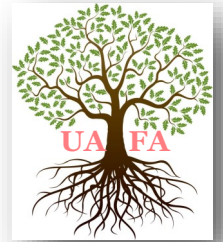


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EDITOR'S DESK

Genealogy is the study of families, family history, and the tracing of their lineages (says Wikipedia). Genealogists use oral interviews, historical records, genetic analysis, and other records to obtain information about a family and to demonstrate kinship and pedigrees of its members. The results are often displayed in charts or written as narratives. The field of family history is broader than genealogy, and covers not just lineage, but also family and community history and biography.

We are unique. We relate to each other both genetically and in an historical context.

My job is to print common interest stories, large or small—in this case, genealogy and family history to our newsletter in a pleasing way.

You could help me out if you would send us a memory to share, an historical picture, photos of your loved ones or a story to be shared with UAFA.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer!



Cindy Hale

The Political Graveyard – Find a Politician in Your Family Tree

By Dick Eastman – July 30, 2020

No, this is not an article about the upcoming presidential campaign, although a few snide remarks do pop to mind. In fact, a web site called *The Political Graveyard* describes itself as “The Internet’s Most Comprehensive Source of U.S. Political Biography,” or “The Web Site That Tells Where the Dead Politicians are Buried.” If you had an ancestor in politics, you might find this to be an interesting and useful site.

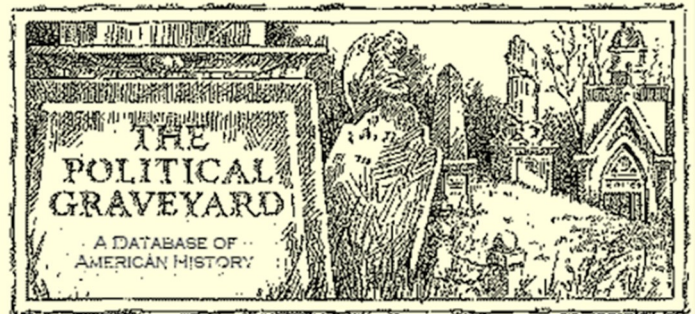
The Political Graveyard presently has transcribed records of 302,477 politicians, judges, and diplomats. The coverage of the site includes many federal officials, state officeholders and candidates in all 50 states, state and national political party officials, federal and state judges, and mayors (including candidates at election for mayor) of qualifying cities.

This web site is much more than a listing of cemeteries. It has extensive lists of political figures, many of them with mini-biographies or else links to more detailed information about the individuals listed. Such information usually includes states and places of birth and sometimes includes the names of the politician’s par-

ents. Of course, with the word “Graveyard” in the site’s name, you can also expect to find the place of interment of most of these individuals.

With information about 302,477 individuals, there is an excellent chance you can find a politician or two in your family tree,

POLITICALGRAVEYARD.COM



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perhaps one that you never knew about before. You can find Horace Greeley, Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Aaron Burr, Sam Houston, and thousands of lesser-known politicians. There is always an excellent chance that someone in the family held public office.

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Debra Upchurch Heck shared this wonderful pic-
ture she took of her father, Dr. Robert Phillip "Phil"
Upchurch, at a UAFA Board meeting in Michael
Edward's office building. UAFA President, Dr. Tom
Upchurch felt this picture captured the essence of
our Founder better than any other and we agreed!

The Political Graveyard . . . *Continued from page 1*

If so, he or she may have information
listed on this site.

As usual with any site I try, I first
launched a search for my own sur-
name. I was amazed to find more than
60 Eastmans listed. (Please don't tell
my aunts. They will be so embarrassed
to have a politician in the family!)

I didn't recognize any of the names as
being close relatives although I suspect
that I share DNA with a few of them.
Looking through the list, I found nu-
merous state legislators, delegates to
national political conventions, and one
lieutenant governor.

If you are looking for more infor-
mation about someone in your family
tree, *The Political Graveyard* might be
worth a visit. You never know whom
you will find there.

The Political Graveyard is created and
maintained by one person: Lawrence
Kestenbaum, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.
He must have spent tens of thousands
of hours on this so that others can ben-
efit from the information there.

The Political Graveyard is free and
open to everyone at [http://
politicalgraveyard.com](http://politicalgraveyard.com).

After reading information on this site,
I am reminded of one saying: "The best
thing about this group of candidates is
that only one of them can win."
~Will Rogers



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and editor of **Eastman's
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Newsletter** at [https://
blog.eogn.com/](https://blog.eogn.com/)

A quick search for the surname
UPCHURCH produced the following:

[Upchurch, Avery C.](#) — of Raleigh, [Wake Coun-
ty, N.C.](#) [Mayor of Raleigh, N.C.](#), 1983-93. Still
living as of 1993.

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Our family is like the branches
On an old but sturdy tree
The leaves resemble people
That make up our ancestry
The past has not been easy
And it could have made it fall
But the roots are cemented firmly
For this tree to stand so tall
As time goes by it's certain
That the leaves will wither and wilt
But new branches of the tree will thrive
On foundations they have built
Together we are stronger
It isn't hard to see
That every leaf is needed
To make this family tree



The Political Graveyard . . . *Continued from page 2*

Upchurch, E. F. — of Yanceyville, [Caswell County](#), N.C. Democrat. Member of [North Carolina state senate](#) 18th District, 1915-16. [Burial location unknown](#).

Upchurch, Frank D. — of St. Augustine, [St. Johns County](#), Fla. Democrat. Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Florida, [1948](#), [1952](#) (alternate). [Presumed deceased](#). [Burial location unknown](#).

Upchurch, Hamilton D. — Democrat. Member of [Florida state house of representatives](#) 28th District; elected 1978. Still living as of 1978.

Upchurch, John David — of Illinois. Democrat. Candidate for [Illinois state senate](#) 51st District, 1938; candidate for [U.S. Representative from Illinois](#) 24th District, 1948, 1950. [Presumed deceased](#). [Burial location unknown](#).

Upchurch, Ruble — of Jamestown, [Fentress County](#), Tenn. Republican. Alternate delegate to Republican National Convention from Tennessee, [1960](#). Still living as of 1960.

Upchurch, W. B. — of Albany, [Clinton County](#), Ky. Democrat. Alternate delegate to Democratic National Convention from Kentucky, [1936](#). [Presumed deceased](#).

Several of our Upchurch Political families descend from Clan 3, Nathan Upchurch I, including Tracy Upchurch current Mayor of St. Augustine, Florida.

Mayor Upchurch, a native of St. Augustine, is Associate Professor of Law and History at Flagler College where he also serves as Director of the Frank D. Upchurch, Sr. Endowed Law Program.

Upchurch's previous experience as an elected official includes serving as a member of the St. Augustine City Commission from 1988 to 1992, as St. Augustine Mayor from 1990 to 1992, and a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 1996.



Mayor Tracy Upchurch, Descendant of Clan 3 — Nathan Upchurch I

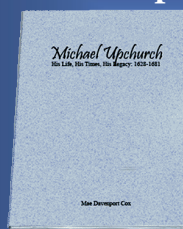


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