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Nellie Mae Crouch, 25 September 1980

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Mr. Robert Phillip Upchurch
Editor, "Upchurch Bulletin"
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Tucson, Arizona 85740

Dear Relative (Upchurch),

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I have looked through and through my book: "The Upchurch Story" and have not found your name. Have I overlooked it? I would like to know who you are, your age, family, ect. Ect. What relation to Olive A. Morgan, the editor.

According to a letter I had from Olive a few years ago, I would be in the 10th generation of the Michael Upchurch family.

She was in middle Tennessee (I was in Fla.) and she read about the birth of my great granddaughter - Jamie Rachel Keisling - in the Pickett County Press, so she wrote to me that Jamie was one of the 13th generation.

I am very sorry that it took me so long to become really interested in my "roots". My sister and I were already interested before Alex Haley made it fashionable to do so. Ha.

We started to look up Crouch and Dishmon relatives, but we found that the Upchurch name was in our history even more than we know. The beginning of our Dishmon ancestors began (on page 65 of the book) with Lydia Upchurch (Daughter of George and Rachael Bethshares Upchurch) marrying Jefferson Dishmon about 1847.

The story which some of our Ky. relatives told us was that Jefferson Dishmon was the illegitimate son of Tommy Dishmon and a full-blooded Cherokee Indian girl named Kizzie. The lady said that this couple married when the boy was two years of age.

Joseph Upchurch married Jane Crouch 3/2/1823 and was called "Tennessee Joe". He is buried in the Upchurch cemetery, on land he gave for that purpose. I go to decorate there often. It is in Fenton Co., near the house and tomb of Sgt. Alvin C. York, hero of World War I.

Next comes my great grandfather, Thomas Washington ("Tommy") Upchurch, married to Sara Ann Evans. I can remember them both slightly. They were the maternal grandparents who raised my mother and her

sister, after their Ky. parents died. They were not adopted legally as some had reported. They lived in Pickett Co. Tennessee, near the Forbus Co. post office. I was born and raised in the same area.

Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of Thomas Washington and Sarah Ann Evans, was my grandmother. She married Bolen Dishmon of Ky. and died when her two girls were about two and four, or three and five years old.

So my mother, Nona Wayne Dishmon was half Upchurch and I am one fourth I suppose.

My father (April 29, 1872 - December 1st 1941) was Dr. Archibald Henry Crouch, son of George Washington and Millie Dishmon Crouch of Tenn. Mother lived to be 91 years of age. She died May 15th 1976. There were six of us children.

Cletis Dreston died in infancy (born 27 Oct 1903, died 09 Dec 1903)
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Duncan was in Los Angeles when last we heard from him. Separated from his wife and children, Billie and Nellie Sue.

Haily And Jessie live in Forbus with their mates - and I am a window since 2/22/70, and live in Byrdstown, country seat of Pickett county, Tenn.

My own child, Johnnie Alline Taylor Keisling (Mrs. Ralph) is 51 years old and lives in my town. She has two sons, Kelly, 3/16/1952, is married and has Jamie 7, and John, 4.

Keith, 5/6/1953, is an attorney and unmarried at present.

James and John Upchurch were my great uncles. I remember seeing some of the children of James (and wife Ebb of Ebbie (Ebydale Gilreath)), but they left this area and we never kept in touch. I would love to find them. I remember Rhonda, who married “Dink” (Woolridge) Buck. Nona, Effie and perhaps in the bulletins we can learn the whereabouts of them and others.

I am enclosing my personal check for $10 to pay for some.

Would it be possible to buy the back issues? Please let me know about this.

My name is Nellie (Mrs. John) (Nell) Mae Crouch Taylor, ¼ Upchurch.

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P.S. I was born 1/27/1907

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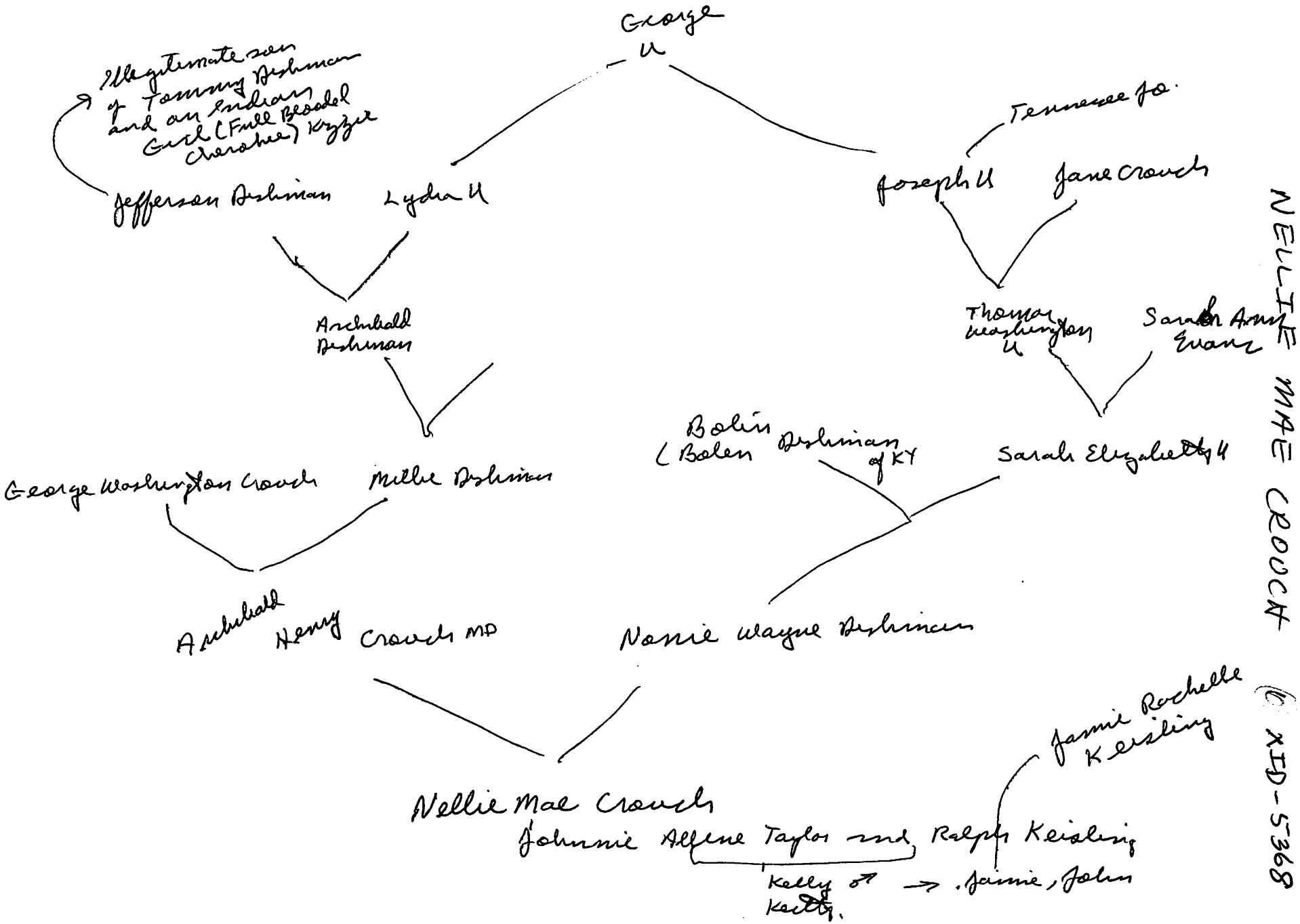
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