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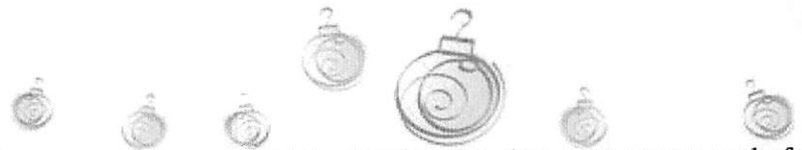
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Christmas 2018



This was Jean's second year of retirement and we are getting good at it. Mocha, the dog, gets us up early for our two-mile walk (she is only good for one these days), breakfast whenever we get to it and after about 10am or later, we begin whatever activities compel us...unless we are traveling. We did some traveling this year. The common theme is the people who compelled our visits, beginning with 3+ weeks in Southeast Asia during weeks of January and February. We visited dear friends in Singapore, Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Hanoi. We included tourist stops in Phuket, Siem Reap and Hong Kong. Visiting friends was the most fun.



Anantri & Wassana
The Paragon, Bangkok



Linh & Lee
Chiang Mai



Pink, Michael & Parents
Hanoi, Vietnam



Anghor Wat
Siem Reap, Cambodia



Pawinee, Kanika, NaPat
Asiatique, Bangkok

Great times in Singapore with the good friends at Fortrec and Singapore Economic Development Board; in Bangkok a lunch and tour of Ancient Siam with Nanthana O'Lemon; and in Hanoi a city tour and amazing New Year's party with Michael and Pink. Shortly after our return from Asia, my oldest sister, Karyl died after an intermittent battle with cancer. She was beautiful, loving, generous, and genuine with all people. She was my role model as a child and she is missed by so very many. The upside was the great time we had after the funeral with the family and friends we can't see that often.



In July we flew to Costa Rica to visit Nanthana & Matt O'Lemon from Bangkok who were visiting Matt's family there. In October we spent five days in Cobo San Lucas, Mexico where I was father of the bride (surrogate) of Michelle Long and Tom Noons wedding. Over the years I have befriended the Thai PhD students of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at the University of Houston. I thought of myself as their mentor, but they never really needed mentoring. I am more of

a cheerleader. We enjoy the times we spend with these incredibly bright, engaging and fun people. I try to attend their key events and activities, especially graduations. This year's May graduation included Chalada, now doing medical research at Mount Sinai in NYC, and NaPat who returned to Bangkok and a great position in industry.



Chilada & NaPat



We made four 3-week trips to the LawG Cabin in Colorado, focusing on some overdue maintenance that came to a halt in October when weather changes precluded the roof replacement. For the most part, it was a real treat spending more time there. Jean enjoys her quilting studio there as much as she does at home. The best was Thanksgiving with cousin Cheryl and Joe who joined us for fried Turkey and fixings.

Last year we included a comment about how good it is to have Lindsey nearby...in September she relocated to Santa Barbra, California where she is now working in neurology at the local hospital 3-4 days a week. She now has time to enjoy the local amenities as well as more travel. We miss her.

Jillian's family in Austin are all doing very well. Madison is 8 and Levi 6. Don is traveling internationally which challenges dual career parents, but also provides some wonderful companion travel opportunities to distant lands. Jean's mom, Harriet, maintains her wit at a memory care unit nearby. Jean sees her regularly which makes it easier to be remembered. Life is good!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Best Wishes for you, your friends and family.

Jerry & Jean Law

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FLASHBACK 15 YEARS: CHRISTMAS 2003

Since 2011 we have been including a fifteen-year Law Family Christmas letter Flashback that seems to be popular among our family and friends. So here is a look back to our 2003 Christmas letter. It was written as a letter to Santa. Here is a brief summary of that letter.

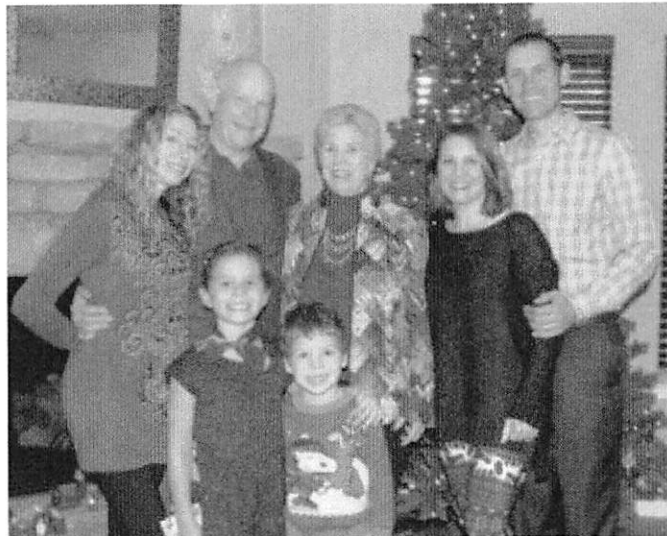
All we wanted for Christmas 2003 was 'peace and tranquility'. It was an extraordinarily busy year. Jerry spent the better part of the year dealing with suppliers and customers after his company filed for Chapter 11. He was actually very successful retaining, even growing, all customers and suppliers at improved contractual terms in the relatively short time period...filing the reorganization plan in less than four months from the bankruptcy date.

Jean's responsibilities as VP administration expanded to more mergers, acquisitions, and accreditations in expanding geographies around the U.S. Her industry was receiving some bad press and she was actively working to maintain the company's position as one of the top non-profit services in the money management industry. It was part of a five-years tug-of-war with the IRS (which she ultimately prevailed with the company unscathed).

Jillian adjusted her academic program at Baylor University to a five-year combined Bachelors and Masters in Accountancy. She was active on campus at church, Habitat for Humanity, and career counseling board.

Lindsey was a senior in high school doing very well academically while performing in the elite 'Governor's Posse' song and dance group. She contracted mono early in the school year and dad had to help her file her college applications. At the time of the letter writing she had applied to several colleges, received acceptances to some while others remained pending. Her preference seemed to change with the weather. She missed having her big sister around and consulted her often regarding school, friends and colleges.

So slowing down for the holidays was on everyone's wish list. A Christmas celebration at the Colorado LawG Cabin was Santa's most appreciated gift.



CHRISTMAS AUSTIN, TX 2016

(Other than the grandkids being taller now, we haven't changed much!)



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Subject: Harriet Lasater

From: Jean Law <jeanquilt@yahoo.com>

Date: Sat, Mar 16, 2019 11:16 am

To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Dear Cousin Phil,

I have some sad news.

Mom died the morning of March 7th. She was in hospice care at The Hampton, where she had been staying in the memory care unit since I moved her and dad to Texas in 2013. She would have been 97 on April 9th. Her body just gave out and she went peacefully. She still knew me, even at the end, and she never lost her sweetness or the sparkle in her eyes.

She is being cremated and we will have a memorial service at St. John's Baptist Church on May 3rd. Her ashes will be sprinkled in the church's Memorial Garden where dad's are.

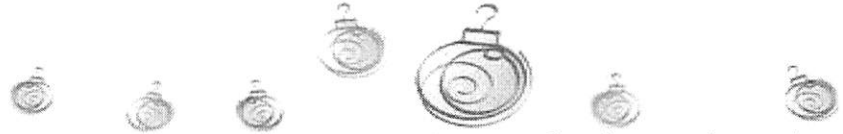
It looks like you have a big trip planned to NC in April. I'm glad you are doing well enough to make the trip. It certainly sounds like you will get a lot accomplished. It's unfortunate that our paths won't cross in NC.

All the best to you and your clan.

Jean Law

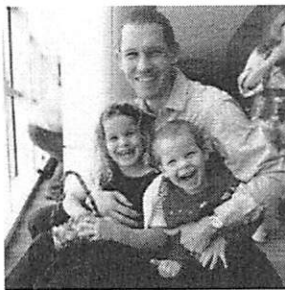
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Christmas 2016
Sugar Land, Texas



This year seems like a transition year from productive empty nesters to RETIRED! Although I retired from Dow in 1995 and TPC in 2009, I have continued to work as an independent advisor in the industry since. I continue to review project possibilities (but not very aggressively) and take some time to enjoy my life here. This year I traveled to Southeast Asia three times, but none of the opportunities panned out, so I have transitioned to improving my golf game. Of course the joy of my life is my three girls (not so recent photo here). My body seems to be making some transitions as well...almost all for the better. I lost about 15 pounds, replaced the lenses in my eyes (cataracts) and had a heart procedure to control my heart rythem (ablation). Jean is also in good health and at the end of December transitions into retirement (of sorts) from MMI where she has worked for about two centuries. She cut back to 4-day weeks this year to wean them from her presence, but they will miss her dearly. She is in the groove for producing quilts, attending retreats, and expects a major increase in output.

Together we took a Caribbean cruise in March, spent two awesome weeks at the cabin in Colorado, returned to my home town for my Ithaca, Michigan 50th high school class reunion and family gatherings, and spent a long weekend in New Orleans.



Jillian and Don are busy with work and scheduling activities for Madison and Levi. Don is traveling internationally more and they seem to make it all work for the kids. We will join them for Christmas in Austin along with Lindsey. Linsey is doing very well at MD Anderson and is liking it much more. She is also busy taking and teaching yoga lessons and developing her meditation skills. The picture below is Lindsey leading the Houston yoga class of over 300 in the city's Discovery Green park on International Yoga Day.

To all of our many family and friends around the world we wish you a very Merry Christmas, joyous family time and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. We hope to hear from you soon, and perhaps even see you sometime in 2017!



Jerry and Jean Law

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FLASHBACK 2001

Since 2011 we have been including a fifteen-year Law Family Christmas letter Flash that seems to be popular among our family and friends. So here is a look back to our 2001 Christmas letter. It was the second year in a row the letter was written by Jillian (then a Freshman at Baylor University) and written totally from her perspective.

Jillian and Lindsey spent that summer attending the American School in Leysin, Switzerland WITHOUT PARENTS (she emphasized). After listing their multiple adventures, classes, performances and travels there, she summarized by saying it was the best vacation ever.

She extolled the very positive experiences of her transition from high school to college student and her good fortune to have a great first roommate (with whom she remains good friends).

Lindsey was doing exemplary work as a sophomore in high school while participating in school plays...and after four years in the band drum line she switched to choir to develop her voice. The Lindsey highlight was receiving her first driver's license.

Jean and I had spent a couple of weeks at our Colorado cabin while the girls were in Switzerland (first time without the girls). Jean was busy with her quilting as an escape from work and I was getting in some golf as part of my work.

She closed the letter very nicely:

"While we can't always visit with one another, we think of our friends often. Even more so after the September events that remind us how precious and unpredictable life is. We wish you peace and joy in this holiday season and throughout the year."

Later, Lindsey wrote about her time at the American School in Leysin, Switzerland. The following is the beginning of that essay.

"As I walked into orientation for the Summer in Switzerland program in Leysin, I gazed over a sea of faces that looked like a patchwork quilt, all different colors and textures. A concert of voices speaking a multitude of languages bombarded me as I threaded my way to a seat. The Swiss Alps attracted me to this program where I planned to study French and explore different cultures, but I never imagined the world I would discover. I met people from over fifty different countries, representing countless languages and religions. This might overwhelm the typical teenage American girl from upper-middle class suburbia. I, however, finally felt liberated.

I was in my element, in a place where I could take advantage of people's differences by learning from them. I jumped at every opportunity to learn about these fascinating people. Everyone opened up. Nobody judged. One of my roommates was Turkish, the other Japanese. The language barriers just made communicating more exciting. I took leadership courses where we worked together, played together, and learned to trust each other. I took a world cultures and religions course in which the diversity of the students brought reality and led to lively discussions. I grew, and I made lifelong friends."



Allied Families

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Contact Phil at (636) 898-8516 or (314) 313-4734 (cell)

January 22, 2017

Dear Jean,

The enclosed letter documents your generous 2016 support of Allied Families. The enclosed U.S. for 2016 shows our shift to digital year & internet have helped to achieve.

Proforma is a summary of what we have done in our shift and what we hope for in 2017 with your help. Of our 200 participants the burden to support our \$25,000 2017 budget falls largely on about 50 of us. Whatever encouragement you can provide will be welcomed.

I remain hopeful that you will join us in N.C. for part or all of our March 30 - April 2 visit to push our Cary Facility along. I think you would be impressed with progress there. Also, I remain hopeful that you will accept our invitation to join the Allied Families Board.

RENEWAL
FORM
ENCLOSED

In Appreciation

Phil Upchurch

JEAN NMN LASATER

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People noted in Valley Files

① Jean Lasater b 20 NOV 1950 ind 18 MAY 1974
 Gerald Michael Law b 7 SEP 1948. Jean is the dau
 of Roberts Council Lasater of the Moses U / Series U
 Subclan - Quiretta U Line (Reference 35, Pg 25)

[CS 4] Joseph Marrison Lasater, Sr

② From Ltr 31 JAN 1983 Harriet NMN Ratcliff (-MOT OF JLT)
 to RPU

Jean Lasater b Raleigh, NC ind (Charlotte, NC)

Gerald Michael Law b Ithaca, NY. Jean is an only
 child. We gave her no middle name. She is expecting
 her first child in MAY 1983

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10 JUN
2011

Subject: Website Contact form submitted by Jean Lasater Law
 From: ~~jean.law@moneymanagement.org~~
 Date: Fri, Jun 10, 2011 5:22 pm
 To: phil@upchurchstory.com
 Cc: ~~karolyn@acowd.us~~

The following Contact Us form has been submitted to Phil Upchurch:

Name: Jean Lasater Law

Email: jean.law@moneymanagement.org

Do you by any chance have the Upchurch Bulletin on CD or other electronic format? I have (most) of my parent's copies of the UB and Englandia, and before I get a lot of paper cuts turning them into pdf files, I thought I'd ask. Any chance of an Excel file for the XID list?

My folks are Roberts C. (9165) and Harriet R. Lasater (9170). They are now in assisted living in Charlotte, NC, and while they don't remember much, still have spunk and a sense of humor. All the best, and thanks for your assistance.

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11 JUN
2011

Subject: RE: Website Contact form submitted by Jean Lasater Law
 From: phil@upchurchstory.com
 Date: Sat, Jun 11, 2011 6:28 am
 To: ~~jean.law@moneymanagement.org~~

Hi Cousin Jean---

Delighted to hear from you and to have a report on your parents. Starting in 1982 your mother and I had a 20+ year period of intensive sharing of our interests in our shared family heritage. She was exceptionally supportive. Upon receiving your email I enjoyed having a look at her Biofile which contains copies of our many exchanges. Now to your questions. The short answer is that, regrettably, none of the materials to which you refer are available electronically. I started manually in the 1970's and have continued that way. I only got into the electronic world in 2005 after finally deciding I could not outlive it.

JEAN NMN LASATER PE2 X77-9166

④ 11 JUN 2011 - CONTINUED

On a longer term basis there is some reason for hope. I have established and endowed the Upchurch Collection at N. C. State University in Special Collections. It will eventually hold all of my professional, business, personal, and family history records (forty four drawer file cabinets of the latter). Some of them are already there and I am working on another batch to send this summer. The family history records will not be sent for several more years as I continue to work with them.

The plan is for N. C. State to get key parts of the Collection into electronic format and to make it available on the Internet. The Endowment will eventually provide funds to do this. On my periodic visits from home in MO to NC I continue to press Special Collections to move ahead with pilot projects. In a separate thrust a Cousin in GA has been talking with me for a year or so about coming up with the money to digitize the Upchurch Bulletins (which Special Collections already have) but he is slow to act. He already has a quote from Special Collections as to cost. So, eventually we will get to where you want to be.

On another note, I am somewhat disappointed at the number of members of the extended Upchurch Family who express and interest in their heritage which is so rich and varied. Over the last four decades I had many Cooperators like your mother who were interested takers and givers of information and seemed to take great joy and pride in the collaboration. As these older Cooperators have faded from the scene replacements have not been forthcoming. Even those who find my website seem to have only the most casual interests. I, on the other hand, have found Ancestry .com a fountain of new information which I use daily to enhance my extensive records on the family.

Perhaps you can see why I am so pleased to learn that you find value in the Upchurch publications your mother acquired. My apologies for unloading my frustration on you.

Thanks again for your interest and do let me know if you have questions, comments, etc.
Phil Upchurch

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13 JUN
2011

Subject: RE: Website Contact form submitted by Jean Lasater Law
From: "Law, Jean" <~~jean.law@MONEYMANAGEMENT.ORG~~>
Date: Mon, Jun 13, 2011 8:29 am
To: "'phil@upchurchstory.com'" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Good Morning!

Thanks for your prompt response. In light of the fact that there is no electronic format for the Upchurch Bulletin and Englandia , I spent a good part of the weekend getting them in a pdf format. I had worked some last weekend too, so all of Englandia is done and the UB from 1980 – 1995. I'll try to finish up the last of it within the next week or so. I'm missing some issues, but I'm fairly certain that they are in Charlotte with other genealogy stuff. I'll be in Charlotte in early September (if not before) and plan to ship all of those records back to my house then and complete this part of the project. I'll be sure to send you everything on CD or a thumb drive (or both).

I'm glad that you're leaving all of this with NC State. I imagine that you already know that dad was in charge of the Baptist Student Union there in the early '50s. Some of my earliest memories are square dancing with the guys and various retreats we went on. The September trip to Charlotte is for a BSU reunion that they are having at Carriage Club, the assisted living facility that mom and dad are in. Mom doesn't get out much, so they have it there to make sure she comes.

Have a good week!

Jean

JEAN NMN LASATER (PG3) XJN-9166

Subject: RE: Website Contact form submitted by Jean Lasater Law
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Wed, Jun 15, 2011 6:44 am
To: "Law, Jean" <Jean.Law@MONEYMANAGEMENT.ORG>

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2011

Hi Jean---

It is very kind of you to think of sending me the electronic format for the UB issues. I will look forward to having it in due course.

Upon finishing my PhD in CA in 1953 I joined the N. C. State faculty as an Assistant Professor. So, your father and I were there for a few years together. I wish we could have interacted. If you want to know more about me just google Robert Phillip Upchurch and click on the oral history taken by George Ware in AZ. Now for two ideas.

I understand that your parents are well on in years and may not wish to have their tranquility disturbed. However, if you think it appropriate and useful I would be happy to pen a letter of special thanks, especially to your mother, in view of our long and productive collaboration. I would not solicit information but would hope to be a voice out of the past sending best wishes and recalling the blessings of family connections. I could send the letter to them or to you for transmission or set the idea aside if you so advise.

When a new correspondent, like you, surfaces I am often conflicted about how much they wish to come into the orbit of the huge collection of family information I have collected over the last 40 years. I'll mention two options and you can let me know if we need to open the spigot a little or not. I have for years entered information into Biofiles manually. I probably have Biofiles on several million individuals but not in electronic format. The one on your ancestor Sims Upchurch is fairly robust and I will be happy to mail you a copy if you so desire. Further, I keep Master Outlines manually for the various Upchurch Clans and Subclans and Lines. You belong to the Moses U/Sims Upchurch Subclan and to the Quinetta Upchurch Line in that Subclan. I'll be glad to send you a segment of the relevant Master Outline if you so desire.

I know you must be busy with priorities so will understand if you wish to limit your involvement in such matters as described above. In any case I remain appreciative of your reaching out to me.

Phil Upchurch

Subject: RE: Website Contact form submitted by Jean Lasater Law
From: "Law, Jean" <Jean.Law@MONEYMANAGEMENT.ORG>
Date: Wed, Jun 15, 2011 9:21 am
To: "'phil@upchurchstory.com'" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

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15JUN
2011

Greetings!

Writing mom is an excellent idea. While her short-term memory isn't worth much, she does remember things further back and she was very engaged in researching the family history. I'll also talk to her about this project when I call her and dad this weekend. Their address is 5802 Old Providence Road, #319, Charlotte, NC 28226.

I will take you up on your kind offer of the Biofile on Sims Upchurch and the Master Outline for the Moses U/Sims Upchurch/Quinetta Upchurch lines. (Quinetta is a new one on me.) Mom made some notes on the earlier Upchurch Bulletins, so I was able to trace some of the lineage, but I was mostly skimming them as I was scanning. I still haven't had a chance to get my arms around everything. The Biofile and Master Outlines should help tremendously. My address is 2710 Colony Park Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77479.

Mom was the one into genealogy and I was glad she was pulling stuff together, but I was never "into the weeds" as she was. However, in just the smattering I've read in the UBs, all this is starting to come alive and the history is so interesting. At this point, I have time constraints and other priorities that prohibit getting as involved as she did (funny how a full time job just eats into your day). But at some point, I can see becoming more engaged in it. In any event, I would like to get to the point that I have an understanding of both mom and dad's line and can share that with our daughters. All the best,

I appreciate your support of my early fumbling down this road.

Jean

Phil -

JEAN NMN LASATER

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REC'D
28 JUN 2011

Thank you so much for the Biofile & Master outline. I've got to spend time with bath. The Biofile is like drinking thru a fire hose, there's so much info there, and the outline filled in a lot of blanks for me.

Thanks too for your sweet letter to mom & dad.

Hope all is well with you and yours -

Almost forgot an update:

△△ Jillian Michelle Law M. Donald Joseph Bergman (17497)
on 11 Oct. 2008 - Sugar Land, TX b 5/18/1981

△ (1) Madison Rose Bergman b. 2 March 2011

△△ Both Julian + Lindsay (17498) were born in Houston, TX

All the best -

Jean

Feb 1, 2011

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29 JUN 2011

Dear Jean -

Thank you for your letter which arrived yesterday,
for your subscription to the UB for 2011 and
especially for your generous contribution in support
of the Upchurch Collection. Enclosed is a copy of my
letter of transmittal which shows I am sending
in my matching amount. The single issue for the
UB for 2011 will be produced this fall.

In case you did not keep a copy of the sheet you
sent in I enclose a copy and call your attention to
the highlighted passage. Let me know if you want
a copy and I will send it. It may be that
your mother has or has passed along a copy to you.
Belle and I got to know each other in the late
1970's about five years before her death and she
and I developed a close friendship. She considered
me her "genealogical son".

Congratulations on your developing family.
I have updated my records and have assigned
Ronald XFD-59644 and Madison XFD-59645.
(which means I only have left 355 names to
enroll to reach a goal of 60,000!)

I am glad you approve of the letter to your folks. Spreading cheer is a worthwhile endeavor.

You are no doubt finding much pleasure in seeing Madison develop. We have eight grandchildren ranging from age 13-29 with only one being married and no great grandchildren yet. We follow all eight closely and each presents a unique story. Each one represents a special story. To give one illustration I enclose a copy of a letter I posted yesterday to Jerry who at 17 is off to spend six weeks in the wilds of Panama helping the poor under the AMIGO program. It is a challenge to bridge the gap between their generations and mine but one that. In a few years you will be rising to that challenge.

It is a reward to me that you find the master outline and the People of Zion Upchurch to be useful/interesting. As your time allows I hope we can do more together on our shared heritage.

With All Best Wishes

Phil Upchurch

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16 JUN 2011

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Dear Cousin Jean,

It has been great to interact with you on our shared heritage. I'll provide some items here as promised and henceforth follow your lead on collaboration knowing that you have limited time to spend on family history at this season of your life.

Enclosed are four items.

- A copy of the letter I have today posted to your parents
- The 17-Page, 38-item Biopic for your ancestor Sims U (He was a 1st cousin of my GGF Gilbert U b 1792 and they would have known each other well)
- The Master Outline for that part of the Mose U/Sims U subclan pertaining to the Quinetta U line through the 9th generation with only one continuation section attached (CS4)
- Information on the Upchurch Publications and ongoing research efforts

About Biopics. In general I constantly add items to Biopics for individuals with the idea that they will be helpful to me or to someone at some point. When I chose to send someone a copy I try to clean them up a little often shuffling order in the process to fill pages. The result, as in the case of the Sims & Biopic is a collection of random, unedited, unsorted, etc items. Each Biopic cry out for correction, removal of duplicate inputs, and additions. They are raw material for creating a narrative and serving as a starting point for more research. I am always hopeful that someone on the other side of the fence (i.e. not me) will seize the opportunity

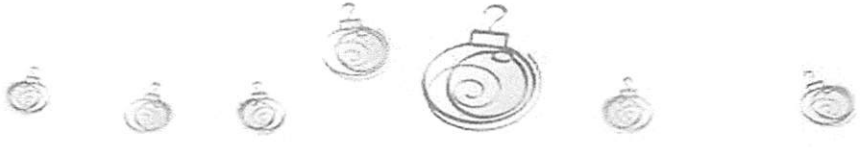
For the Master Outlines I collect full names (full maiden name of females), dates of births/marriage/deaths and place of births/marriage/deaths/burial. For place I like to include town/county/state and details on cemetery (name/location). We rarely get all of this but we should try. Perhaps there are a few items you can let me have

I have some more insight on the Saxtons/Lamberts name of Western Wake Co, NC we can pursue if you so desire.

Trusting this finds you well and fully engaged in line - your cousin -

Phil Upchurch

Christmas 2011
The Law Family
Sugar Land, Texas



I cannot recall when we did not send out a Christmas letter, but the oldest I have electronically stored in 1996. I thought I'd share a 15-year-old news flashback.



In 1996 we built our LawG Cabin in Colorado, Jean was bumped up to executive responsibilities from director of counseling, Jerry completed his first year with TPC and participated in the management buyout of the company, Jillian was half way through 8th grade with highlights in band, and Lindsey moved into the new Catholic elementary school. Our telephone area code changed to 281 (980-8465).

Now it's just us, plus dog (Mocha). Yep, Lindsey is fully employed for the first time in her life and living in an apartment not far from M.D. Anderson Hospital (top rated cancer hospital in the US) where she works as a PA in the gastrointestinal medical unit. She is doing great and learning (with a real paycheck) what "opportunity costs" means.



Jean and Jerry are still working and grateful for family, friends, good health, and Texas (Jerry never thought he'd say that!). Jerry traveled far and often racking up over 175,000 Continental miles while Jean took on home projects to replace the carpet with mostly wood and tile, rebuilding closets, the master bath and bedroom, and turning Lindsey's old room back into a guest room. Ya'll come!



We traveled to Thailand again this year and Lindsey joined us for a Thai wedding. The bride is a neighbor and good friend and we were part of the wedding party in traditional Thai dress as "honorary American parents of the bride." We did the beach thing near Krabi, joined by friends from Hanoi, and while Jerry worked in Singapore, the girls did the shopping/touring thing in Chiang Mai. Many great memories for all.



Jillian is a CPA in Austin and was promoted to manager this year. Granddaughter Madison is almost 2 years old and a bundle of fun and energy. Don is a great dad and he is enjoying his work as project manager more each year. While we were in Thailand during the flooding, they took a great vacation in Hawaii. They managed just fine without the baby!

It was another wonderful and exciting year for our family, and we are so grateful for our friends. We made special note of that during Thanksgiving! We hope this letter finds you happy, healthy and full of hope and prosperity. Please keep in touch and may God bless you all.



Jerry and Jean Law

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Christmas 2015

We wish our family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!



We hope and pray that you and your family are healthy and happy. We'll be home for Christmas with Lindsey this year. We'll head to Austin to visit Jillian and her family for New Years.

I only traveled to Asia once this year in April/May that included the Thai Songkran (water festival/New Year's celebration), meetings in Bangkok and Singapore, as well as a conference in Seoul. Before making that trip I had cataract surgery, replacing both of my God-given lenses with synthetic replacements. These are the 'multi-focal' lenses that allow each eye to change focal distance. So, no glasses needed!

In March I ended an eight year series of terms as president of The Founders Club, a petrochemical industry group of 25+ year executives who have distinguished themselves in the industry. It was an honor for me and I remain on the Board of Governors Executive Committee.

In July we spent two weeks at the cabin in Colorado with family part of the time, and attended a wonderful destination wedding in Granby, CO for a neighbor and 25+ year friend of Lindsey's. Then in August, our family plus Jillian and granddaughter Madison, attended the wedding of my sister's granddaughter, Krista, in MI. In September Jean and I visited friends in the U.K., Geneva, and Zurich before attending a conference in Berlin. In October we spent a weekend in Grand Rapids with Don and Nancy Lubbers. He was president of Grand Valley State University when I received my BS in Chemistry. It was great fun and the campus visits were awesome!



In November family and friends gathered in Las Vegas to celebrate the 30th anniversary of one of Jean's birthdays. We returned home in time for a neighborhood Thanksgiving followed by Lindsey's birthday party the next day (her 30th). Much more than a normal week for us. We are grateful for all the friends who helped us celebrate. Meanwhile, Jean has been busy, still working as VP of Administration for Money Management International, managing the affairs of her mom, another home improvement project, and quilting when she can. She will reduce her office hours (and pay) to four days a week next year and hopes she doesn't get sucked into working more. She is looking forward to full retirement beginning

2017. Her mom, Harriet, is doing well. Her lack of memory doesn't bother her in the least and she is still witty, articulate and irreverent. She's one of the favorites in the Sugar Land memory care facility and Jean gets to visit her often.

We have fully enjoyed this year and we consider ourselves blessed with a wonderful family and endearing friends like you to share our happy times. We hope your year was also happily blessed and pray you have many more filled with love and joy. Remember, Christmas is not just a season, it's a state of mind. Enjoy your family and friends and have a great 2016!

Jerry and Jean

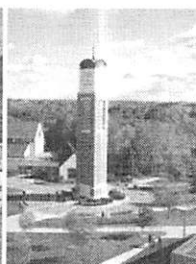
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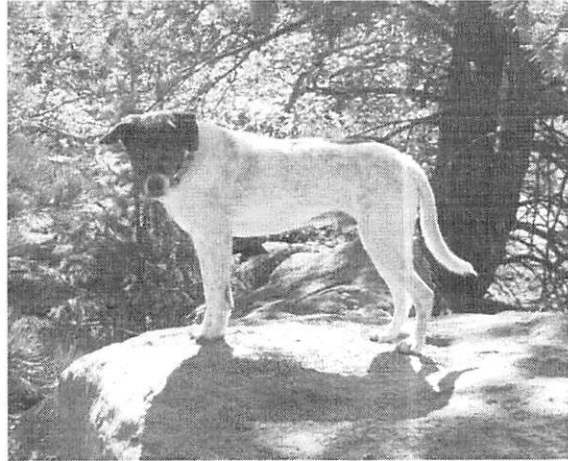
Lindsey Yoga Class @ Holly's Wedding



GVSU Clock Tower



With Dave Multack, Nancy & Don Lubbers



Tobe Won Kenobe

We have been doing fifteen year flashbacks with recent Christmas letters, so here's a blast from our 2000 Christmas letter.

Jillian is a senior in high school and anxious to move on to college. She was already accepted at Baylor University, the only college to which she applied. She was loving her creative writing class and asked if she could write the Christmas letter. She wrote it in first person...as our first dog, Tobe.

Tobe introduced himself...Tobe Won Kenobe, as a rescue dog added to the Law family because he was cheaper than a therapist. He catalogued Jerry's travel as the reason for limited interaction, but acknowledged their runs through the neighborhood where he patronized Jerry by letting him think it tired him.

Jean (nutritional provider) was stressed out over the merger of her original company, CCCS, with MMI (current) and Tobe's job was to look cute, smile and evaporate her worries. He appreciated her obsession with softly stroking his belly.

Jillian was busy with school where her favorite classes were Chemistry II and creative writing. Tobe heard some of her fictional stories about family and imaginary creatures and expressed surprise she was not on drugs.

Tobe loved that Lindsey taught him to dive into the pool after tennis balls. She was a freshman in high school playing percussion in the band, and participating in theatre and on the Comedy Sports Team. She made a trip to Switzerland with Jerry to look at possible summer school options and had a lifetime story experience at the Swiss/French border near Geneva. Tobe really appreciated all the time Lindsey spent with him in spite of her busy schedule.

It was a very good year for Tobe. His favorite times were the two trips to Colorado and running free atop the mountain on Lost Posse Ranch. He caught a rabbit, but did not know what to do with it. Aunt Cindy and Uncle Phil met him for the first time there. He enjoyed them thoroughly, as did we all.

Jerry & Jean

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