

EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the year 2020 and the debut issue of FOOTPRINTS!

In the short time that I've been here, may I say, I feel very privileged to be working with such an exceptional group of talented people.

First a special thank you to Jay Buck, our OM and webmaster who helped get this mega newsletter launched.

For the premier of FOOTPRINTS, UAFA Founder, Dr. Phil Upchurch has written a brand new story for us on the subject of our newsletter focus, migrations of Upchurches and allied families.

Our President Dr. Tom Upchurch, is a pleasure to work with and a very talented man on so many levels. For this issue, he has compiled a comprehensive and interesting report on the great progress of UAFA!

We are very fortunate to receive a story, penned especially for our premiere issue of FOOTPRINTS from our friend, Mae Davenport Cox, author of many books, including *Michael Upchurch—His Life, His Times, His Legacy: 1624-1681*.

There's a bounty of information about the Isham Sims Upchurch family in this issue. From Civil War letters to present day concerns about housing developers building on the old homestead, and family cemetery.

You'll hear from the Coordinator of UAFA's DNA project with an introductory report. She will report again in February, plus a glimpse into UAFA's Open House in Cary, N.C. which took place last month.

Looking forward to hearing about UAFA's huge Family Tree project on Ancestry? Tree Master, Linda Upchurch Sparks reports!

Lastly, a loving thanks to my husband, Bill Rudich, who carried my load for some of the time while I worked on the big newsletter, and always with a smile.

So dear cousins (I am indeed proud to be an Upchurch), we have packed this issue with news and information and hope you enjoy it! Let us hear from you—we'd love your comments, suggestions, old family recipes, pictures and stories, big or small.

Everyone is invited to join UAFA! Please accept our heartfelt invitation to join and our sincere appreciation to our members who have renewed their membership.

Thank You from UAFA! May you all have a healthy, prosperous and happy year ahead!

Cindy Hale — Editor



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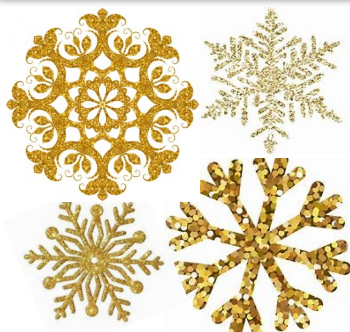
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Upchurch and Allied Families 2019 President's Report to the Board and UAFA Members

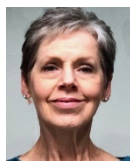
By Tom Upchurch, MD

We usually provide yearly reports to the board and UAFA members in July, but the last twelve months have been so productive and exciting that I wanted to use our new newsletter and Facebook page to tell everyone about it!

Since January 2019 we have:

- **Completed transfer of family tree information of over 60,000 individuals from Phil's system into the Ancestry.com cloud.** This has been a seven-year project that created nineteen clan-based Upchurch trees and about 20 UAFA Allied Family trees in the www.ancestry.com cloud. See instructions following this article to learn how to find and view an Upchurch Clan or Allied Family Tree on ancestry. We also created an Upchurch Big Beautiful Index Tree with over 70,000 members to assist UAFA workers identify appropriate clans for new members and assist DNA and other research. For now, access to this tree is limited to UAFA Tree Masters but will soon be available to everyone.

- **Welcomed Linda Upchurch Sparks from Jackson, TN as the UAFA Tree Master Coordinator.**



Linda created the Index Tree, integrated information from Trees developed by multiple cooperators and helped finish the transfer of UAFA Trees to Ancestry. She coordinates the work of over 30 Tree Masters who continue to add resource information, new ancestors and items of interest to the UAFA trees.

- **Completed scanning about 70% of Phil's paper-based research notes** (Phil calls these "biofiles") The biofiles are stored in *forty 4-drawer filing cabinets* that contain a vast handwritten archive of historic and genealogy information involving about one million people. The biofile scanning project has been in process for seven years and we believe it can be completed in 2020. All information that we have scanned has been made available to anyone for no cost under the "Biofiles" area of UAFA website, www.alliedfamilies.com (Use password: 2014allied#). We use a password so we can identify people who are interested in this information.

- **Welcomed Carla Michaels of Cary, NC as the Biofile Coordinator.**



Carla is currently focused on transcription of text information, mostly handwritten, in biofiles and has a team of volunteers working with her. She is also a member of the Board and manager of our Cary, NC office.

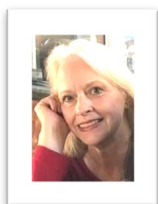


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Upchurch and Allied Families 2019 President's Report

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- **Welcomed Cindy Hale Rudich of Peoria, AZ as the UAFA Newsletter Coordinator and Editor**



Cindy will produce two to four page newsletters monthly except January and July when she will produce much more comprehensive, multiple page versions. These publications will be delivered by email to our UAFA contacts and are also posted to Facebook.

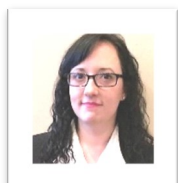
- **Welcomed Ronald Upchurch of Westin, CO as our UAFA Database Coordinator.**



Ron is helping us integrate our membership, website, events, and other activities into Wild Apricot, a web-based software specifically designed for small nonprofits like us. It will make it possible for managers and members to access UAFA functions from any place in the world that is connected to the Internet.

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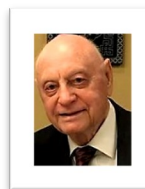
- **Added more stories to on our Upchurch and Allied Families YouTube channel.** There are 35 videos of Phil telling family stories. To access UAFA videos, go to www.youtube.com and enter "Upchurch and Allied Families" in the search box.
- **Increased the number of Tree Masters to 30 contributors who live in twelve different states**
- **Set up the "Upchurch and Allied Families" page on Facebook.**
- **UAFA Tree Masters have added 4914 people, 4934 sources and 10300 media to UAFA trees in the last six months.** (This will annualize to around 10,000 new people, 10,000 new sources and over 20,000 new pieces of media each year at our current pace—and we expect to accelerate as more tree masters and Allied Families are added.
- **Welcomed Kendal Rasor of Cameron, NC as our Coordinator of UAFA Family Stories.**



Kendal will work with Phil to weave family stories whose components may be found in the vast biofile, in Ancestry.com trees, Phil's memory and Internet resources.



- **Welcomed Phil Upchurch back to the operations area as Development Coordinator.**



Despite pancreatic cancer, radiation and chemotherapy for three and a half years and ninety-one years of very busy life, Phil is still strongly engaged and working every day.

- **Maintained two UAFA brick and mortar offices.** Our office in Chesterfield, MO focuses on scanning documents and general operations support. The office in Cary, NC houses our library of UAFA-specific books, maps, and other paper records. It is also a welcome place for volunteer groups that work with UAFA such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
- **Expanded our core of active volunteer workers to around sixty and financial contributors to over 200.**
- **Completed a successful Phil Upchurch Appreciation Endowment campaign** that is helping finance much needed resources such as software, office space, and scanning equipment.
- **Have been guided and supported by a strong Board of Directors** ([Click Here](#) to see board member resumes)

We have accomplished so much that one could reasonably question "what is left". The answer is "a huge amount"! We have created the framework of a national organization of volunteers coordinated by dedicated managers all using mostly cloud based functions to support our mission to collect and organize Upchurch and Allied Families genealogy and history information and to share our work with the world for free. Now our challenge is to fill in details, colors and nuances that make genealogy and history so interesting. We have made a wonderful beginning to the beginning.

Moving forward we will:

- **Complete the biofile scanning project and get the biofiles posted to the webpage**
- **Improve usability of online biofiles.** Basically, the biofiles consist of thousands of hand-written notes, photos, news articles, and other material that is loosely organized by family and/or individual names. Much of the hand-written information should be converted to text and the files should be indexed to improve the ability to search for information.

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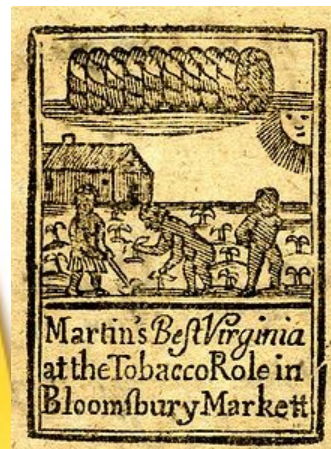
Gov. Cuomo Unseals New York Adoptions

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed S3419 into law on November 14, 2019, making New York the tenth state in the country to secure or restore equal rights for adult adopted people. More information, including the full text of the New York's newly "adopted" (pun intended) Public Health Law § 4138 may be found in the Adoptee Rights Law web site at: <https://adopteerightslaw.com/new-york-obc/>.

How To locate a
ly Tree on An-
After Ancestry

"Search", from the dropdown that ap-
pears; then select "Member Directory";
then type in "Phil Upchurch" and se-
lect "search"; select "UAFA – Up-
church"; this will open a page called
Family History with Family Trees
shown below the title. There you can
scan through all the UAFA – Upchurch
trees. If you want to open one, just
click on the photo. 1. If you don't have
a membership, there is a free tri-
al; 2. These are "public trees" so details
of living people do not show. Look for
non-living relatives.

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opens, select



Search For Soldiers

The Civil War was the first war in American history in which a substantial proportion of the adult male population participated. Almost every American would have known friends, family members, or neighbors who marched off to war, many never to return. The service records of these men, North and South, are contained in the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System.

Please note that the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System contains just an index of the men who served in the Civil War with only rudimentary information from the service records (including name, rank and unit in which they served). The full service records are housed at the National Archives and Records Administration. [Click here](#) for information about obtaining copies of those records, using the film number listed in the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System record.

Additionally, all records in this database have been transcribed from the National Archives' original documents; alternate names and/or misspellings are recorded as initially documented.

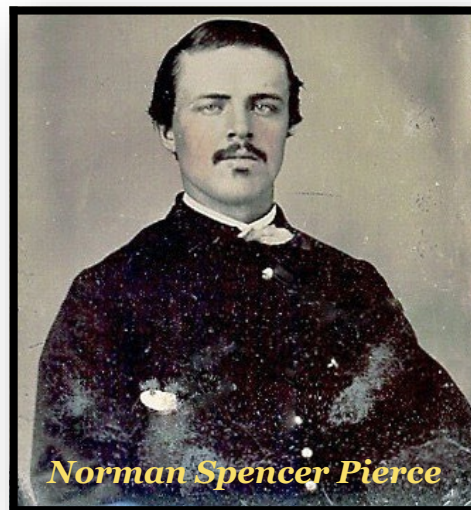
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How Artificial Intelligence is Helping Identify Thousands of Unknown Civil War Soldiers

Another great use of modern technology:

David Morin in Exeter, N.H. owns a collection of more than 260 Civil War military pictures. Until now, many of the men in the photos remained a mystery to him — but in the course of the last year, he identified many of them by using [Civil War Photo Sleuth](#), a website that uses facial recognition technology, a form of artificial intelligence (A.I.), to identify the men in such photos. And in 2020 the site is planning to add a new feature, after a successful test: a way for users to get second opinions on potential photo matches.



"Today history is so much better documented and the chances of things living on are so much greater," says Morin.

Thanks to Morin's efforts, a new online web site was created. [Civil War Photo Sleuth](#) at <https://www.civilwarphotosleuth.com/> is a website that uses facial recognition technology, a form of artificial intelligence (A.I.), to identify the men in such photos. Best of all, **YOU** can upload any Civil War photos you have and this crowd-sourced web site may be able to identify the person in the photo.

You can read this interesting story in an article by Olivia B. Waxman published in the *Time* magazine web site at: <https://time.com/5749059/civil-war-photos/>.

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Historic Farm and Cemetery of Isham S. Upchurch May Be Vulnerable to Developers

A conversation developed on Facebook, in which two ladies had concerns as to whether family land near family cemetery near Green Level, Wake Co., NC and Isham Sims Upchurch farm.

The conversation was started under the topic of the November newsletter and started with this post on Monday Dec. 30, 2019:

[Julie Williams Borshak](#) wrote, “I don’t seem to be able to post a new thread so I’m going to put my question here. I am new to the group and trying to find help with a quarry. The burial place of Isham Sims Upchurch is in a plot of land that is to become a neighborhood in rural Apex, NC. I’m trying to find other relatives who may be interested in the preservation of these graves. Are there any other family members in Wake County, NC?”

(I offered to give her story exposure in our impending FOOTPRINTS issue and she wrote):

Cindy,

Thank you for reaching out. I am a native of Moore County, NC and am in the Belle Lewter West book on page 56. Isham is my great, great grandfather. My grandmother’s stories about her ‘Grandpa Isham’ and the wonderful time she spent in Apex as a girl were always a part of my childhood. Since my family and I have moved back to the area, my daughter (now in Apex) and I (I’m in Southern Pines) have started searching out the places mentioned in the ‘Red Book’ given to me by my grandmother, Mary Mills Flinchum.

The search has led us to meeting new family members like Beth Kelly Ferrell who owns a large farm in Apex. We

have also met Corrie Burton who is not a relative but she owns an Apex farm once owned by our relatives (CoCo Farm on Facebook) and she is seeking help with historic designation to make sure that the farm doesn’t ever fall into the hands of developers. She is a military wife and their continued ownership of the farm is unsure. It is my understanding that Roxannah Bolling’s house in Apex is also without historic designation and could fall prey to developers.

"I wish I had realized that family history is a perishable commodity. It disappears with time, as photos fade, and as loved ones pass on. I wish I had known that the most important aspect of family history is preserving a record of the present for the future."

My daughter (Katy Borshak Iglesias) is a real estate agent in Apex and would love to assist with the efforts of preserving our family historic sites as well. Please put us in touch with those in our area who are already working on preservation efforts as I don’t want it to appear as if we just appeared out of nowhere to question the work of others who may already have this matter at hand.

Thank you!
Julie Williams Borshak

Carole Atkins Smith wrote that she was so glad she could assist. She has family ancestors in the Swift Creek area and presently family near Green Level

Church, New Hope Church Rd. and mentioned “Chatham County is around the corner from this church.

Yes, I am certain that I will be visiting with the folks over that way



doing some research”. She said that (Dr.) Phil Upchurch was quite helpful on giving her Atkins family information earlier and about Atkins Rd., now Lake Wheeler. She’ll also be in the Green Level area looking for the grave pictured above by Julie. We look forward to hearing back from her. Most likely on [Facebook](#).

And from Julie: I just want to make sure that someone from the family with more knowledge and power than I have is aware of the impending construction around the graves.

I’m new to all of this and was hoping to help out if others are already working on preservation.

Check out the latest on [Facebook](#).

Cindy Hale
Newsletter Coordinator, Editor



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- **Add supporting information to over 70,000 individual UAFA records.** Many ancestry trees are wonderful indicators of relationships but are bare boned with little or no proof of accuracy. This information exists in the Upchurch Bulletins, Biofiles, and numerous locations on the internet, but must be identified, verified and linked to appropriate individual records. This is the major challenge for our Tree Masters, a many years long project.
- **Continue to add new individuals to family trees as they are identified.**
- **Add additional Tree Masters** because of the huge amount of work to be done to improve family trees as noted above.
- **Expand our Allied Families component.** Some of these trees have hundreds of members already but are in earliest stages of development.
- **Identify links between Clans, Allied Families and individuals** and determine a means for identifying these associations.
- **Use material in the Upchurch Bulletins, Ancestry Trees, Biofiles, Phil's Memory and Internet sources to create family stories** in historical context and link these stories to appropriate individuals in Ancestry Trees and the Family Stories area of the webpage
- **Encourage family reunions** using our newsletter and Facebook communication.
- **Work on full implementation of the membership management capabilities of Wild Apricot.**
- **Continue to work on Family Enclave information, geographic placement of families over time and other fascinating projects that are being considered**

Our current achievements and those hoped for are largely the result of thousands of hours of volunteer work supported by cash contributions from about 200 people. Cash is crucial because we must pay for support services necessary for our volunteers to do their work. These include office space, licenses, insurance, computers, scanners, and legal and accounting services. We also pay our manager and a few other people who work for very low reimbursement, often just enough to cover expenses.

In 2019 our total cost of doing business was about \$35,000, an amazingly low figure considering the size, complexity and productivity of the organization. Since we do not charge for any of our products, we are entirely dependent on contributions from those who find our work worthwhile and are willing to support it. UAFA membership is based on an annual contribution of \$50.00 but

fortunately many give above that level, a few much more.

Phil Upchurch works many hours a week helping manage development, setting up and expanding UAFA components such as Family Stories, and other work. Jay Buck gives much of his time as manager for a minimal fee. Both are crucial to UAFA. However, Phil's age and health and Jay's intention to retire within the next year or so means that UAFA will have to replace both with an executive manager in the near future. Funding this position will be a challenge and one of the major reasons that we hope our supporters will be generous with contributions.

It is an incredible opportunity to work with an organization of such giving and talented people. We welcome all who enjoy learning more about themselves and their families by exploring past generations and history to join us by volunteering your time, money or both.



Finding a UAFA-Upchurch Family Clan Tree or UAFA-Allied Family Tree in Ancestry.com:

Open www.ancestry.com

Single Click "Search" from the top menu bar

Select "Member Search"

Enter "Phil Upchurch"

To view an UAFA-Upchurch Families clan tree:

Select the first option which is Phil Upchurch, Chesterfield, MO

After the page opens, scan through available clan trees by clicking the > in the right middle of the page. When you find the clan you wish to view, click on the name and the tree will open

To view an UAFA-Allied Family tree:

Select the last option which is Phil Upchurch beside the Allied Family icon

After the page opens, you can scan through available family trees by clicking the > in the right middle of the page. When you find the family you wish to view, click on the name and the tree will open

CHAPTER X. MIGRATIONS OF UPCHURCH AND ALLIED FAMILIES

By Dr. Robert Phillip Upchurch



Learning about the migrations of Unchurches and their allied families is essential if we are to understand our heritage. The story begins in England about 1100 AD where we first find a unit of the Upchurch family on the record. In later centuries we find them present in many shires in England. Our own American Upchurch family had its roots in Huntingdonshire in the 1500s. Details on the Upchurch diaspora in England and the linkage of Upchurch groups there may be found in the issues of the Upchurch Bulletin and in *Englandia*.

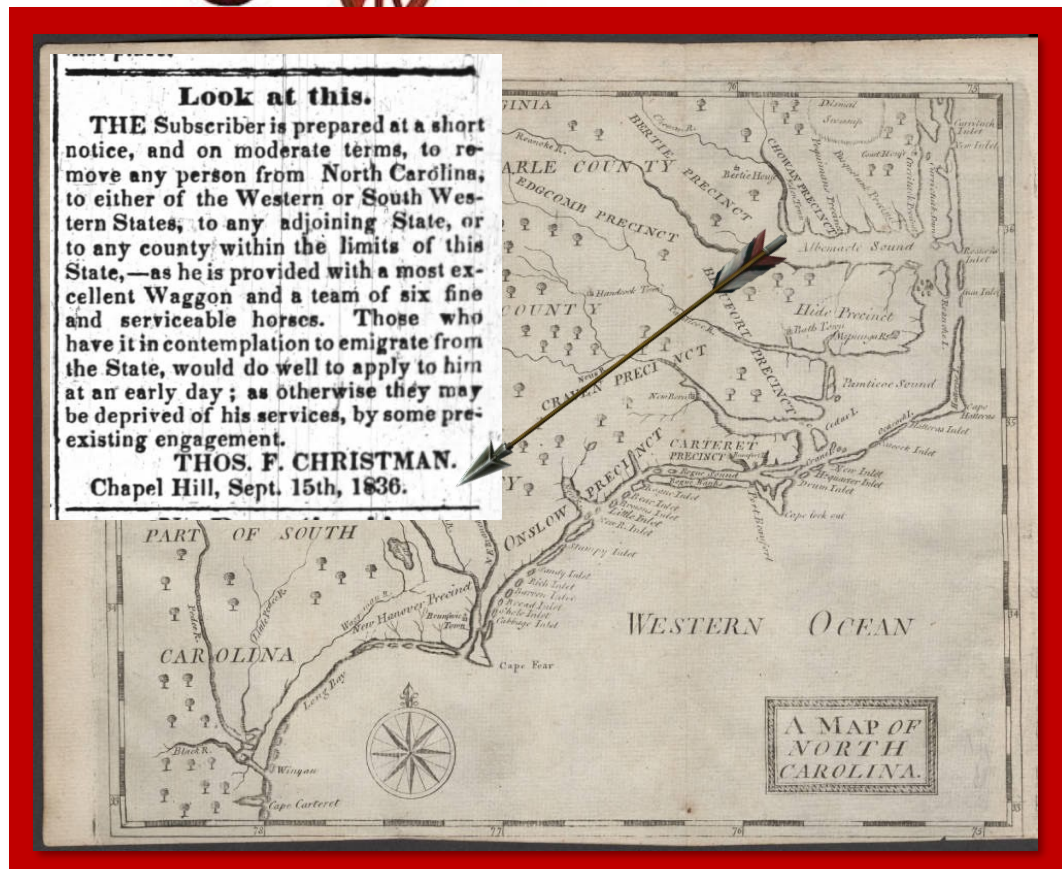
From England we know the most consequential Upchurch migration occurred when Michael Upchurch I moved in 1638 to the south side of the James River in Virginia. He is the progenitor of the American Upchurch Family which by now could approach one million descendants. Our major interest in Upchurch migrations concern how descendants of Michael migrated in the United States as pioneers. Lesser migrations from England include one to New Zealand and perhaps a few more about which we need to learn more.

To understand Upchurch migrations in the United



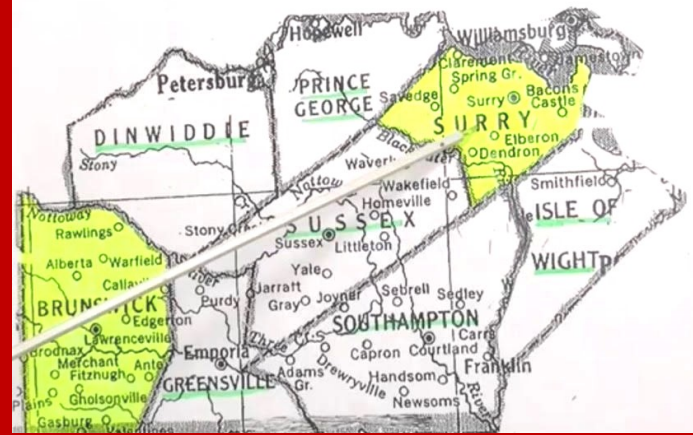
States, it will be necessary for us to learn about how the U.S. expanded from thirteen colonies at the time of the American Revolution to the vast land area we now claim. The first step was that the thirteen colonies as states claimed land all the way to the Ohio River or to the Mississippi River. Negotia-

tions turned these claimed lands into the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. Shortly after 1800 Upchurches were moving into the new states. Often the Upchurches, like other pioneers, did not wait for statehood before moving. There were several huge land acquisitions by the U.S. The first was based on the outcome of the Revolution leading to the 1783



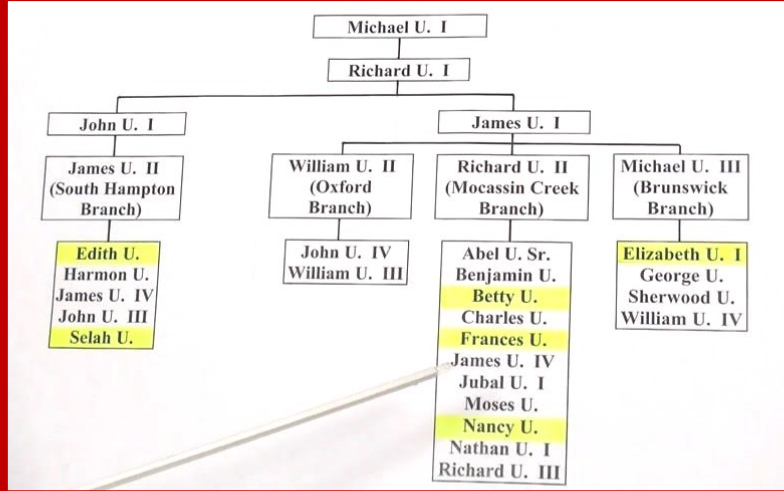
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Treaty of Paris. There England gave up the Ohio Territory northwest of the Ohio River. The U.S. Congress in 1787 formed a giveaway plan for this new territory. From it would come the states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. Of these Illinois would become a very significant Upchurch migration destination. To this we shall return at some future date.

Next after the Ohio Territory came the huge 1803 Louisiana Purchase. Beyond that were the Texas, California, and Pacific Northwest acquisitions. There were dozens of other land adjustments. We shall have to return to many of these to learn the specifics as to how Upchurch family migrations were impacted. Also, we need to go into detail about the confrontation of the European settlers who came to America and confronted the Indian culture already present. This is part of our Upchurch American Upchurch migration story. It reveals how many of our Upchurch cousins have an Indian heritage—once not mentioned but now prized.



Within our Upchurch research effort, we have matched David McCullough in telling our own story of Upchurch migrations in the 1700s. This was first documented by incremental reports in issues of the Upchurch Bulletin. But our dramatic presentations came with our series of Videos. The reader is encouraged to view the videos which include aspects of migration.

Having referred in broad terms about how the U.S. expanded and allowed Upchurch families to move ever onward, we can return to the very early movements. Starting from Surry County, Virginia where Michael Upchurch I lived and died in 1861, we can chart the first Upchurch migrations in America. Basically, our family moved south and west in Virginia. Sometimes our families did not feel the urge to occupy the Ohio Territory as did others starting in the late 1700s. The central movements there were fueled mainly by families of the New England states. This is well documented by David McCullough in his 2019 book entitled "The Pioneers."

Here is our American Upchurch migration story in brief. In the 1600s Michael Upchurch I and the next two or three generations stayed close to Surry County, Virginia. By the end of the 1600s, they became restless with Michael Upchurch I having died in 1681. It is likely that land in the local area had become less available, depleted and ever more expensive. There is one story of a grandson of Michael who tried his fortune north of the James River in Kent County, Virginia. But this was an exception. The Upchurch families turned their sights southwest in Virginia. No doubt friends and neighbors had already found Brunswick County, Virginia desir-

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able and had sent back good tidings. For the next 200 years the promise of a better life would lure Unchurches to the west. It took the developments of World War II to spread the family across all states. Still, the result of the earlier migrations can be seen in Upchurch presence in key states.

Brunswick County, Virginia had the North Carolina state line as its southern boundary. The southwestern movement of the Unchurches in Virginia brought a number of the third, fourth, and fifth generations of the American Upchurch family to Brunswick County, Virginia. There in the 1730-1790 era an Upchurch enclave flourished. In a few decades after this era, scant evidence of the Upchurch presence was to be found. Hopefully future research will add more to our knowledge of the Upchurch enclaves that existed in Surry and Brunswick coun-

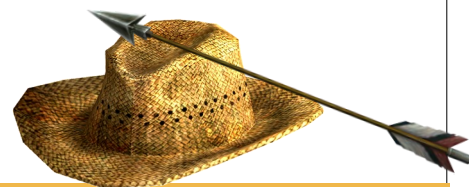
ties in Virginia. Perhaps more will be learned of other Virginia Upchurch enclaves as well. The story of Upchurch movement in Virginia is well illustrated by a map prepared for use with our videos.

The second chapter of the migration of the American Upchurch family in the U.S. is documented by the 1790 federal census – the first of many. It reveals that as of this census, all twelve known Upchurch households were in North Carolina. Perhaps more research will yet reveal some Upchurch remnants left in Virginia. (See a Video for the 1790 Upchurch Locations in North Carolina.) So as of 1790 the story of the American Upchurch family became a North Carolina story involving several counties. While the early 1800s found some Upchurch families moving south and westward, the heritage of the Upchurch families, wherever found in America, could

always be thought of as tracing back to North Carolina.

Future articles in Footprints and on our website will feature more details on the migrations of our families and of the Upchurch enclaves that were established in various states where they lived for two or three generations or more. We have a nice video on such “enclaves”.

Perhaps the reader, by now, will grasp that the title of our new newsletter “Footprints – of Upchurch and Allied Families in America” derives from our thirst for knowledge about the movement of our ancestors across America and the “footprints” such migrations left. Learning and telling these stories will be our privilege in the years ahead.



Upchurch and Allied Families Board Member, Founder, Robert Phillip “Phil” Upchurch, PhD of Chesterfield, MO is a Nathan Upchurch, I Clan member. Nathan lived in Franklin Co., NC and moved to Wake Co., NC in 1803. Phil is a native of this County and there has thousands of kin. He took up Upchurch history in the 1960’s. In 1975 he inherited the mantle of Upchurch historian from two Groups who started in 1950. He published the Upchurch



Dr. Robert “Phil” Upchurch

Bulletin 1980-2016 identifying 62,000 relatives. He created/endowed the Upchurch Collection at N. C. State Univ. to preserve family records. In 2007 he established a website where the Upchurch Bulletin and 33 videos are posted. In 2013 he and five cousins founded Upchurch and Allied Families Association, (UAFA) Inc. which Phil endowed. Phil is now focused on completing his memoir and lending support to UAFA to insure its long-term success.



Over 35 videos of **Dr. Phil Upchurch** telling family stories are available and free at [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.



UAFA Ancestry Trees Quarterly Report

 Linda Upchurch Sparks 

Happy New Year Cousins!

Despite the holidays in November and December, you have been working on your trees!

I am pleased to report a net increase of 3,005 individuals, 442 sources and 5977 media items to our trees. Of the 3,005 individuals, approximately 1,100 represent a correction of an error made in the Moses tree when the active tree was created. The rest were manually entered by all of you.

Leading the group again this quarter is the Nathan U. tree, managed by Teresa Churchill with assis-

tance from Julie Upchurch. Next in tree growth is John U III by Donna Singer and her team that includes Cindy Hale and Deb Daniels, followed closely by the Nathan Pearce (Allied Family) tree managed solely by Janet Ross.

I find it interesting that the work of one man—Phil Upchurch—is now being carried on by volunteers all around the country from North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, Washington, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, Iowa, and Colorado. There are 29 of us working on trees. Most of us will never meet, but we are all cousins sharing an interest in preserving the records of

our family. Thanks, Phil, for bringing us all together.

Let me encourage you to keep up the good work. There are thousands of ancestry hints to be worked and new people to be found and added. Let's keep the momentum going.

Please accept our thanks for your dedication to UAFA.

Have a blessed year!

Linda Upchurch Sparks

UAFA Tree Master Coordinator



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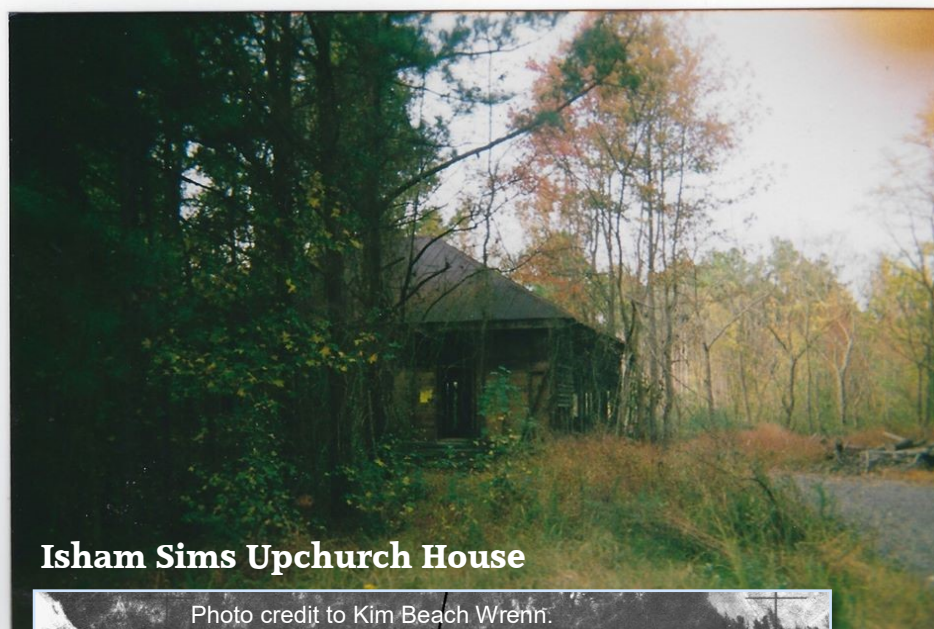
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OLD HOMESTEADS



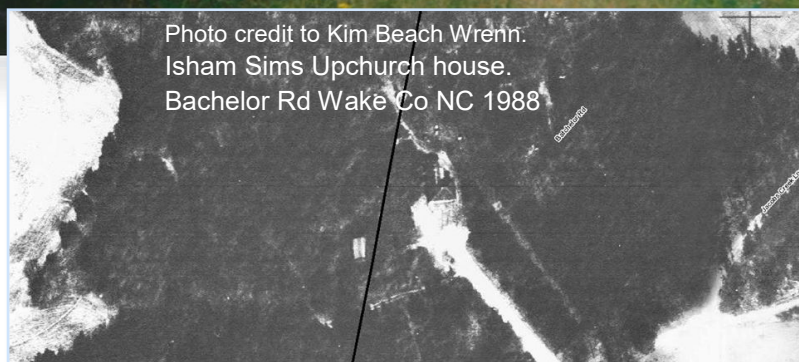
Regarding the
Isham Simms
Upchurch House
in Wake Co NC.

I began taking pictures of old houses back in 2001 when developers started buying up property in the Green Level area of Wake County NC, where Nathan Upchurch's property was. I forgot I had taken pictures prior to purchasing a digital camera in 2002. I was excited to find a picture of the I S Upchurch house (in ruins)! It was at the end of Bachelor Road directly across from the I S Upchurch Cemetery. The house was much larger than it looks. The



Isham Sims Upchurch House

Photo credit to Kim Beach Wrenn.
Isham Sims Upchurch house.
Bachelor Rd Wake Co NC 1988



main house had a pyramid roof with a porch around 3 sides and a very long rectangle shaped section on the rear left side. I have aerials showing it at various years. I wish I'd taken more <pictures>.

To see more aerial views, the article continues on page 15. Picture and story credit goes to Kim Beach Wrenn.

"William Robert Upchurch was my grandfather. I'm in my 70's and still miss this old home place," wrote Shelby H. Upchurch, who

At right is the home place
of Wm Robert Upchurch,
located in Fenton Co., TN

shared this picture on our Facebook page. Shelby, named after his father, descends from George Upchurch (1757–1830), Clan 5. Thanks for sharing it Shelby!

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Genetic Genealogy Testing: Your Connection to Your Ancestors

DNA CONNECTIONS

By Brenda Carbon

Welcome to the world of DNA! DNA is an exciting field for genealogists.

At Upchurch and Allied Families, we have found matches which led to new connections and members. We have also studied the Y DNA of the Upchurch males.

In this initial newsletter article, we will explore the fundamentals of DNA and genetic genealogy.

Humans have 23 double stranded chromosomes in their DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). These contain many genes that are the instruction manual for the body to make proteins and dictate certain functions. The 23rd chromosome determines if you are male or female. Males have a Y chromosome that is passed down directly from father to son. Only males have a Y chromosome along with an X chromosome that is passed down from their mother. So males have an XY pair on their 23rd chromosome. Fathers who pass on an X chromosome will have a female child. And the mother always contributes an X chromosome. Females then have an XX pair.

During the fertilization process, the father and mother each contribute one strand of each chromosome and the non-sex chromosomes exchange segments of chromosomes in a random way. This process of recombination not only makes each of us unique, but can lead to cases where a segment from an ancestral line is not passed

Did you know that Allied Families has embarked upon a DNA analysis initiative? This includes evaluating autosomal DNA testing and Y testing for Upchurch surname males. I am spearheading this initiative and would love to look at your results and see how they match with other Allied Families testers. If you have completed DNA testing or would like to know more about how you can help, please message me. Thank you so much.

Brenda Carbon



Brenda Carbon is Coordinator of UAF's DNA Project

down. This is why it is recommended to test siblings when possible.

Another process that impacts your DNA are mutations which happen throughout time. This helps with DNA genetic analysis as well.

Autosomal DNA testing includes analysis on parts of all chromosomes except the Y chromosome. Both males and females can take this test and it includes matches from all sides of your family. The DNA from any given ancestral line grows smaller with each generation, so for that reason this testing only detects DNA from about 8 generations. Many of you have tested with one of the leading companies such as www.ancestry.com, www.familytreeDNA.com, www.23andme.com, or www.myheritage.com.

We will explore autosomal DNA and some interesting Allied Families matches in an upcoming newsletter.

Y DNA testing provides insight into your direct paternal ancestry. Males can only be tested and the testing company to use is www.FamilyTreeDNA. So an Upchurch male who tests will discover DNA passed down through many generations. So far we have a small number of Upchurch males that have tested, so please consider doing this test. Stay tuned for our next newsletter where we will look at Y DNA testing in more detail and discuss our Upchurch findings to date!

Military Column: THE ISHAM UPCHURCH PAPERS, 1843-1888

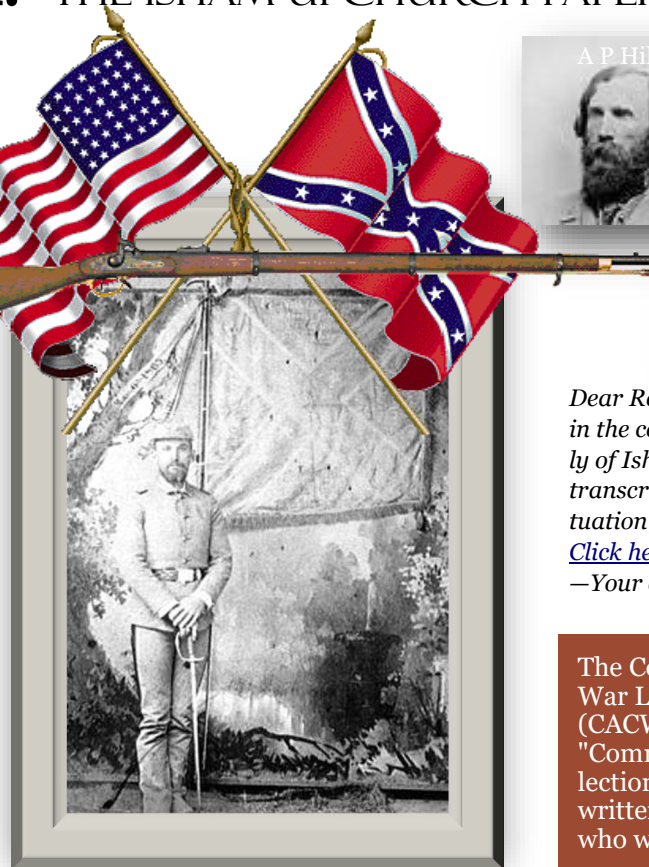


Isham Simms Upchurch (b. ca. 1825) was a Chatham County, North Carolina farmer and served as a private in Co. 16th North Carolina Infantry. At the time of the 1860 Federal Census, he was living on his farm in the Cane Creek section with his wife, Delia (b. ca. 1832) and their [at that time] five children. Three of the letters in the collection were written by Upchurch. The rest were written by relatives and friends serving in Co. I, 6th North Carolina Infantry; the largest number were written by his brother-in-law, G. T. Beavers. Isham Upchurch enlisted on March 18, 1863, was captured at Petersburg "on or about" April 2, 1865, and confined at Point Lookout before being released on June 21, 1865. G. T. Beavers was wounded at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863 and was discharged because of his wounds.

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Camp Gregg June 1st 1863

Dear Brother I seat muself to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well as common. hoping these lines will find you & your Fathers famly well John I have nothing of much Interest to write I will tell you a few of my ups & downs. night before last we was aroused up between 10 & 11 Oclock to go on picket it was thaught that the Yankees was making a move to cros the River, & we went out to meet them, if they should come we went about 2 1/2 miles near the River stacked armes and we was allowed to lie down & sleep if we could som slep soundly I did



The identity of the soldier above is not known.

not sleep much my mind being on my Dear Wife & little wons at home, I dream of them often of being with them, you do not draw any ida how
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 I feal being compeld to stay from them 5.00 chances to 1 wether I ever shall see them a gain on earth if I do not I feal that I shall meet them in heaven John I like to forgot what I amed to write you we staid there untill about 9 Oclock Sunday morning when we come back to camp we could see the Yankees over the river riding about our Orders is now to be ready to march at a moments notice we can not tell when we will have to march it depends on the move of Hoocher if he makes a move we will have to move to meet him let it be where it may I have but little fears if he



Dear Readers—The 2 dozen letters in the collection belong to the family of Isham S Upchurch and were transcribed with spelling and punctuation just as they were written.

[Click here to access the collection.](#)

—Your editor

The Corpus of American Civil War Letters Project (CACWL), which we also call "Common Tongues," is a collection of thousands of letters written by Civil War soldiers who wrote "by ear."

Instead of writing grammatically-correct English, these "transitionally literate" men used the alphabet to capture the sounds words made when they spoke them. The letters have been painstakingly collected by Professor Michael Ellis of Missouri State University, and the result is a linguistic bonanza: a body of evidence that captures the dialect and pronunciation of the under-educated classes of the Civil War generation.

The CACWL is a bonanza for historians as well. Almost all of these men were army privates, and their letters reveal a great deal about the lives and motivations of the Civil War's common soldiers. Ellis has also produced a [new book](#) devoted to the collection's North Carolina soldiers and their usage of English.

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THE ISHAM S UPCHURCH PAPERS , 1843-1888... Continued from page

crosses the river at this point we are tolerable well fortified at this place 10 or 15 miles up & down the River I do not think he will attempted a crossing here for he knows our situation he sends up Balloons & can see all over the whole country, John I would liked if you had been [here]

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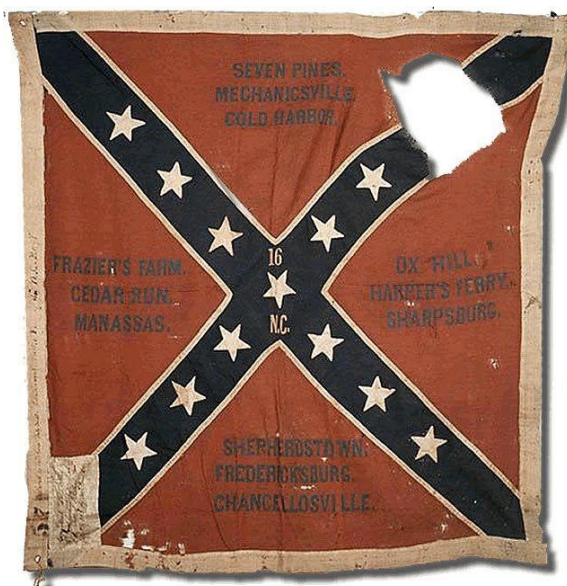
last Friday to see a few men in one large field we had a division review on the review each Rgt was divided into two divisions & drawn up in line one in rear of the other about half wheeling distance, it formed a line of Regimental divisions about one mile long each Regiment marching one after the other marched squar up & left wheeled marched about 150 or 200 yds left wheel again back in front of the extreem left left wheeled & took our first position Genls Lee Hill & Heath was present it was a grand thing to a spectator our Rgt was on the extreme left so I had a tolerable chance to see the whole Division the most men I ever saw at one time before I have Just come off of Rgt guard I had to stand yesterday and last night John I want you to write to me all the news in the neighbor-hood & how the wheat & Oates and

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corn crops is I want you if you can to see to the saving of my wheat Oates & other crops for if it is not saved I am fearful your sister and Children will suffer I want you to be shure that your Sister is not imposed upon, I am fearful that there is some people about ther is trying to do it already from what she wroat me. about giving in my taxes. I think if every man will attend to his own it will do unless he is acting agent, tell Delia I wroat her a letter last saturday week, with a yankee likeness in it, I got hers the next eavening & answerd it immedialy let me know if she has got them, give my love to Leweaser & children and all

the neighbors. tell your Father & Mother I want their prayers I feal like I shall come home again but I may be mangled so I well be but little use to my famly. let Delia see this. tell her to write often. write soon as you get this

I. S. Upchurch



Gravestone reads:

I. S. Upchurch Born Dec 31, 1824 Died April 5, 1916 Aged 91 yrs 8 mos 4 ds

Isham Sims Upchurch descends from Clan 1 /Moses Upchurch. He was the son of Murray Upchurch (1797–1872) and Nancy Baucom Scott (1801–1854). Isham was born 31 Dec 1824 in Chatham Co, North Carolina, and died 5 Apr 1916 (aged 91) in Chatham Co, North Carolina. He is buried in the Isham Upchurch Family Cemetery, Green Level, Wake Co, North Carolina, USA. Isham married Adelia Beavers 1832–1893 (m. 1851). Their children were:

Josephine Frances Upchurch Broadwell 1852–1954

George Winston Upchurch 1854–1948

Matthew Robert Upchurch 1856–1938

Marceline Gatling Upchurch Rogers 1857–1931

Thomas Irwin Upchurch 1859–1939

Varena Fisher Upchurch Goodwin 1861–1944

Isham Paschal Upchurch 1863–1934

Ora Aurelia Upchurch Lewter 1866–1962

Sidney Harrison Upchurch 1867–1878

Franklin Pierce Upchurch 1871–1936

Mary Adelia Upchurch 1872–1880

Laura Alice Upchurch Barbee 1875–1963

Nancy Cora Upchurch Mills 1877–1962

After Adelia died, Isham m. Roxane A. Taylor (1841–1911).

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THE ISHAM S UPCHURCH PAPERS, 1843-1888...

Read more about Moses and Isham Upchurch family:

[Moses Upchurch and his Family UAFA Enrolled Family AFEF No. 3](#) www.alliedfamilies.com

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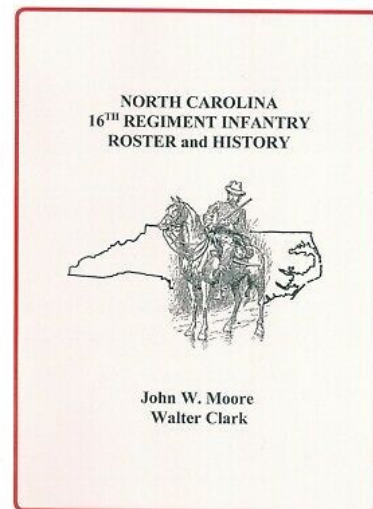
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Unidentified soldier—

NORTH CAROLINA 16TH
REGIMENT INFANTRY
ROSTER and HISTORY
by John W. Moore and
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OLD HOMESTEADS...

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Ariel views of Isham Sims Upchurch homestead, courtesy of Kim Beach Wrenn.



Isham Sims Upchurch homestead on Batchelor Rd., Wake Co., NC 1999



The home (ruins) of Isham Sims Upchurch on Batchelor Rd., Wake Co., NC 2005

A Remarkable Family Re-union

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We hope you enjoy this segment. There is so much information in The Upchurch Bulletins, the Upchurch Bio-files, Bio-files of Allied Families, UAFA Excerpts from the Upchurch Bulletins and so on, that I thought why not pull some random stuff from the past? Keep in mind our gifted Editor for 40+ years of the Upchurch Bulletin was none other than Dr. Phil Upchurch. Years are rounded off to the closest.

40 Years Ago – UPCHURCH BULLETIN –NATHAN UPCHURCH Vol. 1, No. 2, April, 1980, p. 53

The Hubbard U. sub clan has been a subject of intense study for many years by Ervin T. U. of White Bluff, TN. Hubbard's son Green Berry U. served in the Civil War and is the ancestor of Ervin T. U. Details will be published in UB in due course. [RPU Note 18 Aug 2014, Erwin T. Upchurch is not of this line.]

On February 23, 1980 your Editor made yet one more trip into the Green Level area of western Wake County, NC in an attempt to locate the home place of Clan Head Nathan Upchurch. On this trip Mr. William Paul Mills, b. 10 JUN 1899 was visited in his home. It is located on the south side of State Road 1604 about two miles southwest of Green Level. A great deal of information was collected from Paul Mills and from the nearby Mills family graveyard. Strong circumstantial evidence indicates that Nathan Upchurch settled very close to this Mills home when he moved to the Green Level area about 1800. Gilbert U., who was a son of Nathan U. and my great grandfather, lived in the Green Level area from about 1800 until his death in 1845. He married Lucretia Mills, b. 1802, d. 1877, who was raised in the Green Level area. After additional research a further analysis will be made of this relationship.

38 Years Ago – TRIBUTE TO THE ORIGINAL UPCHURCH IMMI-

Bits and Pieces



GRANT Vol. 3, No. 1, January, 1982 p. 9

When Michael Upchurch landed in Virginia about 1649 he would have been hard put to speculate that in 1982, some 333 years later, he would have about 30,000 people trace their families back to him. We treasure the few facts about Michael and hope that a few more bits will come to life about his existence as the first colonial Upchurch. In the absence of specific information about our original American ancestor we can assemble the historical facts of his time and try to visualize his existence in the light of such facts. We can also use poetic license to communicate about our ancestors. One such poem has been penned by Mrs. Willard Ray Schultz (nee: Marvene Evelyn U.) of Parma, MN.

Marvene U. Schultz is the dau of Frank Everett U. (b. Ava, Douglas Co., MO) the gd of John Albert U., the ggd of John H. U., the gggd of Moses U. and ggggd of George U. (Head of Clan 5). She has been most cooperative in obtaining details on her family. With permission we publish her poem entitled "Michael and Me".

MICHAEL AND ME

By Marvene Upchurch Schultz

Thank you for letting me know our limb on the Upchurch tree. If you see a little twig that will surely be me.

As I am on the short side, my girls are taller than me. I'm rather quiet and shy. An Upchurch I'm proud to be.

Michael I, was a brave man with courage beyond compare. He did not know what awaited in the "New World" out there.

The hardships had to be many, making a home on Virginia land. Many settlers did not survive as winter is hard on beast and man.

He wrote many letters home and sent packages by mail. Told about Indian bow and arrows. Sent rattles from a snake's tail.

If Michael could come back today, I'm sure he'd look around and wonder what has happened to this "New World" he found.

He would ask, "What is this laying all over our ground?" We would explain, "It's blacktop and it goes from town to town."

He'd look up and ask "What has happened to the sky? I'm sure it's not as blue and could you tell me why?"

"And what about that muddy stream? It used to be so clear." I'd answer, "this is progress." He'd say, "I'm not so sure my dear."

I guess the good Lord knows, in which time slot we should be. Michael could cope with his and this one's right for me.



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Heritage Recipe Corner



Instructions

Cream sugar and butter well.

Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Mix in vanilla.

Add flour and sour cream alternately. Beat well, and bake in greased tube pan at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Top with fresh or frozen strawberries or other fruit if desired

Family History

When it comes to baking, Kay Upchurch's recipe for Sour Cream Pound Cake proves simple is best. It uses only six ingredients, most of which are staples you probably already have in your fridge and pantry.

"It's a really simple, easy recipe for plain pound cake, and you can dress it up a lot of different ways," says Kay Upchurch. "We enjoy the cake a lot in the spring and summer with fresh or frozen strawberries or fresh peaches."

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Ingredients

2 sticks butter or margarine

3 cups self-rising flour, sifted (If using plain flour, add 1/2 teaspoon baking powder.)

8 ounces sour cream

3 cups sugar

5 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

strawberries as topping, optional



Kay's husband, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation President Willard Lacy Upchurch sadly passed away on October 19, 2018, at the age of 72.

They lived in Cumberland County where he farmed beef cattle with his wife, Kay. He began his service on the TFBF board of directors in 1995 representing the Upper Cumberland area of the state and was elected vice president in 2000. After his unanimous election to president in 2005, Mr. Upchurch continued his leadership of the state's largest farm organization until his retirement in December 2015.

Mr. Upchurch graduated from the University of Tennessee with his bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science. After a few years as an agricultural Extension agent with UT in Madison and Cumberland counties, he became a full-time farmer with a successful swine operation. He later transitioned into beef cattle with Kay and their three children.

Willard Lacy Upchurch was born on April 11, 1946 to Ridley and Lillian Neal Upchurch in Jamestown, TN. Their Upchurch line descends from Clan 5 /George Upchurch.*

The Upchurches have three grown children and seven grandchildren, and they gather at holidays for "lots of home-cooking," Upchurch says. Her oldest daughter also loves to cook and is a big help in the kitchen.

Lacy was an avid gardener and grew potatoes, green beans, corn, peppers, cabbage, onions, blueberries, apples and blackberries at their Crossville home, where they spent most weekends.

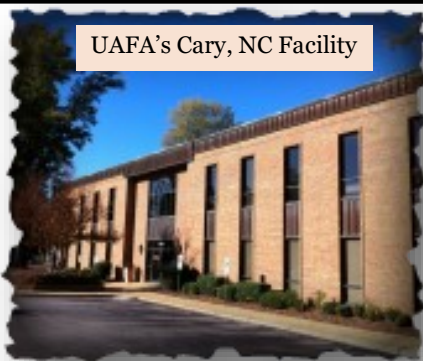
The family did a lot of their own canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables.



*[And I believe another Upchurch line, but more work will need to be done—your Editor]

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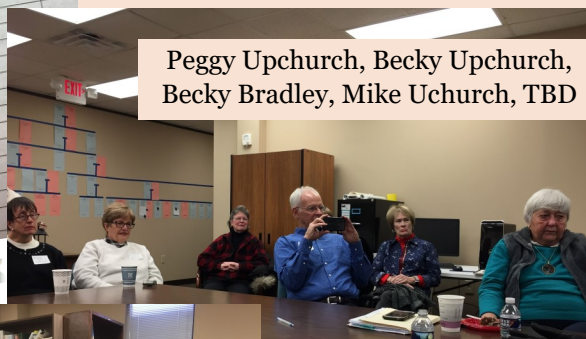


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Hilda Upchurch, Dr. Phil U. & Mike Upchurch

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Peggy Upchurch, Becky Upchurch,
Becky Bradley, Mike Uchurch, TBD



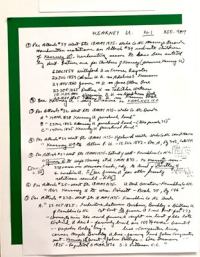
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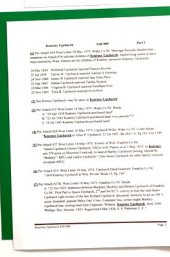
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This is a copy of Phil Upchurch's original, handwritten Biofile.



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Just one of many great displays!

Harvey Clinton Upchurch M.D.

A resident of Morris county since 1896, Dr. UPCHURCH has a position hardly second to none among the able and successful physicians and surgeons of this section of the state. His home is in Succasunna, and his practice extends over a large tributary territory.

A southerner by birth and family, Harvey Clinton UPCHURCH was trained for his profession in the north, being a graduate of Columbia University Medical Department with the class of 1893. He was born at Raleigh, North Carolina, November 1, 1869, a son of William G. and Eleanor (UPCHURCH) UPCHURCH, both father and mother having the same family name.

The father was a cotton manufacturer at Raleigh. The mother is now living with a daughter in Jacksonville, Florida. The death of the senior UPCHURCH occurred in October, 1895, when he was fifty-seven years of age. Both parents were natives of Raleigh, North Carolina, and the UPCHURCH family is an old and prominent one in that state.

The maternal grandparents were William Clinton and Adaline (ROYSTER) UPCHURCH. The ROYSTER family has likewise for many generations been prominent in North Carolina. The maternal grandfather died at the age of ninety-nine years. The paternal grandparents were William and Clara UPCHURCH.

The UPCHURCH family first came to America from the north of Ireland. To William G. UPCHURCH and wife were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Minnie, wife of Samuel B. NORRIS, of Jacksonville, Florida; Dr. Harvey C., of whom further; Delmer D., cashier in the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Florida, and having begun the banking business in Raleigh, North Carolina, in which state he mar-



ried a Miss DUNN; Belle Williamson, wife of J. J. UPCHURCH, a prominent lumber merchant and manufacturer of Jacksonville, Florida, the firm being known as the Upchurch Lumber Company; Eulah GARTRELLE, wife of George POLLARD, also connected with the Upchurch Lumber Company of Florida; William GARLAND, married a Miss HAWKINS; Sadie ROWENA, wife of Harry HOLBROOK, who is with the Swift Packing Company at Roanoke, Virginia.

Dr. UPCHURCH in his native state attended first the private schools and then the Bingham Military Academy, where he graduated, and finished his course at Wake Forest College, in North Carolina in 1889. Then entering the medical department of Columbia University at New York City, he was graduated M. D. in June, 1893.

Dr. UPCHURCH is also a graduate of the Columbus Hospital of New York City, and the Sloane Hospital. He has passed the medical examinations before the State



Boards of New York, New Jersey, and North Carolina. After a brief practice in New York, his father's illness caused him to return to North Carolina, where he remained for a short time and established a practice. After his father's death, he came north and located at Succasunna in October, 1896. Dr. UPCHURCH has membership in the Morris County Medical Society, the Sloane Hospital Alumni Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Dover, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Religiously he was reared in the Baptist church.

In April, 1896, Dr. UPCHURCH married Anna THOMASON, of Brooklyn, daughter of George and Elizabeth THOMASON.

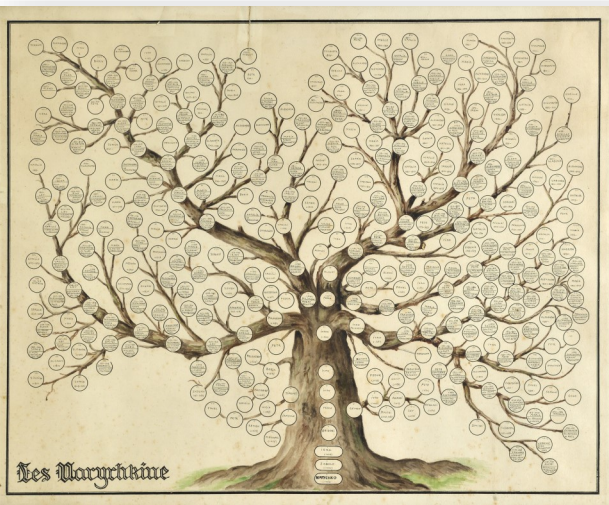
Both parents of HC Upchurch M.D. descend from **Clan III, Nathan U. I**

	Burton U. / Margaret Yates
<i>GGP</i>	<i>GGP</i>
Gilbert Upchurch / Lucretia Mills	William C U. / Adeline Royster
<i>Grandparents</i>	<i>Grandparents</i>
William George Upchurch	Eleanor Marks Upchurch
<i>Father</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Harvey Clinton Upchurch M.D.	

Source: *History Morris County New Jersey, Volume II, Lewis Publishing Co., 1914.*

HOW MANY ANCESTORS DO YOU HAVE?

Do you know how many ancestors you have? Of course not. Let's simplify the question: How many ancestors do you have in the past one thousand years? Many people do not know the answer to that question. Care to guess? (The answer is given below but please don't peek just yet.)



The number of ancestors is simple to calculate as it is a simple mathematical progression: every person has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents and so on. The number doubles with each generation. As you go back in years, the numbers soon become very large.

For this example, I have assumed that a new generation appears on an average of every twenty-five years:

Answer to the earlier question: If we assume that there is a new generation every twenty-five years, an ancestor born 1,000 years before you would be 40 generations removed from you. You would have 2,199,023,255,550 (that's 2 trillion, 199 billion, 23 million, 255 thousand, 550) unique ancestors born in the previous 40 generations, assuming no overlap (that is, none of your ancestors were cousins to other ancestors).

1,000 years doesn't even take you back to the years in which Charlemagne lived! (April 2, 742 AD to January 28, 814 AD)

Generation Number	# of Years Before Your Birth	Number of Ancestors in that generation	Total Ancestors (this generation plus all later generations)
1	-25	2	2
2	-50	4	6
3	-75	8	14
4	-100	16	30
5	-125	32	62
6	-150	64	126
7	-175	128	254
8	-200	256	510
9	-225	512	1,022
10	-250	1,024	2,046
11	-275	2,048	4,094
12	-300	4,096	8,190
13	-325	8,192	16,382
14	-350	16,384	32,766
15	-375	32,768	65,534
16	-400	65,536	131,070
17	-425	131,072	262,142
18	-450	262,144	524,286
19	-475	524,288	1,048,574
20	-500	1,048,576	2,097,150
21	-525	2,097,152	4,194,302
22	-550	4,194,304	8,388,606
23	-575	8,388,608	16,777,214
24	-600	16,777,216	33,554,430
25	-625	33,554,432	67,108,862

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HOW MANY ANCESTORS DO YOU HAVE?

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Now, how many ancestors have you had in the past 10,000 years? 100,000 years? I'll leave it to you to figure out the mathematics involved.

However, the answers obviously are huge numbers!

There is but one problem: all of these numbers are far more than the total number of people who ever lived on the face of the earth.

The reality is that all families can find lots of cousins somewhere in the limbs of the family tree, resulting in the same ancestor(s) showing up in multiple places in the pedigree charts. Ask anyone who has done French-Canadian genealogy or has researched any families that lived for generations in one small village almost anywhere on earth.



Generation Number	# of Years Before Your Birth	Number of Ancestors in that generation	Total Ancestors (this generation plus all later generations)
26	-650	67,108,864	134,217,726
27	-675	134,217,728	268,435,454
28	-700	268,435,456	536,870,910
29	-725	536,870,912	1,073,741,822
30	-750	1,073,741,824	2,147,483,646
31	-775	2,147,483,648	4,294,967,294
32	-800	4,294,967,296	8,589,934,590
33	-825	8,589,934,592	17,179,869,182
34	-850	17,179,869,184	34,359,738,366
35	-875	34,359,738,368	68,719,476,734
36	-900	68,719,476,736	137,438,953,470
37	-925	137,438,953,472	274,877,906,942
38	-950	274,877,906,944	549,755,813,886
39	-975	549,755,813,888	1,099,511,627,774
40	-1000	1,099,511,627,776	2,199,023,255,550

Bits and Pieces

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39 Years Ago – CLAN 5 (GEORGE UPCHURCH) Vol. 2, No. 1, January, 1981, p. 17

All Upchurches should know that the George U./Shadrack U. Subclan is famous for having produced movie star Linda Day George (nee Whitehead). Linda is descended from Susan U., b. 1880, the daughter of William Alfred U., b. 1859, the son of George U., b. 1810, the son of Shadrack U., b. 1784, the son of George U., b. 1757, the Head

of Clan 5. Linda appeared in Roots (I), Mission Impossible, Barnaby Jones, and continues to perform as does her husband, Christopher George.

Mrs. Ernest Henninger (nee Melva Doris U.) of the George/Shadrack U. Subclan writes "My brother, David Hugh U. was recently surveying land in the mountains near Hildago, Kentucky in Wayne County. Far back in the woods he found the remains of a large pioneer home. The stone fireplace was still standing. The name on the stone was **J. Upchurch 1852**.

Hildago Community is near Beaver Creek." (Would anyone having more details please write the Editor).



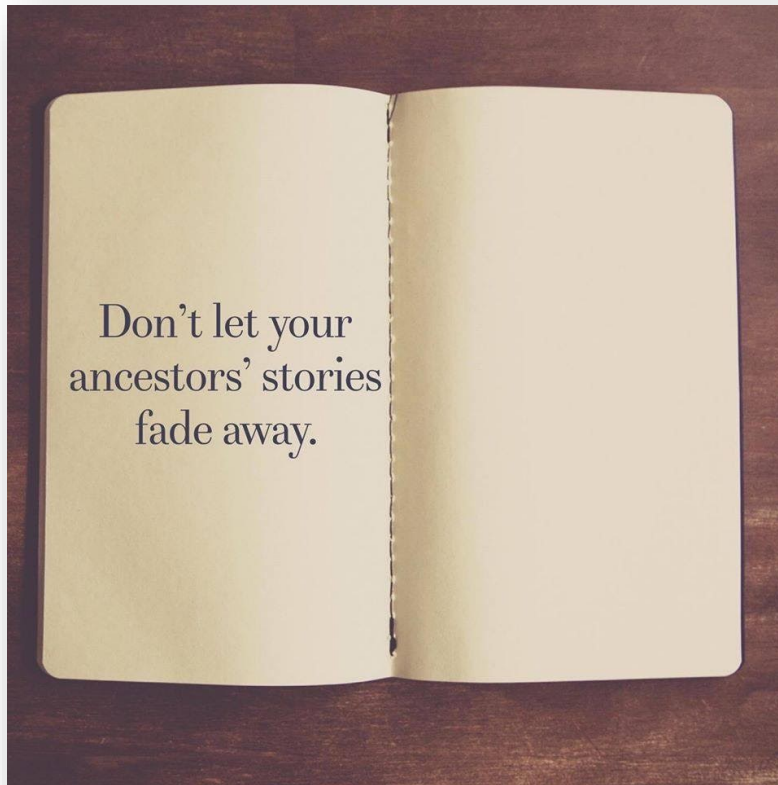


WE'RE LOSING GENERATIONS OF FAMILY HISTORY BECAUSE WE DON'T SHARE OUR STORIES

Here is a quote from an article by Rachael Rifkin in the *Good Housekeeping* web site:

"Most people don't know much about their family history. This is because people usually don't become interested in genealogy until they're in their 50s and 60s, when they have more time to reflect on their family identity. The problem is that by that time, their grandparents and parents have often already passed away or are unable to recount their stories.

"Because of this, we're losing generations of stories, and all of the benefits that come with them. 'Because our families are among the most important social groups we belong to and identify with, stories about our



family tell us who we are in the world, and who we should be,' says Robyn Fivush, Ph.D., one of the researchers behind the study *The Power of Family History in Adolescent Identity and Well-Being*. 'Stories about our parents and grandparents provide models of both good and bad times, as well as models of overcoming challenges and sticking together.'

"The solution to this problem is to get people interested in their family histories when they're still adolescents or young adults, when they can still hear directly from relatives. But how do we cultivate an interest in each other to begin with?"

You can find a number of answers in Rachael Rifkin's article at: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/a29610101/preserve-family-history-storytelling/>.

The Conestoga Wagon

Many people, who could afford it, had a wheeled vehicle at their disposal as well. Farmers, especially, used carts and wagons for work around the farm and to cart supplies into town for sale or trade. The Conestoga Wagon (shown right) was used to transport large amounts of materials over long distances. The wagon was named after the Conestoga River near what is now Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was the earliest American form of the Covered Wagon, which early pioneers would use to settle the area west of the Appalachian Mountains.



Conestoga Wagon, Newbold Hough-Trotter

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Charles 'Charley' Wesley Upchurch

Mae Davenport Cox has written several family history books and the following article is one she has penned just for this publication!

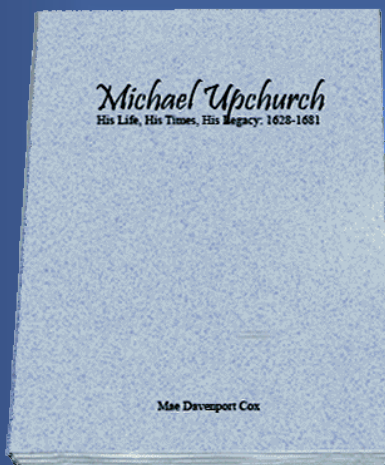


The story transports us back in time to a different era in America and is full of charm and historical insight. Charles Wesley Upchurch was Mae's Great-Grandfather, and Mae lives in the same county where he homesteaded and lived out his life. Mae is a writer of many family history books including:

Mae D. Cox is a 10th generation Upchurch Descendant — Michael Upchurch I — Richard Upchurch — John U. I — James U., III — Harmon Upchurch — Allen U. — Patrick Bogan Upchurch — Charles Wesley U. — May Upchurch — Mae Davenport Cox

		
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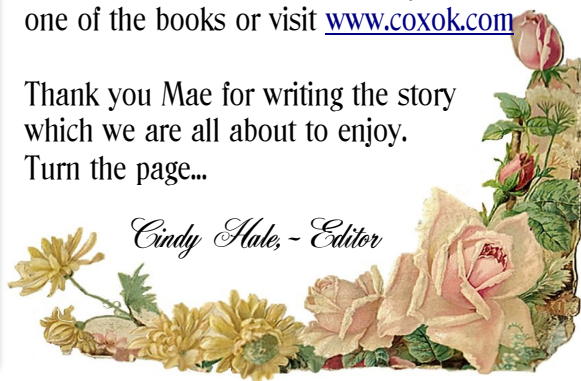
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Of all Mae's books, I am told, her most popular is *Michael Upchurch (1624-1681)*. In it she provides an in-depth look at his life in America, and includes many documents and records!

For more information or ordering, just click one of the books or visit www.coxok.com

Thank you Mae for writing the story which we are all about to enjoy.
Turn the page...

Cindy Hale, - Editor



Charles ‘Charley’ Wesley Upchurch

CHARLES ‘CHARLEY’ WESLEY UPCHURCH

Born November 22, 1853
Stanly County, North Carolina
Died April 29, 1915 Age 62
Cleveland County, Oklahoma
Buried Mt. Zion Cemetery,
Cleveland County, Oklahoma
Parents Patrick Bogan Upchurch (1816–1885)
Eunice ‘Nicey’ McSwain (1819–1897)

First Wife: Julina Perrine

Born April 1850 Illinois
Married October 3, 1873, age 23, CWU 19,
Conway County, Arkansas
Died June 1, 1912, Age 62
Cleveland County, Oklahoma
Buried Mt. Zion Cemetery,
Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Second Wife: Sophronia Eugenia ‘Jennie’

Born January 10, 1872
Married March 3, 1914, Tecumseh,
Pottawatomie County,
Oklahoma
Died January 7, 1925
Birmingham, Alabama
Buried Columbia County,
Arkansas

Charles Born in North Carolina

Charles was the ninth child born to Patrick Bogan Upchurch and Eunice McSwain while they lived in Stanly County, North Carolina. They lived there only a short time after Charles’s birth before pulling up stakes and moving west.

North Carolina to Arkansas

Sometime between 1854 and 1859, Charles’s father and one of his father’s brothers packed up their families and left North Carolina. Legend has it that they were heading west, *bound for the California gold fields*.

They loaded wagons with tools and what equipment they would need

along the way and also at their new place of residence. Teams of horses and mules pulled the loads. Family members, who were able, had to walk since the wagons were heavily loaded. Several families joined together forming a wagon train.

In early July, the Upchurches had reached Arkansas. Sources say *they got as far as Arkansas where their wagon broke down so there they remained*.

Conway County, Arkansas

After deciding that Conway County was where they’d stay, they began making the place livable. Tents were erected for the time being and they prepared for winter. Claiming free land within a few miles of one another, they soon began building cabins and barns, and clearing the fields.

Charles would have been about one to five years of age when they arrived in Arkansas and this is where he grew up, and where he learned farming alongside his father and siblings.

Over the ensuing years, the youngsters became adults, and began marrying. Naturally they found spouses among their neighbors. Skinners married Upchurches. Upchurches married Millsaps. Children were born, families grew.



Below: Patrick Bogan Upchurch home in the Lick Mountain area of Conway County, Arkansas, where Charles Wesley Upchurch lived from just a young sprout until he married. Charles’s parents lived out their lives here and were buried in Conway County.



< Charles Wesley Upchurch

Charles Marries Julina

The Perrines also lived in Conway County and for some reason there was a great conflict with their daughter, Julina, wanting to marry young Charley Upchurch. It's not known if they just opposed this marriage, or if there was actual conflict between the two families.

In time, the Perrines also moved to Indian Territory though they selected Pontotoc County as their home. It is unknown if either they or the Upchurches ever reestablished a relationship as they were only about 60 miles apart.

Romeo-Juliet Conflict

Either way, there was a Romeo/Juliet dispute between the two families. But the young couple ignored the Perrines disgruntle-ment and chose to get married. After their marriage October 3, 1873 at Conway, Arkansas, family lore says they moved away and never returned to see her family.

1880 Census: Lick Mountain, Arkansas

Charles, 26, a farmer, and Julina, 26, are listed in the June 22, 1880 census record for the Lick Mountain area of Conway County, Arkansas. Though earlier it was established she was about three years older than he, in this census she's listed as being the same age.

Their first three children, William A., 5; Nancy E, 4; and Margaret, 2, were also listed as members of the household.

Notable is that Patrick Bogan Upchurch (Charles' father) and family are listed just above Charles on the census. Patrick Bogan's name was mistakenly entered though as *E. B. Upchurch*.

They begin their Family the Next Year

In just over a year, Charles and Julina's first child, William Andrew, was born. Thus began their struggle to support and take care of what would become quite a large family. Nine children were born over the next sixteen years following their marriage.

Making a Living

Making a living was tough and they worked hard to feed their growing brood. An orchard, plus fields of corn and cotton, supplied much of their food. Hominy was made from corn, and they canned and dried fruit. Cotton was carded so that it could be knitted into socks.

The Upchurches were ardent trappers — 'possum, mink, and bear. The skins were taken into town and traded for much-needed supplies: barrels of flour, one-hundred pound bags of sugar, bags of salt, and green coffee beans in burlap bags. Beans were roasted in iron skillets at the fireplace and then coffee could be made.

Door-to-Door Pork

Charles joined the Skinners —neighbors and friends — in a joint project. The unsettled wilderness around them was filled with wild pigs and hogs roaming loose.

They rounded up the wild critters and drove them to the edge of town where the animals were slaughtered and the meat processed.

Packages of fresh meat were taken into the town of Morrilton. Going door to door, they sold the pork fetching three or four cents a pound. Live animals so were sold: four pigs and a sow brought in \$4.00.

Charles and Julina's Children

First eight children were born in Conway County, Arkansas

1. William Andrew Upchurch	b. December 1, 1874	d. December 6, 1958	m. Nancy Millsap b. 1878 AR
2. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch	b. May 29, 1876	d. 1924 Cleveland Co OK	m. J. Hill Millsap b. 1866 AR
3. Margaret Julina Upchurch	b. February 13, 1878	d. August 6, 1952	m. E. Johnson/Franklin Bales
4. Thomas Rutherford Upchurch	b. October 15, 1880	d. September 27, 1959	m. Eller Stubblefield b. 1877
5. Infant Upchurch	b. 1882	d. 1882	
6. Bowman Franklin Upchurch	b. March 26, 1884	d. December 12, 1957	m. Leola Burton b. 1887 AR
7. Eliza Jane 'Jennie' Upchurch	b. November 6, 1886	d. August 13, 1973	m. William E. Elliott b. 1874
8. John Jackson Upchurch	b. December 11, 1889	d. August 13, 1943 OK	m. Mary Grizzle b. 1906
9. Mary May Upchurch	b. May 19, 1892*	d. April 16, 1975	m. Arthur Davenport b. 1886

* Born east of Wayne, Indian Territory, Oklahoma

Land Received From Government in 1890

The United States Government opened land in Arkansas whereby tracts could be claimed by homesteaders. Several of the Upchurches and Skinners applied for these land patents.

Charles Wesley Upchurch was awarded 160 acres of land on April 16, 1890, located in the NE/4 of Section 30-9N-16W in Conway County, Arkansas.

Just east of Charley's land the Upchurches established the Upchurch Cemetery, and across the road south of it was the old "Upchurch Meeting Grounds." Going east on down the road was a hill they dubbed "Upchurch Mountain."

Life in Arkansas

Charley and Julina homesteaded near several of his kin. His parents were just down the road. Brother Strickland's place was next door. Brother William A. Upchurch had a farm nearby. A sister and several cousins were also in the area.

Charles's sister, Mary Katherine, married W. O. Skinner, and their farm was a couple miles away. Many other Skinner families resided in the area.

The Upchurches were a close knit family and observed or celebrated most every occasion. So popular were their get-togethers that they even had a special place to gather, which folks in the area named, "The Upchurch Meeting Place."

Charley's time of owning land in Arkansas was short lived as the following year he decided to leave this area of the country.

Charles Decides to Head West

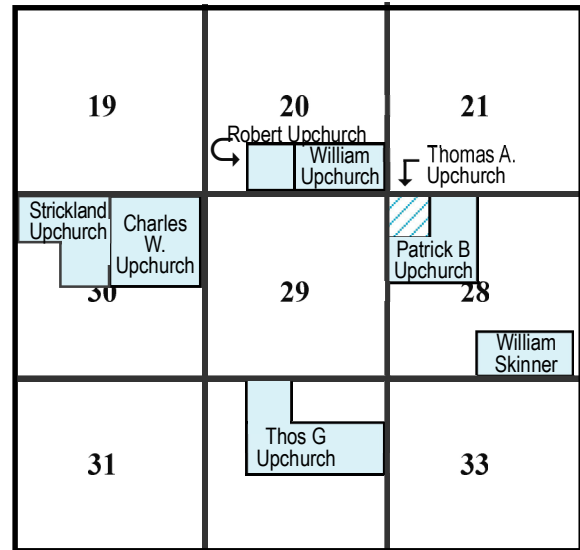
In 1891, Charles and his brother David Upchurch were sick and tired of homesteading the rocky, hilly, grub-laden Arkansas Ozark lands. Even with their trapping and hog-killing projects, they still struggled to eke out a living.

It's not clear just how, when, or where they heard about land in Oklahoma, but the brothers decided to *head 'em up, and move 'em out*.

Farms Sold, Possessions Loaded

Selling their farms they'd earlier been granted through land patents, Charles and David packed everything they owned into several wagons. Then loading up their families — Charles and Julina had eight children, while David and Sara had seven — they set off for *the wild and wooly west*.

T-9 North, R-16 West, Conway County, Arkansas



The Upchurches lived in close proximity to one another. Land patents were found for most of the tracts shown here.

Westward Ho! Wagons West!

Charles, David, and their sons, on horseback, drove the cattle. No roads existed, just dirt trails. Nor were there any bridges at the streams and creeks, so they forded by driving right through the water. Wagons, cattle, and all. The only big river to cross had a ferry, said one family source... probably the Arkansas or Illinois River.

They slept in tents or occasionally in old, abandoned cabins where they could spread out. The men shot squirrels and game along the way, providing meals. Cooking was done on campfires of sticks and logs.

Occasionally a calf was born along the way, and these were carried in the wagons for several days before joining the rest of the herd.

The men took turns sleeping near the cattle and horses at night, according to one descendants' report of the trip. She said they feared Indians would come along and steal their animals. After all, they were headed for Indian Territory.





Upchurches Reach Indian Territory

After six weeks of travel, they arrived in Indian Territory, just east of Wayne, in what is now McClain County, just across the river from Cleveland County in Oklahoma Territory.

Brothers Follow Later

A year after Charles Upchurch and David Upchurch made the trip to Oklahoma, other family members decided to follow. Two brothers, Strickland Upchurch and Patrick Gordon 'Doc' Upchurch packed their families into three wagons and set off for Oklahoma Territory. After six weeks of travel, they arrived at Charley's place in Indian Territory.

The Upchurch brothers originally settled in the Wayne, I.T. area near Charles and his family, where, living in dugouts or cabins, they began farming the land. The following year, Strickland and David moved their families to the Chickasha area. From there they ventured to Custer County, in northwest Oklahoma, where they lived out their lives.

Living in a Dug-Out

Charles settled his family into a roughly made dugout. Whether they found a dugout already there or if they dug and built one is unknown. The only information about their few years in this location is that they were farmers.

While living in the dugout in Indian Territory, Julina gave birth to their last child: Mary May Upchurch—grandmother of this author.

Upchurches Move Across the River

In about 1893, Charles moved his family north across the South Canadian River into southeast Cleveland County where they settled into a dugout near Buckhead.

The Buckhead Community

Buckhead was a small community in far southeastern Cleveland County, O.T. —wild and untamed. In only a few years settlers had flocked in and Buckhead became a lively burg though it boasted only a general store, grist mill, and cotton gin.

By 1893, the area was so heavily populated it became one of the few communities to have a post office. By the late 1890s, where thickets and briars once dominated the countryside, now lay fields of cotton. Fences began sprouting up here and there. Cattle dotted the landscape.



Julina and Charles on porch of their home near Buckhead in southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma. Date unknown.

Upchurches Leave Buckhead

In the late 1890s, Charles and Julina moved their family to Clinton in far western Oklahoma. The children attended Chapel Hill School. They were in Clinton only a short time before returning to southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory.

When they returned, they moved onto a farm just south of Buckhead Corner. The children began classes at Buckhead School, just a short distance from their home.

1900 Census , Oklahoma Territory

When the census was taken June 22, 1900, the Upchurches were residing in the Canadian Township of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory. This was before they owned land, so just where they were living is unknown.

Charles and wife, Galina (Julina) were listed at the very bottom of the page. Names of the rest of the family were continued on the next page.

Upchurches Buy Land in 1905

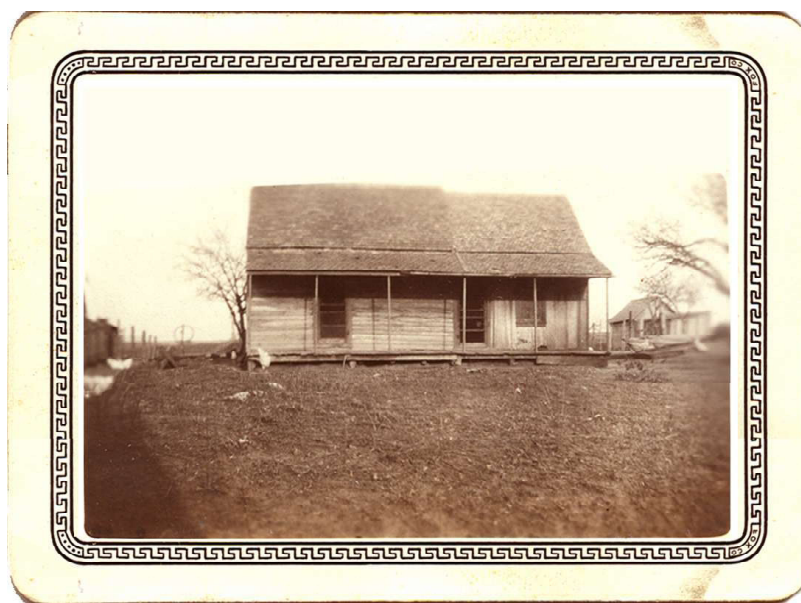
At a public auction held January 22, 1906, Charles was the highest bidder. His bid was accepted January 29, 1905, and he received deed to the land February 12, 1905. He paid the grand sum of \$501 for 40 acres lying in the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 34-6N-1E in far southeast Cleveland County.

This is before Oklahoma became a state in 1907, and the deed describes the land as located in *County of Cleveland, Territory of Oklahoma*.

Charles is President of School Board

Charles and Julina's felt education was important and made sure their children went to school wherever they lived... first, in Arkansas, then in southern Cleveland County. He wanted his children to be educated; however, this was before statehood and there were few schools.

Undaunted, Charley helped organize Buckhead School in 1893, and served as its first board president. An aunt thought she remembered that he may have taught at the school just as his father had been a teacher back in Arkansas.



The house that Charles W. Upchurch built in southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma. A few years later he added on to it as you can see on the right side of the picture. That house, which faces west, is still standing today though it has been 'rocked' around the outside. The cellar, at right, is also still there with its rounded top.

Charles Buys Land in 1911

It's not known if Charles sold the farm he purchased in 1905, though in 1911, he acquired another tract of land a couple miles from the first place. The deed shows C. W. Upchurch purchased 40 acres for \$1,400, funded partly with a \$350 mortgage.

The land was situated in the SW/4 of NW/4 in Section 25-6N-1E in southeast Cleveland County, not far from where they had first settled. The home they built here is shown in the photo above.

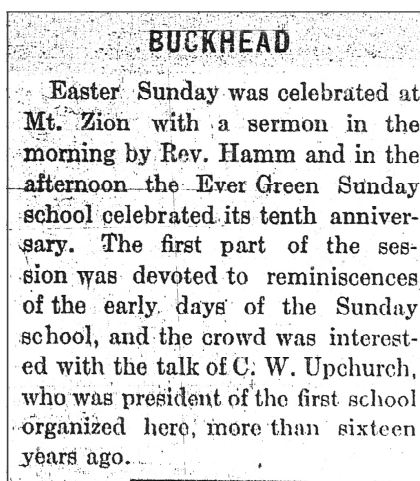
The ME Church

Charles and his entire family were dedicated Christians and active in the Mt. Zion Methodist Church just a couple miles from their farm.

Charles was instrumental in helping establish the church and relatives say he helped with the actual construction of it.

Word is that he also filled in as the preacher when needed.

The Lexington Leader
Lexington, Oklahoma
April 16, 1909



Friends, Family Make the Move

Word drifted back to Arkansas of the open land and better farming where Charles was now living so several families left their Ozark farms and followed the Upchurches to Oklahoma Territory.

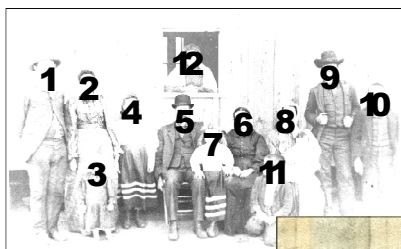
Charles' sister, Mary Katherine Upchurch, and her husband William O. 'Bill' Skinner, were quite close to Charles and Julina, and made the trip from Arkansas to Cleveland County, bringing their children with them.

The Millsaps were also related as Charles' daughter, Nancy, married Hill Millsap. They too made the move. Then two more Upchurch brothers arrived to the area with their families, as did Jeff Skinner and his family.

The Lowders were another family to follow. Apparently these families had migrated west to Arkansas and were now settling in Oklahoma. The Perrines left North Carolina, and journeyed to Arkansas via Illinois, before settling in Arkansas, then moving on to Oklahoma. Then came more Skinners and Millsaps.

Charles is a Farmer

Charles was a farmer throughout his adult years. One family source said he raised cotton and also had a nice array of chickens, cows, pigs, and other livestock.



1. William A. Upchurch and
2. wife, Nancy Skinner with
3. son Little John in front
4. Jane Upchurch
5. Charles Wesley (seated)
6. Julina (seated) with
7. Mary May standing in front
8. Maggie Upchurch and child
9. T. Rutherford Upchurch
10. Bowman F. Upchurch
11. John Upchurch, kneeling.
12. One of the Skinners in the window, a sister to #2



Charles Wesley Upchurch Family ... Ca. 1896. Mary May (#7, and grandmother to this author), appears to be four or maybe five years old (she was born 1892).

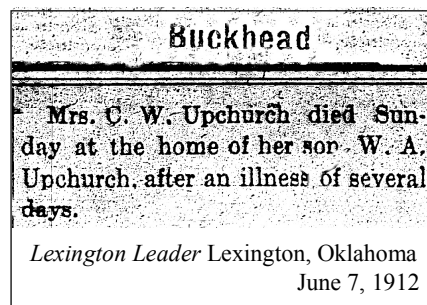
Julina Dies in 1912, not 1914

When Julina became bedridden, her oldest son, William, and his wife, took her to their home. Julina's sister-in-law, Jennie Upchurch, came to help the family. Jennie had been married to Doc Upchurch and was now a widow. Jennie nursed Julina, and helped with household chores and meals until Julina's death.

Most likely Julina died June 1st, 1912, though there are several different dates from several different sources.

Julina's headstone says she died June 1, 1914, and that is wrong. The old newspaper article shown here states she *died Sunday* which would have been June 2, 1912. Perhaps she died on the first and was buried on the second.

Julina was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery a short distance from where she and Charley had lived for many years, in the Buckhead and Box area of southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma.



Charley Remarried in March 1914

After Julina's death, Jennie Upchurch continued taking care of Charles and the children as he had no one else to cook and take care of his household. Shortly thereafter though, Charles became concerned with what the neighbors and townfolks might think of Jennie living with him. They were married March 3, 1914, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He was 60, she 42.

Jennie was Sophronia Eugenia Upchurch, widow of Patrick Gordon "Doc" Upchurch, Charles's brother. She was the daughter of John James Upchurch, and granddaughter of Lunsford Upchurch — a fifth cousin to Charles Wesley.

Charles Develops Heart Disease

Charles and Jennie were only married a short time when he began suffering with heart disease. He was quite concerned about himself as evidenced in a letter he wrote his son, Bowman, who lived in Clinton, Oklahoma. This is a portion of that January 13 1915, letter, with spelling left intact:

*Well you wandered how I am geting along.
My heart trouble gave way about a week ago.
I feel well as far as that goes. But I am as
weak as watter. But gaining strength fast. My
wt did get down to 158 pounds. so you see I
am as poor as a snake.*

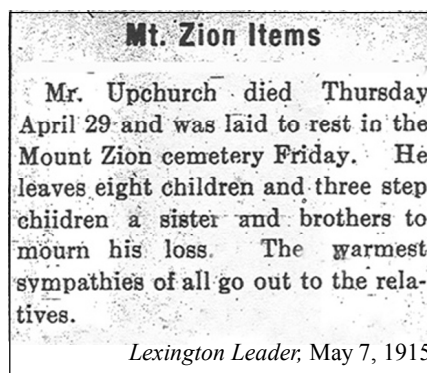
Charley Announces His Own Death

Over the next few months, Charles became weaker. As his condition worsened and he became bedridden, several family members gathered to be with him.

One aunt told how the children of Charles gathered around his bedside as his condition turned grave. She shared the following about his death:

Charles was quite alert though in grave condition. One morning, while he was lying in bed, he began taking his own pulse. For some time he lay there monitoring his condition, counting each pulse beat. Then quite suddenly he announced, "It's gone!" intoning that his pulse had stopped. Indeed it had, as he then slumped over and was pronounced dead.

Charles Wesley Upchurch died the morning of April 29, 1915, at his home in the Buckhead/Box area of southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma. He was buried beside Julina in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.



Charles's Estate Probated

Apparently Charles died intestate as his oldest son, William A Upchurch, was appointed administrator of his estate. Charles owed money at the time of his death, so his home and land were sold at public auction. After payment of his just debts, the rest was divided among his children.

Wrong Years on Headstone

The dates on the headstone for both Charles and Julina are in error. The newspaper article noted, and his death certificate confirmed, that Charles died in 1915, not 1916 as the headstone reads. Records also confirmed that Julina died in 1912, not 1914.



NOTE: The story of Charles 'Charley' Wesley Upchurch is condensed from my book about the family. Numerous contributors and documents made the story possible though references are not included in the story presented here. Anyone wishing documentation or names of references can contact me and I'll be happy to share that info.

—Mae Davenport Cox