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EDITOR'S DESK

Congratulations! Upchurch and Allied Families is thrilled and proud of our Biofiles scan team. An estimated 1 million papers were processed over the years so that we may access them for our own research and importantly preserve the work of Dr. Phil Upchurch's decades of diligent research.

Some suggestions if you find you have some extra time on your hands: 1) Write down family stories so they are not lost. 2) Record your thoughts and experiences for future generations. 3) Interview a relative or grandparent via phone, FaceTime or Skype. 4) Visit your local library to see what digital or web genealogy offerings they have available. Ancestry.com perhaps and dial in to our American Upchurch Index Tree.

We'd love to hear from you! Send in old stories, pictures, grandma's best recipe and any comments and suggestions.

Of course the great work of UAFA is made possible by donations, volunteers and memberships which are urgently needed now! Thank you!

Cindy

New Milestone Achieved by UAFA

By Jay Buck



In the Allied Families Research Center in Chesterfield, MO there are twenty vertical file cabinets, each containing four drawers. These cabinets hold several hundred thousand Biofiles, each devoted to a specific person. These Biofiles were assembled by Phil Upchurch over a forty-year period based on his own research as well as inputs from over a thousand family history cooperators. Biofiles were created primarily for American Upchurches and their descendants and for non-Upchurches (Allied Families) who lived nearby and were inter-connected with the Upchurch family.

The end result is a wide and diverse body of information dealing with land ownership, occupations, lifestyles, and political landscapes associated with individuals

who lived in particular communities throughout America. But perhaps of greatest importance to the family historian are the interviews carried out by Phil and the comments and musings that he added over the course of his research. These observations by Phil help bring to life the stories of our ancestors' time on this earth.

Now UAFA is pleased to announce that these Biofiles can now be accessed through our website. In the course of over two years, Debbie Spitzer, Nancy McClintock, and Maureen and Jay Buck have prepped and scanned these Biofiles so that they can be accessed through our website, www.alliedfamilies.com. One can find these Biofiles under the resources tab. A dropdown menu will offer three options: Transcribed Biofiles, Upchurch

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UAFa NEWS



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!

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our



country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.

New Milestone Achieved by UAFa... continued

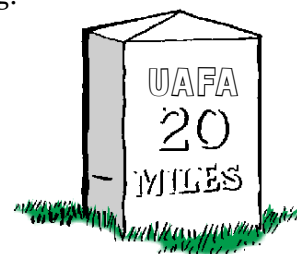
Biofiles by given name, and Biofiles of Allied Families by surname. Transcribed Biofiles are those individual Biofiles that have been typed by volunteers such as Carla Michaels, Hope Blackford and others. Since these transcribed Biofiles are typed and in PDF format, one can easily search the document. The other Biofiles are those that were handwritten by Phil. But in order to make these Biofiles easier to access, they have been bookmarked so that given names of Upchurches and the surnames of Allied Families can be searched. By press time, all of the Biofiles will be on the website. But be advised that this is the "beta" version and there are likely to be errors, bad links and so on. If one should encounter any problems, or have any comments, please contact Jay Buck at jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org.

Now that the Biofiles have been scanned, the next step is for the entire collection of Phil's original work to be sent on to North Carolina State University for inclusion in the Robert Phillip Upchurch Collection. The work of Phil Upchurch in both plant sci-

ence and in his exhaustive work on family history will be preserved in both its original form, and as a digital version, for generations to come.

Happy searching!

Jay



Photos on first page L-R: Nancy McClintock, Maureen and Jay Buck. (Photo unavailable for Debbie Spitzer)





The History of Memorial Day

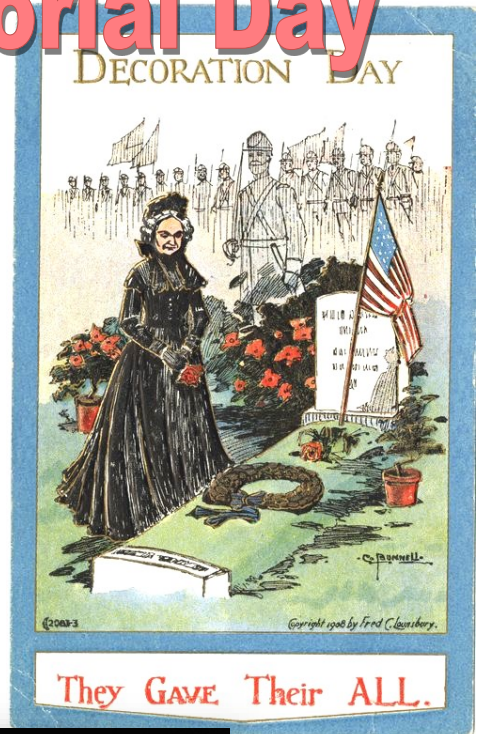
Monday [May 30, 2020] in the United States is Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who died in our nation's service. The origins of this day of remembrance are in doubt, with more than two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War.

Originally called Decoration Day, the holiday was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic: "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

It is believed that the end of May was chosen for the first Memorial Day because "flowers would be in bloom all over the country."

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York, in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May. In addition, several southern states have an additional, separate day for honoring their Confederate (Civil War) dead as follows:

- Mississippi: Last Monday in April
 - Alabama: Fourth Monday in April
 - Georgia: April 26
 - North Carolina: May 10
 - South Carolina: May 10
 - Louisiana: June 3
 - Tennessee (Confederate Decoration Day): June 3
 - Texas (Confederate Heroes Day): January 19
 - Virginia: Last Monday in May
- Memorial Day is the perfect time to pause and remember our ancestors who fought in defense of their country. Now is the time to learn of the sacrifices, large and small, that they made so that we can all enjoy the freedoms we have today.



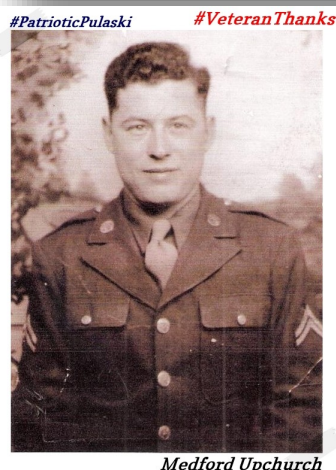
They GAVE Their ALL.

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| RANK PFC. | | | | | | | | | | SERIAL NUMBER US 53017490 | |
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| DATE OF BIRTH | | DATE OF DEATH | | DATE OF INTERMENT | | GRAVE LOC. | | DATES OF SERVICE | | | |
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| Jul | 29 | 1926 | Apr | 25 | 1951 | Nov | 19 | 1954 | 27 SEP 1950 | 4/25/51 | |
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(Below) Willard M Upchurch
East Tennessee Veterans
Memorial Assoc.



(Below) James G
Upchurch, Marine Corp



Medford Upchurch

James B Upchurch Jr.
Internment Report
Knoxville, TN (Above)



(L) Corp. Charles "Charlie" Bascom
Upchurch, 6th Armored Division

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Here is a list of web sites that will help you learn about Memorial Day and our military heroes:

Army Mortuary Affairs History Page <http://www.qmfound.com/mortuary-affairs.htm>

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War <http://www.asuvcw.org>

Blinded American Veterans Association <http://bavf.org/index.htm>

Cemeteries and Cemetery Records <http://www.interment.net/>

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page <http://www.va.gov>

Dept of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration <http://www.cem.va.gov>

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) <http://www.dav.org>

Find A Grave <http://www.findagrave.com>

GI Search (Military personnel search) <http://www.gisearch.com>

Gold Star Wives <http://www.goldstarwives.org>

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) <http://www.purpleheart.org>

Military Timelines – Timeline of Wars and Military Conflicts Throughout History <http://genealogy.about.com/cs/militarytimelines>

National Cemeteries and War Veterans Burials <http://www.interment.net/us/nat/veterans.htm>

The National D-Day Museum <http://www.ddaymuseum.org>

The Old Guard Association <http://www.oldguard.org>

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War <http://suvcw.org>

USA KIA/DOW Family Foundation <http://www.usakiadowff.org>

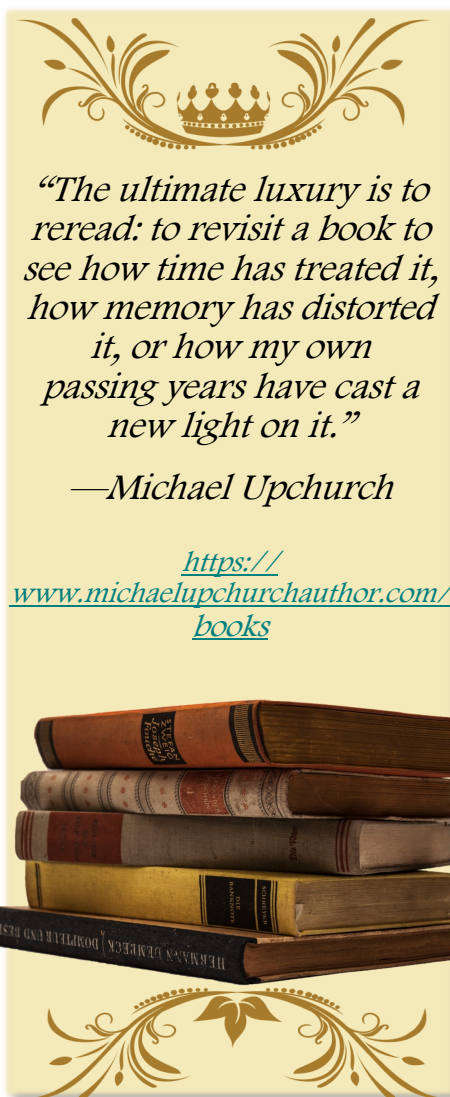
US Merchant Marine Museum <http://www.usmma.edu/museum>

US Merchant Marine Veterans of WWII <http://www.lanevictory.org>

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) <http://www.vfw.org>

The History of Memorial Day by Dick Eastman appeared May 25, 2014 in Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter (richard@eastman.net)

The photos in this story were added by your Editor.



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Michael is a fascinating ancestor who left an astounding paper trail during his forty-three years in Virginia. This book provides a wonderful glimpse into his life and times during the Colonial period. There are an abundance of documents and records including: A timeline outlining every known event in Michael's life, Maps from his arrival in America throughout his lifetime, Michael's four original letters back to England, plus transcriptions, a complete set of court records about Lawnes Creek Rebellion, the lease of Roger Delke's land, tithe records 1668-1691 originals and transcriptions, records of Appointment of Administrators, estate records for Michael Upchurch plus transcriptions, estate records for Frances Upchurch, plus transcriptions, several other original records and transcriptions, historical info about the Period in which Michael lived, maps of Lawnes Creek Parish, Surry County, and many others. Also many other docu-

ments including depositions, etc.. -- Plus the records and documents in the book have been transcribed. Every descendant of Michael Upchurch needs to own this book! A keepsake of our immigrant ancestor to pass down in the family. **THERE MAY BE A DELAY IN SHIPPING DUE TO COVID-19.**

Michael Upchurch by Mae Davenport Cox

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