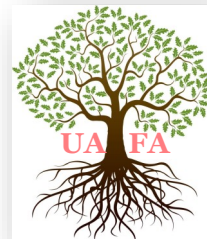


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EDITOR'S DESK

Allow me to thank Jay Buck, Carla Michaels and Kim Wrenn for passing along the information on the old Alfred Upchurch House in Raleigh, NC. Alfred Upchurch was a coachmaker in the city of Raleigh, NC.

In this issue, UAFA President, Dr. Tom Upchurch updates us on the astonishing progress the Tree Masters are doing. This project is headed by board member Linda Upchurch Sparks.

In our April Newsletter, Dr Tom will let us in on a powerful little trick on creating tree and hint-specific searches for your family tree. We think this will open amazing information for you to use when working with your family tree in [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). Linda Upchurch Sparks, Tree Master for UPCHURCH families, will demonstrate it!

Cindy Hale —Editor

On behalf of
Upchurch
and Allied
Families
**Happy
Easter!**

The 2021 Version of the REALLY Big Upchurch Family Tree is Here!

By Dr. Tom Upchurch



The UAFA American Upchurch Index Tree in Ancestry has grown to 104,114 People, 14,765 Photos and 141,421 Records, an increase of almost 30,000 persons and thousands of records and photos since this time last year.

The Big Tree is created every January by Tree Master Linda Sparks who electronically merges information from 19 smaller Upchurch Clan Trees that have been updated and expanded by their Tree Masters during the proceeding twelve months.

“Every additional person, photo, and bit of information that we add contributes to the richness of the family genealogy tapestry we are weaving.”

The Big Tree can be viewed by anyone who has an Ancestry.com account by [clicking here](#). But before you begin to explore it, we suggest that you review these important features:

First, this is a public tree so for privacy reasons **you will not see living people**. This frustrates some seekers of information who would like to see information about themselves or their children. Our best advice is to search for a deceased older relative and track ancestors back from there. Actually, there is extensive information in the tree on living people but much like a recent US census it is only available to authorized researchers and developers. The information becomes visible on public trees after a death date has been entered into the record. We at UAFA wish to make the tree interesting and useful for as many people as possible and a crucial part of that effort requires continuous update of death records. We probably should stress again that new information including death records is first entered into the Clan trees and isn't integrated into the Big Tree until the annual merge each January.

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From GenealogyMagazine.com:

Was this writer a genealogist?

“Women, when they marry, should legally retain their maiden names as middle names, the husband’s name being suffixed, instead of substituted. Then might we see at once of what family they were.”

—The Wilmington, and Delaware Advertiser, 1 February 1827, p.

Easter Sunday is April 4th



APRIL HOLIDAYS

1-April Fool's Day
2-National PB&J Day
3-National Find a Rainbow Day
4-National Burrito Day
4-National Walking Day
7-World Health Day
10-National Siblings Day
11-National Pet Day
12-National Grilled Cheese Day
14-Palm Sunday (varies each year)
15-National Tax Day
15-National Laundry Day
16-Wear Pajamas to Work Day
18-National Haiku Poetry Day
20-Husband Appreciation Day
21- Easter(varies each year)
22-Earth Day
22-National Jelly Bean Day
23-National Picnic Day
25-Administrative Professionals Day
26-Arbor Day
26-National Pretzel Day
28-National Superhero Day
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LET US HEAR FROM YOU

A Reminder to the guy's from Brenda Carbon, Italia19@aol.com, UAFA's DNA Project Coordinator:

Have you taken the Y DNA test? We are in need of additional Upchurch male testers. Thank you for considering this request.



Alfred Upchurch House



**Olde Raleigh - N.C.
@olderaleigh · Society & Culture Website on Facebook —
January 12, 2021 Post**

A question on the Facebook page, *Where in Raleigh?* was answered by a reader, Rob Sessoms. The house is too beautiful to pass by and the builder was an Upchurch! Rob writes:

Pictured is 402 East Hargett Street (present-day 313 East Cabarrus Street) c. 1908.

This Queen Anne style house was built c. 1899 on an East Hargett Street parcel owned by the Upchurch family. Alfred Upchurch, a carriage builder, purchased the entire block in 1867. It is unclear, but possible, that his son Allen Upchurch built the residence seen here. For unknown reasons, the Upchurch family did not occupy the house initially.

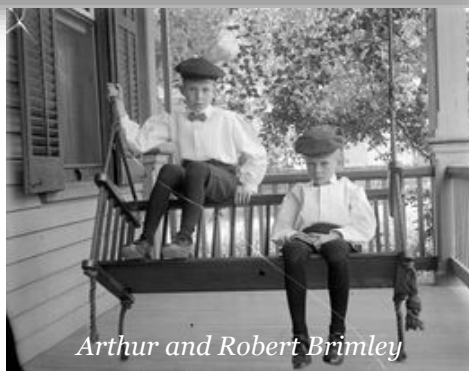
The first resident of the home was H. H. Brimley, the pioneering naturalist and first director of the North Carolina State Museum. [Brimley, Herbert Hutchinson | NCpedia](#)

He and his wife Edith, along with their two boys Arthur and Robert, spent nearly ten years in the home before Brimley built his own residence on Ashe Avenue. Subsequently, members of the Upchurch family occupied the house until the death of Allen in 1937.

Seventy years later, in 2007, this entire block was cleared of all structures (save one) in preparation for development. Owner,



Alfred Upchurch was a coachmaker in Raleigh, NC



Arthur and Robert Brimley

Gordon Smith, made considerable effort to move many of the houses to vacant lots in the area—including this house, which ended up at 313 East Cabarrus Street.


It now sits vacant and in forlorn condition, but thankfully it was saved given its significance in relation to H. H. Brimley.


And may I add, its significance to Upchurch genealogy and ancestry!
—Editor

(Photo credit: H. H. Brimley Collection, State Archives of NC)

Alfred Upchurch Family

Parents

 **Burtis Upchurch Sub Clan**
1781-1845


 **Margaret Yates**
1788-1859

Siblings ▼


Spouse & Children


 **Adelia M Crowder**
1829-1862


 **Upchurch**
1852-1852

 **William W Upchurch**
1854-1923


Spouse & Children


 **Annie Eliza Reynolds**
1837-1902


 **James B Upchurch**
1859-1885


 **Bernard M. Upchurch**
1865-

 **Thomas Merriman Upchurch**
1866-

 **Margaret May Upchurch**
1870-1916

 **Alice Early Upchurch**
1872-1910

 **Fabian R. Upchurch**
1876-

 **Placyde Henrietta Upchurch**
1880-1953

This family descends from Nathan Upchurch I, Clan 3



CHERISHED MEMORIES

A wrong picture of Rebecca “Becky” Bradley’s grandmother, Eleanor M. UPCHURCH aka “Mama” was posted in the Feb. 2021 UAFA Newsletter. This prompted a couple of very nice emails from UAFA members and cousins, Becky, and Thomas Martin King, Jr. which allowed us to add pictures and more information! We like those kind of emails!



↑ Picture of my Great Grandmother Eleanor M. UPCHURCH holding me—a baby in 1961. Also pictured is my father (L), Thomas King MARTIN Sr. and grandparents, James Lee Martin Jr., MD and Lavinta Elizabeth Martin. Photo courtesy of Thomas Martin KING, Jr.

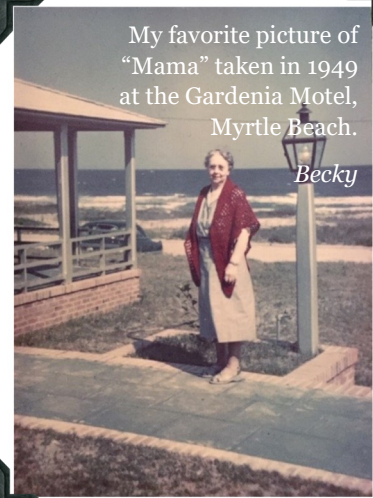
Eleanor “Mama” holding baby Becky.



Becky Bradley Photo

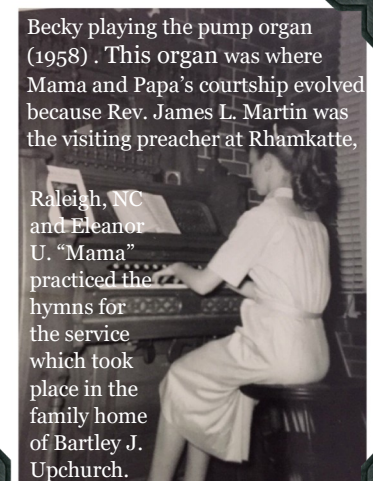
My favorite picture of “Mama” taken in 1949 at the Gardenia Motel, Myrtle Beach.

Becky



Becky playing the pump organ (1958). This organ was where Mama and Papa’s courtship evolved because Rev. James L. Martin was the visiting preacher at Rhamkatte,

Raleigh, NC and Eleanor U. “Mama” practiced the hymns for the service which took place in the family home of Bartley J. Upchurch.



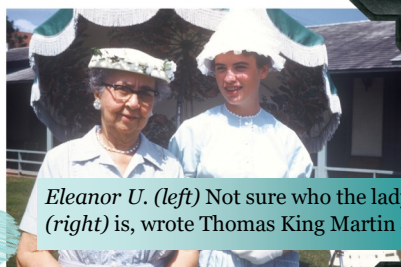
Note: The Feb. Newsletter Supplement has the corrected photo).

Interestingly, the founder of UAFA, Dr. R. “Phil” UPCHURCH (1928-2020—Nathan Upchurch, I (b.1759) by UAFA) was Becky and Thomas’ cousin! I’ll bet there are some great stories to tell!

This UPCHURCH Family descends from Clan 3.

Bartley Jefferson Upchurch (1841-1929)
 |
 Robert Jefferson Upchurch | Eleanor Marks U.
 | |
 Robert Phil Upchurch | Eleanor Upchurch
 | |
 James Lee Martin Jr, MD | Martin
 | |
 Thomas King Martin Sr. |
 |
 Thomas King Martin Jr.

Becky wrote: Oldest son of Eleanor M. UPCHURCH, Dr. James L. MARTIN, Jr. - Grandfather to Becky and Thomas KING’s great grandfather, built Gardenia Terrace, and founded Martin Hospital in Mullins, SC, where Eleanor Marks UPCHURCH died in 1968. He was a dutiful son and always looked after family. His dogs name was Mark.



Eleanor U. (left) Not sure who the lady (right) is, wrote Thomas King Martin Jr.

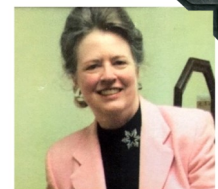
Thomas Martin KING, Jr. photos



What cherished memories I have of our time together. There is so much more I would like to tell about my times with Phil and Monk! That could be a future story?

Becky

Becky Bradley is a retired Piano Instructor and Fine Arts Administrator. She has since become a valued UAFA volunteer, working with Board Director Carla Michaels, transcribing Biofiles.



Thank you Rebecca Bradley and Thomas King Martin Jr. for sharing your pictures. There are many more pictures for another time. —Editor



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Second, when the Big Tree opens the page may seem rather empty. Do not be deceived, this is just the entrance room to a vast treasure of information.

Go to the “tree search” option and enter the name of an older relative to get started. If you don’t locate a relative you expected to find, try different spellings and remember living persons will not be identified at all.

Third, as you begin to trace your ancestry back through previous generations you will encounter the Clan Head who will be identified with wording such as “Head of UAFA Clan # 3 Nathan Upchurch I”. The is a unique UAFA feature in the Big Tree. If you wish to see the most recent information in this clan you can find a link to the clan by opening the Clan head’s profile. After you select the link, the Clan tree will open. As noted previously, all new material is entered into clan trees so information there is always the most up to date available in UAFA.

Finally, you may encounter another feature unique to UAFA, a two-face emoji like the this. 🤔🤔 These smiley faces signify marriage of individuals who are both descendants of Michael Upchurch.

Our tree masters have been very productive this year, but we need additional help to add more peo-

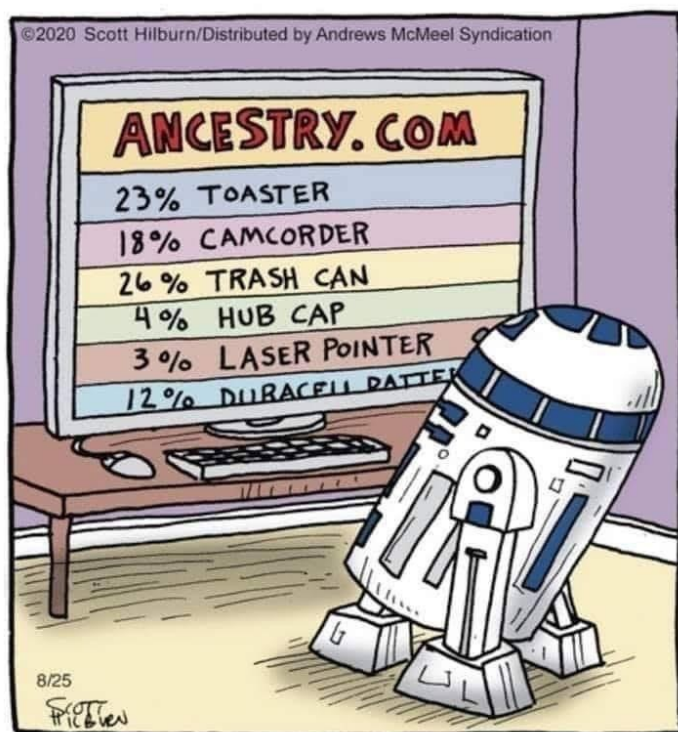
ple and information and to update our current records, especially death records as we noted before. There are enormous resources on the Internet and in Phil Upchurch’s research, to be identified and added to the Ancestry trees. Every additional person, photo, and bit of information that we add contributes to the richness of the family genealogy tapestry we are weaving.

If you would like to work with us, please contact me at tupchurch41@charter.net or Linda Upchurch Sparks at lusparks@eplus.net. Just an hour or two a week of work can make a huge impact when many of us do it together, and it is fun and interesting. One more thing, an experienced volunteer will be happy to help you get started or expand your abilities any time you think this would be helpful.

UAFA is a volunteer organization, but we also must have money for computers, insurance, accountants, office expenses, software and on-line access. Contributions are usually tax deductible. An annual membership is \$50. To see other ways we can work together, go to <https://www.alliedfamilies.com/join-uaa.html>. Please consider a donation so we can continue this work. If you would like to know more about UAFA [click here](#).

Hope you enjoy exploring the Big Tree!

Dr. Tom Upchurch is a medical doctor and President of Upchurch and Allied Families; of which he is very dedicated.
–Editor



A TRIBUTE TO OLDER FOLKS

The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her,
And send her back to me.