

BRANDON

○ EXCERPT FROM INDEX OF BOOK "THE GOODWIN FAMILY
OF CENTRAL N.C." BY THOMAS JERRY GOODWIN, SR - 2009
RPU 24NOV2012. - NOTE: INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS MEMBERS
OF THE _____ FAMILY - [WAKE/CHATHAM COUNTIES]

Brandon

Carson Forrest 804

Cathy Ann 804

Linda Sue 804

Lisa Joan 804

Marty Linwood 804

- ① Carl Morris Brandon b 26 JUL - d 11 JUL 1983 and
NOV 1958 Barbara Hodgkins. Carl is son of Ina Y.
of the William A IV / Abel A Sr Subdan (42, Pg 70)

○ From: "Families - - Cherokee Co, TX 1991 (61, Pg 139, 140)

I. John U, III - Head of clan

A. Stephen U

1. James S. U b 1817 (NC)

a. Nancy Jane U

i. William Floyd Griffin b 28 NOV 1875

(Cherokee Co, TX) d 5 JAN 1961 (Bur
Providence Cem., Cherokee Co, TX)

md 20 AUG 1899 (Cherokee Co, TX)

Clara Ella Brandon b 11 DEC 1882

(Smith Co, TX) d 1 APR 1963 (Bur - AS HVS)

Four children all born Cherokee
Co, TX.

ii. Brady Vinson (Vincent) Griffin b 1 AUG 1877 (Cherokee Co, TX)

d 31 JUL 1943 md 25 DEC 1908 (Smith Co, TX) Addie Alexander
They had 6 children.

iii. Bera Griffin b 1883 (Cherokee Co, TX) d > 1969 (Bur - Resthaven
Cem. Jacksonville, TX) md 14 NOV 1901 (Cherokee Co, TX)
James F. McMinn "Jim" b 1878 d 1969 (Bur - AS WIF)

iv. Jonathan Griffin b 1887 (Cherokee Co, TX) d 1971 (Bur -
Bradford Cem., Troup Co, TX). md Bertie Obar b 1890
d 1976 (Bur - AS HVS)

EVA BRANDON

XID - 13125

- ① Eva Brandon b 10 NOV 1926 (Coffersville, MS) mtd 5 AUG 1948
Ernest R. Lester b 29 MAR 1928 (Rosebourn, MS). Eva is
daughter of Iva U of the William U IV / Abel U S
Subdan. (42, Pg 70)

○ See It 28 OCT 2001 willa Mae Bolton to RPH

I. James Algia Phillips of the Richard U, III / James U, VII Sudan - Elizabeth Thane U Line.

A. Oliver Newton Phillips

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James Freeman Vick b 15 OCT 1922 (?) d 23 JUL 1973

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JOHN EDWARD BRANDON XID-15917

- ① John Edward Brandon d 8 NOV 1964 and
5 FEB 1922 (Yalobusha Co, MS) son of SAUC 1896
(AL) d 19 SEP 1969, son of William H. H & gal
of John H (42, pg 69)

LYNN BRANDON

XID-13133

- ① Lynn Brandon b 25 APR 1962 (Kilbourne, LA) is
daughter of Carl Morris Brandon & gd of Ira U of the
William U II / Abel U & Subclass. (42, Pg 70).

○ From: A Harris Family Journal 1994 Robert E. Harris - Pg 955

I. Richard Sledge b alt 1610

A. Charles Sledge b alt 1660

1. John Sledge, Sr b alt 1700 (Sunny Co, VA)

a. Daniel Sledge b 1731 (Sunny Co, VA)

i. James Sledge b 1752 (Brunswick Co, VA) d 1834 md 22 NOV 1777 (Bute Co, NC)

Rebecca Person b 174 APR 1760 (Isle of Wright Co, VA) D/O Sara -- and Samuel Person Esq Francis Person & Mary Turner of Isle of Wright Co, VA

(J) Turner Sledge b 1778 (Bute → Waven Co, NC) d 1818 md (?) Talitha

Davis D/O Elizabeth Powell & Giles Davis

(A) William Powell Sledge b 1809 md (?) Martha Rosses

(V) Mary Christian Sledge md (?) Miles Bobbitt, II

(B) Herbert Sledge b 1811 md (?) Elizabeth Bobbitt

GGP of
EVA
SALLAIVE
SLEDGE

(C) Alfred A. Sledge b 1812 (Waven Co, NC) d 1905 md 18 DEC 1845

(Waven Co, NC) Mary Burgess [D/O Mariah Banous & James Burgess] moved to Cypress Creek Area, Franklin Co, NC

(V) See separate extract for descendants

(D) Catherine Sledge b 1816

(E) Mary T. Sledge b 1819 (?) d 1900 md 13 JAN 1839 (Waven Co, NC) Thomas Egerton Harris

(V) See separate extract for TEH & descendants - Pg 198

ii. Arthur Archibald Sledge 1754-1803 md (?) Mary Clary

iii. Isham Sledge 1759-1793 md (?) Talitha Myrick

iv. Joel N. Sledge b 1763 (Brunswick Co, NC) md (?) Prescilla Park

Joel moved to
what is now
Waven Co, NC
with his
parents

(J) Norfleet Ruffin Sledge, Sr b 1812 (Franklin Co, NC) d 1881

(Congo, MS) md (?) Catherine Jones D/O Fanning Jones of Shelbyville, TN

(A) Sally Sledge md (?) John P. Wallace

(B) Kate Sledge md (?) Willie Hunter

(C) Adelaide Sledge md (?) John L. Locke

(D) Lee Sledge - Newer md

(E) Oliver Sledge md (1st) Dora E. Jones; md (2nd) Mattie L. Braham

(V) Catherine Sledge md (?) Lyron Brandon

(F) Norfleet Ruffin Sledge, Jr md (1st) Catherine Elizabeth Jones md (2nd) Lucie Meriment

(G) William David Sledge

b 1837 (TN) d 1922 (MS) - Town of Sledge, MS named for him
md (1st) 1857 (?) Mary Thomas Brown; md (2nd) Bessie Cruise

(V) See separate extract for descendants

v. Delilah Sledge b 1766 md 1783 (?) Robert Waller

vi. Minnie Sledge b 1767 md (?) Larkin Dawson

vii. Sherwood Sledge b 1776 md (?) Abraham Clanton

MAGDALENE S

BRANDON

○ Western Wake Herald WED 1 APR 1992 Apex, NC

MAGDALENE S. BRANDON

Magdalene S. Brandon, 52, of
4617 Craig Drive, Apex, died
March 18.

Arrangements were by Albright
Funeral Home.

MARY BRANDON

① I. J. DUNN and MARY BRANDON

A. William Dunn b 1869 d 1946 md 1 NOV 1898 (Soline Co, IL) Nancy Bramlet b 1871 d 1956, dau of John Daniel U of the John U, III / Samuel U Sulclan (29, pg 221)

MINNIE

BRANDON

①

XIN-41998

① From: Familer -- Cherokee Co, TX (61, Pg 140)

I. John U, III - Head of Clan

A. Stephen U

1. James S. U b 1817 (NC)

a. James S U b 15 MAR 1856 (TN)

JAMES S. "JESSIE STACEY" UPCHURCH JR., born March 15, 1856, Tennessee, died February 1, 1942, Cherokee County, married first, September 7, 1887, Emma E. Grubbs, and they had a daughter, Irene/Iren Upchurch, born November 1892. Irene Upchurch is listed in 1900 as a resident with her mother and stepfather, Robert Lee McMinn. In the 1910 Census Irene is listed as a niece in the residence of Tollie O. Pryor in Wilson County, Texas.

James S. Upchurch, best known as Stacey, married second March 24, 1896, Minnie Brandon, born 1882, died 1968. Stacey and Minnie Upchurch are buried in McDonald Cemetery of Cherokee County. They were residents of the Summerfield Community and had one daughter:

(1) **JEWEL C. UPCHURCH**, born July 1, 1900, died May 19, 1967, married July 4, 1923, Cherokee County, Ira Magee "Gee" Tipton, born July 7, 1898, in Texas, died May 25, 1955. They are buried in McDonald Cemetery. Gee Tipton was the son of Alexander Tipton and Lula Clay Thomason Tipton. Gee Tipton was postmaster for a little while in Summerfield, then moved to Houston. He was a World War I veteran. Jewel and Ira Magee Tipton have one son: I. M. Tipton Jr. married Johnnie Simmons, and they have two sons. I. M. Jr. served in the Navy during World War II. He was living in Canada in 1985.

② See Profile of Mae Elean McElroy - Entry 23 JUN 1994

The middle name for James S. U b 15 MAR 1856 (TN) is not necessarily "STACEY". Family tradition is that he simply started calling himself "STACEY" and the name persisted. Also it is not firm that he is a JR.

MINNIE

BRANDON (2)

① See TX Death Records

minnie Brandon^Δ d 13 NOV 1968 (Cherokee Co, TX) [could be minnie Brandon - RPU]

② See 1910 Census - Cherokee Co, TX

f. Stace^Δ [famer Stace^Δ] W 52 b 7N

minnie Δ WIF 37 [minnie Brandon? - RPU]

Jemell Δ DAU 9.

MINNIE

BRANDON

③ XID-4199

○ The following TX Death Certificate sent Ed R. P. in a 13 JAN 2001 str from Clyde Chandler, Jr. This is illustrating of the types of records he is now preparing for an LBS Project.

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STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO.

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY CHEROKEE b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) JACKSONVILLE c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. SHORT d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION NEUBUAN HOSPITAL e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE TEXAS b. COUNTY CHEROKEE c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) BOX 4 NEW SUMMERFIELD d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) RT. 5, BOX 351 Jacksonville, Texas e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First MINNIE (b) Middle BRANDON (c) Last UPCHURCH 4. DATE OF DEATH NOV. 13, 1968		5. SEX FEMALE 6. COLOR OR RACE WHITE 7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> 8. DATE OF BIRTH JULY 24, 1982 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 86 10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days 11. IF UNDER 24 HRS. Hours Minutes	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) HOUSEWIFE 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY HOUSEWIFE		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) TENN. 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA	
13. FATHER'S NAME GEORGE BRANDON		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME APPLIN WHITE	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) NO (If yes, give war or dates of service)		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 462-86-0306	
17. INFORMANT I.M. TINTON JR.		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Myocardial Infarction DUE TO (b) Bilateral Coronary Arteriosclerosis TO (c) 2 weeks	
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18)	
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year		20d. INJURY OCCURRED 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)	
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION		20g. COUNTY	
20h. STATE		21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 4-14 to 11-13 , 1968 and last saw the deceased alive on 11-13 . Death occurred at 1:45 p.m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.	
22a. SIGNATURE [Signature] (Degree or title) MD		22b. ADDRESS Jacksonville, Texas 22c. DATE SIGNED 11-14-68	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) BURIAL		23b. DATE NOV. 14, 1968	
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY McDONALD CEMETERY		23d. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE ERON MEMORIAL HOME Wilton Hall	
23e. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 11-15-68		23f. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE George Crawford	

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

VS-112, REV. 1/58

NANCY

BRANDON

See It's 26 APR 2000 Amy Irene Noble DRPH - pg 110
This one page report is taken from the LEE FAMILY
HISTORY by MAIDA BOBO and includes the UPCHURCH
FAMILY as shown below:

I. NANCY BRANDON

md (1st) ANDREW LEE, son
of JOHN THOMAS LEE

md (2nd) — — HOPTINS

} RPH Interpretation of
page - is it correct?
RPH

A. LEMUEL WASHINGTON LEE b 12 APR 1830 d 19 OCT 1888
md 18 OCT 1855 (?) REBECCA A. MISE

1. EULALIA LEE md (?) JOHN WESLEY FELTS,
former husband of MELINDA U

a. MAGGIE FELTS b 8 MAY 1886 d 7 FEB 1888
(Bur - Stewart Cem, Arlington, KY)

b. MAIDA FELTS md (?) — — BOBO

2. NATHANIEL LEE

B. MARY LEE md (?) — — BOOKER

C. SALLIE LEE md (1st) — — SHELTON; md (2nd) — — DAVIS

D. MARTHA LEE b 1834 md 1860 (?) ANDREW RIALS

E. THOMAS G. LEE md (1st) — — —

md (2nd) NARCISSA EMILY U [AKA NARISSA]

F. BETSY LEE md (?) — — TREMBLE

G. EVELYN HOPTINS md (?) — — ROWLAND

NOTE: Supplementary notes on this page show 4 Upchurch
females (presumably sisters) MELINDA U, EMILY U and
MINERVA U plus #4 with no first name as:

— — (UPCHURCH) FISHER. [could this be the daughter
of WILSON U = ELIZABETH U b 1848 ?? - RPH]

NICK

BRANDON

Mattie Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages,
1759-1979

birth: 1891

marriage: 24 Mar
1915

Wake County, North
Carolina

spouse: Nick Brandon

RICHARD BENJAMIN BRANDON ① XID-16974

- ① Alene Wanda Followell b 3 AUG 1921 (Blairsville, IL)
md 3 SEP 1941 (Gary, IN) Richard Benjamin Brandon ↑
Alene is dau of Elsie Frances Holder & gd of
Ida Binah U of the William U II / David U
Subclass (39, pg 22)

RICHARD BENJAMIN BRANDON (2)

① See It 6 APR 1983 Donald Eugene & RPH

Richard Benjamin Brandon m 3 SEP 1941
(Gary, IN) Alene Wanda Followell b 23 AUG 1921
(Blairsville, IL). No issue. Alene is dau of
Elsie Frances Hobbs, gd of Ida Bernah Elizabeth
"u, ggd of David Crockett "u & eggd of David
Philip "u b ca 1811.

ROGER E.

BRANDON

LAW OFFICES

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P. O. Box 1143

Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091

George T. Brandon (1883 - 1955)
Malcolm R. Brandon (1906 - 1989)
Roger E. Brandon

JULY 24, 1989

Telephone
(615) 359-1979

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

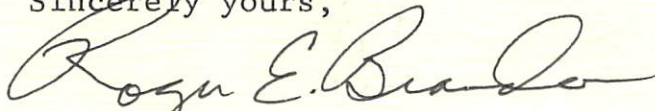
Dear Mr. Upchurch:

I greatly appreciate your letter of July 9th, and the information that you furnished to me and the heirs of Billye Marie Upchurch Purdom. It was most enlightening. Without your help we could have not been on schedule with the estate. I have contacted Mr. Peter Burrows for purposes of distributing the bequest to the Little Gidding Church. Please find enclosed a check for your services.

Thanks again.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Roger E. Brandon

REB:pp

Enclosure

Rec'd 26 JUL 1989
Ch # 148 for \$200 signed
24 JUL Roger E. Brandon
Roger E. Brandon, Exec
of Billie Marie Purdom Estate
P.O. Box 1143
Lewisburg, TN 37091

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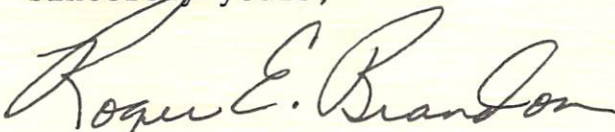
Mr. Robert P. Upchurch
Michael Enterprises
P. O. Box 35804
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Dear Mr. Upchurch:

Please find herein enclosed the information as concerns Mrs. Billye Marie Purdom's memorial and the words inscribed thereon. I have also enclosed colored photographs of said memorial. Perhaps this will be of some benefit to you and I trust that you will have a wonderful trip to England.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

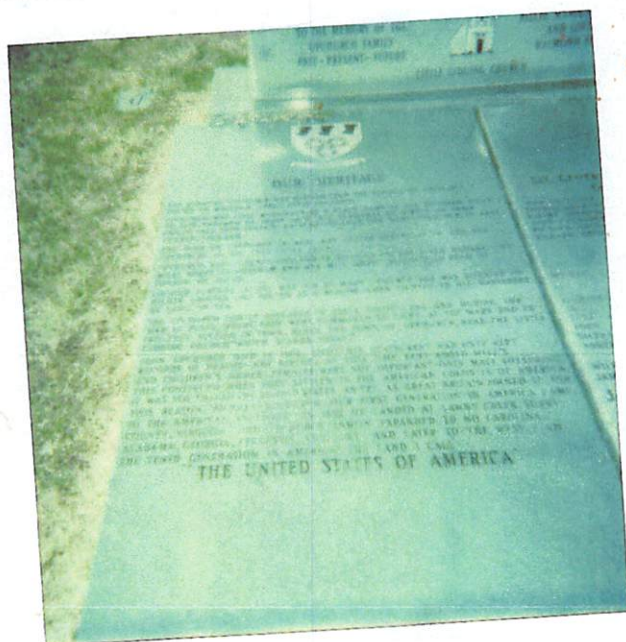
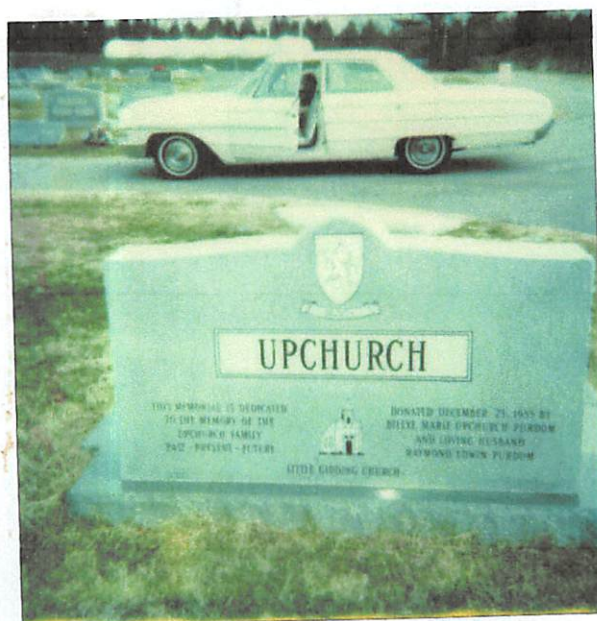
Sincerely yours,



Roger E. Brandon

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Enclosures



4)

JOHN UPCHURCH DIED 1542..WIFE..JOHAN
RICHARD UPCHURCH DIED 1584..WIFE..ANN PARKER
RICHARD UPCHURCH, JR., DIED UNKNOWN..WIFE. FRANCES
INKERSOL

UPCHURCH FAMILY IN AMERICA
VIRGINIA

MICHAEL UPCHURCH BORN..1620..ESSEX, ENGLAND
 DIED..1681..VIRGINIA
 WIFE..FRANCES DELKE

RICHARD UPCHURCH BORN..1658
 DIED..1700..VIRGINIA
 WIFE..UNKNOWN

JOHN UPCHURCH BORN..1678
 DIED..1758..VIRGINIA
 WIFE..VIRGINIA HUNNICUTT

JAMES UPCHURCH BORN..1724
 DIED..1784
 WIFE..ELIZABETH

JOHN UPCHURCH BORN..1750
 DIED..1795..NORTH CAROLINA
 WIFE..ANN HAMILTON

STEPHEN UPCHURCH BORN..1775
 DIED..1825..TENNESSEE
 WIFE..UNKNOWN

ABNER UPCHURCH BORN..1807..NORTH CAROLINA
 DIED..1844..TENNESSEE
 WIFE..NANCY PULARD

WILLIAM W. "BILL"
UPCHURCH BORN..1837
 DIED..1909..TENNESSEE
 WIFE..LUCY HUNT

JAMES WILLIAM
UPCHURCH BORN..1872
 DIED..1922..TENNESSEE
 WIFE..DOROTHY EMMA YOUNG

JAMES WILLIAM UPCHURCH AND DOROTHY EMMA YOUNG FAMILY
TENNESSEE-KENTUCKY

DR. JOSEPH MARION YOUNG	BORN..1835 DIED..1899..MURFREESBORO, TENN.
AUBREY UPCHURCH	BORN..1898 DIED..1899..MURFREESBORO, TENN.
JAMES ROY UPCHURCH	BORN..1906 DIED..1907..SEBREE, KENTUCKY
ARLINE & ILENE UPCHURCH	BORN..1909 DIED..1909..SEBREE, KENTUCKY
JOSEPH MARION UPCHURCH	BORN..1912 DIED..1912..MURFREESBORO, TENN.
WILLIAM CLAUDE BEEVER	BORN..1925 DIED..1925..MURFREESBORO, TENN.

MY GRANDFATHER, DR. JOSEPH YOUNG AND WILLIAM "BILL" UPCHURCH
FOUGHT IN THE CIVIL WAR, FROM 1861-1862. JOE AT SHILOH, BILL IN
GEORGIA, TENNESSEE, MISSISSIPPI. BOTH ARE BURIED IN MURFREESBORO,
TENNESSEE, AS ARE MY GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHERS. MY
GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER IS BURIED IN CHATHAM, NORTH
CAROLINA. MY OTHER FOUR GRANDFATHERS ARE BURIED IN VIRGINIA. MY
SIX ENGLISH GRANDFATHERS ARE BURIED IN ESSEX COUNTY, ENGLAND.

INVICTA

UPCHURCH

THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED
TO THE MEMORY OF THE UPCHURCH
FAMILY PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE

DONATED DECEMBER 25,
25, 1985, BY BILLYE
MARIE UPCHURCH PURDOM
AND LOVING HUSBAND
RAYMOND EDWIN PURDOM

CHURCH DRAWN
LITTLE GIDDING CHURCH

TWO MARBLE SLABS READ FROM LEFT THEN TO THE RIGHT AS FOLLOWS:

COAT OF ARMS DRAWN

"INVICTA"

OUR HERITAGE

THE SURNAME UPCHURCH WAS DERIVED FROM THE VILLAGE OF UPCHURCH
PARISH OF WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX, ENGLAND

UPCHURCH WAS FIRST MENTIONED AS A PLACE NAME IN THE HUNDRED ROLLS
OF 1274, ENGLAND OF TODAY: "ALL SURNAMES BY VIRTUE OF THEIR
ORIGIN FALL INTO CERTAIN CATEGORIES...
"THUS THE NAME UPCHURCH, IN KENT COUNTY, ENGLAND.

THE TOWN OF UPCHURCH IN KENT WAS CALLED UPCYRCEAN IN 1120 AND
UPCHURCH IN 1241, THEY SPOKE LATIN.

UPCHURCH, KENT COUNTY, ENGLAND IS SITUATED ON THE RIVER MEDWAY,
FIVE MILES NORTH OF CHATHAM AND ONE MILE NORTH OF THE HIGH ROAD TO
LONDON TO DOVER.

LOCATED FURTHER INLAND WAS OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SHE WAS SITUATED
ON HIGHER GROUND AND SERVED AS A BEACON WHEN LIGHTED TO ALL
WAYFARERS BY LAND OR SEA.

THE UPCHURCH FAMILY APPEARED IN ESSEX COUNTY, ENGLAND DURING THE
WAR OF ROSES, WHERE THEY WERE SUMMONED TO FIGHT. AT THE WARS END
IN 1471, THEY SETTLED IN TOWN. HENCE THE TOWN OF UPCHURCH, NEAR
THE LITTLE GIDDING CHURCH "WHICH STANDS TODAY."

JOHN UPCHURCH DIED IN 1502, UNTIL HIS DEATH, KENT HAD ONLY KEPT
RECORDS OF DEATHS...NOT BIRTHS. AT THIS TIME, KENT ADDED WIFE'S
AND CHILDREN'S NAMES. FEMALES WERE NOT IMPORTANT..ONLY MALE
OFFSPRING. THIS CONTINUED WHEN THEY SETTLED IN THE AMERICAN
COLONIES OF AMERICA. IT WAS NOT CALLED THE UNITED STATES AS YET,
AS GREAT BRITIAN OWNED IT. FOR THIS REASON, MICHAEL UPCHURCH, OUR
FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA CAME TO THE AMERICAN COLONIES IN 1652.
HE LANDED AT LAWNS CREEK, SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. THE UPCHURCH
FAMILY EXPANDED TO NORTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, TENNESSEE,
KENTUCKY, AND LATER TO THE WEST. I AM THE TENTH GENERATION IN
AMERICA...THE LAND I CALL

"THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

COAT OF ARMS

"INVICTA"

OUR ANCESTORS SIX GENERATIONS OF
THE UPCHURCH FAMILY OF ESSEX COUNTY,
ENGLAND

JOHN UPCHURCH DIED 1502..WIFE UNKNOWN
THOMAS UPCHURCH DIED 1504..WIFE..JANE
ROBERT UPCHURCH DIED 1524..WIFE..INA

(b)

MICHAEL ENTERPRISES
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TUCSON, ARIZONA 85740

March 29, 1989

Mr. Roger E. Brandon, Esq.
BRANDON & BRANDON
P. O. Box 1143
Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091

Dear Roger:

In keeping with our phone conversation on March 27, 1989, I will continue to develop information that will be useful to you in connection with the Purdom bequest. In that regard two letters to England are enclosed. They should set the stage for a productive visit to Little Gidding.

For the reasons outlined to you over the phone the circumstances seem to dictate clearly that Mrs. Purdom intended her bequest to relate to the Little Gidding site in Huntingdonshire, England, rather than to the site of St. Mary's Church at Upchurch in Kent, England. If necessary I will be happy to provide written logic for the distinction between the two sites. Otherwise, my efforts henceforth will be concentrated on identifying details which would help you as Executor decide which entity at the Little Gidding site would be the most appropriate recipient of the bequest.

If you can supply me with a photo of the Upchurch Memorial Mrs. Purdon established this would be useful to me as would be a transcript of the words on the memorial and the site of the memorial. I would like to refer to this in the UPCHURCH BULLETIN and think it would be a fitting tribute to her. Would there be any objection to reporting in the Bulletin that she has made a \$10,000 bequest to Little Gidding at the appropriate time.

If you can provide any additional details on Robert Upchurch with whom you sent to school they would be most appreciated.

I will report to you again in due course. In the meantime, please let me know if you have additional guidance.

Sincerely yours,

RPU/s
Enclosures

Robert P. Upchurch, Editor
UPCHURCH BULLETIN

MICHAEL ENTERPRISES
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TUCSON, ARIZONA 85740

July 9, 1989

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Dear Mr. Brandon:

Re: Estate of
Billye Marie Purdom

This letter will conclude my report concerning the bequest in Mrs. Purdom's will relative to England. It follows my trip to Cambridgeshire in May and June of this year.

In my letter of March 29, 1989 to you I indicated that all available facts and circumstances dictate that the bequest is intended for the Little Gidding site in Cambridgeshire (Huntingdonshire) England rather than to any site in the Shire of Kent. I remain convinced of this distinction and stand ready to provide additional rationale if necessary.

The present Little Gidding Church has components which predate the establishment of a religious retreat there in 1626 by Nicholas Ferrar, a prominent Englishman. Over time it has been restored and refurbished but it remains today much as it has over the centuries and much as it must have been when Michael Upchurch left there for America in 1649. Mrs. Billye Upchurch Purdom is a direct descendant of Michael Upchurch. The Little Gidding Church today is owned by the Church of England (Anglican Church) as it owns many other such churches. It is under the supervision of Vicar Robert Van de Weyer who resides about five miles away at Leighton-Bromswold. He has the responsibility for several churches in the area. The Little Gidding Church is classed as a "Church-at-ease". This means that it is held open for use from time-to-time but regular weekly services are not scheduled. A church of this type must be maintained by the local Parish and by donations from others.

We arrived in the Little Gidding area on Monday, May 29th and were in the vicinity until noon on Saturday June 3rd, except for a 24-hour excursion to York. During this time we spent two nights in the vicarage with Reverend Robert Van de Weyer and his wife, Sarah, and took meals with them. I visited extensively with the Vicar and with personnel at Little Gidding including especially Mrs. Veronica Gray, who has been a longterm resident of the Little Gidding "Community", and Mrs. Pat Saunders, the current Secretary of "The Friends of Little Gidding". On June 3rd I visited in Great Gidding with Mr. Peter Burrows, who is

considered a resident of the "Community". I had visited with him in 1979 on an earlier visit to Little Gidding. More important, he is employed as an Attorney in a London based office, and has generally done the legal work for the Little Gidding Church and for the "Community" on a gratis basis. He considers himself as an appropriate representative for the "Church" and the "Community" in legal matters.

We also took tea in the Manor House at Little Gidding and on May 30, 1989 attended a special service in the Little Gidding Church and enjoyed a dinner in the Manor House. The Bishop of Ely, in whose Diocese Little Gidding falls, was present.

There are three entities at Little Gidding which could be considered for Mrs. Purdon's bequest - The Church, The Friends of Little Gidding, and The Community of Christ the Sower, hereinafter referred to as the "Church", the "Friends" and the "Community". The place called Little Gidding is made up of these three entities and the structures associated with them.

The "Church" has always been a separate entity as described earlier in this letter and its status has not changed for many, many decades. It is visited on an almost daily basis and by hundreds of persons each year. Many of the visitors are Upchurch descendants returning to gain a view of their English origin. The "Church" and the Little Gidding entity have also been made famous by the poet T. S. Elliott who entitled one of his famous quartets "Little Gidding".

T. S. Elliott was first taken to Little Gidding in 1930 by Alan Maycock who was for many years a professional at Cambridge University where the Little Gidding papers are housed. Maycock, now deceased, wrote a book on Little Gidding and the Ferrar Family who brought it into prominence starting in 1626. When Elliott first saw the Little Gidding area the church and nearby buildings were in great disrepair. In 1947 Elliott and Maycock formed the "Friends" for the purpose of caring for the "Church" and in hopes of establishing a religious retreat there similar to the one established by Nicholas Ferrar in 1626. Over the years many people have contributed to the "Friends" and this organization has helped to sustain the "Church" and to sponsor periodic events at the church. The "Friends" effort to reestablish a religious community at Little Gidding has been somewhat successful as I will now relate.

The buildings at Little Gidding, other than the Church, consisted of a plain Manor House dating in part from 1840 (the earlier Manor House is thought to have been just to the south), and several rundown barns. These buildings were owned by a private citizen. The "Friends" secured use of these buildings and invited people to spend varying lengths of time there in religious contemplation. Some of the residents had jobs elsewhere while some helped to keep up the place and all shared in the common kitchen. This arrangement continued during the

1960s and 1970s with varying degrees of stress and varying degrees of success. In the 1980s a somewhat different mode of operation has evolved. The group in residence arranged to purchase the associated buildings (not the church) and they are held by trustees. The group was relabeled "The Community of Christ the Sower". Over the past decade the various buildings have been converted into apartments which are quite nice. Nowadays the residents take most of their meals in their apartments but some common meals are shared in the Manor House where prayer and contemplation sessions are often held. They also trek to the "Church" about 40 yards away frequently. The "Community" has now expanded in that some members live in nearby villages. These off-site members come to Little Gidding several times each week to participate in the activities.

During the 1980s the "Community" has essentially subsumed the "Friends". Both exist legally and I am sure a donation to either entity would be used for any appropriate agreed upon purpose. However, the focus of the "Community" is certainly upon fostering the community spirit for the resident and non-resident members. They also help make visitors welcome. Although these are all laudable ventures they do not bear upon the most critical feature as far as Upchurch history is concerned.

After due consideration, it is my recommendation that the Purdom bequest be made to the Little Gidding Church for the purpose of maintenance of the church building. There is a bank account for this church. Peter Burrows tells me that a separate account could be established and that it could draw interest. You could require a periodic accounting or not as you would desire. I am sure those in charge of the account would act responsibly in any case. The key person would be the Vicar but he would have others whose advice and consent he would seek.

I would suggest that the bequest be designated for "maintenance and/or restoration of the Church at Little Gidding". There is some talk of restoring the East Wall and it is said to have a crack in it. Some feel that the more modern stained glass window in that wall, which window dates from the 1840 era, should be replaced with a clear glass window at the time of restoration. Such a clear glass window would be in keeping with the church as it would have been in the 1630-1840 era. Those involved are split over whether to remove the stained glass window or not. I would suggest that those on this side of the Atlantic not be drawn into this issue. Whatever they decide we should accept.

Peter Burrows agrees that it would be appropriate for you to contact him on these matters and his card is enclosed. I have confirmed with Vicar Van de Weyer that Mr. Burrows can appropriately handle legal matters for the "Church".

If you do conclude that the Purdom Bequest should go to the Church at Little Gidding I am sure that it will be what Billye Marie would have wanted. It will help insure that the little

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church is there far into the future for unborn generations of Upchurch descendants to discover. If the money is given to the "Friends" it could easily be considered as part of the "Community" budget which could well be expended on the "Church". All things considered the "Church" seems the best arrangement. I am told that the Mother Church and the Diocese respect such locally held parish funds and do not tamper with them.

Please find my invoice for my efforts on the Purdom Bequest. This covers all my charges to date. I assume, if you desire anything more you will let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Phillip Upchurch

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Enclosure: card

P.S. Enclosed please find a copy of UPCHURCH BULLETIN Vol. 10, No. 2, 1989. See page 71.

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Re: Estate of Billye Marie Purdom

Dear Mr. Upchurch:

I apologize for not writing back sooner, but I had a couple of tragic events to occur with my family, my father passed away and he had a fire prior to his death.

I went out to the cemetery where Mrs. Purdom was interred and she had established a memorial in solid marble sheets concerning her Upchurch line. On the memorial slab was drawn a picture of a church and under it was titled "Little Gidding Church." The slab of marble went on to say that the Church still stands and is near the village of Upchurch, Parish of Waltham Abbey, Essex, England or in Kent County, England.

I am sure now that she meant "Gidding" rather than Upchurch Gideon Fund, however, she did express that this bequest was to go or relate to Kent, England.

I would deeply appreciate any names, addresses, or circumstantial evidence that you could furnish me as to establish her real intent for the bequest.

Mrs. Purdom was a unique and very intelligent lady. She was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, Murfreesboro, and was an Upchurch prior to marriage. It is without question that her intent was to leave the Church or Church connected group the bequest. Your assistance will be compensated for. Mrs. Purdom always paid her way and she would be more than glad to pay for any of your time and personal expense to assist me. Please present additional details.

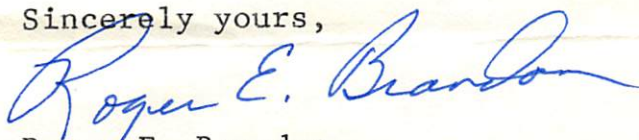
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Mr. Robert P. Upchurch
March 17, 1989

When I was in law school, I had the distinct pleasure of studying and traveling to school with a Robert Upchurch of Rutherford County, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Perhaps there may be a connection with you or even Mrs. Purdom.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Roger E. Brandon

REB:pc

February 15, 1989

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Dear Mr. Brandon:

Re: Estate of Billye Marie Purdom.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 7, 1989. I am sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Billye Marie Purdom. As you say she has been a subscriber to the UPCHURCH BULLETIN. She and I talked by phone from time to time and exchanged many letters. I was finally able to establish her Upchurch line which seemed to give her much comfort. She had a keen interest in the Upchurch Family and it is not a surprise to me that she left a related bequest in her will.

Now to the question you have posed. I have never heard of an organization entitled exactly as you have worded the Upchurch organization in England. My records do not reveal it. Such an organization may exist but I doubt it. It seems most likely that Mrs. Purdom intended to leave the bequest to "The Friends of Little Gidding". If you desire I can present the circumstantial evidence that leads me to this conclusion. It is possible that you may have additional information concerning the circumstances of the preparation of her will which would bear on this issue. Possibly by adding all the details together we can establish her real intent for this specific bequest.

Please let me know if you wish me to present the additional details mentioned above to you.

Sincerely yours,

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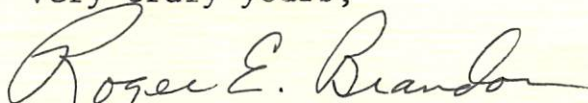
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Re: Estate of Billye Marie Purdom

Gentlemen:

△ Please be advised that Mrs. Billye Marie Upchurch Purdom passed away on January 15, 1989, at the age of 78. In her Last Will and Testament, she bequeathed a sum of money to the Upchurch Gideon Foundation in Kent, England. I would appreciate any assistance that your company may give me or any directives in locating those persons appropriately connected to the Upchurch Gideon Fund. I, of course, will be more than glad to pay a reasonable research fee for this information if that is required. Mrs. Purdom was a subscriber to the Upchurch Bulletin. Please advise as soon as possible or let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very truly yours,


Roger E. Brandon

REB:pc

SUDIE BRANDON

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- ① Sudie Brandon b 8 APR 1924 (Coffeeville, MS)
md 12 JUN 1959 Carl Riner b 6 APR 1919 (Lena, MS).
They had no issue, ~~but Carl md again later~~
~~in NOV 1958 to Barbara Hodgkiss and they had~~
~~a daughter~~ Sudie is dau of Ina U of the Williams U IV/
Abel U Sr Sulistan. (42, pg 69).