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FROM THE EDITOR

Cindy Hale

Dressing up as an ancestor for Halloween is a unique and creative idea! There are many ways to approach this costume, depending on the type of ancestor you want to represent. Here are some ideas to get you started:


Historical Ancestor: You can dress up as a historical figure from your family's past. For example, if your great-grandfather was a soldier in World War II, you can dress up in a military uniform from that era. You can also research traditional clothing from your ancestors' country of origin and create a costume based on that.

Ancestral Spirit: You can create a costume that represents the spirit of your ancestors. For example, you can wear a white dress or robe and carry a lantern to represent the spirits of your ancestors who have passed away.

Ancestral Animal: You can dress up as an animal that is significant to your family's history or culture. For example, if your family is from Scotland, you can dress up as a unicorn, which is the national animal of Scotland.

Ancestral Occupation: You can dress up as an ancestor who had a unique occupation. For example, if your great-grandmother was a seamstress, you can create a costume that represents her profession.

I hope these ideas help inspire your costume for Halloween!

Halloween article from 



William Upchurch, III Jr. of Granville XID 162

Colonial Upchurch and Head of Clan 11

Commentary from UAFA Founder Phil Upchurch:

William Upchurch III was born in 1774 in Granville County, NC. He was the son of William Upchurch II. In 1803 in Granville County, William III would marry Henrietta Jenkins.

Any guidance on further research on the families of Richard Upchurch II and William Upchurch II might be as follows:

They were brothers and members of the fourth generation of the American Upchurch family. Both brothers are recorded in the mid to late-1700s in Granville County. However, the 1755 appearance of Richard Upchurch II on the tax rolls of Granville County could be misleading. Richard Upchurch II had no further connection to Granville County, and shortly

after 1755, we find his destiny playing out in what is today Franklin County, NC.

The Biofile of William III includes several William Upchurch entries from Franklin County, NC. I now feel these should be discounted as from 1760 onward the story of Richard Upchurch II played out in Franklin County NC, whereas that of William II was in Granville County. William II had two sons, John Upchurch IV (head of Clan 12) and William Upchurch III (the subject of this Biofile).

We have good records on the John Upchurch IV family and will set these aside and only remark that his life was spent in Granville County.

The records of William II in Granville County are very important to us as

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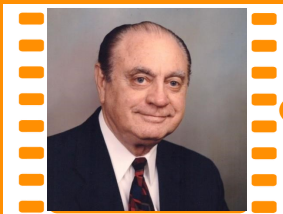
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William Upchurch, III Jr. of Granville

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this family appeared to continue to reside in Granville for most of the 1800s. However, about 1890, an offshoot of the family appeared in Raleigh, NC. In an attempt to understand the linkages a proposal is advanced, the essence of which follows:

- I. William U. III married Henrietta Jenkins
 - a. An unnamed son married Elizabeth and produced a son,
Archibald H. Upchurch. Elizabeth would go on to marry a man named William Johnson.
 - i. Archibald H Upchurch married Mary Dement
 1. William Archibald Upchurch

About 1890, William Archibald Upchurch appeared in Raleigh, NC having been born in Granville in 1860. On February 25, 1980, I interviewed Annie Elizabeth Upchurch (1902 – 1992), a retired spinster in Raleigh and obtained much information. She was the daughter of William Archibald. His family was prominent in Raleigh.

From these records and hints, the stage is set for more productive research on the **William Upchurch III Clan.**





Upchurches in the News

Compiled by Jay Buck



SHOOTING BETWEEN FARMERS.

Waco, Tex., Oct. 21.—In Rothman's saloon at McGregor, McLennan county, last night Virgil A. Upchurch and Milton Hale, two young farmers, became involved in a quarrel about a business affair. Upchurch drew a revolver and shot Hale twice in the neck and once in the bowels. Hale lingered until this morning, dying at 10 o'clock. Deputy Sheriff S. K. Lindsay brought Upchurch to Waco to-night and locked him up. He said: "On the trial I will show that the shooting was justifiable."

SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT

Waco, TX, Oct. 21:—This month, we found a story titled **SHOOTING BETWEEN FARMERS**, on **Virgil A Upchurch** and **Milton Hale** which happened near Waco, Texas. Virgil, a member of the **James IV Clan**, was the son of **James Monroe Upchurch** and **Sarah Elizabeth Miller**. **Virgil** was born on the 8th of April 1858 in Bedias, Grimes Co., Texas and died 25 November 1928 in Falls Co., Texas. He was 70. **Virgil A. Upchurch** married **Mary Ann "Mollie" Simes**.



In a Disused Graveyard by [Robert Frost](#)

The living come with grassy tread
To read the gravestones on the hill;
The graveyard draws the living still,
But never any more the dead.

The verses in it say and say:
"The ones who living come today
To read the stones and go away
Tomorrow dead will come to stay."



So sure of death the marbles rhyme,
Yet can't help marking all the time
How no one dead will seem to come.
What is it men are shrinking from?

It would be easy to be clever
And tell the stones: Men hate to die
And have stopped dying now forever.
I think they would believe the lie.

