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FROM THE EDITOR

tell stories around the fire
PUT ON LONGSLEEVES
read a book under a tree
JUMP IN LEAVES
WRAP YOUR HANDS AROUND A HOT MUG
eat a caramel apple
BE OUTDOORS
FEEL CRISP AUTUMN BREEZES
roast marshmallows
CARVE A PUMPKIN
go on a hayride
HOLD HANDS AND GET COZY
WEAR A SCARF
bake cookies and pies
TAKE A DRIVE JUST TO LOOK AT LEAVES

Who doesn't love a good mystery? Jay Buck has presented us with a true historic Upchurch story on Page 1. I love how he embedded the newspaper articles into the story! Thank you Jay!

Sadly, my cousin Brady Upchurch passed away (page 4). He is loved by so many friends and family of clan 14

Cindy Hale



James M. Upchurch – A Mystery Unravels

By Jay Buck

Our founder, Phil Upchurch, always delighted in stories that linked events in American history to the Upchurch family. Phil also liked a good mystery. Recent findings obtained from newspapers.com would have intrigued him.

James M. Upchurch was a member of the Richard III/Buckner Upchurch subclan. He, his wife Mary Jane (Williams), and children Della S. (Sarah) and Albert were found in Brown County, Illinois in the 1880 Census. But in the 1900 census, only Albert could be found. He was listed as living in Morgan County, IL.

What became of his parents? On 3 Feb 1888, the Taloga Star, a newspaper in southwestern Kansas re-

ported the [discovery of the body of James Upchurch](#). It appears that James had decided, with his family in tow, to move to this part of Kansas, presumably to settle and farm the land. But anyone that tried their luck out on the plains had better be prepared for the terrible potential of winter blizzards. James was lost in the blizzard of 19 Dec 1887 that struck this part of the country. The winter of 1887 – 88 was especially horrific on the Great Plains. Another blizzard that hit the Dakota Nebraska border would come to be called the Children's Blizzard. It struck without warning on 12 Jan 1888 and took the lives of 213 schoolchildren.

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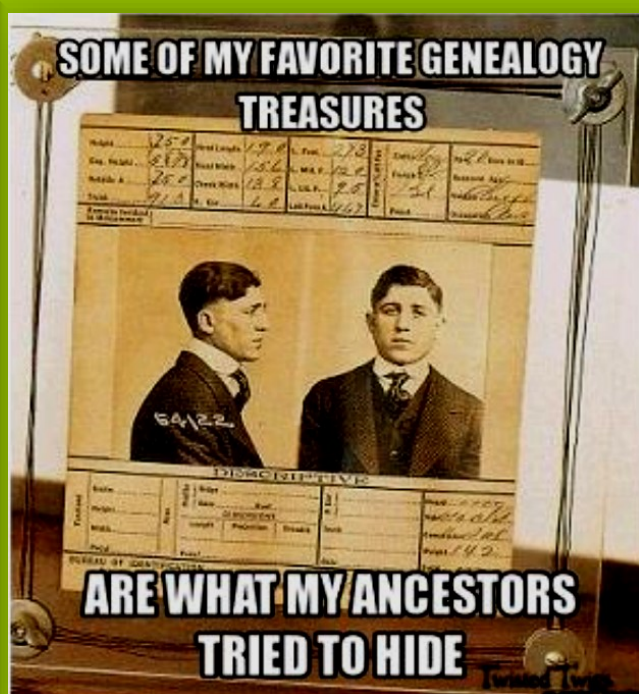
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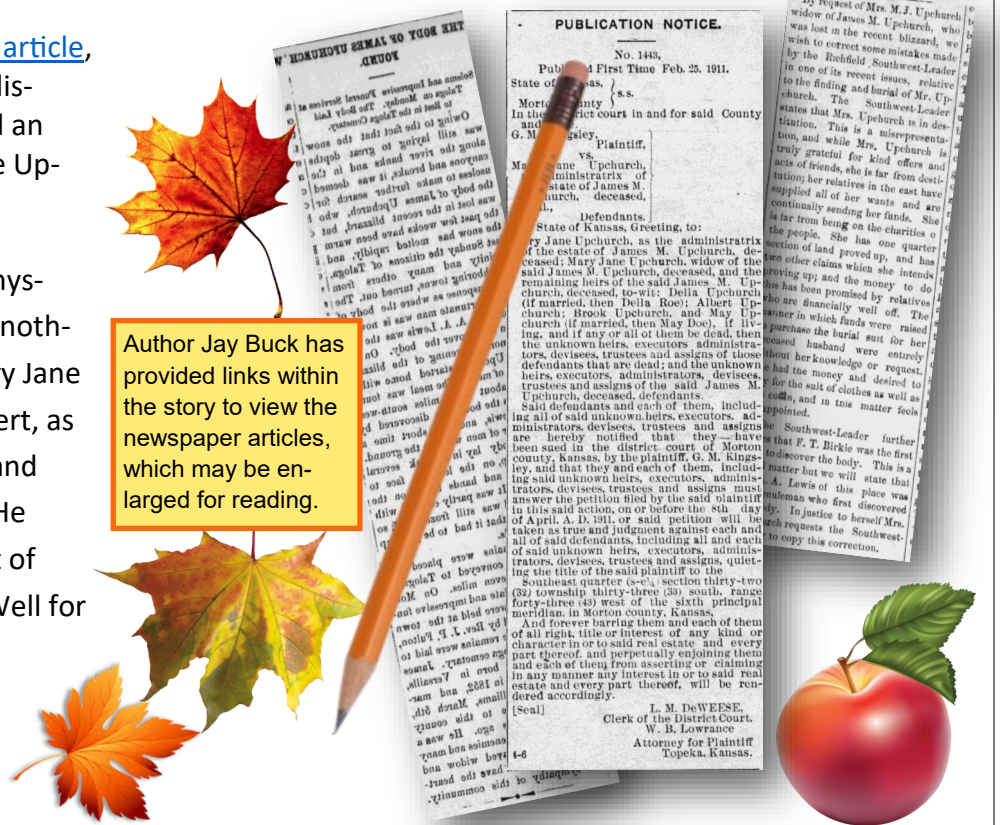


James M. Upchurch – A Mystery Unravels *Continued from Page 1*

Another Taloga Star [newspaper article](#), published two weeks after the discovery of James' body, provided an update on his widow, Mary Jane Upchurch.

But as one begins to solve the mystery of James, we are left with another puzzle. What became of Mary Jane and the surviving children? Albert, as mentioned, was found in 1900 and would raise a family in Illinois. He passed away in 1923. But what of Della and any other children? Well for those of you who wish to pursue this question, here's a [clue](#) from 1911.

Author Jay Buck has provided links within the story to view the newspaper articles, which may be enlarged for reading.



Tracing My Tree

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,
To find if I could find the makings of me.
And all that I had was Great-grandfather's name,
Not knowing his wife or from where he came.
I chased him across a long line of states,
And came up with pages and pages of dates.
When all put together, it made me forlorn,
Proved poor Great-grandpa had never been born.
One day I was sure the truth I had found,
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.
I looked up the record of one Uncle John,
But then I found the old man to be younger than his son.
Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,
I came across records that must have been him.
The facts I collected made me quite sad,
Dear old Great grandfather was never a Dad.
I think someone is pulling my leg,
I am not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me..





In Loving Memory



**Larry LeRoy
"Brady"
Upchurch, Jr.**

Brady, age 49 of Hendersonville, TN passed away Wednesday September 1, 2021. Born in Dickson, TN he was the son of the late Larry LeRoy Brady Upchurch, Sr. and Wanda Jeanette Watkins Lane. Brady worked as an Underground Utility



Locator and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was a member of Cloyd's Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mt. Juliet, TN. He was a tremendously likeable guy

with many family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Survivors include his siblings, Don Stacey (Holly) of Dickson, TN, Cheryl Bryce (Doug), Lori Upchurch Pate (Jim), Jan Upchurch DePriest (Tim), Craig Upchurch all of Waverly, TN, Scotty Upchurch of New Johnsonville, TN, Mike Stacey of Nashville, TN, Tim Stacey Dickson, TN, Thomas Lane, Jr. of Dickson, TN; Numerous Nieces and Nephews. His grandfather proudly served in the U.S. Marines.

Our Clan (14) descends from the John Upchurch III, John Upchurch VII sub clan:

John UPCHURCH m. Ann HAMILTON

John UPCHURCH m. Happy SHAW

William Benton UPCHURCH
m. Emily Caroline CAUDILL

Sanford Riley UPCHURCH
& Fanny NORMAN

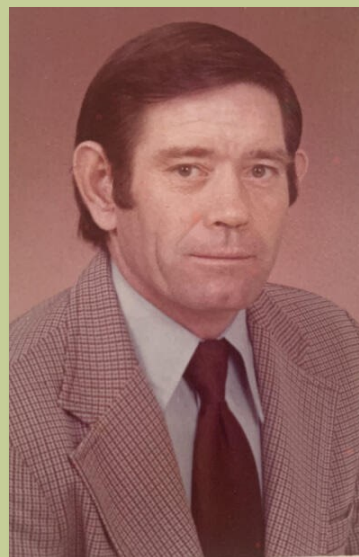
William Brady NORMAN UPCHURCH
m. Dora Malinda CHURCH

Arcillas D. "Syd" UPCHURCH m. Wanda WATKINS

Larry Leroy UPCHURCH Sr.

Larry Leroy BRADY UPCHURCH Jr.

Read more: [Clan 14 John Upchurch III, John Upchurch VII sub clan:](#)



**Herbert Francis
Upchurch**

*February 22, 1936 -
September 03, 2021*

We heard from our good friend, Author Mae Davenport Cox who alerted me to an obituary in her hometown of Ardmore, Oklahoma. He is listed as being from the Harmon Upchurch Clan – which happens to be Mae's clan too.

Memorial services for Herbert Upchurch were held Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Craddock Memorial Chapel.

Herb was born February 22, 1936 in the Kiamichi Mountains near Nashoba, Oklahoma to Lesley and Stella (Watkins) Upchurch. He graduated from Nashoba High School in 1953 and from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1960 with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and Chemistry. He moved to Ardmore, married Patricia McNeely, and went to work for the Noble Foundation, where he worked for 32 years as a Research Biologist before the Bio-Medical division closed in 1993. His research was published in many medical and cancer journals where he was senior author of four articles and co-author of forty articles. He acquired a shared patent on May 12, 1983 for a monoclonal antibody that is still being used today.

HERBERT'S OBITUARY

Harmon UPCHURCH (Head of Clan 16)

Allen UPCHURCH

Benjamin UPCHURCH

Henry M. UPCHURCH

Adam Hobert UPCHURCH

Leslie Hobert UPCHURCH

Herbert Francis UPCHURCH (Feb 22, 1936 – Sep 3, 2021)

Read more: [Harmon Upchurch, Clan 16\)](#)