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In last issue, March 15, 2023, Jay gave us an update on astonishing progress and improvements on UAFA's home page/website! In this issue, Jay describes Enrolled Families and Narratives, while UAFA's Linda Upchurch Sparks, Tree Master Coordinator for Upchurch Trees, reports on the great progress made by the volunteer associate tree masters working on the ever growing American Upchurch Index Tree on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). Consider Linda's fantastic suggestion to contribute your own mini vocal stories to your ancestors media in this way.

To all the many women fulfilling the motherhood role, whether biological, adoption or fostering, Happy Mother's Day!



UAFA Enrolled Families and Narratives

Our website, alliedfamilies.com, has undergone some recent improvements. See [UAFA Announcement article-March 2023 Newsletter](#). Now one can navigate to our most important on-site resources from our home page.

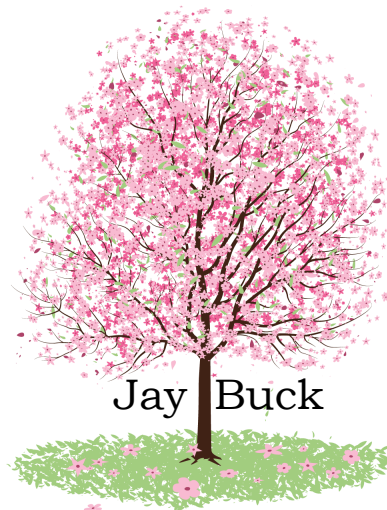
Scroll down to the "Our Resources" section of our home page and check out the changes.

If you have any questions regarding our website, feel free to contact: jay@alliedfamilies.org.

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After opening YouTube, enter "Upchurch and Allied Families" into the search box. This will open the UAFA channel and display the videos.

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Raised by an Aunt & Uncle Part 1: The Mysterious Locket

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When you find a child missing from a census, the first assumption is probably that the child has died. Sadly, this was far too often the case. Sometimes though, they were living with other family members. You might even find them with a grandparent living right next door, where there was more space!

Of course, we all visit family now and again, and it's possible that on the night of



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the census, a child was just visiting that day, or staying there for a short time. However, it was also quite common for children to be raised by other family members, even when their parents were still living.

This blog post is the first of two stories about women in my family who were each raised by an aunt and uncle. It's also a reflection on the lives they had, compared with the lives they might have had.

[Read Part I](#)



1st Quarter UAFA Upchurch Trees Report

Hi Cousins et al,

Another quarter has ended and I am happy to report that work is continuing in the Upchurch trees. The report of all the trees is attached. The Upchurch trees contain a total of 141,270 people! That's 66,000 more people than Phil had in his trees.

The superstars this quarter are Julie Upchurch, working in William U VI; Judy Newman, working in Benjamin U; and, as always, Anna Sheets, working in George U. At the end of last quarter I reported that Carla Michael's team of volunteers had completed the huge task of transcribing all the research notes that Phil called biofiles for the first 7 generations of the family. They have now all been included in the Ancestry trees—all 1,042 of them. There are transcribed research notes for the Clan Heads, their Upchurch ancestors back to Michael I, their children and grandchildren, including spouses, in all 19 Upchurch trees.

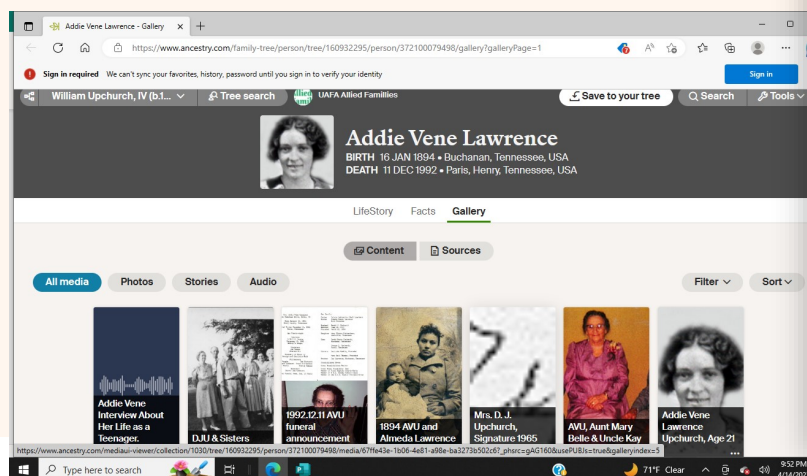
There's one more thing I've got to tell you about. Just this weekend Tom and I added an audio interview with our grandmother to her profile page in Ancestry. The interview was conducted by one of her great-granddaughters for an English project in high school and it is on the subject of her life growing up in the early 1900's, and particularly about dating.

If you have 25 minutes to spare and are interested in hearing about dating in rural West TN around 1910, click [HERE](#) to hear voices from 1986 discuss personal experiences in 1914. This probably means more to Tom and me because we recognize the voices in the recording; it gives a first-hand account of what a piece of life was like just over 100 years ago. It's things like this that turn our ancestor's names and facts into a living family story. Hope you enjoy it! And if you have similar recordings of the people in your trees, I encourage you to add them to their page in the tree.

Thanks to all for your on-going interest in this work,

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If you do not have an Ancestry account, the link(s) will take you to a sign up page where you can quickly obtain a FREE Registered Guest Account. No paid subscription is necessary to view a shared family tree.

Descendant Reports

Alternatively, we have also added descendant reports that are available by clicking on the name of the individuals.

As mentioned above, we invite your help in upgrading these family trees. If you have information to share once you have viewed a specific family tree, please contact [Jay Buck](#).

