

EDITOR'S DESK

Hope everyone is having a great summer! We packed a lot in this newsletter, so grab your ice tea, put your feet up and join us!

We have an excerpt from author Mae Cox's book, titled **Michael Upchurch : his life, his times, his legacy 1624-1681**. We hope you will enjoy it. Mae gave the rights to this book to UAFA, which we greatly appreciate. A stunning gift, thank you again Mae!

The science in DNA is developing rapidly. Brenda Carbon, our DNA Project Coordinator lets us know how to Link common ancestors with their DNA in your tree; along with navigation tips and tools to assist with the labeling of your known matches.

Our 2nd Quarter UAFA Upchurch tree report by Linda Upchurch Sparks is here.

Speaking of DNA, there's an interesting article titled **Human DNA Can Now Be Pulled From Thin Air or a Footprint on the Beach**. Doesn't that sound like great material for a good science fiction movie! ?

Pass the popcorn, please!



Cindy Hale

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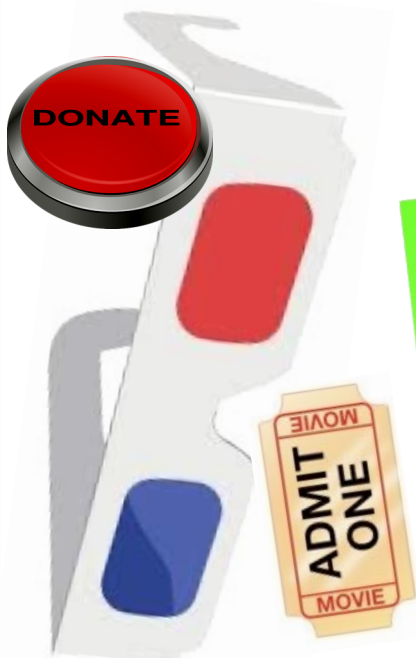
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You Tube After opening YouTube, enter "Upchurch and Allied Families" into the search box. This will open the UAFA channel and display the videos.



UAFA is looking for Ancestry Tree Master Associates. Do you, or someone you know like genealogy and have access to [Ancestry.com](#)? Sign in and work on your own family tree. The Big Tree is growing, plus it's rewarding and fun! Volunteer today!

A Letter from UAFA's President

We hope you are enjoying our monthly [newsletters](#) this year. If you haven't been receiving your copy, contact [Jay Buck](#) and he can add you to our mailing list. This year, in addition to the newsletters we have published, we have added over 63,000 new ancestors to our Ancestry.com trees often with extensive supportive documentation and photos; added hundreds of transcriptions of handwritten research notes to our [webpage](#) so that the material is available, searchable and easier to read; added information about Upchurch family reunions into the [webpage](#); continued to expand our [Facebook page](#); worked with Wake County NC Genealogical Society on a huge cemetery documentation project; continued to work on tough genealogy problems using DNA research; and have maintained our National Office and Library in Cary, NC.

Contributors and volunteers make UAFA possible.

We must have cash to pay for software, office expenses, legal and accounting fees, Internet fees, etc. We are also building the Robert P. and Sallaine S Upchurch Endowment Fund to help assure that the treasure of information we have accumulated will continue to be available to anyone far into the future.

As we have reached mid-year, we hope you will consider maximizing your impact on the work we are doing at UAFA while achieving potential savings on your taxes. We are a certified non-profit organization

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We need volunteers to help with:

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Tom Upchurch
President, Upchurch and Allied Families

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Lawne's Creek Parish Church

by Mae Davenport Cox

Lawne's Creek Parish Church

In 1628, a *chapel of ease* was built for folks living in the Lawne's Creek area. This is the first known church ever built in Surry County making it older than the county or Lawne's Creek Parish... or any other parish!

The *first church* was a wood-frame building, measuring 40 by 20 feet and was in use for twelve years. In 1640 — some records say 1650 — a larger building (30x60), made of bricks, was built over-lapping the foundation of the first church. Referred to as the *second church*, it was on the same site and actually replaced the first church.

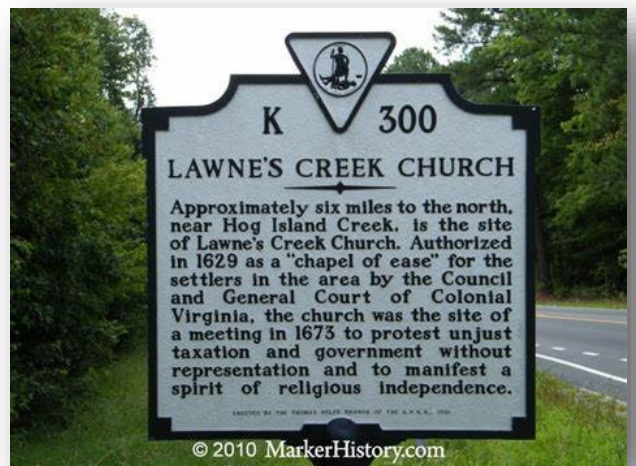
We can come close to pinpointing where these two churches were located. Compelling evidence suggests the two churches were situated at or near Hog Island in the northern area of Lawne's Creek Parish. The exact spot seems to be up in the air though as different reports give different directions.

Descriptions of the location have been given by several people, including this one, in 1945, by George Mason:

... the site of these two early churches of Lawne's Creek Parish is on a high wooded point between two ravines leading down in to the James River, just west of the main road to Hog Island and half a mile southeast of the head of Hog Island Creek... an old road leads to that site from the Colonial highway to the island, which formerly led down the hill only a quarter of a mile from the church.¹

Ethel Rowell gave a similar description and included this remark:

... Jamestown was in plain sight on the opposite shore of the river.²



Were there graves at the old church? According to what Mason reported, there were.

... Brick remains indicating the presence of several graves may be seen in front of the church site, and there are two old walls, with traces of the footings of a churchyard wall.³

In all likelihood those church members who died during the 1628 through 1684 period would have been entombed at their place of worship as was the custom in those days.

This is quite disturbing as our Michael Upchurch would have been one of the burials in 1681. The worst part is that this site is now occupied by a power plant — more on that on the next page.

Second Church is site of Historical Event

The second Lawne's Creek Parish Church became quite noteworthy during its forty-four year stint. It seems that at this church, in 1673, there was a gathering of parishioners who met to discuss the current tax situation.

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Lawne's Creek Parish Church *Continued from page 4*

Their arrest (including Michael Upchurch) is well recorded in county records and has become known to us as the *Lawne's Creek Rebellion*.

First and Second Churches Should be Preserved as Historical Landmark

One would think that since this second church is well documented as the location of the first-known pre-revolutionary-war rebellion, it would have been declared a historical site by the state of Virginia. That has not come to pass!

One would also think that since the site is likely burial grounds for early colonists, including our own Michael Upchurch, the area would be considered sacred and preserved for that reason. Not so. Today the land thought to be that of where the first and second churches were erected is owned by a power plant. Their fencing prohibits anyone from reaching the old church site.

Thus far, the efforts of one Upchurch cousin to have this declared an historical landmark have been futile. Undaunted, he continues his efforts toward this goal as this book went to press.⁴

A Third Church is Built

As Lawne's Creek Parish became home to more and more colonists, this northern location was quite inconvenient for many worshippers. So 44 years after the second church was constructed, a *third church* was built about 1684 in a more central location. Fortunately, the state of Virginia has declared it a historical site.

The frame structure, located on a three-quarter acre tract, bordered land now known as historic Bacon's Castle. By 1754, the third church was replaced with a larger brick building and was renamed Southwark Church — this area was now Southwark County. According to the sign above, that church burned in 1868, but was then rebuilt.



Sign posted on wall of third church. (Photo courtesy of Stuart Upchurch)

Today the church is crumbled though parts of some walls still stand.

The old cemetery is well-maintained, though stones are quite weathered. These photos give a glimpse of what you can see today.



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Lawne's Creek Parish Church

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(Photos courtesy of Stuart Upchurch)

Scratched on one of the old cemetery walls behind Lawnes Creek Parish Church, is:

*In all my wanderings in this world of care
In all my griefs and God has given me my share
I still had hope⁵*

1 George Mason's 1945 report as cited in *The Surry County, Virginia, 1776 Bicentennial Committee Guide to the buildings of Surry and The American Revolution*, by James D. Kornwolf, 2007; page 12.

2 *Lawne's Creek Church, Hog Island*, by Ethel R. Rowell 1979, fifth page.

3 George Mason's 1945 report as cited in *The Surry County, Virginia, 1776 Bicentennial Committee Guide to the buildings of Surry and The American Revolution*, by James D. Kornwolf, 2007

4 An Upchurch family member who wishes to remain anonymous, began a drive in 2007 to have the Lawne's Creek Parish Church, (first and second churches) declared a historical site in Surry County, Virginia.

5 Stuart Upchurch emailed this poem he found etched into the wall of the Warren headstone plot. He dated it as 1800s matching headstones within the wall. March 23, 2007.

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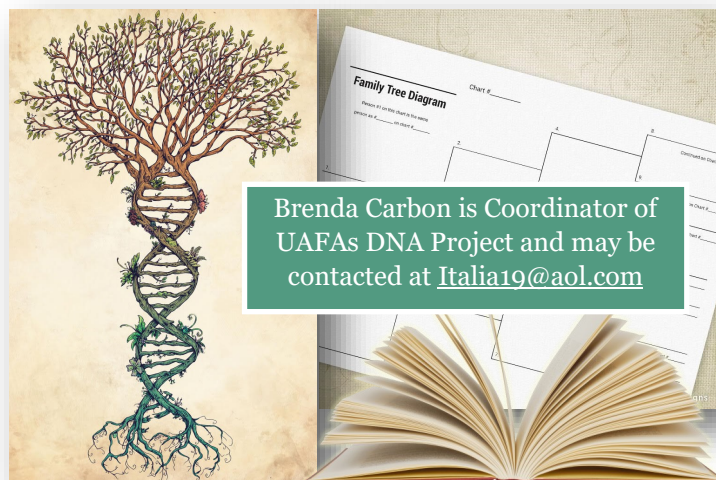


DNA Linking and Navigation in ANCESTRY®

DNA CONNECTIONS *By Brenda Carbon*

Have you tested yourself or one of your relatives with the Ancestry DNA test? Are you looking for where to start with your discoveries? First, make sure your tree is as up to date as possible. Ancestry uses trees along with DNA results to find common ancestors in trees. The details of your multiple common matches can also be viewed in the ThruLines DNA tool. This tool was **reviewed in a previous article**.

This issue we will review how to work with your common ancestors, link them with their DNA in your tree, along with navigation tips and tools to assist with the labeling of your known matches. From the DNA match screen, select the common ancestor option. Select the match you want to analyze. In this example, I am matching with a deceased relative, Eileen Stoudt (Picture A).



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Picture A

How are you and Eileen Stoudt related?

Common Ancestors

According to Ancestry member trees, these are the common ancestors that connect you and Eileen Stoudt. View a common ancestor to see the relationship path that connects you.

Eileen Stoudt could be your 2nd cousin 1x removed through:



Joseph Daniel Baer
2nd great-grandfather
1845-1902
[View Relationship](#)



Amanda Maria Rabert
2nd great-grandmother
1847-1930
[View Relationship](#)

Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

Eileen Stoudt Family Tree

[Expand tree](#)

Eileen Stoudt's Linked Tree 803 People

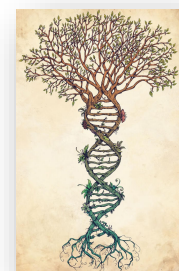
This is a preview of the public tree linked to Eileen Stoudt's DNA results. Surnames that appear in both your tree and Eileen Stoudt's tree are marked in green.



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I can view her tree and can see the projected common ancestors. Focusing on the common ancestor of Joseph Baer, I can “view relationship” which provides the details of how we may be related. After this is verified, I then update my tree with my new relatives from her tree and sources, adding her with her maiden name of Eileen Rabert.

Picture B

Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

How are you and Eileen Stoudt related?

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Eileen Stoudt could be your 2nd cousin 1x removed through:

- Joseph Daniel Baer**
1845–1902
[View Relationship](#)
- Amanda Maria Rabert**
1847–1930
[View Relationship](#)

Eileen Stoudt Family Tree [Expand tree](#)

Eileen Stoudt's Linked Tree 803 People

This is a preview of the public tree linked to Eileen Stoudt's DNA results. Surnames that appear in both your tree and Eileen Stoudt's tree are **marked in green**.



I can add or edit the relationship (**Picture B**). I also like to add a note because it is visible on the main match screen. You can also use the add group function (for example the user-defined group “Baer”) as **discussed in a previous article**.

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[Back](#) **Picture C** [Tools](#)

You and Eileen Stoudt
Eileen Stoudt's test is managed by: BARBARA HARDING

2nd cousin 1x removed | Paternal side

2% shared DNA: 169 cM across 8 segments

[Connect to tree](#) [Message](#) [Edit Relationship](#)

[Add/edit groups](#)

[Paternal grandmother 2C1R \(Rabert\)...](#)

Trees Ethnicity Shared Matches

Search for Eileen Stoudt in Koch Tree_2022-02-25

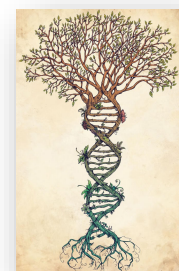
Select the person in your tree that you would like to connect to your DNA match, Eileen Stoudt.

Eileen E Rabert
1943 – 2021

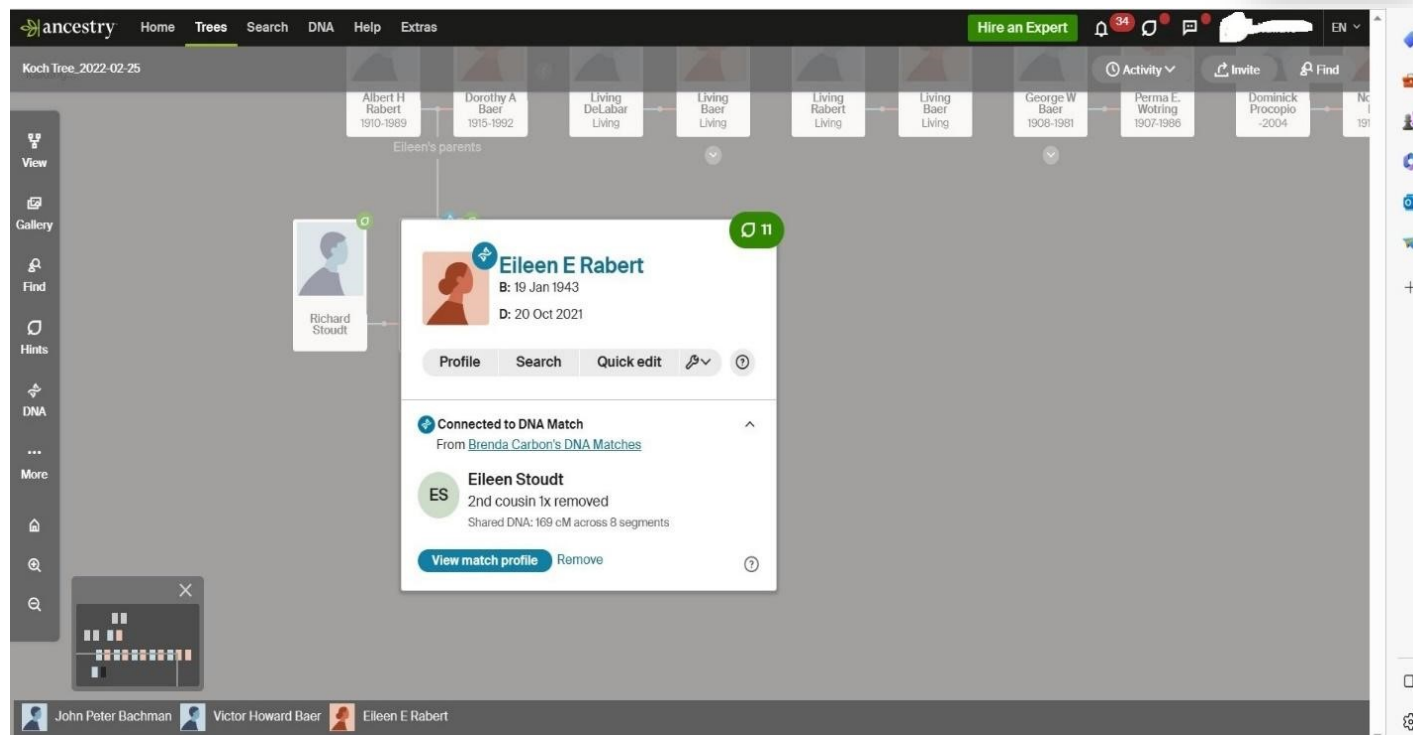
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Now that my tree is up to date, I can link Eileen Rabert's DNA within my tree using the "Connect to tree" option by searching for Eileen Rabert in my tree (Picture C).



Picture D

Once this is completed, I can work from my tree view by clicking on the DNA icon at the upper right-hand corner of her box. From there, it is easy to view her DNA match by selecting the "View match profile".

I hope this helps you with your DNA research. Happy hunting!

Brenda

You may want to re-read two of Brenda Carbon's previous articles (which correspond with this article) where she discussed Thrulines™ and Grouping.

[footprintsnewsletter_july2020.pdf \(alliedfamilies.com\)](#) Accelerate your Research with Ancestry Thrulines™ page 9

[footprintsnewsletter_july2022.pdf \(alliedfamilies.com\)](#) Organizing Your DNA Matches on Ancestry© and Focusing Your Research

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5 Favorite Ways to Honor Your Ancestors

Respecting our lineage is something important that our modern culture often ignores. We need to remember where we come from to gain perspective. When we honor and respect our ancestors, it reminds us of our own life's importance in shaping our own legacy.

1) Research your family tree and your ancestry for stories. Find out as much as you can about the struggles and travels of your ancestors. Ask your elders for stories about their lives. These will become keepsakes that can be passed down.

2) My favorite. Cook traditional or favorite family meals. Recipes are often part of the ancestral tradition that links to the culture of which we descend. There is something spiritual in recreating a meal in which your ancestors partook. Treasure old recipes. Make a family tradition of connecting emotionally and spiritually by partaking of traditional family food, we are creating moments in time where can experience something exactly the same as our great grandparents did. —It would be nice to commemorate the meal in their honor by saying a prayer of thanks to your ancestors.

3) Another way to contact your ancestors is through our dreams. It's a traditional method of ancestral communication in many traditions. Before falling asleep, say, "Tonight I will dream, and when I dream, I will receive a communication

"I am Who They Were"
Necklace created by artist Ashley Gilreath



Compiled by Cindy Hale

from my ancestors." Record your dreams using a journal when you wake up. I admit I haven't practiced this method enough but I am in favor of the idea.

Some believe the deceased communicate through signs, symbols, or other forms. Our ancestors are an essential aspect of dream interpretation. Asking for their advice is another of the best ways to honor your ancestors.

4) Show respect and admiration for your ancestors by placing a picture in a lovely location on a shelf. I have my grandmothers pedestal cake plate which we use for family birthday celebrations. Also, we have a c.1800 Windsor rocking chair which all mama's from that time rocked all the babies in. We will continue to keep these special items in our family and pass them down.

5) Gather family together for a pot-luck picnic and visit ancestors graves. My family traditionally did this every Memorial Day because it was close to a grandfather's birthday. Visiting the graves of your ancestors or sacred places can be a fulfilling and meaningful experience. It allows us to pay our respects, learn more about our family history, connect to our past and share the legacy and stories of our ancestors.

[Ten Ways to Honor and Respect Our Ancestors — Respect Your Lineage \(seekerproject4se.org\)](https://seekerproject4se.org/)

[How Do You Honor Ancestors? 12 Family History Celebrations \(genealogypals.com\)](https://genealogypals.com/)

[How to Make Ancestors Happy: Simple Rituals for Honoring Their Legacy - Ancestor Altars](#)



The UPCHURCH Surname in the USA

Frequency Comparisons

	Total	Rank	Frequency %	Per million people
United States				
United States (Current snapshot)	9,736	3358	0.004	36
United States (1880 census)	1,713	3423	0.003	34
Change since 1880	+8023	+65	+0.001	+2
Other Countries				
Australia	39	31303	0	2
United Kingdom	406	10346	0.001	9

Top States for UPCHURCH by Total

State	Total	Rank in State	Frequency %	Per million people
Texas	1,237	2032	0.006	59
North Carolina	1,156	1092	0.014	144
Tennessee	855	1073	0.015	150
Georgia	674	1632	0.008	82
Illinois	450	2993	0.004	36

Top States for UPCHURCH by Frequency

State	Total	Rank in State	Frequency %	Per million people
Tennessee	855	1073	0.015	150
North Carolina	1,156	1092	0.014	144
Mississippi	353	1267	0.012	124
Kentucky	373	1601	0.009	92
South Carolina	367	1843	0.009	91

Ethnic distribution data shows the number and percentage of people with the UPCHURCH surname who reported their ethnic background as being in these broad categories in the most recent national census.

Source: [The UPCHURCH surname in the USA \(americansurnames.us\)](http://americansurnames.us)

Classification and Origin of UPCHURCH

Region of origin: British Isles

Country of origin: England

Language of origin: English

Ethnic origin: English

Religious origin: Christian

Name derivation: Location or Geographical Feature

Data for religion and/or language relates to the culture in which the UPCHURCH surname originated. It does not necessarily have any correlation with the language spoken, or religion practiced, by the majority of current American citizens with that name.

Data for ethnic origin relates to the region and country in which the UPCHURCH surname originated. It does not necessarily have any correlation with the ethnicity of the majority of current American citizens with that name.

Ethnic distribution of UPCHURCH in the USA

Classification Total Percent

White (Hispanic)	150	1.54
Mixed Race	135	1.39
Native American/Alaskan	49	0.5
Asian/Pacific	29	0.3
White (Caucasian)	8,050	82.68
Black/African American	1,323	13.59

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The UPCHURCH Surname in the USA *Continued from page 6*

Notes

- **Total** is the total number of people with that surname.
- **Rank** is the position in the list of names ordered by total (eg, a rank of 1 means that it's the most common name, and a rank of 10 means it's the tenth most common, etc.).
- **Frequency** is the percentage of people with that surname.
- **Per million people** is the number of people with that surname per million of the population.

'A figure of zero indicates that we don't have data for this name (usually because it's quite uncommon and our stats don't go down that far). It doesn't mean that there's no-one with that name at all!

For less common surnames, the figures get progressively less reli-

able the fewer holders of that name there are. This data is aggregated from several public lists, and some stats are interpolated from known values. The margin of error is well over 100% at the rarest end of the table!

For less common surnames, the frequency and "per million" values may be 0 even though there are people with that name. That's because they represent less than one in a million of the population, which ends up as 0 after rounding.

It's possible for a surname to gain in rank and/or total while being less common per million people (or vice versa) as there are now

more surnames in the USA as a result of immigration. In mathematical terms, the tail has got longer, with a far larger number of less common surnames.

Figures for top states show firstly the states where most people called UPCHURCH live. This obviously tends to be biased towards the most populous states. The second set of figures show where people called UPCHURCH represent the biggest proportion of the population. So, in this case, there are more people called UPCHURCH in Texas than any other state, but you are more likely to find a UPCHURCH by picking someone at random in Tennessee than anywhere else.



2nd Quarter UAFA Upchurch Trees Report

From Linda Upchurch Sparks

Hi Cousins et al,

The 2nd Quarter of 2023 reflects significant improvements to the Upchurch family trees. We now have 142,511 people in the Upchurch trees with 307,364 documents and 27,024 pictures & stories. That is work to be proud of! Thanks to all who have contributed. The full report is available. ([email Linda](#))

Even though the bulk of preserving Phil's research has now been accomplished, the work in the trees will never be

finished. There are always new family groups to discover and documentation to update. To keep that up we need willing workers. If you know someone who might be interested in helping with this ongoing effort, please give them my contact information.

Hope all of you enjoy your Summer and manage to stay cool!

For the cause,

Linda



Remembering Ancestors

Why should we learn about our ancestors?

Learning about our ancestors can help us discover who we are and give us valuable lessons about life and living. It can give us a new perspective about our own life as we begin to study our ancestors and their lives¹. It also helps us understand who we are and brings us closer to our living and dead relatives². Uncovering the mysteries of our ancestors keeps our minds sharp and is fun!

Age of human ancestors

The human lineage has survived a long and arduous journey. Over millions of years, our genetic path followed numerous twists and turns. Modern human beings—that is, the species *Homo sapiens*—emerged relatively recently, only about 315,000 to 150,000 years ago¹. However, the timeline of human evolution outlines the major events in the evolutionary lineage of the modern human species throughout the history of life, beginning some 4 billion years ago down to recent evolution within *H. sapiens* during and since the Last Glacial Period². [Read More: Remembering ancestors. Why is it important to you? \(evalogue.life\)](#)

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Could you please tell me
the names of your children?



You got it from your father,
t'was the best he had to give,
And right gladly he bestowed it
It's yours, the while you live.

You may lose the watch he gave you
and another you may claim,
But remember, when you're tempted,
to be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it,
and a worthy name to bear,
When he took it from his father
there was no dishonor there.

Through the years he proudly wore it,
to his father he was true,
And that name was clean and spotless
when he passed it on to you.

Oh there's much that he has given
that he values not at all,
He has watched you break your
playthings
in the days when you were small.

You have lost the knife he gave you
and you've scattered many a game,
But you'll never hurt your father
if you're careful with his name.

It is yours to wear forever,
yours to wear the while you live,
Yours, perhaps some distant morn,
another boy to give.

And you'll smile as did your father,
with a smile that all can share,
If a clean name and a good name
you are giving him to wear.

Human DNA Can Now Be Pulled From Thin Air or a Footprint on the Beach

16 May 2023 by Anonymous

Footprints left on a beach.
Air breathed in a busy
room. Ocean water.

Scientists have been able to collect and analyze detailed genetic data from human DNA from all these places, raising thorny ethical questions about consent, privacy and security when it comes to our biological information.

The researchers from the University of Florida, who were using environmental DNA found in sand to study endangered sea turtles, said the DNA was of such high quality that the scientists could identify mutations associated with disease and determine the genetic ancestry of populations living nearby.

They could also match genetic information to individual participants who had volunteered to have their DNA recovered as part of the research that published in the scientific journal Nature Ecology & Evolution on Monday.

“All this very personal, ancestral and health related data is freely available in the environment and is simply floating around in the air right now,” said David Duffy, a professor of wildlife disease genomics at the University of Florida.

Environmental DNA has been obtained from air, soil, sediment, water, permafrost, snow and ice cores and the techniques are primarily being used to help track and protect endangered animals.

Human DNA that has seeped into the environment through our spit, skin, sweat and blood could be used to help find missing persons, aid in forensic investigations to solve crimes, locate sites of archaeological importance, and for health monitoring through DNA found in waste water, the study noted.

However, the ability to capture

human DNA from the environment could have a range of unintended consequences – both inadvertent and malicious, they added. These included privacy breaches, location tracking, data harvesting, and genetic surveillance of individuals or groups. It could lead to ethical hurdles for the approval of wildlife studies.

You can read more in an article by Katie Hunt published in the CNN Health web site

at: <https://>

www.cnn.com/2023/05/15/health/human-dna-captured-from-air-scn/index.html.





Military Column *Genealogy Research in* Military Records



What military records does NARA have?

The National Archives holds Federal military service records from the Revolutionary War to 1912 in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. See [details of holdings](#).

Military records from WWI - present are held in the National Military Personnel Records Center (NPRC), in St. Louis, Missouri, See [details of holdings](#).

The National Archives does not hold state militia records. For these records, you will need to contact the appropriate **State Archives**.

How can Military Records help in my genealogy research?

Military records can often provide valuable information on the veteran, as well as on all members of the family. For example:

- **Compiled Service Records:**
Compiled service records consist of an envelope containing card abstracts taken from muster rolls, returns, pay vouchers, and other records. They will provide you with your ancestor's rank, unit, date mustered in and mustered out, basic biographical information, medical information, and military information. [Learn more](#)
- **Pension Applications and Pension Payment Records:**
The National Archives also has pension applications and records of pension payments for veterans, their widows, and other heirs.

The pension records in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. are based on service in the armed forces of the United States between 1775 and 1916. Pension application files usually provide the most genealogical information. These files often contain supporting documents such as: narratives of events during service, marriage certificates, birth records, death certificates, pages from family Bibles, family letters, depositions of witnesses, affidavits, discharge papers and other supporting papers.

• **Bounty Land:**

Bounty land warrant application files relate to claims based on wartime service between 1775 and March 3, 1855. If your ancestor served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, early Indian Wars, or the Mexican War, a search of these records may be worthwhile. Bounty land records often contain documents similar to those in pension files, with lots of genealogical information. Many of the bounty land application files relating to Revolutionary War and War of 1812 service have been combined with the pension files.



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How do I begin?

There is no simple explanation for how to begin research in military records. Your research path will depend on aspects such as: what branch of service your ancestor was in, which conflict, what dates, whether Regular Army or a volunteer unit, whether your ancestor was an officer or enlisted personnel, and whether there was a pension application.

The approach to researching records of enlisted men and women, officers, and for the different branches of the military is described in this article: *An Overview of Records at the National Archives Relating to Military Service*.

Compiled Military Service Records for Volunteers:

When researching volunteers who served in the military for a particular war, start with the compiled military service records. Begin by searching the appropriate name indexes on the **National Archives microfilm**. If the compiled military service records have not been reproduced on microfilm, researchers may request to see the original records at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

Regular Army:

Since the War Department did not compile military service records for those who served in the Regular Army, start your research with:

- Enlisted Men - Regular Army Enlistment Papers, 1798-1894
- Officers - Francis B. Heitman's Historical Register
- Dictionary of the United States Army, From Its Organization, September 29, 1789, to March 2, 1903 (2 vols)

Bounty Land :

Many of the bounty land application files relating to Revolutionary War and War of 1812 service have been combined with the pension files. There is also a series of unindexed bounty land warrant applications based on service between 1812 and 1855, which includes disapproved applications based on Revolutionary War service. This series is arranged alphabetically by name of veteran.

Read more about beginning research in military records in the *Prologue* article, *An Overview of Records at the National Archives Relating to Military Service*.

How can I search the military records?

The National Archives holds Federal military service records in two repositories:

- **Revolutionary War – 1912** - National Archives Building in Washington, DC
- **WWI – present** - National Military Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri

More Places to Look:

- Regional Archives Microfilm Rooms

Note: Individual military records are not online. However, there are some items available online:

- Sample military service records are digitized in the National Archives Catalog
- More Online Veterans and Military Documents



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Obtaining Copies of Military Service Records

For recent records, most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain **free** copies of their **DD Form 214 (Report of Separation)** and other military and medical records several ways:

- Use our [eVetRecs](#) system to create your request
- Mail or Fax a Standard Form **SF-180**
- Learn more about requesting military service records

Older military personnel records (generally prior to WWI) are on file at the National Archives and Records Administration, Old Military and Civil Records Branch (NWCTB), Washington, DC 20408.

- **Service Records:** Order online or use NATF Form 86.
- **Pension claim files** for service from the American Revolution to pre-World War I and **Bounty-land warrant applications** for Federal military service before 1856:
Order online or use NATF Form 85.

Often Requested Records:

[War of 1812](#)

[Civil War](#)

[World War I](#)

[World War II](#)

[Korean War](#)

[Vietnam War](#)

[Veterans' Service Records](#)

[Other Wars](#)



Remember...



Mary Anne Bass Upchurch was born in Durham, North Carolina on November 23, 1934. She left her earthly body on Sunday, July 2, 2023 surrounded by her loving family and friends in Reidsville just two weeks after celebrating her 65th wedding anniversary. A Memorial Service was conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Lance Cole officiating. The family saw friends immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall.

Mary Anne was born and grew up in Durham, NC where she was very active at St. Philips Episcopal Church.

She met the love of her life and best friend – **Gilbert Rivers Upchurch Sr.** (Rivers)– in 1956 and

they married in 1958 one week after they both graduated from college. They made a home in Chapel Hill where he completed Dental School. She was hired as the secretary for the UNC-Chapel Hill Educational Foundation (Rams Club) in 1958. In 1962, the family moved to Camp Lejuene, NC where Rivers was a Naval officer attached to the Fleet Marine Force. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Rivers was on a ship nearing Cuba when his Aunt Floy Rivers Overton shared with Mary Anne that "a family that prays together – stays together."

She loved her First Baptist Church family and served on numerous committees through the years. In addition, she served on the Board of the Reidsville YMCA and volunteered with the Annie Penn Hospital Foundation. She was also engaged with the Reidsville Chapter of Daughters of the Revolution, and served as President the Reidsville Garden Club, the Junior League, and the Tuesday Afternoon Reading Club.

While Mary Anne was humble, she would sing high praises for her family – accentuating their accomplishments. She never wanted to take any credit for lifting them up so that they could focus and excel in their careers and life. However, it was her constant and abiding belief in their potential that has been the wind beneath their wings.

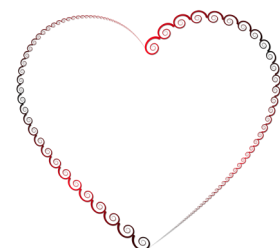
Mary Anne was predeceased by her beloved mother and father of

Durham – Arch and Anne Bass and her dear brother and his wife – Arch, Jr. and Betty Bass, also of Durham. In addition to her husband Rivers, Mary Anne leaves behind a son – Gilbert Rivers Upchurch, Jr. (Gib) and wife Nancy of Gainesville, FL and a daughter – Eugenia Anne Upchurch (Gina) of Durham. She is survived by three grandsons whom she adored – Gilbert Rivers Upchurch, III (Beckley, WV), Malcolm Walker Upchurch (Charlottesville, VA), and Joseph Hartwell Upchurch (Los Angeles, CA). She also leaves behind dear in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins. "Gran-Gran" was at her best during trips to Litchfield Beach and doting on her family as well as with friends and out-smarting them in card games.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the [charity of your choice](#). If able, go visit someone who needs support and take them something to eat.

Citty Funeral Home is assisting the Upchurch family and online condolences may be made at www.cittyfh.com

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Edward Franklin Upchurch passed away at home on June 13, 2023 at the age of 96, leaving behind a large blended family. He was predeceased by his wife of 44 1/2 years, **Sheila C. Upchurch**.

Ed was born in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 9, 1927. He was the son of the late Melzar Jackson Upchurch of Wake County, North Carolina and Agnes (Brett) Upchurch of Ahoskie, North Carolina. He had one sister, Judith Upchurch McGhee. He grew up in North Carolina. Ed graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy on December 10, 1947. After serving in the Merchant Marine, he attended the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering of the University of North Carolina (now called North Carolina State University) thanks to the financial support of his wife Patricia, who worked to support the couple while he was in college. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering on June 10, 1951. The following day, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, from which he received an honorable discharge on May 27, 1953. Upon leaving the Navy, Ed worked as an engineer for Standard Oil (Esso, Exxon) in Florham Park, NJ. Along the way, he earned a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology. After he retired from Exxon he continued to work as an engineer at Foxboro Corporation in Foxboro, MA.

Ed married Patricia O'Neill on June 18, 1949 (Div.). They had four children: Michael Vincent, Margaret Brett (Meg), Mary Kathryn (Katy), and Melissa Garrett. The family lived primarily in New Jersey, but Ed's work assignments also had them living for various lengths of time in London, the county of Hampshire in England, and The



Edward Franklin Upchurch

Hague in The Netherlands.

In 1973, Ed married Sheila (Cross) Smith on October 18, 1975. The marriage brought her three children, Peter Gregory, Gretchen Maria, and Melissa Ann, into the family. Ed and Sheila lived in New Jersey for a few years following their marriage, then moved to Rhode Island in 1983, drawn by Ed's passion for recreational sailing.

Ed was delighted by all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whether they were his by blood or through his marriage to Sheila. At the time of his passing, he had fifteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a fourth great-grandchild due in October 2023.

Ed was a great traveler. His journeys for work or for pleasure took him to many destinations in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, Africa, and North America. He continued building his bucket list of travel plans up to the end of his life. Most of all, he wanted to be an astronaut and travel to Mars.

Ed is predeceased by his parents, his sister Judy McGhee, his first wife Patricia, his second wife Sheila, his daughter Melissa Mayernik, and step-grandson-in-law Tim Felice.

He is survived by his son Michael of Seattle, WA, his daughter Meg of Lexington, KY, his daughter Katy Fickenwirth and son-in-law Gerhard of Beverly, MA; their children Laura Dyas, Paul Fickenwirth, and Peter Fickenwirth; Laura's husband Sam and their daughter Sybil Victoria; Paul's wife Emily and their daughter Madilyn Jo; son-in-law Thomas Mayernik, Tom and Melissa's daughter Emily Burns and her husband Morgan.

Ed is also survived by his step-children Peter Smith and wife An-nemarie of West Newbury, MA, their children Alexander and his wife Lindsey, Mandy and her husband Sal and their son Anthony, Molly, and Belle; Gretchen Coviello and her husband Nino of Madison, NJ and their children Meredith and her fiancé Ryan Marchese, Jessica and her fiancé Matthew Spero, Michael and his wife Paige, and Nicholas; Melissa Pattie of Providence, RI, Scott Pattie of Bristol, RI, and their children Abigail and her fiancé Sohail Syed, Eric and his fiancée Karolyn Sundberg, and Emma and her boyfriend John Alburger.

A celebration of Ed's life was held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 12:00 noon at Living Faith United Methodist Church, 2 Dane Street, Beverly, MA. 01915. Relatives and friends attended a Graveside Service with Military Honors Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM in The Cremation Garden at North Burial Ground, 1081 Hope Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Read the entire obituary: [Edward Upchurch Obituary \(1927 - 2023\) - Legacy Remembers](#)





Heritage Recipes

100 Year Old Pie Crust Recipe is Still the Best



The people who give you their food give you their heart. — CESAR CHAVEZ



This recipe makes three 9-inch or four 8-inch single pie crusts.

INGREDIENTS

4 Cups all-purpose flour
1 3/4 Cups shortening (lard would have been used back in the day)
3 Tbsp sugar (when using crust for a savory pie, I use a little less sugar)
2 tsp salt
1 egg
1/2 cup chilled ice water

DIRECTIONS

In a large mixing bowl, combine all-purpose flour, shortening, sugar, and salt. Blend together with a pastry cutter until crumbly.

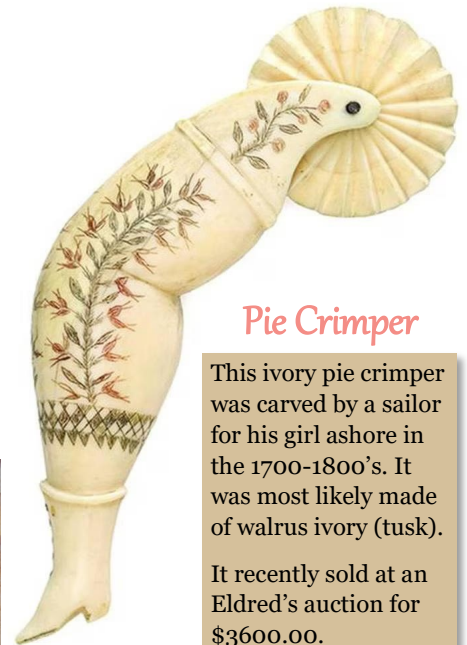
In a small bowl, mix the egg with water. Blend into flour mixture.

Cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator until ready to use. NOTE: I form a ball(s) and then pat it into a disk shape and wrap in plastic wrap.

Recipe by Dee Dee



Blend the egg mixture with the flour mixture until it pulls away from the bowl. Divide and wrap by number of pies.



Pie Crimper

This ivory pie crimper was carved by a sailor for his girl ashore in the 1700-1800's. It was most likely made of walrus ivory (tusk).

It recently sold at an Eldred's auction for \$3600.00.

