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## FROM THE EDITOR

This month we have a new and inspiring article by Stephen D. Terry, PhD, PE. He describes how to navigate through communities of allied families, rather than just single families.

Late last year UAFA received a gracious donation from Jim Taylor of Texas of several "like new" and rare copies of Belle Lewter West's book, *Upchurch Family of England, Virginia, and North Carolina*. This book is no longer in print, and UAFA is now offering these books for \$100, including shipping. All proceeds will be donated to UAFA and its mission to carry on the work of our founder, Phil Upchurch. If interested, please contact [jay@alliedfamilies.org](mailto:jay@alliedfamilies.org). Have a great day!

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*Cindy Hale*

## Have You Looked at Our Ancestry.com UAFA Trees? WebLinks Make Research Easier

They say behind every great man is a great woman, and these days the reverse is often true too. The Upchurch and Allied Families organization is not only about Upchurches, but also all those families they married into and lived around. This is something that Phil Upchurch was passionate about – not only exploring the many facets of the Upchurch family, but all those other families that created the future generations of descendants.

When I joined the organization a few years before Phil died, he wasn't excited about our Upchurch connection so much as by how many of his Allied Families I also fit into. We were cousins of some sort through at least five other families - Mills, Council, Holleman, Yates, and Perry. Because of this, he asked me to head the Allied Family Tree program.

What is the Allied Families Tree program? It is an effort to create and connect the many trees UAFA has in Ancestry.com so that a re-

searcher can seamlessly navigate through communities, rather than just single families. To do this, Allied Families Tree researchers work on trees for these families, starting with ancestors that migrated to the Wake County, North Carolina area down to present day.

As is often the case, a member of one Allied Family tree will marry into another. In these cases, researchers use WebLinks to link these family trees. WebLinks are located at the bottom of the Sources column on a person's Facts page. If you click on the WebLink, you will be taken to that person on their family's tree. Ideally, it is a two-way connection, with a WebLink on the corresponding spouse's page (we're still working on that!).

A great example of the power of this is seen in my 4th great grandparents – Mathew Council and Lucetta Upchurch. On the UAFA Robert Council tree, you'll see information about Mathew and his children. If you click on Lucetta,

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*Mike Upchurch, Nancy Saul, Carla Michaels & Woody Yates*

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new your membership or become  
a member of UAFA! Thank You!



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you'll get a little information on her, but you can click on the WebLink to take you to the UAFA Moses Upchurch tree where her ancestors are located.

Click on her mother – Abigail Olive, and you'll see another WebLink to the UAFA James Olive tree where you can learn about her parents. You can see the location of the WebLink on Abigail's page shown here.

Likewise, if you click on Mathew's parents you'll see Ada Yates. On her page there is a WebLink to her page on the UAFA William Yates tree. There in two generations are four Allied families! So give the UAFA trees a try in your research and see how many Allied Families you are related to!

*ward to contributing to the mission of linking many of Wake County's oldest families.*

### Career Highlights

*Stephen is a Research Assistant Pro-*

*lingual" – able to speak NC State and UNC. He has been active in Boy Scouting with his son (an Eagle Scout) and was previously a long time member of the Triangle Brass Band playing Eb Soprano cornet.*



### About the Author



*Upchurch and Allied Families Board Member*

*Stephen D. Terry, PhD, PE*

*Garner, NC*

*Interest in UAFA and Genealogy*

*Stephen Terry is originally from Raleigh, NC. His paternal line includes many family lines from northern and western Wake County - many from before 1800, including a line through Moses Upchurch. An avid genealogy researcher for over twenty years he has extensively researched the Terry lines in Wake County and is serves as an administrator with the Terry Y-DNA Project at FamilyTreeDNA. He joined the UAFA Board in 2019 and looks for-*

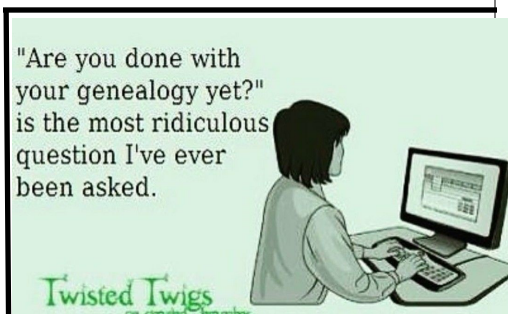
*fessor in the Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department at NC State, focusing on industrial energy efficiency. He is Director of the US DOE's Industrial Assessment Program at NC State, assists with the operation the NCSU Solar House and is a Registered Professional Engineer in NC. He currently teaches classes in energy efficiency, air conditioning, and thermal systems design. He also serves on the NC Code Officials Qualification Board.*

### Education Background

*Dr. Terry holds a BS, MS, and Ph.D degrees in Mechanical Engineering from NC State University in Raleigh. His dissertation topic concerned the hysteresis effect of lifted flame stability.*

### Personal Background

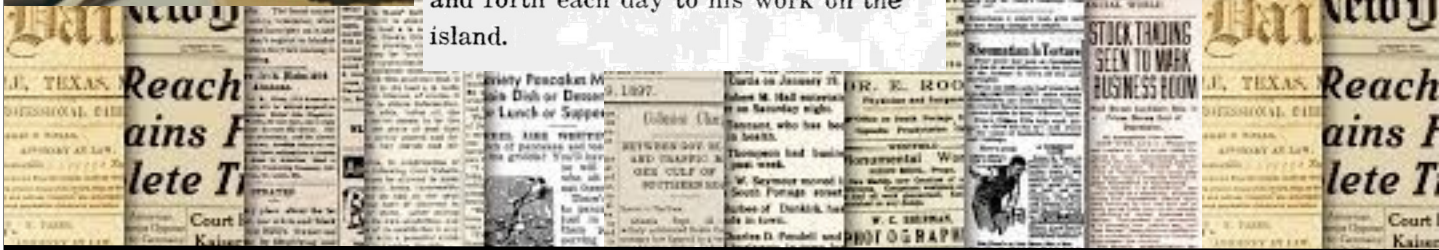
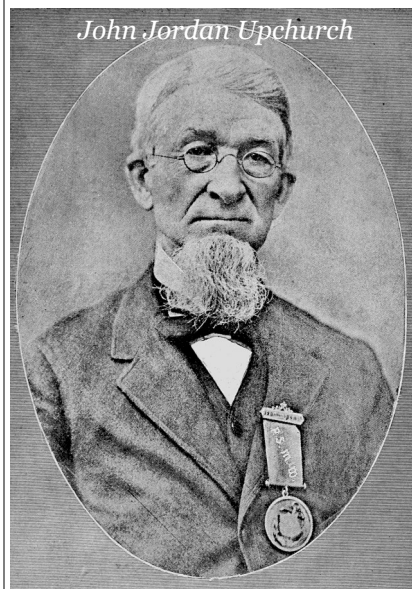
*Stephen is married to the former Susan Anderson and has one son who will be attending NC State starting in 2019. He grew up in nearby Chapel Hill, making him "bi-*





# Unchurches in the News

By Jay Buck



## NO NEED TO WORRY, SAYS J.F. UPCHURCH

**“Wish I Could Tell You All the Inside Dope About War, But Regulations Forbid,” Writes Former Anchorage-ite to Friend.**

“Wish that I could tell you all the inside dope, but the regulations forbid. Don't worry about the war because we have the Huns going our way now,” writes J. F. Upchurch who is in charge of the radio station on Goat island in San Francisco bay in a letter to John J. Longacre of the telegraph and telephone department.

Mr. Upchurch left Anchorage on March 20 with the sixty other recruits and enrolled in the naval reserves upon his arrival in Seattle. He was sent to San Francisco and on April 13 was appointed chief electrician for the island barracks.

He has plenty of time for shows and other sources of entertainment and is off duty Saturdays and Sundays and Wednesday afternoons. He makes his home in San Francisco and goes back and forth each day to his work on the island.

“No need to worry”, were the reassuring words of James Fairfax Upchurch in a letter to an acquaintance in Anchorage, Alaska regarding the outcome of the first world war. Upchurch was then serving in the Naval Reserves in the San Francisco Bay area. He was born in Steelville, MO to John C. “Jack” and Emily Evans Upchurch. In turn James was the grandson of John Jordan Upchurch, (arguably the most famous Upchurch - RPU). James had made his way from Missouri to Anchorage by 1915 and upon America's entry into the Great War, found himself in the Bay area. He must have liked the area, for by 1920 he had met and married Alice Bloe, and there he and Alice would live out the rest of their days. He and Alice are buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery.

James Fairfax Upchurch was a descendant of John U VI, Upchurch Clan 14.

P.S. No, James Fairfax Upchurch was not the inspiration for Alfred E. Neuman.

