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# UPCHURCH & ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOC.



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## DID YOU KNOW??

**UAFA has launched A CHALLENGE MATCH FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN to celebrate its 10th Anniversary on October 10, 2023!**

***Help us continue to preserve our collective family history now! These are the stories of families that embody the American experience! They are a priceless gift to the future!***

### Dear UAFA Supporter –

UAFA, with your financial support, continues to build an impressive track record of digitizing the amazing work of Dr. Phil Upchurch, our founder, along with an incredible new body of work under the inspiring leadership of Dr. Tom Upchurch, documenting and preserving (your) family history including:

- ✓ Upchurch and Allied Families Trees in Ancestry.com—The names and genealogy of 196,974 UAFA ancestors along with 640,000 supporting documents
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- ✓ The UAFA Newsletter – Published monthly for many years. The January and July editions are 20 or more pages, some include reports of original research.
- ✓ Social media – Our UAFA Facebook continues to grow with around 400 active members.
- ✓ The UAFA Library – A comfortable work space for UAFA, DAR and other volunteers and archive for hundreds of books and other paper-based genealogy-related material.

This preservation work involves hundreds of hours of detailed research, linking and supporting family history, and has been made possible due to your continued generosity, thereby inspiring others to support the mission of UAFA. Through wise stewardship, UAFA has stretched available resources and minimized expenses to the greatest extent possible – but, we still have basic operational expenses



that must be covered to continue the mission.

Today, in honor of our 10th Anniversary, we are asking you to please consider making a generous gift in support of the UAFA 2023 Challenge Match Fundraising Campaign. But wait, the news gets better!

We are excited to announce that YOUR gift will be DOUBLED! Yes! Your gift of any amount will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$15,000! This is a special opportunity for you to have the impact of your gift doubled!

We sincerely appreciate your support to make the most of our generous donors' pledges

to double your impact on the work of UAFA.

Gratefully, for the cause,

*Woody*

Woody Yates, Vice President, UAFA



**To contribute to UAFA use any of the modes noted below. You can choose to give to the UAFA Endowment, the UAFA Operating Fund or both. Please let us know your preference. UAFA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.**

**Until January 13, 2024, contributions will be matched 1:1 for up to \$15,000.**

**1) Send check to UAFA, PO Box 3856, Chesterfield, MO 63006**

**2) Pay online using a credit card or PayPal: go to [alliedfamilies.com](http://alliedfamilies.com) then select "donate to UAFA"**

**3) For questions contact Jay Buck, UAFA Office Manager. Email-- [jay@alliedfamilies.org](mailto:jay@alliedfamilies.org) Phone -- 636-346-9165**



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### FROM THE EDITOR

*hello*

The answer to the question in last month's Editor column, "what State was depicted in the August newsletter"...was... ARIZONA. The saguaro only grows in the Sonoran desert in Arizona and Mexico. The other hint was the word PHOENIX on the rodeo card on page 2.

Besides the Challenge Match Fundraising Campaign, UAFA is announcing a new monthly column that could hold some big surprises.

### Become a volunteer!

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.



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)



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

Beginning this month, we will feature "*Upchurches in the News*" using stories featuring Upchurch ancestors.

You may find Upchurches involved in weddings, births and deaths of course, but also family reunions, court cases and even murder. We would only feature news items of long-gone Upchurch family members and not ones either living or recently passed.

*Cindy Hale*

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# Upchurches in the News

Compiled by Jay Buck

Ancestry is now featuring searchable collections of news items from various states via Newspapers.com.

Jay Buck is spearheading a new monthly column in our newsletter called “**Upchurches in the News**” starting this month.

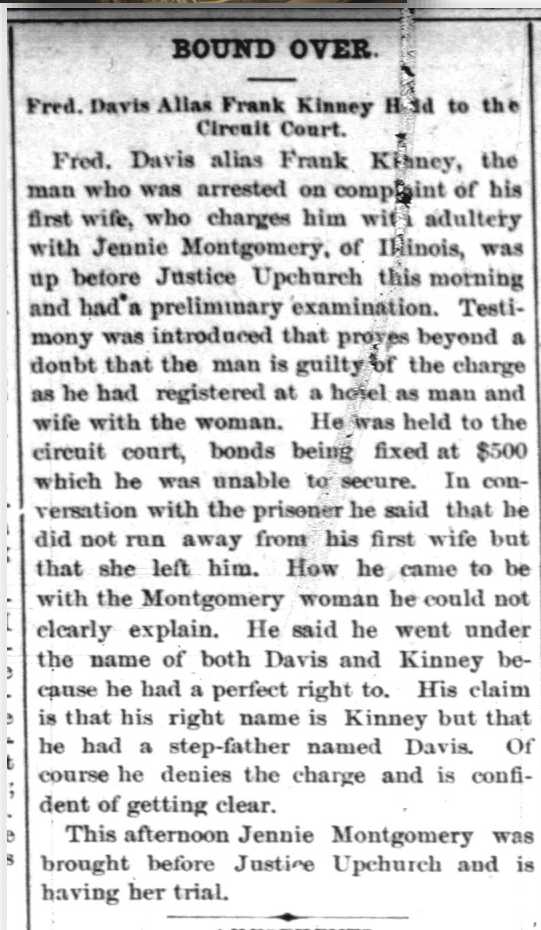
The newspaper stories featuring Upchurch ancestors which hit the newsstand, back in the day, will be considered to print if it has a 70 year privacy cushion—like the U.S. Census.

Ancestry.com has in recent months added indexes that allow one to search for their ancestor by name in newspapers that are available on Newspapers.com.

These indexes are from the 1800s to the present. Currently the following states have been indexed:

Texas  
Montana  
Maryland  
Arizona  
Pennsylvania  
New Mexico  
Vermont  
Nevada  
Delaware  
Hawaii  
New York

This month, we found a story titled **BOUND OVER**, on **Justice Robert L. Upchurch** of Racine, Wisconsin. Robert was born in Illinois to **Mary Melissa Jones and John Foster Upchurch**—a member of the John Upchurch III clan.



## Famous Genealogy Quotes We Love

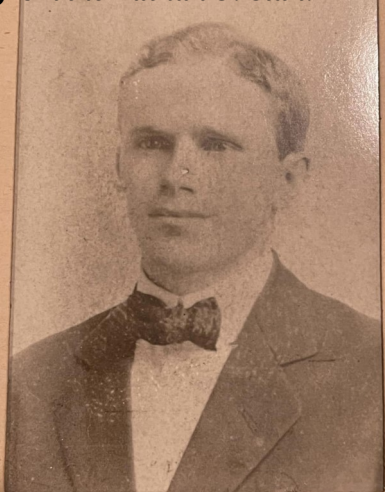
1. Every book is a quotation; and every house is a quotation out of all forests, and mines, and stone quarries; and *every man is a quotation from all his ancestors.* – Ralph Waldo Emerson
2. Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate. – Unknown
3. Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living. – Unknown
4. There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his. – Helen Keller
5. If you don't know history, you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree. – Michael Crichton
6. Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing – Wernher von Braun
7. We need to haunt the house of history and listen anew to the ancestors wisdom. – Maya Angelou
8. To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root. – Chinese Proverb
9. Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking. – Unknown
10. If we tried to sink the past beneath our feet, be sure the future would not stand. – Elizabeth Barrett Browning
11. The thing that interests me most about family history is the gap between the things we think we know about our families and the realities. – Jeremy Hardy





## Sharing Pictures From Facebook

**On the male side, this family descends from the Moses Upchurch Clan and Ara Vivian is from the Nathan U. Clan.**



*Hugh Conway Upchurch*

“Colby Stone, the great grandson of Naomi Ruth Upchurch, daughter of Rev. Hugh Conway Upchurch and Ara Vivian Upchurch; “both 4th cousins”, posted on Facebook. He kindly allowed us to share them with you in our newsletter.

Pictured are Hugh, Vivian, Harvey Stone and Naomi Ruth Upchurch.

Julie Williams Borshak, shared “Hugh was my great-grandmother, Julia—Ethel’s brother”.



[Hugh Conway Upchurch \(1890–1972\) • FamilySearch](#)



**Thank you for sharing the pages of the book, Julie!**



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(3) JULIA ETHEL UPCHURCH (b 5 April 1888) m 26 Feb. 1907  
Cordeiro R. Mier (b 13 Sept. 1885, d 8 March 1966) Issue:  
(A) DORIS MAY MILLS (b 4 Dec. 1907) m 15 Nov. 1929  
(a) MYRTON THOMAS STEWART (b 22 July 1901). Their children:  
(i) Nov. 1953 Marjella Drake. Their six children:  
LAURA COLE STEWART (b 7 Jan. 1954)  
MICHAEL THOMAS STEWART (b 29 March 1955)  
JOHN DRAKE STEWART (b 29 March 1956)  
STEPHEN MILLS STEWART (b 27 Sept. 1957)  
RICHARD FITZGERALD STEWART (b 31 March 1961)  
(b) JANE MILLS STEWART (b 25 Feb. 1964)  
(c) ROBERT COLE STEWART (b 9 July 1934) USAF Captain  
LeFevre. He adopted her children:  
James Stewart (b 14 Nov. 1950)  
Tom Stewart (b 28 Aug. 1951)  
Jeffrey Stewart (b 31 July 1952)  
Joe Stewart (b 17 June 1958)

(B) MARY LOUISE MILLS (b 25 Aug. 1909) m 27 Oct. 1928  
Fred Elton Flinchum (b 5 Dec. 1907). Their children:  
(a) BETTY LOUISE FLINCHUM (b 26 Aug. 1929) m 26 Dec.  
1953 Ralph Clinton Long, Div. m 2ndly 8 Oct. 1961 Robert  
Gordon Smith.  
(b) FRED ELTON FLINCHUM, Jr. (b 9 Sept. 1931) m 6 June  
1952 Martha Ruth Richards (b 8 May 1933). They adopted:  
MICHAEL ANDREW FLINCHUM (b 9 Nov. 1969)  
(c) WILLIAM OLIVER FLINCHUM (b 13 Oct. 1933) m 19 July  
1958 Anne Fay Lolla (b 28 May 1933). Their children:  
REBECCA LYNN FLINCHUM (b 28 Dec. 1959)  
JANE LOLLIS FLINCHUM (b 1 Aug. 1963)  
(d) CHARLES PRESTON FLINCHUM (b 23 March 1935) m in  
New York 29 June 1957 Joan Helen Ellsworth. Their daughter:  
KAREN LOUISE FLINCHUM (b 10 Feb. 1957)  
(e) JAMES RUSSELL FLINCHUM (b 9 Nov. 1938) m 25 Nov.  
1961 Nancy White in Greenwood, N. C. Their three daughters:  
TERESA ANN FLINCHUM (b 22 Sept. 1962)  
JANE MARIE FLINCHUM (b 21 Dec. 1963)  
MARY ELIZABETH FLINCHUM (b 26 Feb. 1966)  
(f) EDWARD REID FLINCHUM (b 9 Nov. 1938) Twin. m 24  
March 1965 Emeline Taylor.  
(g) JULIA KATHRYN FLINCHUM (b 4 Feb. 1943) m 10 Feb.  
1960 Russell Avery Williams. Their three children:  
ROBERT AVERY WILLIAMS (b 12 Jan. 1961)  
SHANNON ASHLEY WILLIAMS (b 16 Sept. 1963) 1964  
(C) CORNELIUS RAY MILLS (b 21 Nov. 1912)—Buyer for Sears  
m 31 Dec. 1951 Ruth Elizabeth West (b 2 March 1913)

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(D) EUTICE HAYWOOD MILLS (b 22 Oct. 1914) m 3 May 1938  
Virginia Butler (b 14 Feb. 1919). Their eight children:  
(a) MATTHEW HAYWOOD MILLS (b 26 Jan. 1939)  
(b) MARILYN MILLS (b 16 April 1940) m 5 July 1964  
Sherman Melton Bridgman. Their children:  
ANDREW MELTON BRIDGMAN  
SCOTT BRIDGMAN  
(c) JOHN STEPHEN MILLS (b 11 Nov. 1942)  
Priscilla Mills (b 30 Sept. 1944) m 16 Jan. 1965  
William Spurgis Abbott. Their children:  
BEVERLY JANE ABBOTT  
PAIGE GODWIN ABBOTT  
(e) ARTHUR BUTNER MILLS (b 8 May 1946)  
(f) JAMES JEFFREY MILLS (b 19 July 1949)  
(g) SARAH KATHERINE MILLS (b 7 May 1955)  
(h) MARGARET VIRGINIA MILLS (b 18 Feb. 1958)  
(E) MATTHEW RUSSELL MILLS (b 13 Feb. 1918) Chmn. N. C.  
State Sanitary Comm. m 16 Feb. 1944 Lisa Ellen Boos Issue:  
(a) MATTHEW RUSSELL MILLS, Jr. (b 21 Sept. 1953)  
(F) CLARA FRANCES MILLS (b 24 Aug. 1923) m 24 Oct. 1947  
Louis Cromwell Spillman, Jr., M.D. Their children:  
(a) LOUIS CROMWELL SPILLMAN, III (b 11 May 1948)  
(b) MARTHA ANNE SPILLMAN (b 15 Dec. 1950)  
(c) HARRY WAYNE SPILLMAN (b 25 Feb. 1952)  
(d) DAVID MILLS SPILLMAN (b 11 May 1954)  
(e) JULIA LYNN SPILLMAN (b 10 Dec. 1957)

(4) HUGH CONWAY UPCHURCH (b 16 Oct. 1899) Baptist Minister  
m 1 June 1913 ARA VIVIAN UPCHURCH (b 23 Oct. 1894, d 30  
Sept. 1968) dau. of JOHN and Della L. Victoria (Stone) UP-  
CHURCH. Their seven children:  
(A) EUGENE CONWAY UPCHURCH (b 14 July 1914, d 26 Aug.  
1968) m 18 May 1941 Mary Alice Kelly. Their daughter:  
(a) SANDRA JEAN UPCHURCH (b 23 Aug. 1942) m 18 April  
1968 Thomas J. Giacchino, L.L.B. Wayne State Univ., Detroit—  
Attorney General of Michigan.  
(B) JUANITA VIVIAN UPCHURCH (b 1 Sept. 1915) m 15 March  
1934 Daniel Ernest Matthews (b 27 July 1913). Their children:  
(a) JUDITH ANN MATTHEWS (b 11 Nov. 1940) m 22 June  
1968 Alton Leath Premeaux (b 12 April 1934)  
(b) JOHN DANIEL MATTHEWS (b 5 Sept. 1944) m 13 Feb. 1965  
Dorothy Howard (b 6 July 1947). Their children:  
VINCENT JOHN MATTHEWS (b 27 Oct. 1965)  
JEREMY DEAN MATTHEWS (b 3 Feb. 1969)  
(C) NAOMI RUTH UPCHURCH (b 27 April 1920) m 4 July 1941  
Alex Harvey Stone (b 14 April 1916). Their children:  
(a) CONNIE ALEX STONE (b 14 Jan. 1944) m 2 June 1963  
Mildred Ruth McLaurin (b 4 June 1943). Their son:  
GREGORY NEAL STONE (b 5 Dec. 1967)