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## UAFA Announcement

### FROM THE EDITOR



Jay received shouts of “hurray” from department heads and directors for astonishing progress outlined and improvements made on UAFA’s home page/website! In this issue, webmaster (among other titles) Jay Buck updates us on what’s new. If you are doing UPCHURCH research, check out what Allied Families has been doing!

[www.alliedfamilies.com/](http://www.alliedfamilies.com/) I took a sweeping look and choose an item from Dr. Phil’s *Upchurch Bulletin archives* to share with you on page 4 of this issue. Dr. Phil speaks to the speculation that Michael’s wife Frances was the daughter of Roger Delke.

Hope you enjoy this issue. Everyone at UAFA—myself included—wish you a warm and happy Easter with family and friends.

Cindy Hale



Our website, [alliedfamilies.com](http://alliedfamilies.com), has undergone some recent improvements. Now one can navigate to our most important on-site resources from our home page.

Scroll down to the “**Our Resources**” section of our home page and check out the changes.

UAFA now provides easier access to transcribed *Biofiles*, *Upchurch Bulletin archives*, *Registry of American Ancestors*, *Englandia*, *Master Outlines* and the *UAFA Newsletter*.

UAFA is thrilled to announce that the first nine American generations of *Upchurch Biofiles* are now available in our resources. All of these *Biofiles*, showing the work of both Phil Upchurch and his many collaborators, are now transcribed and searchable for all researchers!

In addition, Phil Upchurch’s *Master Outlines* are also available. These *Master Outlines* are descendant outlines for each of the 19 American Upchurch families, as handwritten and maintained by Phil Upchurch in his 40+ years of genealogical research.

In the months to come, UAFA will add Phil Upchurch’s *Geological Files* and his *census work*.

Look for announcements regarding these additions in future editions of the UAFA newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding our website, feel free to contact: [jay@alliedfamilies.org](mailto:jay@alliedfamilies.org).

Jay



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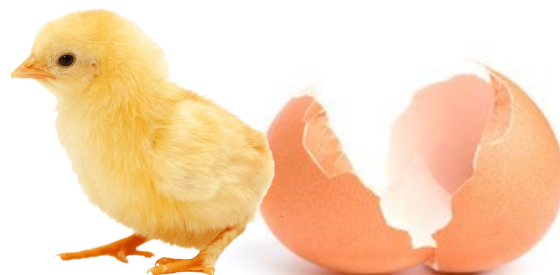


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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are several kinds of coordinator or leadership roles available at UAFA! Contact UAFA today and let them know of your interests, skills and availability. They will help you to determine where your skills will be best utilized and may even design a custom role for you.

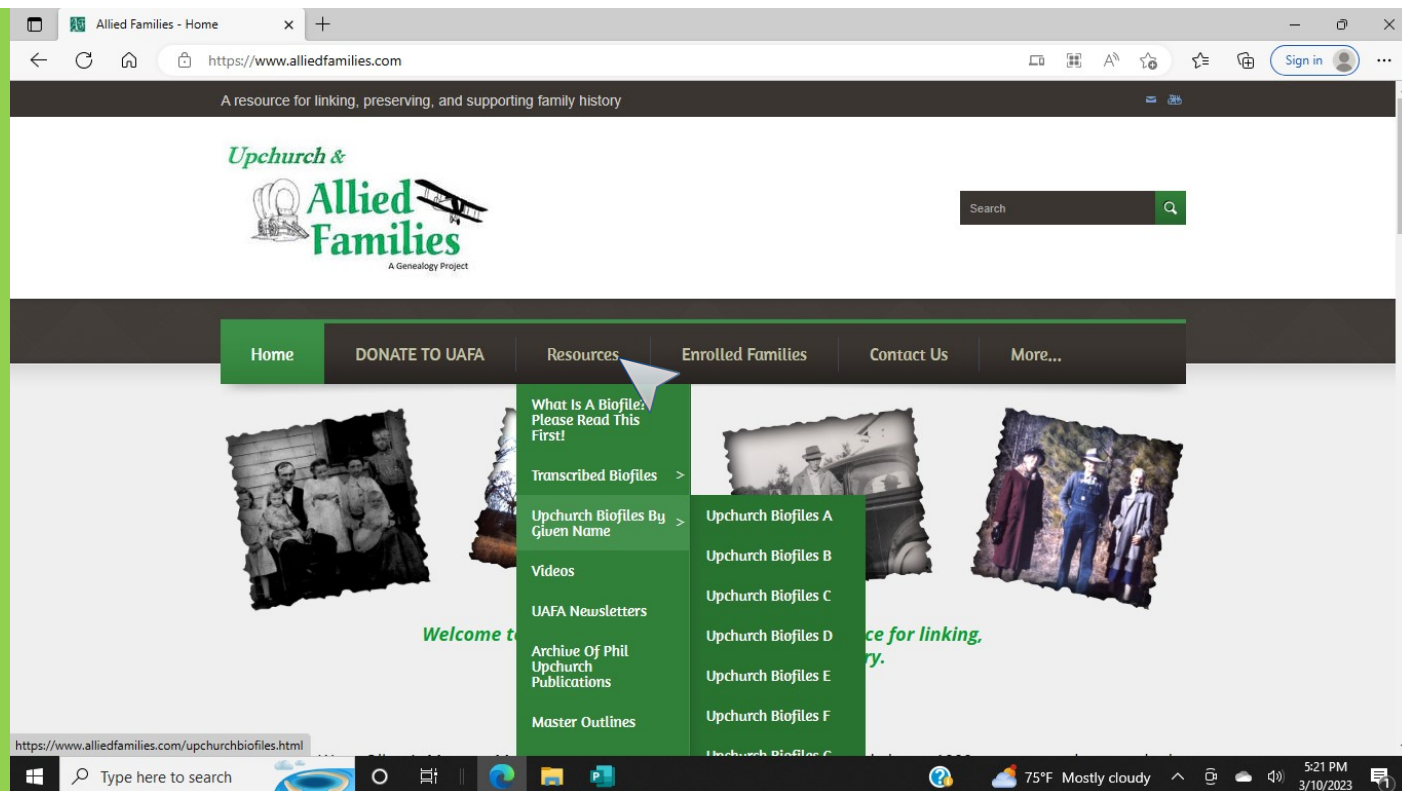
Our family is the proverbial egg that we were hatched from. Everything about who we are, both our nature and nurture comes from our family. Often in western society, we stray far from our family and may not talk to them for years at a time. We may feel that we have nothing in common with them. We may choose to run away from our roots because they are too painful to face. Ultimately however, our past holds the key to our future. If we do not face where we come from, we will have difficulty understanding our present and future. ~Author unknown





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A screen print from my computer shows only the top of the page of our website. Click [Allied Families - Home](#)

## THE OLD NORTH STATE

### A TOAST

By MRS. LEONORA MONTEIRO MARTIN

[Written for a banquet of the North Carolina Society of Richmond, Virginia, May 20, 1904.]

Here's to the land of the Long Leaf Pine,  
The Summer Land, where the sun doth shine;  
Where the weak grow strong, and the strong grow great—  
Here's to "Down Home," the Old North State!

Here's to the land of the cotton blooms white,  
Where the scuppernong perfumes the breeze at night,  
Where the soft Southern moss and jessamine mate,  
'Neath the murmuring pines of the Old North State!

Here's to the land where the galax grows,  
Where the rhododendron roseate glows;  
Where soars Mount Mitchell's summit great,  
In the "Land of the Sky," in the Old North State!

Here's to the land where maidens are fairest,  
Where friends are the truest, and cold hearts are rarest;  
The near land, the dear land, whatever our fate,  
The blest land, the best land, the Old North State!

The origin of the poem is believed to be associated with a dinner held by the North Carolina Society of Richmond (Virginia) in 1904. On May 20th that year, the North Carolina Society of Richmond held a banquet in the city's Masonic Temple as its first annual meeting for transplanted natives and devotees from the Old North State. The date was also the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a supposed patriotic document known as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and the Richmond event honored the memory of forbears with numerous speeches and toasts. Of note today is that the existence and authenticity of the Mecklenburg Declaration has never been proven, and historians now widely agree that it is a sort of "urban legend." The [Mecklenburg Resolves](#) of May 31, 1775 are an historical fact, however, and were the radical prerevolutionary resolves made by a committee in Mecklenburg County. Like the Declaration of Independence that would come a year later, they denied the authority of Parliament over the colonies. In any event, one of the evening's patriotic toasts has been associated with the "The Old North State". It is a poem written by Leonora Monteiro Martin and reportedly commissioned for the event.





## Michael Upchurch I and his Wife

*Published in the Upchurch Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 2, Apr. 1991 by Dr. Phil Upchurch*

In volumes 8 and 9 (1987 and 1988) of the UB (Upchurch Bulletin) details on Michael Upchurch I were published along with commentary. This included the speculation that the "Frances" whom Michael Upchurch, I, married was Frances Delke, the daughter of Roger Delke.

The continuing work of our Cousin Cleora Maxine (Beard) Gill has led us to understand that current Delk(e) family members have delved into Delke history of the Colonial era.

This has led to several exchanges, the key letter being as follows:

March 10, 1991

V. Randolph Delk, Esq.  
Attorney At Law  
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Dear Randolph:

Many thanks for the 34 page document "*Some Descendants of Roger Delk I*". I have read this with much interest because of related Upchurch history.

Michael Upchurch I, born 1620 (England) came to Virginia about 1649 as the first Upchurch to come to America. He was in Surry County, VA, and was closely associated with the Delk (Delke) family as shown by several documented references.

One of our best Upchurch researchers, the late Belle Lewter

West, concluded that Frances, the wife of Michael Upchurch I, whom he married about 1650-1652 in VA, was possibly the daughter of Roger Delke. This was pure conjecture on her part. Now that I have read your 34 page document I see that Roger Delk I, had only one son and no daughters. Roger Delke II could not have produced a daughter old enough to have married 1650-1652. Unless more evidence can be found I will conclude that it is not reasonable to presume that the wife of Michael Upchurch I was, nee: Frances Delk(e). However, the close proximity of the Upchurch and Delk(e) families in VA in the 1600s and 1700s should cause us to be constantly alert for evidence of interactions between the two families. We need to make the best possible use of each piece of information availa-

ble to us from this era.

Please accept my deep appreciation for your interest in our related family histories. I hope we will be able to help each other some more as time goes by.

