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FROM THE EDITOR

September

*Lo! a ripe sheaf of many golden days
Gleaned by the year in autumn's harvest ways,
With here and there, blood-tinted as an ember,
Some crimson poppy of a late delight
Atoning in its splendor for the flight
Of summer blooms and joys—
This is September.*

—E.M. Montgomery

The article in this newsletter gives tips on how to utilize Facebook to enhance genealogy research, and get free help with block walls, research projects and even restoring and dating old photographs. I hope you can have some fun with this.

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Cindy Hale

Facebook: A Great Place to Enhance Your Genealogy Research

One of the most useful and interesting parts of Facebook are the groups you can join. Whether your interest lies in *Scottish Genealogy*, *Tulip Hybridization* or *Neanderthal Ancestry*, there is a group to tie to every interest you can imagine! Here's a quick and easy approach to finding them. Open Facebook and at the top of the page in the search box, type in your interest, such as *Royal Ancestry* and see what groups they offer. Experiment with wording to bring up more groups. Look for groups concentrating on your area of interest, whether it may be associated with a specific county, Mercer Co., KY or Wake Co. Genealogical Society, a country, Scottish Ancestry, or a region of interest such as the Appalachian Mountains perhaps.



In this issue I hope to dazzle you with FREE helpful links related to genealogy! Chances are, if you are reading this, you are connected to the Upchurch clan or allied families somehow, so in this issue I'll stick with everyone's favorite subject.

Cyndi's List <https://cyndislist.com/facebook> is my starting point for this genealogy report. Trying to keep up is more than a full time job for Cyndi Ingle. Her list of bookmarks first appeared online in 1996 with just over 1,000 links and grew quickly to include more than 337,000 genealogy links, categorized and cross-referenced, in more than 200 categories!

Another site and list simply titled, *Genealogy on Facebook List* by Public Speaker, Katherine R. Willson.

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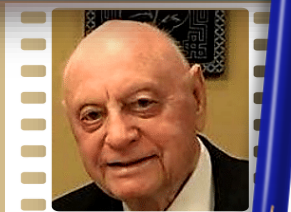


Over 35 videos featuring *Phil Upchurch* telling family stories, along with UAFA President, Dr. Tom Upchurch. These are available and FREE. Go to

[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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A Family Is Like A Circle

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A family is like a circle.
The connection never ends,
and even if at times it breaks,
in time it always mends.

A family is like the stars.
Somehow they're always there.
Families are those who help,
who support and always care.

A family is like a book.
The ending's never clear,
but through the pages of the book,
their love is always near.

A family is many things.
With endless words that show
who they are and what they do
and how they teach you so you know.

But don't be weary if it's broken
or if through time it's been so worn.
Families are like that -
they're split up and always torn.

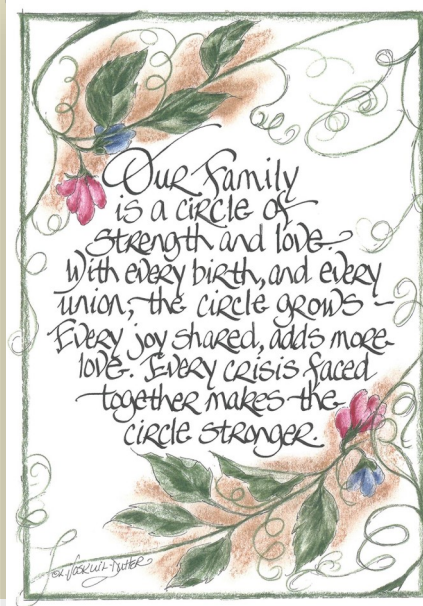
But even if this happens,
your family will always be.
They help define just who you are
and will be a part of you eternally.

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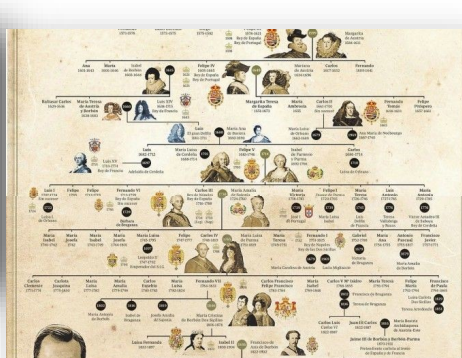
She says her genealogy interests began as an 8-year-old Junior Girl Scout working towards a "My Heritage" badge, and describes her passion fueled when, after college, both her mother's and father's relatives gave her binders containing generations worth of family information. Her success in using Facebook to break down genealogical brick walls (both personally, and in her classroom) inspired her to compile a list of 16,700+ genealogy links (updated in January 2021) to genealogy & history Facebook groups/pages (in English) here: [Genealogy on Facebook List](#)

There is a clickable table of contents at the beginning of the list, starting with U.S. states & territories in the first section, other countries in the second section, and various categories in the third section (adoption, African American, Jewish, surnames, etc.). Clicking an entry in the table of contents will take you directly to that category within the list, and clicking a link will take you directly to that Facebook page/group.

Please note that, as of January 2021, all future updates and maintenance of the list is being handled by Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List at <https://cyndislist.com/facebook>. Nice!

[Legacytree.com](#) tells you why you should join a Facebook Genealogy Group. "Do you have German ancestors? You could join a German Facebook genealogy group. If you happen to already know which state or former kingdom in Germany from which your people hailed (Baden-Württemberg, for example) there's a group for that too."

One of the most frequented forums involve adoption and help for those seeking information on their biological family. Most of these groups are volunteer-run, and as such, have their own rules about what you can and cannot post, and which details you need to



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provide so that people can help. Try this one! [Global Adoptee Genealogy Project \(GAGP\) - Home | Facebook](#)

One very popular group on Facebook is called *Genealogy! Just Ask!* and they mean it! <https://m.facebook.com/groups/GenealogyJustAsk>. Administrator Robin Foster has 33 years of experience and started *Genealogy! Just Ask!* for researchers who need a bit of help looking for ancestors. In other words, FREE research assistance for the beginner to the experienced researcher. You may also just discuss in this group or help someone else find their ancestor.

A very common use for a research group is to get help deciphering records, whether in English or other languages. Perhaps you can read most of the record but there is a word or phrase that you just can't make sense of. Do you need fresh suggestions for your "brick wall"? Helpful people will offer more resources to try. In any case, another set of eyes or thoughts, can be a solid resource. Because of the benefits of crowd-sourcing, users often end up learning more history and context about their question or discover the existence of helpful records that they didn't know about before.

Similarly, have you found any old family letters that you can't read, or you don't know which language they are even written in? Or a census record, birth, marriage or death certifi-

cate with words that don't make sense to you? Try a *Genealogy Translations Group*, where it's likely someone will be able to help.

There are good general, completely free sites on Facebook to try if you are curious about DNA, such as [Ancestry-Gedmatch-FTDNA-23&me-Genealogy and DNA The NICE Group](#). Experts will help you find the answers.

Try [Genealogy Clues-Dating Old Photographs](#). This group has over 21,000 members. Say you have an unidentified family photograph. Often there are clues in the style of dress that may indicate the time period in which it was taken and even the place. If you are stuck, it may be worth asking in a relevant group if anyone else knows



more than you do, and you might be able to narrow down the probable identity of the persons or individual pictured by the suggested time period. There are even *Old Photograph Restoration* groups that will kindly restore an old photograph for free, and I have seen amazing work! Try *Photo Colorizing & Restoration* or *The Photoshop Free Edits*.

All this leads me to say, there are won-

derful people out there who are willing to help in your research. *Upchurch and Allied Families* on Facebook is similarly helpful. The Facebook page has had a growing spurt in the past two years which is great. The more people who join the group, the greater chance of getting good interaction and interesting posts for everyone. I know you don't need to be told that sharing information within a family group is both helpful and interesting. So, join us on Facebook, [Upchurch and Allied Families | Facebook](#). Show your family photographs and talk about your ancestors! We welcome you and encourage you to ask questions. You may also find a link

on the Facebook page that will take you directly to our website [Alliedfamilies.com](#), where you will find a gold mine in research! Check out the Biofiles (ancestral biography vignettes) by contacting UAFa to get access, it's FREE. The complete, fully searchable works of Dr. Phil Upchurch's bulletins, over 4,000 pages of information published about Upchurches and Allied Families in America. You will also find a list of over 65,000 descendants (each with a unique ID number) of our emigrant ancestor Michael Upchurch. Naturally, this IS the best place to start looking for a related family member or ancestor from the past!

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