

JAMES DAVID UPCHURCH, I  
REUNION - SCOTT CO, AR

① The following write-up of the 10 JUL 1950 Reunion sent to RPU by Lois Wayne Frix in her letter of 5 JUN 1989

**11 Brothers, Sisters  
Attend Upchurch  
Family Reunion**

The McQuerys, proprietors of Mid-Way Park, were busy putting the finishing touches to the cabins Saturday morning when the first guests arrived for the four-day family reunion of the James David Upchurch family. Before the day was over nine of the eleven Upchurch children, accompanied by their children and grandchildren had gathered at the cabin quarters reserved for this occasion.

The day was spent renewing acquaintances, recalling numerous fond memories and visiting while the children enjoyed the swings, sand boxes and swimming in the river side pool. Supper was served family style in the Mid-Way dining room. Everyone had a jolly time and after a long happy day they were glad to retire to their comfortable log cabins for the restful sleep in their native state and county.

Sunday dawned, with nature dressed in her sunshiney best. The Upchurches were up early and after a hearty breakfast they gathered at the central cabin that had been converted into a living room for the reunion. Mrs. Alice McDaniel, Caney, Kansas, the official hostess for the reunion, greeted each carload of friends and relatives as they arrived—among them the other two Upchurch children, making the family attendance 100%.

Bounteous baskets full of delicious Southern cooked food were placed on long outdoor tables under stately pines. Mr. McQuery supplied covered dishes, iced tea, and pies from the cafe. Grace was said by Rev. James L. Neal of Springdale. Good food and good humor made the noon hour a very enjoyable one.

All during the day cameras clicked, autograph books were filled and to climax the day by records to hold this a precious memory for years to come, a big family picture was taken by Allen H. Barnett, manager of the Waldron Studio.

This is the first time that the entire family has been together since the family circle was broken at the death of their father James David, July 7, 1901. This year, at the turn of the century, the family organized a reunion and elected George Upchurch of Heavener, Okla., as president and Mrs. Edwin Gundolf of Alexander, Ark., as secretary-treasurer. The next reunion will be held the second Sunday of July, 1951 at the Mid-Way Park.

At 2:30 in the afternoon, the group gathered in the shady grove and Rev. Neal led group singing, followed by a beautiful dedication in memory of David and Ann Upchurch, father and mother of the eleven children. A daughter, Lillian Upchurch Hall passed away in 1918, leaving two sons and a daughter and husband Pat Hall of Scott county.

Friends and relatives of the entire family spent the day at the park. The oldest relative in attendance, the aunt of the Upchurch children was Mrs. Will L. Upchurch of Fort Smith. A small white leather bible was presented her from the family.

Members of the family present were: Mrs. Alice McDaniel and daughter, Mrs. George Durscherl and daughters Patty and Mary Beth Durscherl of Caney, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Upchurch of Stigler, Okla.; Lee Upchurch of San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Upchurch of Ft. Smith, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. George Upchurch and daughter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson and children Karen and James Karl of Heavener, Okla.; Mrs. Oce A. Stokes of West Frankfort, Ill.; and daughters and their families—Mrs. Albert Webb and daughter Ann of Ewing, Ill., and Mrs. Basil Bone and daughter Gaytha; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gundolf and children, Robert, Myrna, Betsey, Mae, Wallace, John, Jane and Mary of Alexander, Ark.; Mrs. M. A. Stewart and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stewart and daughter Jo Gaff and grandchildren, children of their son Jack, Jerry Jack and Regina; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dozier and son Dow, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Stewart and daughter Diane, all of Heavener; Mr. and Mrs. Berry Gray of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Upchurch and son and family—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Upchurch and children Jo Lynn and Jerry of Houston, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. James L. Neal of Springdale; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eggers, Three Rivers, Calif.; members of the Will Upchurch family (brother of David); Mrs. Will L. Upchurch and children; Miss Marion Upchurch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Upchurch and son Henry of Fort Smith and grandson Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hendrich.

Some members of the family had to be on their way home Monday but many stayed until noon Wednesday, when they left with promises to meet again in 1951.—contributed.

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LOIS WAYNE  
FRIX ←

REBA DORIS U ←

Δ + Δ STELLA STOKES ←  
Δ GAYTHA BONE ←  
Δ EDWIN GUNDOLF ←

Δ ROBERT GUNDOLF  
Δ MYRNA " "  
Δ BETSEY " "  
Δ MAE " "  
Δ WALLACE " "  
Δ JOHN " "  
Δ JANE " "  
Δ MARY " "

BILL GENE HENDRICKS, SR ←

PERMELIA  
ALICE U ←

GEORGE  
KELAND U, SR ←

CLAUDIA  
STOKES ←