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## FROM THE EDITOR

### Welcome to the August Newsletter

*Hope this finds you enjoying the last precious weeks of Summer!!*

I looked up the definition of the word GENEALOGY in the dictionary. I believe UAFA covers it **and so much more!** UAFA is proud of the work they do. Visit and see what's new!

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*Cindy Hale*

## genealogy

noun

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lə- also ˌje-nē- \

plural genealogies

## Definition

### of genealogy

- 1: an account of the descent of a person, family, or group from an ancestor or from older forms
- 2: regular descent of a person, family, or group of organisms from a progenitor (see PROGENITOR SENSE 1) or older form : PEDIGREE
- 3: the study of family ancestral lines
- 4: an account of the origin and historical development of some-

## Upchurch University Center at Longwood University

### "1943! 2018! Upchurch! Upchurch! Upchurch!"

cheered the crowd of students, alumni and dignitaries packed into the lobby, while the building's namesake, Elsie Stossel Upchurch '43, proudly beamed.

"We are gathered for one of the truly historic occasions in all of our 180 years," said President W. Taylor Reveley IV. "I think we can put this truly magnificent moment right up there with our founding in 1839. Right up there with the completion of the Rotunda in 1907. Right up there with the completion of Brock Commons in 2005."

With the cutting of the ribbon minutes later, the **Norman H. and Elsie Stossel Upchurch University Center** officially opened, an 84,000-

square-foot building in the heart of Longwood's campus that houses many student affairs departments, the vibrant Student Government Association, and several new dining options popular with students and staff.

Elsie Upchurch [Alumni of] '43 kick-started the center's development and construction in 2012 with a \$4 million gift that was then the largest capital gift in the history of the university. The building is on the site of the former Cunningham residence halls, where Elsie Upchurch lived her junior and senior years at Longwood.

As a student, Upchurch '43 was a member of the Tri-Sigma sorority. Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, she had the opportunity to meet and reminisce with current Tri-Sigs.

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### Down the Lanes of August by Edgar Albert Guest



DOWN the lanes of August—and the bees upon the wing,  
All the world's in color now, and all the song birds sing;  
Never reds will redder be, more golden be the gold,  
Down the lanes of August, and the summer getting old.

Mother Nature's brushes now with paints are dripping wet,  
Gorgeous is her canvas with the tints we can't forget;  
Here's a yellow wheat field—purple asters there,  
Riotous the colors that she's splashing everywhere.

Red the cheeks of apples and pink the peaches' bloom,  
Redolent the breezes with the sweetness of perfume;  
Everything is beauty crowned by skies of clearest blue,  
Mother Earth is at her best once more for me and you.

Down the lanes of August with her blossoms at our feet,  
Rich with gold and scarlet, dripping wet with honey sweet.  
Rich or poor, no matter, here are splendors spread  
Down the lanes of August, for all who wish to tread.







## Upchurch University Center at Longwood University

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*Elsie Upchurch with her brother-in-law, Bob Upchurch, at the pep rally*

The largest non-residence hall on campus, the Upchurch University Center dramatically improves the offices, meeting space and technology used by student affairs departments formerly housed in the Lankford Student Union, which opened more than 50 years ago. The new building, which is more than double the size of Lankford, has a variety of spaces designed to meet the academic and social needs of Longwood students.

The [Upchurch University Center] is in the heart of the heart of campus, and it's a place where students can gather, meet, learn and grow. This is a place where everybody is valued and everyone is important. —*Susan Sullivan, director of the university center and student activities*

Elsie Upchurch earned a master's degree in counseling from Columbia University before becoming a much-loved middle-school English teacher and guidance counselor in Richmond [VA] City Schools. During her career, she was an active participant in many professional organizations, but her first love remained the classroom, particularly teaching seventh grade.

[Among the most immediately popular features of the new university center are the new food options: a full-service Starbucks on the second floor and

three new restaurants on the first floor: Panda Express, a contemporary Chinese restaurant; FarmGrill, serving burgers and American cuisine; and Au Bon Pain, a café and bakery specializing in sandwiches, wraps and soups.]

### Elsie Charlise Stossel Upchurch

Elsie began her philanthropy in 2011 with the largest donation at that time for the **Norman H and Elsie Stossel Upchurch University Center** at Longwood University, which was completed and dedicated October 2018. Elsie also funded a per-

petual scholarship for Longwood. Her generosity benefited many organizations and she also made sizeable donations to Samuels Public Library and the new hospital in Front Royal. With her passing, Elsie's generosity and philanthropy continued with the donation of her home place and surrounding land to Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal and sizeable donations to two churches.

Elsie Charlise Stossel Upchurch was born Nov



Elsie and Norman H. Upchurch Portrait

12, 1920 in Front Royal, VA, the daughter and only child of Charles William Stossel and Mary Louise Shepherd Stossel. Elsie died Apr 8, 2020 at 99 years old. She was predeceased by her husband, Norman H. Upchurch.

### Norman H. Upchurch

Norman H. Upchurch of Front Royal, VA was born May 1, 1926, in New Hill, North Carolina, son of Dennis Paschal and Alon Howard Upchurch. He served in World War II and was in pilot training at Harlingen Air Force Base in Texas at the close of the war. He was a signal supervisor for the CSX Railroad stationed in Jacksonville, FL and later was a purchasing agent for the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad in Richmond, VA.

While there, he served as President of the R. F. & P. Credit Union. He was a member of the Front Royal Presbyterian Church.

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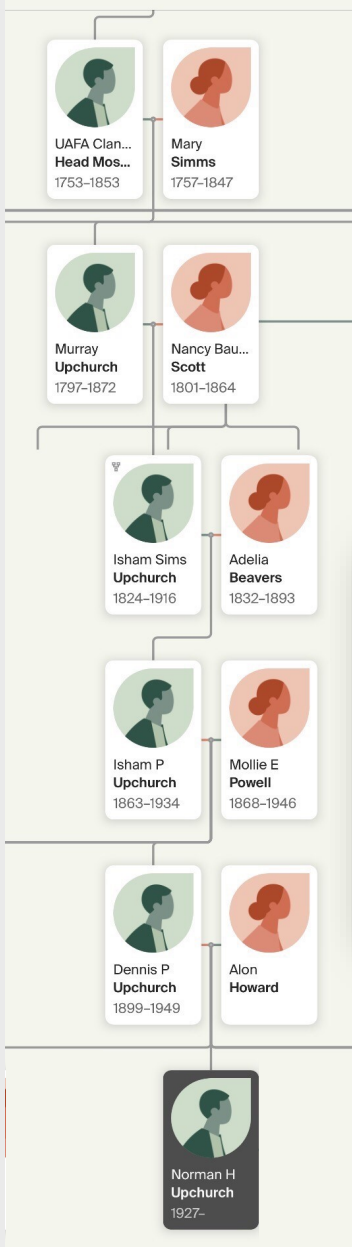
At the time of his death in 2011, Mr. Upchurch was survived by two brothers Bryan Upchurch of Raleigh, NC and Colonel Robert Upchurch of Morehead City, NC. He was preceded in death by two brothers Lynwood Upchurch and Carl Upchurch and a sister Frances Upchurch Musick.

This family descends from **Moses Upchurch, clan 1.**

Among those joining Longwood University President W. Taylor Reveley IV for the ribbon-cutting were **Robert H. 'Bob' Upchurch (left), brother-in-law of Elsie Stossel Upchurch '43** (second from left), and Board of Visitors member Colleen McCrink Margiloff '97



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Elsie Stossel Upchurch (L) and Robert H. 'Bob' Upchurch brother of Norman H. Upchurch



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A special thank you to Michael L. Upchurch for providing information to include in UAFA's newsletter! Michael L. Upchurch is a 4th cousin, once removed from Norman H. Upchurch of this story.

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<http://www.longwood.edu/news/2018/upchurch-university-center-grand-opening/>

<http://www.longwood.edu/news/2014/plans-for-upchurch-university-center-revealed/>

<http://www.longwood.edu/magazine/fall-2018/thumbs-up/>

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