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Letter to the Editor

Happy Fall Greetings
to our UAFA Friends
and Family!

I received a thoughtful letter
from one of our members, a
fellow researcher and genealogist that I'll share with you.

Sep 16, 2022, 5:42 AM
Cindy

I really enjoy reading the outstanding newsletters and I think you are doing awesome job as editor.

However this latest issue was in my opinion a little too much over the top expressing your gushing love of Facebook.

I do want to pass on my view as an old curmudgeon who chooses not to use any social media that I have specific strong distrust of Mark Zuckerberg and others with his kind of agenda which I do not support.

I think family-oriented non-profit organizations like Upchurch & Allied families should not overtly promote any social media with political agenda.

Claude Medlin

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UAFA BIOFILE TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

On page 10 of the January 21, 2021 edition of *FOOTPRINTS*, Carla Michaels introduced readers to the UAFA Biofile transcription project....

Our founder Phil Upchurch had a vision of transcribing the Biofiles of the 22 Clan Heads, their children, grandchildren and all the spouses. These Biofiles represent colonial era Upchurch families and two additional generations, and the records contained in the Biofiles include information that is sometimes not digitized online or available online. Phil also included analyses of relationships and

tricky genealogical questions which could help researchers break through brick walls. His record keeping

was amazing and transcribing these documents will make the Biofiles more readily available to the researching public. Each transcribed Biofile has its own URL, meaning it can be more easily picked up by search engines. There are upwards of 1000 Biofiles to transcribe!

Today, it is with pleasure that UAFA can

now announce that our website, alliedfamilies.com, provides access to the Biofiles of 19 of the 22 Upchurch clans.

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Carla Michaels & Dr. Phil Upchurch
By Jay C. Buck

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Over 35 videos featuring *Phil Upchurch* telling family stories, along with UAFA President, Dr. Tom Upchurch. These are available and FREE. Go to [https:// www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)



After opening YouTube, enter "Upchurch and Allied Families" into the search box. This will open the UAFA channel and display the videos.

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Dear Claude,

I sincerely thank you for your comments. I understand what you are saying and perhaps you are right. I wrote that article 2 years ago and in the meantime a lot has happened with respect to Mark Zuckerberg, especially the way he's altered our freedom of speech and denied the then President of the United States of America the right to express himself on social media. That was and still is very disturbing. Yet, the article isn't about Mr. Zuckerberg. It's about the generous and kind people on Facebook, offering their free services and knowledge to our common interests.

Best regards,

Cindy
UAFA Newsletter Coordinator, Editor

Cindy,

Thank you for the reply.
Thank you for accepting my comments in the spirit that was intended.
I totally concur that the article was not about Zuckerberg which I never stated but in my view the biased article was promoting use of Facebook.
I still find it inappropriate for non-profit organizations like UAFA to promote any specific social media organization but especially one with the politically biased agenda of Facebook.
Once again from my view devoting 3 out of 4 pages of the newsletter to an article promoting use of Facebook social media was unwarranted and inappropriate.
Keep up the great work but I suggest that you tone down the biased endorsement of any social media.

Claude





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By clicking on the resources tab, a drop-down menu will allow you to access a family tree with links to the individual Biofiles of the clan heads, their children and grandchildren and spouses.

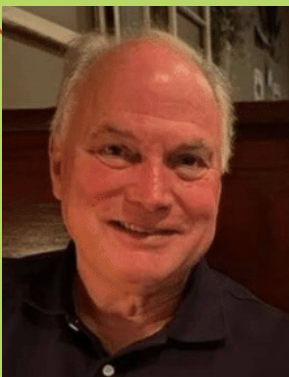
It turns out that over 1700 Biofiles were transcribed by our volunteers.

UAFA would like to thank **Carla Michaels** and the following volunteers for all their hard work:

Chris Monteleon
Kendal Rasor
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Jay C. Buck

Congratulations to Upchurch and Allied Families newest Board Member, Jay C. Buck. Jay hails from St. Louis, MO and holds the important job of Office Manager and Webmaster for UAFA.

Jay is a skilled researcher and retired after 30 years teaching American History and US Government.

I am proud to report that work continues in UAFA's Upchurch trees. Many thanks to all of who are dedicated to making your contribution to our joint efforts.

Something else I have to mention is the completion of the project to transcribe all of Phil's "biofiles"—his research notes—of the Clan heads.

Thanks again to all who are making valuable contributions. As Phil said many times,

Linda

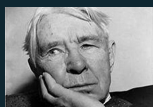
Linda Upchurch Sparks
UAFA Upchurch Tree Master Coordinator

A short summary of the past quarter's activity is included below but the arrow points to the bottom line—the addition of thousands of people, sources and media, photos, etc. by UAFA Volunteers — added to our big American Upchurch Index Tree since 6/10/2019! —Editor

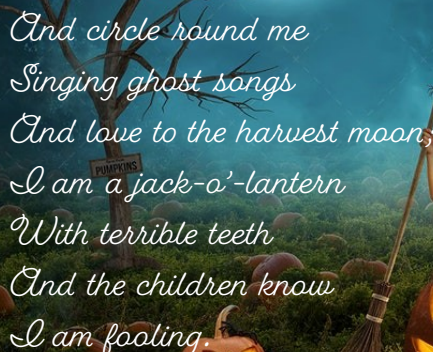
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Persons															
Photos/Stories			584	2323	2	544	2361						2433	39	176
Records			2445	9756	2	3413	9793						11423	632	1357
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JOSEPH-Persons	Carla Michaels	2156	2156	2170	0	14	2802						2818	5	2818
Photos/Stories			1	12	1	2	194						215	12	205
Records			2	63	15	60	3339						3430	62	3427
					0	0									
WILLIAM VI-Persons	Julie Upchurch	228	228	548	0	320	548						1505	929	1185
Photos/Stories			0	6	0	0	6						572	561	566
Records			1	12	0	0	12	0	0		122	122	2721	2587	2709
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American Index	Linda Sparks	71306	71306												
Total in Upchurch trees		75270		127359	2503	52089	129696	2337	54426	132459		57189	135371	3473	133432
Sources				21417	503	2576	22216	799	3375	22745	529	3904	23779	1034	3662
Media				253222	12755	60358	261600	8378	68736	269727	8157	76863	280810	11083	66364

By Carl Sandburg

*I spot the hills
With yellow balls in autumn.
I light the prairie cornfields
Orange and tawny gold clusters
And I am called pumpkins.
On the last of October
When dusk is fallen
Children join hands*



Carl August Sandberg · Born January 6, 1878 · Galesburg, Illinois.
Died July 22, 1967 (aged 89) · Flat Rock, North Carolina

A Halloween-themed background featuring pumpkins, a broom, and a sign that says "PUMPKINS". The scene is set in a field with pumpkins scattered around. A broom is leaning against a pumpkin on the right. A sign with the word "PUMPKINS" is visible in the middle ground. The background is a mix of green and orange, suggesting a field of pumpkins. The overall tone is festive and spooky.

*And circle round me
Singing ghost songs
And love to the harvest moon
I am a jack-o'-lantern
With terrible teeth
And the children know
I am fooling.*

