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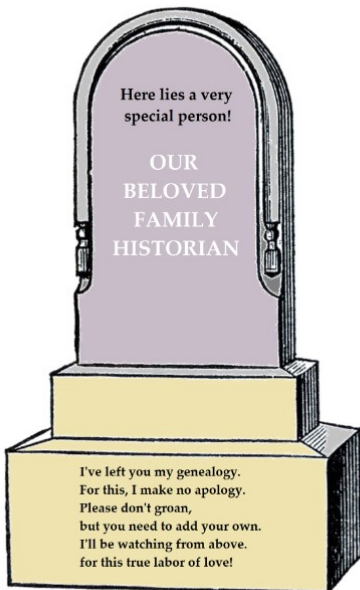


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EDITOR'S DESK

Many thanks to UAFA Director Nancy Blair Upchurch Ariano for the wonderful and timely story on Flying Tiger, Lt. Robert Hoyle Upchurch. **Thank you to our past and present servicemen for their service on Veteran's Day, November 11th!** Also I'm looking for a Thanksgiving story from our readership for next issue. Hope you are enjoying the newsletters! —Cindy Hale



Young Flying Tiger Lt. Robert Hoyle Upchurch

By Nancy Blair Upchurch Ariano

It is amazing how a single moment in time can affect the lives of so many and continue to ripple forward in time for years and years. For example, take the life of a one of our Upchurch cousins: Robert Hoyle Upchurch. He was a North Carolina native and a WWII Flying Tiger, a group of fighter pilots made up of pilots from the Army, Navy and Marines who were assigned the mission of defending China against Japanese forces. These American men fought side-by-side with the Chinese to repel the invading Empire of Japan and were regarded by many as superheroes.

American airmen in China destroyed and damaged

more than 4,000 Japanese aircraft, sank more than a million tons of ships and destroyed hundreds of trains, trucks and bridges. It was dangerous

duty, and 21-year-old Lieutenant Robert Hoyle Upchurch paid the ultimate price on October 6, 1944 when his plane was reported lost in the fog shrouded mountains of Hunan Province. A Chinese rescue team travelled over 40 miles through treacherous mountain terrain to the place where the crash site, but when they arrived, they found the plane in pieces and the young pilot dead.

The body was covered with the traditional red silk cloth of a hero and he was carried to Guidong township where a mourning ceremony was held for this unknown young man. A sign was erected over his burial that read



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HAUNTED HOUSE: A REAL PHENOMENON SAYS WESLEY UPCHURCH

The Myrtles Plantation is thought to be inhabited by a ghost.



The Myrtles Plantation

Residual energy, ghost, spirits, specters, poltergeist – Wesley Upchurch says hauntings are as varied as the people who report them. Here, paranormal phenomenon enthusiast Wesley Upchurch remarks on a few of the nation's most compelling cases of ghostly activity.

The Myrtles Plantation

According to Wesley Upchurch, St. Francisville, Louisiana is home to one of America's most haunted houses. Built in 1796, the Myrtles Plantation is thought to be inhabited by the ghost of a young slave girl who was hung on the grounds. Chloe, reports Wesley Upchurch, can still be seen wandering the courtyards searching for the children she accidentally poisoned. According to Wesley Upchurch, Chloe was a mistress of the home's master. Fearing that as her beauty faded so did her worth as a domestic slave, Wesley Upchurch notes that Chloe poisoned a birthday cake, resulting in the death of the owners' only two children. Her intent was to cause stomach ache and nurse the family back to health thereby cementing her position as an irreplaceable asset to the family.

Wesley Upchurch notes that many visitors to the plantation have seen a shy African-American woman aimlessly strolling the property. Overnight guest report covers being pulled off and hearing the echoing laughter of children gone for nearly two centuries. According to Wesley Upchurch, the mirror in the main foyer is still marred by the handprints of two little girls.

The Winchester Mystery House

Sarah Winchester, reveals Wesley Upchurch, was an eccentric woman with boatloads of cash. Coupled by the unbearable loss of her husband

and only child in the late 1800s, Ms. Winchester (who married into the Winchester gun fortune) did the only thing that made any sense to her: she built a house. According to Wesley Upchurch, the Winchester House is no ordinary house, however. This sprawling mansion is complete with doors to nowhere, the unusual Switchback Staircase, and the maze of passageways that only Sarah herself could navigate without a map.

Wesley Upchurch notes that the home was built after a medium told Sarah Winchester that the never ending construction of a shrine to Winchester gun victims was the only thing that would appease the ghost of the dead and

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The Winchester House built 1886 but continued construction around the clock until 1922.



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damned. And, Wesley Upchurch notes that poor Sarah took those words to her grave by investing every penny she had up until her death on its resurrec-
tion.

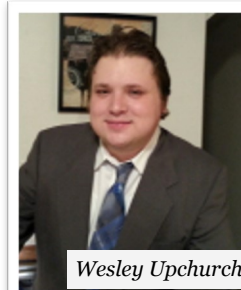
Savannah, Georgia

No notation of America's most haunt-
ed locations would be complete with-
out least mention of the Hostess City
of South. Wesley Upchurch says that
Savannah, with its beautifully mani-
cured public parks and historic ceme-
teries, is regarded as a haven for
"haints". Midnight in the Garden of
Good and Evil, a movie based on a
book about voodoo and murder, was
filmed throughout the city and found-
ed in part on supernatural stories em-
anating from the city's history. Build-
ings such as the historic Whitaker-
Huntington Inn and the Marshall
House are favorite attractions for
those seeking more than Southern
hospitality.



The only known picture of Sarah Winchester

Wesley Upchurch
isn't a typical busi-
nessman. He has
dedicated his entire
life to helping others
have fun. As the
founder of some of
Columbia, Mis-
souri's most famous
family-friendly at-
tractions,



Wesley Upchurch

Wesley
Upchurch knows a thing or two
about how to have a good time.



The Myrtles Plantation





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“American Pilot” and every year on Tomb Sweeping Day the people of Guidong brought flowers to the site. They continued to honor the lost, nameless American hero for over sixty years.

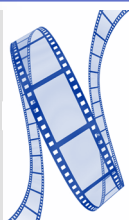
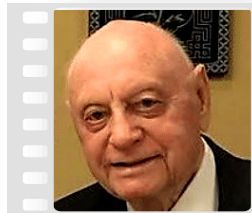
In 2005 DNA analysis of the lost pilot’s remains identified him as 2nd Lt. Robert Hoyle Upchurch of High Falls, North Carolina and he was returned to his home. A few years later North Carolina Senator Harris Blake was part of a delegation that travelled to China to dedicate a monument to Upchurch on the mountain where he had first been laid to rest. This is a photo of the monument guarded by Chinese soldiers and saluted by school children.

His parents Charles and Charity Bessie, died never knowing what had happened to their son. Now he is buried between them in High Falls North Carolina Methodist Church Cemetery.

Lt. Upchurch was a member of the Moses Upchurch clan. You can learn more about him and the Flying Tigers in the video “Unforgotten-in Memory of the Flying Tigers”. Click [here](#) to see the movie.



UAFA NEWS



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

There are several kinds of coordinator or leadership roles available at UAFA! Whether it be transcribing biofiles, working on the Upchurch Tree on Ancestry or something different. UAFA realizes, for our cause to advance and flourish, everyone who volunteers needs to be able to use their own special skill-sets and enjoy their contribution.

Contact UAFA today and let them know of your interests, skills and availability. They will help you to determine where your skills will be best utilized and may even design a custom role for you. The most often heard comment from volunteers is that UAFA gives them the opportunity to give back, while doing something they love.