



The Upchurches and Davenport

A FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Family Wiener Roast Nice Treat for All



25 turned out

What can I say? It was one more Darrell-Eunice success parties! On Saturday before Halloween, we started gathering about mid-afternoon and had a grand old time eating and visiting.

Loyce drove in from her place in Arkansas. That's a long trip! Ron and Deana buzzed up from down Dallas way.

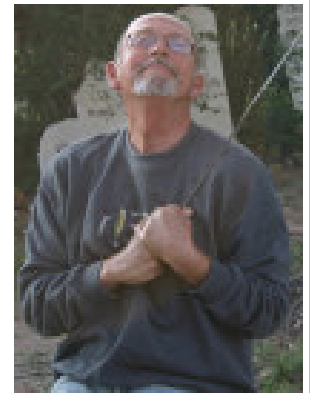
David and JoAnn came from their Lake Texoma home, while Don and Donna, along with daughter, Elizabeth, zipped down from OKC. Mike, Glenna, and son Paul were present and accounted for, as was Little Mike and Sherri.

Valarie and Sara drove in all the way from San Antonio. Phyllis, who put together all the decorations and jack-o-lanterns, was there, as were Jeff, Kim, and son Jason.

William and Marie came, though Bessie Starbuck just didn't feel like attending. She'll be 93 this month — our family nonogenarian.

I'm not sure just who all were out back around the bonfire, roasting the weiners. I do know they toasted them just right.

When it dawned on me they were out there doing that, I traipsed off to snap photos and wouldn't you know it! They were just finishing and starting back in. David was my hero, though, and sat back down and posed for me, as this photo attests.



Eunice always knocks herself out coordinating every detail and serving the food — she does a bang-up job. She and Darrell are wonderful hosts and have a knack for making everyone feel so welcome! They provided all the hotdogs and fixings, and the rest of us brought side dishes or desserts. We sure have some great cooks in our midst — I was on a sugar high for days trying to sample all those wonderful desserts!

So for those who weren't there ... you missed a delightful party!

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2006 Reunion Being Planned

May 27th? Andrews Park?

It's been two years since our last reunion, so another one is being considered for this spring/summer. What I have in mind is to once again try to have it on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

I do recall that a couple folks mentioned they couldn't come last time as school was still in session... so had you rather schedule it for sometime in June?

Another question is ... where? Would you like to have it again at Andrews Park? My only concern is that if we wait until June, it may be awfully hot and there is

no air conditioning in the pavilion hall. If know of another space that would work, that would be wonderful!

Also, do you want fried chicken and drinks to be provided so that folks only need bring side-dishes and desserts?

Please email, call, or write and let me know your druthers on these four issues:

1. Will you be able to attend?
2. May 27th or later in June?
3. Andrews Park or another place?
4. Provide meat and drinks?

I don't mind coordinating it, and I do need your input to make it successful.



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From Cousin Becky

Another outstanding job on the Davenport Family Newsletter! Good job, Mae!

I got such a kick out of reading all the write-ups. Aunt Loyce's *Christmas Eve 1956* article was really neat. She took me to a time I don't remember and has given me new-moments-of-old to cherish. To see all those smiling faces at the long tables and know that I had my own placecard...well, that says a lot about this family.

A couple memories came to mind of other times we all gathered. For my generation, Christmas at Aunt Loyce and Uncle Gene's always meant a lot of fun! They lived east of Norman in two different houses there, but the one I remember where we spent Christmas, was the house farthest from the highway (what I used to call Alameda). One year I remember Santa delivering silver dollars.

Anyway, I remember being in one room of the house where the furniture was western style. A sofa of leather or vinyl with western stitched designs. Seems like there was a wagon wheel somewhere in the decor. As I was playing in that room, I remember everyone saying it was time for Santa, who sure enough came right in the house and even knew my name. I have no idea what year that would be, but I'm pretty sure it would have been after Mom married Jim. Does anyone else remember if that Santa was Uncle Floyd?

When I was in 7th grade, we lived in Maud, OK, as did Aunt Loyce and Uncle Gene. Just before Christmas I was walking home from school and thought I would stop in to see Ronnie which was on the way. I thought it strange that he wouldn't let me

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in the house, but kept me standing on the front porch with the door securely guarded. It was cold, so I gave up and went home ... not thinking too much more about it.

Well, on Christmas Eve, I found out what all the secrecy was about. Uncle Gene handed me a puppy they had so carefully been babysitting at their house. Ha! I was thrilled and very surprised to get a puppy and I remember spending the rest of Christmas Eve running around cleaning up after her. :) Aunt Loyce ... the good memories are many and enduring. :)

I must make note of one more very early memory where I decided that mashed potatoes were the world's finest food! I believe the heaping bowl of that culinary delight was made by Aunt Thelma. I'm guessing it was Easter (not sure) that we all met at Uncle Kenneth and Aunt Thelma's house to feast on every good food known to man. I remember a big electrical tower in their back yard, where Suzanne, Ronnie, James, and I ran to our hearts content. I assume this was in Ardmore somewhere, but only have that one memory of this particular house. To this day, mashed potatoes still rank in the top five of my favorite foods. Thanks, Aunt Thelma.

I have taken memories of all my aunts and uncles and cousins, with me wherever we have been stationed these past 28+ years in the Air Force. I'll continue to keep them with me and through your efforts, Mae, old memories surface to relive and enjoy. I have never run across anyone who has put such love and effort into keeping an extended family together as both you and Darrell. Love you both! And everyone else, too. Ha!

Photos: 1. Ann and Loyce; 2. Donna and Valarie; 3. Marie and William; 4. Elizabeth and Eunice; 5. Little Mike, Kim, Jeff, Glenna, and Mike; 6. Paul and Darrell; 7. Ron; 8. JoAnn.



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Cousin Babies

See how many of these family tots you can name without looking at the answers below.



The names are actually arranged alphabetically: 1 Billy Arthur, 2 Charles John, 3 Charlie Jr.; 4 Claudia Marie, 5 Darrell Dean, 6 Deanna Kay, 7 Donald Roy, 8 Floyd Grey; 9 George William; 10 Linda Jane, 11 Mae Frances, 12 Michael Ray; 13 Ronald Gene; 14 Shirley Ann.

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My Book About Our Family Completed!

I can proudly say, it's done! 306 pages • Four Sections

Section one begins with the first Upchurch sailing to America from England in 1638. There are ten generations of U p c h u r c h e s identified. Their stories are told and illustrated with letters, documents, censuses, wills, photos, and much

more. I found oodles and gobs about this branch of our family!

The next section brings the **Davenports to America** somewhere in the era of 1649. There are nine generations of Davenports identified and their stories added. These first two sections give data on each descendant along with the spouse and children's names, dates of birth, dates of death, and spousal details... whatever information has been found by many researchers throughout the years.

The Roads Converge as Mary May Upchurch and Arthur Monroe Davenport are united in marriage. I was amazed at how much information is available on these two, even back to their actual marriage certificate. This is perhaps the longest section in the

book as page after page describes various events from the day they were married through to their deaths. Photos are interspersed throughout, including ones taken even before they were married! Many people added stories to this section, including Aunts Ethel, Ann, Thelma, and Loyce; plus stories I remember dad telling.

The fourth and last section recognizes my dad, Carl Oliver Davenport, and his life.

This compilation of historical information includes an abundant supply of photos beginning in the late-1800s, such as the one on the cover of this book. They range on through the early 1900s while May and Arthur were raising their family, and continue for many more years. I also located magnificent photos of our great-grandparents Charles and Julina Upchurch, and George and Allie Davenport, and even some of their parents!

You just can't believe how many wonderful stories and documents were located! I truly think you, your children... their children... and their children ... will be astounded as they read about their roots.

About This Book

- 306 pages
- 134 Surnames Identified
- Ten Generations of Upchurches
- Nine Generations of Davenports
- Family Stories and Legends
- Census Records beginning in 1712, throughout 1800s, and 1900 to 1930
- Family Crests and Coat-of-Arms
- Family in Revolutionary War
- Family in Civil War
- Family in World War I
- Family in World War II
- Maps where Ancestors lived
- Family Trees
- Documents include
 - Birth Certificates
 - Marriage Certificates
 - Divorce Records
 - Death Certificates
 - Wills
 - Land Patents
 - Tax Records
 - Land Deeds
 - Revolutionary War Records
 - Letters from the 1600s
 - Probate Records

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