

Allied Families - Cary Facility, at Suite 120, 1130 Kildaire Farm Road

NEWSLETTER

March 5, 2017

Phil's coming to town!

Phil plans to be in the Cary Facility of Allied Families on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 30, 31 and April 1, and would be happy to have any of you drop by and say hello and see the great progress in our Cary Facility. When Phil is here, we plan to meet with him on Thursday, March 30 from 2-4 pm during our regular weekly work session. We will also host an Open House on Saturday, April 1 from 2-4 pm. Please join us at either of these sessions!



You can see what a friendly bunch we are.

Carla has designated special tables for those working on cemeteries, biofiles, family trees and DNA, but that doesn't stop us from joining in when a conversation becomes compelling.

DNA Project update

Phil has had his DNA tested and has noted that the DNA matches are gradually validating the family relationships

established early on for the total American Upchurch family tree. His results have been downloaded to <https://www.gedmatch.com> and Gedmatch has lots of tools to help people compare their DNA to others, to see if they are related and to make an educated guess about how closely related they are. I compared Phil's Gedmatch Kit number to the son of one of our members, using the "one to one" tool, and found that they shared a total of 17.3 cM [centimorgans] in two segments; suggesting that they have a common ancestor about 5.7 generations back. This agrees with information from Phil's research. A chart in Blaine Bettinger's book, Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy, page 107, shows that third cousins commonly share about 53.13 cM, second cousins share roughly 212.50 cM, and parent and child share about 50% of their DNA or 3400 cM. It is likely that many members of the Allied Families have more than one common ancestor, increasing the shared DNA, and our DNA project should show that.

If you have had your DNA tested at Ancestry, Family Tree DNA or 23andMe, you can download the data to GedMatch, following the directions on the website, and in about 24 hours, you can compare your DNA to anyone who has also downloaded their DNA to the site, using the “one to many” tool, and find new cousins. Or you can compare your DNA to Phil’s [Kit number A799927] and see how much, if any, DNA you share with Phil, using the “one to one” tool.

Family Trees on Ancestry Project

We have been placing **Allied Families** Family Trees on Ancestry.com for our 28 enrolled families. Jay Buck begins the process by entering the first 25-50 names, beginning with the Patriarch/Matriarch of the family, for example the Moses Upchurch or Nathan Upchurch tree. He can then appoint **guest editors** who can add names, information, or make changes, and they can eventually take over and become the Tree Master for that tree. These trees will be public so that anyone looking for information on their family might discover a connection. When additional information becomes available it can be added by the editor. The information Jay is entering comes from Phil’s **Master Outlines**, housed in two book cases full of binders in Missouri. We welcome your involvement; perhaps you would like to be a guest editor and have access to Phil’s **Master Outlines** on your family.

Biofiles

The list of biofiles posted on the Allied Families website www.alliedfamilies.com [password: 2014allied#] continues to grow. These are transcriptions of the files Phil has kept on individuals, including printed material and articles in his handwriting. In order to post this information on the website in a format that is word-searchable, the material must be digitized, i.e., someone must transcribe the material in a certain easy-to-follow format into a Word document. Jay Buck, the webmaster, then formats and posts the transcription for anyone to use in their research.

Cemeteries

The list of annotated cemeteries is also growing on the Allied Families website. Those working on the cemeteries start with the name of the individual buried in a particular cemetery and “annotate” the information with additional information, such as other relatives buried in the same cemetery. This is information not found in *Find a grave*. You may visit the Allied Families website www.alliedfamilies.com [password: 2014allied#] to see just how much information these annotated cemeteries contain!

Cary Facility

The Cary Facility is rapidly becoming a popular place for genealogical groups to meet. The Association of Professional Genealogists has met there in the past and will meet there again this month. The Wake County Genealogical Society's special interest group for DNA plans to meet there in May. Phil has welcomed the facility's use by similar groups and having expert genealogists using the facility means we can ask them for help when we need it. Having such a nice space that we can offer to the groups is rare and a real boon to local genealogists and family historians.

NGS Conference

The National Genealogical Society Conference will be held this year at the Raleigh Convention Center May 10-13, and is a real opportunity for those of us in the area to attend without traveling. There are pre-conference tours, an exhibit hall with lots of big and small vendors, classes of all kinds from Wednesday through Saturday, a pig-pickin' at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday night and Society Night at the Museum of History on Thursday night. For more information go to <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>. Discounted early bird pre-registration runs through March 27.

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