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EDITOR'S DESK

As the year comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for warmly welcoming me last summer and giving me the opportunity to work with UAFA. I am enjoying myself immensely in the capacity of Newsletter Coordinator-Editor and UAFA Associate Tree Master on Ancestry for the John Upchurch III Clan / John U. VII sub-clan.

Next month we will publish the first edition of the long awaited mega newsletter, titled FOOTPRINTS. It is a creation of our founder, Dr. Phil Upchurch with many articles and input from our UAFA leaders and Coordinators. Dr. Phil will give us a fresh new story on American migration of Upchurches.

Our President, Dr. Tom Upchurch will update us on some exciting events happening at UAFA—and some of the people behind our association.

Our DNA Coordinator, Brenda will give us her first article which will cover DNA 101 and she has plans for fascinating articles later.

How about an Heirloom Recipe column? Yep, my favorite, recipes of our ancestors and families! Please send your favorite family recipe in today along with a photo, old or new.

We will hear from author Mae D. Cox, plus read the letters and history of an Upchurch family in the Civil War and so much more! To make sure you receive your copy, renew your membership now!

Please let Dr. Phil know how much you liked his poem in this issue. I found it while searching the Upchurch Bulletins, which you can do too at www.alliedfamilies.com. This amazing resource is searchable and downloadable. Password: 2014allied#

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year on behalf of myself and the great folks at UAFA

Cindy Hale —Editor

THE CONCEPT OF UPCHURCH ENCLAVES IN AMERICA

By Dr. Robert Phillip Upchurch

FROM THE UPCHURCH BULLETIN - VOL. 26 NO. I (June 2005)

The idea of "Upchurch Enclaves" has come to mind for two reasons. The first of these surfaced as the *Missing Links* Section of this issue of the UB was being prepared, and is referenced in that section.

Strictly speaking, the definition of an enclave refers to a tract, or area of land that is mostly or altogether surrounded by foreign territory. As used here it refers to an area in the United States where a group of our early Upchurch ancestors lived. It is true that such areas in the Colonial era were often in the mist of dangerous circumstances.

In any case, interested members of the extended Upchurch family will wish to know not only the Clan and Sub-clan to which they belong but also the location of the enclave(s) of their early American Upchurch ancestors. Those of us who have worked to understand the American Up-



church Family Tree think first about enclaves when trying to place a newly found family member on the Tree.

As examples here is a list of a few American Upchurch Enclaves that come to mind.

Perhaps an additional two dozen entries could be added to the above list, but this sample list serves our purpose for the present. One can

readily grasp that in any given Upchurch enclave there might be recorded several generations of the family but that over time some individuals would move on to new locations. The enclaves vary greatly as to whether present-day Upchurch descendants still live in the enclave. Still, one always finds evidence of some generations in cemeteries, census records, newspaper articles, etc.

Now to the second reason for advancing the enclave concept. It arises out of the issue of whether or not a given Upchurch enclave

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IMPORTANT UAFA NEWS

OPEN HOUSE in CARY, NC



UAFA is pleased to announce an open house will be held at our facility in Cary, North Carolina ~ From 1:00 to 5:00pm on Thursday, December 19, 2019. At that time visitors will get to see the Wake County, North Carolina Group of Volunteers in action and be able to greet

several UAFA Leaders who will be present.

Dr. Robert Phillip Upchurch, Founder of UAFA will attend and will be happy to greet attendees!

The Library and several Displays will be available for inspection. Refreshments will be served.

Reservations are not necessary but a heads up on plans to attend to Jay Buck or Phil Upchurch would be welcomed.



Chair. Phil Upchurch and the UAFA Development Committee announce the annual kick-off of the 2020 Participant / Donor/ Membership Campaign starting mid-November, 2019 until the end of the year. The kick-off will be an invitation to make 2019 year-end contributions. But don't put it off, do it today! Thank You!



UAFA Founder, Dr. R. Phillip 'Phil' Upchurch will attend. Pictured with his lovely wife, Sallaine.

A NOTE FROM DR. PHIL U. — IN
REFERENCE TO FAMILY ENCLAVES:

AS 2020 UNFOLDS WE HOPE TO ADD A SECTION TO THE 'RESOURCE' TAB ON OUR WEBSITE, UNDER WHICH DETAILS ON INDIVIDUAL 'ENCLAVES' WILL BE PROVIDED! COOPERATORS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE WELCOMED!

PLEASE APPLY WITHIN —

Happy Hanukkah



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Ancestry Says, "Your Privacy is Our Top Priority"

From an article by Ancestry's Chief Privacy Officer, Eric Heath, published in the Ancestry Blog:

"Your privacy is important to us. That's why we want to share our position on a recent event where a Florida judge issued a search warrant to allow law enforcement to search all of GEDmatch, an open data personal genomics database. Following the issuance of the search warrant, GEDmatch opened its database of nearly one million users — beyond those who had consented to such access — within 24 hours. Ancestry believes that GEDmatch could have done more to protect the privacy of its users, by pushing back on the warrant or even challenging it in court. Their failure to do so is highly irresponsible, and deeply concerning to all of us here at Ancestry. GEDmatch's actions stand in stark contrast to

our values and commitment to our customers.

"We want to be clear — protecting our customers' privacy and being good stewards of their data is our highest priority. Not only will we not share customer information with law enforcement unless compelled to by valid legal process, such as a court order or search warrant, we will also always advocate for our customers' privacy and seek to narrow the scope of any compelled disclosure, or even eliminate it entirely. You can find more information on our privacy philosophy here."

There is a lot more information available in the article. [Click here:](#)





THE CONCEPT OF UPCHURCH ENCLAVES IN AMERICA continued...

might be subject to the presence of Upchurches from parts of the family only distantly related to the Upchurches who got the enclave started in the first place. This thought surfaced because of recent and ongoing inputs from cooperator Ann (Poe) Grebing of Apex, NC. She is not an Upchurch family member but has a keen interest in family history and is a superb cooperator. Now, it just happens that she once lived in southeast Missouri. She periodically sends articles from the newspaper MISSOURIAN which concentrates on happenings in or related to southeast Missouri. Recent such inputs have caused us to recognize that members of the Richard U. III/Silas U. Sub-clan occupied an enclave in northwest TN. The counties involved are Lake, Obion, Dyer and Weakley. These counties are just across the Mississippi River from the southeastern tip of Missouri. Perhaps it then should be no surprise that members of the Richard U. /Silas U. Sub-clan who settled in northwest TN in the 1800s would have descendants who would cross the river into MO. Present-day evidence from Ann shows that they did. They not only crossed the river but moved north and impinged upon the

Entry No.	Upchurch Clan /Sub-clan	Enclave
1	Abel U., Sr. Clan	Greene Co., AL
2	George U. Clan	Wayne Co., KY
3	George U. /Joseph U. Sub-clan	Fentress Co., TN
4	John U. III Clan	Shaddox's Creek Area, Chatham Co., NC
5	Nathan U. I Clan	Western Wake Co., NC
6	Moses U. Clan	Eastern Chatham Co., NC
7	Richard U. III Clan	Franklin Co., NC
8	Richard U. III /Claburn U. I Sub-clan	Henry Co., GA
9	Richard U. III /Burkely U. Sub-clan	Franklin Co., NC
10	Richard U. III /Britton U. Sub-clan	Gwinnett Co., GA
11	Harmon U. Clan	Stanly Co., NC
12	Harmon U. /James VI	Sudan Bollinger Co., MO
13	Richard U. /Buckner U. Sub-clan	Brown Co., IL
14	John U. /Samuel U. Sub-clan	Saline Co., IL
15	John U. III /John U. VII Sub-clan	Wilkes Co., NC
16	Harmon U. /Allen U. Sub-clan	Oklahoma
17	Nathan U. I /Acril U. Sub-clan	Tipton Co., TN
18	James U. IV /Burwell U. Sub-clan	Grimes Co., TX
19	Richard U. /Silas U. Sub-clan	Northwest TN

Upchurch enclave representing the Harmon U./James U. VI Sub-clan located in Bollinger and nearby counties in southeast MO. The specific example that illustrates this point comes from Entry 15 in Ann's letter of 23 MAY 2005. This entry reports the death of nee: Alma U. of Scott Co., MO in 2002. She is XID 54636, the GGDAU of Silas U., Head of the Richard U. III/Silas U. Sub-clan. She was born in the Richard U. Silas U. Sub-clan enclave in Obion Co., TN in 1910 and married in 1928 in Lake Co., TN, in the just mentioned enclave. It is incidental to this article that inputs from Ann continue to facilitate augmentation of our

overall Upchurch records. Significant at this point is that we have advanced the concept of Upchurch Enclaves and have shown that members of one enclave may penetrate the boundaries of another Upchurch Enclave.

This concept of Upchurch Enclaves, their boundaries and the penetration of them by members of other Upchurch Enclaves is useful as we work to make sense of a flood of Upchurch records that continue to surface. While this matter is not earthshaking, it is the sort of idea that gets family historians excited. If we are humored just a little, we will go back to our record processing and stop disturbing the peace and tranquility of our daily contacts.



RETIREE SEES HIS GIFTS AS A WAY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Story by Caroline Hudson Special to the News & Record

REIDSVILLE — Christmas, for 50 of the regulars at the Reidsville Soup Kitchen, Santa came a little early this year.

On Friday, Reidsville resident Gilbert “Rivers” Upchurch donned the customary red suit at the soup kitchen — something he has been doing for about the past 15 years.

Each year, Upchurch brings goodie bags filled with candy, fruit and a \$5 bill to give to people who are less fortunate than he.



Dr. Gilbert “Rivers” Upchurch at his home in Reidsville, North Carolina.

“I just like playing Santa Claus. I’ve got the belly for it,” he said with a chuckle.

Upchurch, 78 and a retired dentist, has lived in the area for decades and served on the soup kitchen’s board of directors for more than 20 years.

He jokes that he is a Scrooge for 364 days of the year, but on Christmas, his heart grows three sizes — just like the notable Christmas curmudgeon, the Grinch.

The bags are a tradition that has grown more popular over the years as the word about them spread across the community.

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO PRECEDED US

Upon reflection every person, and especially those interested in family history, will recognize that the memory of late family, friends, and neighbors fades as time passes. For many the time will come when no one alive remembers anything about them. Even written passages about them may be sparse and hard to find. How sad it is that any life, and especially one fully lived, is shown such lack of respect. Recently in thinking about this matter it came upon me that a poem should be composed on the matter. With apologies to all real poets, I present below my humble effort.

AS MEMORY DIMS

(The Lament of a Family Historian)

By Robert Phillip Upchurch

(June 1, 2009)



Come, let us explore the byways of our mind.
There we shall find treasures untold,
Of how we had experiences of every kind,
And the beauty of the earth was ours to behold.

But the best of the lot were people, you know.
They were young and old, relatives and more.
And stories were told and believed to be so,
Causing us to appreciate all the lore.

They were of all kinds, neighbors and kin.
Some fought for our Country and some died.
Some lived, passed away and had no sin.
Some had weakness they could not hide.

Some will be remembered for a generation or more.
These are the lucky ones treasured by all.
Still there is another lot, the poor.
They prospered not and seemed to have no call.

And yet, they too are Gods creation.
Should we not mark their time on earth?
And so thus give their memories a station-
Not to include them would be a dearth

And now, shall we take up this quest,
To cherish the memories of all gone by.
Accordingly, it is left to you to do your best,
So that all humankind will be remembered, If we try!

(Dedicated to the memories of all who have passed away and especially to my late unmarried Upchurch Aunts and Uncles whom I knew and loved and who loved and nurtured me and who left no descendants to preserve their memory--Aunts Lena, Pat, and Maude and Uncles Gettis, Malcolm, and Wis.)

Dr. Phil, you ARE a real poet. Beautiful. Thank you! Your Editor



RETIREE SEES HIS GIFTS... continued

Upchurch used to hand them out every Christmas Eve. One year, so many people came to see him that he ended up handing out about 150 bags.

"You couldn't find a parking spot," he said. But unfortunately, many of the people only came to the soup kitchen for the \$5. Upchurch noticed they were taking the money and just tossing the food in the garbage.

That's why he decided to start coming unannounced during the week before Christmas.

He said he wants to make sure the goodie bags go to the people who really need them, the people who come to the soup kitchen looking for their next meal. "We just try to give it to the people that normally eat there," Upchurch said. "They're all mighty grateful ... which makes me feel good."

Ophelia Brown, the site manager at the soup kitchen, said she has known Upchurch for a long time. She has been working at the kitchen for almost 14 years.

Brown described him as a nice, thoughtful sort of guy. "He does it on his own, and he enjoys doing it," she said. "He never turned anybody down."

The regulars who eat at the kitchen look forward to the bags every year and start asking about them weeks in advance, Brown said. "I know if I tell one person the word will get out," she said.

But for Upchurch, it's not about how many people come or how much money he gives. It's about lending a helping hand to those who need it.

Gilbert Rivers Upchurch DDS, descends from Nathan U. I Clan III. A family long from Wake Co., North Carolina, his grandparents were born and died there. Their names were Malpheus "Mac" Gilbert Upchurch 1877-1945 and Lessie Helen Upchurch 1884-1947. Lessie also descends from Nathan U. I Clan III.

If you would like more information on this clan, your clan (or any of the 20+ clans) visit us on Ancestry.com. Visit our searchable website, www.alliedfamilies.com for Biofiles and Upchurch Bulletins under the 'Resources' tab, or contact the Editor, UpchurchRoots@gmail.com