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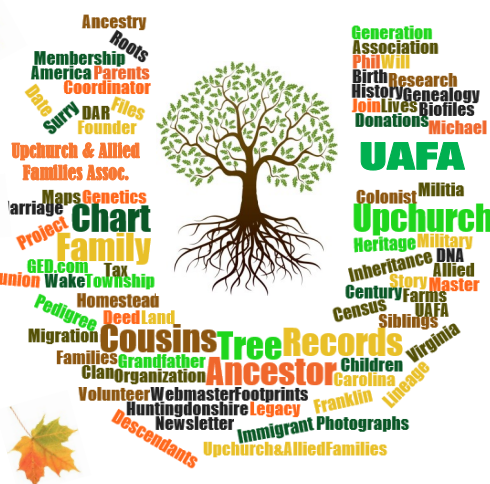
BECOME A VOLUNTEER
FOR UPCHURCH AND
ALLIED FAMILIES TODAY!

An increasing percentage of Upchurch and Allied Families Assoc. (UAFA) volunteers are contributing from home offices all over the United States. These skilled volunteers love ancestry and family history and their dedication greatly expands UAFA's capacity to advance the goal of making Dr. Phil Upchurch's immense and amazing collection of Upchurch and allied families research available to everyone.

While great progress is being made, UAFA needs many more additional volunteers to complete their goals. Currently, there are many tree masters and associate tree master volunteers, but many more are needed to enhance over 20 existing branch family trees on Ancestry. *You don't need to be a genealogist or have family tree experience!* Potential volunteers must have access to Ancestry.com and be able to donate a minimum of 2 hours per week. Most volunteers choose to work on their own branch of the tree, and learn even more about their own rich heritage.

Another very important area where volunteers are needed is in transcribing files of hand-written notes into Microsoft **Word** or similar program. **Biofiles** is a word coined by Founder, Dr. Phil Upchurch, to describe his research file and notes on *individual* Upchurch's, and allied families. The file consist of research notes and family records of an individual. All that is required by our volunteer is to turn the handwritten words into a digital document. This can easily be accomplished, sitting at your own desk at home.

In his lifetime of research, Dr. Phil has filled



forty, 4-drawer file cabinets with these handwritten paper files! The **biofiles** are an important resource, and are starting to appear online at Alliedfamilies.com under the Tab "Resources", password: 2014ALLIED#. Still, there is so much more transcribing needed, which will all be put online, so that everyone will have access and benefit by all the research Dr. Phil has accomplished.

There are other opportunities available for you to become an important member of our volunteer team! There are several kinds of coordinator or leadership roles available. Email UAFA and let them know where your interests and skills lie. UAFA realizes, for this cause to advance and flourish, everyone who volunteers needs to be able to use their own special skill-sets and enjoy their contribution.

UAFA offers memberships to ensure that the future of this fine non-profit Association continues in perpetuity for our descendants.

I live and work from the beautiful state of Arizona, and volunteered as assistant tree master for UAFA. Since I joined, I've met the most astonishingly skilled, lovely and helpful people! By letting them know I had previous experience in graphic arts and writing newsletters. Dr. Phil offered me the position of Newsletter Coordinator, Editor! For me it has been a very special, happy and rewarding challenge! It feels good to give back.

Contact UAFA today and let them know of your 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.

Cindy Hale,
Newsletter Coordinator,
Editor



This 1896 Photo of the Charles Wesley Upchurch Family descends from Harmon Upchurch from Virginia (1740-1815) Clan 16. L-R William A Upchurch, Nancy Milisap Upchurch, Jane Upchurch, Charles Wesley Upchurch, Mary May Upchurch, Julina Perrine Upchurch (1850-1914), John J Upchurch (kneeling), Margaret J Upchurch, Infant son, Rutherford Upchurch, Bowman F Upchurch, & Thomas B Upchurch. The woman in the window and the child standing in front left, are not identified. This family migrated from Stanly Co, North Carolina to Cleveland Co., Oklahoma. This family is a direct line from our immigrant ancestor, Michael Upchurch.

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