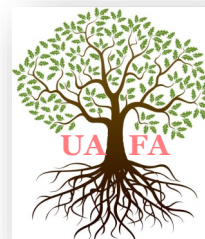


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EDITOR'S DESK

It's Springtime! Our routines have changed for most of us since the advent of CORONA-19. Perhaps you have taken advantage of this time to work on your family history. Genealogy, being the 2nd most popular hobby—genealogy organizations are aware and offering additional apps, offers and interests for the entire family to work on. Quarantined adults and retirees, there is no better time to write down your stories and family history for future generations.

UAFA is looking for Ancestry Tree Master Associates. Do you or someone you know like genealogy and have access to Ancestry.com? Sign in and work on your own family tree. Our tree is growing and it's fun! Volunteer today!

April showers bring May flowers

Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well.

3 John 1:2

Missing Link 39

By Jay Buck

Readers of the **Upchurch Bulletin** would, from time to time, encounter a “missing links” section. This section was dedicated to mysteries surrounding the parentage of Upchurch family members.

Missing link #39 involved the father of James Upchurch of Hawaii, who first appeared in census records of that territory beginning in 1900. What little records we had suggested that James' father was William, and that his father was born in Georgia. Using newspapers.com and civil war records, a more promising solution may be at hand. In November of 1885 newspapers throughout the South, and as far away as Hawaii, carried the story of Winship Upchurch. It appears that he had returned to his home in Chatham County, NC after a period of twenty years. During much of that absence, Winship had resided in the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands.

Winship was a son of Sims and the grandson of Moses of Upchurch Clan #1. He enlisted in the war and served with the NC 6th Regiment

Infantry. In November of 1863, he was captured by Union forces and sent to the Union prison camp at Point Lookout, MD. By February 1864,



perhaps to save himself from the horrors of Civil War prison camps, Winship became a “galvanized Yankee” by joining the 1st US Volunteers. Soldiers, both Union and Confederate, that changed sides during the war were given this term. Winship would be sent west to Montana Territory in the fall of 1864 and desert the Union Army at Fort Benton in July 1865.

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UAFA NEWS

UAFA's Ancestry Tree Master, Linda Upchurch Sparks reports:

“ The big standout this quarter is Anna Crouch Sheets and the George Upchurch tree. At the beginning of the quarter, the George tree had just under 14,000 people in it. Today it boasts over 31,000! The huge increase is due to the 25+ year work Anna has done with her own tree, which she has graciously given to UAFA. Since the electronic merge of the two trees was not successful, Anna had help from Teresa Churchill and me to manually merge UAFA's George tree with hers. The result is something we can all be proud of! Thank you, Anna...”

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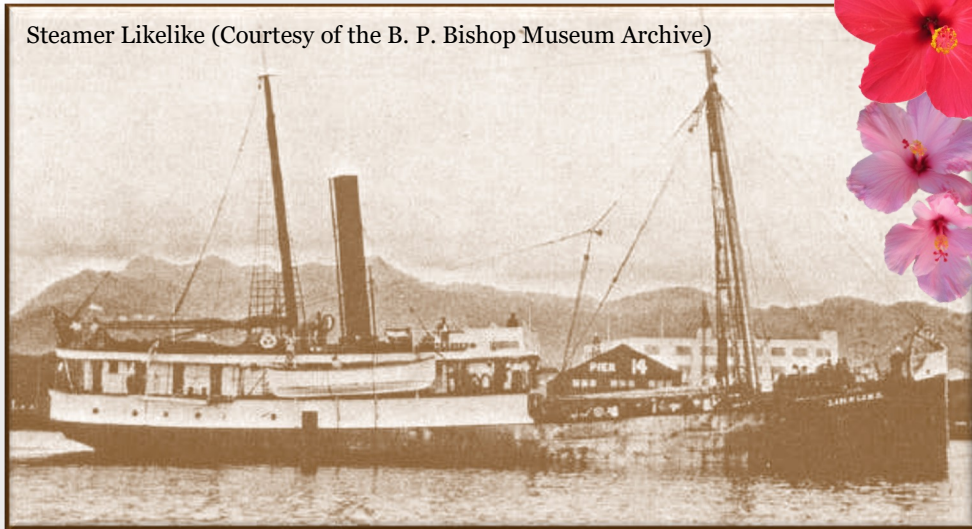
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Steamer Likelike (Courtesy of the B. P. Bishop Museum Archive)



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Did Winship later venture to the Sandwich Islands? In November of 1873, there is mention of a W. Upchurch in a Hawaiian newspaper. And beginning in 1878, land records involving a William Upchurch residing on the big island of Hawaii appear. Deeds recorded in 1885 listed two children of William Upchurch, James Henderson and Louisa. Then in September of that year, Honolulu newspapers listed William Upchurch as a passenger on a steamer named Likelike arriving from Maui and Hawaii. In November, Winship made his dramatic return to Chat-ham County.

The timeline suggests that Winship might be William Upchurch of Hawaii. A DNA test of a descendant of William's son James Henderson Upchurch (1878 – 1957) might settle that question once and for all. James Henderson Upchurch would go on to become a well-known evangelical minister on the big island of Hawaii.

And finally, it is interesting to note that Winship had an older brother that perished in the Civil War in 1864. His name? James Henderson Upchurch.





March 19, 2020—The news stories these days are full of articles about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infections. I won't repeat them here, but I will point out that this is nothing new. Our ancestors frequently suffered with similar and often much worse epidemics.

About a month ago, before the Coronavirus had become much of a problem in the US, I published a Plus Edition article entitled *Epidemics*. In the introduction, I wrote:

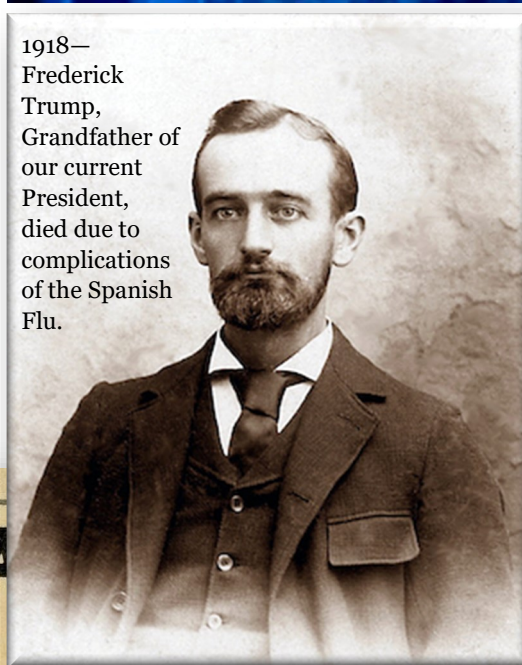
“Our ancestors lived in fear of epidemics, and many of them died as the result of simple diseases that could be cured today with an injection or a prescription.

“If you ever wondered why a large number of your ancestors disappeared during a certain period in history, you may want to investigate the possibility of an epidemic. Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected area.”

The Coronavirus is New, But Not Much Different from Viruses Suffered by Our Ancestors



1918—
Frederick
Trump,
Grandfather of
our current
President,
died due to
complications
of the Spanish
Flu.



Of course, one of the more recent epidemics (“only” 102 years ago) was the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918-1920. It infected 500 million people around the world, or about 27% of the world population of between 1.8 and 1.9 billion. The death toll is estimated to have been anywhere from 17 million to 50 million, and possibly as high as 100 million, making it one of the deadliest epidemics in human history. Some historians and epidemiologists have theorized that the flu originated in Kansas while others believe it started in the

close quarters of the trenches and military encampments of World War I. Whatever the origins, the Spanish Flu quickly spread worldwide.

Then as now, the virus showed no favoritism. After a one-day illness, on 30 May 1918, Donald Trump's grandfather, Frederick Trump (or Friedrich Trumpf in the original German) succumbed to a case of pneumonia that would later be identified as a complication of the “Spanish flu.” In fact, the President's grandfather was one of the first domestic casualties of the world's worst modern pandemic, which ultimately killed millions.

Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_Trump

The death toll from the Spanish Flu was undoubtedly worsened by the efforts of President Woodrow Wilson's administration to talk down the health risk. Even President Wilson could not avoid the contagious disease; he became ill in the midst of the World War I peace talks held in Paris. In April 1919, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, personal physician to the President, wrote to a friend, explaining that: “These past two weeks have certainly been strenuous days for me. The President was suddenly taken violently sick with the influenza at a time when the whole of civilization seemed to be in the balance.”

The extent of President Wilson's illness was not revealed to the American people, however. Instead, to maintain confidence in the President, Grayson informed the press that it was merely a cold caused by the “chilly and rainy weather” in Paris.

Sound familiar?

An interesting history of the Spanish Flu, as observed in Chicago,

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INFLUENZA

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PNEUMONIA

IS PREVALENT AT THIS TIME THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

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Spanish Flu Epidemic Poster



Strangers in a Box



Come, look with me inside this drawer,
In this box I've often seen,
At the pictures, black and white,
Faces proud, still, and serene.
I wish I knew the people,
These strangers in the box,
Their names and all their memories,
Are lost among my socks.
I wonder what their lives were like,
How did they spend their days?
What about their special times?
I'll never know their ways.
If only someone had taken time,
To tell, who, what, where, and when,
These faces of my heritage,
Would come to life again.
Could this become the fate,
Of the pictures we take today?
The faces and the memories,
Someday to be passed away?
Take time to save your stories,
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,
Or someday you and yours,
Could be strangers in the box.

—Pam Harazim



The Coronavirus is New, But... *continued*

go, can be found in an article in the Chicago and Cook County Cemeteries web site at: <https://chicagoandcookcountycemeteries.com/2020/03/15/bring-out-your-dead-chicagos-1918-flu-epidemic/>.

sneezing. Undertakers and cemeteries were overwhelmed. There were orders that wake attendance be limited to 10 people at a time. Public funerals were totally prohibited for a time.



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The article provides an interesting historical perspective of the experiences of our ancestors in the days before penicillin and other modern drugs.

Yes, life and death from diseases and viruses is not a modern peril. In fact, it was far worse in "the good old days."

Over 8,000 Chicagoans died in a matter of months despite signs placed in theaters, streetcars and elevated trains to warn against the danger of spitting, coughing, and



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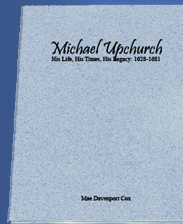


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