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Hello Mr. Phil Upchurch,  
I appreciate your kind invitation to explore the site you have built and all these resources.

My branch of the tree is of Henry County, Georgia, based around the city of McDonough. I would love to know more about our history. My grandmother, Frances (married to Ralph Upchurch) purchased your book decades ago and I have no idea where that book is today. My understanding from that era is that our clan appeared on records in Henry County in the early 18th century and no direct link to Michael Upchurch had been made at that time.

I am planning a journey to England with my immediate family, father and brothers, to explore our history. My father turns 75 this year and we thought it would be a fun journey. We are planning to visit Cambridgeshire, Brington and areas. If you have any information on burial sites, landmarks or grave markers relevant to our history I would really appreciate knowing them. Visiting actual sites adds depth to the experience. Based on Professor Ransome's work, does Magdalene College in Cambridge have histories of the Upchurch family to share? I would enjoy knowing more of the family's English lineage, Anglo-Saxon, or French or Dane or Briton. We intend also to visit the Village of Upchurch in County Kent. So interesting that the village carries our name but we don't know the association of the village with the family. Any leads or curiosities about the village would be appreciated as well.

Thank you again and I look forward to exploring the site you have built to share with us all.

Sincerely,  
David Upchurch  
San Francisco

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Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: David Upchurch <~~DavidUpchurch@yahoo.com~~>

Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2017 11:27 pm

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

Hello Again,

Well since I have opened the digital files I have found a wonder of information, the answers to my questions in my previous email.  
thanks again!

I will certainly keep in touch and if our adventure warrants a story then I will certainly offer one for the Bulletin.

Sincerely,  
Again,

David Upchurch  
San Francisco

**David Upchurch**  
**415- 517- 7283**

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sun, Mar 19, 2017 11:36 am

To: "David Upchurch" <~~DavidUpchurch@yahoo.com~~>

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

Hi David----

Your email of March 15 at 9:42 pm provided some information but I was not able to find your Grandparents in my system. I would very much like to know how you fit into our Upchurch family. It would be helpful if you could provide me the full name of Ralph and some dates and the name of his father. I know the story of the Henry County, GA Upchurches well and have been there for a visit. If we can get you plugged into the system there is more specific information I can supply to you.

As to England I have made several family history trips there and have taken exceptional step to uncover our English heritage. Might I ask when you plan your trip to England?

I am glad you found our records useful. They were collected over many decades with the help of thousands of people and with the expenditure of a large amount of money. I have personally spent 45 years of my spare time in this

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endeavor. Our challenge now is to continue to augment these records and to process, preserve and share them with others into the future. This will take the participation of living descendants of our ancestors. I am hoping you will join us in this journey for which a membership form is enclosed.

My guess is that you are either of the Charles Upchurch Clan or the Richard Upchurch, III Clan. With a little more input from you I can decide for sure. We are proceeding to enroll both of these families on our website [www.alliedfamilies.com](http://www.alliedfamilies.com) password 2014allied#. Have a look.

I look forward to hearing from you again and to more exchanges. Bear in mind that we have published only a small part of what has been collected.

Best Wishes~  
Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Re: some of my family from Henry County GA  
From: David Upchurch <~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~>  
Date: Sun, Mar 19, 2017 4:10 pm  
To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hello again Phil,  
Thanks for the link to alliedfamilies.com, I am returning two paper copies, one for me and one for my father, along with membership dues. That is a small token of appreciation but it will assist to continue our family dialogue.

I spoke to my father and gathered a few names but not dates. I also learned that you have been in communication with my brother, Jason Thomas Upchurch, in the last few years. Since he retired from the US Marine Corps, he has taken an interest in our family history.

Not knowing the standard nomenclature, I will give you what I know to date.

Myself > David Gerald Upchurch. born 1964  
Brother > Brian Christopher Upchurch. born 1971  
Brother > Jason Thomas Upchurch. born 1972.

My Father > Arthur Bowden Upchurch. born 1942  
Brother > Grant (?) Upchurch. born (?)  
Brother > Kenneth (?) Upchurch. born (?)

His Father > Ralph Amon Upchurch. born (?) wife > Frances Ophelia  
Brother > Arthur Jefferson Upchurch Jr. born (?)  
Sisters > several (?)

His Father > Arthur Jefferson Upchurch Sr. born (?) wife > Nora  
**David Upchurch**  
**415- 517- 7283**

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Subject: Re: Trip to England  
From: David Upchurch <~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~>  
Date: Sun, Mar 19, 2017 6:59 pm  
To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hello again Phil,  
More about our trip to England, and thank you again for your enthusiasm and resources. We are currently planning to visit London and Cambridgeshire in early September, roughly September 02 to 10. It seems that my brothers will not make this journey, disappointingly, so we will be four people on the journey, myself, my father, and our partners. This smaller party will keep costs down though!

Your insight on places to see is very much needed. The areas that seem relevant to our history with Michael are Brington and Little Gidding. Any other ideas are appreciated. If there are any sites to visit, graves or memorials, chapels, etc, I would love to know about them. In studying the map of Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire I see other place names that are curious, Achurch, Upton, Upwood, Upware, Upend, and Over. I am very curious about the development of our name Upchurch. It would seem to have Anglo-Saxon history more than British or Danish, as in ober, oben, kirche, and likely others that I do not know. The marsh areas, The Fens, around East Anglia could offer a hint to our history, having to travel up or over some marsh area.

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As a base for travel and renting a car, your ideas are welcome. I am considering using Cambridge as our base for a couple of nights, adjusting to the local time and seeing this great university town. Are there any documents we may access to view, any of Dr Ransome's work, around Magdelene College? Any sites around Cambridge?

From Cambridge I think to rent a car and use Huntingdon or St Neots as a base. I am looking for inns of hotels with romantic character.

The area around Brington and Little Gidding seems to be quite rural with few amenities. There is much history in the area so any ideas you may have to focus our experience are welcome.

The village of Upchurch in Kent, it seems to have no relevance to our history, and that seems odd. Have you visited, would it be worthwhile?

As ever, thank you very much.  
Sincerely,  
David

**David Upchurch**  
**415- 517- 7283**

Subject: SCORE!

From: David Upchurch <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>

Date: Sun, Mar 19, 2017 7:46 pm

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

Hello Phil,

Below is my Great Grand Father, A.J. Sr.

My father, Arthur Bowden, has details and names from current family back to A.J. Sr. and possibly a bit further back. I can provide those in time. I recall him very clearly, he was ancient when I was a child. He and his wife Nora received a proclamation from President Jimmy Carter, ( such pride in our president from Georgia at that time ) a proclamation congratulating the couple on 75 years of marriage. Can you imagine?

This is cool!

Thanks again!

David

From AlliedFamilies website

Descendants of Richard Upchurch  
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32. JASPER3 UPCHURCH (Claburn2 , Richard1 ) was born on 16 Oct 1830 in Henry County, Georgia, USA. He died on 12 Oct 1911 in Henry County, Georgia, USA. He married Lucinda Abigail Chaffin on 30 Dec 1867 in Henry County, Georgia, USA. She was born on 28 Sep 1838 in Henry County, Georgia, USA. She died on 11 Jul 1924 in McDonough, Henry, Georgia, USA. Jasper Upchurch and Lucinda Abigail Chaffin had the following children:

i. DORA4 UPCHURCH. ii. EMILY MADONA (MEDORA) UPCHURCH was born on 10 Feb 1869 in Georgia, USA. She died on 22 May 1909. iii. OPHELIA ABIGAIL UPCHURCH was born on 18 Nov 1870 in Georgia, USA. She died on 07 Mar 1896. iv. MINNIE GENO UPCHURCH was born on 23 Aug 1872 in Georgia, USA. She died on 29 Apr 1914. v. FLORENCE GREEN UPCHURCH was born on 10 Aug 1874 in Georgia, USA. He died on 07 Oct 1942. vi. LELALA CAMELIA "LEILA" UPCHURCH was born on 10 May 1878 in Georgia, USA. She died on 29 May 1888 in Henry County, Georgia, USA.

vii. ARTHUR JEFFERSON UPCHURCH SR was born on 23 Sep 1880. He died on 31 May 1976.

**David Upchurch**

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Subject: RE: SCORE!

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Tue, Mar 21, 2017 9:10 am

To: "David Upchurch" <DavidUpchurch@yahoo.com>

Hi David ---

Thanks for your three emails on last Sunday. All have been preserved in your Biofile and I am updating my Master Outline with any information that was new. There are a number of things on which we can return to and collaborate but right now I want to have some exchanges on your trip to England.

It is amusing to go to the village of Upchurch in Kent but it is a fact that there has never been known that a person named Upchurch ever lived there. Upchurch visitors to England often go there thinking this is the mother lode for Upchurch. This is not so. There is a history of Upchurch pottery made there (in two eras ) but that is another story. I first visited in 1964.

You will not find Cemeteries with Upchurches linked to our branch of the Upchurch family. Also, pursuit of look alike names such as Achurch is not likely to be productive. The key that links our ancestor Michael Upchurch, I to England are the four letters he wrote back to England in the 1650's. This story has been well told in the issues of the Upchurch Bulletin and I hope you will go there for this story. It is convoluted as it was first thought he came from Little Gidding but not so. He came from Brington. We still have a connection of sorts with both Little Gidding and Brington and a visit to both will be informative especially after you have studied articles in the Upchurch bulletin. Little Gidding is happy to have visitors and they have an Upchurch Room there. I suggest you attend church at Brington if you can be there on a Sunday. Do you have a desire to see the four letters preserved at Cambridge University? It might or might not be possible.

Our Upchurch heritage in England has been researched in detail by Professor Ransome whom we hired over a twenty year period. See reports in the Upchurch Bulletin all issues of which are on our website.

As we exchange more perhaps your plans for going to England will mature. Then there are other aspects to consider. In preparation for more exchanges I hope you will study our two websites regarding our records for the Richard Upchurch, III enrolled family to which you belong. There is much more we need to do on it and we can use any help you can provide.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Allied Families Membership -Thanks

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Tue, Mar 28, 2017 6:48 am

To: "David-7 Upchurch" <DavidUpchurch@yahoo.com>

Hi David---

Many thanks for your \$40 check in support of Allied Families for 2017 which arrived yesterday. This places you and your father as Members in good standing for 2017. It was thoughtful of you to gift him a membership. I will be in touch with him after I go to my Valley Office to look up his Biofile.

I am off to NC for five days tomorrow. In the meantime I hope you will continue to study our two websites. Note especially the progress in enrolling the Richard Upchurch, III Family to which you belong. This is just a beginning and with more support we can move faster and make sure these record are kept viable for the long term.

I assume we may also have more exchanges to do about your trip to England.

Welcome Aboard~

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Re: Upchurch Family History

From: David Upchurch <DavidUpchurch@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 06, 2017 3:39 pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Cc: Arthur-7 Upchurch <ArthurUpchurch@yahoo.com>

Phil,

Thanks very much for these links and ideas. We are still in the process of planning out trip to England, Brington and that area. We will certainly be in touch.

Best,

David

On Apr 6, 2017, at 6:26 AM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi Arthur----

Your son David has paid for you a 2017 Membership in our Upchurch and Allied families Association, Inc. Welcome aboard. I have been studying the Upchurch family for about 45 years and took over from others who started in the 1950's. I will be happy to interact with you

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and/or David based on any interests you may have in our shared heritage. Our process has evolved over the years. The early work produced two books. My efforts started the Upchurch Bulletin which I produced each year 1980-2016. They are all posted on our first website [www.upchurchstory.com](http://www.upchurchstory.com) password 2013upchurch#. Note also the 35 videos and especially to one on Richard Upchurch II your and my common ancestor.

Then in 2013 we got more involved and created our Association with a website [www.alliedfamilies.com](http://www.alliedfamilies.com) password 2014allied#. Note the enrolled families and especially the enrolled family of Richard Upchurch, III to which you belong. I have a huge amount of information on this family only a small part of which has been published. I have spent a lot of time in getting records from Franklin County, NC where Richard Upchurch, III was born and died in 1817 with many visits to the County. Also I visited Henry county, GA where his son Claburn Upchurch moved and died. These are just a few hints about our work.

It would be a pleasure to hear from you and to learn of any special interests or questions you may have about our shared heritage. I would also welcome whatever support you can provide to our ongoing operation.

Sending all Best wishes~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families

**Subject: Allied Families Collaboration**

**From: phil@upchurchstory.com**

**Date: Fri, Oct 06, 2017 6:01 am**

**To: "David-7 Upchurch" <~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~>**

Hi David---

I write to thank you for your interest in our family history venture and to tell you of a new milestone reached regarding data processing. From the copy of the forwarded email below you will see we have reached out to 50 remote volunteer computer operatives to update our collaboration and to set priorities. Having 50 such volunteers is a major achievement and shows the strength of our family history approach

We do not have you listed as a remote volunteer computer worker and hereby extend an invitation for you to join our volunteer ranks. You may not be able to accept for whatever reason but do know such help is vital to keeping up the fantastic momentum we have achieved so far in Allied Families dealing with our shared heritage.

In any case please do visit our two websites to stay current on our progress and let us have your comments and advice from time to time.

In appreciation for sharing your heritage and for making it a part of our growing American family~

Phil Upchurch, Manager, Allied Families.

Hi Kendal---

This email is to thank you for your participation in our Allied Families History Association and to ask for your feedback concerning your future participation. You are among fifty on our list as active Biofile transcribers or as active in helping to create "Trees" on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). This same email is being sent to all cooperators who have volunteered to make computer entries for our family history effort. Our focus has evolved along the way and I may have missed a beat with some cooperators. This email may even cross paths with other exchanges I have with you. Let me describe to you our current priorities to give you more background.

#### **Biofile Projects:**

Part I: We are using Volunteers to transcribe the Biofiles of the Patriarchs of enrolled families along with Biofiles of their children and grandchildren and their spouses. This will extend to about 500 Biofiles of which over 100 have been transcribed and are posted on our website. We want to continue this process and to recruit more transcribers.

Part II: In our Chesterfield office we have a team working on preparing Biofiles to be scanned

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