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January 4, 1997 of these possibilities. Do you have any death date for Henrietta? When does she last appear on the census with William?

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Dear Phillip,

Got your letter today and have been comparing data and thinking about possible scenarios for the two issues mentioned: 1. William Upchurch Lineage and 2. Henry Hill lineage. Number 1 is less' us, it's complicated at the moment, so I'll tackle it first.

1. William Upchurch III-

The first part is easy enough, Elizabeth who married William Johnson is not the mother of "X" Upchurch, child of William. Quoting directly and word for word from a book entitled "Court Minutes of Granville County, NC", page 189, item 120 (Page is headed: Court Minutes 1800-1802), "WILLIAM UPCHURCH ordered to pay support of bastard child begotten on the body of PHEBE LINDSEY." Therefore, "X" Upchurch is the child of William Upchurch and Phebe Lindsey. As you can see, the book doesn't mention whether the child is male or female. What it does tell us is that this child is most certainly NOT Archibald H Upchurch, since the support was ordered for Phebe's child some 30-32 years before the Archibald was born according to the date of the court minutes and Archibald's approximate birthdate taken from the 1850 census. If Archibald is related to child "X", he would have to be a child or grandchild of child "X". With child "X" being 30-32 years old when Archibald was born, I think it more likely that Archibald would be the son of child "X", rather than the grandson. Has anyone looked for a copy of a marriage bond between Elizabeth and William Johnson? If Archibald is the son of child "X", then Elizabeth had to have been married to child "X", before she married William Johnson. I've spent the past several weeks delving into those estate papers from Franklin County that I have access to, trying to sort out the Hill clan. I still have a whole bunch to check out. I think the next time I'm at the Historical Society in town, I'll see if there's anything there for Elizabeth Johnson. It's a long shot, but if there is anything there, it may tell us something more. I think I'll also check to see what records I can come up with on Phebe Lindsey. Women are awfully hard to track through the records, but we could get lucky. If we can find a marriage bond for Phebe, we may be able to track her through her husband. Then too, if she never married, there may be something in the estate papers that would give us a clue. As you can see, what I have doesn't prove that Archibald is the grandson or g-grandson of William Upchurch III, but it may support that particular theory of yours. It does blow holes in the theory that Archibald H Upchurch is the son of William, providing Archibald's mothers name was Elizabeth, unless there was a second illegitimate child that we don't so far have a record of. I suppose that's not entirely impossible, but that theory seems to be borrowing trouble I think, unless or until we find out what happened to the child "X" whose existence can be supported by documentation. The other thought that occurs to me is that if Archibald was born about 1832, William Upchurch III would have been about 58 years old when Archibald was born, and he'd have been married to Henrietta Jenkins some 24 years previously. I don't think that being 58 necessarily precludes William as Archibald's father, and I don't have a clue when Henrietta Jenkins Upchurch died but it seems to me that this would better support the theory of Archibald as a grandchild, than Archibald as a child of William. Henrietta could have died and William remarried I suppose, or again we come up against the possibility of a second illegitimate child, by Elizabeth someone or other this time, but unless you have an approximate death date for Henrietta Jenkins

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14 JAN 1997

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your opus of 4 JAN 1997 arrived yesterday and I am  
very impressed with the thoroughness of your research  
and analysis. Also I am impressed with one who  
can use words like "Ergo" (as in your last letter) and  
"Ponit" (as in your latest). I pretend to be a wordsmith  
myself but in the U S and England the position is  
taken that I must write for the masses. Evenso, I  
try to "turn a phrase" now and then. Sallaine  
says I should quit playing with farm equipment,  
which I tend to break, and stick with the  
pen which she says is my natural tool.

Anyway, I spent a couple of hours on your letter yesterday and will spend 1 1/2 hours (5:00 - 6:30 AM) now before I have to head to the farm. Tom and I are to go to the John Deere Dealer to arrange for a new NO-TILL DRILL - a key farming instrument for the year ahead.

We both may be in over our heads on the Hill Family. My interest is limited as previously described. I would like to know how Henry Hill (the father-in-law of Ambrose H) fits into the picture and perhaps continue to gain insight into the people aspect of the power structure of Franklin Co, NC pre 1900. I may have led you astray on Sallaine. I know of no particular Hill among her ancestors although one could probably find one in her extended family somewhere. What I have noted is that her ancestor Daniel Hill was part of the power structure of Franklin Co, NC and worked in close association with members of the prominent Hill Family.

For the next several weeks I am placing a high priority on writing the Upchurch book and so will have to give full treatment to your letter later. In the meantime I hope you can continue to make progress and update me from time-to-time. Perhaps you will be able to find individuals, beyond those you have already identified, who have researched the Hill Family in detail. I did not send you my sources as I had hoped we could deal with that on a case-by-case

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basis. We can still do that in due course. However,  
since you might not have access to "Franklin's  
County Sheldonsbook" I am sending herewith copies  
of pages Front → 9 (Page 6 is blank) + the Hill articles that  
begin on pages 62 + 72.

My interest in the other Upchurch issue is  
abiding and I will return to your analysis  
on the William U group as I am sure that  
sitting will not allow me to treat your input  
adequately.

Re the Eliza U in the Pruett (Pruette)  
Household in 1850 & 1960 I have gone over my  
records one more time and still cannot fit  
her into the picture. I have operated on the theory  
that she is the widow of an Upchurch and that  
she was the mother of Fetsy, the wife of Lindsey  
Pruett. However, neither of these proposals may be  
true. I checked on my 1840 Franklin Co, NC Census  
records to find a household that would have  
a little girl 5-10 years of age (who would be Fetsy U).  
I found 2 such slots in the Burkely U Household, 1  
in the Littleberry U Household and 2 in the Jamison  
U Household. Subsequent reference to my Master  
Outline and Profiles for these three families  
either rule out or make it unlikely that Fetsy  
was a child of these three males. I note that



That Elizabeth aged 20 years between 1850 and 1860 which is about what she is doing to me. We are dealing with a fairly limited number of females born in the 1790-1800 era in the general area of Franklin Co, NC who could have been named Elizabeth and be an Upchurch or be married to an Upchurch. The Upchurch-Pruitt interactions for the area 1755 onward are extensive and I have many Pruitt Profiles - however they do not help in our particular matter. It seems you and I are agreed that the Elizabeth U in the Pruitt Household in 1850 & 1860 is not the widow of Andrew U.

Re William U, III

I have now checked my Profiles on the LEVDSEY family and find nothing helpful

[BREAK TO GO TO FARM ON TUE - BOUGHT A NO-TILL DRILL - \$24,750 - a great investment]

12:20 PM WED 15 JAN 1996 - Back to William U, III

I have checked my Johnson file and find 27 members with the name William - of which 8 are definitely connected to the Upchurch family as evidenced by an XID having been assigned. In scanning these Profiles twice I have not found anything helpful or related to our current questions.

As regards the death of Bennett (Jenkins) I do not have an approximate death date. on my extracts for Upchurch families in Granville Co, NC I find neither Bennett nor William U, III on the 1830, 1840 or 1850 census. Maybe they were missed either by the original census taker or by me or someone else extracting the Upchurch records. I am not sure my 1810 census extract is complete but the only one I found was a JAMES UPCHURCH with 6 males & 4 females and 25 slaves, can't figure out where he fits - see enclosed copy of extract & comment.

As regards the 15 children of John Forbaird, you are correct in saying not all have been identified. I have 7. It is quite likely that some, probably most, and possibly all of the other 8 died as infants or when quite young - something that was all too common in those days.

I know that I have not done justice to your letter. At some point I'll try to get back to it again. Perhaps in the meantime you will make more progress, have a vision, or whatever. The Hills are a tough bunch to sort out.

Best regards to Mrs & little Mrs.

☺ Sincerely yours  
 Phil Upchurch  
 [ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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7 FEB 1997

The Chatham Co, NC Newsletter came today and I rec'd the address for a "Hill Family" correspondent and thought it in order to send it on to you in case you have not made that contact.

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DEAR Michael?

The North Carolina genealogical Society suggested that I write to you. I don't know if you can help me or not, but if you have any answers for me, I sure would appreciate it. I'm new to this genealogy stuff and about to pull my hair out in frustration trying to solve this particular mystery.

□+□+△ My name is Janet Lighthill-Ridley. My mother was Alberta Lee Hoover.  
△+△+△ She was born in Hastings, Neb. to Grace Louree Upchurch and Seth Augustus  
— HOOVER, on Feb 23, 1932.

△+□+□+△ Grace's Parents were Theodore F Upchurch & Mary C Hogan. She  
— was born 7 August 1893 in Steelville, Crawford, Missouri.

□ Theodore was born in Raleigh, Wake, North Carolina, 11 May 1844  
□+□ to John Jordan Upchurch and Angelina Green. That's where

I get stuck. As near as I can tell there were two John Upchurch's living in North Carolina around that time. I don't know who the parents of either of them were. However, John Upchurch married Angelina G Green 29 May 1830 in Wake County North Carolina. AND John Upchurch married Angelina Z Green in Granville North Carolina July 4, 1841. If the marriage dates weren't so far apart, I'd suspect they were the same John & Angelina! As it is quite a coincidence I think.

I guess the question to you is: which John & Angelina belong to you, AND do you have ANY documentation that would help to prove or disprove that our John & Angelina's are the same ones or different ones? CAN you help? If they're the same, and we are related, I'm interested in the Bulletin too! Thanks

P.S. I'd be happy to pay for copies of documentation!

Jan

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29 Jan 1995

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ENCLOSED

Dear Cousin Phillip.

Got your letter the other day, and it was good to hear from you! Don't apologize about the check, we may be the ones who owe you an apology. First I didn't know anything about it, it was a surprise for me from my husband, Chris. I came to the same conclusion you apparently have about my help with the Upchurch research some time ago. I really need to know what's known and what isn't and a subscription to the Upchurch Bulletin and all of its back issues would be handy! Unfortunately, we are budgeted to the penny around here. We've come along way in 16 mos, but we still have a long way to go! When we arrived in Knoxville Sept 9, 1992 from Fairbanks, AK - we arrived with 2 children, \$60.10, and a 6x12 foot U-Haul that contained all we could bring with us - all personal belongings, no furniture. We had very little money, no jobs and no where to stay. We spent the first 3 months living in a tent in a campground before we were able to find a job and save money to rent a place to live. Then we camped in a house without furniture for another 6 weeks before we could even afford 2nd hand furniture. Since then we've managed to accumulate a houseful of



second hand furniture and even <sup>2</sup> save the down payment to buy the place we've dreamed about while we were having C.F.! Our furniture is far from pretty, but it works - and our dream home needs a lot of work - but we love it! A long way we've come in 16 mos, but it's taken all of our resources to do it and very probably will for quite some time to come - but this is our dream and it's been worth it. The point is, even coming up with \$15 for a subscription to the Bulletin is difficult and I put it on hold indefinitely. Chris decided to ~~surprise~~ surprise me for my birthday and wrote the check for a subscription to your bulletin. But - he just wrote Up Church Bulletin on the check and didn't stick a note in the letter to explain it.

And he wrote the check for \$14, instead of \$15. Sorry about that. He really was trying to help me out! Anyway, I'm enclosing \$1 with this letter to make up the difference - please enter my subscription for this year. Obviously - it's going to take me awhile, but my goal is to save enough from my grocery money to order the back volumes one at a time until I'm caught up - since a fair share of what I try to save each month ends up going to pay postage for research, copies etc. It'll probably be at a rate of 1 back issue every 3-4 mos. Yes I know that makes it a long drawn out process but it's better than

no process at all and better than I've been able to do up til now and I can be patient when I need to be!

I would love to read a copy of of John Jordan's book! Chris has said that he'd be willing to copy your copy of the book or to pay for you to have it copied (Feb 1 is our Anniversary!) whichever you prefer.

As for helping out with the research for Grace Lourie's family (or any of the family for that matter!) I'm more than happy to do it - it fascinates me. You do need to be aware that 1) I'm definately a novice, what little I know, I've learned by doing! 2) My contact with my extended family goes thru Mama - I write Aunt A or Uncle B, and they call Mama (I've given my own phone # in every letter I've written - but they always call Mama to tell her they were glad to hear from me, I guess - and they don't call or write me!) Go figure it! Anyway - you ask questions, I'll answer or get answers as best I can and be happy to do it! 3) Some months I have loads of time for research (Oct-Jan certainly!) other months I'm tied up with work around here. We are trying

to renovate the Orchard and Vineyard and have plans for a large garden come spring. We're also working on our house and the guest house as we make money available to do the work. I probably won't be of much use May-Sept. I do have access to the McClung Collection in Knoxville which would be of help I'm sure with the Tennessee branch of Upchurchs. As a matter of fact, I'll be headed to McClung once we're finished pruning trees this month to check out the Honorable Henry Hill's family. I'm still trying to find out who his spouse was and who his daughters' and their spouses were (I'm particularly interested in when the daughters spouses died - one of them killed Ambrose, if he was executed for it his death date won't be too far into the 1820's. If I have to read unindexed court minutes (if there are any court minutes regarding Ambrose's death) I'd like to have a name besides Ambrose to cue me in and as narrow a time window to look thru as possible.) I've pulled everything I can from North Carolina (and not gotten that information) without going there myself or hiring a professional to look for me. So why Tennessee? Because Henry's older brother, Green Hill Jr, was one of the earliest settlers to Nashville and extremely prominent and active in the development of the Methodist Church there. I know from experience that Nashville's early records are good (Chris' family was one of the original

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Donnellson River Trip Settlers) At worst, I should come back with more information on early Nashville and Methodist Church History as well as a lot on Green Hill Gro family - and at best I may stumble across some Bible records or find that someone else has done the research on the Hill family for me. Since I can't afford to go to North Carolina or pay a professional any time soon, at least I won't have lost anything.

I don't know whether or not you realize it, but Oakridge, TN is about a 20 minute drive from my house! Our guesthouse probably will not be ready by May (in preparation for total renovation, disparately needed - it's been stripped down to a pretty bare shell and will be put back together as we manage to find money for the project one piece at a time!) but we do have a spare bedroom upstairs - not pretty, the ~~the~~ inside of our place needs a lot of work too, and it's bare - all that's in it is a bed - but you're welcome to use it if you like. It is weather tight. In any case, it would be really great to meet you, whether you come to visit, or need a place to stay or just want to meet somewhere for lunahs! Just let us know. ~~Chata~~ Chattanooga is not so far either - just a couple of hours. If you end up doing a conference - maybe we could drive up to attend.

I'd already found out from the VA Hist. Soc

people ~~was~~ that my West was deceased and her book  
out of print. I've seen Olive Upchurch's book (that's  
how it's referred to at McClung) referenced but have  
yet to run across a copy anywhere. <sup>I've always seen it referenced  
as Olive Upchurch's Journal - 8.  
on same book. who was she?</sup>

My own research into the Righttill and Hoover  
branches of the family is finally moving along  
quite well. I ended up finding "Valore" Hoover in  
Vermillion County, all ~~a~~ census as Valarie Marcus  
Hoover and so far I can take the line 3 generations  
back from there, to Smithfield, PA with all their children.  
Sometimes all it takes is to get past one ~~stumbling~~ block.

This letter is pretty dispirited, I've written it between caring  
for the baby and helping to prune the old orchard trees. What  
a mess! I'll try your list of questions again this  
weekend and send answers as soon as I get them.  
Meanwhile I can't wait to see my first issue of the  
bulletin! Take care of yourselves and let us  
know if we can be of any help when you get to  
Tennessee - you really are welcome to stay here.

Yours

Cousin Jan

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PS

I think they're going to change our area code  
soon - so you might want to talk to an operator  
if you need to call.

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Congrats on the move to MO - I know you've been  
looking forward to it for a long time!





a copy of the John Fordank book when I run across it.

Since you are going to work on the Hills I include herewith what I have on Henry Hill, G. Hill, Green Hill (regular, fr, sr), El Hill, Elizabeth Hill and John U, IV. I have made no special effort to collect the Hill information but just took what came my way. I am sure you will find a lot.

Oline Ada Stevens (who mrd William Henry Morgan) was a descendant of George U - Head of the George U Clan. Her book entitled "The Upchurch Story" by Oline A. Morgan, gave a general Upchurch overview but had a major section on George U & his descendants. She did great work. She lived in Kansas City and I visited her there and had lunch in her home in JUL 1975 just as she was getting ready to finalize her book. We corresponded a lot up to the time of her death. Her offspring/descendants have not been willing to continue her work or to exchange correspondence. I worked a lot closer with Belle West.

Bye the Bye - I may have given you a wrong ZIP code - Please use the one on this letter head.



Thank you for ~~the~~ invitation to visit. We will make every effort to get by your part of Tennessee. I just know we would have a great time visiting. We appreciate your offer for us to stay in your home. However, we find it best if we stay in a local motel which allows us to have water to come late, leave early, to accommodate any peculiar night ~~time~~ habits we may have. However, I would love a cup of coffee (or other beverage of your choice) in your home and to see the program you are making. We can even exchange stories about who has had the roughest times. I was raised in a home where you could study astronomy, geography and landscaping without leaving the house.

Thanks ever so much for your continued interest in our shared family heritage.



Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

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Dear Cousin Jan,

Thank you for your letter report of 6 MAY 1997 which I have now extracted.

I was sorry to learn about the passing of your Uncle Jack. He was a fascinating character. I really enjoyed his visit to our home in Tucson on 31 OCT 1985 and our exchange of letters. How I wish I could have spent more time with him. Enclosed is a copy of my Master outline sheet that pertains to Jack and his family. Can you add anything to this. I would be especially interested to learn where he died and where he is buried.

I think it is just good the way you are sticking to the task of sorting out the HILL family. When you get them all sorted out the Hill family should rate you as a saint! I will be especially interested to learn the father of Mrs John Jordan Upchurch

It is also nice of you to keep looking to solve our other upchurch loose ends in Granville Co, NC. As we continue to work and pool our efforts the matters of this part will become clearer. As an example, I am now in contact with an active researcher whose roots go back to Granville Co, NC. So far, she and I have no common ancestor and no Will reference have surfaced - but you never know.

I have been making almost daily trips to the farm to look-in on the work of my helper Tom in planting soybeans. I feel like a mother hen with one chick (and he is only part time). We should finish our 150 acres of main crop soybeans today. The other 350 acres get planted after wheat is harvested in late June or early July. Our new NO-TILL drill works great, I should be driving the tractor some but a bad cold has restricted my activities in the last few days. I am gradually getting over it and am now into the coughing stage at night - got my best night's sleep last night for the last 3-4 nights.

In spite of my ailments Gallaine has pressed me into service as a slave to help move our landscaping along. We have been mulching and adding plants here and there. After 2½ years our yard is looking good. We have the nicest grass in the area. Of course we only have a 1/3 acre lot which is the norm for our area. When I am cutting the grass the size seems about right. We never have gotten around to having a vegetable plot on our farm - but I have good intentions.

I know what you mean about the 2-year old helpers. We kept our two girls for six days last week (2 & 3 yrs old) + the boxer Sparky and they were a handfull. It took both of us to manage the crew.

With All Best Wishes



Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

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I did some digging so far when else I could turn up on William Sr. I don't have in my files and I'll keep copying what I come across for the only really interesting information that I've come across is that William Sr was charged from paying taxes. I also learned that one of the Williams (Sr. I think 'top' for sure) for R P Upchurch in 1778. That document is in the state records. I was digging through the William 6 Eagles Way Ln and more records on William, brother to John IV. I am intrigued by child X and was to Lake St Louis, MO 63367. I looked for Phoebe Lindsey Dickson (Dickson) records too. I thought her husband Joseph. So far, no luck. There are a lot of records to be gone through though before 'm

Dear Phillip: I struck out!

I'm slow at answering mail these days, but I guess I don't need to tell you how busy things get with the orchard and the vineyard in the good weather months. With Chris working full time in town, a lot of the work falls to me. With an active 2-year-old as my chief hired hand, things tend to take me about twice as long as they would anyone else! However, the up side is that once he figures out what it is we're doing, he'll truly be a big help, cuz he likes doing it!

I did manage to make a quick trip in to the Historical Society this last weekend. Results were a mixed bag of hopes and misses. I did manage (finally!) to locate the will of Henry Hill Jr. It took a while because he didn't go where I deduced he had from the records I'd found, but I'm sure it's the correct will for the correct individual. He definitely is not the father of Elizabeth Hill Upchurch, in fact, he had no children and he died in 1799. It's a long document, so I'm just going to boil the pertinent information down for you. I finally found it in Rowan Co. It's dated 4 Mar 1799 and there was no probate date that I could read. He leaves the bulk of his estate to his wife, Nancy during her natural life. If she remarries a "good Christian man, with the consent of her parents & James Parker & Joshua Caton - then if they have issue they shall equally heir the land after her death." If she remarries without their permission, or she dies without issue the estate gets divided between his brothers, Green and Richard Hill. He makes some interesting provisions for three of his slaves, Hhanca (sic), Eastern, and Sanul (sic again!) and their issue. They are to serve Nancy until they are 25 and then they are to go to the "President of the Humane Society in Virginia". I don't think we're talking an animal type humane society here either. If I remember my North Carolina history correctly, slaves could not be freed at all without specific permission from the Assembly. Manumits were only occasionally granted for individual slaves, and NEVER enmass. They were afraid I think that if there were a lot of freed slaves running around there would be an uprising and the white folk would be massacred. To that end, slaves were not allowed to carry anything that might reasonably be used as a weapon unless it was necessary to carrying out their responsibilities, and there was something they called the "blood law" that said that if any slave drew blood on any white person for any reason, even self-defense, even just a little blood, the automatic penalty was execution! I'm wondering if the VA laws weren't maybe just a little different, because he goes on to say that any time the laws NC will permit it, his slave Chania (sic yet again!) is to be set free IMMEDIATELY if she so chooses. The emphasis was his. He goes on to say that what stock and household furniture he left in Franklin Co is to be sold, and what debts he owes there are to be paid from the proceeds. Any money owed him there is to go to his wife. He stipulates that what land he has left in Franklin Co is to be sold and \$200 from that is to be set aside to pay his executors to furnish whatever things his wife may need and to build her a house. Anything over that \$200 is to be divided between his brother Richard and Green Hill and his sister Sally Thompson.

WHENEVER THE ASSEMBLY DID GRANT A MANUMIT THE SLAVE WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE AREA w/in a short time OR HE/SHE COULD BE CAPTURED & RESOLD!

He does not mention Elizabeth as a sister, or even at all, then again, she would have been at most 9 or 10 years old then—still a minor in her father's care. His father is not mentioned in the will either. That eliminates everybody from the field of possibility with the exception of Henry, son of Green Hill Sr. But I'm darned if I can find anything that will prove that he was Elizabeth's father, or even that he survived until 1835 when we know Elizabeth's Henry had to be living to deed the farm to her. Not in Franklin, Bute, or Granville counties. Granville didn't become Granville until 1762, so I suppose it's barely



possible that I might find something in Edgecombe Co from which Granville was formed, and I will look there next. But I don't think it's too likely.

I did some digging to see what else I could turn up on William Upchurch too. There are records there that I don't have in my files and I'll keep copying what I come across but so far the only really new (to me at least) information that I've come across is that William Sr was exempted from paying taxes on Aug 2, 1774 because he had no land. I also learned that one of the William's (Sr., I think) took his oath to the State of NC on 22 May, 1778. That documents in the state records. I was digging through the William records trying to find more records on William, brother to John IV. I am intrigued by child X and want to know if we can link him to Archibald. I looked for Phebe Lindsey Dickson (Dixon) records too, through her husband Joseph. So far, no luck. There are a lot of records to be gone through though before I'm willing to say I struck out!

I ran out of time before I could do more than take a cursory look for Priscilla Upchurch Lawrence and her sister Mary Ann Elizabeth Parrish. Nothing jumped out as being obvious. Will try to take a closer look next time, but probably won't get to it before next month as the next few weekends need to be scheduled for the trees and grapes when Chris can give me a hand with the heavy stuff.

Gotta go, will try to get an order in for Vol. VI sometime in the next couple of weeks. Take care, and give Sallaine my best.

Just me

Gan

P.S. Sad news re: my uncle Jack (John Small, son of Grace Louree Upchurch) he passed away 10 Apr 1997.



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Dear Phillip:  
I don't want to step on your toes, by intruding on the year. I've put you to rest. I don't have other family lines that are as close as working on. I have a lot. I got your letter last week, and the back volumes 3 & 4 of UB, the week before that. Thank-you for sending them so promptly and for the Vol 3. The best part though, was opening Vol 4 to find the pictures of JU, Angelina, Theodore and Mary! What a wonderful surprise! I can't begin to tell you how delighted I was to see them. I was on air for days! I had of course, seen a sketch of the JU photo, in my AOUW file, but the others were definitely a rare treat. I had been solved. And I am a sucker for any AOUW member being solved. I hope to get there soon. Ready or not, spring has definitely sprung here in the Tennessee Valley, and between the orchard, vineyard, the beds, and the garden, there is much work that needs attention before I can play again. I'm sure you know how that goes. The peaches, pears, and plums are in full bloom already. I don't think the pecans and cherries are all that far behind. The asparagus spears are poking through, and the strawberries too are starting to bloom. The grapes are already crying out to be pruned and trained to the arbor, and of course everything at this point needs raking, weeding, cultivating, fertilizing, pruning, and my guess is that by next week we'll need to start mowing too. Spring slows my research pace considerably, but still, it's my favorite time of year even with all the work. The world is coming alive again, and no artist I've ever seen can paint a picture as pretty as God does!

JAN V. 5  
3-18-97

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OF  
LINDSEY  
PRIVETT

I did though, want to address your concerns with the Lindsey Privitt issue. My vote, is that Elizabeth U in the Lindsey Privitt household is indeed widow to Sion in spite of the 1795 birthdate, with Susan being a daughter of Sion, and NIECE to Larkin. I know that the 1850 census shows Elizabeth too young, but if you check the extract of the 1860 census I sent with that one in my letter of Jan 4, 1997 (it's near the bottom of the last page, so you don't have to reread the entire 13 pages!) you will find that in that 1860 census, Elizabeth has aged 20 years which would leave only a 5 year difference from the 1795 estimate of her birthdate. Who is to say it's the 1850 census that is correct and not the 1860 one? Just so you know, I have checked and rechecked that entry in the census. The 20 year age difference is not my typo, it's what that census reflects, I copy things the way I find them, errors and all in the interest of accuracy. It's not unusual either for the census to reflect such age differences. From what I understand, most folks did not read or write, so a census taker was hired to go dwelling to dwelling to ask the questions and write the answers, sometimes they didn't understand what they heard so wrote what they thought they heard. They also asked their questions of anyone who happened to be in the house answering the door that day. Who knows if that person was an immediate family member or a distant friend or relative who just happened to be about helping the family out that day. For that matter, the answers could have come from a servant or bondsman who was just guesstimating at ages. See what I mean? I don't find the age difference that big a deal. For that matter, her age could have been guessed at on the census that you got the 1795 birthdate from, then the error exaggerated by the way ages were recorded on the early censuses. Anyway, for what it's worth, that's my best guess.

Ever since I saw the info on Sion Upchurch and his wife Elizabeth that you sent me there has been something nagging at the back of my mind, telling me that I had seen all those names before somewhere other than on the genealogy chart you sent me. I looked through my general Upchurch file and couldn't find anything. Then, when I was writing the above paragraph, the little voice started nagging again, so I

looked through my Hill file just now, and sure enough, the entry I'm thinking of shows up on a page I had copied from Franklin County Kinfolks, 1793-1844 because of a Hill record that was on it. page 212.

From Kinfolks of Franklin County, NC 1793-1844, page 212: "p 128 (Unfortunately, I don't know which deed book!) Richmond Upchurch of Nash Co., NC deed to Albert Upchurch, Sinthy Upchurch, and Lindsey Upchurch, legatees of their father Sion Upchurch, deceased, subject to dower right of Elizabeth Upchurch, widow of said Sion, Dec. 8 1834." This has got to be the same Sion and Elizabeth, but it doesn't mention ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Susan, so I'm not sure how this bears on our theory re; Lindsey Privitt & Co. I think maybe you're right. WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH!

And I am interested in all of the Upchurch family, from A to Z--it's just that you have already done most of the work on it. I don't want to step on your toes, by intruding on the years you've put into the project and it isn't like I don't have other family lines that no one else is working on, so unless I have a question about a particular person or event, or unless you ask for my help on something, or other, I don't try to second guess you by doing the work over needlessly. On top of that, with you having already done the research, to do it over would be a little like trying to read an Agatha Christie novel cover to cover after you've already read the last chapter, and know how the story ends. It's interesting to know what clues were dropped along the way, but the mystery has already been solved. And I am a sucker for mysteries. Dangle a mystery before me and I'll follow you wherever until it's been solved! On the other hand, when I'm trying to solve a puzzle, I want as many pieces as go to that puzzle in front of me so that when I put them together, I have the whole picture. I also tend to find history fascinating, and family history makes it come even more alive for me. It's better than reading a cliff hanger, and I love to read! And I love stories, particularly stories that are true or might be true, and historical mysteries, so genealogy research caters to whole bunches of my areas of interest!

Byron Hill sent me an updated, better documented and corrected version of the Hill family genealogy by Virginia Pew Chase. Let me know if you're interested, and I'll be glad to pass it along. According to him, William Hill Sr, and Green Hill Sr, were not brothers, but Uncle and Nephew, with Green Hill Sr's father being William Hill Sr's brother, Richard Hill. I may have a whole new bunch of Hill data in a couple of weeks too. Byron put me in touch with another Hill family member who is actively working on sorting the Hill clan out. A lot of Byron's research is based on records that were gathered by Robert Hill in Florida. I'm also following up on a lead concerning Rebeckah Ransom, whom I think may be Elizabeth Hill Upchurch's mother. We'll see if it turns up anything we don't already know.

You didn't say how your trip to Arizona went. Everyone is doing well, I trust. You also forgot to enclose an order form for the back volumes of UB. So please consider this letter and the enclosed check for \$20.00 to be a request for Volume #3. I have to go, take care. I'll let you know if I find anything conclusive regarding Elizabeth's parents, or Upchurch X, or Archibald Upchurch.

Sincerely,

Jan

P.S. did you know about Albert & Sinthy? Who was Richmond of Nash Co?

ALSO - I NOTE THAT IN THE "FRANKLIN CO MARRIAGE BONDS" p 57 (ON THE SAME PAGE ON WHICH IS RECORDED AMBROSE & ELIZABETH'S MARRIAGE BOND) "LINDSEY Upchurch to LOUISA E V JONES 11 SEP 1838 W.C. Wright (W) S. PATTERSON"

LARKIN WASN'T LISTED AMONG THE UPCHURCHES FOR FRANKLIN CO SO EITHER HE MARRIED HIS ANN ELSEWHERE, OR IT WAS ONE OF THE FRANKLIN CO RECORDS THAT WAS LOST IN THE FIRE!

## MICHAEL ENTERPRISES

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24 MAR 1997

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Dear Cousin Janet,

Dear Cousin Janet,  
 Thanks for your letter of 13 MAR 1997 with all  
 the family information and for your \$20 check in  
 payment for U.B. Vol 5. This Volume was sent to you  
 on 18 MAR 97. I am glad you especially enjoyed Vol 4.  
 Enclosed are extra forms in case they are needed.  
 Sorry I left them out last time.

After getting back from CA/AZ we quickly got into producing U<sub>2</sub> Vol 18 No 1 but ran into computer and paper problems so did not get it in the mail until 18 MAR 97. Now I am back to dealing with correspondence that has accumulated.

yes, we did enjoy our trip to the southwest very much. The Desert Legume Advisory Board meeting in Tucson went well and we got to spend time with our daughter and her family there and with several old friends as well. As a special treat we visited Family History Land, a small company run by a William Kleese. He & I had served on the faculty

at the University of Arizona at the same time but he has since gone into family history business full time. I bought a couple of CD-ROMs with family history data on them and a genealogy software package FAMILY TREE MAKER. We have since gotten all of this installed on our computer and it works fine except I have not had time to learn the fine points. I don't think I'll replace my manual Upchurch System right away but there are several ways I want to use this powerful tool.

Then in LA we had a great visit to Hearst Castle at San Simeon and we enjoyed 2 nights on the Queen Mary at Long Beach. Along the way we had lunch at a quaint Danish village. Driving in LA at night in the rain is tough! We made two wrong turns on the freeway - but recovered nicely.

I have placed your paragraph on the Elizabeth U of the Lindsey Prunett Household in the Lindsey Prunett Biopic so it will be there to help me go back through the issues raised when the time comes. I have a practice of stopping lots



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of things into Biopics and then trying to  
make sense out of them at some particular  
time. This allows me to focus on a given  
issue at a given time and to minimize  
getting subtracked

Given your comments on Sion II & related people  
I enclose herewith a copy of my master outline  
for the Richard II, III / Sion II Subclass covering  
Sion II his children, grandchildren & great grand-  
children. Also provided is a copy of the Biopic  
for Sion II (XFB-64) [5 pages, 16 items]. There may be  
an item or two in here that belongs to another  
Sion. It seems pretty clear that this Sion II spent  
his entire life in Franklin Co, NC during there  
about 1835. Some of his children & grandchildren  
are found in Nash Co, NC and some descendants  
moved to IL.

Jan, don't worry about stepping on my toes  
in doing Upchurch research. For the most part  
I do not do research but spend my time  
trying to fit things together. Mostly this involves  
using information provided by others and encouraging  
them to supply more. I am always happy to make  
copies of what I have put together available. There  
are lots of major puzzles in the Upchurch family

and I am always happy if I find someone who wants to work on any one of these. You will note that I mention these puzzles in the U<sup>B</sup> from time-to-time - mostly in the Missing Links Section. Here are several examples:


- How does the Upchurch group in Hawaii fit into the Upchurch family on the mainland?
- Who was the father of the Upchurch twins b 1870 in Gulfport, MS?
- How does Henderson U in Bexar Co, TX in 1839 fit into the Upchurch family of Chatham Co, NC?
- Who was the father of Joseph U b 1775?
- Who was the father of the 5 Upchurch children of Franklin Co, NC whose last names were changed to Carpenter in 1803?

All of these puzzles have been researched from time-to-time and I am sure we will make a breakthrough sooner or later. I don't think of any reason any of these would rank high on your list. Sorry but the Hill Grandfather of John Jordan U would seem to be your "cup of tea" since he is your direct ancestor. I know you are working hard on this and hope you will have success on this particular puzzle. If you and I choose to do so I am sure that we can come up with a short list of puzzles

that would come out of your direct Upchurch line. As just two examples - we are very short on information about two of the siblings of John Jordan U. For his sister Priscilla M. (Upchurch) Lawrence I have the name of her husband with a few details as shown on the enclosed sheet. For his sister Mary Ann Elizabeth U I have only that she was born 13 APR 1822 (Granville Co, NC) and 10 (17) SEP 1838 (Granville Co, NC) Ralph Pawick. Surely there has to be more on these two siblings.

As with you spring is on the way. I have already cut the grass once and it needs it again. Yesterday Gallaine had me planting rose bushes (Climbing Blaze) and it seems she has more ideas of things along that line. Things at the farm are picking up as well. I have scheduled the next four Saturdays as farm work days & Tam & I are trying to recruit workers - Hope we have some luck.

Thanks for all your input. I look forward to our continued exchanges.

Sincerely yours  
 Phil Upchurch

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2 MAR 1987

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Dear Cousin Jan,

your letter of 13 FEB 1997 arrived just as we were  
leaving for a 9 day trip to AZ/CA. Gallaine was  
able to get UB Vol 3 & Vol 4 in the mail to you  
before we left. As to money - lets say we are even  
at this point. If you want to order more back  
issues an order form is enclosed.

Now that we are back home I can address your letter. I have found the 1836 John Prickett will most interesting and it puts me a little closer to understanding some family puzzles of that era. I will mention my interests but I think they go beyond your central interests except as they bear upon trying to get individuals with the name sorted out as related to Elizabeth U nee Elizabeth Hill, mother of John Jordan U.

I am reluctant to send you copies of all the sheets that pertain to the places your John P. Prudden citation led me since they are not central to your interests. Let me try an abbreviated description and if you



want more information you can ask & I will gladly send same.

Enclosed is a copy of my profile on John Prunett. From this it is reasonable to guess that the SUSAN in entries ① & ③ are the same - nee Susan U. Time & location leads one to speculate that this Susan U was the dau of Larkin U or Sien U, both sons of Richard U, III, Head of clan.


Enclosed is a copy of my profile on Lindsey Prunett where entry ⑤ shows the Elizabeth U (nee?) you mentioned. This shows her as age 50 on the 1850 census - hence b. about 1800. I show that Sien U and an Elizabeth - - but she was b. about 1775 and hence too old to have been the Elizabeth U in the Lindsey Prunett Household in 1850. I show that Larkin U and an Ann - - b. 1795. Thus it appears the Elizabeth U in the Lindsey Prunett household in 1850 is not the widow of Larkin U unless we want to propose some adjustments such as: • she had had first names Elizabeth & Ann; • she was born 1800 and not 1795; • Larkin U and Anne - once to Ann - - and once to Elizabeth - -. At this point I don't think we have enough other circumstances or evidence to make any of these three adjustments. Likewise it appears that the Elizabeth U in the 1850 Lindsey Prunett household was not the widow

of Susan U since his wife Elizabeth was b. about 1775.

The fact that Susan(U) Pinnett named a son Lindsey Pinnett gives a hint that she may have come from the Susan U household where she would have had a brother Lindsey U - or from the Larkin U household in which case Lindsey U would have been her 1st cousin.

All of the above seems to say that I still have a lot of work to do on the Richard U, III / Susan U and Richard U, III / Larkin U Subclan and that the Elizabeth U in the 1850 Lindsey Pinnett household is not the Elizabeth who had m. Ambrose U.

If you need clarification of any of the above, please let me know.

Sincerely yours  
 Phil Upchurch

P.S. -

\* I updated myself - written [ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]  
 before & after church!

P.P.S

Also enclosed is profile for  
 John Pinnett - see how ① & ③  
 define the children of Susan(U)  
 Pinnett & provide names of Larkin U  
 & "Lindsey" which tend to link  
 Susan U to Susan U or Larkin U

Phil U

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REC'D  
18 FEB 1997

Dear Phillip;

This letter will be brief, I just mailed off a fairly long one the other day. But the very next day I got your letter containing the Chatham County Journal and I did want to thank you for passing it along. I have already written to both Mr Byron Hill and to the Journal enclosing dues for membership and my own query. Thanks!

There are two pieces of business I need to attend to with this letter. First, there is a record that I somehow overlooked and failed to send you in my last missive. It may eventually help to shed some light on the identity of Elizabeth Hill residing with the Lindsay Privitt family in Franklin County in the 1860's.

From Franklin NC Original Wills, 1789-1861, Vol I, pp.75, Item #288: "John (x) Privett 13 Sep 1836 Dec Ct 1836. To my wife Susan & to my son Lindsey & to my daughter Linsey - all my property after my debts are paid, to be held in common until my son is age 21 & then a division to be made; in case he dies, then a division to be made when my daughter is age 21. Ex. Larkin Upchurch"

I'll bet that Elizabeth Upchurch associated with Lindsey Privett is also associated with Larkin Upchurch.

The second piece of business....I am enclosing \$20 for one of the back volumes of UB. However, when I went to write the check, I found that my records show that I sent (for some unknown reason) \$13 (instead of \$12) in cash for back volume 3. It was in October '96 (when I wrote about having found a copy of JJU's autobiography, I believe). At any rate, Vol 3 of UB was never received. Could you please check your records? If you don't find it, don't worry about it, the fault is mine. I do know better than to send cash through the mail for just this reason, but at the time, I told myself that I didn't have the money in my household account, I did have the cash, and I didn't have a way to get it to the bank conveniently! I don't drive so getting into town can be a problem, especially in October which is the end of Holston Gasses' fiscal year and Chris is working 12-16 hrs a day. Next time, I'll be more patient. At any rate, depending on what your records show, the enclosed \$20 is for either Vol 3 or Vol 4. I'll try to send a check for whichever Vol is next in line, next payday.

Sent  
U.3 + U.4  
2-18-97

Thanks again for the possible lead in the Hill family. Sorry about the confusion over the volumes.

Just me,

Jan

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For Val 3 & Val 4  
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HARLAND 1993

Dear Philip,

The letter will be brief. I just mailed off a fairly long one the other day. By the way, I got your letter concerning the Clay County law. At first I did not know what you were talking about, but I have already written to Jack & Susan Hill as to the historical & administrative aspects of the law. I am sorry that I cannot give you more information at this time.

Sent Val 3 & Val 4 (Feb. 18, 1997)

I am sure that you will find the information in the letter to be of interest. First, there is a record of the law in the Clay County law book. I have been able to find the original law book, but I have not been able to find the original law book. I have been able to find the original law book, but I have not been able to find the original law book. I have been able to find the original law book, but I have not been able to find the original law book.

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Thank you for the possible lead to the law book. I am sure that you will find the information in the letter to be of interest.

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15 FEB 1997

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Dear Cousin Jan

Many thanks for your letter of 4 FEB 1997. Started at 4:00 AM this morning I have spent about two hours processing the comprehensive document you sent. I did not do justice to the full array of Will information you provided but have placed a copy of the entire letter in my "Will Family" file. This puts it close at hand any time I am working on this family.

Enclosed is a copy of the extract I made for the main paragraph on Pg 2 of your letter. A copy of this extract has been placed in the profile of the ? individual listed. For sometime it has seemed reasonable to me that Elizabeth named John Jordan after her relative Jordan Hill - but I was never sure of the relationship. From your solid proposal it is clear that Elizabeth Hill and Jordan Hill were first cousins. Usually a female will name a son for her brother or her Uncle but one can certainly visualize that a female would name a son after a first cousin - or in this case,

Thanks for the input on Archibald W, Shely  
 Linsay (Linsay), William Johnson, Elizabeth W - all  
 have been properly extended. I appreciate the fact  
 that you are keeping an eye on the issue  
 of "X" Ypthurch. Something will fall into place in  
 due course.

you asked about "d" in English money. I remembered  
 it as "penny" which is correct. (12 pence "penny" = 1 shilling)  
 Shilling = s; 20 shillings = 1 pound (£).

Thanks for your renewal on the U.B. and England  
 for 1997. We have you properly enrolled. Enclosed is  
 an order form for black series in case you  
 need it.

A full reference in the 8 FEB 97 issue of Family Puzler  
 caught my eye & I set it aside to send to you  
 in case you had not seen it. It is enclosed.

In a peculiar way I identify with the ongoing  
 saga you and Chris have with Russia - This comes  
 in that I just happen to be reading "MARINA & LEE"  
 which gives a lot of detail on how things were  
 in Russia.

We are gearing up for the farming season.  
 Last Thursday one of my operators and I went over  
 to Montgomerie Co, IL to buy some farm equipment

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he had spotted in a used equipment place. He got two gravity flow grain carts & I got two. So that part was a success. Of greater interest to me was that members of the Upchurch family moved from Franklin Co, NC to Montgomery Co, IL in the 1840-1850 era. I have a fair amount of paperwork but was anxious to get a first hand look. The best I could do on this trip was to look in the phone book (no luck), ask a couple of people (no luck) and drive through one large cemetery we happen to pass (no luck). I'll have to go back. In the meantime I have written some of the now living descendants of this group who live in other states to see if they can give me a contact. This family is of the Richard U, III / Susan U Subolan - Susan U being a 1st cousin of my Greatgrandfather Gilbert U of the Nathan U, I / Gilbert U Subolan.

We are off to the Southwest next week - to attend Advisory Meeting of Desert Legume Program in Tucson & see our daughter Nelda & her family there - then on to CA to see Hearst Castle at San Simeon & to spend 2 nights on the Queen Mary at Long Beach - our R & R

My best to you & yours  
Phil Upchurch  
(ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH)



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NOTE: COPY OF ENTIRE LETTER  
PLACED IN HILL FAMILY FILE

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Dear Cousin Phillip,

Got your letter last week and put off answering until I had had a chance to sift through my records to pull out some information for you and to take another dip into the records available at the Historical Society in Knoxville. Thank you for the out-take from the Franklin County Sketchbook, you were right in your guess that I hadn't seen it. I think I told you that I had a pamphlet called simply "Green Hill", that was prepared by J. Edward Allen, a descendent of Green Hill Sr., through his son William Hill. There is some information on the Hill family there, that I thought you might be interested in. I'm going to give you the direct quotes, but will leave out the stuff that is irrelevant to what you're interested in...so, directly from the pamphlet...

"The first Green Hill was a prominent citizen of the state, public-spirited and influential. Grace Bennett, wife of the elder Green Hill, was the daughter of 'William Bennett, Gentleman,' of Northampton county, NC. A deed to land given him by the Earl of Granville, one of the Lords Proprietors, so describes him. He was Captain of the Roanoke Company of 101 men, Northampton Regiment, Colonial Militia, in 1748.

The records of Blandford Bute Lodge of Masons, which were rediscovered in 1914, show that this lodge was in existence as early as 1766, having its meetings in old Bute county, from which Warren and Franklin were formed in 1779.....These records show that Green Hill, Henry Hill and William Hill, were members of the lodge. These lodges were, during the Revolutionary period were really Committees of Deliberation on the State of the Country, and, therefore, the minutes cease for the period of the war....

When the first Colonial Assembly of North Carolina, described as the first popular Convention of any Colony in America, was held in New Bern on August 25, 1774, Green Hill was among the delegates present. It is declared that no such Convention had ever preceded this in America, except by royal authority or approval. It met in defiance of the Crown and its royal Governor and his proclamations, there being seventy members present, representing almost all of the thirty-five counties.

Chief Justice Clark, editor of the North Carolina Colonial Records, said of this Convention that it "never had a superior from that day to this, and doubtless never will in all time to come. Scarcely a name prominent in the annals of the day is wanting."

The second Provincial Congress was held at Hillsboro, on August 25, 1775, and Green Hill was again present....the writer's own family is descended from the fourth son, William Hill, who married Mary (or Polly) Jones, daughter of Shugan Jones, and granddaughter of Edward Jones and wife, Abigail Shugan Jones---the latter the famous progenitor of a large number of substantial citizens of the North Carolina of the present day...." the rest of what he says just repeats what you already know about Charles Applewhite Hill and what I already told you about the lineage of his descendants. The pamphlet itself, is really about Green Hill Jr. I told you once, I think, that he appears to have been the main mover behind Methodism in both North Carolina and Tennessee. Before that, the Hills were undoubtedly members of the Established Church, and must have been fairly active in their church, since there is an old entry to the effect that Green Hill, (probably Sr.) was appointed vestryman of the Parish of St. George in 1758. He goes on to say that Green Hill Jr. was also a delegate at the 3rd and 4th Provincial Congresses, and at that



4th Provincial Congress, he received a military title, 'Major of the Militia'. He was already a Methodist minister at that time. (His uncle William Hill Sr., was also at those Provincial Congresses, representing Surry county, and he was a Baptist Minister.) [In 1781, Green Hill Jr. enlisted as Chaplain of the 10th regiment, Sharp's Company, and saw service the same year as far west as Salisbury, when our armies were on a retreat. In 1783 he was elected Treasurer for the District of Halifax, where he had some trouble with the Assembly of 1789, a shortage was charged, but in 1789 a committee appointed to report on the shortage, reported favorably that he was entitled to 233 pounds, thirteen shillings, and sixpence as reimbursement rather than being short.] I have seen other accounts of Franklin County history that ascribe this last paragraph of events to Green Hill Sr. Apparently, I am not the only one who has been confused by the Hill family's penchant for traditionally using the same given names over and over for their children. There isn't any doubt though that it was Green Hill Jr. who was the moving force behind Episcopal Methodism in both North Carolina and Tennessee.

[I still did his share by sitting on the bench, serving as a magistrate, and served in the state senate for 14 years as well. Beyond Hill Most of what I gave you above is repeated in a book called "Dictionary of North Carolina Biography", Vol. 3, H-K, pp. 134-135, edited by William S Powell, put out by the University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill and London. That reference also adds that on Jan 11, 1777, William Hill was appointed a justice of the court for Bute county. I still have most of the Bute county records to sift through, so I can't verify this independently, BUT and this is my Big News.... Having sifted through all the Franklin county records available to me, I can tell you that I'm pretty sure that our Henry Hill was the original Henry Hill, brother to Green Hill Jr. I have checked every reference mentioning the name Henry Hill at all, even just as a witness, for Franklin county, and there are only 5 different Henry Hill's there. Three of them, Henry son of Thomas, Henry son of Robert, and Henry son of Lewis, were already dead by 1808. That leaves us with just the original Henry son of Green, and his son, Henry Jr. There is no record that Henry Jr. was ever a magistrate of the court, and in fact, I find no reference at all to Henry Hill Jr. after 1798, except for the 1805 record of Elizabeth Henry Martin and her husband John selling land that Elizabeth had inherited "including 3 tracts originally granted to Henry Hill Jr." (that record was among those I sent you last time.) I have a theory about what happened to him, but I need to check it out first, meanwhile, as far as available records go, Henry Hill Jr. just drops off the face of the earth after 1798. Henry Hill the elder, however, was sitting on the bench as a magistrate in Franklin county as early as 1783. Moreover, he is the ONLY Henry Hill, I can find any record of having ever been a magistrate. It has to be the original Henry. He was born in 1740, so he'd have been 43 years old in 1783. Given the law of averages, his oldest child was probably born about 1760, which would have made Henry Jr. about 23 years old, much too young to sit as a magistrate in a county court, back in the days when gray hair and wisdom were supposed to go hand in hand. Besides, the court records distinguish between Henry and Henry Jr. So our Henry has to be the original Henry son of Green and Grace. I cannot find anywhere even an approximate death date for either Henry Sr., or Henry Jr. Surprisingly, while the Hill family appears to have been quite wealthy for the times, they weren't real big on making out wills. I hesitated to accept the idea that the original Henry was Elizabeth's father when everything started pointing that direction because somehow I had gotten the idea that Elizabeth was Henry Hill's only child. I went back to JJU's autobiography to check. That isn't what he says. What he says, is that Elizabeth was Henry Hill's only daughter. Still, the math of the whole thing kind of bothers me too. If our Henry Hill was the original Henry Hill, he'd have been at least 50 when Elizabeth was born, and at least 93 when he deeded the farm over to her in 1834! But, if Elizabeth's father was a magistrate in the court of Franklin county, it can't have been anyone but the original Henry, son of Green and Grace. I still have a lot of the Bute county records to go through and almost all the records for both Granville and Halifax counties. And I intend to go through them as thoroughly as I have the Franklin county records, but I really think we have the answer.

There is 1 record that alludes to the fact that Henry Hill, (unfortunately, this record could refer to any one of 3 Henrys, Henry son of Thomas was already dead, and the record does not say Henry Jr., but that still leaves Henry son of Green, Henry son of Robert, and Henry son of Lewis) was also a sheriff in Bute county at one time. From Franklin County, NC Loose Estate Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 15--1792. Answer of Jas Hornsby and his wife Mary (x) to the petition of Jas Barr and his wife Sarah. Thomas Dickerson was the father of sd

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Sarah; he died Oct. 1777 intestate, leaving a wife & 4 children; that Mary administered the estate in Bute Co. about Feb. Ct 1778, returning an inventory at May Ct following, & HENRY HILL THEN SHERIFF OF BUTTE CO SOLD THE ESTATE; among the buyers were the widow (a defendant), Jno Dickerson a brother to the dec'd, & that the amount purchased by others was used by the sd Mary to educate the children, 2 of which died about Jul. 1778, 1 having married Jas Barr & the fourth Nancy has not lived with the defendant since 1783; that Sarah & Nancy lived with the sd Mary from the time of the death until the marriage with their mother about Jul. 1781 & continued to live with him until Mar 1783; Jno & Wm. Dickerson were 2 children of Thomas Dickerson who died since he did; sd Jas & Mary consider they deserve a distributive share due to the death of the other children."

At any rate, while Green Hill Sr. and Green Hill Jr. appear to have been religious leaders in the county, Green Hill Jr. a war hero and political leader in the county, Henry Hill did his share by sitting on the bench and according to what you sent me, served in the state senate for 14 years as well. Bennett Hill, appears to have been on almost every panel of jurors from at least 1783, to the Spring Court of 1791, at which time he seems to disappear. Green Jr. also ran the local grist mill, and it looks to me from the property descriptions I've read that between them, the Hill clan owned most of the land in Franklin County along the east bank of the Tar River east to Cypress Swamp Creek and Sandy Creek (which is almost 1/3 of the county if you look at a map from that time!). Various Hill properties are used as landmarks in the county to denote property lines for others. They had a hand in building most of the local roads and bridges, and in every year you find one or more of the Hill's responsible for making up the list of that year's taxables in at least one of the various districts. While Henry is the Hill who most often sat on the bench and signed off on the court minutes, you also find Jordan Hill, son of Green Hill Jr., and Robert Hill doing so occasionally. They tended to intermarry a lot with the Jones family, another of NC's prominent families. In fact, Bute county was formed out of Granville county in the home of Edward and Abigail Shugan Jones, back in 1764. (I think that was the year).

There are various and sundry stories recorded about the prominence, fame, and social status of the Hill family antecedents too, they supposedly have ties to the early ancestors of Robert E Lee, and are rumored to be connected to a couple of famous general in the Revolutionary War and Earl Guilford Dudley as well. The trouble is that no one seems to agree on who exactly was Green Hill Sr.'s father. I wrote you Virginia Pew Chase's version, and I told you that W H Thomas told a whole different story in his genealogy. J Edward Allen, the man who wrote the Green Hill pamphlet has a different genealogy yet from Green Sr. on back. He does state very clearly though that he hadn't verified his version. I haven't had time to verify anything further back than Green Sr., just sorting out his descendants has been a handful, so I really don't know who's right. The only thing the three of them seem to agree on is that the family originated in Virginia and were prominent even there. And that's about all I can tell you about the Hill's. Between them they seem to have had their fingers into every pie in the county, whether social, political, religious or military.

While I was dipping into the records this last time, I did look to see what I could find on Archibald Upchurch, and Phebe Lindsey, the mother of X Upchurch. I didn't backtrack yet through the records I have already covered, but I did check everything in this latest batch of records I pulled. I didn't come up with a lot. I did find a marriage bond for Phebe--

"Granville Marriages 1753-1868", pp. 90-- "Dickson, Joseph & Phebey Linsey, 17 Dec. 1795; Benjamin Denton, bm; Sneed, wit."

That was the only record I turned up for them. I need to backtrack next time to see if I can find some information on the various Thomas Hill's, so I'll keep an eye out for more on Phebe and child X. What I did not find, was a marriage bond for Archibald Upchurch, though I did find one for Elizabeth Upchurch and William Johnson--

Same book as above, pp. 185-- "Johnson, William & Elizabeth Upchurch, 20 Mar 1838; Lewis Heflin, bm; S G Shearmon, wit."

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I'll keep looking to see what I can find in the records for Archibald. Maybe I'll have better luck with the Granville records.

I did find one other record that I'm sending. It doesn't have anything to do specifically with any of our family members, but I thought it was interesting. I've told you that John Upchurch IV ran a pub out of his home. When I was going through this last batch of the Franklin county records, (the court minutes actually, while I was tracking Henry Hills!) I came across this entry for the June Court of 1790-4:

"Ordered that the rates of taverns the current year be as follows (to wit) a ---? dinner with Syder Grogg or (smear) 4/6, Supper 2/6, Breakfast 2/6, toddy of Good rum by quart 3/, Grogg by Quart 1/6, rum of Same quality 5/ by quart, by gallon 20/ Good rum by Gill 9d, rum distilled in the Country or Taffy by Gallon 12/ & by Gill 6/, good brandy 20/ pr Gallon, Cyder by Gallon 2/, by quart 6/, Wine by the Bottle 5/, porter 4/, Horse feeding & Stableage one night & morning with Corn and fodder 4/, Corn by Gallon 1/6, bed one night of pasturage for Horse 1 night 1/, G--? by Glass 6d, french brandy by Glass 6d, wine by Glass 6d." (Item 153, pp. 1-4)

I think we're talking shillings and pence here, but I have no idea what denomination of money "d" is supposed to represent. Anyway, I thought the entry was interesting and it intrigues me that such a thing would be set out by the courts. Obviously, nobody had sued anyone yet over price-fixing! The court seems to have dealt with a little of everything, from disputes to tax collecting, to who fixed what road or built which bridge where, as well obviously as what you paid for what commodity at the local tavern! I have decided that every kid as part of a school assignment should have to do some research at a local historical society at one time or another, it's the most interesting way I know to really study history and get a sense of how things really were!

Okay! I also did some looking into the Hill names you sent me last time from the Franklin Co., Tax List. I didn't get to them all--I only had 5 hours to work that day and it always surprises me that 5 hours can go so fast, but I was able to identify a few more of them for you.

1. Amos Hill--I still haven't identified this one, will try to spend more time with him next time
2. Benjamin Hill--Talking about the Hills without ID #s is always complicated because there are so many of them bearing the same name. There were at least 2 Thomas Hills. Thomas father of one of the Henry's, and Thomas, his son. There were also at least 2 Robert Hills. Benjamin is brother to Robert, son of Thomas. I believe that the other Robert was brother to Thomas Sr. I'll send you the record with this letter. So Thomas the elder had at least 6 sons and 2 daughters that I am aware of--Henry, Robert, Thomas, Richard, Collier and Benjamin; the daughters I know about were Martha W, and Mary. I'll send the records that I haven't sent you already for this crew.
3. Ephraim Hill--another one I didn't get to
4. Green Hill--you already know
5. Henry Hill--you already know
6. James Hill--if this is a 1771 Tax list, this can't be Son of William, son of Green he wouldn't have been old enough to be taxed!
7. John Hill Jr.--I have a couple of records but nothing yet that will ID him
8. John Hill--nothing so far
9. Joseph Hill--shows up in a couple of records but I can't ID him yet either
10. Nicholas S Hill--The only Nicholas I came across at all was Nicholas L Hill, this Nicholas L Hill cannot be a son of Charles Applewhite Hill because it was in the 1790 records and CAH wouldn't have been but 6 years old then. So far, I have found nothing that would ID this guy.
11. Richard Hill--There is a Richard who is the son of Thomas the elder, but from what I can see there is more than one Richard hanging around Franklin Co. too.

Actually, there may have been 10 kids, but I can only seem able to ID these 8!

12. Robert Hill--Father to Henry and Brother to Thomas the elder
13. Thomas Hill--Still can't tell you for sure where he fits into the scheme of things but it's looking more and more like Henry Sr. had several sons and one daughter. My best guess for the children of Henry at present is: Henry Jr., Thomas Sr., Robert, Lewis, Green, and Elizabeth, but it is just a guess at this point based more than anything on how the names and the property appear to have been handed down in the families. I thought we do know that Green was a child of Henry. (I sent you that record the last time), logically, Henry Jr. has to be a son of Henry, and I've already stated my reasons for including our Elizabeth Hill.
14. Thomas Hill Jr.--son of Thomas above obviously, brother to Richard, Benjamin, Henry, ~~James~~, Collier, and Robert.
15. William Hill Sr.--I gave you this one last time.
16. William Hill--Brother to Henry, son of Green Sr.
17. William Hill Jr.--son of William Hill Sr. above.

I'll keep looking for these guys...I told you I'd already decided to go back over territory previously covered before I got your list, so maybe I can turn up something more.

\*From Franklin Co. Original Wills, Vol. 1, 1780-1801, pp. 39-40: "Thomas C Hill, 20 Apr. 1808, Mar Ct. 1814 (this last is the probate date on the will) To my brother Robert - all my lands & 4 negroes Ephraim, Tabby, Peter & Braveboy; also my right to the property now in the possession of John Hackaby held by the dower of my mother, & all my other property after my debts are paid. Ex: My brother Robert Hill. Wit: William Thomas, G Brogden, Young Wilhite."

\*From Franklin Co. Deed Book 17, pp. 145: "Robert Hill was brother to and executor for Caller Hill, deceased, Sept. 10, 1816." This has to refer to Robert son of Thomas, because Robert father of Henry had no other children according to the court record I sent you last time and according to that same record, that Robert had himself died about 1796. According to another deed, this Robert appears to have been married to a woman named Ann, they had 1 daughter Eliza Ann Hill and he died Nov. 26, 1821.

\*From Franklin Co. deed Book 3, pp. 242: "Thomas Hill Jr. and Martha W Hill were children of Thomas Hill Sr., who died March 15, 1791, leaving a will, this April 24, 1800."

\*From Franklin Co. deed Book 15, pp. 98: "Thomas C Hill sold the land that he received by the will of his deceased brother, Benjamin Hill, witnessed by Robert Hill, March 1, 1810."

\*From Franklin Co. deed Book 11, pp. 171: "Thomas Hill Sr. deceased in his last will and Testament left a legacy to Mary Jones, wife of Edward Jones; said Mary Jones had died before the testator and the legacy was conveyed to her children by Benjamin Hill, Nov. 3, 1789." There later was a major to do in the court system on behalf of Mary's children by their guardians, against Robert Hill and others saying that the children of Mary had not gotten their fair share. Robert settled it out of court by signing some sort of agreement in Halifax county, giving his share of the estate to Mary's children. I haven't seen the agreement, it's simply testified that there is one in the Franklin county court minutes.

So once again, I've given you more information than what you asked for. I can't seem to help myself. This whole business of separating the Henrys to figure out which one is ours has required looking into the families of several of the Hill families of Franklin county. I guess that before I state any positive conclusions, I'm feeling the need to have someone follow behind me and check my reasoning. My brain gets so full of the different families and records that it feels like it all just spins around like a whirlwind in there after a while, and I don't want to jump to any conclusions because I haven't done my homework, or because I have missed the obvious in all the confusion.

I am going to tackle the Henry Hill records for Bute and Granville counties to see if I can't make a definitive connection as to which Henry is ours, and one of the reasons I'm going to re-cover the Franklin



county records is to pull the information on the Ransom family as well to see if there isn't something there which will be a definitive tie between a specific Henry Hill and the marriage bond between Rebecca Ransom and Henry Hill for May 1790, and between Elizabeth Hill Upchurch. Like I said, I think we have the answer, but I also believe that we're going to have to settle for a connection based on deduction rather than a definite record which says that "Elizabeth Hill's father Henry was...." That being the case, to do the job properly means that all the records have to be examined and analyzed. When I go through the Granville county records, I'll keep a watch for Phebe Lindsey Dickson and Archibald Upchurch, son of Elizabeth Upchurch Johnson.

Things here go on as usual. We finally got the results of the DNA tests for Chris and Michael, they were positive of course, and that paperwork has gone to the US Embassy in Vladivostok. Now all we do is wait for them to make a decision regarding Michael's citizenship, passport, and visa. With 99.98% certainty as to his parentage, I don't know how they could possibly turn us down, but we're trying not to get our hopes up yet. We've had them up there a hundred times the last 2 1/2 years, and every single time another roadblock has come up. We've been told it'll probably be another couple of months before we hear from the embassy. The wheels of government turn slowly indeed!

We've joined the choir at church and are also taking seminar training in order to be part of the Care Ministry at our church. So we keep pretty busy. Instinct tells me that my daughter Heather may be announcing an engagement one of these days soon... I'm not sure I'm ready for that one. I'm still trying to figure out when she grew up on me! My oldest boy James gets out of the Marine Corps next week and heads back up to Alaska to begin his civilian life. We had hoped he'd get to stop by Tennessee first, but it looks like that's not going to happen. With just the orchard and the vineyard to worry about here on the farm, things are pretty quiet on that front. I did notice the other day that some of the fruit trees are already starting to bud out and that worries us a little. Everything budded and bloomed out early last year and Mother Nature clobbered us and froze the blossoms on the trees! Some things, though, you just have to leave in God's hands and trust His plan. The weather is one of those things. So we'll see what's in store for us this season.

This letter is long enough, so I'm going to sign off now. I'll keep you posted as to what research turns up and try not to overwhelm you with material you don't want or need. I'm enclosing a check for \$30 to cover this year's subscription to UB and Englandia. I'll try to get to volumes 4 and 5 in the back issues next time I write. Give Sallaine my best and remember that you are both welcome here any time you happen to be in the neighborhood. Best wishes with the farm. It sounds like you're really enjoying it and doing quite well too. Take care....

God Bless,

*Jan*

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From Mr 4 FEB 1997 Janet Lee Lighthill to R M

BUT and this is my Big News.....Having sifted through all the Franklin county records available to me, I can tell you that I'm pretty sure that our Henry Hill was the original Henry Hill, brother to Green Hill Jr. I have checked every reference mentioning the name Henry Hill at all, even just as a witness, for Franklin county, and there are only 5 different Henry Hill's there. Three of them, Henry son of Thomas, Henry son of Robert, and Henry son of Lewis, were already dead by 1808. That leaves us with just the original Henry son of Green, and his son, Henry Jr. There is no record that Henry Jr. was ever a magistrate of the court, and in fact, I find no reference at all to Henry Hill Jr. after 1798, except for the 1805 record of Elizabeth Henry Martin and her husband John selling land that Elizabeth had inherited "including 3 tracts originally granted to Henry Hill Jr." (that record was among those I sent you last time.) I have a theory about what happened to him, but I need to check it out first, meanwhile, as far as available records go, Henry Hill Jr., just drops off the face of the earth after 1798. Henry Hill the elder, however, was sitting on the bench as a magistrate in Franklin county as early as 1783. Moreover, he is the ONLY Henry Hill, I can find any record of having ever been a magistrate. It has to be the original Henry. He was born in 1740, so he'd have been 43 years old in 1783. Given the law of averages, his oldest child was probably born about 1760, which would have made Henry Jr. about 23 years old, much too young to sit as a magistrate in a county court. back in the days when gray hair and wisdom were supposed to go hand in hand. Besides, the court records distinguish between Henry and Henry Jr. So our Henry, has to be the original Henry son of Green and Grace. I cannot find anywhere even an approximate death date for either Henry Sr., or Henry Jr. Surprisingly, while the Hill family appears to have been quite wealthy for the times, they weren't real big on making out wills. I hesitated to accept the idea that the original Henry was Elizabeth's father when everything started pointing that direction because somehow I had gotten the idea that Elizabeth was Henry Hill's only child. I went back to JJU's autobiography to check. That isn't what he says. What he says, is that Elizabeth was Henry Hill's only daughter. Still, the math of the whole thing kind of bothers me too. If our Henry Hill was the original Henry Hill, he'd have been at least 50 when Elizabeth was born, and at least 93 when he deeded the farm over to her in 1834! But, if Elizabeth's father was a magistrate in the court of Franklin county, it can't have been anyone but the original Henry, son of Green and Grace. I still have a lot of the Bute county records to go through and almost all the records for both Granville and Halifax counties. And I intend to go through them as thoroughly as I have the Franklin county records, but I really think we have the answer.

IN THE ABOVE COUSIN JAN GIVES HER REASONED JUDGEMENT THAT JOHN JORDAN U FITS INTO THE HILL FAMILY OF NC AS FOLLOWS

- Δ I. GREEN HILL, SR
  - Δ A. GREEN HILL, JR
    - Δ 1. JORDAN HILL
  - Δ B. HENRY HILL
    - Δ 1. ELIZABETH HILL
      - Δ M&L AMBROSE U
      - Δ A. JOHN JORDAN U

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□ Dear Cousin Phillip,

□ It's been almost a year since I wrote last

- Sorry about that, but sometimes my life takes on

□ a momentum of its own. I did want to alert

- you to the arrival of my latest contribution to

□ + □ the John V/Ambrose Subclan of the Upchurch

□ family. I've enclosed his birth announcement.

△ He was born at University of Tennessee Hospital

△ in Knoxville, TN. He keeps me pretty busy

□ these days. And Chris and I have bought a

- Very small farmstead in Clinton, TN with

- a guesthouse, an orchard, and a vineyard that

- have all been neglected for the past 20 years.

- Restoration of the 3 of them as well as the

- mainhouse that was built in the early 1900's

- is also taking up a big chunk of my time as

Chris still works fulltime at Nelson gases in

Knoxville, and between his working hours and

the commute back and forth his time is

- pretty well limited to weekends as far as

- restoration goes.

While all of this has slowed my attempts

to trace my lineage back - it hasn't stopped

it by any means so I thought I'd catch

you up on my progress or in some cases

lack thereof.

I did manage to make a trip to

Richmond this past summer to do some research

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at the historical library there. There is a book  
there on the Upchurch Family submitted by a woman  
from Durham, NC. I could kick myself because shortly  
after we returned from Richmond we got involved in  
moving and somehow in the move I lost the slip of  
paper on which I had written the name of the book and the  
name and address of the woman who had published it! So now  
I have to wait for another trip to Richmond to look it up  
again! Anyway, she gives the family tree before Michael, I  
as follows. I'll put it down for you the way I copied it  
from the book (which follows the Moses/Mary Simms lines  
pretty extensively, but my branch doesn't show up at all & much  
past Richard I!)

1st GEN. John Upchurch =  
d: 1502

Thomas Upcher = Jane  
d: 1504

Robert Upcher = Ina  
d: 1524

John Upcher = Johan  
d: 1542

Richard Upchare = m 2nd 1581  
d: 1584 ANN PARKER, Widow

Richard Upchurch = FRANCIS Inkersol  
b: ca 1584-85  
m: 1608

To Va  
ca: 1650 Frances Deike = Michael Upchurch (Upshure)  
b: ca 1620, m: 1651, d: 1681

After that it goes on to list Richard, then his son Moses who  
married Mary Simms, then their son Murry, then Murry's son  
Elisham Sims Upchurch and on with that line. I'd wanted to  
contact the woman responsible for the book to find out how she'd  
gotten her information. I don't know how else to verify it  
short of going to England to do the research myself, and that isn't  
a possibility for me anytime soon. You, however, are the  
research expert so maybe you have some ideas. I'll follow up as  
best I can.



This woman's book seems to suggest a connection between our family and a Henry de Upchurch who was a curate of Chatham Church in 1602 in Kent County and a village in Kent called Upchurch but doesn't make it clear what the connection is! I wish I'd had time to sit down and read the whole book as it probably would have answered some of my questions about sources, but I only had a couple of hours at the library and I'd already been there quite a while when I discovered the book. I'd written the woman's name & address down in the hope of buying a copy from her!

Speaking of books - tho I have 2 book dealers from the New York Times Book Review Section of the paper looking for it, I still can't find a copy of "The Life and Labours of Father J. J. Upchurch." I did however, manage to get my hands on some photographs of the memorial on his grave in St Louis though, as well as an account of his funeral from a paper in St Louis. I am impressed! It's quite a monument. All the funeral cortège described in the paper is just as impressive. Great-great grandfather John Jordan was some kind of guy. I wish I'd known him. My curiosity has kept me trying to solve the mystery of the motive for Ambrose's murder as well. The folks at the North Carolina Historical Society tell me that Henry Hill was probably a magistrate in the area and since his family was involved there may have been a newspaper account of the

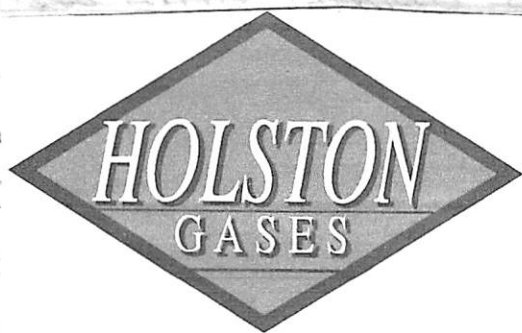
crime. Unfortunately the newspapers that may have  
 covered it are not indexed for that period of time -  
 which means that a search will require several  
 hours at least and access to the microfiche and  
 a microfiche reader. It's not likely I'll get to  
 North Carolina for several months, but the topic  
 intrigues me so I'll figure out a way to do that  
 bit of research eventually. I've also been trying  
 to figure out a way to locate some other news  
 accounts of great-grand grandfather John Gordon  
 Drings. Surely somewhere among ~~the~~ them there  
 must be a photograph I can copy. Did you  
 realize that the folks in Mead county, PA don't  
 have anything at all on him (or so they tell  
 me) even though that's where the AOUW got started.  
 They don't have a clue about the AOUW either.  
 The woman there wrote me a letter thanking  
me for what information I could provide. She  
 sounds like a candidate for a subscription  
 to your Newsletter to me! The folks at the St  
 Louis Historical Society didn't have a clue either  
 though one ~~old~~ <sup>old</sup> told them the story they were  
 able to provide me with the newspaper account  
 of the funeral cortege. Their president sent me  
 a letter <sup>praising</sup> thanking me for a wonderful bit of  
 history <sup>to which attention</sup> and after hearing about the Memorial at  
 Ballfontaine, he personally went out to the  
 cemetery to check it out and took the photos  
 and sent them to me by way of saying  
 thank you. A very nice man!

been in contact with you<sup>6</sup> at all? If so, where was he at the last contact?

Other than that, I may have a break that will take the Highhill side of my family back to the 1700's in PA. I'm still trying to verify the information. The Kelly side of that line (my grandmother's maiden name) has turned up as many dead ends as great grandpa Value has!

This letter has grown longer than I'd intended for it to, so I'd better go. I do have 1 more request though. I'd like for you to send me the subscription info on the Upchurch News Bulletin again. I'd like to pass it along to the Historical Societies in Mead county, PA, St Louis, Mo and Knoxville, TN.

Sincerely  
Jan



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My pens are all running out of ink, and since the rest of my research is of more interest to me than it is to you, I'll keep it short.

I still haven't gotten anywhere with my research into the Hoover side of my family. I've been in contact with every historical and genealogical society in Indiana turning up ~~is~~ only a marriage record for grandpa. Seth's parents and a birth record for an unnamed female child. Great grandpa's first name had been terribly mangled on both of them. If it weren't for great grandma Caroline's first, middle, and last names, I'd never have recognized either of them! Since State Line City, IN where granddad was born is right on the Illinois border, I've officially shifted my search to the ~~IN~~ Illinois side of the border now. I've also been trying to locate my mama's half-brother Robert Hoover in hopes that he could at least tell me where and when Valere and Carrie died. So far, I haven't had any luck there either. Though I've managed to locate several Robert Hoovers around the Lansing Illinois area, which is where Mama thought he was, so far, none of them have been the right Robert Hoover or even one of his descendants! Which is where you come in, I hope. Has he

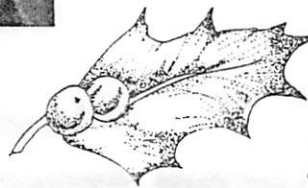
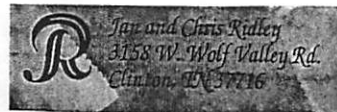


JANET

LEE LIGHTHILL

XFD-33625

JAN & CHRIS RIDLEY  
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CLINTON, TN 37716



XMAS 1994

May the spirit  
of the holiday season  
warm your heart  
all year

Wishing you the merriest  
Christmas and Happiest New  
Year ever!

Cousin Jan & Family  
Chris, C. F. Heather & Ryan

JANET LEE LIGHTHILL ①

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REC'D  
25 NOV 94

TRIOLEY  
3158 W. WOLF VALLEY A  
CLINTON, TN 37716

□ Dear Cousin Phillip,

- I finally re-found the last list of questions you
- sent me. I don't have all the answers but will
- answer the questions I can.

△ 1) For Alberta Lee Hoover

- a) She says she was born 2/26/1932 <sup>and that's written on her</sup> marriage certificate
- b) She says she can't remember the date of her 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, which means she doesn't want to and won't tell me!

- c) Her 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage was to Kenneth Hurst in Salt Lake City, Ut  
on 6/21/1961

- d) yes there are just 6 of us kids

- △ e) I don't know when Kenneth Turpin was born or where  
for sure - I think it was Salt Lake City. My Momma says  
she doesn't know which again means she doesn't want to  
remember and won't tell me!

- △ f) I don't know when Kenneth, <sup>querr</sup> was born but the place  
was Richfield, Ut

- △ g) he died in June 1989 in Bountiful, Ut - I don't know  
where he's buried

□ 2) for me - Janet Lee Lighthill

- △ a) Paul Edward Brown & I were married in Sterling, Co
- △ b) I knew Guy Samuel Gee in Salt Lake City, Ut
- △ c) He was born 6/12/1948 somewhere in Idaho
- △ d) Kevin Michael Talyat & I were married in Homer, <sup>Alaska</sup> ~~Alaska~~
- △ e) he was born in Denver, Co Sept 8, 1952
- △ f) Christopher Allen Ridley and I were married  
in Fairbanks, Alaska - he was born in  
Mount Kisco, New York

- (2)
- Δ g) Heather Lynnea Susan Brown was born 30 Nov 1976
  - Δ h) Ryan Michael Thomas Brown was born 13 Dec 1979

Δ 3) For Elisa Lynn Hightfill

- a) She was born in Oceanside, CA
- b) I don't know what day in Aug 1972 she was married,  
I think it was Aug 17
- c) Aug 1972 was her first marriage - her second  
was Dec 23 1977
- d) She just had the 2 children
- Δ e) I don't know when Barry NMN Haisfield was born  
but the place was Philadelphia, Penn.
- f) I don't know when and where Michael Leon Hanson  
was born but will try to find out
- Δ g) for Danielle Samantha Haisfield
  - i) She was born in Philadelphia, PA
  - ii) She was married in Harrison, ID
  - Δ iii) David Layton's middle name is Lee
  - Δ iiiv) Samantha Lee Layton was born in St Mary's, ID
  - Δ iiiiv) Heidi Lynn Hanson was born in Provo, UT

Δ 4) For James Allen Turpin

- a) He was born Oct 15, 1957 Salt Lake City, UT
- b) He died Feb 1958 in Kearns, UT
- c) He is buried in Salt Lake City, UT

Δ 5) For Kent James Turpin

- a) He was born in Salt Lake City, UT
- b) I don't know the date of either of his marriages but  
both took place in Salt Lake City, UT
- c) I don't know their maiden names, birth dates or places
- d) I've told you everything I know about their children

△ Kent was 17 mos old when he went to live  
 □ with his Dad. He's angry with Mama because of  
 — what happened and refuses to acknowledge any  
 — of the rest of us.

□ 6) For John Miles Shurr - I don't know where  
 — in CA he was born, I'll try to find out

△ 7) For De Rhonda Sue Shurr

— a) I don't know where in CA she was born  
 — either - I'll ask her next time we talk

— b) She was married in the Temple in  
 — Salt Lake City, UT

— c) I don't know John Cluff's birth date either  
 — or where he was born but I'll ask next  
 — time I talk to them

□ I hope this helps - I'll keep working on the  
 □ "I don't know!"

Sincerely  
 Jan



JANET LEE LIGHTHILL

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MICHAEL ENTERPRISES

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TUCSON, ARIZONA 85740

17 APR 1994

JANET L. RIDLEY  
6012 VILLA ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

Dear Janet

This past week on 11 APR 1994 I received a letter from Clyde Charles Upchurch, Jr of Mesa, AZ which you had addressed to his wife Josephine "Joy". This was one of three letters Clyde sent for me to handle on behalf of Joy. He indicated she has been having some tests at Mayo Clinic and I presume she may have "put genealogy on hold". In any case I do not see anything in the attached letter that needs a response since you and I are already exchanging details.

Clyde is a great guy. He is of the Moses U/Whitney U subclass. I have met him in Mesa several times. He is quite interested in family history.

All the best!



Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

JANET LEE LIGHTHILL

XID-33625

[This letter sent to RPU in Ltr 11 APR 1994 clyde  
Charles A to RPU]

Janet L. Ridley  
6012 Villa Road  
Knoxville, TN 37918

December 8, 1993

J.L. Ridley

ID 170

e  
Josephine M Upchurch  
2211 East Glencove  
Mesa, AZ 85213

John Jordan Upchurch ID 2815  
John Jordan Upchurch ID 2778 ID 4806

Dear Josephine,

I got your name and address from the Ancestral File of the IGI at our local Family History Center. I too am a descendant of Michael Upchurch I. I am told that the descent comes to me through John Upchurch IV, whose son was Ambrose Upchurch. Ambrose' son was John Jordan Upchurch, and John Jordan's son was Theodore F. Upchurch. Theodore, was my grandmother, Grace Louree Upchurch's father. Unfortunately, I do not have the lineage from John IV on down. I was hoping that perhaps you could help me with that. The descendance for Michael I in the IGI, only takes the order to John II, I was hoping that you could tell me where John's III and IV fit into the order. Can you help? I'm enclosing a SASE to make your reply a little more convenient for you. Thanks for your time and effort, I look forward to hearing from you. PIN 33

Sincerely,

Janet Lighthill-Ridley

Janet Lighthill-Ridley



JANET LEE LIGHTHILL

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MICHAEL ENTERPRISES  
P. O. BOX 387  
Wentzville, MO 63385

23 JAN 1995

JANET RIDLEY

3158 W. WOLF VALLEY RD

CLINTON, TN 37716

Dear Cousin Jan,

Your two letters reached me - one on 21 NOV 94 and one on 25 NOV 94 - but as we were in the midst of a transition period of 6-8 months the letters were put on the back burner along with several dozen other pieces of genealogical correspondence. I am sorry for the delay in responding. The enclosed "freedom" document will explain some of our wanderings.

I have now incorporated the material from your letter in my Biofile and Master Outline. Enclosed is a list of what is still missing on your mother's family. From your letters it is clear you still hope to get some of this and other items may not be available in the near term. I have listed everything and will appreciate anything you have or may get. You will recognize that these items are not critical and that we can shortly move on to other productive issues.

you have mentioned quite a few aspects of Upchurch heritage in your letters and I am interested in them all. I'll look forward to working with you on them over a period of time.

Do you have interest / time / connections to allow me to improve the Master outline for the rest of the family of Grace Force U? There is much that remains to be done.

If you would like to pursue the ancestor of Grace Force U along with her siblings and their descendants that would be great.

Work on John Jordan U is always in order. I have a machine copy of his book I can send you if you so desire.

The lady in Durham, NC who wrote the Upchurch Book was Etta Belle (Leaster) West, now deceased. I knew her well as well as Oline Morgan of Kansas City, KS who wrote the other book. I knew both ladies. Both books are out of print. I have gradually published the key chapters of the West book in the Upchurch Bulletin.



you mentioned the status of our knowledge on our Yulwich ancestors. We have had quite a bit of activity in this area recently and it continued. I published a substantial report on this in the latest issue of the U B.

Details on the U B are enclosed. It would facilitate our interaction, if you had all of these - however, we can work together even if you have none of them. I like to place them in my library - and find I mostly have to donate them to such organizations.

I find that you sent in a \$14.00 check (#1037) dated 17 NOV (94) & that we cashed it. I am embarrassed to say I do not find a record of what this was for. Were you paying for items I sent (I don't normally charge for items except for the U B - but do accept gifts to the Research Fund directly or as memorials) or was I to send you something - if so I don't recall sending it. Please help me out here and forgive me for the confusion.

Our plans now call for two two-week driving trips across the US each year primarily for family history purposes. They will be the last two weeks in MAY and the first two weeks in NOV to fit in with farming operations here in MO. This MAY we will do TN and NC. Next NOV we will do TX. Our schedule for TN is uncompleted but we will probably just hit the highlights as there are so many places to stop. I want to visit Henry Co, TN and have tentative plans to visit Chattanooga. I am in touch with cousin J. Paul Johnson there regarding details. There are contacts I need to make in Oak Ridge, Crossville and Fentress Co, TN. It may not be possible to touch all points on this trip. I'll be giving an Upchurch lecture in Zebulon, NC on 28 MAY 1995 and may give one in Chattanooga depending on what cousin J. says. There is a great deal of Upchurch history in TN and many important linkages yet to be worked out.

The restoration project you and Chris have undertaken is a fascinating one but it seems like a lot of work - but perhaps not if you have talents in that direction. I retired from woodworking after I built a small table in high school. It is still with us.

Congratulations on the young Pithey. I am sure you do have your hands full. It is great to watch them grow up. We are expecting grandchild #7 next July.

Sallaine and I are still sorting out several projects that we might or might not undertake. So far the farm and genealogy are well looked into place. In February I take a real estate course to test that pool of water - then I may test a truck farm operation - I still need a pickup and a dog!

All the Best.

Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch

P.S. - Thanks for the nice Christmas card

Phil U

{ ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH }

MISSING DETAILS ON <sup>(b)</sup>THE FAMILY 23 JAN 1995  
OF ALBERT LEE (HOOVER) (LIGHTHILL) (TURPIN) GURR

- 1) For Alberta Lee Hoover
  - a) when was her 2nd marriage?
  - b) when and where was Kenneth James Turpin born?
  - c) when was Kenneth Miles Gurr born and where is he buried? when in JUN 1989 did he die?
- 2) For Janet Lee Lighthill
  - a) where in ID was Guy Samuel Gee born?
- 3) For Elisa Lynn Lighthill
  - a) when in AUG 1972 did she marry?
  - b) where married the 1st & 2nd times?
  - c) when was Barry NMN Hainfield born?
  - d) when and where was Michael Leon Harrison born?
  - e) where was David Lee Layton born?
  - f) Does Danielle just have one child?
- 4) For James Allen Turpin
  - a) when in FEB 1958 did he die?
- 5) For Kent James Turpin
  - a) when did he marry the 1st & 2nd times?
  - b) Full maiden names of his two wives and when & where were they born?
  - c) Details on his children?
- 6) For John Miles Gurr
  - a) where was he born?
- 7) For DeRonda Sue Gurr
  - a) where in CA was she born?
  - b) what is the full name of John Cluff and when and where was he born?
  - c) Any children yet?



① Notes of JLLP call to RPA on 20 DEC 1993

- Δ 4844 - Grace L. U - middle name = LOOREE not LOREE
- Δ She had only 10 children. Her first child
- Δ was named Mary Small (died as an infant)
- Δ 6970 - Eldon Morris Hoover
- Δ md (1st) 18 MAY 1947 (Hastings, NE) Betty Bearden, dau
- Δ + Δ of James Bearden & Sarah Dowie
- md (2nd) (Salt Lake City, UT) Marlene — —
- Δ 4866 Seth Augustus Hoover - had 19 children by
- his nansou nurse. Two of his children (not
- + Δ + Δ by Grace Lauree U) were Sarah Hoover & Robert Hoover
- Δ md 3rd 10 SEP 1940 (Hastings, NE) Helen Marie Temple
- Δ md 4th 27 MAR 1950 (Hastings, NE) Helen Elsie Sterner
- Δ 6971 - Alberta Lee Hoover
- Δ md 1st Richard Lee Lighthill b 18 SEP 1929 (Hastings, NE)
- Δ md 3rd Kenneth Miles Gunn b UT & ca 1983
- Δ 1. Elisa Lynn Lighthill b 23 JUN 1952
- Δ md 1st AUG 1972 Benny NANN Hairfield - DIV 1977
- Δ a. Danielle Samantha Hairfield b 28 OCT 1975
- Δ md 4 JUL 1993 David Jayton b 23 JUL 1973
- Δ i. Samantha Lee Jayton b 14 OCT 1993
- Δ md 2nd 23 DEC 1977 Michael Leon Hanson
- Δ b. Heidi Lynn Hanson b 11 OCT 1977
- Δ md 2nd ca 1955 (Elko, NV) Kenneth James Turpin
- Δ 2. James Allen Turpin d .4-5 months age - Sudden Infant
- Δ 3. Kent James Turpin b 17 OCT 1958 Death
- + Δ + □ md 1st Karen — — & had Amanda Turpin & — — Turpin &
- md 2nd & had issue (Jan has seen Kent only twice

① Notes of JLLN call to RPA on 20 DEC 1993 - CONTINUED

Δ 6971- Alberta Lee Hoover - continued

□ 4. JLLN to Grand Island, NE - 3 managers - 4 men

Δ md 1st 2 JAN 1971 Paul Edward Brown<sup>11</sup> b 14 DEC 1948 (Toarington, NY) Divorced APR 1978

Δ md 2nd Common Law Guy Samuel Gee<sup>21</sup>

Δ md 3rd 1 DEC 1981 Kevin Michael Talyat<sup>31</sup> DIV FEB 91

Δ md 4th 1 FEB 1993 Christopher Allen Ridley b 4 OCT 1961  
No issue of My #4

Δ 1. <sup>11</sup> James Paul Richard Brown b 12 FEB 1973  
Sterling, CO - USMC - Unmarried

Δ 2. <sup>11</sup> Heather Lynnea Susan Brown b 30 NOV 1976 (Las Vegas, NV) - lives at home

Δ 3. <sup>21</sup> Ryan Michael Thomas Brown b 13 DEC 1976 (Salt Lake City, UT)

Δ 4. <sup>31</sup> Kevin Michael John Talyat b 8 JUL 1982 (Homer, AK)

Δ 5. <sup>31</sup> Daniel Shawn Samuel Talyat b 25 MAY 1984 (Homer, AK).

Δ 5. Derenda Sue Gunn b 5 MAY 1967 (CA)

Δ md 3 MAR 1990 John Cluff. No issue

Δ 6. John Miles Gunn b 19 JUL 1962 (pCA)

Δ ~~single~~ single - in custody hunt holds  
job - deer wall

Δ+Δ 6972 Franklin Elias Hoover ml 1st 24 DEC 1954 Marnel Wendt

Δ+Δ dau of Lem Wendt + Edith Humphrey

Δ md 2nd 7 SEP 1966 Patricia Gilbert dau of Verne Gilbert + Lila Amers.

Δ 6972 has several children



② See Biopics of Janet Lee Lighthill - Entry 20 DEC 1993

I. Grace Leaver II of the John II, IV / Ambrose  
II Sudan - John Jordan II Line.

A. Alberta Lee Hoover b FEB 1932 (Hastings, NE) SS 1993

1. Janet Lee Lighthill b 19 NOV 1951 (Grand Island, NE)

md (1st) 2 JAN 1971 ( ) Paul Edward Brown<sup>11</sup> b 14 DEC 1948 <sup>DIV</sup> APR 1978

md (2nd) INFORMAL ( ) Guy Samuel Gee<sup>21</sup>

md (3rd) 1 DEC 1981 ( ) Kevin Michael Talyat <sup>DIV</sup> FEB 1991

md (4th) 1 FEB 1993 ( ) Christopher Allen Ridley  
b 4 OCT 1961

a. <sup>11</sup> James Paul Richard Brown b 12 FEB 1973  
(Sterling, CO) USMC Salt Lake DEC 1993

b. <sup>11</sup> Heather Lynda Susan Brown b 30 NOV 1976  
(Las Vegas, NV)

c. <sup>21</sup> Ryan Michael Thomas Brown b 13 DEC 1976  
(Salt Lake City, UT).

d. <sup>21</sup> Kevin Michael John Talyat b 8 JUL 1982  
(Homer, AK)

e. <sup>31</sup> Daniel Shawn Talyat b 25 MAY 1984  
(Homer, AK)

f. No further line.

③ RPR Call to JLL 11 APR 1995 615-457-2809

Jan says she is home each day and can see  
us on our trip through TV on 24 MAY<sup>±</sup> or on 2 JUNE<sup>±</sup>.  
She is at home during the day. Husband returns around  
6:30 PM. I will stay in touch.

XFD-33625

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## 6 EAGLES WAYLANE

**LAKE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63367-2240**

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1 JAN 1997

CLINTON, TN 37716

Dear Cousin Jan,

Dear Cousin Jan,  
Thanks so much for your letter which arrived  
12 NOV 1996 and 23 OCT 1996 and which I have just  
finished reading. I have now spent the better part  
of three days delving into the two main issues  
you raised - Issue One being facts related to  
William H, III (a brother of John H, IV) and Issue Two  
being facts related to putting Henry Hill, the father  
of Elizabeth (Hill) Upchurch, into the Hill family  
tree. I have returned often

As regards Issue One, I have returned often to the issue of further documenting William U, III. In particular I have always thought that the information collected on Annie Gertrude Bryan (Biofile enclosed) would fit into the William U, III case. To make the information I have fit you need to assume that William U, III had a child who had a son Archibald H. U. You now suggest that William U, III had at least one child,



although it was illegitimate. In any case I have created the enclosed sheet about the William U, III family in which I have shown a child of William U, III as "X" U.

Enclosed is the Biogill for Archibald H. U. Note that Items ④ & ⑤ show him in the home of William Johnson and his wife Elizabeth, my first proposed scenario is that this Elizabeth was first married to an Upchurch Male and had Archibald H. U., that her husband died and she and 2nd William Johnson (see enclosed sheet). My second proposed scenario [which has just now occurred to me] is that this Elizabeth was the local girl (to whom you referred) by whom William U, III had an illegitimate child and that the child was named Archibald H. U.

I will welcome your comments about the status of our knowledge about the William U, III family and trust we can continue to explore this matter. A copy of the Biogill for William U, III is enclosed.

Before getting into the Hill family in depth let me mention two bits of information which may be of interest. But one in the 1850 Census enclosed showing Elizabeth U age 61. Do you agree that this is nee Elizabeth Hill? But two is that Elizabeth Hill (who mtd Ambrose U) had a 1/2 sister but her last

name may not have been Hill. John Jordan Hill wrote "- Father was Ambrose H, only child of John H. Matter, Elizabeth, only child of Hon. Henry Hill. -- - father was killed by -- Wright who married the half-sister of my mother."

Now to Issue Two - How does Henry Hill, father of Elizabeth (Hill) H. fit into the Hill family. Over the years I have collected a lot of information on the Hill Family (especially because of the prominence of them being ancestor of our famous John Jordan H) but until the last few days I had not organized this material. It comes from many sources and some yet remains to be extracted. I still have not figured out how Henry Hill fits in but it seemed best to share with you what I have and then return to the matter after I have heard from you.

I had my mind set on the Hill family being centered in Granville Co, NC. They were in old Granville when it covered several counties but it turns out most of the NC history of the Hill family is played out in Franklin Co, NC. This is of special interest to me as my own Upchurch ancestor came to what is present day Franklin Co, NC in 1755 and some H descendants are still there. In addition my wife was born in Franklin Co, NC and her ancestors mingled with the Hills in the 1750-1800 era.



In any case I have now created about 400  
 profiles for as many members of the Hill family  
 with numerous <sup>profiles on</sup> non-Hill individuals who  
 married into or were otherwise related to the  
 Hills. I then analyzed these records and created  
 the enclosed 3 page document dated 15 AUG 1997  
 entitled "Hill Family of North Central North Carolina"  
 This is just a first pass at a rough family outline  
 and I hope you can point out errors and make  
 additions.

You will note that I started with the 1701-1756  
 Taxpayer list. I have allocated all 17 of these individuals  
 to the two pages which follow but those on  
 the bottom half of page 3 are purely speculative.  
 My work is incomplete in that I have given a  
 few citations to HENRY HILL and need to decide  
 how many Henry Hills there are and to allocate  
 the various citations to the proper individual.  
 Likewise for GREEN HILL.

A search of the Hill family records has given  
 me a better feeling for Franklin Co, NC and  
 I am sure we can make more progress in  
 organizing this family. When I hear from you  
 I'll go back into my system and hope to  
 make a little more progress.

Details on the U.S. and England are enclosed  
has probably reached you already but I wanted  
to make sure.

It was nice of you to bring me up-to-date  
on your various family interests from Alaska to  
Russia to Tennessee. It is clear that you and  
Chris lead a very busy and involved life  
It is good to be close to the soil.

Our "tribe" is doing well. Today being New  
Year's day we called all three children to wish  
them a Happy New Year. All are doing well.  
There is always churning (consolidation, down-  
sizing, etc) in the business world. So far our  
three kids have "landed on their feet" - but  
we never know what the next round  
will bring. We are holding out 7 grandchildren  
but anticipate an 8th (and last) in due course.

Jan, it is a joy to collaborate with you  
on our mutual interest in family history. Please  
give my best to Chris.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



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POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE JAN 1997  
CLAN HEADED BY WILLIAM UPCHURCH, III

I. William U, II (XID-161) born 1735

A. William U, III (XID-162) (Head of Clan) born 1774  
m'd 1808 (?) Henrietta Jenkins

1. "X" U (a male)

m'd (?) Elizabeth - - born 1800

↳ m'd (and) William Johnson

a. Archibald H. U b about 1832 d 5 NOV 1862  
MA NOV 1859 (?) Mary E. Bennett

i. William Archibald U, Sr b 21 AUG 180  
d 5 APR 1913 m'd (?) Annie Gertrude  
Bryan

(I) Annie Elizabeth U → Trust'd by  
RPA on 25 FEB 1980

B. John U, IV (XID-170)

1. Ambrose U b about 1792 m'd Elizabeth Hill, dau of  
Henry Hill

a. William Henry U, I b 29 OCT 1824

b. John Jordan U b 26 MAR 1820

c. Mary Ann Elizabeth U b 13 APR 1822

d. Priscilla M. U b 2 APR 1818

# • HILL FAMILY OF NORTH CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA

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① JAN 1997

① N.C. TAXPAYERS 1701-1786 - REC'D 5 AUG 1986

NOTE: Below are listed the members of the HILL Family who were recorded as taxpayers in BOTE, FWV (Franklin, Vance, Warren) and Granville Counties in the period 1701-1786 - RPA]

- 1 AMOS H. HILL BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
- 2 BENJAMIN HILL FWV 1771
- 3 EPHRAIM HILL BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
- 4 GREEN HILL BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
- 5 HENRY HILL BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
- 6 JAMES HILL GRANVILLE 1784
- 7 JOHN HILL, JR. BOTE 1771
- 8 JOHN HILL GRANVILLE 1784
- 9 JOSEPH HILL GRANVILLE 1769

10. NICHOLAS S. HILL BOTE 1771
11. RICHARD HILL FWV 1771
12. ROBERT HILL BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
13. THOMAS HILL BOTE 1771, GRANVILLE 1755
14. THOMAS HILL, JR BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
15. WILLIAM HILL, SR BOTE 1771
16. WILLIAM HILL BOTE 1771, FWV 1771
17. WILLIAM HILL, JR FWV 1771

POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HILL  
FAMILY OF NORTH CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA  
(FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - NOT ALL PROVEN)

(2) 1 JAN  
1997

NUMBER  
ON

TAXPAYER  
LIST

I. UNKNOWN HILL ANCESTOR - PROBABLY BORN BEFORE 1700

A. Green Hill, Sr (Not on Taxpayer List)  
md L) Grace Bennett d 1772

1. Green Hill, Jr. b 3 NOV 1741 d 11 SEP 1826 (TN) (Bur-  
wellhamson Co, TN). N.C. Legislature 1777, 1779  
Moved to TN in 1779 md (1st) Nancy Thomas  
md (2nd) before 1779 Mary Sewell d/o Benjamin Sewell

a. 13 children

2. William Hill\* d 1786 md Mary Jones

a. William Bennett Hill b 1779

b. Samuel Sugar Hill b 1781

c. James Jones Hill, In NC Legislature 1812-1818  
b 1782 md (1) Martha --

d. Charles Applewhite Hill b 1784 d 1831  
To GA 1808 but moved back to NC. In  
NC Legislature 1823-1826 md 1806 (1) Rebecca  
Wesley Long d/o Col Gabriel Long and  
Sarah Anne Richmond

i. William George Hill

ii. Mary Ann Hill

iii. Daniel Shine Hill [Guardian for Richard & Charles]

iv. Kemp Plummer Hill

v. Nicholas Long Hill

vi. Richard Henry Hill

vii. Martha Caroline Hill

viii. Sarah Richmond Hill

ix. Charles J. Hill

3. Mary Hill md William Brickell

4. Henry Hill d JAN 1805 - NC State Legislature 1780-1785

a. Jordan Hill - 8 terms NC State Legislature

\* Guardian for his 4 orphans on 15 SEP 1797 was William Brickell, father  
and later the Guardian was his brother Henry Hill

(a)

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1 JAN  
1997

#13

B Thomas Hill, Sr d 15 MAR 1797

#2

1. Benjamin Hill m'd (1) Mary -- d before 1789  
 she m'd (2nd) Edward Jones. Her children by Benjamin Hill were left a bequest by their Grandfather Thomas Hill, Sr on 3 NOV 1789. on 18 JUN 1822 one John Hill used his inheritance from Thomas Hill, Sr as security

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2. Thomas C. Hill, Jr → (Thomas C. H. GAUTH) - on 4 AUG 1828 in New Orleans gave power of Attorney to collect from estates of brother Benjamin Hill & Callier Hill

3. Callier Hill d before 1803

4. Robert Hill m'd (1) Ann -- . She m'd (2nd) James K. Goodloe

a. Ethel Ann Hill (AKA Ann E. Hill and ETHA Ann Hill) (she sold her land in Franklin Co, NC on 14 AUG 1841, inherited from Robert Hill). m'd John Skinner

5. Martha W. Hill

C. Bennett Hill d before 26 APR 1798 m'd (1) Martha --

1. William Bennett Hill (doctd)

D. William Hill, Sr

1. William Hill, Jr

E. Amos H. Hill → He & Elizabeth Hill on 10 AUG 1775 (Bute Co, NC) gave deed to Willoughby Tillery

F. Ephraim Hill

G. John Hill

1. John Hill, Jr

H. Joseph Hill

I. Nicholas S. Hill

J. Richard Hill

K. Robert Hill

1. Henry Hill m'd MAY 1790

(Franklin Co, NC) Rebecca Ransom

L. James Hill

a. HINCKEY HILL  
 (HINCKEY HILL,  
 KINCHY HILL)

b. Green Hill

c. Guilford Hill (GILFORD)

d. John Hill

e. Henry Hill

f. Milley Hill

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JANET LEE LIGHTHILL

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Dear Jan

Thanks for your call on 20 DEC 1993 and for all the details you supplied. I have now finished placing the items on the Master Outline and in the narrative Biopills. Enclosed is an updated copy of the Master Outline for the family of Grace Louisa U. You can see if I have made any mistakes in entering the data. We have made a lot of progress but have a ways to go. Enclosed is a list of questions on your mother's family. I will be most grateful for any answer you have or can get.

If you can get me the name & address of the most appropriate library in Knoxville I'll be glad to write to them about placing the U B with them.

Hope to hear from you soon.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Whitworth  
(ROBERT PHILLIP WHITWORTH)



(2)

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY OF 27 DEC 1993  
ALBERTA LEE (HOOVER) (LIGHTHILL) (TURPIN) GURR

1) For Alberta Lee Hooley

a) was she born 23 FEB 1932 or 26 FEB 1932?

b) when was her 2nd marriage?

c) when and where was her 3rd marriage?

d) Did she have just six children?

e) For Kenneth James Turpin

i) when was he born?

ii) where was he born?

f) For Kenneth Miller Gurr

i) when was he born?

ii) where in UT was he born?

iii) when & where did he die?

iv) where is he buried?

2) For Janet Lee Lighthill

a) where did you marry Paul Edward Brown?

b) where did you know Guy Samuel Gee?

c) when and where was Guy Samuel Gee born?

d) For Kevin Michael Talbot

i) where were you & he married?

ii) when & where was he born?

e) For Christopher Allen Bidley

i) where were you and he married?

ii) where was he born?

f) when was Heather Lynne Susan Brown born?

I have 30 NOV 1976 ←

g) when was Ryan Michael Thomas Brown born?

I have 13 DEC 1976 ←

??

3) For Elisa Linn Lighthill

- a) where was she born?
- b) when in AUG 1932 did she marry?
- c) where did she marry the 1st and 2nd times?
- d) Did she have just two children?
- e) when and where was Benny NORM Haisfield born?
- f) when and where was Michael Leon Hanson born?
- g) For Danielle Samantha Haisfield
  - i) where was she born?
  - ii) where did she marry?
  - iii) what is the full name of David Layton and where was he born?
  - iv) where was Samantha Lee Layton born?
- h) where was Heidi Lynn Hanson born?

4) For James Allen Turpin

- a) when & where was he born?
- b) when & where did he die?
- c) where is he buried?

5) For Kent James Turpin

- a) where was he born?
- b) when & where did he marry the 1st & 2nd times?
- c) Full maiden name of his wife and then later & place of birth?
- d) Full name of his children & their birth dates & place?

6) For John Miter Gurr

- a) where in CA was he born?

7) For Beronda Sue Gurr

- a) where in CA was she born?
- b) where did she marry?
- c) Full name of John Cluff and when and where was he born?



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[illegible]

11 DEC 1993

Dear Cousin Jan.

I got your letter yesterday and was so excited I put everything else aside and worked on it. All the details have now been extracted and placed in the proper Biopics and on the Master outline. You and I can help each other a lot.

Your Uncle John Floyd Jones Small was in my home several years ago and he supplied certain details. At one time I was in touch with your Aunt Phyllis who lived in Tucson, your Aunt Nellie lived in AZ but I never met her. Prior to her death I was in touch with your Great Aunt Theora May (W) (Killing) Almond. I had an extensive correspondence with Mr Law-in-law Naomir (Doris) Killings.

Enclosed is an 11" X 17" sheet showing the first 6 generations of Epulancher in America. My line is highlighted in yellow - yours is circled in red. Our common ancestor is James U, I (XII-151)

your mother and I are 5th cousins, you and my children are 6th cousins, while you and I are 5th cousins once removed. I can send you a sketch on this if you so desire. On this chart I have assigned the I, II, III etc designations following common names such as John & James to set them apart. Each person has a distinctive XID number. The IGI computer printout is a partial version of this chart but with some + or - information included and places which one might someday address. Richard U III b 1749 and Richard U b 1761 are probably one & the same. Moser should be listed only once and under Richard U, II (XID-152). The Shadrach U you mentions is XID-139 [son of George U]. This Shadrach U did have a son John J. U.

Ambrose A. U who m'd Janet Pearce was the son of Borchely U (XID-65)

Re Theodore F. U I suspect the Aurora refers to is in MO not PA although there could be such a place in both MO & PA.

I have visited Steelville & St Louis MO specifically to check out the John Jordan U Family. In the Episcopal Bulletin I published a picture of his monument & other details. It is an impressive monument.



I knew Theodore F H was named there but I have no details on children of his first wife except what you supplied (a son b. 1880) I can still only account for only five children of Theodore. Is this all. For John Jordan you show 15 but I only have 7. Can you fill in more names?

Elyshetta Hill was the daughter of a prominent family in NC.

The John H in bondage 1614-1775 is new to me.

I have enclosed a list of questions about your part of the family and will appreciate any details you have or can get.

Enclosed are details on the Michael Enterprise Family History System. I really think you would benefit from the upchurch Bulletin and it would make our exchanges easier. However, even if you don't subscribe we can still cooperate.

I think we have a lot more to exchange and I hope to hear from you soon. If you don't mind, could I have your phone no. I tried to get it from information but it is unlisted.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch  
[ROBERT PATRICK UPCHURCH]

P.S.

on rereading my letter I realized that sections of the master outline I had planned to include and comment on had not been included. They are now added as follows - The Master Outline sections for the John U, IV / Ambrose U Sublan through the 9th Generation (6 pages) + the continuation section for Grace Jane (Leave) U {7A} (7 pages). If you can correct or add to any of these sections please do so. You will note I collect full names of individuals (full maiden name for females, dates of birth, marriage & death and place of birth, marriage, death, and burial. I am always pleased to have documents of proof or documents of general interest. Along the way I am also interested in collecting special details about particular individuals - their special attributes - good or bad.

Phil U.



(5)  
SOME MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY 11 DEC 93  
OF GRACE L. UPCHURCH

1) For Grace L. U

a) Does the "L" stand for LOREE or LOURÉE?

b) when in 1952 did she die?

c) where is she buried?

d) when were her 4 marriages?

e) where were her 4 marriages?

f) Did she have just 10 children including her first child who died as an infant?

g) For John Small

i) what was his full name?

ii) when & where born?

iii) when & where died & where buried?

h) For Loren Oliver

i) what was his full name?

ii) when and where was he born?

iii) when & where died & where buried?

i) For Seth Augustus Roemer - All OK

j) For 4th husband ( - - SCOTLEN)

i) what was his full name?

ii) where and where was he born?

iii) when & where died & where buried?

k) Did she have just four husbands?

2) For Alberta Lee Hoover

- a) was she born 23 FEB 1932 or 26 FEB 1932?
- b) when and where was her marriage to Kenneth Gurn?
- c) Did she have just four children?
- d) For Kenneth Gurn
  - i) What is his full name?
  - ii) when and where was he born?
  - iii) Is he still living?

e) For Richard Lee Lightfoot

- i) when was he born?
- ii) where was he born?

f) For each of her four children

- i) Full names?
- ii) when and where born?
- iii) when & where married?
- iv) Full names of spouses & when & where born?
- v) Details on any grandchildren of Alberta.?



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Dear Cousin Phil:

Okay, so I know it wasn't that long ago that I wrote last, but I'm calmer now, and I've done some more research myself using the information you gave me. So I've answered some of my questions myself and come up with a few more new ones.

You asked me what I had charted out so far. You have to remember that I am really quite new at this family history stuff and the only thing I've figured out how to chart so far is the direct line. Which means I haven't a clue what to do with all the brothers and sisters, and extra spouses except build them a chart of their own! And I don't know how much of the indirect (to you) stuff you're interested in either. Having thought about that quite a bit the last few days, I've decided to just tell you everything I have and where I'm at with it, and you can do what you want with it.

So far, I've been so busy trying to track down and verify the direct stuff, I've not done a whole lot with the indirect lines. So...starting with me. I've already given you the information about myself and my brothers and sisters as well as what I know of my mothers spouses. I was born Janet Lee Lighthill on 19 Nov 1951 to Alberta Lee Hoover, and Richard Lee Lighthill. I've found since I last wrote you that they were married in St Paul, Howard, NE on 5 Jan 1951. My dad's parents were Hal Samuel Lighthill, born 29 Dec 1905 somewhere in NE to Samuel Lighthill and Della McConnell. I've sent for granddad's birth certificate and his obituary hoping to find more, but so far, I've not heard. I can tell you that Hal died at Sacred Heart Hospital in Loup City, Sherman, NE on 29 Dec 1968. This I know for sure, because Granddad and I were very close, and I was there standing Death Watch that night until the end. My Dad's Mom was Rachel Mary Kelley (or Mary Rachel) so far, I've found it listed both ways. She was born to James Kelley and Mary Coffman in Fowler, Otero, Colorado on 5 Dec 1898 or 1899, again, I have both years listed for her. I've written to Otero county, but I've not yet heard from them either. And other than the fact that there are 8 brothers and sisters to my dad that I'm aware of, two of whom are deceased, that's about all I can tell you about the Lighthill's. My dad suffers from alcoholic dementia, so I can't even ask him. I'll just have to figure it out the hard way.

- △+□ For Mama's side of the family, I have Alberta Lee Hoover, born to Seth Augustus Hoover, and Grace Louree Upchurch in Hastings, Adams, NE on 26 Feb 1932. Seth's side of the family are almost as elusive as my Lighthill clan. I do know that Seth was born to Valore Emanuel Hoover and Caroline Isadora Logan in State Line City, Warren, IN on 14 Sept 1888. However, as near as I've been able to turn up so far, Valore and Caroline simply appeared in Indiana from nowhere in time to give birth to Seth and then immediately dissappear back into the nowhere from which they came without a trace. Indiana can find no record of either of them without more information that what I have and they do not appear on the 1900, or the 1890 Indiana census. Believe me, I spent hours looking! So...what I do know from the Adams County Historical Society in Nebraska is that there were Hoovers in Adams County from about the 1870's up to the 1940's. For lack of any trace in Indiana and knowing that Seth at least eventually turned up in Adams County, I've turned my search for Valore and Caroline to there. As of yet, I've not heard. As for Seth...I know he died in Hastings, Adams, NE on 21 Apr 1957. I will not tell my mother this, because I'm sure she doesn't want to hear it, she worships the man, but as near as I can tell from the documentation that I have, he was a charming, ne'er-do-well, who did not pay his rent or support his children and changed wives nearly as often as he changed occupations which so far, I've not been able to document that he ever worked at! According to his obituary, he had 19 children, 10 of them may have been Mama and her siblings, depending on how you count. 3 of Mama's siblings that I'm aware of were born to Grandma Grace before she ever met Grandpa Seth. So 7 of the 19, I know that I can sort out, the other 12 are still up for grabs! Then there is the matter of the 4 wives. Mama says there was 1 before grandma, but she doesn't know anything at all about her. Number 2, is supposed to be Grandma Grace Louree Upchurch. While Mama does admit that 3 or 4 of her brothers and sisters are illegitimate, she swears that Seth and Grace eventually did get married when they joined the LDS Church. Hastings does not have them listed in the Adams County Marriage Index and the LDS Church there has not responded to my inquiry. So I don't have a marriage date for Seth and Grace. On the other hand, the Adams County Marriage index does have a listed for Seth Augustus Hoover, son of Volara Hoover and Carrie Logan to Helen Marie Goodman, daughter of Fred Temps and Martha Snodgrass on 10 Sep 1940, and the IGI shows a listing for a marriage between Helen Elsie Sterner and Seth Augustus Hoover on 27 Mar, 1950. I do remember meeting Grandma Helen II when I was about 16. I'm beginning to look in neighboring counties for a marriage record for Seth and Grace, but so far, no luck. And that's what I can tell you about the Hoover side of the family. Except that Seth does have 2 brothers and a sister according to his obituary that so far I can't locate names for.
- △+□ Okay, Grandma Grace...Grace Louree Upchurch, born 7 Aug 1893 to Theodore F Upchurch and Mary C Hogan in Steelville, Crawford, MO. The state of MO does not have a birth record for her, I've sent to Crawford county, but so far haven't heard. She may have been married before she married Grandpa Seth to a man whose last name was Small but I have no first name for him, no location, and no date. Too it occurs to me that in view of her history with Grandpa Seth, she may have chosen to
- ALBERTA LEE HOOVER
- Copied for Seth Augustus Hoover and for Grace Louree Upchurch

not marry Mr Small at all. I do know that she had at least 3 of my Mama's brothers and sisters with him. I've told you the difficulty I'm having locating a marriage record for her and Seth. Mama says that Grandma Grace died when I was a baby, first she thought it was in Jan, then she thought when I was 6 months old which would have put it about May of 1952. I had the state of Nebraska look for a death record for 2 years on either side of that date just to be sure. They cannot locate a death record for her at all, nor can Adams County come up with an obituary. So now I'm really confused, because Nebraska is supposed to have death records from 1904. I'm not sure what the next step should be there.

Grandma Grace's parents were Theodore F Upchurch and Mary C Hogan. For Theodore, I have one birth date, 11 May 1844. I have two birth places listed for him. The IGI and all of the church records have him born in Raleigh, Wake, North Caroline. North Carolina and Wake County have been unable to come up with a birth record. The 1900 Missouri census has his birthplace as Aurora Township, Pennsylvania. The state of PA doesn't have birth records back that far. If I could figure out where Aurora Township was in PA (O what I wouldn't give to have paid closer attention in geography class!) I'd inquire at the county level, but I can't find a PA map that even has Aurora listed on it! So for a birth record, I'm stuck for the time being. Theodore and Mary, according to the IGI were married in Steelville, Crawford, MO on 30 Mar 1890, but the state of MO does not show them in the marriage index for Crawford county between 1889-1897. So here I am, stuck again. The death date I have for Theodore is 8 May 1901. I don't have a place in my records, but Mama says that she knows Grandma Grace lived in St Louis for a while and I know John Jordon was Buried there so as soon as I figure out where to look for records in St Louis, (the State Archives doesn't have those records) I'll look there.

As for Mary C Hogan (Theodore's wife, and I don't think the first one since the 1900 census shows a son for Theodore, born in MO in 1881, and he and Mary didn't get married until 1890! Also, according to that census, he was quite a bit older than she was and 44 seems old for a man's first marriage back then) you have no idea how very many Mary C and Mary Catherin Hogans were running around back then! There must be 50 of them in the IGI! I've not been back to the Family History Center since I saw the 1900 census which gave the closest thing I have to a birthdate for her as 1861 in MO, to see if that narrows the field down any. Hopefully, I can do that next week. Until then, I haven't a clue as to exactly when she was born, exactly where or to whom, and I won't until I can figure out how to sort her out from the 49 other Mary C and Mary Catherine Hogans, since I can't locate a marriage record either and I don't know when she died either, but Mama seems to think that she outlived Grandpa Theodore.

Then there's John Jordon Upchurch, Theodore's father, for whom I have you to thank. Once you sorted him out from the other John Upchurch for me, (and I still think there were at least two of them running around about that time unless you know something about Shadricks son John J Upchurch, that I don't) it was a fairly simple thing to go to our Historical Society and find more information on him.

joined for  
John Jordan

△ I now know that he founded the Ancient Order of United Workmen 27 Oct 1868.  
△+△ That he was born in Franklin county, North Carolina to Ambrose Upchurch and  
△+△ Elizabeth Hill on 26 Mar 1820. That he did indeed spend some time in PA, that he  
△ married Angelina Zeigenfuss Green in 1841 though whether it was May 29 or June  
△+△ 1 I haven't yet figured out. He and Angelina had 15 children, the only one I can  
△+△ name is Theodore. He was in business with Angelina's uncle John Zeigenfuss as an  
△ innkeeper for a while, and he spent a lot of years working on the railroad. Right after  
△+△ the Civil war, he lost all his savings in oil speculation. He wrote his own biography,  
△ "The Life and Labors of Father J J Upchurch" which was published in 1887, after his  
△ death on 18 January 1887. He's buried in Balfontaine Cemetery in St Louis, MO.

△ Angelina is another hard one. I think she was born in PA. Her father may have been  
△ Salome Green, and I assume her mother's last name was Zeigenfuss, but so far, I  
— haven't been able to verify any of it.

△+△ Next is John Jordan's father Ambrose Upchurch whom you told me was born about  
— 1792, and who was murdered by his wife's brother in law (I did find out that much)  
△ in 1824. But that and his wife's name is all I've been able to find so far. His wife,  
△+△ and John's mother was Elizabeth Hill. They had 4 children, one of whom was John  
NOT TRUE } Jordan, and I think another was Ambrose A Upchurch who married Harriet Pearce on  
△+△ 1 Jan 1840. But I haven't been able to verify the connection so far. I'm intensely  
△ curious about why Elizabeth's brother in law murdered Ambrose, but so far, not a  
— clue. I don't know another thing about Elizabeth Hill either.

△+△ You said Ambrose father was John IV. So far the only reference I have found to him  
— at all is supposed to be in something called "The American Bench" (is that what it  
— sounds like it is a dictionary of judges and lawyers?) but our Historical Library doesn't  
— have a copy of it and I'm still checking for other places that might have it.

△+△ I don't know yet who comes between John IV and Michael I. I do know that Michael  
I is listed in the IGI. His only birthdate is 1620, in Little Gidden, Huntingdon, England.  
His wife was Frances Delke, and according to the references I found for them, the  
came to America in 1654 and landed at Surry, VA. There are some land grant  
documents for them there that I'm trying to verify. I know nothing about Frances,  
other than, she was married to Michael. Michaels parents were Richard Upchurch,  
and Frances Inkersol, married in 1608, in Godmanchester, Huntingdon, England. And  
that's all I can tell you about either of them. There is, however, a rather long listing  
in the IGI for some of Michael's descendants, that I haven't been able to sort out  
because I don't know the chain link between John IV, and Michael. I'm sending a  
copy to you, just the way I pulled it out of the computer. There are quite a few  
"Unknown"s on there, but a lot of names as well, none of which mean anything to  
me yet. I did think it was interesting that Shadrack and his John J, don't appear any  
— where on this list. But before I get to that, I did find one other entry at the historical  
△ society in their "Complete Book of Emigrants in bondage, 1614-1775" Upchurch,  
△ John. S Summer, R 14 years 1745 Lent 1746. Surry. Which I assume mean that the  
— poor man was reprieved from some sentence for transportation to Surry providing he

No new  
info



△ +△ served a 14 year bondage once he got there. Is he one of ours? Now, on to the Michael I listing back at the IGI. As follows, exactly the way it came out of the computer:

- 1--Michael I Upchurch Born: 1620,,,England
- sp-Frances Delke Born [1620] vs 1667
- 2--Upchurch, unknown Born 1650
- 2--Upchurch, unknown Born about 1654, Surry, Virginia
- 2--Upchurch, unknown Born 1656
- 2--Upchurch, unknown Born about 1656, Surry, Virginia } 2 vs 1
- 2--Richard I Upchurch Born 1658, Surry, Virginia
- sp-unknown Born [1658]
- 3--John Upchurch Born 1678 Surry, Virginia
- sp-Elizabeth Hunicut Born [1678] → ?
- 4--Elizabeth I Upchurch Born 1700
- 4--Sara Upchurch Born 1707 Virginia
- 4--Tryphena Upchurch Born 1709 Virginia → ?
- 4--John II Upchurch (twin) Born [1711] → ?
- 4--James III Upchurch (twin) Born 1724 → ?
- 3--William Upchurch Born [1680] → ?
- 3--James Upchurch Born 1685 Virginia
- sp-Elizabeth unknown Born [1685] → ?
- 4--Richard Upchurch Born 1725, Brunswick Co, Virginia
- 5--Richard III Upchurch (twin) Born 1749 Brunswick county, Virginia
- sp-Susannah Pace Born [1749] → ?
- 5--Moses Upchurch Born [1751] → ?
- sp-Mary Simms Born [1751] → ?
- 5--Benjamin Upchurch Born 1752 Virginia vs 1755
- sp-Nancy Ledbetter Born [1752] → ?
- 5--Charles Upchurch Born 11 Feb 1775, Brunswick Co, Virginia
- 5--Benjamin Upchurch Born 1757 Granville, North Carolina → ?
- 5--Nathan Upchurch Born 1759 Granville, North Carolina
- sp-Mackey Johnson
- 5--Abel II Upchurch twin] Born about 1761 Granville co, North Carolina → ?
- 5--Richard Upchurch Born 1761,, North Carolina → ?
- 5--James V Upchurch Born 1768,, North Carolina → ?
- 5--Frances Upchurch Born about 1772 Granville co, North Carolina → ?
- 5--Jubal Jubal Upchurch Born 1775 → ?
- 4--Michael III Upchurch twin] Born [1727] 1726
- sp-unknown Born [1731]
- 5--Elizabeth Upchurch Born 1753 Brunswick, Virginia
- 5--Moses Upchurch Born 13 Feb 1755 Brunswick county, Virginia
- sp-Mary Simms
- 5--George Upchurch Born 1757 Brunswick, Virginia
- sp-Rachel Bethshares Born 1759 vs 1763

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- 5-Sherwood Upchurch Born 1771 Brunswick, Virginia
- sp Elizabeth Tomberlinson Born [1771]
- 5-William Upchurch Born 1773 Brunswick, Virginia
- 4-William Upchurch Born [1729]
- 4-James II Upchurch twin Born [1731]
- 4-William II Upchurch twin Born 1735
- sp-Mrs Upchurch Born [1658]
- 3-John Upchurch Born [1684]
- 3-James Upchurch Born [1686]
- 2-Michael II Upchurch twin Born 1667 ,, Virginia

It's a little confusing, some of the dates don't make sense and there are obviously a lot of unknowns who aren't even listed while Moses Upchurch is listed twice. Assuming that Michael I is 1, the 2's I think are his children. I think the 3's belong to Richard I and his unknown spouse. The 4's I think to James Upchurch and Elizabeth. The 5's maybe to Richard of Brunswick or to the 4's whose names they fall after. Anyway, no John IV or III, but there is a John II. Maybe I came from one of the unknowns...I don't know. Somehow I think it'll be easier to find a copy of "The American Bench" and look John IV up and work back.

So now you know everything I know, and it'll take you forever just to read this letter, let alone sort out who belongs to who! I better go now, the kids are rioting and the dinner is ready to go on the table. Thanks for your patience.

Jan

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Dear Cousin Jan,  
Your letter of 8 NOV arrived yesterday and I was excited to receive it. This note is being penned hurriedly prior to my departure for work. You and I have an ideal opportunity to exchange information as I know a great deal about the ancestors of Alberta Lee Hooper and little about her descendants whereas the reverse seems to be true with you.

First, you can be sure that your ancestor John Jordan W and in 1841 Angelina Ziegenfuss Green. There is still some question as to whether the marriage was in JAN or JUN and as to whether it took place in Wake Co, NC or Granville Co, NC. Even those issues may be resolved when I take a closer look at the files. I, too, have the 1831 marriage date in my files. I am sure it is an erroneous

data.

John Jordan U was the most famous U of all. He was my grandfather's third cousin. He was the son of Ambrose U who was born ca 1792 and murdered in 1824 leaving four young children. Ambrose U was the only son of John U, IV who was the Head of the John U, IV Clan. Thus you belong to the John U, IV / Ambrose U Subclan.

I have accumulated a great deal of information on your Subclan much of which has been published in the Upchurch Bulletin on which details are enclosed. If you want to purchase some of the back issues I will be glad to mention some of the years when details on your line were included.

I have corresponded with a number of individuals in your line and have met some of them. I have also visited some of the key sites relative to members of your line.

For your mother, Alberta Lee Hosmer I have only that she was born in Hastings, NE, was still living in DEC 1986 and married 1st Kenneth GORR & married 2nd —? and had four children (one of which I presume to be you).



Can you send me any details you have already put into outline form? I'll be glad to check it against my master outline for consistency and also to add new details you provide. I collect full named full maiden name of female, dates of birth, marriage and death, and place of birth, marriage, death, and burial.

I feel that there is much information we can exchange and I look forward to hearing from you soon and to working with you in the months and years ahead.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

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REC'D  
 23 OCT 1996



□+□ Dear Phillip & Sallaine, [WILLIAM U, III, XID-162]

□ Just got the 17, is 3 (and as usual I enjoyed  
 Δ it. For the record, the William Upchurch I've been  
 □+Δ looking at is Ambrose Uncle William who has  
 Δ 1 suspected child. (This is the one you asked me  
 - about when you were here Jan 95.

- Unfortunately, there don't appear to be a whole  
 Δ lot of records on him. Civil court records  
 Δ show 1 record where he is ordered to pay  
 - "child support for the bastard child" of a  
 - local girl, which I already sent you.  
 Δ There are a couple of incidents when he  
 and his brother John IV came before the  
 - court system (at least I've assumed  
 - it was he) to determine whether or not  
 Δ+Δ they would keep the license to sell  
 Δ liquor out of John ~~the~~ IV's home due to  
 - some brawling that took place on the  
 □ premises (am I right in assuming this  
 Δ means John IV ran a Pub from his home?)  
 □ and not a lot more so far. Nothing I  
 □ could find in the Franklin Co Cemetery  
 □ records for any of the Upchurch's I was  
 □+□ looking for (mainly, John IV, his bro William  
 □+□+□ and Ambrose and Elizabeth) or Henry Hill  
 - and his wife.

□ I have been in touch with one of the  
 Δ Hill cousins who was descended from William  
 □+□ Hill (son of Green Hill Sr and Grace Bennett)  
 □+□ he was able to eliminate our Henry from

□+□ that line. William Hill married Mary Jones  
 Δ and had 4 children: William Bennett bn 1779,  
 Δ+Δ Susan bn 1781, James Jones bn 1782, and  
 □ Applegate bn 1784. They always assumed  
 Δ+□ that Mary died in childbirth with Charles since  
 □ William <sup>died</sup> in 1786 and left his 4 children to his  
 □ brother Henry Hill.

Δ+Δ This Henry cannot be our Henry, since  
 Δ his death notice appears in in a Raleigh  
 A newspaper Jan 1805. Ergo, our Henry was  
 Δ not the Henry Hill who belonged to the  
 - NC Senate 1780-1795 but perhaps the Senate  
 Δ+Δ Henry was father to our Henry Hill. He (the  
 A Senate Henry) and Bennett Hill, are the only  
 □ 2 sons of Green Sr and Grace Hill left as  
 A possibilities. I'm going through all my notes  
 - again (and documents); it's been nagging  
 A at me that I have seen or read something  
 □ that gave me the idea that Bennett died  
 - young, at some point in my research.  
 Δ+Δ It's making me crazy that I can't seem  
 - to pin down where that idea came from

Δ All here are doing well. C.J. talks a  
 - blue streak and has fallen in love with  
 Δ+Δ "choo-choo" trains. We've spent quite a few  
 - weekends this summer traveling the Southeast  
 - riding trains. Not much fruit on the trees  
 Δ+Δ this year, it frosted too late, but we got  
 - quite a few concord grapes. The Himmels  
 - didn't do so well (though the vines are alive)  
 Δ+Δ and muscadines are scanty, we think  
 - due to the severe pruning we had to do  
 - in order to repair the verbar that the  
 - winter snow damaged severely.



My 14 year old son Lu (Kevin) is down from Alaska to spend the school year with us and we're really enjoying him. We still ~~are~~ sure what happened between the US Consulate General and Zina at the embassy in Vladovostok but she did confirm that she pulled Zina's US Travel Visa and says that she will never (her emphasis) be issued another. Zina says the consulate general told her that Michael will never be issued his US Citizenship, passport and Visa. She told us though, that the case was under review and she would let us know when she made her determination - that was almost 2 mos ago and we've heard nothing since - so wait, hope, and pray.

I've enclosed \$12 for Volume 3 of the UpChurch Bulletin.

Bedtime for the baby so I have to go. Take care and I'll write if I find anything new.

Just me  
Jan

P.S. Chris says he sends his love.

PSS - Sorry it took so long to mail this - Daddy had a heart attack and then open heart surgery so we've been in Nev. Recovery has been slow but he's doing much better than he was expected to, now any way, and we're finally home!



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REC'D 12 NOV 1996

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Dear Phillip and Sallaine

This won't be a long letter, I've got a million things I need to do, not the least of which is entering some of the data I got on my Dad's line when I was back in Nebraska. But since we're into November, I thought I'd drop a line and check to make sure I'd not somehow missed getting my Bulletin Vol 17 iss 4 and my 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of Englandia (I was gone for most of Sept and part of October). I'm looking forward to renewing my subscription for the Bulletin and entering one for Englandia.

We've been busy putting the farmstead to bed for the winter and of course I'm still trying to keep a long distance eye on Daddy. Our Church is doing a seminar on Creationism, so it's a busy time for the church as well. Chris and I volunteered to keep the toddlers while their parents are in classes. Fortunately we've got lots of help - 40 toddlers at a time are a handful and a half! The seminar though, has been excellent! Our church has been video taping it and we also send it out to the classrooms where we're keeping kids on the closed circuit TV. Ours is a rather large church with a congregation of 960 members and our Sanctuary isn't that big so the

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Closed circuit helps alot. Wife working  
to build a new one in the year 2005  
but meanwhile we make do with  
multiple services and closed circuit TV.

I gotta go - duty calls. I did find  
addresses for my Uncle Frank Hower and  
tried to reach him while I was in Nebraska,  
but he was out. We written a letter to  
see if he can catch me up to all the Hower/Hofkush  
family doings but so far have heard nothing.  
Take Care. I'm looking forward seeing the  
next Bulletin and Englandia!

Jan



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JAN RIDLEY

25 JUN 1996

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Dear Cousin Jan,

Dear Cousin Jan,  
 Thanks for your nice letter of 10 JUN 1996, and  
 for your comments about Englaudia and your order  
 for UB Vol 2 (1981). The copy went out on 18 JUN 96.  
 I'll detail you sent

I have incorporated all the details you sent in my record system and they are greatly appreciated. However, I am not sure which William U is the one referred to in your letter. The William in your direct line is William U, II (XFO-161) b1735, the Grandfather of Ambrose U. Is this the William to whom you refer?

I am pleased to know that you continue to work on the Hill family. I am anxious to know more about this family and my records on them are limited. Enclosed are copies of my Briefs on Henry Hill and his daughter Elizabeth Hill just in case an item or so might be new to you among those entered.

I have had another look for my John Jordan U book and it does not surface. I suspect it got placed in some "dead file" boxes when we moved and will come to light only as these files are examined. I am still discovering items following the move. Most of my "stuff" is organized but it is not unusual for an item to be temporarily misplaced. I'll keep looking for it as the organization project continues from time-to-time.

The winter & spring have been difficult for our farming. We lost 340 out of 370 acres of wheat. A very wet spring has delayed planting and we just in the last few days pushed out some corn being exceptionally late. Now we have to hope for timely rain. I bid yesterday on a 278 acre tract and should know in a day or so if it is accepted. It is an exciting project.

My Best to Chura C.J.



Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



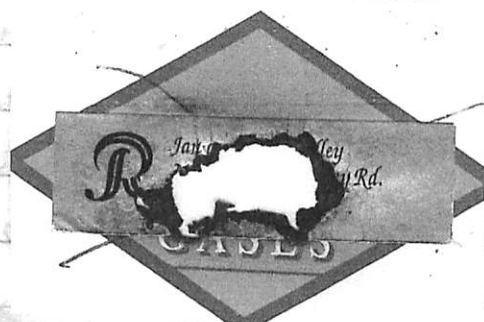
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10 JUN 1996

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REC'D  
14 JUN 96



Dear Cousins Philip & Sallaine,

What a pleasant surprise to find the first issue of Englanolia enclosed with my latest volume of the Upchurch Bulletin! Definatly impressive! Count me among the subscribers when you get ready to issue rates!

- My research goes but slowly, but it
- does go. I haven't been able to confirm
- +□ William Upchurch's child yet. So far I find
- nothing other than just that one brief order to
- pay child support in the Wills and Admins
- records. No will at all for William that I
- can find - I've not exhausted all resources
- yet though. I'm still checking things out.
- I can add bits and pieces to the rest of
- my line though. I've identified the parents
- △ of Mary Caroline Hogan who was married
- +□ to both Theodore F. and Horace C. Upchurch
- △+△ Her father was James E. Hogan, buried in the
- △ Lick Creek Cemetery born 1824 died 1881. Her
- △ mother was Malinda Jane Todd born in
- Washington Co, Mo about 1840 and died at Salem,
- △ Mo 23 Nov 1909. It was Mary Jane's <sup>Malinda Jane - RFD</sup> second marriage

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△+△ Her first marriage was to Gaspar Ferraro of Washington Co  
△+△ I can also tell you that Elizabeth Hill Upchurch  
□ mother to John Jordan Upchurch and wife to  
□ Ambrose Upchurch was still alive and living  
□ on the [redacted] her father deeded to her in 1860.  
△+ She [redacted] tenants, the Ringer Pruitt family  
△ living with her for the past 20 years. Still no  
□ death date, nor do I have a clue what happened  
△ to the farm when she died. I think Elizabeth's  
△ mother may have been Rebecca Ransom though  
□ I can't verify it yet - the Henry Hills are  
- still pretty tangled. There is a marriage  
- bond in Franklin Co though, dated May 1790  
△ between Henry Hill and Rebecca Ransom  
□ I've not given up that project either.

I'm sending \$12 for an unbound vol 2  
of UB. Eventually I'll have them all caught  
up! I'm also still willing to pay cash in  
advance for a photocopy of John Jordan's book!

We heard from Russia finally. Michael  
is okay. Somehow things got resolved  
(Zina didn't say how) and Zina has  
changed her mind about sending him to  
us. We were relieved to hear he was  
okay and disappointed that we wouldn't  
be seeing him.

Bad year for both orchard and vineyard.  
Too much heavy snow (in Tennessee no less!)  
and frost came way too late in Spring.

We're fortunate that there was not a lot  
of winterkill - but there also won't be much

harvest this year. Trees and vines  
survived the winter but [redacted] mo  
died before they opened!

We've begun remodeling on the house  
a little at a time so we keep super  
busy! Hope this letter finds the two of  
you well and happy.

Sincerely  
Cousin Jan

V.P. 1981  
Sent 6-15-96

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your situation as regards the Russian scene is certainly traumatic. Americans do not realize what a great place the U.S. is to live until they learn about the frustrations that exist in places like Russia. Although we all have hope that Russia is evolving in a favorable direction the present scene is certainly not good. Let us all hope that little Michael is safe and that he will somehow find his way to you. I know it would bring great relief to you and Chris.



I am pleased to know that you will be giving more consideration to family history. There is much to be done on the John Jordan Upchurch line in the John U, IV / Ambrose U Subdan. We have come a long way.

We are excited about a new computer we have. Just yesterday we got the printer operating. It is a 133 Mhz, 1.6 GigaByte, etc, etc. I not only have to become computer literate but I have to figure out how to use it in the best way to promote our family history work - internet, online, etc, etc.

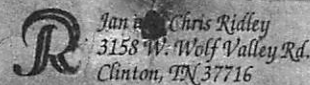
Tomorrow we fly to Miami, FL to take a seven day cruise in the Caribbean our first cruise ever. It is very exciting. Sallaine has bought all sorts of clothes for her and me.

Our best to you and Chris and C. J.

☺ Sincerely yours  
 Phil Upchurch  
 [ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

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REC'D 19 JAN 1996

Jan 19 1996  
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Dear Cousins Phillip &amp; Sallaine,

Just wanted to put a short note in the invoice envelope. As you can see we enclosed a total of \$27 - \$15 for this years subscription and \$12 for an unbound copy of Volume 1.

Due to a family emergency my research time has been severely curtailed for the past several months. Chris has a 3 year old son in Magaden, Russia and for several months it's been really dangerous for the baby to be there due to his older half brother's anti government activities. Even though the baby's mother agrees that he isn't safe in Magaden and wants him to come to us here in America, the fact that she and Chris were never married has created more than a few problems in getting the baby out of the country. We have been in touch with various congressmen, ambassadors and the American State Department as well as at least 3 different attorneys. After several months of bureaucratic red-tape and hoop-jumping to satisfy two governments the only thing we've managed to ~~totally~~ accomplish is having established legally that Chris is Michael's father. Barely the first step



in gaining Michael's American citizenship with  
all its attendant rights including passport  
and Visa. Without the citizenship there is  
absolutely nothing we can do to protect  
the baby, let alone bring him home. To  
make things worse, we've had no word at  
all out of Russia since the beginning of  
October, nor has Zina made any withdrawal  
from the account we pay our child support  
into! Up until now that's not happened in  
all the time Chris and I have been married.  
The last we heard, the older brother  
had been jailed by the government and  
pressure was being applied to the family  
to get him to sign a confession. The  
baby had been banned from daycare so  
that Zina couldn't work, nor was she  
allowed to travel even within the  
country. She and Michael were living  
in an apartment with no heat or electric  
because the government had cut off their  
access. We have been through every channel  
we can think of - official and unofficial -  
trying to get some word of them but all  
we've gotten is the most deafening silence  
you ever didn't hear! For now we are  
told on every side that we've done everything  
we can do but wait for one of the channels  
to come through. ~~So now~~ So now research  
recommenced - I'm trying to fill up  
time. It's worrisome because the next

Step in getting Michael to safety was that Zina had to take the documents we sent to her to an American Embassy in Russia and initiate a petition for Michael's citizenship since she was the one with legal custody. We haven't even been able to confirm that she got the documents and I can't imagine that if she did with things as bad as they were ~~which~~ not initiate the paperwork ASAP - which doesn't appear to have happened. So things are pretty scary.

And that's just about all the news that is news on my end since I last wrote except my oldest son made it home for Christmas this year which went a long way to making our holiday as happy as it could be without Michael.

Gotta go - now that research is back in the schedule maybe I'll be able to contribute soon -

Take care  
Cousin Jan



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JANET RIDLEY

7 JUN 1995

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Dear Cousin Jan,

This is just a brief note to let you know that we arrived home safely day before yesterday and to thank you for meeting with us on June 2, 1995. It was a pleasure to meet you for the first time and also to meet Chris and C.J. you certainly have a beautiful location and an interesting one. I know you will take a great deal of pride in your project which will unfold over the months and years.

We have much work to do in filling out the details of the John Jordan Upchurch line in the John U, IV / Ambrose U Subclan. It is a pleasure to work with you in this regard. We can be proud of what we have already accomplished.

Anything you can send on the Hill family will be appreciated.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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29 APR 1995

Dear Cousin Jan-

Essentially all details are now firmly in place for the trip and we are excited about it. Hope to see you soon!

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]