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11 APR 2002

MS MARIA J. MILLS

1746 PARKER LANE

HENDERSON, NC 27536-3541

Dear Cousin Maria,

Thanks for your letter of 6 APR 2002 and for the \$45 check for 9 issues of the U.B. They have been sent under separate covers. I hope you enjoy them and will let me have any questions that come to mind as you read them.

I do hope your son is bearing up under his medical problems. It is good that he has loving family members close by to support him.

Enclosed is a copy of a map of western Wake Co, NC with our travel route outlined in blue and our main stops numbered in red and highlighted. This is an old map and you may have to translate to make it fit a current map but with a little effort you can do it.

We left Raleigh headed to Sanford on US 1 and then turned off on NC 55 to go to Apex ①.

In Apex we saw/talked about the fact that our rural Upchurch (+ Mills) to some extent granted to this town over the years. We then went west on Road 1160 (New Olive Chapel Road) to Olive Chapel Church^② which is just barely inside Wake Co, NC. This is one of about a dozen churches in the area where there has been and is a lot of Upchurch & Mills activity. We then backtracked to pick up NC 55 again and went west on Green Level Road to the Green Level Community^③. Our ancestor Nathan U, I owned this community (1000 acres) from about 1802 to his death in 1835 - had slaves. We continued west and took the first road to the left and then the next road to the right and then took a farm path to the left which brought us to the Mills Cemetery^④. Then we backtracked again traveling on Green Level Road then on High House Road until we reached Sawin Drive which we took to the left (North). The Gilbert Burtis U Cemetery is in the first or second (second I believe) subdivision on the right. You will recall we had to drive into the subdivision 2-3 blocks before we

saw the cemetery on the left hand side of the road. This is a rough approximation of where we went and what we saw. Please let me know if you have questions

I have it on my "to do" list the location of the key for the Gilbert Barto's Cemetery. I'll let you know when I succeed. In the meantime you have to take a ladder (or two)!

I am glad you are continuing to look for Yorkshire citations, they are very helpful.

We are excited about our trip to England to see the letters our ancestor Michael W, I sent back there 350 years ago. We leave 3 weeks from today.

Everyday finds us busy and facing new challenges, joys, surprises. Spring is now here and it is great to get out on the farm for a walk.

With All Best Wishes!

Sincerely yours

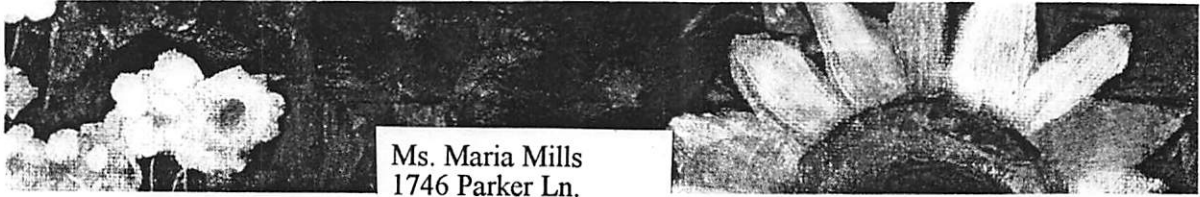
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{ROBERT PHILIP YORCHURCH}

MARIA PARRIS JENKINS ①

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REC'D
11 APR
2002



Ms. Maria Mills
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Henderson, NC 27536

April 6, 2002

Dear Phil,

I imagine you thought you would never hear from me. I apologize. In mid January, my son Randolph who had had the kidney transplant had some health problems in addition to losing his health insurance. Things have really been hectic and I feel I am just spinning my head above water. I do want all ⁽⁹⁾ of the issues you listed: V1 #1, V2 #4, V3 #1, V3 #2, V3 #4, V4 #2, V5 #4, V6 #2, V8 #1. I enclose a check for \$45. Also when it is convenient for you, I also would love a map of where we went that day - including the Mills family cemetery. I talked with Randolph's brother Frankie and he said that he did not know its location.

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(not a subscriber)
fertile
listed
4-11-02

I will continue ⁽²⁾ to watch you
hatch into and forward it to. Also
if you learn how to get into the
country, please let me know both
how to get there and then how to
get in -

Travis continues to be pretty
well although a little confused.
Hope that you are well.

Hope to hear from you sooner
than you have heard from me.
Travis

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MS MARIA J. MILLS

6 JAN 2002

1746 PARKER LANE

HENDERSON, NC 27536-3541

Dear Cousin Maria,

It was great to visit with you and your mother Anne on our recent trip to NC. We enjoyed our ride through Western Wake Co, NC with you. Thank you for treating us to lunch.

I hope the ride gave you a sense of your heritage in Western Wake Co, NC. It was no doubt hard for you to keep up with where we went. If you want me to do so I'll be glad to prepare a little map showing where we went. It was too bad we could not get into the Gilbert Butler Cemetery - at least we found it. I'll work on learning where one can get a key.

It was fascinating, to me at least, to realize that your mother was named

for Sarah Mask Chambers "Sally" and that the personna of "Sally" was fixed in Anne's mind. Obviously Anne could not have known "Sally" but it is clear that Anne's father created a lasting imprint in Anne's mind about her heritage back to Sally and to Anne's heritage in Western Wake Co, NC.

Thank you for the Outvay for Elsie (U) Barden. I was able to make good use of it. Please do let me have any more Upchurch reference you encounter.

You mentioned two ideas as to how your needs for family history might be served given that you are interested more in your direct line and not the faraway Upchurch "stuff". One idea was for you to have copies of items pertaining to your direct line. I have previously sent copies of my master outlines pertaining to your part of the family. Perhaps you would take another look

at these and see if there is anything more you need. I have also sent some profiles. I could probably send these for additional individuals if you have an interest in particular people.

The other idea, which I translated into a little project for me, was to identify specific issues of the Upchurch Bulletin (UB) which might contain material related to your specific line. I have now gone back over the 40 issues of the UB for the first 10 years and by looking at the table of contents have tried to identify issues that could be of interest to you. Here is what I found:

- V 1 # 1 JAN 80 - Will of Nathan U, I
- V 2 # 4 OCT 81 - Census Wake Co, NC - 1860
- V 3 # 1 JAN 82 - Buster U Subclass
- V 3 # 2 APR 82 - Census Wake Co, NC 1870
- V 3 # 4 OCT 82 - Salem Baptist Church
- V 4 # 2 APR 83 - Property of Nathan U, I
- V 5 # 1 JAN 84 - Mt Pisgah Church
- V 6 # 2 APR 85 - Mayor of Raleigh - Avery U
- V 8 # 1 JAN 87 - RPA History

These 9 issues sell for \$5 each and you can buy any, all, or none. If you try this I can later look at Vol 11 on.

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As regards the UB another approach is for you to have a look at any/all issues which are in the Genealogy section of the N.C. State Library in Raleigh, NC. They are nicely bound and waiting for anyone to read them.

Our trip to NC was a huge success and I am anxious to return - possibly sometime later this year. I did bring back lots of information and have much followup work to do. There is still about 2 weeks of processing/letter writing before my followup will be complete. Eventually, I'll get it all done.

I trust you survived the big NC snow storm we have been reading about. Meanwhile here in MO it has been cold but no snow. It will come in due course.

My Best to you and Anne and here's wishing you a Great 2002!

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

Notes of Tour of Western Wake Co, NC 4 DEC 2001 with
 me Maria Parris Jenkins & her MOT nee ANNE CHAMBERS U

10:45 - 2:00 - Spent this time with Maria
 (Jenkins) Mills and her MOT Anne who drove
 down from Henderson, NC. We had a chat in
 the Hotel lobby & then toured the Apex area.
 Anne's memory and interactive abilities have
 mostly disappeared. She does respond rationally
 to simple questions but cannot recall
 facts about the family. She kept referring
 to "Sally" and was anxious to see her grave-
 site. There was no doubt her GM Sarah Mash
 (Chambers) (Horton) U for whom Anne was named.
 Anne claimed to have visited "Sally" but this
 was not possible because Sally died long before
 Anne was born. She said her father wished
 her to see Sally. Possibly he carried her to see
 Sally's grave or to see Sally's children/relatives.
 We saw the Mash U house in Apex (He was
 Anne's Uncle) and several of her Uncle & Aunt's
 Gravestones in Green Level Church Cemetery.
 Visited Mills Cem. & Gilbert Bastin U Cemetery
 which was locked (I need to learn how
 to get the key). Drove by Betty U's home &
 the Uphunk Cabin. Drove by Olive Chapel
 Church. Lunch at K+S Cafeteria in Cary
 - They treated. Maria wanted me to send
 her relevant Master outlines & a list of
 selected UB's that would apply to her. She
 will buy some. She is anxious to have
 details on just her line. I explained the
 importance of sharing. Maria showed us pictures.
She is into antiques & has taken appraisal courses.
She gave me obituary for ELSIE (U) BARDEN (nee
 VIRGINIA ELIZABETH U)

① From "The Naaman Mills Family of N.C." William A. Mills, Jr. 63

I. Naaman Mills

A. Nathan Mills

1. Joseph Hinton Mills

a. Joseph Franklin Mills

i. Randolph Dennis Mills, Sr b 26 SEP 1925

MA 29 AUG 1946 () Marion Callaway (F)

b 22 AUG 1926. He served in WWII
and is a retired physician in Henderson,
NC.

① Randolph Dennis Mills, Jr b 23 MAY 1947 () MA 26 JAN 1970 ()
Marja Jenkins ↑ He served in U.S. Military

A) Randolph Dennis Mills, III b 19 JUL 1974

B) James Jenkins Mills b 29 JUL 1976

[NOTE: Marja Jenkins ↑ is gd of Robert Theodore U of the
Nathan U, I / Buster U Sublan - Gilbert Buster U Line

② Notes of RPA Call 9 OCT 2000 to Marja Parris Jenkins

Her name is pronounced "MAE - REYER". She
confirms the James Thomas Jenkins, Sr in my files
based on a Zebulon, NC newspaper article in her
brother. She feels sure her GF Robert Theodore U was
married only once. Marja wants to take her mother
to see the grave site of Gilbert Buster U and I
need to provide directions. I provide information
on the Mills family and the fact that her
husband and I both descend from Naaman Mills.
She will order the Mills Book. She will send me
a letter her Grandpa U sent to her GF Upchurch.

③ See #13 SEP 2000 Maria Paris Jenkins DXP

I. Robert Theodore U [of the Nathan U, I / Buster U Sublan - Gilbert Buster U Line] d 4 AUG 1949 (C) (Bur - Elmwood Cem., Henderson, NC) md 27 JUN 1916 (C) Maria Henderson Cantrell Paris b 6 DEC 1892 (Hillsboro, NC) d (C) (Bur - ASHOS)

A. Anne Chambers U b 15 OCT 1920 (Henderson, Vance Co, NC) md (C) James Wiggins Jenkins b 6 AUG 1918 (Henderson, Vance Co, NC) d 28 JAN 1998 (C) (Bur - Elmwood Cem., Henderson, NC).

1. Maria Paris Jenkins b 15 OCT 1949 (Vance Co, NC) md 1970 (C) Randolph Jennie Mills, Jr. Divorced 1993. Two sons

2. James Thomas Jenkins b 9 APR 1951 (Vance Co, NC) still alive

3. Robert Wyllunch Jenkins b 1 DEC 1953 (C) d 9 MAY 1993 (C) md (C) Susan Cashwell from Wake Co, NC

a. Jason Wyllunch Jenkins
b. Helen Cashwell Jenkins.

④ 16 APR 2001 called MPJA in Hendersonville, NC at (252) 492-7844 and arranged to meet her at the Hampton Inn in Cary, NC at 10:30-11:15 AM on WED 2 MAY 2001

⑤ 25 NOV 2001 called MPJA: She and her MOT will meet us at Hampton Inn Raleigh - North at 10:30 AM on TUE 4 DEC 2001. She has seen the Mills Book. Her 27 year old son recently had a liver transplant. Has some info on CALLAWAY LINE - Her ex husbands line

Sam was buried in Carolina Memorial Gardens. Do you happen to know where that is located?

The obituary on Emie (Babik) (Brown) Capps was especially useful. I did not have her in my records but did have some of her siblings and her parents. The family is still sketchy but the obit helped a lot. Enclosed is a copy of my extract of the obit a copy of which has been entered in my Biopile system for each individual named. You can see they belong to the Benjamin A line in the Jubal A, I / Calvin A subline. Jubal was a brother of Nathan A, I (your ancestor & mine).

Enclosed is a copy of my 3-Page-6-Item Biopile for your GM Maria. Note Item ② and the indication that she was named at the home of Dr. F. S. Spurgeon in Hillsboro, NC. Does this seem correct to you? Also note that I have now surfaced the social security output for her. It shows her birth 1891 as opposed to other data which shows 1892. Any comment. Also, do we know the day of the month on which she died in JAN 1982? Other than these two dates for Maria I think we have a perfect set of details for the Beloit Theodor A Family. of

Course we need to keep adding the human interest stuff.

I was very interested in the 23 MAR 1911 letter from your great uncle Joseph William U to his brother/your GF Bob. Joe was 14 years older than Bob and apparently has helped Bob with a loan as Bob was just getting underway in his medical practice. We have a few more details needed to complete the story of Joe's family. Apparently, the line has "run-out" as he had only 3 children - all girls. Two of them died young unmarried and without issue. The third had a Mr Daniel but your great uncle Percy U told me he thought she had no issue.

I'll be glad to work with you to see if we can surface some cousins with whom you can interact. I assume you would like a descendant of one of the siblings or one-half siblings of your G.F. Bob. At present my trail has grown cold on any direct contacts. People have a tendency to interact for a while and then fade from the picture. I don't spend much time worrying about this as I always seem to have someone with whom to interact. Having said that I would love to discover some descendants

of William Burt II, I wish whom we could interest. Between us we should be able to make some progress.

We had a wonderful trip to NC in Oct but except for the one day in Alleghany Co, NC I was not allowed to do any family history work. The good news is that I have a real head of steam up to spend several 2-week units to NC in the next year or so on family history work. The first of these trips is to be in late April. We have a definite appointment to be in Raleigh on 21 APR 01 so will build our trip around that engagement. You mentioned the prospect of lunch together and I do hope we can arrange this for our April trip. If it is convenient you could come down to Raleigh or it is quite possible we could drive up to Henderson. Either way I am sure we could pass an enjoyable couple of hours together remembering that part of the family that holds the most mutual interest for us.

Have you ever been to Lawrenceville, VA to develop details on your Great Uncle Joe and his family? I have just realized

that it actually is in Brunswick Co, VA. I have long wanted to spend a day doing Ypsilanti research in this county to see if I could uncover more Ypsilanti facts from way back - most if not all of the Ypsilanti family lived in this county in the 1725-1775 era before moving to N.C. I don't know if I'll make it to Brunswick on the trip this April. I tend to identify more projects than can be completed in the available time. Sooner or later I'll get there.

I still need to go back through the UB's to see if there are some special ones that might interest you - but right now that Income Tax Project requires my attention.

My best to your mother and
All best wishes

Sincerely yours
Phil Ypsilanti

{ ROBERT PHILIP UPHORCH }

MARIA PARRIS JENKINS

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REC'D
30 JAN 2001

January 24, 2001

Dear Phil,

It has taken from "then til now" to resume my correspondence. In the interim I have noticed some obituaries with Upchurch names and thought I would forward them. Enclosed is a copy of letters to my grandfather from his brother and the information you requested. Thank you very much for all the help. I want to get all of this off to you so I will stop now.

Hope that your holidays were happy and that your health is good.

Your cousin -
Maria



Ms. Maria J. Mills
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Henderson, NC 27536

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Mona Dicks
1746 Parker Lane
Henderson, NC 27536
November 13, 2000

Phil Upchurch
351 Stollard Valley Court
Chesterfield, Mo. 63005-

Dear Phil - Cousin Phil, that is

I was so pleased to hear from you on the phone and by post. I have been Chairman of a fundraiser for our local library and it has prohibited me from responding sooner. I hope that my responses to your questions are clear. but if not please ask again. I want the information regarding my family to be accurate.

If there are any Upchurch cousins who are knowledgeable about the family and live nearby I would like their name and numbers if you can provide them. The Dicks family has called me tonight with some information about their family and I am anxious to see it.

I hope that your trip to NC was a good safe one - you certainly had lots of stops. I

MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY OF ⁽³⁾ ROBERT THEODORE UPCITURCIA ✓ 9 OCT 2000

- Δ 1) For Robert Theodore U
- Δ a) where did he die? *Maria Parkam Hospital, Henderson NC*
 - Δ b) where did he marry? *Hillsborough, NC - at home of Maria Parris*
 - Δ c) For Maria ~~Henderson~~ CANTRELL Parris
 - i) Do I have her name correct? *Maria Cantrell Parris*
 - ii) where was she born? *Hillsborough*
 - iii) when did she die?
 - iv) where did she die? *Maria Parkam Hospital, Henderson, NC*

- Δ 2) For ^{ANNE} Ann Chambers U *au*
- a) when did she marry? *August 12, 1948*
 - b) where did she marry? *1st Baptist Church, Henderson, NC*
 - Δ c) For James Higgins Jenkins, Jr
 - i) where did he die? *at home, 941 Meadow Lane Henderson, NC*
- Δ 3) For Maria Parris Jenkins
- a) where did you marry? *First United Methodist Church*
 - Δ b) where was Randolph Dennis Mills, Jr born? *Henderson, NC*
 - c) where were your two children born? *over*
 - d) Did either of your sons marry/have children? *If so, details? not yet*

- Δ 4) For James Thomas Jenkins
- a) when and where did he marry? *United Methodist Church Zebulon, NC August 9, 1975*
 - Sept 24 1953 *Rocky Mount Nashco* b) when and where was Frances Barnett Masey born? *Zebulon NC*
 - c) Did he have just two children? *yes*
 - d) when and where were his two children born? *over not yet*
 - e) Did any of his children marry/have children? *If so, details?*

- Δ 5) For Robert Uplands Jenkins
- a) where is he buried? *Elmwood Cemetery, Henderson, NC*
 - Δ 3-22-86 b) when and where did he marry? *HAYES BARTON BAPTIST CHURCH RALEIGH, NC*
 - c) Full maiden name of Susan Cashwell & where/when born?
 - Δ 105 d) Did he have just two children?
 - e) when & where were his children born?
 - Δ f) Did any of his children marry/have children? *If so, details? NO*

Copies placed in Briefcase of Joseph William & Robert
Theodore U

OF THE UNITED STATES

120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

J. W. UPCHURCH, AGENT,
LAWRENCEVILLE, VA.

LAWRENCEVILLE, 19

Dear Bob:

Young to hand with check for \$3
and I enclose receipt for the same

I did not mean to inconvenience you.
I simply wanted to save the 2% on the
amount I needed.

If you should need any more cash we
will give me a few days notice I
arrange for you to get it.

I enclose your insurance policy. You
told me to keep it here until you
called for it. There was a ~~dividend~~
dividend of out \$4.50 paid last
and you were away and I requested the
Co. to add it to the cash value of the
policy. After you have paid the premium
due next July the policy, with the dividend
will be worth about \$52.50 ^{cash} or paid
up insurance at death \$120.00

You need not inconvenience

(5)

MAY 23 1919

Received of D. R. J. Wechsner

Two hundred & _____

Amount of loan 00/100 Dollars

\$ 200.00

J. W. Wechsner

when you don't need it. If you decide to buy an automobile I will endorse for you or render any assistance you may need.

Very glad you are making good. If you stick close to business and be careful things will come your way. I shall be glad to hear from you again.

Your bro.
J. W. Wechsner

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9 OCT 2000

MARIA J. MILLS
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Dear Cousin Maria,

It was great to chat with you by phone this morning about our mutual interest in family history. I hope we can continue our exchanges at a pace which is mutually satisfactory and thereby share more details.

Enclosed is a sheet showing what is still missing on your grandfather's family. Any details you can provide will be most welcome. Don't worry about naming it all, I have concluded Robert Theodocil named only once.

Provided herewith is a copy of my master outline for the family of William Barto II, I, his two wives and the 13 children of his household. The first two were his step children. Descendants of the children (if any) if known are covered in continuation sections as indicated by numbers on the left hand side of the page. I have included only one of these - #5A which appears after the print sheet. You will note I have continuations

Sections for 12 of the 13 children. I have had contact with some of the descendants of some of these children (you being the latest) and have a great deal of information collected from many sources. You can let me know if you have interest in the descendants of the children and whether or not you have contact (past or present) or details on the latest generations.

I do not think William Burles U, I ever served in the Civil War - but if there is evidence to the contrary I would be happy to have it. His father, called Burles U was a 1st cousin of my Grandfather Bartley Jefferson U. I am a 3rd cousin of Robert Theodore U - so you and I are 3rd cousins, twice removed!!

Enclosed is a copy of my 6 page 16-item Biopile on Robert Theodore U. I doubt there is anything new here for you but it will illustrate how I accumulate information. Perhaps you have some new bits of information to be added to this Biopile.

At some point I will scan the Upchurch Bulletin to see what one might be of special interest to you.

Although I am beginning to catch up with my backlog of family history correspondence the pull of other duties is upon me, over the next 4-8 weeks there are several family matters that demand attention. More pressing is the fact that Sallamie's sister and her friend arrive on 11 OCT for a week visit and then about 18 OCT we will leave to drive them back to Raleigh. Along the way we hope to drive much of the Blue Ridge Parkway & to see some of the fall colors. On this particular trip it is important that I see a brother-in-law in Greensboro, a nephew in Raleigh, a niece in Ayden and we must visit Sallamie's sister in Newbern. Along the way I hope to set the stage in Wake Co, NC for some more serious family history research on a trip which I hope to schedule in the first half of 2001. One does stay busy!

I'll look forward to hearing from you and to our continued interaction.

Sincerely yours



Phil Yelton

{ ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH }

MISSING DETAILS ON ⁴THE FAMILY OF 9 OCT 2000
ROBERT THEODORE UPCHURCH

1) For Robert Theodore U

a) where did he die?

b) where did he marry?

c) For Maria Henderson CANTRELL Parris

i) do I have her name correct?

ii) where was she born?

iii) when did she die?

iv) where did she die?

2) For Ann Chambers U

a) when did she marry?

b) where did she marry?

c) For James Wiggins Jenkins; Jr

i) where did he die?

3) For Maria Parris Jenkins

a) where did you marry?

b) where was Randolph Dennis Miller, Jr born?

c) where were your two children born?

d) Did either of your sons marry/have children? If so, details?

4) For James Thomas Jenkins

a) when and where did he marry?

b) when and where was Frances Bennett Massey born?

c) Did he have just two children?

d) when and where were his two children born?

e) Did any of his children marry/have children? If so, details?

5) For Robert Upchurch Jenkins

a) where is he buried?

b) when and where did he marry?

c) Full maiden name of Susan Cashwell & where/when born?

d) Did he have just two children?

e) when & where were his two children born?

f) Did any of his children marry/have children? If so, details?

I have fewer details on Robert Theodore U than on any of the other children of WBU, I. So it is fortunate that you and I are in touch. Enclosed is my single sheet Master Outline for the family of Robert Theodore U. You can see it is very sketchy. I assume you are I → I → A "A Daughter". Can you help me improve this page?

I usually collect full names (full maiden name of female), dates of births/ marriage/ death and place of births/ marriage/ death/ burial. For place I like to include town / county / state and name of cemetery where available. After I hear from you on this we can move forward another step.

WBU, I was my father's 2nd cousin.

From the two enclosed sheets you will note something of our move and the logic therefore.

Enclosed are details on the Upchurch publications including a January 2000 status report. It would certainly help if

You would subscribe to the Orchard Bulletin
"UB" for the year 2000 (Vol 21) which costs \$10.⁰⁰. This
would get you in our "system". Over the years
I have published a huge amount of detail
about the Nathan U, I can in the UB
over the years. Some issues would be of
more interest to you than others.

I take it you are married to a Mr
Mills - If so, is he from the Apex, NC
area also? If so we may have another
connection as my GGM was a Mills.

I am sorry I do not have an
e-mail address.

It will be great to hear from you
and to work together on family matters
of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours



Phil Upchurch
{ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH}

MARIA PARRIS JENKINS

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August 17, 2000

Dear Mr Upchurch.

I am trying to research my Upchurch
 ancestors and have been pointed in your
 direction. I am not an experienced
 geneologist but simply a beginner.
 Enclosed are copies of email which I
 sent to the Priests in Charlottesville, Va
 in May and of her response to me.
 I am just getting around to writing
 you and I am hopeful that you can
 help me learn more about myself.
 Looking forward to hearing from you.

Maria

(Maria Parris Jenkins Mills)

Maria Mills
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If you have an email address it
 would be nice for future reference because
 I am not a good writer -

Michael Enterprises
 R P Upchurch
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Subject: upchurch geneology

Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 09:38:18 -0400

From: Maria Mills <mmills@gloryroad.net>

To: lwpries@ibm.net

Dear Mrs. Priest,

I met Jim Upchurch from Milton, NC recently and asked if his Upchurches came from Apex, NC. I was elated when he said yes! My maternal grandfather, Robert Theodore Upchurch was the son of Sally Chambers Upchurch. He had a brother who my mother called Uncle Watt. I knew neither my grandfather who died three months before my birth in 1949 or Uncle Watt. Sally was the first wife of Mr. Upchurch whose name I do not know. I do know that Mr Upchurch married a second time and there were more children. My mother has no interest in geneology although she did go with me to Upchurch, NC near Apex she can not provide much information. About 15-20 years ago I was in Williamston, NC and met a man who was half brother to my grandfather. I have always regretted that I did not have more time with him. My grandmother was Maria (pronounced Mariah) Cantrell Parris who was born in Hillsboro, NC in 1892 to Annie Parks Parris and David Parris.

I am very hopeful that you have information regarding this line of my ancestors. I seem to be the only one in my family intersted in geneolgy. I have many lines I want to trace and I am just getting started. Thank you in advance.

Hoping I am your cousin,
Maria Mills

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May 5, 2000

Dear Maria,

After receiving your e-mail message, I was looking through some folders and found the enclosed letter that I received some time ago from Phil Upchurch. I wanted you to have it because it reveals his dedication to genealogy. He was from Wake County and probably has more information on Upchurches in that area than anyone else.

I am 80 years old. That seems to indicate that my father would have been of the same generation as your grandfather. Maybe they were first or second cousins. I seem to have a vague recollection of having heard my father mention the name of Watt Upchurch in conversations with his brothers.

Good luck with your research. Please let me know how things go.

Best wishes

Emory Low

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13 JAN 1998

MRS LYMAN W. PRIEST
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Dear Cousin Emma Lou,

Thank you for your renewal on The U.S.
and Englandia for 1998 and for your contribution
to the Upchurch Research Fund

I also appreciate the fine newspaper
clippings you sent. There was only one
where I could make a connection - it was
for the Mosey U/ Ruffin U Subclass. For all of
these I have made a Biopile sheet for every
individual named in any of the articles. I
keep making entries like this to add to
my files which already contain well
over a million names. Every few days
I find some connections because of the
great number of names entered. It's like
completing a puzzle.

Just now I am in the middle of reading a book about the life of Dr Walter Reed. He went to school in the Charlottesville, VA area - This has caused me to think of you and Lyman.

You will recall reading in the U B about the visit Sallaine and I made to the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA about a year ago. I remember a picture of you and Lyman on board an ocean liner. Perhaps you made more than one such voyage. The next time you write perhaps you could tell me the name of the ship on which you sailed. I have enjoyed reading about the ocean going ships.

I trust this finds you and Lyman well and looking forward to the Spring months.

Sincerely yours,
Phil Upchurch

MARIA PARRIS JENKINS

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Maria Mills
1746 Parker Lane
Henderson, NC
27534

Rec'd
18 SEP 2000

September 13, 2000

Phil Upchurch
351 Shetland Valley Court
Chesterfield, Missouri 63005

Dear Cousin Phil -

It was a pleasure to hear from you. I have tried to give you the information I believe that you want on the back of the format you set as I was not certain that I understood it the way you set it up. I have also enclosed some information on my maternal grandparents (Robert T and Maria) P Upchurch that was published in book* of Vance County history. I have in my possession a book entitled the Upchurch family of England Virginia and North Carolina by Belle West and also two Upchurch Bulletins of yours Vol 1, #'s 3 & 4 published in Tucson Arizona. My mother had ordered these but felt thwarted when she found no mention of her father -

I enclose a check for \$10 for the 2000 Upchurch Bulletin and would like to purchase others which you know include significant information regarding our

lines. My mother is very excited ⁽²⁾ to know that I am pursuing this and have found you. I hope that you will provide the answers to many mysteries.

Since I have heard from you I have contacted the Mills who have affirmed that Mr. Hankins Mills was from Apex and there was a large farm there. They have indicated they will try to round up more information for me but I am not holding my breath. If you can direct me along that path as well it would be wonderful. My ex-husband Randy seems to waste too much of his time with alcohol and he is not much help.

Thank you very much. Hoping this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying your new place.

Sincerely,

Mara Mills

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Δ+Δ Robert Theodore Upchurch - died August 4, 1949
buried Elmwood Cem. married Maria Henr

- Cantrell Parris (b 12-6-1892 in Hillsboro NC)
- married June 27, 1916 - died
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- Henderson, NC.

Δ ANNE Chambers Upchurch (born 10-15-1920 in
Δ Vance Co - Henderson, NC) married James
- Wiggins Jenkins (born 8-6-1918 in Henderson,
- Vance Co ~~3~~ died 1-28-98) buried Elmwood - Hender

Δ+Δ Their issue:

Δ Maria Parris Jenkins (born 10-15-49 in
- Vance Co) - still there

Δ James Thomas Jenkins (born 4-9-51
- in Vance Co) - still there

Δ Robert Upchurch - Jenkins (born 12-1-53
- and died 5-9-93 in Vance Co):

Δ [Bob married Susan Caswell from Wa
Δ County and their son is Jason Upchurch
- Jenki
Δ dau - Helen Caswell
- Jenki

Δ+Δ I (Maria) married 1970 and divorced 1993 - Randolph

Δ+Δ Dennis Mills from Vance Co - His father was also R D Mil
Δ and his father was John ^{P R P H} Franklin Mills from Apex - Now
Δ of the family here expressed interest in genealogy when I was
Δ married and I would appreciate any direction or resource
Δ info from you. My two sons would so like to have a Mil
Δ crest - Thanks for any and all help. Maria Mills.

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Item in Its 13 SEP 2000 Maria Parris Jenkins - From "The Heritage of Vance Co, NC - Vance County Historical Society"

ROBERT THEODORE UPCHURCH, M.D.

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Robert Upchurch was born at Apex, Wake County, North Carolina, January 22, 1881, son of William B. and Sallie Chambers Upchurch. The family had been established first in Jamestown, Virginia, at a very early period in the colonization of the new world, after which a removal was made to Wake County.

William B. Upchurch, the father of Doctor Upchurch, was born in 1847 on a farm in Wake

County. William was a deep student of masonry. He died in February, 1925. Sallie Chambers Upchurch, who was born in Montgomery County, North Carolina, near Carthage, passed away in 1898. Her people were from Charleston, South Carolina. Her father was a planter and slave owner of Montgomery County. Mrs. Upchurch was educated in the Greensboro Female College, which she attended during Civil War days.

By her marriage, she became the mother of six sons and a daughter: Joseph W. Upchurch, George E. Upchurch, Rufus M. Upchurch, Walter A. Upchurch, Malphus G. Upchurch, Robert T. Upchurch and Maggie E. Upchurch. Following the death of his first wife around 1900, Mr. Upchurch remarried and had four sons by this second union: Romulus F. Upchurch, Worth M. Upchurch, Percy B. Upchurch and Thomas J. Upchurch.

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On June 27, 1916, Dr. Upchurch married Maria Parris of Hillsboro, North Carolina, daughter of Annie Parks Parris and Dr. David C. Parris. She was a graduate of Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and also took a postgraduate course at Columbia University. She taught Home Economics at Oxford College prior to her marriage. She was active in the Baptist Church, Maria Parham Hospital Guild, Henderson Garden Club and The Student's Clubs.

Dr. and Mrs. Upchurch had one daughter, Anne Chambers, born in October 1920, who married James W. Jenkins, Jr. in 1948. See the Jenkins reports.

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tain John and Mary returned to their native Virginia when they left Henderson. They died in Richmond. The date of her death is December 17, 1966.

Captain John and Mary Tyler were married in 1905 and to this union were born:

Mary Sims Tyler, born in 1906, married George Champion. They are living in Lynn Haven, Florida.

George Bennett Harding Tyler was born in 1908. He married Dr. Warren W. Wilson and they lived in Richmond. Bennett and Warren have three children: Debrah Mae Wilson who is married to Dr. William Pemberton Dixon Wynn and has three daughters, Paige, Carolyn, and Megan McPhee. John Pittman Wilson has three children.

John Pittman Tyler was born in 1912. She married George Bennett Wynn and their children were George Tyler Wynn, who died in 1951, and Dr. William Pemberton Dixon Wynn, a dentist. He has one child, William Tyler Wynn.

Ethel Clairborne Tyler was born in 1915 and married Bluford Arris Kemp who died October 1959. She is living in Richmond. They had one child, Mary Ethel Kemp who married Ivan Ricks, Jr. Ivan and Mary Ethel are parents of John Tyler, Benjamin Scott, Stacey Jacklyn, and Bradford Kemp Ricks.

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