

① see ltr 6 NOV 2003 Karen Inez Ray to RPU

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I. Nathan Ray b 1765 - Head of Nathan Ray clan - Wake Co, NC

A. Wainley Rose Ray b 1794 (7 d 1872)

1. Budner Ray b 1818 (7 d 1881)

A. Alfonso Columbus Ray, Si'VON' b 23 MAR 1855

i. PERRY RAY (RPU has PERCIE)

ii. TOMMY RAY

iii. Junior Hub Ray

(I) Alma Lee Ray md (7) JOE TABOR

(A) ANDY TABOR

(II) Nancy Ann Ray md (7) PAUL RIGGS

(A) JEROME RIGGS

(B) LISA RIGGS

(III) EUGENE RAY "Gene"

md (7) FRANKIE CAMPBELL

(A) KIM RAY

(B) MICHAEL RAY

② NOTES OF VISIT WITH "GENE" (Eugene Ray) at the RAY REUNION ON 10 OCT 2005

Gene and Bill (w^m Cornell Ray) both recently attended a Scandinavian Cruise on the Constitution (Celebrity Cruise) and recommend both highly. Bill (from VA) & wife stayed with Gene on this trip. Gene is recently retired from Records Program of U.S. Government and does not plan to work. He is still energetic & may be useful to help on RAY research. He attends Macedonia Church.

He says the church split off from Swift Creek Baptist Church and, in his opinion, was never associated with the cemetery on Mid Pine Road. For more notes made at the time see continuation - next page

② 1 OCT 2005 - CONTINUED

Met and talked with "GENE" Eugene Ray (w/ wife Frankie) who resided at the Peunman & gave a nice history. He is recently retired & does not plan to work. Lives on Penny Road. He has a great personality and could be a great cooperator. He meets monthly with a Script Creek Group. Their recent meeting had a program on Yates Mill which is now back on track for renovation. He attends Macedonia Methodist Church which he says split off from Script Creek Baptist Church. Gene doubts this church ever had a connection with the Mid-Series Cemetery. Gene has E Mail. His address:

GENE RAY 5409 HOUNDS EAR PL
RALEIGH, NC 27606
(919) 851-7356

Gene spent his career working on military records. Gene is s/o Junior Hubb Ray; Gs/o Alfonso Columbus Ray, Sr "RON" + GGS/o Buckner Ray. He & I are 2ND COUS.

③ 3 JUN 2006 - Called Gene to explore several matters. Learned that he is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church - not Macedonia Methodist Church - hence for him there is no nexus to Mid Series Cemetery. However - he gave me address: Macedonia Methodist Church, 2700 Jones Franklin Rd, Cary, NC 27511
Phone (919) 851-1551

Re the Retiree Group. They meet 3rd WED for Noon Luncheon Farm of J.C. — 30-40. J.C. NOWLES a historian attends as does Mr JEFF COAT. - Campbell Rd. He will escort me there for mtg on 21 JUN 06 & I am to call him 2-3 days in advance. He will arrange for me to give 15 minute talk if possible or if not perhaps 2-3 mins. Ladies only come in AOB. Gene's CELL = (919) 219 5585 & EMAIL = GENE7356@BELLSOUTH.NET. I am to send a resume by EMAIL

- ④ NOTES of 19 JUN 2006 Visit of RPU/SSU to home of
 Δ EUGENE RUSSELL RAY b 7 MAY 1947 and wife nee
 Δ FRANCES MARIA CAMPBELL "FRANKIE". They md 1 OCT 1967
 - (Raleigh, Wake Co, NC) - Additional inputs:
 Δ FUNZUS RUB RAY b Barton's Creek TSP, Wake Co, NC
 Δ + Δ He md in Wake Co, NC OLA MAE KEITH b Stony Hill
 Δ Community, New Light TSP, Wake Co, NC. She is still living
 □ Gene's Brothers-in-law:
 Δ ROY JOSEPH TABOR "JOE"
 Δ PAUL JEROME RIGGS, SR
 Δ Frankie's people came from SC. She worked at N.C. Dept.
 □ Education and knew Bill Brown but he probably does
 - not remember her
 □ □ Gene say the ATKIN'S FAMILY owned much land
 - along Penny Road
 □ Gene demonstrate how to access Wake Co, NC Tax
 - records by computer
 □ □ □ Gene & Frankie, know David Martin Well. David notes
 □ □ md Joe Emerson. David has 18 Grandchildren
 ⑤ 18 JUN 2006 - In Raleigh, NC - Called ERR

COPIED
 FOR
 BIFFIE
 OF
 EUGENE
 RAY

We will meet Gene at his house at 10:30 AM on
 Wed. - Proceed East on Tryon Rd - Turn Rt on Holly
 Spring Rd at Macedonia 1st At 2nd Traffic light turn
 left on Penny Rd - go 1/2 mile past Supt Creek Baptist
 Church - Note HUNTINGWOOD subdivision on left - enter
 - Turn right at 1st street = DEER VUE - Then 2nd
 street on left = Hounds Ear Place - # 5409
 Also for dinner MONDAY evening. at 6:30 PM.

⑥ 19 JUN 2006

Dinner at GENE RAY home - see notes - SSU picked
 up for the duration.

⑥ RPA & SSU Interaction with ERR on 21 JUN 2006

RPA & SSU arrived at Gene Ray's home at 10:30 AM and were escorted to the Farm SW of Supt Creek School on Campbell Road where the BARN GANG has lunch on the 3rd Wed of each month. RPA was principal speaker - Topic "Prospects of Understanding the Ramcat Community" (15 MIN)
 See details of this event filed under the BARN GANG of Ramcat-Wake Co. NC. After the meeting I was escorted to BARRY's in Macedonia for lunch as I had missed out. SSU & Motel - RPA to get death records, they have moved downtown. NO LOCK. Inspected GORMAN ST and Macedonia & Supt Creek Bapt Ch. Cem. Both old - No records made. Dinner at McGehee Home - Len, Bill, Gray, Lauren

⑦ Input from Gene Ray re his Family at Breakfast 24 OCT 2006

□ I. Buckner Ray

□ A. Alfonso Columbus Ray, Sr

△ I. Junior Hub Ray - b 3 MAY 1916 (NOT APR 1916)

△ a. Alma Lee Ray b 19 MAR 1940 (Watts Hosp. Durham, NC)

— md Wake Mental Church, Wake Co, NC. only 1 child

— - Divorced

△ i. ANDREW RAY TADOR b 13 FEB 1970 - MD, DIV, ^{NO} ISSUE

△ b. Nancy Ann RAY b at Home, New Light TSP, Wake Co, NC

— md in Postage Home, Shady Grove Bapt Ch, Durham Co, NC

— Had only 2 children

△ i. Paul Jerome Riggs, Jr - Single - now w/ his md

△ ii. Lisa Ann Riggs md (1st) --- DIV - 1 child

△ (I) DOUGLAS - - md (2nd) - - - NO ISSUE

□ C. Eugene Russell Ray born Rex Hosp Raleigh, NC

— md Raleigh, NC off Western Blvd - only 2 children

△ i. Kimberly Maria RAY b 21 JAN 1975 md, DIV. No issue. Grad Meredith

△ ii. Michael Stephen RAY b 1 MAR 1983 - adopted
 — Not md. Grad UNC

⑧ INTERACTION WITH EGR & wife FRANKIE on NC TRIP OCT 2006

1. 19 OCT 2006

Picked up by Gene & Frankie Ray at 6:20 PM. They drove to the Fearnlyton House in Chatham Co, NC where we had dinner our trout (\$355) at the 4 Star Diamond Restaurant. Was a very pleasant evening. They will take us to the Cardinal Club in downtown Raleigh for breakfast next week - tentatively TUE. Returned to motel 10 PM

2. 24 OCT 2006 (TUE)

Gene & Frankie Ray picked up RPU & SSU at 8:00 AM and took us to breakfast in the Cardinal Club in Mountain Raleigh. Afterwards we rode around downtown. Saw Big Ed's Restaurant at the Old City Market & then found the Alumni Bld on Centennial Campus. While at breakfast Gene called his MOT for some info. He says she is still alert but has lots of pain. He would be glad to take us for a visit with her sometime. Obtained some data on Gene's family from him - see his profile for details. Gene & Frankie delivered us back to Hampton Inn at 11:30 AM. (They told us about a good Sea Food place in the Farmers Market.

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Subject: An Email from Your Cousins in the TARHEEL State

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 08, 2006 2:31 pm

To: "Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>

8 DEC
2006

Phil & Sallaine,

Got your letter and the Upchurch Bulletin today and it sure looks like you have been busy. And, yes it has turned cold in North Carolina also - we expect in the teens tonight. No snow or ice however.

Frankie and I had our annual Christmas Open House last weekend (Sunday evening) with plenty of guest (a little over 150) and we (our guests contributed) raised over \$1800 for contribution to the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Naturally we had had beautiful weather until the late afternoon of the event and then it begins to rain. It didn't hamper the eating and socializing. We had a great time and by Monday afternoon we had it all cleaned up and the house back to some stage of normal.

Now as for the computer email and internet services; I find the more you use them the more you "stray" into things that you wonder "how did I get here". Really, the more you use it will result in understanding more of its features.

I hope you both have a wonderful and Merry Christmas.

Let us know when you are headed by this way.

God bless you both,

Gene & Frankie

My email: GENE7356@bellsouth.net

⑩ Combined Input Sheet of Coit Dremery Ray, Sr & RPA call to Mark Ellic Ray by RPA 24 AVE 2005

△ George William Ray, Sr is buried at Oline Branch Baptist Church Cem on south side of NC 98 just before you get to Durham (which county?)

Eugene Ray - s/o James Hub Ray was a Pall Bearer.

Pall Bearer = Jim Goldston - s/o David Goldston who was a brother of Flynn Goldston.

Donald Keith = Pall Bearer - member of Wake County Church - his younger brother - - Keith and Jan Ray.

△ David Ray Woodlief - s/o Helen Marie Ray & Co-s/o Coit Dremery Ray, Sr. He died at age 4-5 days - he was abnormal. - Bur New Bethel Baptist Church, Wake Co, NC.

△ JOE MITCHELL - Pall Bearer - Mark could not link

△ CLAYTON RAY - " " " " " "

△ Timothy HORLDT MDG appeared - he is huc of Helen Marie Ray - [vs spelling HOYDT]

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20 APR
2007

Subject: Schedule
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Fri, Apr 20, 2007 9:33 am
To: gene ray <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Hi Gene-

My plans are to be in Raleigh 22Apr-6May doing family history research. When we were with you last Fall we discussed the possibility that we might go visit your mother. If it is convenient for you and her I hope we can work this in. I would really enjoy a chat with her. I'll call you after I get to Raleigh to see it can be arranged. Sallaine is sending me alone on this trip. I'll have my laptop with me and may be able to receive emails. You can reach me on my cell phone 314-313-4734 or at the Hampton Inn on Tryon Road 919-859-5559.

My Best to you and Frankie. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Phil Upchurch

(12) Input 3 MAY 2007 By Ola Keith to RPU - PG 46, 47

Excerpt re Buchner Ray

A. Van Ray

1. Junior, Hub Ray and Ola Keith.

Ola says considerable land was passed from Buchner Ray to his son Van Ray & from Van to his son Junior Hub Ray. However, both Van and Junior followed in the same path of heavy drinking and became alcoholics. They both constantly sold off parcels of their inherited land. The house that stood where Ola now lives burned in 1952 and they lost the fine picture of Buchner Ray and other family mementos. Junior & Ola moved back into the old Van Ray log house while rebuilding Book place.

Ola says they would take Junior to Dix Hill for a 30 day cure and he would promise never to drink again but in two days would be back at it. Ola stuck with Junior until the children were grown and then left him. Junior did not like his son Gene because Gene tried to help him. Gene does not like to talk about his father's problems and does not like Ola to dwell on them.

Junior tried to farm but did not know how. He later worked for others. He would pay his bills. He drank straight out of the bottle. He liked to sit on the porch & listen to music & drink.

Ola is proud of Gene but says he is not perfect.

(13) 15 MAY 2007 - Called Gene to thank him for setting up the meeting with his mother & to say I was sorry we could not get together. Gene returned from trip with a bad cold. Frankie is in bed with a fever now. Gene does not know the name of the father of Cecil Keith.

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PEB

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9 JUL
2008

Subject: I think you'll like this one....I remember it all! (UNCLASSIFIED)

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Wed, Jul 09, 2008 7:54 am

"Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>, "DOUG STILL" <doug.still@us.army.mil>, "Vicki Stanley" <vstanley@coeco.com>, "Jane Sovine" <jsovine@earthlink.net>, "Bill & Vicki Shivley" <vic100@peoplepc.com>, "Sam Sanchez" <SSanchez@galorath.com>, "Tom LoPresti" <ttl08@yahoo.com>, "Bob LeBlanc" <Laakee@aol.com>, "Delbert & Karen Johnson" <phyllisKjohnson@gmail.com>, "Glenn Jackson" <gjackson2@nc.rr.com>, "Baron Hignite" <higbo@aol.com>, "Goodwin, Dennis M COL RES" <dennis.goodwin1@us.army.mil>, "John & Marie Finlay" <JFinlayiv@aol.com>, "Ann & Larry Estes" <ann.estes@quintiles.com>, "Alex and Shelby Credle" <alexcredle@nc.rr.com>, "Dan & Trudy Beck" <becknc@triad.rr.com>, "John Atkinson" <jatkinso@mindspring.com>, "MG (Ret) Charles Scott" <cscott87@nc.rr.com>, "Heather Robinson" <heather.n.robinson@gmail.com>, "William C. Ray" <williamcraupe@verizon.net>, "Judy Pitts" <jpitts@cottonx.com>, "Edgar Smith" <esmithretired@aol.com>, "Woody Scott" <wscott@nc.rr.com>, "Cathy Sullivan" <sullivancathy@msn.com>, "Henry & Karen Morgan" <HMorgan1@nc.rr.com>, "Norma & Jerry Massey" <jlmngm@gmail.com>, "Ron Hewitt" <LAPELO@bellsouth.net>, "Larry & Betty Jo Barnhill" <bbarnhill4@nc.rr.com>, "Nancy Parker" <nparker@caryfbc.org>, "Jerry Parker" <jparker@caryfbc.org>, "Rev. Chris Haire" <chaire@caryfbc.org>, "Carl Banks" <carlbanks@nc.rr.com>, "Carl Banks" <cbanks44@yahoo.com>, "Ramey & Karen Beavers" <RBEAVERS2@nc.rr.com>, "Eddie Wetmore" <ewetmore3208@amedisys.com>

Memories of our childhood - you must watch ALL of this - I know most of you were raised during these times and can relate to all the memories (perhaps some of you may think you are too young to remember those days). We didn't realize that all that discipline and all those rules were truly teaching us values. Be sure to listen to the music in the background as you watch and recall the "GOOD OLD DAYS". If we could only bring some of those values back to families. God Bless each of you. By the way, you want need the remote to watch this one.

[NOTE: RPH & SSA watched the slide show - about 50 items of memory of the old days - copy not retained]

Gene Ray Subject: Memories

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Jul 09, 2008 2:29 pm

Hi Gene--- To: "gene ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Thanks for the trip down memory lane! Speaking of vintage I can go back a notch or two. Maybe your mother and I should be comparing notes.

How About:

- # Going bare footed in the summer
- # Having to kill a chicken and dress it in order to have a meal- talk about fresh!
- # The special taste of a cold water mellow on a hot summer day.
- # Taking eggs to the Country store to trade for essentials.
- # Collecting soda bottles to get the refund.

It would be fun to go on and on.

Trust you and Frankie are well. Hope to see you this fall.

Phil Upchurch

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9 JUL
2008

Subject: News from folks in Carolina

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Sun, Apr 22, 2007 9:39 am

To: "Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>

22 APR
2007

(OUT OF ORDER)

Phil & Sallaine,
Hope all is going well with you both.

We noticed that you had sent us an email jus the other day and we were unable to retrieve it since our computer was messing up. I had to get it rebooted and found that we had lost the emails we had gotten that day. PLEASE RESEND your last email.

Ronnie Ray, age 62, son of Woodrow and Coma Ray, died suddenly this past week of heart condition. He simply was sitting in a chair and passed with no struggle without any prior warning of problems.

Weather here has been beautiful since Easter passed - we had a freeze during easter and lots of wind that caught all of us by supprise. Frankie and I went up to DC to see the cherry blossoms and to visit with Bill & Rose Ray in Leesburg. Good trip but it was cold and they even had snow in April.

Frankie and I are headed to Europe next weekend for cruise in the Med for two weeks. We return on 14 May. Wish you both could join us. Looking forward to hearing from you guys. Gene & Frankie

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY P69

(17)

23 SEP

2008

Subject: Reunion
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Sep 23, 2008 5:43 am
To: "gene ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Hi Gene---

A notice came yesterday about the Ray Reunion to be held this year on October 4th. I am contacting you as one of the Committee Members to ask that you convey my best wishes to those who assemble. Due to a major event we are holding in St Louis this fall to celebrate our 60th anniversary we will not be able to make our usual fall trip to North Carolina. I continue to collect and organize details on the descendants of my Great grandfather Buckner Ray and will welcome any participants. Marl and Rachel are a constant source of help and encouragement in this venture. We are all indebted to Bill Ray for his wonderful Ray Book.

Sallaine and I send our very best to you and Frankie.

Phil Upchurch

(18)

9 JAN

2009

Subject: Update on Ola Ray
From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, Jan 09, 2009 11:48 am
To: "Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>, "William C. Ray" <williamcraupe@verizon.net>, "Ray & Jackie Hamilton" <drayhamilton@peoplepc.com>

Wanted to let you know that mother (Ola Ray) was moved to the Universal Health Care of North Raleigh, ROOM 417-B, 5201 Clarks Fork Dr., Raleigh NC 27616 on this coming Wednesday, 7 Jan 09. This is a fairly new facility and has some very nice features. Please know the reason for the move was simply to get her in a facility that is more local to her family and friends and it will continue to accomodate the nursing assistance she continues to need at this time. Mother was very receptive to this move since she has other relatives also fulltime residents at Universal Health Care. She will continue to be in rehab status for approximately another week or more when she first arrived at Universal and then we have requested a room for her to remain for continued care following her release from rehab status. We all, including mother, feel this is necessary at this time for her to gain additional strength. She remains unable to get up on her own without assistance. However, she continues to regain some strength and is very conscientious to take her rehab and regain much needed strength in her legs. She is in good spirits and recognizes the need for assistance which is making these decisions easier. Temporarily, upon initial arrival at Universal, she will not have phone capability - I hope to get that established however as soon as she has completed the rehab phase of her stay and become more of a stable resident there..

Please continue to keep her in your prayers and as soon as we get the situation more stablized I will let you know. If you are in the area she would love to see you for sure. She has been blessed with many visitors and that has truly kept her eager to improve.

Universal Health Care of North Raleigh is located approximately 1 mile north of the Outer Loop I-540 on U.S. Hwy #1 or Capital Blvd, turn right on Perry Creek Rd/Durant Road and proceed approximately 2 city blocks ant turn left on Clarks Fork Dr. The facility is then immediately on your left. For any assistance with direction you can call Universal Health Care at 919 872-7033.

Please feel free to call or email me anytime regarding her situation.

Gene Ray
gene7356@bellsouth.net
919-851-7356 or cell 919-219-5585

(19)

9 JAN

2009

Subject: Re: Update on Ola Ray
From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, Jan 09, 2009 5:34 pm
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com> Phil and Salene.

Hope you guys are doing well these days. Frankie and I were in Beijing, China when mother suffered the mild stroke and fell. Most of her problems associated with the stroke have subsided except for the lack of strength in both leg. They just don't have much strength for standing at all. We do not want to risk her falling and getting a broken or fractured bone. She remains in good spirits with the hope to go home again. You guys let us know when you are headed back to the promise land of NC and we will certainly get together. God Bless you both and your family,
Gene & Frankie

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PG10

Subject: RE: Update on Ola Ray

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, Jan 09, 2009 12:30 pm

To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Hi Gene----

Thanks for the update in Ola. She will be much in our thoughts and prayers and we trust she will gain strength and adjust well to her new situation.

Ola was recently on my mind as I thought about the prospect that we hope to spend a month in Raleigh next spring especially since we did not get to come last fall. My plan is to buy a GPS device that will allow me to visit a site and record the exact coordinates. This is a very powerful tool for locking into your records important sites such as for example the burial site of our ancestor Buckner Ray. I had in mind the prospect that Ola might ride with me and point out sites for which I could record coordinates. I hope to do this with a dozen or more people. Nothing like a new toy to keep you going!

I thought of Ola because she and I seemed to really enjoy visiting and sharing memories. She was very helpful in telling me about local people and circumstances. If she does not recover sufficiently well to take a ride I will at least hope for a visit at her new abode. Please confer to her my best wishes and my thanks for being such a caring and helpful person.

With All Best Wishes to You and Frankie.

Phil Upchurch

(20)
9 JAN
2009

Subject: Update on Ola Ray

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Sat, Mar 21, 2009 7:57 am

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(21)
21 MAR
2009

All,

Mother has now been moved to a private room at: **UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE OF NORTH RALEIGH, ROOM 204, 5201 CLARKS FORK DR., RALEIGH NC 27616.**

Her telephone number is: **919-878-8292**

She has developed "shingles" in the past two weeks but is doing well otherwise. Her mind/memory still remains well and I'm confident as she begins to "talk" more on the phone she will improve that evenmore. Her attitude is good and she stays up most of the day. She is just unable to walk and requires help to get up out of the bed and wheelchair. I do not anticipate much change (improvement) in her current situation. She, of course, is still hopeful to get up and walk and that is good for her to strive toward.

If you were to call her, it is best to call during the day when she is up and can reach the phone. It is somewhat difficult for her to reach the phone when she is in bed in the early evening.

Bobby, I hope you and Elaine are doing ok with the transition for home repairs. Betty, please Aunt Nina a big hug from me and hope all of you are doing fine.

Gene

Subject: Call to Ola

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sun, Mar 29, 2009 4:21 pm

To: gene7356@bellsouth.net

Hi Gene---

Thanks for keeping me informed on the status of you mother. Based on your input I gave her a call earlier this afternoon and we had a nice chat. We recalled with mutual pleasure my visit in her home and our chat about family history. Her voice was strong and her memory was good. In fact, without any other input I would have concluded that she has no problems at all. She tells me she takes exercise regularly and seems to feel the she is in a good place- or at least that is the impression she gave me. She said you insisted on her having a private room and that gave us a chance to agree on what a fine son you are. I did not remind her that she once told me that you were a good son but not perfect. My Mother thought I was perfect also but Sallaine has revealed the unvarnished truth to me!

We trust this finds you and Frankie well and enjoying life.

Phil Upchurch

(22)
29 MAR
2009

RUGENE RUSSELL RAY PE11

Subject: Some Ray news

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Sun, Nov 15, 2009 5:22 pm

To: "Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>, "William C. Ray" <williamcraupe@verizon.net>, "Bobby Ray" <godukego@aol.com>

Phil, Bill, Bobby,

Hope this note finds all of you doing well. I think several of us missed the Ray Reunion since we were traveling. Frankie and I were on a beautiful cruise to Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Italy. We were able to see the Holy Land and most of the other location we had visited the year prior but still enjoyed them again. We love Europe and it was an added bonus to visit Israel this time.

Wanted to let you all know that Paul Rogers passed about 3 weeks ago. His mother was A.C. Ray's daughter from his first marriage. Paul had been ill for several months but remained home with his wife who took care of him daily. His oldest son, Greg, is a Baptist minister in Greenville NC and his youngest son, Ronnie, is a medical doctor here in the Cary area. Ronnie lives about 1/4 miles from me.

Just another update on my mother - Ola continues to do very well in the nursing home (Universal Health Care of N. Raleigh, Room 204, 5201 Clarks Fork Dr., Raleigh NC 27616. Her mind is still very good however her strength in the legs continues to keep her in a wheel chair. Feel free to call her sometime during the daytime (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m). She generally doesn't answer the phone in the evening since she retires to bed fairly early. Her private number is: 919-878-8292.

Hope you all have a great holiday time with family. Say hello to Sallaine, Rose and Elaine for us.

Gene & Frankie Ray

Subject: Hello from the folks in North Carolina

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Tue, Dec 29, 2009 6:08 pm

To: "Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>

Phil & Sallaine,

Well, first and foremost, hope you a a very Merry Christmas and the New Year is here almost.

All is well here in the EAST and I do hope it is with the two of you. We were not here for the Ray Reunion back in October (away on one of those nice cruises) and we knew you would not be able to make it either. However, we haven't heard from you guys and wanted to check on you and see if all is well out there in St. Louis or are you traveling the world somewhere these days.

My mother is still doing very well in the nursing home and her mind is still very good. She was able to come to our house for Christmas Eve and spend several hours. She enjoyed being able to get out and ride around a bit.

Paul Rogers passed away a couple months ago. He had been sick for some time.

Again, I hope you both are doing well. Let us hear from you guys when you can. And certainly let us know when you are in this neck of the woods.

Love and best wishes to you both,
Gene & Frankie Ray

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2009

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2009

EUEENE RUSSELL RAY

PG 12

Subject: Catch Up
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Thu, Dec 31, 2009 3:24 pm
To: "gene ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

(29)

31 DEC

2009

Hi Gene and Frankie---

I am only six weeks behind but am finally catching up on several things so as to close out the year in good order. I collected so much good family history information on my two NC trips last summer that it was only today that I finally finished processing the data. When you emailed me on 15 NOV about Paul Rogers I partially processed what I could and then planned to call Ola and have a chat and ask her about Paul's family. So it all went on the "to do" shelf which is sort of like giving you an excuse to delay. So I just today called Ola and had a nice chat. Your daughter answered the phone. Ola could not add a lot more about Paul but we had a good visit. She is really alert and appreciative of all her family does for her. She likes the place where she is staying and that is good because many such places do not have good reputations. She does say she likes fish but not for the mid-day meal. It would certainly be a pleasure to visit her on my next trip to Raleigh.

Besides the two trips to NC we had a nice Coach tour to New England to see the fall foliage. The trip was most enjoyable. We had the family with us for Thanksgiving but then handed out Christmas money and said we would be away at Christmas. Our four granddaughters ages 11-16 made a big fuss and we stayed and had them all again on Christmas day. Sallaine put on a big show and bought another round of presents. I got a program to map deeds so now I just have to learn how to use it.

This past year has been great for family history. You can Google Robert Phillip Upchurch to see what I have been doing.

We plan to go to Arizona in May to see our GS graduate from the University. Sometime in the April -May time frame I would like to make a trip to NC. We are also looking at a trip to Ireland in the spring but have not committed yet. I may go to Florida to give an Upchurch talk to the descendants of my Great Uncle who went down about 1850-But nothing firm yet. On my last trip to NC I practiced using a GPS device to document sites but I need to perfect my technique. So many choices -and not helped by being an old timer. I try to grow old gracefully but it is not easy.

We look forward to staying in touch and hope for a visit when we next come. And remember we would love to have you visit us in St Louis. Something may have changed since you were here last.

Fondly--

Phil Upchurch

(26) From notes of RPU NC visit May/June 2010 - pgs (26) (27)
FRI 4 JUN 2010 - visit with Gene & Frankie Ray

In AM caught up on notes, brought watch and were picked up at 12 Noon by Gene & Frankie Ray & had lunch at K&S in Cary their treat.

went to see Gene's mother Ola (Meister) Ray in a rest home in Wach Forest. She is 92 and is fading fast. we stayed only about 30 minutes. She is still mentally alert but has low energy. I asked her about CAS RAY who married into the family & I don't know but she does not know him. I indicated I would get back to her about him with more details.

(26) 4 JUN 2010

After our visit with old Gene took us to the Zacher Ray Gravesite - Notes placed in cemetery file.

We proceeded back to Peed Rd and south on it to a curve where a path leads one to the home of the late COIT RAY & his wife. The home is unoccupied but the descendants meet there from time to time. Coit & his wife were very kind to Gene. They bought the land from the Allens. I took Gene to see the John Allen Cemetery.

We proceeded to the end of Peed Rd where you see the old home of Henry Arnold and his wife Carrie. The house appears to have been the home of Henry's Father. This Carrie died recently and left \$3 million to Wake Muster Church with land yet to be sold.

Gene then drove on shooting club Rd to the Oak Hill Church where his and my Ray relatives are buried. Gene grew up in this church. It consisted almost exclusively of RAY'S & ARNOLD'S. They disagreed because the money money Arnold would not contribute. The RAY'S then created Wake Muster Church. (OAK HILL CHURCH - formerly NEW BETHEE)

We backtracked on Shooting Club Rd and took a left on Melvin Arnold Rd and passed through Melvin's large land holdings now in trees. Gene remembers working tobacco fields in this area. We encountered Melvin's old house - now falling down. Henry Arnold & Melvin Arnold were brothers.

(27)

24 JUN
2010

Subject: Visit

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2010 6:38 am

To: "gene ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Hi Gene and Frankie---

We returned home on June 15 with pleasant memories of our three weeks in NC. Having interviewed about 60 people on the trip I am now engaged in sending thank you notes and in processing details collected. Actually, we felt like we needed a vacation when we returned but now are much recovered.

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PG14

(27) 24 JUN 2010 - Continued

Sallaine and I enjoyed our outing with you. Your hospitality was much appreciated. It was great to visit Ola and to see that you are taking care of her very well. While she is ever weaker in body it was great to see her strong in spirit. I realized we should not stay long but in the short time available I felt she enjoyed having someone come in to thank her for past kindnesses. I was impressed about how you described her strong interest in the happenings at her facility.

A real bonus of our trip was learning of the exact location of the grave site of Zadock Ray. I was also impressed about your story of the Arnolds and the Rays and tried to capture what you said when I later recorded my recollections. I have since talked with Rachel Goldston about the matter and will try to make a coherent story out of what I have in my notes and in my files.

We always look forward to our next trip to NC and to learn of your ongoing travels to foreign lands. You should write a book.

Sallaine and I seen our very best.

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Re: Visit

From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2010 8:22 am

To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil and Sallaine,

We enjoyed so much visiting with you guys as well. Frankie and I were hoping to have you both over for dinner one evening during your stay but we were faced with one issue after another with my older sister, Alma, going into ICU at Rex Hospital during the latter part of your stay. She is now, believe it or not, just three doors down from my mother at the Nursing/Rehab Center. She is expected to be there 2-3 weeks. In my opinion, she is in a much poorer health situation than my mother.

Please let us know when you are headed back this way and we will look forward to having you guys for dinner and catching up on things going on. We love you both,
Gene & Frankie

Subject: Alma

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2010 10:45 am

To: "gene ray" <gene7356@bellsouth.net>

Hi Gene---

I am so sorry to learn about the health problems of your sister Alma. I know you were extremely busy during the latter part of our stay. I do hope she will recover as time passes.

If your mother happens to remember that we talked about Cas Ray you can tell her I looked for more details without success. He fathered and Upchurch child in 1877 and presumably died before anyone now living was born. Let's just guess he was from the "across the river Rays" If you think it best you can choose not to bother her with this matter.

We will certainly let you know when we next come to Raleigh and will look forward to a gab fest. We'll probably come next Fall but plans are not yet firm.

Cheers!

Phil Upchurch

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24 JUN
2010

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24 JUN
2010

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PG 15

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11 DEC
2010

Subject: Passing of Ola K. Ray
From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 11, 2010 8:28 pm
"Pamela & Bobby Sandling" <spj08@doc.state.nc.us>, "Ann Latta" <Ann.Latta@duke.edu>, "Bobby Ray" <godukego@aol.com>, "Dick & Betty Emerson" <sharker@embarqmail.com>, "Brent & Barbara \\\(Doug's Daughter) Ethington" <brente@msn.com>, "Ray & Jackie Hamilton"
To: <rhamilton36@triad.rr.com>, "William C. Ray" <williamcraupe@verizon.net>, "Phil & Sallaine Upchurch" <PHIL@UPCHURCHSTORY.COM>, "Charlotte & Pete Eason" <ccedde@aol.com>, "Curtis & Helen Marie Woodlief" <boycemill@bellsouth.net>, "Tim & Erma \\\(Ray\\)" <timch5@embarqmail.com>
"Wayne Woodard" <waynewoodard@sprint.blackberry.net>, "Jerry Cotten" <jgcotten@bellsouth.net>, "Chuck Barnes" <cbarnes636@nc.rr.com>, "Ralph Lyon" <rlyon2003@gmail.com>, "John Atkinson" <jatkinso@mindspring.com>, "June & Jesse K. \\\(Tony\\) Ray" <junejesse@carolina.rr.com>, "Tommy & Judy RAY" <judyandcharles@gmail.com>, "Eddie \\\(Home\\) WETMORE" <ewetmore@nc.rr.com>, "Dot & Dan Dressel" <ddressel@nc.rr.com>, "Randy Cotten \\\(Cary\\)" <bsimple2@bellsouth.net>

Mother passed (age 92) very peacefully this evening about 6:00. She passed so calmly and quietly as her Associate Pastor Dale Austin was having prayer with us in her room. The love and care shown by her church fellowship (Wakeminister Baptist Church) was greatly appreciated and was a true demonstration of God's people caring for one another. Arrangement will be made with Bright Funeral Home, Wake Forest NC. I am confident she is celebrating her new life with Christ. Thank all of you for your many prayers, visits, and cards.

In Christian love,
Gene Ray

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12 DEC
2010

Subject: condolence
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sun, Dec 12, 2010 10:29 am
To: gene7356@nc.rr.com

Dear Gene & Frankie
We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. We have fond memories of her from our visit we had with her this year. We know what a loss it is when a greatly loved parent is taken from us. May she rest in peace. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow.
Fondly,
Phil & Sallaine Upchurch

- 32 AUG 2011 - sent several people an email about my work on RAY-GILL-UPCHURCH connection including Gene Ray. See profile of miles Alford Perry for copy of email
- 33 1 SEP 2011. Called Gene to ask about letting people at the RAY Reunion on 1 OCT 2011 know about my work on GILL-RAY. He volunteered to do so. I will send him a copy of my master outline. He & Frankie have just returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean & he said they had a great trip. He says Bill Ray is coming down for the Reunion.

EUGENE RUSSELL MAY PG16

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5 MAY
2012

From: phil@upchurchstory.com
To: Gene Ray
Sent: Saturday, May 05, 2012 3:33 PM
Subject: Aurora (Ray) Upchurch

Hi Gene----

It was great to talk to you today and to coordinate our visit to NC. Sallaine and I are delighted to accept your kind invitation to join you and Frankie for dinner on the evening of Wednesday May 23, 2012 as we arrive about 10:00 am. We will confer on the time in due course.

Thank you for agreeing to spread the word about our reunion of the descendants of Bartley Jefferson Upchurch to our Ray family members. This is especially appropriate as I will give a feature presentation on Bartley's wife nee Aurora O. Ray, daughter of Buckner Ray. The telling will be about Aurora and her siblings and her ancestors. I am hopeful several of the Ray family can attend. The Reunion will be held in the D & S Cafeteria on Buck Jones Road in South Hills Mall in Cary from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 pm. Participants should arrive about 11:30 am and go through the line for their food and then go to the room reserved. We will have the Blessing about Noon and start the program about 12:30 pm. I realize you will have a tight schedule as you will be driving back from Myrtle Beach on the am of the 2nd.

Thank you for your input on the Old Brogden House. I will transmit this to Declan Rutan whose sister lives in this house which is in the community of our Ray heritage.

It so happens that I will be giving a talk to the Apex Historical Society at 7:00 pm on Tuesday June 5, 2012 in the Halle Center on Main street in Apex. The title is " A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Apex" --What I Learned About Human Behavior in 60 Years" The public is invited.

Looking forward to a grand visit and to seeing you and Frankie again.
Phil Upchurch

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21 MAY
2012

Subject: Wednesday - NC
From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>
Date: Mon, May 21, 2012 7:52 am
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil & Sallaine,

We are looking forward to your visit back in the homeland. Hope your travels go very smooth. We would like to plan dinner around 6:30, Wednesday, at our home. We will try to fix something "southern" of course and enjoy some good old casual southern talking.

Our address: 5409 Hounds Ear Pl, Raleigh NC 27606

Mini directions: from intersection of Holly Springs Rd and Penny Rd, continue east on Penny Rd approx .4 mile to subdivision on left (Huntingwood). Turn left on Huntingwood Dr, go to first street to "right" Deerview Dr. and proceed to second street to "left" Hounds Ear Pl.

Home phone: 919-851-7356

Cell: 919-219-5585

See you Wednesday.

Gene & Frankie

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21 MAY
2012

Subject: RE: Wednesday - NC
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Mon, May 21, 2012 9:27 am
To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

Hi Gene and Frankie---

Thanks for the details regarding dinner on Wednesday of this week. The plans are perfect and we look forward to seeing you at 6:30. Visiting the homeland and family is always a joy.

Phil Upchurch

EUGENE . RUSSELL RAY PG17

(37) 23 MAY 2012 - Had dinner in honor of Gene & Frankie RAY

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23 JUN
2012

Subject: Today - Saturday
From: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>
Date: Sat, Jun 02, 2012 12:25 pm
To: <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil & Salline,
Just walked into the house (1:15) and so very sorry I missed your presentation today. Got tied up with some friends in Harnett County and could not get back in time. Again, very sorry I missed out. I know it was very interesting.
Let us hear from you before you head back if time permits.
Gene & Frankie

Subject: Back Home
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Thu, Jun 14, 2012 11:29 am
To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

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14 JUN
2012

Hi Gene and Frankie---

We arrived home late on Monday somewhat used up but pleased with a very productive 20-day trip. I have tons of notes to process and things to follow up.
We certainly enjoyed the dinner you hosted for us in your home and the pleasant conversation. And now you must visit us in St Louis and let us play host which we love doing. For you it would be like returning to the scene of the crime given that you earlier had experiences here.
If you could have made the Reunion it would have been a real plus for us but we understand how you got delayed and just missed us.
It was quite a surprise to see you at Pam's. I was sure it was you even looking from the back but I did not have the nerve to say "Gene" without looking at the other side. I had the famous country ham and enjoyed water throughout the day.
I mentioned to you the prospect of doing some research on the Ray's on the 1790 census. This idea has now been sent to others and I will let you know if there is to be an action project.
Looking forward to our next trip to visiting again the fairest land under the cope of Heaven.

Phil Upchurch

Subject: SWIFT CREEK TOWNSHIP, WAKE COUNTY, N.C.
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, May 15, 2012 11:23 am
To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

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15 MAY
2012

Hi Gene---

I think you have the item below but I am sending you an extra copy to inquire whether you can help get this into hands of others who may be interested. My address list of Swift Creek Township people is rather limited at this point. If you do have people in mind you could forward this to them and suggest that they contact me if they wish future issues. Alternatively, you could send me addresses and I could forward a copy to each one.

As time goes by I hope Churches in the area will agree to be Sponsors understanding that I would begin to list events in area Churches which could help them reach a wider audience. They could forward the issues to their lists as I doubt they would want to give address lists to me. Do you have any suggestions about this Church approach?

We are looking forward to seeing you and Frankie on the evening of May 23.
Best.

Phil Upchurch

To Individuals living in or interested in Swift Creek Township, Wake County, N. C.:

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PG18

(41) RPH+SSU in Raleigh, NC - Notes of Visit THUR 19 DEC 2013
with Gene & Frankie Ray

Notes of RPH Visit with Gene & Frankie
Ray 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

The will not stand in the months ahead
as they had a grandchild last FEB shortly after
they returned from Asia and their single daughter
is expecting a boy next FEB via in vitro
implantation.

They are in midst of enclosing their boards
around local Christmas lights

I went into some detail on UAFIA and
left a form with Gene. He will take it with
admiration. I put a RAY enrollment.

Gene says last Ray Reunion was poorly
attended. Bill Ray did come down. Two Ray
people = Bobby & Brady

I have to do more UAFIA selling with Gene

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1 JAN
2013

Subject: Back Home

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Wed, Jan 01, 2014 6:11 am

To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

Hi Gene and Frankie---

Sallaine and I returned home on December 25 after 15 very productive days in North Carolina. Tons of information were collected which is gradually being processed.

We want to thank you for seeing us on such short notice. I try to squeeze as many visits to people as possible and always come home not having gotten everything done.

Congratulations on your first grandchild and on your expected grandson to arrive later this year. New layers of generations help to keep us old geezers in the game. It is easy to tell that you are excited about the new arrivals. I note that you are happy with Hayes Barton. We do not feel we have a perfect fit with our Church but do not see a better option. We may do some looking.

I was glad to tell you a little about our new organization Allied Families. The idea is to lift up other families as we have done for the Upchurch family over the last 40 years. I hope you will follow our website www.alliedfamilies.com and that you will become a 2014 member for \$20. I think some of the things we will do could be a help to adding emphasis to the Ray Reunion. I'll give more thought to this and hope to come up with some ideas. At some point I hope we can "enroll" the Ray family in the Allied Families program. You could be a great help in moving that prospect along.

On our next visit I will get in touch with you well in advance trusting that we can find the right time for a nice chat. And we can share baby pictures. Our first great grandchild was born last May 22 and is named after Sallaine. What a joy.

May 2014 be a great one for your household.

Phil Upchurch

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PG19

Subject: N. C. Visit
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2015 7:07 am
To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

Hi Gene---

At long last I have a trip scheduled to visit North Carolina for October 7-22. I hope I will be lucky enough to catch you and Frankie in town. Sallaine will not be coming with me.

I have two events scheduled. On October 8 in Room 2215 Williams Hall on the NCSU campus at 2:00 pm I will give a seminar on the history of the Ag College. This will be based on my personal involvement starting in 1942. The other event will be on October 10 from 2-4 pm in the Hampton Inn on Tryon Road. There I will lead a discussion on progress and potential for our family history organisation Allied Families. It would be great to see you both at either or both of these events.

More importantly I write to ask if you think it would be feasible for you and I to meet with a couple of the leaders of the Ray Reunion to discuss how our work in Allied Families might used to promote the Ray Reunion and be a benefit to both the Reunion and Allied Families. Anything you can do to facilitate such a meeting would be most appreciated.

Looking forward to a great visit.

Phil Upchurch

Subject: Back Home
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sun, Oct 25, 2015 6:21 pm
To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

Hi Gene and Frankie---

October 7-22 found me in NC spending 16 glorious days on family history research. Sorry our paths did not cross this time. Perhaps you were traveling. Maybe we can connect on one of my 2016 visits. I was honored to give a seminar at NC State University on the history of College of Agriculture going back to my arrival on campus in 1942. Several trips were made to Franklin County and to the Wake/Chatham border. I must have visited with over fifty people and came home with fifty pages of notes which are now being processed.

One great piece of good luck was that a Cousin has offered Allied Families a nice office cheap on Kildaire Farm Road in Cary. We hope to crank it up on January 1, 2016. Already we have six volunteers. I am now drafting a list of projects to be carried out. It looks like we are poised to make great progress in learning more about the families of Wake and nearby counties.

I am always open to new ideas and to details on family history.

Hope all is well in your world.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

(45) 6 NOV 2015 - It was disappointing not to get a response from Gene re (43) above. Perhaps he was on one of his extended trips. In any case I decided to continue in a cordial vein and sent him (44) - RPH

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PE20

Subject: Next Time

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sun, Apr 03, 2016 6:56 am

To: "Gene Ray" <gene7356@nc.rr.com>

| Hi Gene---

I was in Raleigh March 11-21 and had every intention of seeing you and Frankie but ran out of time. There were about 50 people I was scheduled to visit with about our new Allied Families Facility in Cary. It turns out opening a new facility is not so simple--WiFi connections, keys, and more. We got the job done and a brief recap is given below.

I am very hopeful that the Ray family can be one of those tackled in the Cary Facility by some of our volunteers. We already have four excellent Coordinators who can work with volunteers. Perhaps you can help us plug into some of those who continue to be interested in the Ray Reunion and some of them might volunteer in our Cary Facility giving attention to Ray history.

I follow you on Facebook and note your ongoing interest in your grandchild. Good for you. We are expecting our third GGC in June in Washington State and plan a summer visit out to see little Missy.

I will keep you in the loop on my next trip to N. C. and hope we can have a chat. Dinner is on me this time as you have been so generous to entertain us in your home with delightful food and conversation.

Sending all best wishes to you and Frankie

Phil Upchurch

TO SELECTED SUPPORTERS OF ALLIED FAMILIES----

A Brief Recap of the March 11-21, 2016 Trip of Phil Upchurch to NC

from MO

The main purpose was to get the Allied Families Cary, N. C. Facility operational.

Cousin Mike Upchurch got our new computer and printer operational. Cousin Monk Perry

Subject: Previous emails

From: GENE RAY <rayg7356@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Apr 17, 2016 7:42 pm

To: "Phil & Saline UPCHURCH" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Phil & Saline,

I hope this finds you both doing very well. It been a long while since we have communicated and I believe its because you have been using an older emails address for us. Our email address is: RAYG7356@GMAIL.COM

Fred Corbin (retired professor from NCSU) is a member of our church (Hayes Barton Baptist Church) and sing in the choir beside me. We have spoke of you often and he was asking me this morning if I had heard from you lately. My old email account @nc.rr.com is full and of old emails that I can no longer open and when I tried to get into the account last I noticed a couple emails from you that I could not open.

All is well on this end of the country. Our two grandchildren seem to keep us very busy. We have had our almost 2-year old grandson since this past Friday and believe me, he can keep us busy. Yesterday we had our 3-year old granddaughter as well - what a morning it was.

Politically both the State of NC and our national competition is extremely disappointing. I am a registered Democrat, voted for the current Republican governor (McCroy), and you can be assured I will be glad when that "ego seeking idiot" is back in Charlotte. We have so many problems in NC - our infrastructure needs so much attention and yet right now we are deeply tied up with issue as to which bathroom a person must use. The administration hasn't been able to afford any raise for our State employees and teachers in past several years - yet this being an election year - well, all of sudden the need is apparent for political "gain" reasons.

Say hello to Saline and I hope all your family is doing well. Come by to see us anytime you are in the area.

Regards,
Gene & Frankie

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EUGENE RUSSELL RAY PG21

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Subject: RE: Previous emails
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Thu, Apr 21, 2016 11:56 am
To: "GENE RAY" <rayg7356@gmail.com>

Hi Gene----

Sorry about the mix-up on the email address. I now have yours locked into my system. I have fond memories of my time with Fred Corbin at NCSU.

Let me briefly recap some past emails. I was in N. C. October 7-2, 2015 and again March 11-21, 2016. On both occasions I sent you a heads-up via email and recapped the visits afterwards. Both trips were extremely productive and found me meeting with dozens of people about family history as usual. Of special importance is the fact the on January 1, 2016 we opened an office in Suite 120 at 1130 Kildaire Farm Road in Cary for our Allied Families Association. We built momentum while I was there in March and now have four Coordinators working out of the facility. It all is to develop our program of enrolling families as displayed on our website www.alliedfamilies.com password 2014allied#. We have about 20 families in one stage or another of being "enrolled". I hope we can add the Ray family to which you and I belong but we will need the participation of the descendants of Buckner Ray from whom you and I are descended. Do you think it would be possible to engage some of those who are supportive of the Ray Reunion in this venture? Anything you could do to bring about discussion on this matter will be appreciated. We could talk when I am there again later this year. It is likely our Allied Families could help publicize the Reunion.

I do follow you on Facebook and note your two youngsters. We have two GGC and are expecting a third in June in Washington State. Must make a trip out to meet the young lady.

I will be sure to keep you posted on my travel plans and we can make firm plans to visit. I hope to come this fall if not before.

I hope this finds you and Frankie in good health. Sallaine are like the EverReady bunny.

Looking forward to a visit~

Phil Upchurch

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21 NOV 2016

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Should be on omnibus list
and on RAY list RPV

— Correct email
Address added to
omnibus list on
11/22/16 m.Buck

Ray list?

Please convey our best wishes to those gathered at the Reunion. We will be in Las Vegas, NV 1-4 OCT 2011 attending the wedding of our Granddaughter Sandy Schuler to Rupert King - That will be 2 down and 6 to go among our grandchildren.

I have extensive files on our GILL relatives that tell far more about them than can be gathered from the Master Outline. I'll mention just one circumstance. When our ancestor Jesse Gill, II died intestate in northern Wake Co, NC in 1860 he left a large and tangled estate. His grandson Bookner Ray was assigned the job of sorting it out but there were issues still pending when Bookner died in 1881 - even lawsuits. The fact that Jesse gave land and other assets to his children without documentation made Bookner's job difficult. Also some of his children had already moved to TN & AL, etc. One hopes we will someday be able to plot the tracts of land Jesse owned.

Note that the descendants of Jesse intermarried with many Wake County families giving us cousin-ship with them also.

We seem to be related to everyone
Sallaine & I send our best to you & Frank
Phil Lynch

V. UPCHURCH CLANS IN AMERICA

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Clan 3. Nathan U., I

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Bartley Jefferson U, a grandson of Nathan U., I 106,78
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 Northern Wake Co., where he married a local lass, Aurora O. Ray (XID 107). 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 U, had bought a farm in Barton's Creek Township of northern Wake Co. Being a Raleigh business man William 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 Dewell R. 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 Rgt N.C. State Troops. Next comes the coincidence that the two comrades in arms returned home to marry daughters of Buckner Ray. 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 Township 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 these 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 beyond the scope of current Upchurch research it illustrates the importance of exchanges among family historians.

REC'D
1 NOV 2006

RESEARCH TR:
Eugene K. Ray
5409 Hounds Ear Pl.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Dear Phil & Helen

We wanted to let you know
again how much we enjoyed
dinner at the Farrington
House (our first visit) and
spending time with you on
Tuesday. Both visits were
great.

Please let us know
the next time you are in
town so we can visit again.

Thanks for everything.

Love
Gene & Frankie

EU GENE RUSSELL RAY

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RAY

I. Bushner Ray

A. Aurora O. Ray (M.C.) Bartley Jefferson and
B. Alfonso Columbus Ray "Von" - children of 2nd wife below:

T. Nathan Ray / Wainley
Ray Selvidon

Von Ray and his second wife, Alma Harrison Ray, had seven children during their 24 year marriage (five sons and one daughter--one unnamed child was still born) as listed below:

1. Mack Eunice Ray was born on May 23, 1915. Mack (age 18) married Euva Frances Cotton (also age 18) on November 27, 1933. They had one daughter (Joann). Mack was a Sergeant First Class in the Army in World War II. Mack died at the age of only 33 on February 9, 1949 while on active duty stationed at Ft. Myer in Arlington, Virginia. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery (Section 12, Gravesite 1247).
2. Junius Hub Ray born in April 1916. Junius (age 22) married Ola Keith (age 18) on June 25, 1938. Junius and Ola had three children (Alma Lee, Nancy Ann, and Gene). Junius rented out his farm (property formerly owned by his father) and worked at textile mills in Butner and Durham, North Carolina. Junius died at age 69 in 1985 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N.C. (The same hospital where his father, Von Ray, died 46 years earlier.) He was over six feet tall and had blue eyes and black hair.
3. Alfonzo Columbus Ray, Jr. was born in April 1917 and was known as Von. Von (age 23) married Elenor Marshall in January of 1941 and they had six children (James, Joyce, Judy, Janice, Jerry and Johnny). Von worked at a lumber yard and also at Leggett & Myers Tobacco Company. Von died of a heart attack at age 49 in 1966.
4. Woodrow Wilson Ray was born on May 22, 1918. Woodrow was named after the 28th President of the United States (1913-1921). Apparently Von Ray was a Democrat. From the age of about 16 until almost 21, Woodrow worked on his father's farm "in the production of crops." Woodrow enlisted in the Army on April 7, 1939 six weeks before his twenty-first birthday. While stationed at nearby Fort Butner in Granville County, North Carolina, Woodrow met his future wife, Coma Watson, at a post dance. Due to World War II, Woodrow's tour of duty was extended and he served six and one half years on active duty. Woodrow attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and spent his last year in the Army in Germany in Battery A of the 903rd Field Artillery Battalion. Woodrow was awarded three decorations and service medals: (1) European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three bronze stars signifying participation in three combat campaigns (Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe), (2) Good Conduct Medal and (3) American Defense Service Medal. Woodrow married Coma Watson and they had seven children (Ronald Wilson, Linda Carol, Robert Lee, Ann Sherrill, Bradley Wayne, Susan Gayle, and Teresa Lynn). Woodrow was a policeman in Durham from 1945 until his death at age 52 on July 15, 1970. Woodrow was five feet eleven inches tall and had brown eyes and dark brown hair.
5. Frances Caroline Ray born on August 23, 1919. Caroline was a beautiful woman. She married Coy J. Forsythe and they had seven children (J.C., Crystal, Jean, Peggy, Eddie, Ray and David). Caroline died at age 62 on July 1, 1982.
6. Joseph Ray was born on August 29, 1923 and he was 16 years old when his father died in 1939. At age 21, Joe married Nina Dillard on October 28, 1944 and they had one child, Betty Ray. Joe worked as a machine adjuster at Leggett & Myers Tobacco Company. Joe died at age 57 on November 13, 1980. Joe was approximately five feet seven inches tall and had blue eyes and black hair.

Ola Keith married Junius Ray in 1938 and she lived with her husband in the home of Von Ray, her father-in-law, for the last eighteen months of his life. Ola recalls Von stating that Joe was his seventeenth son. Joe is still referred to as Joe #17. Von Ray had twenty children — 17 sons and 3 daughters, but only 11 lived to be adults. Two of Von's sons, Percie and Mack, and one of his grandsons, Albert Ray, are honored by burial at Arlington National Cemetery. They rest on Virginia land across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial on property once owned by Confederate General Robert E. Lee. Best known of more than one hundred national cemeteries in the United States, Arlington's green slopes shelter veterans from every war that has involved this nation. Percie (1893-1948) was a Corporal in the Army during World War I. Mack (1915-1949) was a Sergeant in the Army during World War II. Albert Ray (1923-1992), son of Percie and Elsie, served in the Navy for twenty years during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Albert retired as a Petty Officer First Class.

EUGENE RUSSELL RAY

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ROBERT P. UPCHURCH
351 Shetland Valley Court
Chesterfield, MO 63005-4840
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7 JUL 2006

Dear Gene,

Once again may I say how much I appreciate and enjoyed interacting with you and Frankie on our recent trip to NC. We enjoyed the hospitality you provided in your lovely home and the treat of a delicious meal.

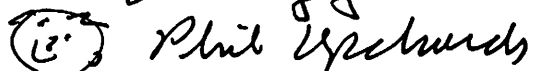
It was very kind of you to arrange for me to participate in the Retirees Luncheon. The experience has provided me with many contacts and I have already followed up with several of them by phone and have more to do. I had a fascinating 3-hour chat with Brady Popcoat on his porch overlooking the lake. He is one in a million.

David Martin & Marilyn took us to dinner and then for a chat in their home. We enjoyed recalling our shared experience in High School. We have learned that Marilyn subsequently had a medical episode and hope that she is doing well.

It seems that you all & me enjoy cruises. Perhaps we could find ourselves on the same one someday.

We will be back in NC in October. I'll be in touch by phone before then and look forward to more chats.

Sincerely yours


{ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH}

between her visits I am usually able to mess up the computer one way or another. Right now I seem to have caused it to fill a part of the screen with a blue section which obscures part of the screen. I'll have to wait until the coach comes in tomorrow to give me a clear screen. In the meantime I cannot be sure EMAILS go out or come in properly. I think the computer is playing with my mind.

You may have read about the big storm in the Midwest recently. It did not bother us although some people in the St Louis area are still without power. It is very cold.

We wish to convey to you our warmest Greetings for a Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

Sincerely yours
 (L.S.) Phil Yehurch

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAREER
OF
ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH
3 MAR 2004**

1. Obtained BS in 3 ½ years, MS in 1 year and Ph.D. in 2 years.
2. Awarded 1st National Science Foundation Fellowship in USA.
3. Served in USAF - Active Duty 1955-1957; Reserves 1949-1967. 2nd Lt. - Capt.
4. Received Young Scientist Sigma XI Award - NC State University 1963.
5. Achieved an International reputation in Weed Science for research on behavior of herbicides in soil.
6. Served on major committees for the US Dept. of Agriculture, the National Science Foundation and the U. S. State Department.
7. Honors in Field of Weed Science:
 - President of Weed Science Soc. Of America 1972.
 - Elected Fellow of WSSA 1975.
 - Elected Honorary Member - Western Soc. Weed Sci. 1982.
8. Originated The Plant Growth Regulator Society of America 1972.
9. Major Participant in Council for Science & Agriculture - President 1982.
10. Major Participant in the Agricultural Chemical Industry:
 - Collaborator with 20 companies 1953-1965.
 - Consultant - Shell Development Company 1962-1965.
 - With Monsanto R & D 1965-1975. Gave first public presentation of glyphosate "Roundup".
 - Consultant to Monsanto Co. 1980-1985.
 - Consultant to President of Eli Lilly & Co. 1980-1988.
11. In International Agriculture:
 - Made presentations at International conferences.
 - Around the world tour for Monsanto 1969.
 - Served as an Administrator for USAID program in North Yemen.
12. At the University of Arizona:
 - Served as first Head of the Department of Plant Sciences 1975-1981.
 - Served twice as Assoc. Director of the AZ Ag. Exp. Station.
 - Created and Led the COA Alumni & Development Program.
 - .. Established an Awards Program.
 - .. Established many Endowments.
 - .. Established an Oral History Program.
 - Arboretum Activities:
 - .. Established The Desert Legume Program.
 - .. Served on the Advisory Committee & Board of the SW Boyce Thompson Arboretum.
 - .. Created & Served as Director of Arboretum Affairs.
 - .. Initiated the magazine Desert Plants.
 - Served as Director Of Instruction & Associate Dean - COA 1983-1988.

13. Scientific Publications:

- Author of numerous scientific articles in **Weed Science**.
- Editor **Southern Weed Science** 1965-1970.
- Editorial Board **Weed Science Soc. of Amer.** 1959-1965.
- Originated magazine **Weeds Today**.
- Originated magazine **Science of Food & Agriculture**.

- 14. Major Participant in American Council on Science and Health 1985-2004.**
Member of Executive Committee 1992-1995.

C.V.

ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH

BORN:

February 9, 1928, Wake County, North Carolina.

EDUCATION:

B. S., Agronomy, N. C. State College, 1949.
M. S., Agronomy, N. C. State College, 1949.
Ph.D., Plant Physiology, Univ. of California, Davis, 1953.

ARMED FORCES:

Commissioned 2nd Lt., U. S. Air Force, June 1949 (ROTC).
Active Duty - April 1955 to April 1957. Project Officer for
Research on Control of Vegetation, Eglin AFB, Florida.
Honorable Discharge 27 September 1967 - Captain.

EMPLOYMENT:

1949-1951: Research Instructor, Department of Agronomy, N. C. State College.
1951-1953: Graduate Assistant (NSF Fellow), University of California, Davis, CA. (1st NSF Agricultural Fellowship in US).
1953-1955; 1957-1960: Assistant Professor, Field Crops Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh, NC.
1960-1964: Associate Professor, Crop Science Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh, NC.
1964-1965: Professor, Crop Science Department, N. C. State University, Raleigh, N. C.
1965-1970: Senior Research Group Leader, Agricultural Division, Monsanto Co., St. Louis, MO.
1970-1973: Research Manager, Agricultural Division, Monsanto Co., St. Louis, MO.
1973-1975: Manager of Research, Agricultural Division, Monsanto Co., St. Louis, MO.
1975-1981: Professor, Head, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
1981-1983: Professor, Director of Development, College of Agriculture and Associate Director of Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
1983-1988: Professor, Associate Dean and Director of Instruction, College of Agriculture, University of AZ, Tucson, AZ.
1988-1990: Professor, Director of Alumni Affairs and Director of Arboretum Affairs, College of Agriculture, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
1990-1994: Professor, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Director of Arboretum Affairs, College of Agriculture, Univ. of AZ, Tucson, AZ.
2nd time (1993-1994) Assoc. Dir. Ag. Exp. Station.
1995- Present: Retired - Professor Emeritus.

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Societies:

Sigma Xi
Alpha Zeta
American Society of Plant Physiologists
American Society of Agronomy
Crop Science Society of America
Weed Science Society of America - President 1972
Plant Growth Regulator Working Group - Founder 1972
Council for Agri. Sci. & Tech. (CAST) - President 1982
Arizona Crop Improvement Association
Arizona Native Plants Society
Arizona Academy of Science
Agri-Business Council of Arizona
Gamma Sigma Delta
Alpha Tau Alpha
Soil & Water Conservation Society of America

HONORS:

Invited to address Gordon Research Conference on
Biochemistry and Agriculture - 1962.
Recipient 1963 Sigma Xi Research Award (N. C. State
University Chapter).
Invited to address the 7th British Weed Control
Conference - 1964.
Invited to prepare an article on the behavior of
herbicides in soils for Residue Reviews - 1966.
Invited to address PUSA Agricultural Research,
New Delhi, India.
Invited to prepare a Chapter for book on the
Behavior of Organic Chemicals in Soils - 1970.
Invited to address 1970 Israeli Weed Conference.
Elected "Fellow" Weed Science Society of America -1975.
Elected to Gamma Sigma Delta - 1977.
Invited to address Kuwait Symposium on Food Producing
Systems for Arid Lands - 1980.
Elected Honorary Member - Western Society of
Weed Science - 1982.
Elected Honorary Member - Alpha Tau Alpha - 1986.
Elected Honorary FFA State Farmer - Arizona - 1988.
Certification of Recognition by National Association
of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges,
Division of Agriculture, Resident Instruction Section.
By Establishment of The Desert Legume Endowment.
Recognized as Missouri Conservationist of the year (1994)
(with wife, Sallaine S. Upchurch).

Robert Phillip Upchurch
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ACTIVITIES:

Member National Advisory Panel (USDA) on Weed Research
1960.
Editorial Committee - Weed Science Society of America
1961-1970.
Editor - Southern Weed Science Society 1966, 1967, 1968.
Executive Board - Weed Science Society of America
1968, 1969, 1970.
Member National Academy of Science Committee on
Weeds 1965-1968.
Member National Academy of Science Committee on
Persistent Pesticides 1967-1969.
Member Southern Regional Weed Control Research
Technical Committee 1957-1965 (Chairman one year).
Member Central Regional Research Technical Committee
1960-1965 (Chairman one year).
Regular participant in:
Southern Weed Science Society 1953-1975.
Weed Science Society of America 1956-1977.
N. C. Pesticide School 1957-1965.
American Society of Agronomy 1949 - present.
Plant Growth Regulator Working Group 1973-1978.
Member ARI Governing Board 1974-1975.
Chairman - Panel on Agricultural Products Systems,
ARI 1974-1975.
Associate Editor - Journal of Environmental Quality
1975.
Member Advisory Committee - Boyce Thompson
Southwestern Arboretum 1976-1985, 1988-1990.
Member of Board of Boyce Thompson Southwestern
Arboretum - 1985 - 1994. (President one year).
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology
(CAST):
Member Board of Directors 1977-1980.
Executive Committee 1979-1984.
Member Board of Directors - Arizona Crop Improvement
Association 1975-1986.
Chairman, Pure Seed Advisory Committee - Arizona
Agricultural Experiment Station 1975-1983.
Program Director - Title XII Program for Agricultural
Development Support - North Yemen 1979-1980.
Administrative Advisor - Western Regional
Coordinating Committee Turfgrass 1979-1983.
Administrative Advisor - Western Regional
Coordinating Committee - Disturbed Lands Revegetation
1980-1983.
Advisory Director - Arizona Cotton Growers Assoc-
iation 1978 - 1988.
Chairman - American Society of Agronomy CIBA-GIEGY
Award Committee 1981.
Participant - RICOP of NASULGC 1983-1988.
Advisor to President of Eli Lilly & Co. 1980-1988.
Created The Desert Legume Program.
Served as the Founding Director of the COA Development Office
& Alumni Program and contributed many innovations thereto.
Advisor American Council on Science and Health 1985-present,
and Member of Executive Committee 1992-1995.

ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH
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PUBLICATIONS:

Technical Articles Published in Scientific Journals - 37.
Non-technical Articles Published - 37.
Presentations at Technical Meetings - 60.
Extension Publications - 12.

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Legumes adapted to arid and semi-arid lands.
Administration of technically based programs.
Plant research and crop production.
Organic Chemicals, their properties and behavior in and on
soils and plants, especially as related to the control of
weeds and to crop yields.

BIOGRAPHICAL LISTINGS:

Leaders in American Science	Who's Who
Who's Who in American Education	Dictionary of
Who's Who in the Midwest	International Biography
American Men of Science	Royal Blue Book

PERSONAL:

Family Status: Married: Sallaine Sledge, 1948.
Children: Nelda Lane, 1954
Debra Nan, 1956
Barrett Phillip, 1960.
Grandchildren: Eight (ages 5-21).

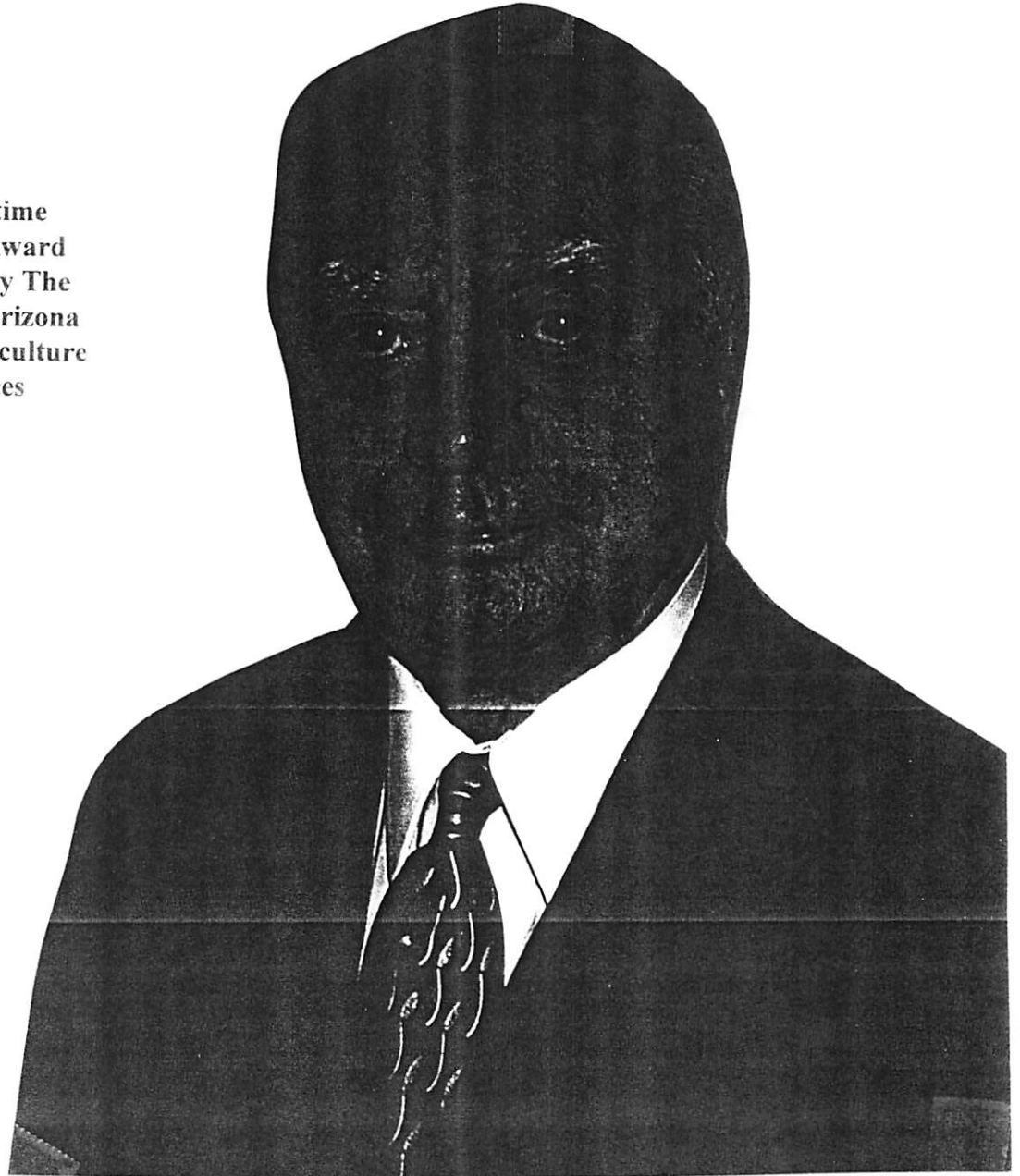
Church Affiliation:

Member Parkway United Church of Christ - St. Louis, MO.
Member of Church Council - 3 years.
(Chairman, Christian Education Committee - 2 years).
President, Church Council - 1 year.
Chairman, Worship and Membership Commission 1974;
2 year term.
Member, Casas Adobes Congregational Church, 1976
to present.
Member Board of Business Affairs 1979-1980.
President, Parkway United Church of Christ 2002-2003.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Book Collecting, Reading.
Stamp Collecting.
Genealogy: Owner-Editor of a quarterly publication.
Owner Fine Acres Farms (FAF) - MO.
International travel.

Presented Lifetime
Achievement Award
16 APR 2004 By The
University of Arizona
College of Agriculture
and Life Sciences



R. PHILLIP UPCHURCH

R. Phillip Upchurch is a man known to many for being both extremely organized and determined to succeed.

With the bachelor's and master's degrees Phil earned at North Carolina State University, and his Ph.D. earned from the University of California-Davis, he came to the UA in 1975 as head of the plant sciences department. In 1981 Phil was named director of development and alumni; in 1983 he was appointed director of instruction and associate dean of the College of Agriculture.

Phil took the CALS alumni organization to a new level. He is responsible for the creation of our award-winning Ag Alumni Board and he created this very College of Agriculture Awards Program. He enlarged the CALS Homecoming event to include a burrito breakfast and the popular AgCAT Open and established and led a committee to promote the creation of the Campus Arboretum.

In recognition of the many years of tireless service and dedication to his colleagues, students and the community and the distinguished achievements that laid the foundation for the success CALS enjoys today, the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is honored to present Phil Upchurch with this Lifetime Achievement Award.

April 16, 2004


Eugene G. Sander
Vice Provost and Dean