b 13 FEB 1947) m + m
Sylvia divorced + m 2ndly.

Wyman Astor U is son of Pender Eugene U,
gr of George Winston U, ggr of Isaac Sims U. (28)

② see obituary of Clairborne Lance U ~~who~~ who d 14 JAN 1980
indicates Wyman A. U resided in Vienna, VA

③ see ltr 7 FEB 1987 Oliver Wrigate U to RPU

current address: Wyman Astor U
4632 Daphne St
Ashland, KY 41101

④ see ltr 2 AUG 1987 Oliver Wrigate U to RPU
computer address in ③ and gives phone no
for WAU as 1-606-329-2930. Suggest WAU
as a source of information.

⑤ see ltr 15 FEB 1988 Oliver Wrigate U to RPU

"Helen and I have just returned from Duke Hospital where
we visited Wyman Astor U who comes to Duke about every
four weeks for treatment for about six months. He
is aware of the info you wish and will get what he
can and send along to you. When he received the request
from you he became very ill and for several months
he has undergone two operations and has not felt
up to corresponding. He will stay at Duke until
Wednesday and then return to Ashland, KY, so I feel
that you will hear from him soon.

WYMAN ASTOR U

XID - 606

25 JUL 1987

MR W A UPCHURCH
4632 DAPHNE ST
ASHLAND, KY 41101

Dear Cousin Wyman,

Details on the Penda Eugene U, I family have been arriving from various sources and now is a good time for me to recap the situation for you and the others. Please find enclosed a one page outline on George Winston U and his children and a three page outline on Penda Eugene U, I and his descendants. There are 6? I am grateful to all who have helped to assemble this fine record.

Some sheets are enclosed showing what we are missing on George + his children and on Penda + his descendants. If you know of any of those details or how to get them any help would be appreciated.

My thoughts are with you as you work on your health problems. I hope you have made some good progress. Don't forget to enjoy the green Kentucky vegetation. Those of us in the desert miss it - especially if we come from the east.

All the Best.

Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

WYMAN ASTOR U

XFD-606

30 JUN 1937

MR W. A. UPCHURCH
4632 DAPHNE ST
ASHLAND, KY 41101

Dear Cousin Wyman,

I have just finished extracting your letter of 25 JUN 1937 and want to thank you for it. The outline for the Penda Eugene U, or family is now in excellent shape. Of course there are always a few more bits of information the Perfectionist would like to have but they are not vital.

The so called "Penda Eugene U Homeplace" I want near New Hill is even more of a puzzle to me now. The next time I write Donald or Oliver I'll try to get it straight. Your description of the Fayetteville street location and the 60⁺ acre is clear and I thank you for this.

I don't have any more questions of you as you have been most generous in providing details at your disposal. If convenient and you don't mind you might send me the address of your three children so I can be in touch with them as time goes by.

I do have a suggestion to you which may

2.
It may not be of interest. If you have time on your hands and you feel like doing it and it interests you I suggest the prospect of your writing down your personal life history. I did this about six years ago on a long overseas trip and tried to recall all of the people out of my past starting at the earliest possible age and relating to family and non family and to locations and events. If you should do this exercise and you are so inclined I would welcome a copy for my Upchurch files. I have a few such items on hand. Some are for the mid 1800's and heavy a world of weight into those days. I'm 70 years nearly 70 years you have seen a lot of changes. I am not far behind you being 59 1/2 almost.

Wyman, don't feel pressed by anything I have said in this letter. You don't even have to respond unless you want to.

I do hope your treatment helps. The doctors know so much more now than they used did. Best regards for a great summer.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
(ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH)

W. A. UDCMURCH
4632 DAPHNE ST
ASITLAND, KY 41101

June, 25, 1987

- rec'd
29 JUN 87
- Mr. Phillip Zupchuruk
 - P.O. Box 35804
 - Tucson, Arizona 85740
 - Dear Cousin Phillip,
 - Sorry to have waited so long to answer your letter but I have been taking radiation treatments for cancer and
 - I have not been feeling good.
 - Now to your questions -
 - △ For Danah
 - Born in Durham.
 - △ Married at Nelson.
 - △ For Murray
 - Buried in Durham.
 - △ For Claiborne
 - Born in Durham County.
 - Married 1st time in Wake Forest, N.C.
 - △ Evelyn ^[EVELYN MAE MASSET] died & is buried in Durham.
 - Married 2nd time ^[LANN (SINGLETON), GLENN] in Durham.
 - For Wyman. (me)
 - △ Tedeth ^[JUDITH LEE U] was married in Arlington Co. Va.
 - △ Sylvia ^[SYLVIA ELIZABETH U] married 27 Nov. 1967.
 - △ For Peuder
 - Born in Durham Co.
 - Married in Efland.

- ▷ Fa Roger.
- Born in Durham Co.
- Married in Durham.
- ▷ Now about the homelace of Penda E.
- He bought 60± acres on Fayetteville R.D.
- about 1 1/2 miles from Durham city
- limit, This Tract was in Durham Co.
- ▷ and Murray was a baby. All of
- ▷ his children born after Murray were
- born here.

□ + □ I have no idea where Donald & Oliver took you but it was not Penda's homelace.

□ I do not have information on the questions that I have not answered. I hope some of this will be of some benefit to you.

Sincerely

W.A. UPCHURCH
4632 DAPHNE ST.
ASHLAND, KY 41101

W.A. Upchurch

WYMAN ASTOR U

XID-606

31 MAY 1987

MR W. A. WACHORCH
4632 DAPHNE ST
ASHLAND, KY 41101

Dear Cousin Wyman,

Thank you for your letter of 21 MAY 1987 and for your prompt response to my inquiry. Your answers have helped improve the Master Outline considerably.

Here is a sketch showing how we are related.

Michael U (original immigrant)
↓
Richard U I
↓
James U I
↓
Richard U II

← BROTHERS →
Moses U ← Nathan U I

↓
Murray U ← 1ST COUSINS → Gilbert U

↓
Isaac Sims U ← 2ND " → Bartley Jefferson U

↓
George Winston U ← 3RD " → Robert Jefferson U

↓
Penda Eugene U ← 4TH " → Robert Phillip U ← ME

↓
you → Wyman Astor U ← 5TH " → My Children (3)

↓
your children ← 6TH " → My Grandchildren (3 2/3)

so your father and I are 4th cousins, you and my children are 5th cousins, while you and I are 4th cousins once removed!

Let me list what is missing on your card
notes and on your own family in hope that
you either have some of these details or can
get them.

1) For Donald Carlson

a) where was he born?

b) where was he married the 1st time?

c) where was Lydia Ellen Cornell born, where did
and where buried?

d) what was the full maiden name of his 2nd wife,
when & where were they married & is she still
living?

2) For Oliver Wingate - no questions

3) For Murray Holmes

a) where was he born?

4) For Clairborne James

a) where was he born?

b) where was he married the 1st time?

c) where was Evelyn Mae Morsey born, where did
and where buried?

d) where did he marry the 2nd time?

e) what is the full maiden name of Ann Singleton,
where was she born - still living?

5) For your family

a) where was Judith Lee married?

b) For William Wendell - no questions

c) For Sylvia Elizabeth

i) Was her 1st mry 22 NOV 1967 or 27 NOV 1967?

ii) where was Richard Harrison Cousins born?
(He was b- 4 FEB 1942)

iii) when & where did she marry Robert Stanley Beard?

iv) when & where was Robert Stanley Beard born?

6) For Selma Collier - no questions

- 7) For Perder Eugene U. Jr
 - a) where was he born?
 - b) where was he ~~born~~ married?
 - c) where was Marie Adelaide M^cAdams born?

- 8) For Royer Stanley U
 - a) where was he born?
 - b) where was he married?
 - c) where was Peggy Ann Young born?

9) For Ma Jane U - no questions

10) For Lillian Frazier U - no questions.

I have a complete set of details on your grand parents. There are missing details on some of the descendants of your brother and sisters but I will skip those for the present.

I am puzzled about the home place of Perder Eugene U. About 1977 Donald & Oliver invited me to see the Perder Eugene home about 2-3 miles south of Olive Chapel church in Wake Co, NC. - yet I notice all of his children seem to be born in Durham County. were any of the children born on the farm or did he just own the farm and visit there. And he inherit the property or buy it. I have a nice picture of us all in front of the house. I suppose you must have been there.

I have published much on Nathan U I and Moses U in the Upchurch Bulletin. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

{ ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH }

Sent card

REC'D
27 MAY 1987

Mr. R. P. Upchurch
P.O. Box 35804
Tucson, AZ 85740

May 24, 1987

Dear Sir:

On separate sheets I am sending you
The information that you requested
as is known to me. The answers
to some of your questions are not
known to me so this is the best
that I can do for now.

If there are any other questions or
information you would like please
let me know & I will do my best
to get answers for you.

Sincerely
W.A. Upchurch

W.A. UPCHURCH
4632 DAPHNE ST.
ASHLAND, KY 41101

□ 1) WYMAN ASTOR UPCHURCH - BORN DURHAM CO. N.C. 12/13/17
△ MARRIED - DORIS MARIE CROTTIS IN DURHAM, 10/5/40.
- DORIS - BORN DURHAM, N.C. 1/6/20.
□ + □ THREE CHILDREN - JUDITH LEE, WYMAN
□ CORDELL, SYLVIA ELIZABETH.
□ WYMAN WAS QUALITY CONTROL SUPERVISOR FOR
- RADIATION SYSTEMS INC. STERLING, VA. RETIRED
- SEPT. 1980 - NOW LIVING IN ASHLAND, KY.
-

△ 2) JUDITH LEE - BORN DURHAM, N.C. 4/8/42. MARRIED
△ JOHN EDWARD CHAPMAN 2/12/76. NO CHILDREN
○ △ JOHN CHAPMAN BORN JULY, 30, 1937 IN SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
△ JOHN IS V.P. MARKETING & SALES FOR FRUIT GROWERS
- EXPRESS CO.
△ JUDITH DID WORK FOR SEVERAL YEARS FOR
- SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO. SHE IS NOW A HOMEMAKER.
- JUDITH LIVES IN VIENNA, VA.

△ 3) WYMAN CORDELL BORN IN DURHAM, N.C. 12/4/45
△ MARRIED HELEN DEE OLSEN ~~12/28/68~~ 12/28/68 IN
△ KINSTON, N.C. - ONE CHILD JEFFERY CORDELL
- BORN 12/8/72 IN ^{CHARLOTTE} ~~CHARLOTTE~~, N.C.
△ HELEN WAS BORN IN SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA.
○ - MAY, 17, 1947
△ WYMAN CORDELL (CORKY) IS V.P. & CITY EXECUTIVE FOR
- FIRST UNION BANK. HE LIVES IN CONOVER, N.C.
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Δ 4) SYLVIA ELIZABETH BORN 2/13/47 IN DURHAM, N.C.

Δ + Δ SYLVIA MARRIED RICHARD HARRISON CONSOLVO
11/22/67 IN ARLINGTON, VA. ONE CHILD

Δ AMY ELIZABETH BORN 12/1/69 IN FAIRFAX, VA.

Δ TIME & PLACE OF RICHARD'S BIRTH UNKNOWN.

Δ + Δ SYLVIA & RICHARD DIVORCED.

Δ + Δ SYLVIA MARRIED - ROBERT STANLEY PEARCE.

DIVORCED - NO CHILDREN

Δ + Δ SYLVIA MARRIED - MICHAEL PHILIP DEWALD

SEPT. 26, 1975 in FAIRFAX, VA.

Δ ONE CHILD - VICTORIA LYNN BORN AUG. 31, 76
IN FAIRFAX, VA.

Δ MICHAEL ADOPTED AMY.

Δ MICHAEL BORN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AUG. 4, 1946

Δ SYLVIA EMPLOYED BY IBM CORP IN
MANASSAS, VA.

Δ MICHAEL IS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY
SPEC. FOR THE D.C. AIR NATIONAL
GUARD

Δ + Δ MICHAEL & SYLVIA LIVE IN MANASSAS, VA.

WYMAN ASTOR U

XED-606

17 MA 1987

MR WYMAN ASTOR UPCHURCH

4632 DAPHNE ST

ASHLAND, KY 41101

Dear Mr Upchurch,

As you can see from the enclosed materials I am keenly interested in all Upchurches. Recently I have been corresponding with your brother Oliver and he gave me your address. I have been working to upgrade our records on the Penda Eugene Upchurch family and hope you can help with your part. Here are my questions about missing details:

1) For yourself

a) where were you born?

b) where were you married?

c) when was Boris Marie Crofts born?

d) Did you have just 3 children?

2) For Judith Lee U

a) when was she born?

b) Did she marry? if so details on spouse and children, if any?

3) For Wyman Cordell U

a) where was he born and where married?

b) when was Helen Dee Olsen born? when was she born?

c) Details on children, if any?

4) For Sylvia Elizabeth

a) when was she born?

b) when did she marry Richard Harrison (consensus and when was he born?

c) when and where did she marry the 2nd time?

d) what does the 'S' in Robert S. Pearce stand for and when & where was he born?

e) when was Army Elizabeth Consensus born?

f) Did Sylvia have just one child?

Anything you can provide on the above will be most welcome. Please let me know if you have questions about the Upchurch family. I'll be glad to send you a sketch of your line and mine showing how we are related if you so desire. I was born and raised in Wake Co, NC but am now a long way away from home.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

Doris Marie Crotts Upchurch: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC) - Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Deceased Name: Doris Marie Crotts Upchurch

DURHAM -- Doris Marie Crotts Upchurch, age 90, passed away peacefully at Carillon Assisted

Living in Newton, N.C. on July 17 surrounded by loving family. Doris was born on January 6, 1920 in Durham, North Carolina, daughter of the late Luther J. and Katherine E. Crabtree Crotts.

She was also preceded in death by her loving husband Wyman A. Upchurch, her sister Carrie Crotts Thompson, and her brother Martin Crotts.

Doris was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be very much missed by her family.

Doris was a homemaker who was "lovingly spoiled" by her devoted husband. She loved to read and so enjoyed the latest little additions to her family -- her great grandchildren Meagan, Jake, and Madi. In their later years, she and her husband spent many hours on trips with the church seniors in Ashland, Kentucky, where they resided until her husband's death.

She is survived by her son, Wyman (Corky) Upchurch and wife Helen of Conover,

N.C. and two daughters, Judy Chapman and husband John of Vienna, Virginia, and Sylvia Dewald and husband Mike of Manassas, Virginia; grandson, Jeff Upchurch and wife, Jenny, of Sanaa, Yemen; granddaughter Vicki Slade and husband Todd of Purcellville, Virginia, and Amy Rivard and husband Mike of Stafford, Virginia; three great grandchildren and another on the way. A sister, Mary Meyers of Durham, also survives.

Her family would like to thank all of Doris's special friends at Carillon (staff and residents) who loved her and made her "family" during her seven month stay. And a special thanks to Palliative CareCenter and Hospice of Catawba Valley for being there for her.

There will be a private service held in Ashland Kentucky.

Memorials made be made to Carillon Assisted Living Activity Fund at 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658.

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→ A. Amy Elizabeth Consolvo → -Becker
→ BEVYAD

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○ UPCHURCH DEATHS - KY - DOWNLOAD IN LTR 20 JAN
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KENTUCKY DEATHS, FROM ROOTSWEB.

SURNAME	GIVEN	MI	AGE	COUNTY OF DEATH	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	DATE OF DEATH	VOL	CERT#	VOL.
UPCHURCH	STANLEY	T	061	CLINTON	CLINTON	01-03-1959	001	00303	1959
UPCHURCH	STERLIE	W	082	FAYETTE	LEE	10-25-1982	053	26259	1982
UPCHURCH	TEDDY	W	071	WAYNE	WAYNE	08-18-1994	053	26493	1994
UPCHURCH	TENNESE		093	WAYNE	WAYNE	08-13-1966	051	25005	1966
UPCHURCH	THEODORE		067	CLINTON	CLINTON	10-01-1962	045	22163	1962
UPCHURCH	THEODORE		080	PULASKI	WAYNE	11-30-1986	068	33955	1986
UPCHURCH	THIAL		080	CLINTON		08-16-1922	053	26496	1922
UPCHURCH	THOMAS		018	WAYNE		08-23-1921	038	18623	1921
UPCHURCH	THOMAS		046	WAYNE		06-23-1919	045	22412	1919
UPCHURCH	THOMAS		082	PULASKI	WAYNE	06-01-1967	035	17280	1967
UPCHURCH	THURMAN		044	JEFFERSON	JEFFERSON	08-15-1953	034	16520	1953
UPCHURCH	TONY	L	015	SHELBY	SHELBY	05-02-1975	027	13006	1975
UPCHURCH	TRAMEL	C	064	BARREN	TENNESSEE	01-29-1963	004	01994	1963
UPCHURCH	VELA	B	062	WAYNE	WAYNE	12-28-1986	069	34055	1986
UPCHURCH	VELMA	T	046	CLINTON	CLINTON	03-14-1944	018	08809	1944
UPCHURCH	WILLIAM	S	084	ADAIR	ADAIR	08-14-1971	038	18674	1971
UPCHURCH	WILLIE	A	098	CLINTON	WAYNE	12-19-1986	062	30536	1986
UPCHURCH	WILLIE	M	066	CLINTON	WAYNE	07-18-1953	028	13930	1953
UPCHURCH	WOODROW		073	WAYNE	WAYNE	03-22-1988	018	08551	1988
UPCHURCH	WYMAN	A	070	BOYD	BOYD	10-05-1988	052	25780	1988
UPCHURCH	VERA	L	092	WAYNE	WAYNE	09-04-1999	056	27788	1999
UPCHURCH	VERLIE	E	091	CLINTON	CLINTON	04-19-1991	023	11424	1991
UPCHURCH	VIOLA		053	JEFFERSON	JEFFERSON	12-25-1973	064	31609	1973
UPCHURCH	WELBY		U/1	CLINTON	CLINTON	11-20-1923	055	27482	1923
UPCHURCH	WELBY	H	082	CLINTON	CLINTON	12-22-1981	059	29215	1981
UPCHURCH	WESLEY	D	054	MCCRACKEN	MCCRACKEN	10-07-1968	051	25460	1968
UPCHURCH	WILBURN		030	PULASKI		09-20-1921	041	20474	1921
UPCHURCH	WILBURN		U/1	GALLATIN		08-14-1912	049	19524	1912

① Wymman Cordell U (b 4 DEC 1945) m 28 DEC 1968 Helen Dee Olsen (b 17 MAY 1947). Wymman Cordell U is son of Wymman Astor U, gr of Penda Eugene U., ggr of George Winston U, ggg of Isham Sims U. (28)

② on list Reid 8 SEP 1981 by RPA from Thomas R. U. III

Wymman Cordell U
2672 Woodcrest Dr
Concord, NC 28025 } In AF

③ see NY 24 MAY 1987 Wymman Astor U to RPA

Wymman Cordell U. b Durham, NC

md (Kinston, NC) Helen Dee Olsen b 17 MAY 1947

(Santa Maria, CA). They have one child. Wymman

Cordell U "Corky" is VP + City Executive for First Union Bank. He lives in Concord, NC.

- ① The article below appeared in the TUCSON CITIZEN on 7 MAR 1984 and was given to RPH on 6 JUN 1984 by Jerry Emmerson U

You can't put a dollar value on



John Lankford
Citizen Editorial Writer

human kindness, but ...

There is so much hatefulness and cruelty in the world, I thought you might like to read another kind of story, one that proved to me that kindness is its own reward, and a valuable one at that.

Wynn Upchurch loved cats, old pipes, smelly tobacco, newspapers, his wife and trips to South America — not necessarily in that order. We were copy editors together at a small paper in Florida. I was in my early 20s, and Wynn was an easy-going 55. We worked the late shift on Saturday nights, which left us with nothing much to do except talk, due to the lack of newsworthy action in a sleepy, Gulf Coast town. I learned a lot about life from Wynn on those late Saturday nights, when he would fire up his aging briar with some befouling blend, and tell me about his adventures.

Wynn devoted his summer vacations to the wild jungles of South America, where he'd go spend a couple of weeks paddling around in dugout canoes with Indians, then he'd get back home and write adventure stories for those "True Men" type magazines. The magazines would pay Wynn several hundred bucks for stories that, frankly, appeared to stretch the truth about the dangers of Indians and jungles. Wynn used the money to pay his trip expenses, so it was sort of a perpetual-adventure machine for Wynn.

At first, I figured Wynn's tales of the jungles, of wild men with blowguns and poison darts, were just a bunch of harmless lies to impress an eager young newspaperman who'd hardly been farther away from home than the county line. But as the Saturday nights stretched on and on, I came to trust Wynn and his tales. And he was one of those

guys who insisted that the meek shall inherit the Earth.

One Saturday about two years after Wynn came to work on the night shift, he began to tell me a story about an old neighbor. The guy had fallen on his back steps one day, damaging some ligaments in a shoulder and badly bruising a hip. Wynn and his wife, Mary, had been friendly with the old guy for a few years, but he had mostly stayed to himself. Until that fall.

Wynn and Mary discovered that the old guy had only distant relatives, and that unless someone could be found to help out with the man's convalescence, he would go to a nursing home. His only income seemed to come from Social Security or a small pension; he couldn't afford the kind of personal care he needed.

Wynn and Mary volunteered to take care of their neighbor, so he wouldn't have to be institutionalized. The Upchurches were those kind of people.

As the man mended, he and Wynn and Mary took to spending sultry evenings out on the Upchurches' front porch. They sat and rocked, talking about everything. I'm sure Wynn told him all

the jungle stories, which I'm also sure pleased the old guy as much as they pleased me.

Part of the evening-on-the-porch ritual was a toddy or two. The old guy liked vodka and orange juice, but never seemed to have the money to buy the vodka, so Wynn and Mary would make the shopping trips. The three of them would sit on the front porch, rocking and sipping and talking, waving and saying "howdy" to other neighbors strolling the sidewalk at dusk to escape the heat and humidity of the little houses.

Wynn stretched this story over a period of several weeks, and I expected the tale to continue until he took his annual summer vacation somewhere in the wilds of Brazil or Peru or some other crazy place. But the story stopped in mid-summer. The old guy had passed away, Wynn told me upon arriving late for work one Saturday night in mid-July. Wynn seemed pretty bummed out about it; the old guy had been good company for the Upchurches, a person with whom they had shared much front-porch time and toddies over the past several months.

Mary had gone shopping for the old man, and when she returned, found him slumped over the kitchen table. They had reckoned his age at about 95. Mary told Wynn that the old guy had a little smile on his face when she found him.

Several weeks went by, with Wynn busily making arrangements for his next adventure story trip. The week before he was to leave for South America, Wynn arrived at work on a Saturday afternoon with a big smile on his face.

"Excited about the trip, huh, Wynn?"

"Well, the trip's off, John," Wynn said. He didn't seem disappointed.

"You should be tearing your hair, after all the arrangements you made," I said. "What's the deal?"

Wynn told me the deal. The old guy had made Wynn and Mary part of his will. He had left the Upchurches two-thirds of his "estate," which amounted to the little house, some cheap furniture, and a trunk full of old photographs of men and women in high-neck collars and kids in skirts.

And a safe deposit box full of stock certificates.

The lawyer who read the will told the Upchurches the old man hadn't looked in the safe deposit box for years, and probably had no idea how much the stock was worth. It probably wouldn't have mattered much to the old guy anyway, since he didn't seem to give a hoot about money, and rarely kept enough change around the house to repay Wynn and Mary for their shopping trips in his behalf.

Wynn stopped at that point, gazing at me intently over the tops of his bifocals. Foul-smelling pipe smoke curled into the air around his head. He was sizing me up, trying to guess my reaction to what would follow.

"The old guy left us a little more than \$300,000," Wynn said, taking a healthy draw on the pipe.

Wynn worked another two weeks. I never saw him again after that, although I did get a postcard of the Eiffel Tower from him. I don't imagine he had to write a story about Paris to pay expenses for that trip.

So, what Wynn told me about the meek inheriting the Earth is true after all. Well, maybe not the whole Earth, but certain parts of it for sure.

Jerry indicated that he had an Uncle Wynn U who had a son Wynn U. Jerry says one or both were in the Newspaper business in FL. While RPK records show no Wynn U as a son of John Emmerson U, Jerry is convinced there was one.

Wynn U

WYNN U
THE SON

① See Wynn U - there were two of them - father
& son per RPA sent with Jerry Emerson U
on 6 JUN 1984