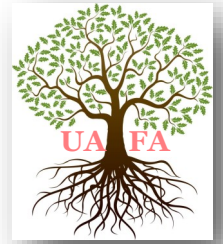


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## FROM THE EDITOR

*An Appeal to the  
Descendants of  
William Upchurch IV*

To Upchurch descendants who have done the Ancestry DNA test, please check your [Thru Lines](#) from William IV for matches to the descendants of Joseph Upchurch (b. 1775). Phil believed that Joseph was most likely a son of Michael III (and brother of William IV, George and Sherwood), but Ancestry places him as a son of William IV, probably based on member's trees. Linda has one match and one of her sisters has 7 matches to the descendants of Joseph! If we could find some more we might build a case to place Joseph in the tree where he belongs! Please Email: [lusparks@eplus.net](mailto:lusparks@eplus.net)

*This issue is dedicated to my  
beautiful mother Virginia Dare  
Upchurch Hale—Cindy Hale*



## A LOVE STORY

By R. Phillip Upchurch PhD



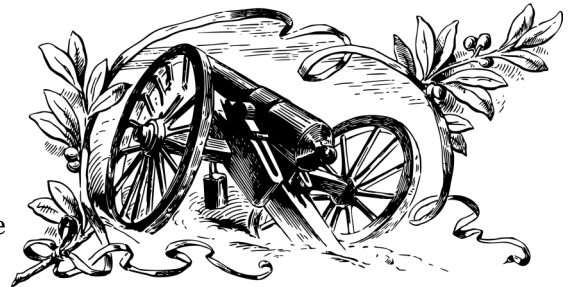
FROM THE **UPCHURCH  
BULLETIN**—DECEMBER  
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Bartley Jefferson **UP-  
CHURCH**, a grandson  
of Nathan Upchurch I,  
was a veteran of the Civil

War. He grew up in the Green Level Area of Western Wake Co., NC and lived there until he departed for the war in 1862. After the war he returned in 1865 to Green Level to care for his destitute widowed mother and his blind brother and sister. Soon, before 1870, we find him in Northern Wake Co., where he married a local lass, Aurora O. Ray. The family has often wondered why Bartley moved from western to northern Wake Co. after the war. Along the way one idea surfaced but now another has appeared.

The first idea derived from the fact that a brother of Bartley, William George Upchurch, had bought a farm in Barton's Creek Township of northern Wake Co. Being a Raleigh businessman Wil-

liam presumably offered the Barton's Creek Township farm as a refuge for his impoverished relatives during the stressful times of Reconstruction. Now the second idea surfaces. It turns out that John Hewett IL Allen, a native of Barton's Creek Township, served with Bartley throughout the Civil War. In fact, they were both captured at the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania Court House in Virginia on the same date, May 12, 1864, and they both were imprisoned at Elmira, NY. Bartley served in company G and John in company I both in the 1st Regiment N.C. State Troops. Next comes the coincidence that the two comrades in arms returned home to marry daughters of Buckner Ray.



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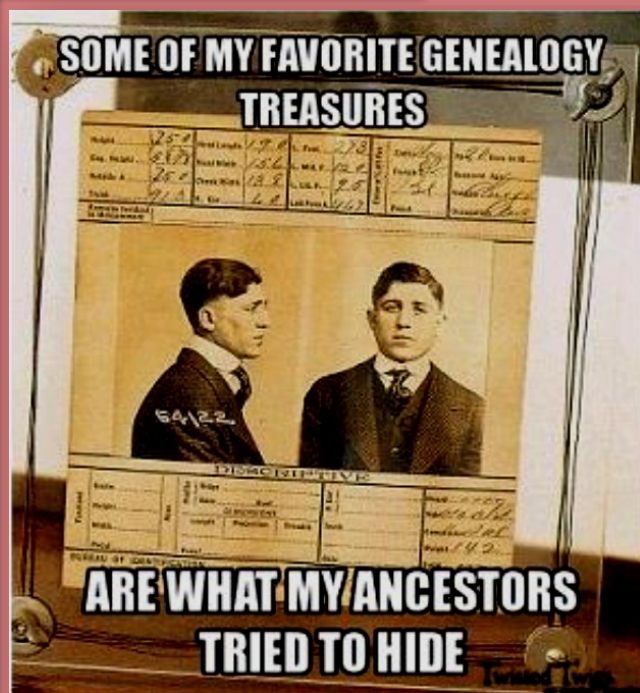
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## A LOVE STORY *Continued from Page 1*

John married Lee Hawkins Ray a sister of Aurora.

These facts allow us to speculate that during the war John had ample opportunity to tell Bartley about two charming Ray sisters of Barton's Creek and that should the fortunes of War allow they should each lay claim to one of these attractive ladies.

Now we have no way of knowing whether Bartley was attracted first to the farm in Barton's Creek Township or the Ray ladies his buddy John had described to him. If it was first to the farm, then it does not take much imagination to visualize that upon finding himself in Barton's Creek TSP Bartley would soon have encountered John. The trail to the Buckner Ray home then no doubt became well-traveled.

From the early 1870's on we find the family of Bartley in Swift Creek Town-

ship south of Raleigh, NC. Over the years the two families maintained some contact. And now in 2007 an effort is being made for the third and fourth generations of their families to get to know each other. They would be 2nd and 3rd cousins. Once more the trails of Barton's Creek Township will be traveled—this time to the homes of the grandchildren and great grandchildren of John and Lee Hawkins (Ray) Allen.

This new insight was triggered by the interest of Cindy Mize of Oklahoma in learning more about the Ray family of NC and VA in the 1700 era. While this project is be-



Unidentified photograph

yond the scope of current Upchurch research, it illustrates the importance of exchanges among family historians.

*This story descends from Clan 3, Nathan Upchurch I.*

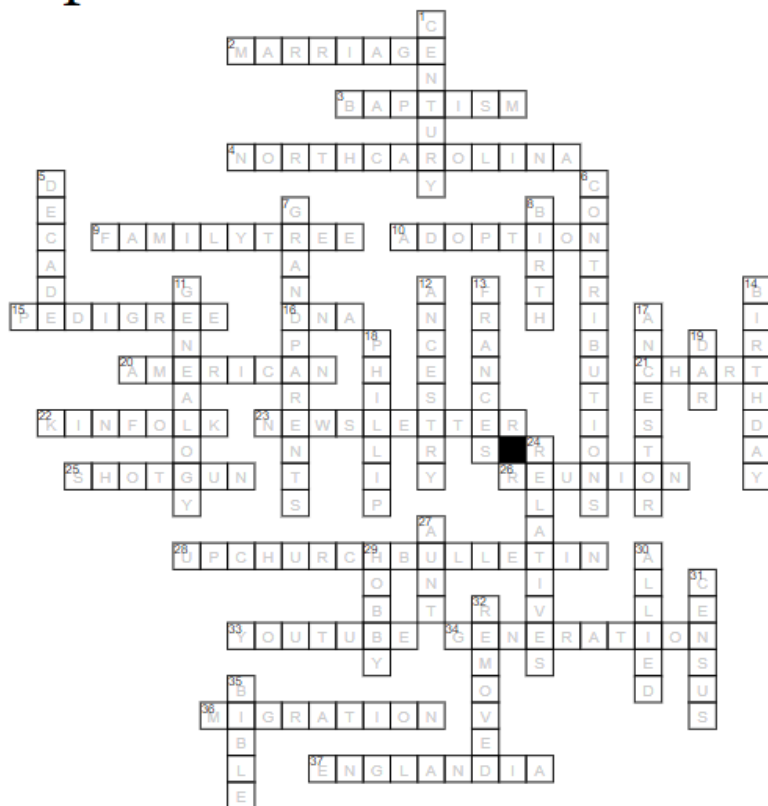
*Bartley Jefferson "Jeff" Upchurch, the grandfather of UAFAs founder, Robert Phillip Upchurch gave*

*land for church and cemetery to be established in 1877 in Wake County, NC. Inwood Baptist Church is the resting place of "Jeff" Upchurch and many other Upchurch kin today.*

**42 UPCHURCH MEMORIALS—A VIRTUAL CEMETERY CREATED BY [TOM O'NEILL](#)**

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## Upchurch & Allied Families



Answers for the UPCHURCH & ALLIED FAMILIES Crossword Puzzle.  
(UAFAs Newsletter of July 15, 2021—page 25.)

## Beautiful Family Tree Quilts





# Quaker Calendars and Dates ...



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There is no doubt about it: Quaker dating in letters and meeting minutes is confusing! When you begin researching Quaker records, you may be tempted to correct' the dates that you find. You would not be alone in thinking this way. Let's take a look at the reasoning behind the Quaker calendar and dating practices and how to interpret them. Early Friends objected to the names of the days and months in the English language because they were of a non-Christian origin. Sunday was called as such by the Saxons because it was the day they sacrificed to the sun. Monday was the day they sacrificed to the moon; Thursday was the day they sacrificed to the god Thor; and so on. Quakers thought it inconsistent for Christians to continue using the names of heathen idols. In an effort to distance themselves from these references, they created their own calendar terms using numbers, which seemed to them to be the most rational approach. Days of the week were known as First Day' for Sunday, Second Day' for Monday, and so forth. They used no other names but these, either in their spoken conversations or in their letters. Similarly, the months of the year were known as First Month' for January, Second Month' for February, and so forth. If you were a Quaker, you were expected to adopt these practices in your daily life.

## Conversion Chart to Help Determine Correct Day for Quaker Records

Quaker	1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day	4th Day	5th Day	6th Day	7th Day
Non-Quaker	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

## An Example

To familiarize you with how this appears in written form, let's look at an example from the records.



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Notes	Members Names	When born or received	Married
son of Phil & Hannah D.	Thomas E Deacon		
	his Wife		
Daughter of Samuel & Rebecca Woolman	Elizabeth Deacon		
	their Children		
	Uriah W. Deacon	born 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 1831	
	Rebecca Deacon	born 5 <sup>th</sup> Mo 7 <sup>th</sup> 1832	
	James Deacon	born 6 <sup>th</sup> Mo 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1834	Marr'd 1858 to Anna M. Hillyard
	John Deacon		
	Hannah Deacon	Twins born 7 <sup>th</sup> Mo 30 <sup>th</sup> 1836	Marr'd 1859
	Martha Deacon	born 12 <sup>th</sup> Mo 10 <sup>th</sup> 1838	
	Elizabeth W. Deacon	born 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mo 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1841	Marr'd Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> 1862 to Henry B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mo 1862

The births for the children of Thomas and Elizabeth Woolman Deacon are listed in Quaker vernacular.

From: List of Members, 1830-1874, page 90, Mt. Holly Monthly Meeting, Burlington County, New Jersey. Ancestry.com. U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1994. [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014. Original data: Swarthmore, Quaker Meeting Records. Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Here is a translation into modern form:

- Uriah was born February 21, 1831
- Rebecca was born May 9, 1832
- James was born June 2, 1834
- Twins, John and Hannah were born July 30, 1836
- Martha was born December 10, 1838
- Elizabeth was born March 2, 1841



## Converting Months Before and After 1752

It starts getting interesting when you are looking at records prior to the calendar change which took place in 1752. The Julian calendar started in March and ended in February. [See following page for] a handy chart for reference:



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## Quaker Calendars & Dates: In Just Two Days, Tomorrow Will be Yesterday (continued)

	Rest of the World Wrote	Quaker Terms Were Written	Rest of the World Wrote	Quaker Terms Were Written
	Julian (pre-1752)	Julian (pre-1752)	Gregorian (post-1752)	Gregorian (post-1752)
March (first day of the year)	1 <sup>st</sup> month, March	i or 1 mo.	3 <sup>rd</sup> month, March	iii or 3 <sup>rd</sup> mo.
April	2 <sup>nd</sup> month, April	ii or 2 mo.	4 <sup>th</sup> month, April	iv or 4 <sup>th</sup> mo.
May	3 <sup>rd</sup> month, May	iii or 3 mo.	5 <sup>th</sup> month, May	v or 5 <sup>th</sup> mo.
June	4 <sup>th</sup> month, June	iv or 4 mo.	6 <sup>th</sup> month, June	vi or 6 <sup>th</sup> mo.
July	5 <sup>th</sup> month, July	v or 5 mo.	7 <sup>th</sup> month, July	vii or 7 <sup>th</sup> mo.
August	6 <sup>th</sup> month, August	vi or 6 mo.	8 <sup>th</sup> month, August	viii or 8 <sup>th</sup> mo.
September	7 <sup>th</sup> month, September	vii or 7 mo.	9 <sup>th</sup> month, September	ix or 9 <sup>th</sup> mo.
October	8 <sup>th</sup> month, October	viii or 8 mo.	10 <sup>th</sup> month, October	x or 10 <sup>th</sup> mo.
November	9 <sup>th</sup> month, November	ix or 9 mo.	11 <sup>th</sup> month, November	xi or 11 <sup>th</sup> mo.
December	10 <sup>th</sup> month, December	x or 10 mo.	12 <sup>th</sup> month, December	xii or 12 <sup>th</sup> mo.
January	11 <sup>th</sup> month, January	xi or 11 mo.	1 <sup>st</sup> month, January	i or 1 <sup>st</sup> mo.
February	12 <sup>th</sup> month, February	xii or 12 mo.	2 <sup>nd</sup> month, February	ii or 2 <sup>nd</sup> mo.

### In Summary

The best policy when researching original records is to write the dates the way that you see them. Some Quaker researchers have transposed the dates into what they thought were the correct dates. As you can imagine, these types of erroneous conversions could seriously affect the family stories. Misdating may lead you to erroneously conclude, for example, that a woman was pregnant prior to marriage or that the children were born after the family moved to a new meeting. To learn more about Quaker dates and calendars, order my new book: *Thee & Me: A Beginner's Guide to Early Quaker Records*. Available on Amazon.com, available as an eBook or in printed format. The printed book has dozens of illustrations and images, including a bonus chapter with a case study demonstrating step-by-step how to perform a successful search using the [Quaker Collections on Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).

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