

Upchurch and Allied Families Association, Inc (UAFA)

Who We Are

Martha Upchurch Tidd, Belle Lewter West, Olive Ada Stevens Morgan, Sue Smith Reed, Anna Crouch Sheets, Mae Davenport Cox, Dr. Robert Phillip (Phil) Upchurch, Dr. David Thomas (Tom) Upchurch and almost 1000 cooperators have worked over sixty years to research and document the genealogy and associated history of the Upchurches and many families who were associated with them in colonial North Carolina.

Now, thanks to modern information technology and genetic genealogy, membership fees from many, generous monetary gifts by a few and the labor of dozens of dedicated volunteers, an extensive, ever-expanding collection of information has been gathered, organized, and placed online.

Upchurch and Allied Families (UAFA) is a non-profit 501(C3) organization established in 2013 to finance and manage this ambitious project. Our policies and operations are controlled by a 13-person board of directors. [Click here to learn about our board members.](#)

What We Do

We believe that learning the history of our ancestors provides a way to connect with the past while building a future. It is rewarding and fun to work with a group of like-minded people who understand that by joining together we can learn, document, preserve and share our history far more powerfully than we ever could working alone.

Our Work Products

Our primary objective is to protect and share history and genealogy information collected by dedicated people who have gone before us and those who continue to work with us today. This effort has produced the following work products: www.ancestry.com family trees, The Upchurch and Allied Families YouTube Channel, The UAFA Webpage at www.alliedfamilies.com, Upchurch and Allied Families Facebook Page, The UAFA Newsletter published monthly, UAFA Genetic Genealogy Project, UAFA Genealogy Library and National Office in Cary, North Carolina.

The products are described in more detail below:

www.ancestry.com family trees. We have two accounts in Ancestry.com. The first is "UAFA Upchurch" where there are nineteen trees based on Upchurch clans and one very large Upchurch index tree of over 153140 members that is a combination of information from all the other trees. The information in the trees is supported by 337959 records! The second Ancestry account is "UAFA Allied Families". This account has family trees with

91,178 members with 569,001 supporting records from families who were close to Upchurch families in Wake County North Carolina in the mid to late 1700s. Several important features about the UAFA Ancestry trees are:

1. **An ancestry.com account is necessary to view the trees.** A free account is available for a limited time to try out the system.
2. **Each tree is managed by a UAFA tree master.** The tree master tries hard to assure that information entered into the tree is as accurate as possible including confirmation from two or three sources if possible!
3. **Privacy rules block display of information on living people in public trees so search must be limited to older ancestors.** Information on thousands of living people is being collected and organized in the database but for privacy reasons cannot be displayed to the general public until the death of that person.
4. **To view the UAFA trees, go to www.ancestry.com** then select "Search" from the top menu bar; then select "Member Search"
 - a. Enter "UAFA Upchurch" if you are looking for members of the Upchurch family. The results should show "UAFA Upchurch Families". Click the link "**20 family trees**". After the page opens, click "expand" at the bottom of the tree list to see all the UAFA Upchurch Clan trees. The family is divided into 19 clans. To find if an ancestor is documented in UAFA and if so in what clan, open the American Upchurch Index Tree and use the "Tree Search" tool at the upper right corner of the page. Remember to search for relatives who are no longer living. If a relative is identified, follow the outline of ancestors until you see UAFA CLAN HEAD. Click the name and open the profile. There you will see the name of the Clan Head and a lot of information. The most important thing is to go to the middle column labeled sources and scan down until you see a web link with the name of the Clan Head. Click the link which will start with <https://www.ancestry.com>. This will take you to that clan's tree and you can begin your research.
 - b. Enter "UAFA Allied" if you are looking for ancestors of families who may have been associated with Upchurches in North Carolina around the time of the American revolution. The search should pull up "UAFA Allied Families". Click the link "**14 family trees**". This will take you to a list of the trees. Click "expand" to see all the trees. Select the name of the family that you are interested in and open the tree. This will open to a tree outline. Select "Tree Search" in the upper right of the screen. Enter the name of the ancestor you are interested in. Remember search only for non-living relatives!

The Upchurch and Allied Families YouTube Channel. The channel showcases over 35 videos featuring our late founder and storyteller, Phil Upchurch, as he talks about the lives and travels of Upchurch families. [Click here to go to our channel.](#) You can also go directly to www.YouTube.com and search for Upchurch and Allied Families. Be sure to click the "U" icon to enter the Channel and acquire access to all 35 videos.

The UAFA Webpage at www.alliedfamilies.com. Webpage content includes:

- **The Upchurch Bulletins.** Over 4000 pages of information published by Phil Upchurch about Upchurches and Allied Families in America.
- **Registry of American Ancestors.** A list of over 65000 descendants of Michael Upchurch, the first Upchurch American emigrant. Each descendant has a unique ID number created by Phil Upchurch.
- **Englandia.** 356 pages of information about Upchurches in England published by Phil Upchurch
- **Biofiles.** Scanned copies of Phil's research notes. The original paper records filled 24 four drawer filing cabinets and contain information on over one million individuals. **For privacy reasons, the biofiles are only available to qualified researchers by special permission.**
- **Transcribed Biofiles.** Biofiles that have been transcribed so they are easier to read and search. These records have also been carefully vetted to be certain that they do not contain information on any living people.

Upchurch and Allied Families Facebook Group, our social networking site [Click this link to go to the page.](#) Or go to Facebook.com and search for Upchurch and Allied Families.

The UAFA Newsletter. A three- or four-page newsletter is published monthly 10 months of the year with a much larger 20-30 page "Footprint" version published biannually in Jan and July. Newsletters are shared by email to all UAFA contacts and members and on our Upchurch and Allied Families Facebook page. [Click here to see the newsletter archive.](#)

UAFA Genetic Genealogy Project – A volunteer expert is collecting DNA information from as many willing participants as possible to use to verify ancestry linkage and resolve mysteries that have not been or cannot be resolved using standard genealogy research methods. If you are interested in Upchurch or Allied Family genetic genealogy contact Brenda Carbon at italia19@aol.com

UAFA Genealogy Library and National Office at 1130 Killdare Farm Road Suite 120, Cary, NC 27511-4595. There is a large meeting room and collection of books, maps and other material focused on Upchurch and Allied Family genealogy and history.

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To contribute or volunteer to work with us - <https://www.alliedfamilies.com/join-uafa.html>

How to Join with Us

UAFA is a volunteer organization, and volunteers do most of the work, but we must have money for computers, insurance, accountants, office expenses, software and on-line access. Contributions are usually tax deductible. To learn how you can support us financially, go to <https://www.alliedfamilies.com/join-uafa.html> or you can send a check to UAFA, PO Box 3856, Chesterfield, MO 63006. Please consider a donation so we can continue this work. If you would like to volunteer with us, contact anyone listed in “our contact information” above.