

① 19 JUL 1987 RPA call to Billie Marie U 615-359-3158  
talked to her about 20 min. she was hard to  
understand. Briefed her on status of work on  
the John U III / Stephens U subcom. I will write  
her a letter.

② see JN 7 FEB 1989 Roger E. Brandon to RPA  
BMAU d 15 JAN 1989 at age 78. she bequeathed  
a sum of money to the Uplunch Endless  
Foundation in Kent, England. Roger is asking  
for help in locating this organization

③ From 26 APR 1983 Pocket Billie Marie U to RPA

Back Row - L to R - Grace Dillon,  
Billie Upchurch - Front Row  
Grace Lytle (Dobley) Lorene Upchurch  
& Carrie Henard

LEO FERRELLI

PHOTOGRAPHER

MURFREESBORO - TENN.

Misses Billie Upchurch  
Grace Dillon, Grace Lytle,  
Lorene Upchurch AND  
CARRIE HENARD

MADE AT  
WALTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

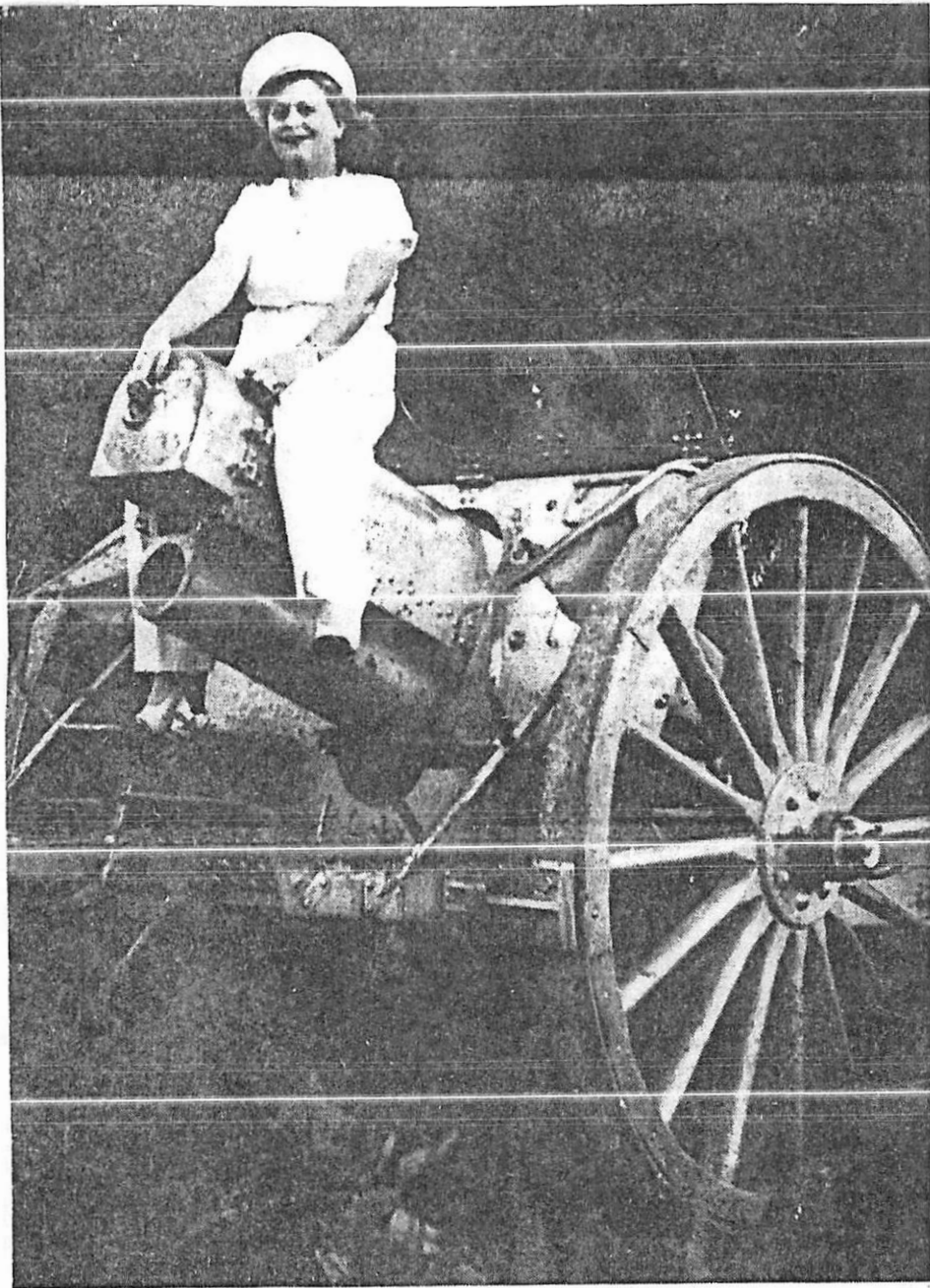
APRIL 1928.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Where Lorene & I went to school  
new brick school, built about  
1924



④ From 26 APR 1983 Packet Billye Marie U ED RPU



### Girl Rides Gun

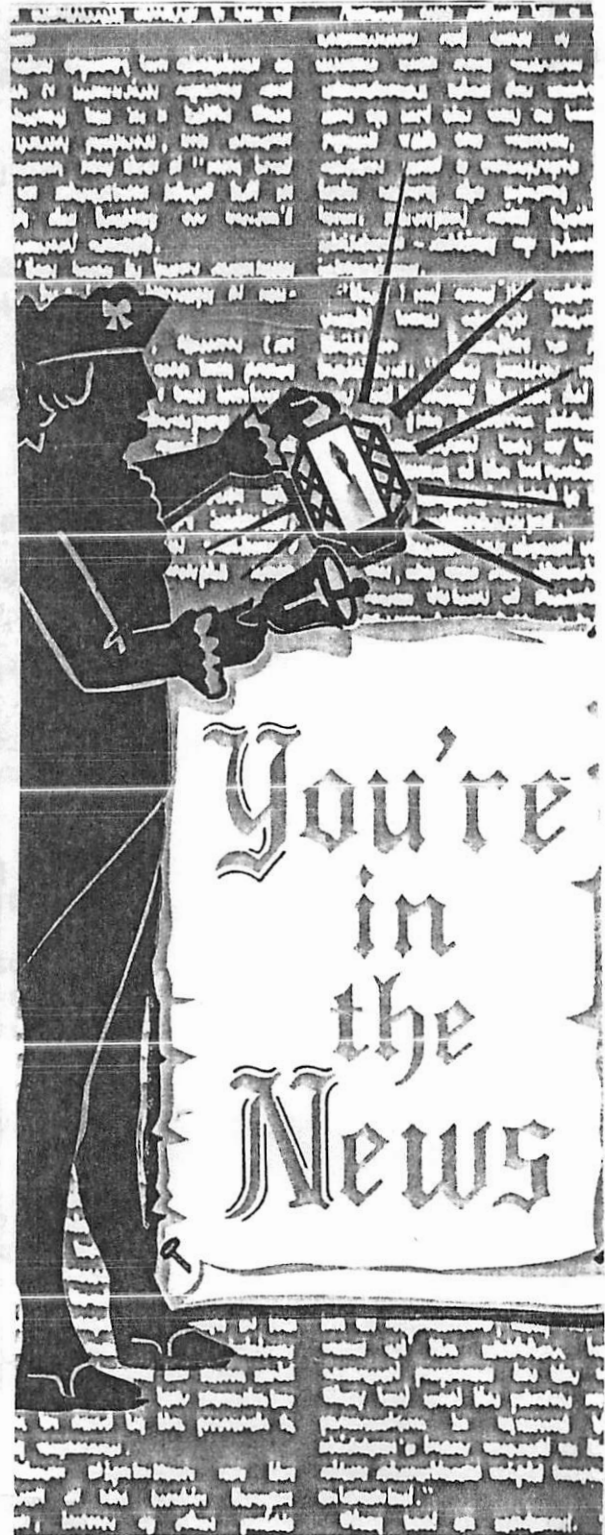
Remember the girl or the gun?

The girl is still around. She is Mrs. Raymond Purdom. The cannon has been gone for about 34 years.

The World War I relic used to rest on the northwest corner of the Courthouse yard until another war came along and it was drafted again. Not to be fired but to be torn down and the metal used for new armaments.

Raymond Purdom bought the cannon from the Federal government in a scrap iron drive and it was later bought by I. Denbo scrap metal company in Pulaski.

Billye Purdom informs us that in 1942, pants were not the omnipresent item of attire that they are today but she happened to have this pair of bell bottom sailor pants for boating and straddling cannons.



④ CONTINUED

To me - from the bank here -  
was the front paper photo for the  
Bicentennial - This Cannon was in the  
Cox house yd. (since world war I) until we bought  
& sold it for world war II.

Mrs. Raymond Purdom  
Elliington Parkway  
Lewisburg, Tenn. 37091

... and we were delighted  
to read about you.  
All of us here take pleasure in  
extending our  
heartiest congratulations  
and sincerest good wishes to you.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF LEWISBURG



BILLYE MARIE U

XID-18356

① The attached reference material was received from Billye Marie U in an envelope on 26 APR 1983 without an accompanying note or letter. The attached copies were made for RPR files and the originals returned to her 1 AUG 1983. Note - many items in this set have been destroyed with the narrow profiles.



Mar 20, 1828

Abner & Nancy Pyland Upchurch wedding Certificate (Wilson Co, Lebanon, Tenn.

Sept. 27, 1871

Abner's Son

William W. & Lucy Hunt Upchurch (Wedding Certificate) Rutherford Co, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Williams Son

James William Upchurch, Dorothy Emma Young, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Rutherford Co (Mar. 15, 1896

JAMES DAUGHTER

Billye Marie U. Raymond Purdom Sevierville, Tenn. Jun. 8, 1937.

William W. Discharge Papers (Civil War) 1862 -

Lucy Hunt U. Pension papers

Picture of Walter Gilliam U. Mary Ann U (Son) born Texas - Ran Nuttrell Factory & Furniture Store in Nash. TN.

Death Notices of 6 of William & Lucy Upchurch's children.

- John Abner U. Rebs Anna U - (Hogak)
- Price Eugene U. Mary Frances U - (AUNT Fannie)
- Oscar Bethel U. Emma Ella U - (TUNE)

James William U. (daughter) Billye M. U. (Mrs. Raymond Purdom -) his Grandson - (Loyd Watson Beaver) Son of Pearl U. (Beaver)

Cynthia Mc Daniel (b. 1971) great Grand daughter of (J. W.) dau. of (Linda Clay Mc Daniel) Grand-daughter of Lorene U. Clay  
Great Grand dau of James William & Emma Young U.

CHAMPION NO. 90 CLASS P 9 x 12



obituaries - of (6) of William W. (b 1837) & Peps Lucille Hunt Upchurch (Lucy) b - mar. 1840.

John Abner U. born may 1874 (md) Jodie Barrett (John d) Apr. 10, 1956 - <sup>buried</sup> Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, TN.

Mary Frances U. (never md) b sept 24, 1876. Buried Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, TN.

Peps Anna U. b 1880 (md) Charlie Hagar - both buried Nashville, TN. Cemetery.

Price Eugene U. - b 1886 (md. divorced young) buried Evergreen Cem. Murfreesboro, TN.

Eliza Anna U. (b - 1868) md. Charley Tone) Both buried Upchurch - Tone Cem. Holly Grove Rd. Lascassas, TN.

Oscar Bethel Upchurch b. 1890 (md) Vera Lewis - burial Murfreesboro, Cemetery.

Don't have death clipping of James Wm or Nannie Mae.)

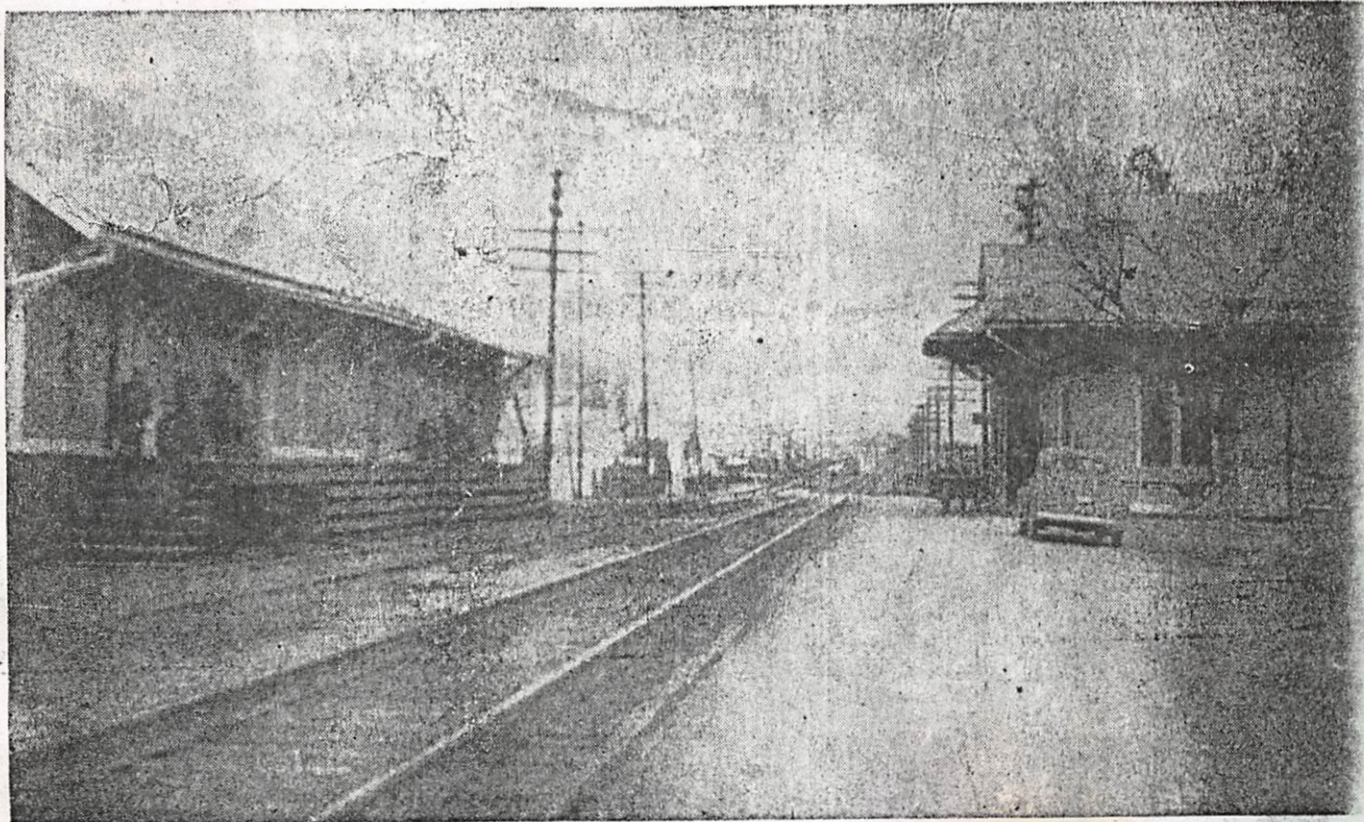
James William U. b. (June 18, 1872) d. Mar. 14, 1922 - md. Dorothy Emmaline Young. (both buried) <sup>my mom</sup> & Dad (Upchurch Tone Cemetery)

Nannie Mae Upchurch b 1878. md. Lenzie Pickett. both buried (Upchurch - Tone) Cemetery -

Nannie d. 1935.



# L&N Railroad Depot Here Is Closed



**years** The Sebree Depot for L&N Railroad, a busy site for both passenger service and freight gone by, closed Wednesday. P. J. Prather, Agent for 15 years here, says final instructions about depot (right) and warehouse haven't been issued. See story below for details.

A Sebree landmark, the L&N Railroad Depot, went out of business Wednesday.

Agent P. J. Prather has been busy all week in shipping out furnishings, equipment and other supplies of the depot. The shipments went from here to Louisville, he said.

Only car-load freight service will be unloaded here, according to an announcement by H. E. Deitz, Superintendent of the Evansville Division of L&N. Smaller shipments to Sebree-area patrons will be left at Madisonville and postal notice forwarded, said an announcement by the Railway Express Agency, Inc., which also closed its office Wednesday.

Tom Summers, Clarksville, Tenn., Agent for Railway Express, was here Wednesday, for R. G. Johnson, the Division Supervisor. Another official working here Wednesday was M. R. Jacobi of Evansville, Traveling Auditor for L&N.

With loss of the rail freight, smaller shipments to Sebree customers now can come only by truck or parcel post.

For four years now, there has been no mail service by rail -- all mail going and coming by Highway Post Office (truck).

Sebree has had only flag-stop passenger service on the railroad for some time -- Nos. 92 at 9:29 a.m. and 94 at 6:30 p.m., both going North, and 95 at 6:30 a.m., going South.

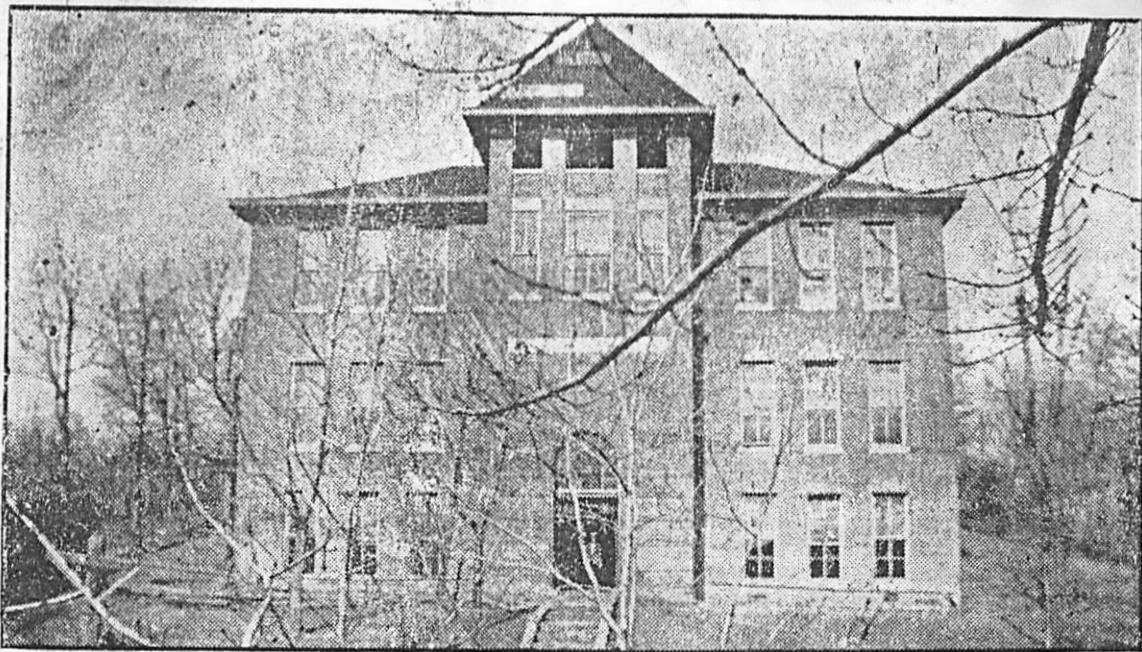
No definite information was available about continuation of this passenger service.

Mr. Prather, Agent here for 15 years, said he was awaiting further information from the company on several things. It also is not known yet if the depot building will be sold at auction, razed or what. Nor is the future of the big warehouse across the tracks, also occupied by C. S. McCully Southern States Co-Operative Agency.

Final actions by L&N officials in many matters here must be approved by the Kentucky Railroad Commission.

My first "Train Ride" from this depot to Nashville & Murfreesboro, Tenn. February 1911. We used both depots for furniture & U. I have an antique dresses with a freight tag on it - they bought for my room when I was born.





Interesting, The Banner staff hopes, will be this picture of the old Sebree School building, from our files. Only remnants of the steps remain now of the 3-story, 8-room brick building built in 1902. It had a frame annex. The old school was torn down in 1937, some of the brick used in construction of the new \$72,000 school opened October 8, 1938. That newer building . . . which included 10 class rooms, offices, and a gym, when first used . . . now is evaluated at three to four times its original cost . . . after improvements and expansions, including the nearly \$40,000 cafeteria. See story below for other details of Sebree school history.

1935, They came  
Darnell Timmons  
From 1935 to 1938  
erected by Powell and  
Eledge construction and  
builders, who opened on October 8  
elementary school building

# History Of Sebree School Reviewed Since 1879 Start

(Editor's Note -- The following history on Sebree School was written by the late Miss Mattie Buckner, a teacher for more than 60 years, nearly 50 of them here. This story is printed exactly as it appeared in the September 12, 1940 Banner. Miss Buckner's story lists school directors here through Fred Poore. After Mr Poore's eight years, J. B. McCollum returned for two more. Then C. E. Catron was here, being succeeded by James M. Lynch, now in his 11th year. Mr. Lynch came as Sebree's superintendent of schools, while the local system was independent, and has been principal since the merger with the county system.)

The first Sebree School was begun in an old church on West Main Street, with Prof. J. Pea of Henderson as principal in 1879.

In 1880, a two-room frame school building was erected on the old school hill by public subscriptions led by John A. Powell, Peter Countzler and S. R. Horner. Prof. Pea moved to this building and taught two years, assisted by Miss Win-

Successive principals were Miss Claude Hanley, in 1881; Will Thornsberry, 1883; Bert Cinnamon, 1884; T. A. Stewart, 1885; Tom Duncan, 1886; and Will Cook, 1887-88.

Then another room was added and T. K. Wilson (father of Mrs. Betty McCollor of this place) with his two sisters, Misses Vick and Heler taught, until 1890, when Prof. Wilson resigned to become the first cashier of the Sebree Deposit Bank.

Miss Vick Wilson succeeded her brother for one year, and then H. B. Wheeler was principal, until 1891, when John Kelley came to stay one year. Prof. Wyatt Allen served from 1895 to 1896. Rev. W. A. Easley taught the spring school of 1897, and Prof. Welch the fall.

Prof. Harrison came in for a two-year term of 1898-99. Then came Prof. Turner for two years and Prof. John Poole (who served later a Senator from this district) also for two years. Another room had been built during Prof. Poole's tenure here.

But, the school was growing so fast, that it was necessary to expand and in 1902, the eight-room three story

brick building was added. During the construction, the primary grades consisting of 125 pupils were taught in the old Catholic Church.

Through the efforts of T. K. Wilson and others, a three-year high school course was offered and the grades regularly organized on an 8-month basis.

Prof. A. Powell was superintendent in 1905 to 1910, and the first graduating class was in 1906, with six members. In 1910, the high school was extended to four years, so the first class of four-year term was graduated in 1911 under Prof. T. A. Oliver (later president of the Kentucky Education Association) who was here three years. It was during his administration the term was extended to nine months for both high school and the grades. The county then agreed to pay \$4 per month for outside students and a fully-equipped laboratory was added.

Oscar Shemwell came in 1915 and was here three years, succeeded by Jay Chambers, who remained until 1920. Then in the line, came Clyde Taylor, 1920; Cecil Hancock 1921; Clyde Taylor again for one year; Prof. Wilson in 1923 and 1924; Oscar Shemwell again for two years; A. B. Clayton two years and was succeeded by Prof. J. B. McCollum, who served for six years, the longest term of any superintendent, from 1929 to

opened on October 8, 1938, and Prof. Fred Poore took command. The largest graduating class was in 1936 with 32, and the smallest in 1907, with one. There have been 338 graduates since the school became accredited.

Began their school year here they thought it was wonderful they were high school by the time they moved back to Tennessee  
AV4, PEARL-IV4 Upchurch



# THE SEBREE BANNER

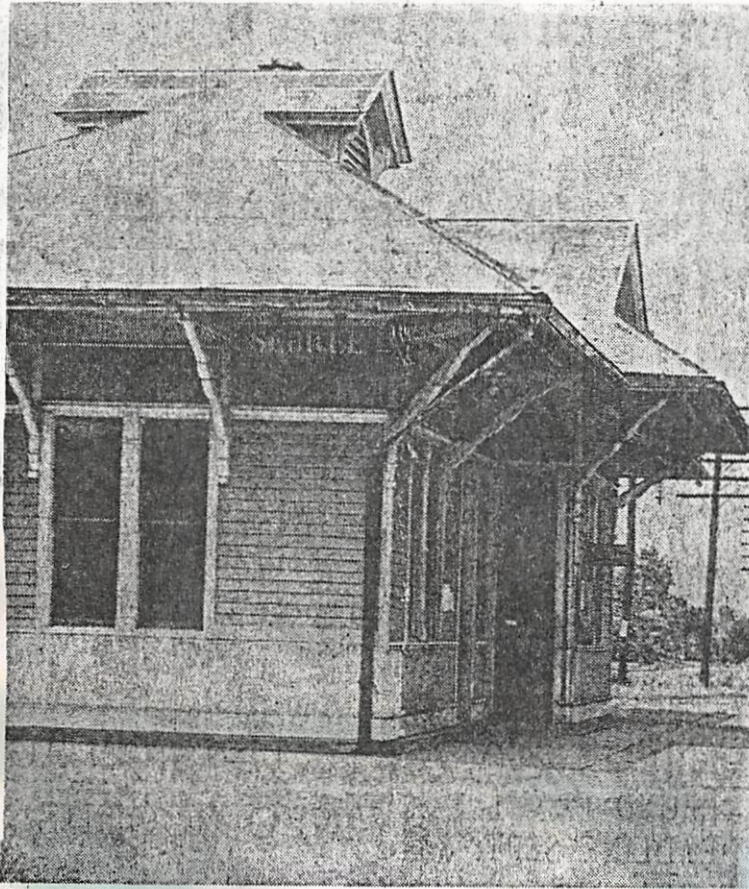
"Webster County's Oldest Newspaper"

SEBREE, KENTUCKY

Sebree, Kentucky

Friday -- September 11, 1959

## L&N PASSENGER DEPOT TO BE NEW CITY HALL, FIRE BARN



Next City Hall . . . after enlargement, remodeling

The City of Sebree completed negotiations purchase of the abandoned L&N Railroad passenger depot here, Mayor James Horner said yesterday.

For some time, plans for purchase have been under way. The city now has a list of sale. All city offices, supplies and equipment will be moved into the depot site, soon as expansion construction is completed, the mayor announced.

Offices to be moved include that of the city clerk, treasurer, Mrs. Beatrice Thomas, and the police judge Jewell Edwards. Both trucks, the one now in use and the newer, bigger one, scheduled for arrival next month, are to be housed in the depot building.

Enlargement to include space for both fire trucks is the biggest reason for expansion. Additionally, it will eliminate the handicaps of the present fire barn, in front of the City Hall offices. They include the traffic hazard of the fire truck going out to answer calls (especially swing-out from the fire barn with vehicles parked in the middle of Main Street).

Mayor Horner said a notice for bids for the addition of the depot building probably would be published next week. In the depot now are two 18-foot square waiting rooms and two 12-foot square offices. The present City Hall building, 25 feet wide and 40 feet long, will be sold.

The passenger depot building was closed July 15 by the railroad. Only car-load shipments of freight are unloaded here now, local patrons forced to pick up smaller cargoes at the Railway Express Agency office in Madisonville.

The depot was built in 1908 on the present site, less than a block from the city.

Stull Brothers company here purchased the freight warehouse, now occupied by C. McCully's Southern States Cooperative Agency.

where I was born

My first TRAIN ride from here to Murfreesboro TN to visit & meet my Grand ma Lucy U. Feb. 1912

The boy that runs this News paper was (Sports Editor for Lewisburg, Tn. Nash. & Middle, Tn. (he bought the Sebree paper & married the same day (It was Jan. 18) my Birthday. I was in Hospital & my Dr. served Cake. I wrote the boy & sent him money for the paper for 6 months. took it for yrs. After my sisters all died. I told him the paper post interest to me - I did not know anyone - they did tho. Glad to have pictures of my depot anyway.



Wilson County  
Lebanon

NORTH  
To RPA from Belle Marie U  
ca 1983

Cainsville

(Aubrey, AUA - Pearl & IVA)  
all born Lebanon Rd - Walter Hill vicinity

First 4 of S.W. U & Emma U. children were born North of  
Walter Hill, Tn. on Lebanon, Tn. Road.  
Red X its all Murfreesboro now.

19 miles - Lebanon to Murfreesboro -  
Lebanon Highway

Special

I go past Walter Hill  
Turn Right at Road sign  
(Holly Grove Rd.)

Grandpa W.W. Upchurch's Farm Home  
(Cemetery) - Upchurch Tune (Private)



R.L. Upchurch  
Samuel Abner &  
William U - Ran.  
stores here until  
the 30's

Walter Hill USED TO BE CALLED "Cross Pikes"  
A Route through the now almost  
"Ghost Town" all factories gone.  
No Post Office here now or Telephone  
office - its all Route 2,  
Murfreesboro, Tn.

vetran hospital 4 mi from Murfreesboro, Tn  
My Grandpa (W.W. U) owned a big red brick home here  
My dad James William U. was born here. 1872  
Lucy moved back here when William W. Upchurch d. Dec. 1, 1909.  
Lascassas Rd.

Murfreesboro, Tn.

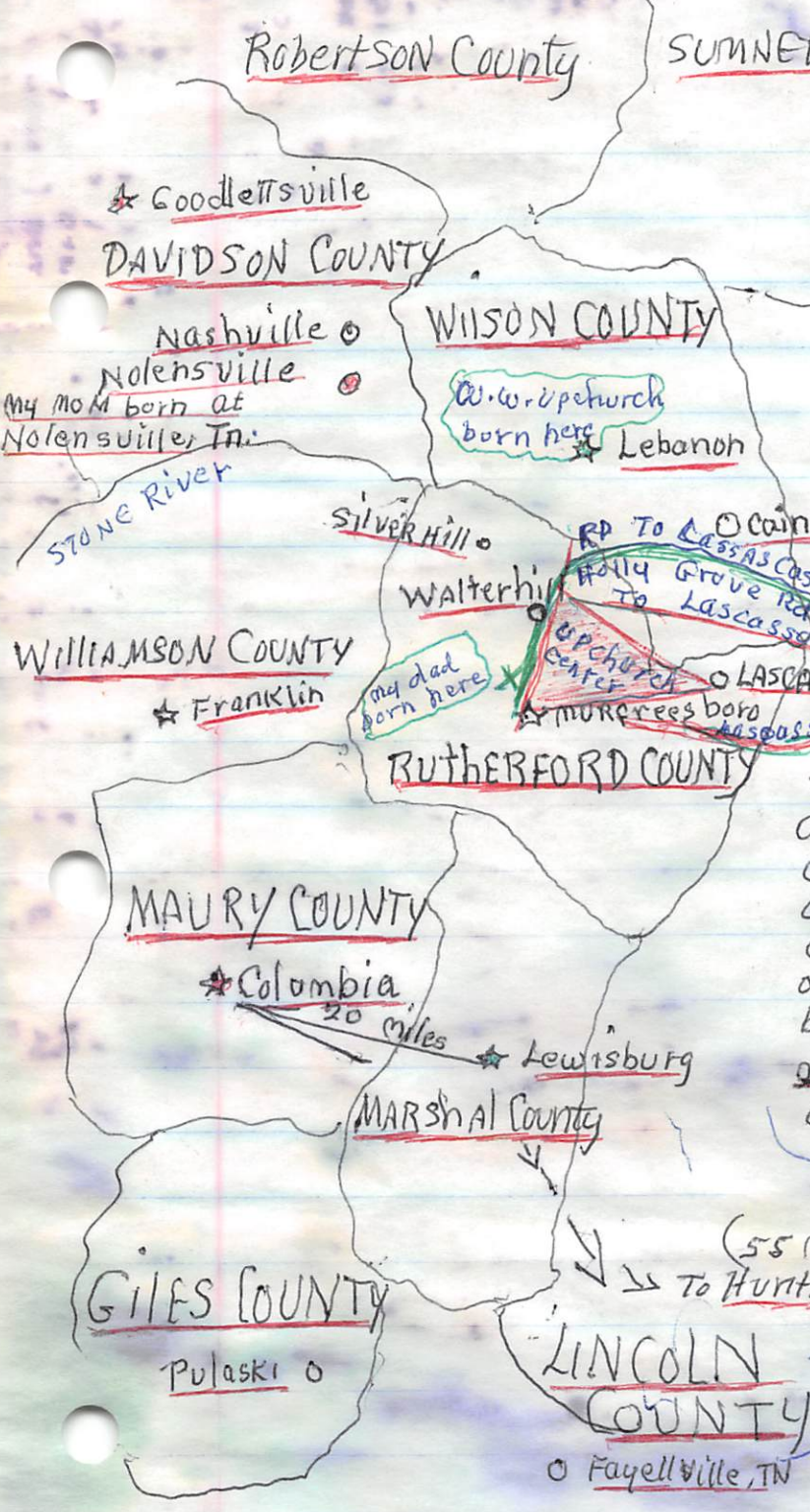
Rutherford County

I go the Red Line Trail to Lascassas, Tn  
2 more Roads go there - BUT to our Cemetery, mine is best  
as you don't go all the way to Lascassas  
you can't go over 7 mi. OUT of Murfreesboro on any Road  
without Crossing Stones River - there are 2 forks to the River

the huge River is at Walter Hill - near Nashville, Percy Priest Lake, is formed  
the other fork of the River is not too large - all flow in (The Cumberland) in Nashville, TN



NORTH KENTUCKY ↑ above ↑



This map isn't exact, but I want you to see how close - Lebanon is to Murfreesboro (19 mi)  
 Lebanon - Walter Hill (12 mi)  
 Walter Hill to Murfreesboro (7 mi)  
 Murfreesboro - Lascassas (10 mi)  
 Lascassas - Walter Hill (5 mi)  
 Lewisburg - M'boro - (42 mi)  
 Nashville - M'boro - 30 mi  
 Lewisburg, Nashville (54 mi)

So Lascassas, Walter Hill. (No Post office any more) It's all Murfreesboro Routes & all births are registered Murfreesboro, TN. Now. the 19 miles from Murfreesboro, to Lebanon, TN. on Lebanon Highway all the brothers & sisters of mine were born on this Route - near Walter Hill, TN. Even my dad was born on Lebanon Highway - about 3 mi. out of Murfreesboro, TN. all were born in an area 10 miles or less. ON RED TRIANGLE - MY DAD & 5 of his children were born.

There are 3 Roads to Lascassas, TN. one out of Murfreesboro, TN. Go through Walter Hill. on Lebanon Rd. pass Walter Hill High School on Lebanon Rd. Turn Right at a large Road sign Reading HOLLY GROVE Rd go on this road

about 2 or 3 miles to "Upchurch-Tune" Cemetery (It's on left behind Lucy & W.W. Upchurch's Farm house - there is a road left of the house - to the cemetery out back - (privately owned))

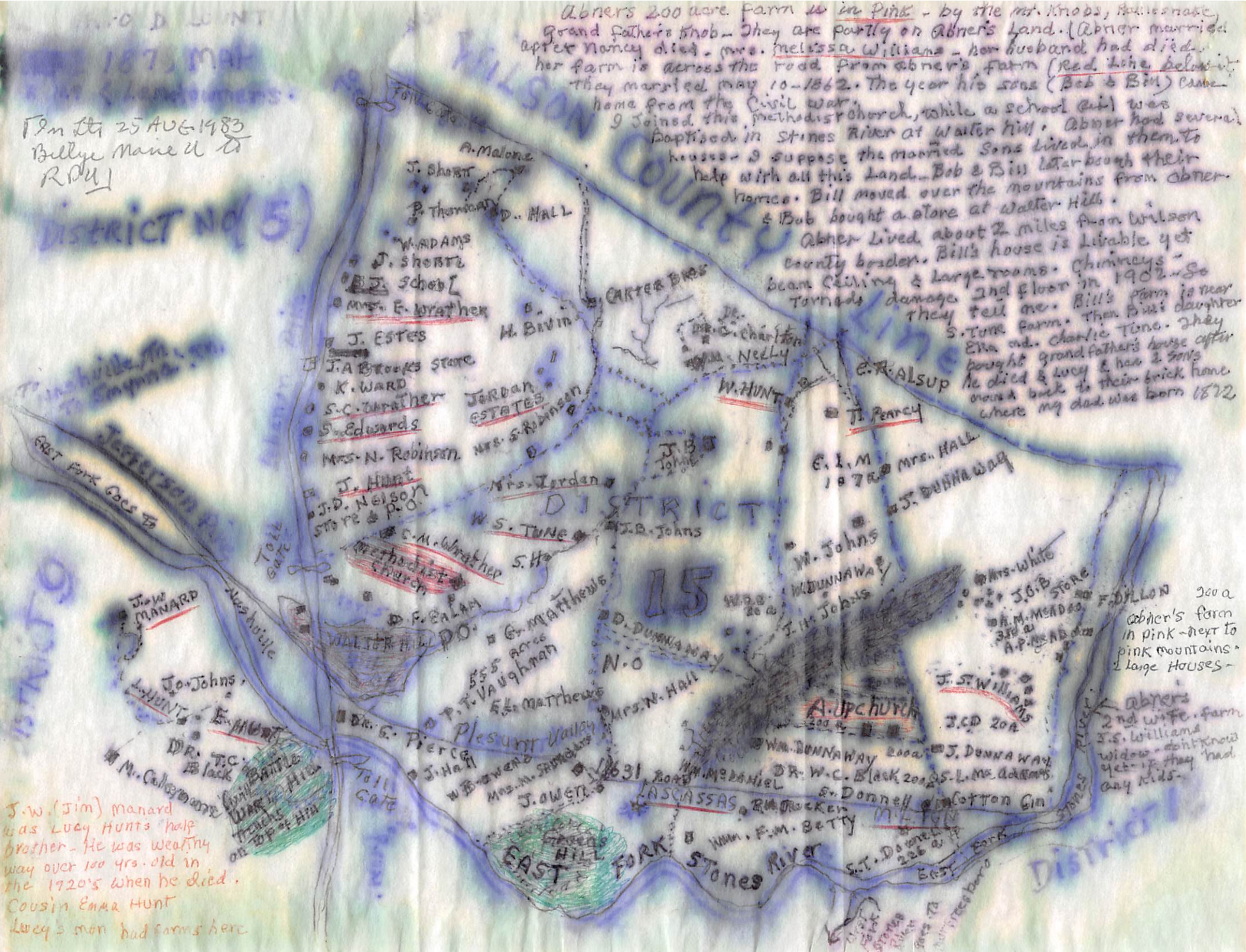
The usually rent the house out 2 farm. I follow the Green Road to Lascassas, as it goes by the farm - (Tune farm) & more - churches & cemeteries to Lascassas, TN.



On the 25 AUG 1983  
 Billye Maier & [unclear]  
 RDU

Abner's 200 acre farm is in pink - by the mt. knobs, Bull Mountain  
 grand father's knob - they are partly on Abner's land. (Abner married  
 after Nancy died - Mrs. Melissa Williams - her husband had died.  
 her farm is across the road from Abner's farm (Red line below it).  
 They married May 10 - 1862. The year his sons (Bob & Bill) came  
 home from the Civil war.  
 I joined this Methodist church, while a school girl was  
 baptised in Stones River at Walter Hill. Abner had several  
 houses - I suppose the married sons lived in them to  
 help with all this land. Bob & Bill later bought their  
 farms. Bill moved over the mountains from Abner.  
 & Bob bought a store at Walter Hill.

Abner lived about 2 miles from Wilson  
 county border. Bill's house is livable yet  
 beam ceiling & large rooms. Chimneys -  
 Tornado damage 2nd floor in 1902. So  
 they tell me. Bill's farm is near  
 S. Tone farm. Then Bill's daughter  
 Emma and Charlie Tone. They  
 bought grand father's house after  
 he died & Lucy & has 2 sons  
 moved back to their brick home  
 where my dad was born 1872.



J.W. (Jim) Manard  
 was Lucy Hunt's half  
 brother - He was wearing  
 way over 100 yrs. old in  
 the 1920's when he died.  
 Cousin Emma Hunt  
 Lucy's man had farms here

Abner's farm  
 in pink - next to  
 pink mountains -  
 2 large houses -  
 Abner's  
 2nd wife, farm  
 S.S. Williams  
 widow - don't know  
 yet if they had  
 any kids.



REC'D  
MARRBYSat. P.M. 7/14/84.  
MRS RAYMOND PURDOM  
ELINGTON PARKWAY RTE 5  
LEWISBURG, TN 37091

Dear Cousin Phil:

If my fingers hold out long enough - I'll try & write a few lines - (I'm sure it could not be old age (haha) The hand & fingers I tore off 2 yrs. ago. Pain & swell so I can't hardly grip a pen. maybe summer will heat it up if it's rheumatism or whatever.

Had a letter from Eugene Hagos of Washington, D.C. he had another promotion (wears the title of: Co-ordinator of Government Relations. he is going to take his 1st Hot Air Balloon ride in Va. this week-end. his niece been up in one (Miller house 2) they had one at the across shopping center next to my house. (across a road) on the by-pass. They could not make it stay up long & a time getting it up - So I never went up in it (3 feet above in my yard).

We finally hit the jack pot on Obner a "Daddy" was beginning to think he was hatched from an egg - like Mark & Mandy on T.V.

The Upchurch's & Pylons have lived by each other - each generation since the Revolutionary War - always the farms joined each other. So they finally come to Lebanon, Tenn (Wilson Co.) about 1810 or 1812, as

Obner was born in Chatham Co, N.C. (1507) Stephen ind. 1806, N.C. So

he was a little yellow, so was Nancy Pylond - probably pylonates.

Wilson Co. was made part of Rutherford Co. So that's why they all ended up in Rutherford Co. I've just got to find out what year.

1810 Census Chatham Co, N.C. William El. joining farm to William Pylond

1820. Wilson Co. <sup>TN</sup> Census - Robert Pylond & Stephen Upchurch joined farms.

1840. Franklin Co, N.C. - Neighbors - William Pylond & John Pylond to the

Upchurch's - (Robert Pylond, was Nancy's father, b. 1775. Franklin Co, N.C.)

1870 - was in Rutherford Co. Tenn. (his father was John Pylond b. May, 1778,)

(his father William Pylond, Chatham Co, N.C. was alive on census 1810-1830)

I think Ann Hamilton named (Stephen Upchurch) for friend & neighbor

Stephen Smith. all of this was a mile or two from where Sam & I

were raised - but we never asked our folks later or would have known.



Page 2.

Eugene is coming in July (2 weeks)

*in my*

Sam & I want to go to Leesville. Dad & per Abner's farm on Valley View Road. he & Nancy are buried there on the edge of Grandfather Knob. (looks like a mountain peak to me. Abner's daughter Emaline and Jim McKee - Abner's grandson or great grandson (Jim me & his brother J.H. McKee) are having a big sale to-day (about New 11: A.M) Sat. Valley View Road - (77 Hereford Court) Santa Gertrudis Bull. 3 yrs old. 20 iron Corral Type Gates (-12" long each) 4 1/2 miles from Walter Hill, TN 12 miles from Murfreesboro, TN. The sale was (ad) in our local paper - wish I'd been there & met more relatives. A friend of mine in year gone by Walter Blythe - bought Abner's farm. (built a big brick home) my mother made him go to school - (he dropped out) he did make a preacher & made all arrangement there for my mother's funeral & burial in 1932 - he selected songs my mom loved & we sang. We had prayer meeting at our home in Walter Hill - Wednesday night - over a 100 there most of the time. I played the organ & Lorene (my sister) played guitar - Walter led lots of songs. We'd get a real preacher each week - different denominations - That's how Mom raised us after our dad died 1922 - For we always were good girls. I really do appreciate it too. (Lorene & I were Methodist) The rest Baptist. So I'd enjoy seeing Walter Blythe also. I'm getting books on Graveyards & maps of farms. I enjoy them. Eugene Hagan said he took U.B. also. he can't wait to see it (his grandma) Anna Hagan. was my dad's sister. Miriam & Sam. live out of Nash at Antioch, TN. They visited the Church of Latter Day Saints. (They kept records of every thing) you can pay them & find all records. Don't fail to visit on the (young) generation now. My Aunt in Miami, Florida, sent me a list of names. I can't find all birth dates. (She died 1944) - So I'd do it the hard way also. I have to type with my right index finger & drag the others that was cut off across the keys & make a mess. Maybe you can read the names. Be waiting to see my family tree grow. Have not received a UP. Bulletin this year. So far. Keep up the good work

Sincerely your Cousin - (which one) ? Billye Durdon



Stephen Upchurch b-1775 & his wife b-1775-1794  
Stephen Upchurch-Born -1775-in Virginia or North Carolina.-son of John 2 &  
Anne(Nancy)Hamilton. John & Nancy moved to Chatham Co. NC in 1794-He died 1795.  
Their 3 sons--John-B-1771----Samuel-B---1772-----Stephen-B-1775-----  
About 1810-1812-Stephen moved to Wilson Co, Tenn, along with Robert Pyland.  
They bought farms joining each other, like they had in NC.  
Stephen married in NC.-1806, Don't know his wife's name (not on 1820 census.)  
Part of Wilson County was added to Rutherford County.----That is how Stephen  
Abner & Robert Pyland Became citizens of Rutherford Co.

Stephen was father of 3 children.

- 1-Abner Upchurch-Born-1807-Chatham Co, North Carolina.
- 2-Sarah(Sally)Upchurch-Born-1810-Md. Sept. 14, 1840-Henry Cluck-B-1805. Tn.
- 3- Mary Elizabeth Upchurch-B- 1812- Md.-May, 8, 1832.-James P. Florida -B-1815 Tn

Children of Henry & Sarah Cluck

Children of Mary & James Florida.

- 1-Fountain Cluck-19
- 2-Beny Cluck-15
- 3-Meredith Cluck-1

- 1-Thomas Florida-17
- 2-Cassander Florida- 13
- 3-Rossana-12-
- 4-Roxanna-7-
- 5-Elizabeth-7
- 6-James-6
- 7-Martha-3

Abner upchurch, B-1807, NC. (Son of Stephen Upchurch) & Nancy Pyland B-1802 NC.  
Daughter of Robert Pyland of Lebanon & Rutherford Co. Tennessee.  
Married in Lebanon, Tenn-March 20, 1828.-William Rawls Marring them.  
Nancy died before 1862. as Abner married no. 2. Melissa (Chumley) Williams, widow  
William Chumley. She had 2 sons by Williams (Billy-or Willy-Williams) Don't know  
the other boys name.---Abner was alive in 1879. on the Rutherford Co. map.

9 Children of Abner & Nancy Pyland Upchurch. Born in Lebanon, Tn. Wilson Co.

- 1-Gagney Gilliam B-1829-md. 2/13. 1867-Elizabeth Chumley.
- 2- James S. B-1832--Md. 9/28/1857--Elizabeth Jordan .
- 3-Mary Anne-B-1835-md & died in Texas- i son- walter G. Upchurch, Nashville, Ten
- 4-William W. Upchurch-B-1837- D-12/1/1908.-Md. Repls Lucille (Lucy) Hunt. b-2/12/40  
(Died-3/20/1914)-1840.
- 5-Robert Lester -B-1838--D-6/2/1924--Md. Mary Elizabeth Temple-B-1892-d-1932.
- 6-Matilda(Martha)-born-1840.
- 7-Emmaline(Emma)-B-1843--Md. Jim McKee. Tn. - *the Grandson live there yet. Las Vegas, Tn-*
- 8-Susan (Betty)-B--1844--Md---?-Vandergriff.
- 9-Levania(Lucinda)-B-1845--Md. Shelton Johnson. TN.

Abner & Melissa-Married- 5/10/1862.--They had 3 children-

- 1-Annie Upchurch-)
- 2-Lee Upchurch-)
- 3-(Judy Upchurch-Md. Taylor.)



Abner & Nancy Pyland Upchurch's Children & Their Families.

1-William W. Upchurch B-1837-Lebanon, Tenn, -Md Reps Lucille (Lucy) Hunt. -B-3/12/1840  
D-3/20/1914. Murfreesboro, TN. ---Md-9/27/1871. William-D. 12. 1/1908. Murfreesboro, TN

William (Bill) was the 3rd. son of Abner & Nancy Upchurch. Lebanon & Murfreesboro  
(8 Children.) My mom + dad - (James + Emma below)

1-James William Upchurch-B-6/18/1872-Died-3/14/1922.-Murfreesboro, Tennessee. ng  
Md. 3/15/1896/-Dorothea (Dorothy Emma (Emmaline) Young-Dau of DR, Joseph Marion Young  
Emma was B-1/1/1870/-Molensville, Tenn.-Died- July, 9, 1932. Lewisburg, Tenn.

2-John Abner Upchurch-B-May 1874.Md. Jodie Barrett-Dau of Buddy Barrett.

3-Mary Frances Upchurch-B-Sept, 24, 1876. Murfreesboro, TN.-Never Married. D.--

4-Nannie Mae Upchurch-B 1878--D-1934. Md. Lenzie Puckett. B-1874.-D-1979.

5-Reps Anna-B-1880-D-Dec. 1959. Nashville, TN. Md. 1896-Charlie Anderson Magar-

6-Price Eugene Upchurch-B-1886-D--Murfreesboro, Tennessee. never Married.

7-Ella Emma-B-Sept. 15, 1888-D- md. Charlie F. Tune-B-6/21/1888-D-1/28/19-----

9-Oscar Bethel Upchurch-B-12/31/1890. D<sup>1923</sup>-1973- Md. Vera Lewis. 1816-D-1918.  
iDaughter-

~~Nellie Jewell Upchurch-B (April 1917) md. Everette Johns. Murfreesboro, Tenn.~~

1-Judy Johns-B-about 1940-Md. ---MIMIC--1 Son Michael Mimic.

2-Margo Johns. (Nell & Everett's daughter-Md. Robert Adams, Atlanta, Ga.

4-Nannie Mae Upchurch-B-1878-Md. Lenzey Puckett. 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of, (Lucy & William)  
& their 4 children, All born in Sebree, Kentucky.  
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1-Bessie Nickle Puckett-b-1902 -Md. Roy McPeak (3 or 4 sons) Lebanon, Tenn.

2-Charlie Rice Puckett-B-1903-Md. Maggie Lee Estes--Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
D-7/19/1979.

3-Betty Lucille Puckett-B-1/19/1908.-D-3/7/1980. Murfreesboro, Tenn.

4-Joseph Earl Puckett.-B. about 1811-Md (wife died)--Living, Lebanon, TN.

Children of Charlie & Maggie Lee Estes Puckett.

1-Lorene Puckett-Brandon md. owns cattle ranch at Clarksville, Tenn.

2-Earline Puckett-Board md- Lives at Smyrna, Tenn.

3-Bill Puckett-lives in Illinois (William C) - Sidell, Illinois

4-Jerry Puckett-Lives in Illinois. Fairmont, Illinois

5-James Puckett-Died in Illinois-

6-Charlie Rice Puckett Jr. Smyrna, TN. 15 Grand children - 9 Great grandchildren











2-John Abner Upchurch-B-May. 1874. Murfreesboro, Tenn.-Md. Jodie Barrett, Dau. of Buddy Barrett. Murfreesboro, Tn. John Abner D-4/7/1950. He was the 2nd son of William W. (Bill) & Lucy Hunt Upchurch. Grand-son of Abner Upchurch & Nancy.

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Children of John Abner & Jodie Barrett Upchurch.

A1-Irene Upchurch-B-about 1905-Md. O.L. Gannon--1 son, O.L. Gannon Jr.  
Delta Daughter- Gladys Gannon-Md. ---?=Chempil-D-1979(59)yrs. old. Murfreesboro, Tenn.

2-John B. Upchurch-Md. Lives Lebanon, Tenn.

3-Willie Albert-Md---well?--Died-2or 3 boys Murfreesboro, Tenn.

4-Curtis Upchurch- Halls Hill, Tn.

5-Lailure Upchurch-Md. William Faulkner--2or 3 boys. Murfreesboro, Tenn.

6-Robert Upchurch- Md. Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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2- James S. Upchurch-B-1832. Lebanon, Tenn. 2nd son of Abner & Nancy Upchurch.

James Md. Elizabeth Jordan-9/28/1857. Went to Okla. & Texas for a few yrs.

Returned to Tenn. Was a policeman in Nashville, Tenn. Only child I have located was a daughter-( Kate Upchurch, B- Lebanon, Tn..

1-Kate Upchurch Md-1st. ---?--McKee. 2nd Marriage was to--Sion Hall, Murfreesboro,

Children of Sion (Cy) Hall. BY Kate.

1- Emma Hall Md. ---?Huddleston--son--Rev. Hoyte Huddleston-Lebanon, Tenn.

2-Hubert Hall-D- About 1920. Murfreesboro, Tn.

3-Bertha Hall-D- about 1900 in Lebanon, Tn. Md. 1st.-Alonzo, Buck Henard. He died. 2nd Marriage- Hall Travis, Murfreesboro, Tn.

Kate died before Sion, as he married a widow, with a daughter, she was Laura Williams-Daughter--Lillie Williams, she lives in Dallas, Texas now.

Children of Sion Hall & Laura Williams.

1-Lacy Hall---Nashville, Tenn.

2-Spencer Hall--Giliham, Ark.

3-Homer Hall Dallas, Texas.

4-Wayne Hall-Dallas, Texas.

Ancestors of Balye Marie Upchurch - b. Sebree, Ky - Warren County.

md. Raymond Edwin Owen Purdom. b- Lewisburg TN- son of

William Ervin & Daisy Effie Finley Purdom. Lewisburg merchants-

Effie died - Apr. 10, 1974 - William (Bill) died Feb. 17, 1936.

both buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Lewisburg, Tn.

Miriam & Dan Clemmons Upchurch are sending Robert (Bob) Upchurch's Line.

I sent it to you once - This is William W. (Bill Upchurch's) Line.

my grandfather - (Abner's son) Stephens - (Grandson)



BILLYE MARIE U

XID-18356

MRS RAYMOND E. PURDOM

Billye Marie Purdom  
59C Midway Street,  
Lewisburg, Tennessee. 37091.  
'phone- 359-3158.

*paid 24 MAR 86 Ch # 141  
for \$15 signed 21 MAR  
Mrs Billye M. Purdom*

My new address-----

I am sending \$15.00-for 1985, subscription to-  
" UPCHURCH BULLETIN"

- I only had 4 addresses last year(counting my present one)
- I still get mail on any of them & all 4 of them. I have
- only moved once(Nov.27th.'85 ) I suppose this is for
- keeps--I bought me a new home.they were finishing it up
- & I'm doing some more on it.--under construction are 2
- new brick homes I'm building for a nephew.(Loyd Beever)&
- one for my niece-(Linda Faye(Clay)McDaniel) they are first
- cousins--& are children of 2 of my sisters---Pearl &
- Lorene Upchurch---We live a mile from the Cornersville Rd.
- all the houses are brick-no traffic much--preachers in
- every few houses--I have a methodist & Church of Christ in
- front of me--one is Raymond's pastor--no stores for miles.
- We all love the trains back of our houses(I have a large###
- Deck & had a concrete patio poured & Driveway--Put wrought
- iron on my front porch(Not through yet)Have a woods lot
- back of my house--I'm going to build a park out of--I've
- already named it,"Valley View" Park.as it slopes down to ##
- the railroad--in a valley--(Grand dad, Abner & Grandpa.
- Stephen & Bill Upchurch named their 200 Acea ranch on
- Valley View Road that in Wilson County, Tn.that was moved
- over into Rutherford County(between 1850-1860)I can't tell
- yet what trees to have cut-until leaves come out-People
- are at Lone Oak Cemetery here to view my UPCHURCH MEMORIAL
- I had erected on 2 lots the council sold me-ajoining 6' lots
- my sisters are buried on--So all the grand-parents, Mom &
- Dad & my 5 brothers & sisters & Grand pa.Dr.Joseph W.Young
- is on it also---it is something to behold--Even our Family
- History & why we're Upchurch's, Little Gidding & Our#####
- 2 coat of arms--I studied 4 yrs.of Latin--So they spoke
- Latin in England then--the 3 little heads of black grey-
- hounds are on it with Gold Collars on.
- 2 grave-size marble stones cover the grave part with the
- taller memorial---Our regular tomb Rock(Raymond & Mine)
- have real gold wedding bands by our wedding date--The art
- is perfect--Done by professionist from Chattanooga & we
- had the American Monument Association, Inc. Boston, Mass. to
- make us copies all symbols-Gothic etc.--We needed the
- Trefoil on our Coat of arms--Which is the Trinity, surrounde
- by the CIRCLE OF ETERNITY--They sent me about 15 Gothics,
- even the Silver Chalice, We methodist use in worship to
- drink out wine out of.---I carried a dozen red-silk roses
- March 15th.& placed on the memorial at my mom & dads Grave
- It was their 90th.Wedding Anniversary-& my Dad was buried
- 64 yrs.ago on their 26th.Anniversary--Mom was over 40 when
- I was born--My dad died(age 49)--The college niece & the
- 14 yr.old one are as proud as I am over the memorial--We
- can really have a ball when they move next door to me,

*B.S. 86  
Res. # 7 #1-86  
3-24-86  
to 590 midway st.*



Poncho 2-

- My little dog goes with us to visit our dead-he seems to understand that Raymond is under the soil, He sniffs over his grave--I planted \$68.00 (for 4 peonies) at the foot of the memorial & we placed the 4 cornerstones-with a (U) on them at each corner-

- Say you met my cousin in Washington, D.C.-I was with his brother, wife, son & Dad on Nov. 30th. '85. It was a golden Anniversary of Sam & Miriam Upchurch at a Hotel on Nash-Murfreesboro Rd.--We had a grand--US--Kissing Cousin met-some we had not seen since the '20's we were aged some

+ + Sam was 74--Miriam-70---Bertram was 81 in Jan 12th. & their sister-Lola mei was 78---I was the baby almost at 75--

+ + Richard & Bayliss were born 1941--My niece-Linda 1943.

+ + We were Bob & Bill's Grand-children--lots more there & kin & friends numbered over 100-before we started. we made pictures, & it was 11PM. when we reached Lewisburg, Tn. My doorbell chimed last week--I opened the door, A young man, blurted out, "Eugene Hagar Calling", it was my other cousin from Washington, DC. So we really had a ball alone. He flew to Nash. rented a car & had no trouble finding me he went to the Administration Building next to where I did live-They told him how to reach me-2 or 3 miles away. He spent 3 weeks in the Pacific Islands Xmas. on a long needed vacation. So I did not really know when he came back--He is not married, His Dad & mom are both dead now Has a brother in Nashville, Tn. He was born 1941 also. & I feel like his only family-He loves our Upchurch History & has been to England before we started this up--He plans to return next year-If my knee gets better I may go also. my 19 year old niece who attends college is due to go in June with the college crew & a host of friends--we hate to see her go now as they kill so many teenagers over there, But any thing can happen to her here also. I have so much company all the time I never get to answer all my mail--Raymond's 4 nieces are coming to visit me soon from Houston, Texas--They went to El Dorado Kan. last year--Come to Tennessee every year also. I'm waiting (not patiently) to get my lawn & woods land scaped--I have my 2 houses & store building up for sale. not in a hurry though--It is costly commercial property. then I have a entire street (24 lots) I may sell someday. I'll send you a picture of my memorial when the wind ceases some it blows at the cemetery all the time almost

- Keep-up the good work & I'm always anxious for the UP bulletin to hit my mailbox.

Keep all the Kissi'n Kuzzins straight. Your Cuz--

At 5 - Ellington Parkway  
 Ellington Parkway Rt. 7  
 640 East Church St,  
 590 Midway St

Billye Marie Purdom  
 590 ~~Midway St~~, Midway St,  
 Lewisburg, Tenn. 37091  
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My 3 old addresses & my new one last year.



BILLYE MARIE U

XFD-18356

REC'D  
19 APR 1983

MRS R. PURDOM

RT 5

Lewisburg, Tenn.

4-15-83 37091

↳ 15 APR 1983

□ Dear Cousin Phil:

- Read in the (UB) where you had been to Lebanon, TN.
- What did you think of the "Big Burg"? I do not like it.
- I'd leave Wilson County anytime to go to Rutherford.

- What did you think of all the "Junk" I sent you?
- Well I'm sending you another package in a few days.
- I'm sending \$200 so you can mail this back to me.

- It isn't worth much in cash - but sentimentally 'tis

□ Very valuable to me. You can use "Grandpa Bill" &

- his Civil War discharge or any you see it - very few
- people have seen a Civil War discharge paper.

- They're showing my special depots on T.V. each day now -

- Trying to decide what to do with Union Station (Depot) of

- L. & N. Railroad in Nash. TN. & Chattanooga & Louisville, Ky.

- I've ridden the L. & N. so much from Ky. - TN. Chattanooga, TN.

- Was my last ride on a train 1935. It's really sad you all

- who ever rode the Louisville - Nashville line. Sebree, Ky.

- already has torn (well re-organized) its 2 depots. The

- one in Nashville is beautiful (No my last train ride was

□ to Birmingham, Ala. in 1943 - when Raymond's <sup>MUM</sup> died, his

- mother, Cousin's wife & I went - had to wait 4 days on the

- burial - We still have our 2 depots here. Freight trains

- stop yet - (So much for trains)

- My hand I tore off & broke is swollen so I can't hardly

- ~~help~~ a pen to write any more.



- Did you find out anything new in Lebanon, Tn.
- About Abner? I can't find any other upchurch there
- back in 1820's - Samuel U. & his family was still there
- 1818 for they bought land. (Ambrose was there 1850 Census)
- he was about Abner's age - So he could not be his father.
- +□ maybe a few years older. I have Abner & Nancy
- (pyland) Upchurch's wedding Certificate Mar. 20, 1828.
- Lebanon, Tn. Both Born N. C. [but are citizens of Wilson Co.]
- +□+□ Samuel's gang & Abner & Ambrose U. are all I can find.
- except (now) (John B. U.) is there & he has grown children.
- I have not seen him since 1923 - We've been to his mom &
- Uncle John's funerals - So many people I just did not know
- him -
- I wrote one of my (Aunt Eva U. Tunes') daughters yesterday
- +□ & asked her which Cemetery Abner, William W (Aubrey) &
- Joseph Marion U. were buried in at Lascassas, Tn. She
- was raised at Grand father's home place (Wm. W. U.)
- and Charles Mercer & live at Old Hickory, New Nash. Tn.
- I only lived in Tenn - 4 yrs of Grand mother (Lucy's) lifetime.
- About to get acquainted when she died. I was in Ky. until I
- was 2 yrs. old. (Lascassas horse Ranch until I was 5 yrs. old)
- Then back to water Hill About 10. until I graduated at 17 yrs.
- Then began traveling again - Lewisburg, Chattanooga, Nash. &
- Tullahoma, Tn. In 1935 - worked in a Cafe - Rana printing
- Press in Lewisburg, Tn. - So I'm busy at home on my job.
- Only Grocery Store for the past 46 yrs. Now we have sold
- our store equipment & kept the building - We sold the brick
- stone across the by-pass to O.K. Welder & Tire Co.



- 3
- Well I'll quit & go to the Beauty Salon at 1.30 to
  - have my hair washed & get gatta have my picture made
  - during the next 2 days - for our church book. I'm a
  - Methodist - we love pictures of all the members -
  - got to go vote next week - (City election) went to the
  - Dr. in Nash. last Monday. (Raymond is still making his own
  - blood) had to attend our Miss Society meeting & lunch &
  - My Niece & her husband are spending Sunday with me -
  - So maybe I can start house cleaning next week. I use
  - Gas & it water mirrors & windows. Hard to clean -
  - I'm sending you the Check for appreciation for all
  - your trouble with Abner. he's been some little guy to
  - run down. (Right?) I also sent 2 dollars for mailing
  - my private pkg. back - I'll mail it in a few days - So
  - much to be done (all at once)

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely Your Cousin

Billye Marie. Upchurch - Burdow

Paid Ch #148 for 10  
 signed 15 APR 1933 Mrs  
 Raymond Burdow  
 1 Raymond Burdow Esqery  
 Lewisburg, TN 37091  
 + \$2 each for postage -  
 recorded all \$12.00 for URF



WELLINGTON PKWY

ROUTE 5 "New Years Day" 1984. Sunday P.M.

LEWESBURG, TN 37091

Rec'd 9 JAN 1984 - Ch # 177 for B. 3  
10 signed 4 JAN 84 Belle  
Raymond as Belle  
Raymond

- Dear Phil: (Happy New Year)
- Hope you had a nice Christmas & New Year. I cooked a pot of
- black-eyed peas & a ham hock today (Banana-Pudding) Macaroni & Cheese Casserole
- & 8 corn sticks, Raymond & I really did enjoy dinner alone. I'll save it
- for tomorrow also. (if someone doesn't come) so I can watch the Rose Bowl
- Parade. (I never get to see it) always in the kitchen cooking dinner) So
- we plan to eat left overs for once. Company usually drop in - my niece, her
- husband & stepson were down yesterday from Belle Buehler - we had all kind
- of Nieces, nephews & Cousins in for over 2 weeks now. So I'm glad to see
- all this stop for a while (Raymond's Niece cooked our Christmas dinner)
- in Nashville, TN (packed it in cases) & the hour ride did not get it cold - So we
- all enjoyed a feast at our home. I made a fresh Coconut cake (my favorite) &
- Raymond's Cousin near me, made him a banana cake (his favorite) they brought
- German choc. & all kinds from Nash, TN. (They wanted to, & I let them)
- I was invited out to several dinners - but had to stay home for the one they
- made us in Nash (Raymond had his last eye operation in Nov. in Nashville TN)
- he can read well now the (implants) are grand. (don't even hurt) he is asleep for
- 15 or 20 minutes) We really have great doctors in Nashville, on any disease.
- We will soon be deciding what & where we want to live. Raymond won't leave
- his hometown - I want to move to Nash, TN. as I was partially raised there & we
- go every few weeks to oncologist & other specialist - I need a nose & throat
- operation - grow the in drum, had them cut out in 1933 (when young) they have
- grown back - had 10 bones cut from my nose then - (I dread this one) the new
- machines & tools remove them by suction. The ones I had removed in July
- never hurt - (so I may get over my fright)
- We've had the coldest winter here since 1918. (Not too deep snow) but cold wind -
- had a bad hail storm to start it off. It is warming up some here. now (44° today)
- On the UB (No. 2) Apr. 1983, (John U. & his 2 sons) (Samuel & John) & a
- Stephen U. (he surely was a 3rd. Son of John U. When Samuel U.

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- moved to Wilson County in the early 1800's & bought land - (Stephen U.)
- also went along. That's why he could not be found in N.C. He
- was on the 1820 Census in Wilson County, Tenn. Census showed he
- was married & had children (No names given) but had a son about Abner's
- +□ age. he lived on land adjoining (Mr. <sup>?</sup> Pyland) Nancy's father - she &
- Abner U. were married in Lebanon, In. (March 20, 1828) They both swore
- they were citizens of Wilson County, In. Neighbors generally married then
- as there was no means of travel except on horses - Samuel may have bought the
- extra land in Wilson Co. for Stephen - as the records show no other U.
- buying land there - I suppose that is why David, William & James U.
- left Illinois to come back to Lebanon to be with their Uncle Stephen U.
- James followed Abner over into Rutherford County, that's why he was not
- found in Lebanon or Illinois - (he married <sup>James</sup>) & settled on Abner's 200 acre farm.
- that was (Samuel's James) Abner's (2nd. Son) James S. U. md. a Elizabeth
- Jordan - went to Texas for a while - his sister Mary Anne went along.
- married & died in Texas - he brought her son Walter U. back to Nashville
- +□ where he built a mattress factory & had furniture stores - James S. U.
- was a Cop there - I patrolled streets with him & his bulldog nights.
- I was (5 yrs. old) I told Sgt. Joe Casey over metro police now - that I never
- did get pay for my police duty. There was a Ambrose U. on the
- Lebanon, In. census for a while - (There are 3 different Ambrose U. I
- +□ counted - one in Mcminville, In) & John Jordan U. (father) then I found
- another one - So the ones that visited & lived in Wilson County, In. may
- be sons of Stephen U. (as we know very little about him at this point)
- I'll get a list from the Societies in Lebanon - if they have a Society &
- order topics to get data on - Mumfreesboro - sent me a list & want me
- to join - (I bought my 1879 map of Rutherford County just to get land owners &
- families who owned farms (It was \$11<sup>00</sup>) Abner's farm was on it - I bought
- a large book of Cemeteries of (N. E. Rutherford Co) to get Lascassas, In. on
- it - (my mom & dad's) groves are on it also. My Cousin Sam. bought a



- and marriages from Rutherford Co. That's how we found out Abner
- married (No 2) Melissa Williams in 1862 - just after Nancy died.
- We've been told they were buried on his 200 acre farm - courts in
- Murfreesboro, TN. say he was buried on a hillside off the
- Lascassas Road - so is his farm on the foothills of a row of
- (Knobs) - they have Pilot Knob in North Carolina - so you know what a Knob is.
- With the new link - we can search (Chatam County, N.C) Wilson Co. TN
- For more clues on Stephen - both Nancy & Abner were born in N.C.
- Abner's family & the Pyland family may have moved together to
- Wilson County - I imagine Samuel made arrangements for Steven &
- to be there before 1820. Help us dig this one up - as Sam C. had a stroke
- last Dec. 1st 1982 & my back problem won't let me hike very much - were
- on nettles to visit Abner's farm - its' near Milton, TN. & Lascassas, TN.
- my dad ran a horse ranch at Milton when I was small - before I moved to
- Nashville at age (5) my grandfather (Bill) W.W.U. bought a farm over the hills
- from Abner's farm - (Bill died there 1909) my cousin owns it now - she
- plans to re-do the house - beautiful beam ceiling & large fireplace.
- Saw your floods in Arizona some time back. (I'm glad we live
- away from Rivers & mts. I do have a drain creek - I made the
- state wall it up & build a larger bridge - roads higher & the
- by pass is extra tall - so it has not overflowed yet. 1955 it
- ran in my state - but by 1966 - (we feel safer) Everybody on my side
- of the parkway have a bridge - (I have one) Shoney has one) Shopping
- center (The Acres) have one (Long John Silver) has one - there are ~~at~~
- about 5 from my house to the Fayetteville, TN. Highway - So we have
- Plenty of bridges - (The other side of the by-pass - doesn't need any -) we have 10
- stop lights on the by-pass front of my house - A place in New York has 12 so
- we come next the electric people say, but (5 roads are joined here) Noisy? yes.
- I'd go nuts without it now after 46 yrs. We celebrate our 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding
- Anniversary next Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> - then I have a birthday Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> maybe I
- can go on a diet then, my mother would have been (114 yrs.) old today Jan 1, 1870
- she was 62 when she died - (my dad was 49) Here is a check for my U.B. to
- keep coming - I think grandpa Bill's picture will be in it every time -
- (put your picture in it for us to see.) Your Cousin Billee Purdon <sup>over</sup>



P.S.

Jan. 2nd.

- maybe we are about to find Stephen's footprints at last.
- we just had not had <sup>any</sup> (1820 census from Wilson County before.)
- abner was there until 1850 or about - when he moved about
- 5 or 6 miles across the line into Rutherford, Co.
- They built a new T.V. station in Murfreesboro, Tenn. (last week) I
- can get it good on (39) & 30 will be a pay line - I can get
- it also on (1 of my T.V.'s) the tower is past Walter Hill, Tenn
- on Lebanon, Tenn. <sup>RD</sup> at (Hladysville, Tenn) its very rocky - I guess
- thats what they needed! Lewisburg is the friendliest town ever.
- We furnished Tennessee with 3 governors & part of another one.
- +□+□ (1) Gov. Horton (34) Horton park is on his home lot. Jim McCord was (2)
- he was mayor here. (Byrd Ellington (No 3) he was a merchant here.
- Gov. Printice Cooper had offices here as a lawyer. but lived in
- Shelbyville, Tenn. (we claim part of him) his son won a seat in Congress
- the last election - the Candidates all get chummy with us as we
- know how to get them in office. So we do have some smart folk here.
- I began this mess of writing Jan 1<sup>st</sup> so maybe you'll get it
- by Valentines Day - my broken hand has not rested up from all
- the Christmas cards I wrote.
- You wrote in UB. about (Green Hill) the great Methodist leader who
- moved to Williamson Co, Tenn. I have the entire history on him, son,
- & grandson, all Methodist preachers. I'll copy it for you when I
- find time. I'm a Methodist also. since I was a kid -



BILLYE MARIE U

X10-18356

6 MAY 1983

REC'D  
14 MAY 83

RT 5, ELLINGTON  
PARKWAY  
LEWISBURG, TN 37091

Hi Again.

May 6th '83

Are you still laughing at all the "junk" - I sent you to see? Well here is another picture to look at - you can drop it in the bag with my other junk & send back some time - I have lots more junk among my collections through the years.

This old Church Bradley's Creek Baptist Church. Where my dad, mom & the 3 older sisters joined about

1910 - or about. When dad ran a horse ranch at Lascassas, TN.

With (Will Greese). I imagine my little brother Joseph Marion is

buried here - They have no "Tombstones" - just the rock crypts - to

put bodies to when they die - Some people have them fixed to enter

& put clean shirts on the dead - There are plentiful in

Rutherford County. There are also lots of deep holes of water with no bottom to them. "Boom holes" is what all the people that owned one told me. (teams & wagons) disappeared in them - but some are about the size of a "water well" - We do not have them in Marshall County. Florida has these "sinkholes" also.

Abner maybe buried in one of the crypts - why we younger

kids cannot find a grave marker for him or William W.

(Aubrey) my oldest brother was buried at Lascassas, also. My

mom said he was buried at the same cemetery (Grandpa Bill)

was buried - I will eventually find out.

My dad's funeral was at this Church Mar. 15, 1922

my mom's funeral was there July 10, 1922 - (the last time I

was there) half the people could not get into the Church at

Mother's funeral. Both <sup>mom</sup> my & Dad joined The Powell Chapel

Baptist Church after we moved back from Nashville, TN.



- we are keeping our store ~~building~~ but re-doing inside <sup>with brick</sup> ~~outside~~
- We have sold our ~~store~~ <sup>goods</sup> even all the meat, drink, I-Cream, Dairy Cases etc. Some had not even been moved in 20 yrs.
- We had new white tile floor put in then. & built more room then. They are putting in a new floor this week & we will re-tile it - may rent it out. The 2 big storage rooms have concrete floors. but 40 yrs. ago - most were wood - double floors & tile - I kept a few antique things. (like a 8' long glass showcase) They don't hold any Red Velvet in Lewisburg - so I can't line it now - but plan to remove varnish when it gets a little warmer. It's cold here yet. (60 Tornadoes) around Tennessee. from Ark. to N. Y.
- Guess the "Good Lord" loved us Tennesseans - we did not get a one - we had a small one last July - blew shingles off my house.
- We really get the rain (no gardens planted yet) Normal Tenn. folks are eating snap beans & potatoes by early June.
- What did you think of Grand dad (Bill's) picture - he was a Sandy-Red head when young - even 'if his Army discharge said he & Bob had dark hair - (Bob died 1924) his 2 sons ran stores & drug stores at (Walter Hill) until the early 1930's - (I left there 1928) & Cousin Samuel Upchurch died & (Will) <sup>William</sup> his brother)
- + □ Samuels 2 sons left in the 1930's. So that was about the first time they were separated.
- Raymond has to have an (eye operation) & I need some treatment on my lower back & hip - where I've stood up 46 yrs. & worked. never got tired until now. We will have the rest of our lives to be idle I suppose - he is not able to go much.



- but it is a relief to get away from a crowd & be
- alone at home for a change - always some body
- dropping in - I'll try to find some older people left in
- +□ Lascossas, who knew about mom & dad & find out more.
- but anybody who knew (William W.) who died 1909 - would
- be so old now - probably could not believe them - I don't
- Abner (before that) so I doubt (with some kind of marker) I
- may never find out. Samuel C. Upchurch (my Cousin) & I
- had planned to drive over there & search of things - his
- wife had eye surgery & Raymond had multiple myeloma &
- was about dead for 3 yrs. now (Sam has had a stroke & they
- plan to pull out & move to Tampa, Florida.) So we are
- getting a little old to count too far in the future.
- +□ Raymond & I do not feel old - we play & act all the
- time like kids with Porcho - our (chi hau - chi-hau) dog.
- he even sleeps between us on the King size bed. plenty of
- room for more. he sleeps in his little bed during the day.
- My broken hand hurts so I can't hardly write - The rain does
- make it hurt worse. & swell so I cannot close my fist.

Can't wait to read (2B) - You received the check I sent you - Did you not? & all the funds?

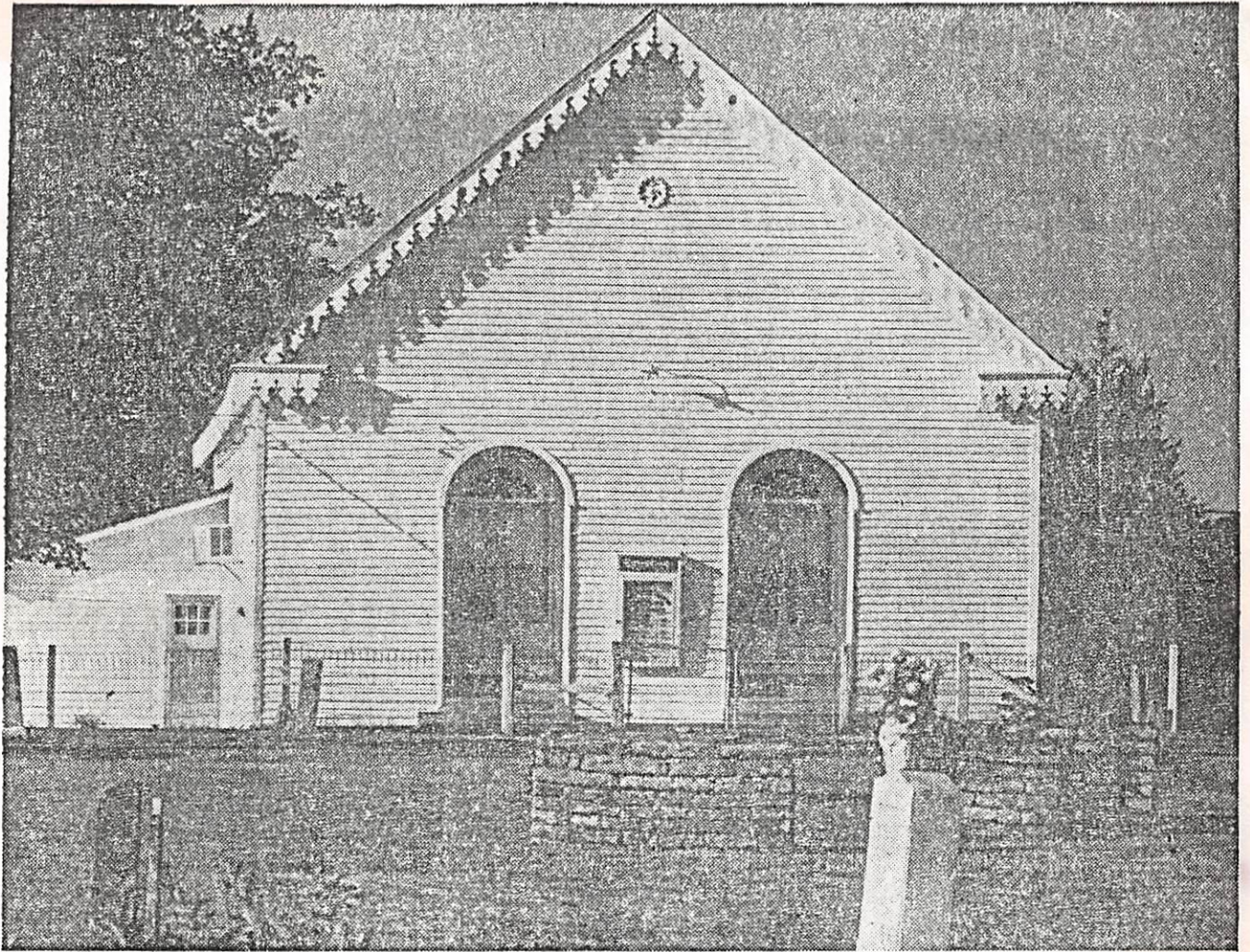
Keep up the good work -

Sincerely Your Cousin

Billee Upchurch (Purdum)

P.S.  
 This church is on the Lascossas Rd, at Lascossas - The Upchurch-Tune cemetery is not too far down the road from it. So the the "Dunaway's Chapel" Methodist church - & Cemetery, Grandpa Bill & 4-grandpa Abner - may be in these crypts. They had graves here with boxes & concrete or marble lids - most are gone now & head stones. at Loneoak Cemetery - We have decoration day there Sunday May 9 - we all buy flowers to decorate





—Staff photo by Jack Corn

## *Turning Back Pages in Time*

**LASCASSAS, Tenn.** — Dating back to 1847, these stone crypts in the Bradley Creek Baptist Church cemetery bear no markers for a clue to who is buried in them. The cemetery is still in use today.

*original returned to Billye Marie U 1 AUG 1983*



REC 10  
30 AUG 1983

Thurs. Night Aug. 25, 1983

Dear Cousin Phil:

Mrs. Billye (Raymond) Purdom  
Rte. 5, Ellington Parkway  
Lewisburg, Tenn. 37091

- Were sin back in the old 'burg' - all in once piece &
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- Kidney, blood, heart, spleen & liver, & Bones. I watched
- my bones separate & go back together & formed a
- little (green-blue) skeleton (looked like (E.T) watched
- my heart, liver & spleen & all parts on T.V. screen, then
- us in (Nuclear Medicine) machine dept. I had all kind
- of the new X-Rays etc. (Cat Scan) came last. They X-Ray
- all of us all the time (8:30 each night) wheel chairs line
- up - (Block boys roll them) I almost freeze to death
- they keep it so cold. When we were half nude - we all
- wrapped in white Thermal Blankets. After 2 wks. of
- this cold - they day we were discharged - Raymond's niece
- that runs the P.O. at Nolensville, Tr. has a new car - &
- she brought us home (another niece packed her car &
- come also - My nephew & his wife took us down there -
- + □ My other niece & her husband kept my house & "Poncho"
- our Chi-Kuan-chi-hou baby dog) he cried for us.
- Raymond. Can see good now (has 80/20 vision - after
- the next eye is done (he probably will be a 20/20 guy.
- he spent 2 days on the 5th floor (Eye patients floor) I
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- Went in Surgery or X-Ray - we were together in
- a large room - real nice - 2 beds, bath, & 2 closets.
- I really hated for that (vacation) to end - it's a nice
- place to be - Centennial park joins it - so they have
- glass walls & padded chairs for you to sit on out
- in long halls & look at flowers & fountains all
- around the Hospital - (No Interns or Nurses Training)
- They are all young nurses & Doctors own & Control
- the Hospital - They have long halls - with operation rooms
- on either side - Some in X-Ray rooms. They really give
- Raymond & I the red Carpet treatment.
- I had 2 polyps removed from my Colon - my only kidney
- cleaned out (surgically) bladder & Colon were tied. So Dr.
- Dunkerley (Colon Specialist) found pus & blood in my kidney
- Dr. Barnette (Kidney Surgeon) operated upon that (Dr. Dillard)
- Cut a piece out of back Rib - to see the bone marrow - then
- they called Raymond's oncologist (Dr. Ray in to see if a
- cancer showed up in my blood) checked out O.K. (Dr. Ray said)
- my back bone is attacked crooked yet, false bones on my
- head are growing & as yet I have my diverticulitis.
- (Pockets in my Colon) They gave me Pap smears & all the
- things to prevent Cancer - Since I did not have one.
- it's quit hurting as bad now - Have plenty wrong yet.
- The muscles won't hold my bladder up enough - may have
- to have surgery to get it tied up. That was all I
- wanted done at present. Need some polyps cut from my
- nose & throat. These head bones are birth defects & kidney
- stones are also. I'm getting over my Aareness - but

- Cut a ginger nail too short & it is so sore I can't
- write very much. Oh yes, I got my package back
- O.K. What did you think of my jummy junk? I have
- lots more. (I bought a large book of cemeteries in NE
- East Rutherford Co. Taken in Lascosses & Walter Hills. I
- know of a lot of cemeteries they missed. I made a map of
- District (15) off my map - Abner's 200 acre farm is on it.
- & his no. 2 wife had a big farm across the road (all the
- roads are Wagon Trails). Care were not thought of them.
- Cousin Della Singleton <sup>→ SARAH ARDELLA W.</sup> ran the toll gate at Walter Hill. I
- can remember that. She was Robert (Bobs) Upchurch dau.
- + □ I hope Sam & I get able to go over there & prowls some
- day - (his stroke almost got him) he's better though -
- I am on a 1200 cal. Fiber diet - (eat fruits with skins) whole grain
- bread - for my Colon. As you get older & I've been on my feet
- in the store 76 yrs. you just wear out.
- We're having Arizona weather here. (did not start school)
- I'm doing very little now - (staying in air conditioned
- home) I water my tomatoes with hose every few days - We
- had a rain & electric storm 2 wks. ago today - over 4 inches
- of rain - most of 2000. haven't had but a sprinkle since
- + □ June - We're not used to this 100° here. So Raymond & I
- took the worst colds we ever had when we left the Hospital to
- come home - Coughed for over 2 wks. I never coughed even in
- winter - but did this time. had my doctor here 3 times to
- no avail - So I went in the bath room - Turned the
- whirlpool shower on my head. The hot water cured me.
- + □ Don't you think Samuel W. & Abner are connected?
- Why did James go to live with him, & why



4<sup>th</sup>

- + □ did Abner buy 200 ac of land, like Samuel did?
- Nothing has showed up yet to indicate Abner's other Name.
- I made red lines on the map under my Kinfolk Name.
- So many of Lucy Hunts folk are on there & the Wnathers
- my grandpa (Dr. Joseph Marion Young - married mine)
- Mattie Wnather (his 4<sup>th</sup> wife) there on the Lebanon Rd.
- (buried there now) I went to school with these folk
- grand kids & great grandkids -
- About you visiting Lebanon, TN. Sorry I mis read it
- (Vol. 4 Number 1 - Jan. 83 UB) talking about your trips
- you said very little time for genealogical searches
- but by some long plane rides & airport waits did
- provide time for extracting many details on the
- unconnected lines, headed by Abner U. who was born 1806
- (N.C.) & moved to Lebanon (Wilson Co, TN) in 1824.
- My marbles don't stay contact all the time. - So I
- just did not read it well. (No you did not say you went)
- My fingers hurt so tonight I'll quit & do better next time.
- Keep up the good work,
- Sincerely Your Cousin
- Billye.
- We go back for Raymond's (2 doctors) checkup (Sept. 6)
- Oncologist & Eye Specialist.

Special

- + □ I'm even more convinced Abner was Samuel U.'s son.
- + □ Samuel's (12th child) James born 1816 that left home in Illinois & they felt he had gone back to Lebanon, TN. his hometown (In Morgan's book, she said there was a James Upchurch in Lebanon, TN. age 33) So I think I found out about him (James born 1916) age 33 on Census
- + □ + □ Wife (Martha, age 22) Sarah 5 - John 3 - Robert 7-12.
- Sam (my cousin Samuel Clemmons U. of Antioch, near Nashville, Tenn.) got a book from State Archives (Book of Tennessee marriages) he copied them & sent me yesterday before he left for Tampa, Fla. his son (like you) is at the University of the South at Tampa. (This James Upchurch I was referring to.. was with Abner U. family - son Lebanon & maybe into Tenn. (he married when he was 27 yrs. old (to Martha Bond 16 yrs. old) makes it match what Morgan wrote - he married July 18, 1843.
- And also found out Abner U. (re-married) a neighbor woman in Lascassas, TN. (Melissa Williams)
- They ~~re~~ married May 10, 1862 - Nancy had died I heard in 1962. (but surely he never md. that soon. (just 5 months) - I also found out about 2 of Abner's sons. (Cagney Gilliam U. born 1829 married Elizabeth Chumley Feb. 13, 1867) & Abner's <sup>(2nd)</sup> son James Samuel U. <sup>b. 1832</sup> married Eliza A. Jordan Sept. 18, 1857.
- + □ His daughter Lucinda U. married Shelton Jackson Feb. 15, 1807.
- + □ William W. Upchurch md. Lucy Hunt Sept 27 - 1871
- + □ Robert Lafayette U. md. Mary Elizabeth Temple Aug. 25, 1872
- So I found all of Abner's sons - & 2 daughters (3 more to go)



BILLYE MARIE WILSON

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R 5 ELLINGTON PKWY  
LEWISBURG, TN  
37091

- Hi there cuz. Hope every thing is fine - & you never  
freeze our coldest winter - Very little I went outside.
- I am sending a (20¢ stamp) so you can send me the address
  - of Jessie Charles Upchurch b. May 19, 1925 in Oklahoma.
  - of Aaron of Ambrose Upchurch b. 1804. who I believe may be
  - abner's brother - as he was in Lebanon, TN. (Wilson Co) in the
  - census. (If abner's dad was there then) he had plenty of
  - reasons to spend time in Wilson County. Abner's 2nd son
  - James S. Upchurch b. 1838 Lebanon, TN. went to Indian ter.
  - in Okla. he may have left some of his children there - I know of
  - 1 that come back & md. in Murfreesboro, TN. - So Jessie C.
  - may know some out in Okla. - was taught school with Raymond's
  - Cousin in Okla. I was not interested then & forgot what her
  - +□ name was except (Upchurch) If abner b 1806 & Ambrose b 1804
  - +□ were brothers - Jessie Charles & I would be a (Amidgen son)
  - Sam C. U. (my cousin) must have gone to Florida, he was
  - supposed to have gone last 2 hrs. but it was so bad all
  - schools & roads & every thing closed up. here & Nashville
  - he said he heard from you. He is very feeble yet - but is
  - improving. We can't get over "getting old," as it seems only
  - a few years since we were in school together - he
  - was a timid, quiet boy. (not boyish) all the kids called him
  - "Sissy" I was opposite. a good basket ball player & in all school
  - plays & other activities we had then - I even won a beauty
  - contest when I was 16 yrs. old. I drew a sketch of the
  - Counties near me. So you see all the Upchurch's in them.
  - have you found records on these? the black Upchurch's in
  - Nash. are from our ancestor's slaves I presume. They gave them
  - their names. I'll be waiting for my UB to arrive.

- Sincerely your cuz

Billye Marie Purdon





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"Happy Easter (Good Friday) or April Fools Day" - April 1, 1983.

Phone book lists put in  
phone book file.

1 APR 1983

MRS RAYMOND PORDOM  
RTS ELLINGTON PARKWAY  
LEWISBURG, TN 37091

Dear Cousin Jim. I think I have my questionnaire all ready. Hope I answered

the questions plain & readable - my broken hand hurts so bad yet I can write a few words

then I can't rest it across the paper to write - can't mop or sweep hardly at all.

Frankie (my black boy) does that for me. Raymond & I think he & Poncho - our little

Chikau - chi-hau dog are our family (they do to). We sold all the store equipment &

they are tearing it out - been out of gas a while - been selling mostly Kerosene &

stove pipes - as most everybody in town have a kerosene heater. & all they only good

EXXON Kerosene here - (Gulf smokes their heaters) so they use mine. I'm keeping a long

glass antique straw case or covered cage - going to lace it in satin or velvet &

put my "pitchers" in it. Dad bought me one before he died with Red Cherries on it.

So I've added & rec'd gifts of pitchers - (I have about 100) I suppose I have a

large one set on a washstand) my washstand is OAK & I have several antique dishes &

furniture (When Raymond was born; his dad ran a store) & Raymond was in the produce

business until 1947 (he quit) to help me run the store - as I had to have my right

Kidney removed in Oct. 22, 1950 - (so we need the rest) I'm having leg & back trouble

on my feet too much - (Raymond is in a wheel chair at present.) I'm going to send

you a personal package of ancient material about the Upchurch's - (you can send it

back to me) as I do not have 2 copies - (I enjoy all the bulletins I get) my doctor

had a (Colon Cancer) operation Jan. 16 - Nashville, TN, so I'm not getting my regular

shots & treatments now (he goes back to work next week, I think) Raymond's multi-

myeloma - it's better, we go back to Nashville to (Dr. Borg) for treatment (Apr. 11) He is an

oncologist - for (blood) diseases - Raymond is making blood on his own now. Lived

on blood transfusions we gave him since (Feb. 16, 1980) he has taken no blood now since

Sept. 1st. & it's higher at checkups (at present) he does have to take Radium on X-Ray

for it & I'm glad. I've sent the pictures & junk - you may want to use some of

William W. U. Civil War discharge, picture etc. Write me anytime or if I

never answered all questions satisfactory - I'll do it again.

Sincerely Your Cousin  
Billye Marie Upchurch (Pordom)

I

→ [SAMUEL ABNER U I]

- △ 1 Is there any hint, as to why Abner Upchurch came to Lebanon, TN.
- No, I have no idea why or when Abner U. came to Lebanon, TN (Wilson Co)
- Records from Lebanon, TN. show Abner U. was in Lebanon, TN in the
- early 1820's or maybe sooner. as he was married to Nancy Pyland of
- Lebanon also. They married March 20, 1828 both said they were citizens
- + □ of Wilson County & (Nancy Pyland b 1803 N.C.) (Abner U. b. 1806 N.C.)
- △ William Rawls married them. Their 9 children all born in Lebanon, TN.
- To obtain citizenship, they both must have been there for years.
- 

□ 2 Where in North Carolina was Abner born?

- I do not know of anything about him until 1820's in Lebanon, TN
- That's why I feel Samuel Upchurch was his father. They are all
- Upchurch's in Lebanon records. back in 1820's & earlier.
- 

△ 3 Did Abner leave a will at his death? Yes.

- △ The Rutherford County Court at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Appointed Will Jordan
- Administrator of Abner's Estate - which consists of 2 parcels of land.
- They never mentioned the acreage - or about his other personal property.
- △ I suppose his belongings were divided among his 9 children - & Nancy
- could be alive but I imagine she had died in Lebanon, or somewhere.
- △ I do not know what became of her (4 youngest daughter) unless they
- were in Illinois or N.C. No member in my family ever mentioned them.
- + □ + □ + □ (William W) (Robert L) (James U) (& Ann) never heard of the others anywhere.
- △ The Court also stated Abner Upchurch was buried on a hillside
- △ + △ Cemetery near Lascassas, TN. he may have buried Nancy there earlier.
- my 2 brothers are buried there also. (Aubrey Sam Davis Upchurch 1899)
- △ + □ Joseph Marion Upchurch (1912) oldest & youngest of James William U. 10
- children.



#### 4 What is the Name of our Family Cemetery?

[BETTIE O PHELIA TUNE]

- △ "Upchurch-Tune" cemetery - a privately owned cemetery (Ophelia Tune and
- + △ Ray Hall) a neighbor boy - they own the cemetery & farm home of William W. &
- △ + △ Lucy H. U. (when William W. died Dec. 1, 1908 at the farm home)
- △ on the Holly Grove & Lascossas Road, he was buried in a cemetery
- △ + △ + △ near Lascossas, TN. (I suppose near his father Abner) & maybe Nancy.
- △ + △ + □ Lucy sold the farm to her daughter (Ella U. md. Charlie Tune) they bought
- △ the farm - (Lucy Reps Hunt U.) kept a acre or more of the farm, had it
- △ fenced in for a cemetery for her & the 8 children to be buried in.
- △ So on March 12, 1914 she was buried there (my dad, her oldest son)
- △ James William U. was buried there March 15, 1922 - on his 26<sup>th</sup> wedding
- △ + △ Anniversary - (he was only 49 yrs. old) 2 of Lucy's daughters & their
- △ + △ + △ husbands were buried there (Nannie U. Peggie Puckett & dau. Lucille)
- △ + △ + △ Ella U. md. Charlie Tune & their son John Oscar <sup>Tune</sup> ~~Upchurch~~ buried there.
- △ All the rest are Tunes - (my nephew William Claude Beaver - Sept 2, 1925)
- (my mom) Dorothy Emmaline Young Upchurch July 10, 1932) we buried the rest
- + □ here in Lewisburg, TN. (mom & Dad's double marker) Upchurch on it & on
- △ Lucy H. U. The rest are other names. (Lucy Reps Hunt Upchurch) her name.

#### △ + △ 5 Was Any of Robt. L. or William W. Upchurch children b elsewhere?

- △ Robert L. (had 2 sons) (2 daughters) all born & died at Walter Hill - they
- ran stores there (drug store) Telephone office - Barbershop for yrs.
- △ until their deaths. (William W.) had 4 sons & 4 daughters) all lived
- around Walter Hill & Murfreesboro, TN. (2 of the boys farmed)
- one was undertaker & my dad was the only one to live in late
- of town & 2 states - (he died at Walter Hill, TN)



□ +6 □ Do you have a reason to believe Gilliam U. was Abner's father?

□ +□ I have never had a reason to believe Gilliam was Abner's father?

□ +□ Abner U. oldest son was named Cagney Gilliam U. born 1829 Lebanon, TN.

□ +□ I feel like Samuel Upchurch was, as Lebanon records show they were  
- the only Upchurch's on census & deed transfers -

□ One Gilliam U. owned 125 Acres land at Flynn's Lick, Jackson County, TN

□ So I never knew of any other Gilliam U. (1850 census, Lebanon, TN.

□ Lists Ambrose U. there for a little while. That's all older ones.

□ I now have a first cousin there (John B. Upchurch & he has sons) he

□ +□ was dad's brother John Abner U (son) he lives there yet & 2 of Nannie Puckett's  
- children live there to.

7- Why did my parents move to Kentucky?

△ +□ Dec. 1901 - James & Emma Upchurch (my parents) put their furniture

□ on a L & N train. also their 3 babies (Iva Estes 5 mo. old)

□ +□ (Pearl Mae age 2) (Ava Lucille age 3) People thought they were triplets.

△ They landed in Sebree, Kentucky (Webster County) My dad had a job

△ in a Coal mine there - he was foreman there 10 yrs. before we returned

△ +△ to (TEN-E-C) (DOAK PUCKETT) lived there & his twin brother Lenzie -

△ +□ +△ +△ Puckett md. Nannie Upchurch (my dad's sister) Lenzie & Nannie Mae.

- had their 4 children all born in Sebree, Ky. Several friends from

- Rutherford County - went to Sebree, Ky & worked.

□ +□ Jim & Emma. had 5 children b in Sebree, Ky. (5 b Tennessee)

□ a James Roy U. b May 21, 1906 (a) (21 mo. old) (pneumonia) - buried Sebree, Ky

□ b Arlene U. born Jan. 30, 1909 (Lived 48 hrs.) Buried Sebree, Ky. burial Sebree, Ky.

□ c Eileen U. born Jan. 30, 1909 same died bold hives.

□ d Billye Marie U. b. Jan. 18, 1910 Sebree, Ky. (im the only one left)

□ e Bessie Lorene U. b. Sept. 8, 1911 (Sebree) d. June 20, 1945 buried Lewisburg TN  
(Lone Oak cemetery.)

□ f md. Thomas Digger Clay b. Dec 11 - 1910 (Lewisburg TN) d. Rockford, Ill. July 11 - 1963.



## - 8 You want to know about me & my Cop Uncle in Nashville, Tn.

- + □ + Δ The cop in Nashville, Tn. I did a "Beat-" with my dad's Uncle Jim.
- Δ + Δ So it surely was (Jim Upchurch) my dad was named for - & he
  - was Abner's second son born in Lebanon, Tn. ca 1831. For my
  - + Δ dad had no other Uncle Jim except (Lucy Hunt) had a half-brother
    - Δ (Jim Maynard) one of the richest men to ever live in Rutherford Co.
    - & plowed on his farm at 98 yrs. old (we would have a fish fry
    - Δ every Birthday of his for yrs.) all of Lucy's 8 kids & family &
    - lots of friends & others - There were several hundred at the
    - + □ picnic each yr. He was about 110 yrs. old or more - He left us
    - Δ + Δ some money (but my dad's jack are afraid to get it) as Uncle Jim's
    - sons threatened them (Some are dead now) Boss manard fell down
    - Δ + Δ a elevator shaft in Nashville & was killed. (Uncle Jim killed Lucy's
    - children more than his sons -) They dared the others to get theirs - So
    - + □ it's still in Court in Murfreesboro, Tn. I suppose. I did not go
    - after my share - (I'd get all of dad's share now) since my sister's
    - died - but we worked & made & saved all the money I'll ever
    - ? □ need I think - So this Uncle Jim Maynard was not my
    - ↑ Δ + Δ dad's Uncle Jim (the Cop) we would go to see Walter Upchurch
    - Δ + Δ also - he was Uncle Jim's sister's son. (Walter Upchurch) his mattress
    - factory burned in Nashville, Tn. one night we went to the fire - as
    - + □ it was on my (our) beat - dad went along also. I plan to see
    - (Joe Casey) Nashville's main law to see if there isn't a record or list
    - of old Cops in Nashville for (1915 & 1916) (after & before) So I'll
    - find out - Raymond has been to bad off for me to leave & go any where
    - the past 3 yrs. (he is better now) started to make his own blood now.
    - Lived on Transfusions since (Feb. 16, 1980) So we really had it.



## - 9 Where Was I married ?

- I was married in Lewisburg, Tenn (Fri 8:30 P.M.) January 8, 1937.
- △ to Raymond Edwin Owen Purdom b. Dec. 13, 1908, Lewisburg, Tn.
- △ Rev. Clarence D. Creasman officiated (Baptist minister)
- + △ I am a Methodist, Raymond (member the Church of Christ) So both
  - our parents were Baptist & all of my sisters - So we selected their
  - pastor to marry us.

## △ 10 Where was my father married, where did he die ?

- △ My father (James William Upchurch ord. March 15, 1896 to
- △ Dorothea Emmaline Young (b) January 1<sup>st</sup> 1972 Maloneville, Tenn
- △ James William died March 14, 1922 - Walter Hill, Tenn. Near
- Murfreesboro, Tenn (burial) Upchurch - Tune Cemetery - <sup>Family</sup> Holly Grove Road Lascassas, Tenn.

## - 11 Where was my Mother Buried ?

- △ my mother Dorothea Emmaline (Dorothy Emma) U. died July 9, 1932 -
- Lewisburg, Tenn. Burial July 10, 1932 - (Family Plot) Upchurch - Tune Cemetery
- △ Holly Grove Rd, Lascassas, Tn. Buried beside my father.

## △ 12 Questions About William W. Upchurch my Grandfather,

- △ a I can't find grandpa (Bill's) birthday or month - all I know was 1837.
- △ b The "W." in W.W. Upchurch's name could be Walter - since his dau-  
 ? named her only child (Walter G.) The G is for Giliam, after her  
 ? oldest brother.
- △ c William W. Upchurch was buried at a cemetery at Lascassas, Tn.
- d not for sure what cemetery - I suppose it's by his dad Abner &  
 - maybe his mother (Nancy also) my 2 little brothers are buried there
- + □ Someplace (Aubrey Sam Davis U. 1899) Joseph Marion U. Aug 15, 1914.



△ 13 Where was Lucy Hunt Upchurch born? my grandmother.

△ + □ a Lucille Reys Hunt (Lucy R) widow of William W. Upchurch

- b born March 21, 1840. Rutherford County, near Lascassas, Tenn.

- c Died March 12, 1914 near Murfreesboro, TN.

- d. Buried at her private Cemetery - Lascassas, TN. Route 3.

□ 14 For Aubrey Sam Davis Upchurch.

△ a Aubrey Sam Davis Upchurch b. Walter Hill, TN. (same place born) <sup>died</sup> b April 20, 1898

- b he died in February 2, 1899 - (10 months old)

△ + △ c Burial Lascassas Cemetery where William W. is buried.

- 15 Ava Lucille Upchurch. (spelled) Lucille after Grandma Lucy)

△ a Ava Lucille Upchurch b May 24, 1899 near Murfreesboro, TN. Lebanon Road.

- b Died Nov. 1, 1956 Lewisburg, TN. (spinal cancer) never married.

- c Buried Lone Oak Cemetery, Lewisburg, Tenn. (Marshall County)

- 16 Pearl Mae Upchurch. (Beever)

△ a Pearl Mae Upchurch b - June 5, 1900 Murfreesboro, TN. Lebanon Rd.

- b died April 27, 1969 - Lewisburg, TN. Burial - Lone Oak Cem. Lewisburg, TN.

△ c married June 7, 1922 - Murfreesboro, TN. to Charlie Lewis Beever born.

- d April 28, 1883 - Evansville, Ind. (died Aug 25, 1943) b. Lone Oak Cem Lewisburg - TN

- 17 Iva Estes Upchurch.

△ a Iva Estes Upchurch b - July 30, 1901, Murfreesboro, TN. Lebanon, Rd.

- b died Nov. 10, 1960 Lewisburg, TN. burial Lone Oak Cem. Lewisburg, TN.

△ c md. May 3, 1933 Lewisburg, TN. to Vance Fogoran Luna b. Dec. 15, 1886 <sup>Giles County</sup> Pulaski TN.

- d - Mar. 2, 1960 Lewisburg, TN, buried Lone Oak Cem. Lewisburg, TN.



□ 18 James Ray Upchurch.

△ a James Ray Upchurch b. May 21, 1906 Sebree, Kentucky.

- b Died 1907 - of (pneumonia) burial Sebree, Kentucky.

△ 19 Arline Upchurch born. Jan. 30, 1909 (d) Feb. 2, 1909 Sebree, Ky

- Twins b burial Sebree, Ky.

△ 20 Eileen Upchurch born Jan. 30 1909 (d) Feb. 2, 1909 Sebree, Kentucky

- b Burial Sebree, Ky.

□ 21 Billye Marie Upchurch

△ a Billye Marie Upchurch b. Jan. 18, 1910 Sebree, Ky (NOT DEAD YET)

□ b m. Jan. 18, 1937 - Lewisburg, Tn. to Raymond Pardon. Lewisburg, Tn.

□ 22 Bessie Lorene Upchurch

△ a Bessie Lorene Upchurch b. Sept. 8, 1911 Sebree, Ky.

- b died. June 20, 1945 Lewisburg, Tn. burial Lone Oak Cen, Lewisburg Tn.

△ c married Thomas Liggett Clay b Dec. 9, 1910 Lewisburg Tn. <sup>burial wheel</sup> ~~near~~ Cemetery near

△ d Died July 11, 1963 (d) Rockford, Illinois (Lorene died 19 yrs before he died) <sup>Lewisburg, Tn</sup>

□ 23 Joseph Marion Upchurch

△ a Joseph Marion U- born Aug. 12, 1912 Near Lascassas, Tn.

- b (Died) - He was born dead - Naval Cord had wrapped around his neck - he

- had been dead before he<sup>te</sup> was born - burial Aug. 13, 1912 -

- Cemetery Near Lascassas, Tn. (stillbirth)



Δ 106 1/2 Acres land Sold to Jasper Ashwood on Dec. 21, 1818 by  
Δ Samuel Upchurch. [son of JOHN U III] ←

Δ + Δ + Δ On Nov. 14, 1818 John & Jesse Henry sold to Samuel Upchurch. (Acres not stated)

Δ + Δ July 29, 1816 Thomas Alpine sold land to Samuel Upchurch. [SON OF JOHN U III]

Δ + Δ April 21, 1852 John Losater sold land to James Upchurch. [SON OF SAMUEL U]

Δ + Δ Oct. 6, 1842 Samuel Alsop sold land to James Upchurch. [ " ]

☾ — This is all the land sales & transactions in the Registrars office in Lebanon, TN

— that a Upchurch is connected with from (1793 to 1924) 12-24-1818

Δ + Δ Samuel sold the land 106 1/2 acres he bought from Thomas McAlpine, Lincoln County

Δ + Δ for \$250<sup>00</sup> he must have plans to go to Illinois - but he was still in Lebanon, TN

Δ + Δ + Δ 1818 - Why did he buy more land from Jesse & John Henry 1818 - he must have

Δ + Δ bought it for his sons - James & John U. who went back to Lebanon to marry

□ the girl he left behind - William L. came back also they think - I believe he

□ + □ was Abner (as no other Upchurch's are recorded there - except Abner's

□ + □ wife Nancy Pyland & 9 kids - (Samuel & his 12 kids) Ambrose Upchurch

□ was there in the 1880 census for a while - James Upchurch that

☾ □ + □ + □ bought land there was Samuel's youngest son, or Abner had a son James U

□ born 1831. (I think he was my Cop uncle) in Nashville, TN.

Δ + Δ Abner did not buy land in Lebanon, TN. Samuel may have bought it for him.   
→ [SAMUEL ABNER U I]

Δ Abner bought land before 1860 census in Murfreesboro, TN. Owned 2 parcels

□ At his death there, James U. was not found on 1880 census in Lebanon, TN.

□ If it was my (uncle Jim) he went west for a while - came back to Tennessee.   
→ [SON OF SAMUEL ABNER U I]

Δ + Δ In 1850 William L was not in Illinois - So I believe it was William Abner

Δ he was in Lebanon, TN, at that time - So was (Will Jordan) Will had a

Δ + Δ son born in Lebanon, TN (John Jordan md. Martha Estes) They had a son born there

Δ + Δ (Will Jordan md. Lucy Short) they moved to Water Hill. (both died there)

Δ John Jordan also had 2 dau. They live near Lebanon, Wilson County - one md

— Rev. m<sup>o</sup> Minn the other md. a Lasater. I suppose they are there yet.

Δ + Δ + Δ (Will Jordan No 1) John's father. was Abner's administrator over his estate

□ in Rutherford Co. Murfreesboro, TN. Courthouse - Abner was on the 1860

— census in Rutherford Co. TN.

BILLYE MARIE U

XID-18356

REC'D  
13 JULY 1983

MRS BILLYE (RAYMOND) PURDOM  
RTE 5, ELLINGTON PARKWAY  
LEWISBURG, TN 37091

Thurs. Night - 7-7-83

Dear Cousin Phil. 7 JUL 1983

- Rec'd your UB. I was a little disappointed, as
- I thought you had discovered a little on (Abner)
- on your trip to Lebanon, TN. I found some things
- on him that interest me quite a bit - one is a
- 1878 map of (Rutherford County) TN. (Abner had some
- land & farms on it - on the Valley View Road, turn
- off Holly Grove & Lascassas Road left - before going on
- to Lascassas. A pretty mountain range behind the farm.
- They call them "knobs" over there - 3 by the cemetery
- + □ + □ where my mom & dad are buried. My dad showed
- them to me when I was small - he said <sup>one</sup> was
- "Grandfather Knob" one "Rattlesnake Knob" & I forget
- the other one - They are back of Abner's farm &
- can be seen from (William W.) Bill's farm home -
- It's standing yet & people live in it - My Cousin owns
- it & rents the farm out. Beautiful deep beams on ceiling
- She has planned to (re-do-it) & move there - She had
- lived there all her life - until she built a brick home
- in Murfreesboro. The map shows (Lucy Hunt farm) & her
- half brother (Jim Manard) & all her kin folk "Hunts" farms
- Abner was the only Upchurch in Rutherford County at that



2nd

- +□+□ time - Bob, Bill & James were not on owned farms at  
□+□ that time - Bob & Bill went to the Civil War farm  
- there. I never realized how close the Wilson Co.  
- line was to Sarcassas until I saw this map -  
□ Abner is about 5 miles or less from the Wilson Co. line.  
□ I think I could find the farm - then just Wagon Rds.  
□ I know they looked different from the paved ones now.  
□ Another item I ordered a book on Cemeteries in  
□ Rutherford Co. (210 pages) They have (Vol - 1-2-3) I <sup>ask</sup> ~~ask~~  
- for (Vol. 2) (Sarcassas etc.) It has over 200 cemeteries.  
□ I just bought the Eastern third of Rutherford Co. part of Wilson  
- Cannon County - Vol 1 & 3 - have lots also - & a special  
- book on (Evergreen Cem) in Murfreesboro, TN. They cost  
- \$10.50 + \$1.00 postage from the Historical Society of M'boro.  
- So many of the cemeteries have broken or no stone after  
- almost 100 yrs. & quite a number so old, can't be read  
- or field stones - & so many are at farms - So I  
□ may find some on Abner's farms - or run into some  
□ old farmer who knows - maybe my cousin Sam U. &  
□+□ I can go sometime - Sam walks some now since  
- his stroke Dec. 1st. not well yet - They removed  
□ blood clots from Artery in both sides of his neck - he

512.

- drove down to see me though... & looks very good.
- Have you sent my pictures etc. (Junk) back yet?
- If you have not mailed them - Hold back a while.
- I'm entering "Park View" Hospital in Nashville, TN.
- July 11th, (X-Rays etc) all day to see my back
- trouble - I look for surgery to follow as I have a
- blockage of some sort at times - Raymond is going
- also - he's having eye <sup>implant</sup> ~~operation~~ (I think July 12) We
- have already measured his eye & all necessary things.
- Already fixed out both our Entrance forms & Ins.
- forms - The laser operation is not bad on him & only
- 4 days hospitalization - but we don't know about me,
- mine may require wks. So I won't be here after <sup>(July</sup> 11th)
- for a while - my niece & her husband are keeping house
- here while I am gone - It has been 2 yrs. today
- since I broke my arm & tore my hand off - It still
- hurts when I write. As I can't scoot it just enough to
- write without - clattering my words together.
- The 1878 map I bought is about 4x5' or more. I get a
- magnifying glass & read names & farms of people I know or
- ~~heard~~ ~~my~~ ~~father~~ ~~talk~~ heard my father talk about - They
- have the Town Com. on it - my mom, Dad, Lucy & William Beers -
- owns on it. Birth dates & Deaths.

HAHAHA



4<sup>th</sup>

- Well it's getting late, my arm is tired & my brain too
- I think, as I can't spell (or write) I'll try & let
- you know when I get back (if I do) haha.
- Raymond said he may need a cane & a "Seeing Eye Dog"
- when he comes home.

- We had our family reunion (June 11th) about 8 pm Texas.
- 2 from Indiana - 2 the rest from (Tenn.-E.C.) Raymond's
- only brother living from Nowata, Okla. did not get to come.
- he's getting kindly off - or bats in his Beefy or something, he's
- outlived 2 wives so far.
- Keep up the search for my (99 grandad) - his wife Nancy
- whom he ord. 1828 - (I sent you the wedding certificate I died
- 1862 (Do Sam find out) we'll find more if we don't croak
- + □ soon - Sam & I are not as young as we once were.

- Write you again later or get somebody to do  
- it if I don't feel able.

- I'm up running around, cooking etc.

- Sincerely, your cousin.

□ Billie Marie.

- Temperature will be 50° tonight - 78° tomorrow. been
- 90° & over - "kinda" sticky - I love this kind weather -
- I really love "snow". I try & eat all of here when we
- have a big fluffy one.

- Do you have some way to make Re-prints of
- William W. Upchurch's picture I sent you? If so
- make me a film or a couple of pictures or as
- you wish & I'll send you money for them later.
- You can wait until I get back from Nashville, TN.
- Don't know how long the observations & maybe surgery
- will take for me to return back to Lewisburg, TN.
- I dread leaving my little Chi-hau-Chi-hau dog.
- "Poneho" he cries after me all the time - we
- cuddle up every day after lunch & take a snooze.



BILLYE MARIE U

XID-18356

2 AUG 1983

MRS RAYMOND PURDOM  
RTE 5, ELLINGTON PARKWAY  
LEWISBURG, TN 37091

Dear Cousin Billye,

This is just a note to inquire about your health and to let you know that I sent your reference materials back yesterday. Hope they have arrived safe and sound by now. Sallene and I found time Sunday to go to the Xerox place and get the copies made. The only technique I have for getting copies of the picture of William W U is by Xerox. It did turn out well as did all of the other stuff. I assume you can make Xerox copies of the William W U picture there without trouble. I went over each item to make sure it copied well. Sooner or later I will extract these materials and at that time will no doubt have some questions. It was grand of you to loan them to me and I am sorry it took me so long to send them back. Just trying to do too many things I guess.

~~Oh~~ You mentioned my trip to Lebanon, TN. There must be some mistake as I have never been there on a genealogical search. Of course I do hope to go someday. I did pass through

two or three times in the last twenty years but did not realize at the time there were Upchurches there.

I do hope that both you and Raymond are out of the hospital now and back home and doing well. Hospitals are good if you need them. Please let me know how you are getting along.

I do not have a report from the lady in Salt Lake City, UT who has been hired to do Upchurch research using the Upchurch Research Funds. I gave her all of the missing links, including your Abner, and told her to work on which ever ones she could make progress on.

In the next few days I have to write Vol 4 No 3 of the Upchurch Bulletin so it can go in the mail in early September.

All the best and please write

Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]



BILLYE MARIE U... XFD-18356

15 MAY 1983

MRS BILLYE FORDOM  
RT 5 ELLINGTON PARKWAY  
LEWISBORGE, TN 37091

Dear Cousin Billye,

Your letter of May 6, 1983 has arrived and serves as a reminder that I have not acknowledged the package of materials which arrived about a week or so ago. I have gone over the materials and find them very interesting and informative and useful. Your effort in sending this material is appreciated and I hope you will send more. As soon as I can get a little spare time I will rebox the materials and return them to you. Don't worry about them I'll be sure they get back.

The story of the crypts at Lascasson, TN is very interesting. I had never heard of this type of burial before.

There is an extremely busy time here. We are almost 3/4 thru through UB Vol 4 issue 2 and hope to have it in the mail in early June as usual. At the University we are in the midst of about 3 weeks of "week-end" activities associated with

graduations. The labor of love I could spend on  
genealogy. Next Sunday we have the university  
President's Agricultural reception for the first time. There  
is my brain child and my responsibility we should  
have 400-1000 people. Tomorrow my sister and her  
husband arrive from NC for a long awaited  
visit. Today I leave for Washington, DC for  
a two day stay - and if all goes right  
(this is a secret) tomorrow my promotion  
to Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture will  
be announced. I will be responsible for all  
instruction and for development. A big and  
exciting new challenge!

I had receive year 10 check for the Splunk  
Research Fund and the 7 for postage and  
these contributions are much appreciated. The  
Fund now stands at \$512 with 11 contributors  
with the smallest being \$5 and the largest \$100.  
I hope more people will give and that present  
donors will add more over time. I have  
written to a lady in Salt Lake City to see if  
she can work for pay to help us on mailing  
lists. She is highly recommended by our cousin  
Ray White, Jr who lives there.

Thanks for updating me on your situation. Keep  
in good health & write me!

Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch  
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



PURDOM PROJECT

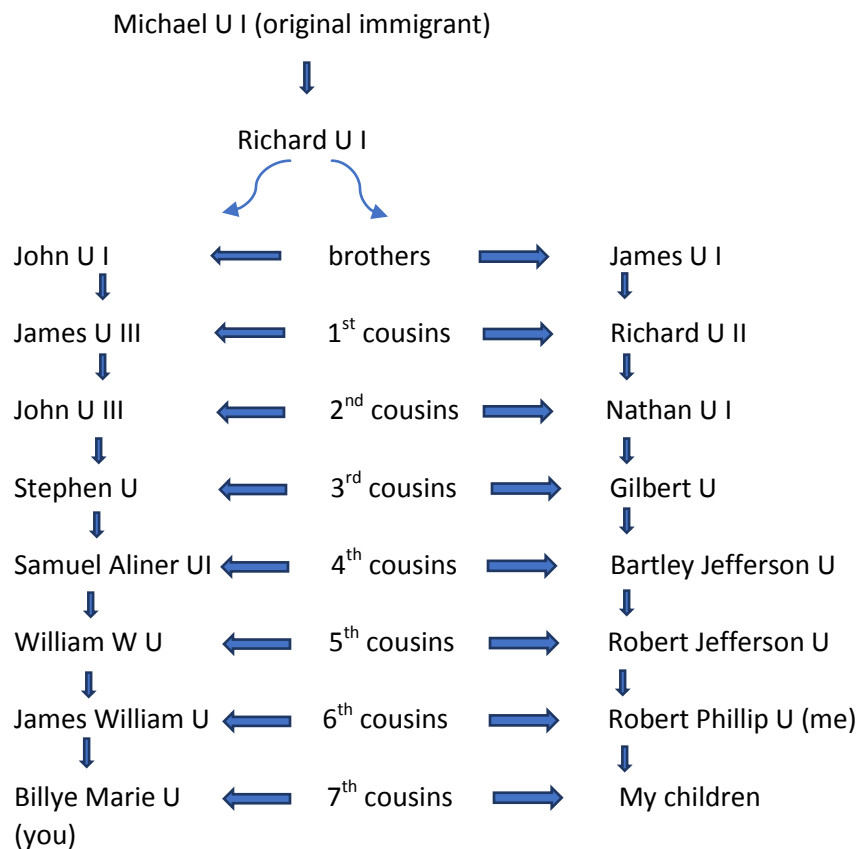
	<u>Hours</u>
1. Letter received 13 Feb 1989 from Roger E. Brandon and received preliminary.	1/2
2. 14 Mar 1989 overview search of records.	3/4
3. 15 Mar 1989 prepared letter to Brandon.	1/2
4. 21 Mar 1989 received letter from Brandon and reviewed same.	1/2
5. 25 Mar 1989 review Purdom filer, Little Gidding filer, West book in detail relative to Purdom bequest.	2
6. 27 Mar 1989 call to and from Roger Purdom. Roger refers to her as Miss Billye. He is the executor of her will; and wrote it down for her. He may have misunderstood her when he wrote Gidion. Her estate is worth \$650,000. The bequest is to Little Gidding and is worth \$10,000. Described Kent (Upchurch Church) as Little Gidding. Roger seems satisfied that of the two locations, Little Gidding is the choice. Of the three choices at Little Gidding, he thinks an arrangement for the church would be best. He wants me to explore property when I am in Little Gidding.	1/2
7. 28 Mar 1989 prepare letter to Little Gidding.	1
8. 29 Mar 1989 prepare letter to Brandon.	1/2

Billye Marie U  
XID – 18356

Billye Marie Purdom  
590 Midway Street  
Lewisburg, TN 37091

Dear Cousin Billye:

It was nice to talk to you earlier tonight. Hope I didn't disturb your rest. Before I forget it, here is how we are related.



Your father and I are 6<sup>th</sup> cousins, you and my children are 7<sup>th</sup> cousins, while you and I are 6<sup>th</sup> cousins, once removed.

I am anxious to improve the John U III/Stephen U outline, if possible, before it is published in the next issue. It will go down through the 9<sup>th</sup> generation but other later generations will appear with XID numbers. I know your records are packed away, but let me list missing items for James Williams U and his family just in case you can supply these details. Here goes:



1. For James William U:
  - a. Where did he marry?
  - b. Was Dorothea Emmaline Young II born 1 Jan 1870 or 1 Jan 1872?
  
2. For Aubrey Sam Davis U:

Where is he buried?
  
3. For Ana Loulle U:

No questions.
  
4. For Pearl Mae U:
  - a. Did Charles Lewis Beener die 25 Aug 1943 or 27 Aug 1943?
  - b. Where did Charles Lewis Beener die?
  
5. For Charles Harry Beener:
  - a. Was he born 6 June 1922 or 6 June 1923?
  - b. Where is he buried?
  - c. Where did he marry?
  - d. What is the full maiden name for Vernell Wentzel and where was she born? still living?
  
6. For William Claude Beener:

Where is he buried?
  
7. For Lloyd Watson Beener:
  - a. Was he born 26 Feb 1928 or 27 Feb 1928?
  - b. Where was he married?
  - c. When was he married?
  - d. What is the full main name of Viola Stennett?
  - e. Did he have just 2 children?
  
8. For Connie Ann Beener:
  - a. When did she marry?
  - b. Where did she marry?
  - c. When in Aug 1946 was Jerry Levan Hodge born and where was he born?
  - d. Does she just have 2 children?
  
9. For Cheryl (Cherryl) Darlene Beener:
  - a. Is the proper spelling Cherryl?
  - b. Where was she born?
  - c. Where did she die?
  - d. Where was she buried?
  
10. For Esther Marie Benner:
  - a. When and where did she marry the first time?

- b. When and where did she marry the second time?
  - c. Was Willard Monroe Powers born 3 Feb 1928 or 3 Mar 1928? Where was he born and buried?
  - d. What is full name of Tommy Turner and; where and when was he born?
  - e. I will skip questions on the children and grandchildren of Ester Maue Beener and ask about them in a future letter – RPU.
11. For Ava Ester U:
- a. Did she have any children?
  - b. Is the proper spelling – Vance Fogerman Luna or Vance Foeman Luna?
12. For James Ray U:  
Did he die at 18 or 21 months of age?
13. For Arline (Arlene) U:
- a. Is the proper spelling Arline or Arlene?
  - b. Did she have two given names?
14. For Eileen U (Ilene, Eilene)
- a. What is the proper spelling?
  - b. Did she have two given names?
15. For Bellye Marie U:  
Where did Raymond die?
16. For Bessie Lorene U:
- a. Where did Linda Faye Clay marry?
  - b. Is it Glenn Thomas McDaniel or Thomas Glenn McDaniel?
  - c. Did Linda Faye have just two children?
  - d. Was Cynthia Lynn McDaniel born 18 May 1971 or 16 May 1971?
17. For Joseph Marion U:  
No questions.

If you can help with any of the previous questions, I will be most grateful.

You asked for the address of Jessie Charles Upchurch; it is 2008 Meeken Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

I hope we can work out something to publish the picture of William W U. It is the only prospect I have for the John U III/Stephen U Subclan. Take care.

Regards,

Phil Upchurch (Robert Phillip Upchurch)