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2. Samuel Newell
3. Isaac West
4. Charles Dibrell ${ }^{\circ}$
5. Cornelius Phillips
6. William Lockett
7. Joshua Jones
8. Anthony Gholson
9. Hugh McDermott
10. William Beard
11. Joseph Beard
12. Abel Shrewsberry

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13. Roger Cats
14. Henry Garner
15. Zachariah Sanders
16. Jacob Back
17. Charles Hamilton
18. Elisha Franklin
19. William Acrey
20. Fredrick Cooper
21. Nicholas Lloyd
22. Benjamin Hancock
23. Jesse Powers
24. James Brown
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30. Benjamin Adkins
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32. Washington Young
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During the early 1940's the consolidatron of Wayne County's High School and most of the outlying schools was completed. The new central high school building (now referred to as the A.J. Lloyd Middle School) became part of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) program, after making the rather controversial decision of where, to erect the handsome building made of native sandstone. The building was situated on all Hwy. 90 adjacent to Monticello where water would be made available from the new water works, also being put in with the help of WPA. A sandstone building at Rocky Branch was also built.

Once consolidation was in place, Arthur J. Lloyd, principal of the Windy High School, became principal of the Wayne County High School, where he worked for 31 years, up until the high school was moved on the north side of Hwy. 90 amongst a complex of school buildings.


Subject: Re: Will and death dates of Thomas Upchurch (about 1788-a few months after May 1853


The name of the book is:
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sunnybrook, Wayne County, Kentucky: A Collection of Church Records, Cemetery Inscriptions, and Genealogical \& Biographical Sketches of Some of the Church Members
Irene Atwood Byrer authored the book in 1982.

I have pages 2,7 , and 72 .
The following is a page segment I could view online.
page xi for John \& Winney Upchurch:
"3rd saturday in July 1845
The church proceeds to take up a refference against Polly Smith also including William
Smith her companion. The church have excluded Polly Smith from making
XIII. use of ill language and refusing to obey the rules of the church The church have also excluded William Smith for refusing to obey the rules of the church Received by letter John Upchurch and Winney Upchurch
Henry Blevins Moderator Joel Bertram Clerk"
page xv for John Upchurch:
"the church have excluded them both for immoral conduct.
XVI. Fellowship called for and not found.

Brother John Upchurch professes that he was overtaken in a passion and that he was sorrow for it. The church retains him in her fellowship.
Henry Blevins Moderator Joel Bertram Clerk
friday before the 3rd saturday in March 1844"
page 7 for John Upchurch: - 1 matching term 1-"John Upchurch"
"3rd Saturday in August 1845
The church has chosen Brother Henry Tuggle to sit as Moderator for the day.
Fellowship called for and not found on account of a report on Brother William Denney the church has take up the case and appointed Brethern Noah Brown an John Upchurch to cite him to our next meeting and report the same.
Then proceeded to select a moderator for which they have chosen William Bertram sr as their acting Moderator."
page 8 for John Upchurch: - 3 matching terms 3-"John Upchurch" - need two more terms "*(Two meetings were marked August 1845, but non for December 1845)
The church has proceeded to take up a refference against Wm . Denney. the church appointed Brethern Noah Brown and John Upchurch to cite him to the next meeting to report to the same.
The letter to the association called for read and received

## William Bertram sr Moderator Joel Bertram Clk.

3rd Saturday in September 1845
The church proceeded to take up a refference against William Denney. The church has excluded him for immoral conduct and refusing to obey the rules of the church"...
page 10 for John Upchurch: - 1 matching term 1-"John Upchurch"
"3rd Saturday in February 1848
On motion this church have released Brother James Abston from being her moderator by his request.
On motion this church has chosen Brother Ephrain Bertram as her moderator
Dismissed by letter John Upchurch and his wife
James Abston Moderator Joel Bertram Clerk"
p.73-1 matching term 1-"John Upchurch"
"John Upchurch"..."Dead"
p.74-2 matching terms 1-"Winney Upchurch"
"Winney Upchurch"
"Sophrona Upchurch"..."Dead"
Sorry, pages 73 and 74 only allowed the outside columns to be viewed.
Pat Thomas

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Subject: Re: Will and death dates of Thomas Upchurch (about 1788-a few months after May 1853


## Sorry, the book is

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sunnybrook, Wayne County, Kentucky: A Collection of Church Records, Cemetery Inscriptions, and Genealogical \& Biographical Sketches of Some of the Church Members
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Suppose to have "George Upchurch on pages 73, 133, 175
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p.xi - 2 matching terms 1-"John Upchurch", 1-"Winney Upchurch"
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## Subject: Connection

From: phil@upchurchstory.com TNES COPY FON GTO FILE
Date: Thu, Feb 04, 2016 3:02 pm . WAYNE் CO., IKy
To: "Angela Jones"
Cc: "Melva-14-15-16 Henninger" [harasel2012@gmail.com](mailto:harasel2012@gmail.com)
Hi Angela---
Perhaps you will have gathered from earlier exchanges that I am the main Upchurch historian. George Upchurch 1757-1830 settled in Wayne County, KY about 1810 and still has huge numbers of descendants in the area. I am not descended from George but embrace him as one of 22 Upchurch Clans. I write to you to see if you can help us on a coordination problem.

Melva Upchurch Henninger, who is from Wayne County originally, and I have long been collaborators. Recently we discussed how desirable it would be to have someone on the ground in Wayne County that could help us elevate the Upchurch family profile in Wayne County and especially in the Museum. Perhaps you would be such a person or perhaps you could help us find someone. It would be best if they were a descendant of George but that is not essential.

Among our 22 Upchurch Clans George Upchurch has the strongest linkage to a County of them all. This plus your excellent Museum means is is a shame not to have a local contact we can interact with from time to time.

Melva tells me she will soon visit Monticello and I hope she will nose around to help on our quest. If you have any suggestions they would be most welcome.

Best~
Phil Upchurch

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| Entry | Name | Memorial Number | Birth \& Death Dates | Relationship | Last Name | First Name | Middle <br> Name | Nickname |
| 1 | Upchurch, Amanda Pyle | 50531328 | b. Sep. 6, 1879 d. Apr. 27, 1948 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Upchurch, Anna Louise | 50875277 | b. Nov. 8, 1937 d. Apr. 5, 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Upchurch, Arzella Guffey |  | b. Jun. 19, 1932 d. Dec. 24, 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Upchurch, Barbara Jackson | 111900891 | b. Feb. 16, 1948 d. Jun. 5, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Upchurch, Barbara Bridgeman | 68200763 | b. unknown d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Upchurch, Bill "Little Daddy" | 68200733 | b. Jun. 6, 1937 d. Apr. 10, 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Upchurch, Bruce | 58108693 | b. Jul. 3, 1924 d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Upchurch, Calvin 8. | 49390827 | b. Dec. 30, 1924 d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Upchurch, Cosby, Jr | 48384598 | b. Aug. 1, 1929 d. Nov. 21, 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Upchurch, Cosby, Sr | 48971873 | b. May 16, 1898 d. Feb. 11, 1981 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Upchurch, Elizabeth | 51392782 | b. Aug. 15, 1863 d. Sep. 1, 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Upchurch, Eric Tyler | 112490715 | b. Mar. 6, 1991 d. Jun. 15, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Upchurch, Ernest | 48699497 | b. Sep. 6, 1915 d. Dec. 15, 1973 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Upchurch, Estil H. | 48971989 | b. May 29, 1914 d. Dec. 31, 1977 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Upchurch, Ethel | 48971946 | b. Jan. 8, 1919 d. Feb. 12, 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Upchurch, General Harry | 29274438 | b. Jul. 7, 1889 d. Apr. 3, 1956 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Upchurch, Gertie Slagle | 48972004 | b. Mar. 31, 1919 d. Sep. 23, 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Upchurch, Glenna Alice Bell | 115910779 | b. Dec. 14, 1933 d. Aug. 20, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Upchurch, Hallice F. | 42371066 | b. Feb. 15, 1930 d. Mar. 17, 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Upchurch, Hazel B. | 49390858 | b. Dec. 18, 1919 d. Mar. 28, 1975 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Upchurch, Herbie | 48971925 | b. Feb. 1, 1915 d. Feb. 3, 1976 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | Upchurch, Hiram | 51400551 | b. 1908 d. 1974 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | Upchurch, Howard | 60281460 | b. Jun. 16, 1922 d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | Upchurch, Irene M. | 58108741 | b. May 30, 1938 d. Nov. 10, 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | Upchurch, James Mitchel "Jimmy" | 56907576 | b. Jan. 4, 1958 d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | Upchurch, Jamie Lee | 59383637 | b. Aug. 8, 1997 d. Aug. 8, 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Upchurch, Judy Lois Prewitt | 47624566 | b. Oct. 3, 1953 d. Feb. 11, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | Upchurch, Katy Phillips | 74724868 | b. unknown d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | Upchurch, Kenneth Lee | 59459309 | b. Jul. 13, 1926 d. Oct. 24, 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | Upchurch, Lela Mae Humble | 59459296 | b. Dec. 1, 1929 d. unknown |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Upchurch, Lena G. | 58280801 | b. Aug. 9, 1914 d. Jun. 4, 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | Upchurch, Lenard | 56903769 | b. unknown d. Feb. 28, 1990 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | Upchurch, Leonard B. | 58108642 | b. Nov. 10, 1931 d. Feb. 28, 1990 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | Upchurch, Lillian | 51431549 | b. Nov. 11, 1900 d. Oct. 27, 1983 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | Upchurch, Lucy Elizabeth Blevins | 54155762 | b. Jan. 2, 1912 d. May 25, 1996 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36 | Upchurch, Marcus | 50531305 | b. Nov. 21, 1873 d. Jan. 12, 1964 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | Upchurch, Marie | 50531378 | b. Mar. 1, 1909 d. May 28, 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | Upchurch, Montie Criswill | 30046771 | b. Feb. 27, 1920 d. Sep. 6, 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39 | Upchurch, Oma Lee | 51400534 | b. 1907 d. 1958 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | Upchurch, Opal Piercy | 47624697 | b. Jan. 15, 1912 d. Nov. 14, 2002 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | Upchurch, Otto | 50531361 | b. Feb. 11, 1908 d. Feb. 8, 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |


| 42 | Upchurch, Pamela Lynn | 50875002 | b. Apr. 23, 1954 d. Apr. 23, 1954 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 43 | Upchurch, Pete | 54686300 | b. Jun. 7, 1906 d. Nov. 30, 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | Upchurch, Prentis M. | 48971812 | b. Jun. 25, 1908 d. Nov. 23, 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45 | Upchurch, Ralph H. | 58430354 | b. Oct. 6, 1933 d. Jun. 17, 2001 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 46 | Upchurch, Roscoe | 48384507 | b. Aug. 13, 1902 d. Aug. 4, 1967 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 47 | Upchurch, Roy K. | 50683280 | b. Jan. 19, 1919 d. Mar. 29, 1959 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48 | Upchurch, Russell Howard | 108422603 | b. Jun. 16, 1922 d. Apr. 12, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 49 | Upchurch, Ruth Ann Perdue | 60281483 | b. Mar. 6, 1925 d. Sep. 9, 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 | Upchurch, Vera "Beda" Kennedy | 48971891 | b. Aug. 20, 1907 d. Sep. 4, 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | Upchurch, William | 51431573 | b. Sep. 5, 1891 d. Jan. 31, 1955 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | Upchurch, Woodrow | 51431573 | b. Dec. 10, 1914 d. Mar. 22, 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 53 | Upchurch, Zona Marie Gregory | 54686313 | b. Jul. 4, 1921 d. Oct. 31, 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 54 | Upchurch West, Bertha Marie Woods | 48971830 | b. Nov. 18, 1924 d. Sep. 20, 2012 |  |  |  |  |  |

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55 Upchurch，Pamela Lynn fip 50875002
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Wayne County boasts of some of the most unusual post office names. One patron relates, "My family never moved but the post office continually did; at one time we got our mail at Alex and then Grape." Post offices found themselves being named for varionus reasons.

Robert M. Rennick related in From Red Hot to Monkey's Eyebrow: Unusual Kentucky Place Names about how Stop post office got its name. "In western Wayne County, the road stopped at the local store that for sometime served the Ramsey Island neighbor$\Delta$ hood. In 1910, John Upchurch petitioned Washington for a post office. His new office needed a name. There weren't enough local people to form a
committee to decide a suitable name, so Mr . Upchurch asked some visitors for their help. They tried but couldn't come up with a name that pleased him. They were about to leave when he called to them 'Stop! Let's talk about this some more.' So the post office became known as STOP."

One's imagination can be used to vision how Turkey Ridge, Flat Springs, and Sandclift may have become named. People's names were very commonly used also as we experience Keith, Susie, and Hardwick post offices. Come, visit our genealogy to explore Wayne County's unusual post office names and learn how they may have gotten their names.

## List of Wayne County Post Offices:

Post Office, *USGS Quadrangle
Alex Post Office, Parnell
Barrier Post Office, Monticello
Bethesda Post Office, Parnell
Betsey Post Office. Frazer
Brocade Post Office, Nevelsville
Burfield Post Office, Parmleysville
Cabell Grove Post Office, Cumberland City
Camden Post Office, Cumberland City
Cedar Crest Post Office, Jabez
Clio Post Office. Frazer
Coffey Springs Post Office, Cumberland City
Coopersville Post Office, Coopersville
Correll Post Office, Coopersville
Delta Post Office, Coopersville
Denney Post Office, Coopersville
Dryden Post Office, Cumberland City
Flat Springs Post Office, Parnell
Flosie Post Office, Nevelsville
Frazer Post Office, Frazer
Frisby Post Office, Parnell
Gapcreek Post Office, Powersburg
Gar Post Office, Cumberland City
Gregory Post Office, Coopersville
Griffin Post Office, Bell Farm
Hardwick Post Office, Frazer
Hidalgo Post Office, Powersburg
Keith Post Office, Burnside
Kidder Post Office. Frazer
Lonerock Post Office, Powersburg
Mount Pisgah Post Office, Parmleysville
Marl Post Office, Parnell
Oil Valley Post Office, Monticello

Oilton Post Office, Parnell
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Parmelysville Post Office, Parmleysville
Parnell Post Office, Parnell
Powersburg Post Office, Powersburg
Pueblo Post Office, Coopersville
Ritner Post Office, Coopersville
Rockybranch Post Office, Bell Farm
Sandclift Post Office, Pall Mall
Sendie Post Office, Coopersville
Shearer Valley Post Office, Parnell
Shoemaker Post Office, Monticello
Slat Post Office, Parnell
Slickford Post Office, Powersburg
San Post Office, Monticello
Stop Post Office, Parnell
Sumpter Post Office, Monticello
Sunnybrook Post Office, Powersburg
Susie Post Office. Parnell
Swifton Post Office, Parnell
Turkey Ridge Post Office, Parnell
Vegaburg Post Office, Parmleysville
Wait Post Office. Parnell
Weaverton Post Office, Frazer
Windy Post Office, Powersburg
Lula Mill, Parnell
Zula Post Office, Parnell

* USGS Quadrangle refers to the name of the United States Geological Survey topographic map on which the Post office is located. So, bear in mind that the map named Cumberland City does indeed cover part of Wayne County.

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## Southern Ridge Trail - A Path Through The Woods

Southern Ridge Trail was just a path through the woods. Numerous families, mostly from Virginia and North Carolina, started on the trail at Cumberland Gap and traveled it to Wayne County.

Who were these families? The Parmleys, Burnetts, Ryans, Keetons, Rices, Bells, Dobbs, Youngs, Scotts, Sallees, Sanduskys, Burks, Kogers, Denneys, Davenports, Elams, Phipps, Smiths, Adkins, Barnes, Lovelaces, Sharps, Adairs, Barriers, Parkers, Dolens, Blevins, Gregorys, Marions, and possibly others followed the Southern Ridge Trail. This impressive list of surnames comes from an essay about the South Fork Country by Odell Campbell. Melva Upchurch Henninger thinks her ancestor, George P. Upchurch probably traveled this trail. She would also add the Roberts surname to the list. It is likely that a number of readers of this article will know that a surname in their family should be added to the list.

The trail ran many miles across the northern part of Tennessee, near the state line before it crossed into Kentucky. Samuel D. Perry, on page 132 of South Fork Country stated: "This trail entered Kentucky near present Jellico, Tennessee and proceeded westerly, intersecting the Jacksboro Road near present Silerville, Kentucky, and continued on to the mouth of Bear Creek, and continued on to Wayne County. The Southern Ridge Trail remained essentially, a trail, and only the hardiest of immigrants traveled it."

Melva Henniger has done much research on the trail. She has found that soon after it entered Wayne County, at a point slightly north of Mount Pisgah, it divided into two branches. One branch went to Parmleysville, while the other wound to several areas in the southern part of Wayne County, including Coopersville.

How early did families come over the Southern Ridge Trail to Wayne County? That is a big question, and of course we don't know the entire story, but we do have the opinions of credible local historians about the people of two communities:

## Parmleysville

Odell Campbell did much research on Parmleysville. Mr. Campbell believed that there was a settlement in that community as early as 1780 . He based his conclusion, at least in part, on the recollections of John Keeton (1866-1941) of Elk Spring Valley. Keeton remembered that as a boy of five or six years, he had heard stories told by Granny Parker who lived to the age of 106 . In its beginning Parmleysville had a stockade to protect the settlers from Indians. Granny Parker had memories of the stockade. It was there when as a young girl she had come from North Carolina to Parmleysville.

Was there a settlement at Parmleysville as early as 1780 ? Odell Campbell thought there must have been.

## Coopersville

Beginning in the late '70s Ben Coffey and Garnett Walker gave much attention to an old cemetery at Coopersville. The cemetery has several early

Roberts graves, but the stone for W.Roberts (1711-1774) especially caught the interest of those two historians. Mr. Walker said there must have been a settlement there in 1774 because people were left behind to bury Roberts and construct the nicely built table tombstone over his grave.

A few years ago when Melva Henninger and her cousin Dr. Phil Upchurch become engrossed in researching the Southern Ridge Trail, they also researched the Roberts Settlement at Coopersville, believing the two topics to be part of the same story. From their search through land grants, deeds, and countless other records she found that the Roberts Settlement had many early settlers from Burk (then Rowan) County, North Carolina. William Roberts sold his house and land there in 1768. Roberts, however, was born in Virginia. That information is inscribed on his tombstone. Henninger and Upchurch found that several of the Roberts men were surveyors, and quite well-known in their time.

Near the tombstone of W. Roberts stand two more table tombstones. William Bailey Roberts (died $\ln 1833$ ) and his wife, Lydia Ponder, are buried there. The younger Roberts, a great nephew of W. Roberts, did much surveying in the Coopersville area. Court records indicate that he owned land in Wayne County in 1800 . He and Lydia had 14 children. When William's estate was settled, it was stated that he owned land on both sides of Canada's Creek, which included the location of the cemetery. Many Wayne County people can trace their ancestry to Henry Roberts (1796-1872). Henry was a son of William and Lydia.

Was there a settlement at Coopersville as early as 1774? Ben Coffey and Garnett Walker thought there must have been. After much research, Melva Henninger and Dr. Phil Upchurch are convinced that they were correct.

What did those early-comers bring with them? Samuel D. Perry, on p. 135 of South Fork Country stated: "Few of the comforts of their previous life could be carried by the immigrants. Most of the home-seekers were poor, anyway, and their material wealth was limited. More often than not it could be carried on a single pack animal. A good rifle, some lead and powder, an axe, and an iron kettle were, often, the sum total of many a western trudging family's treasure."

Did most or all of the immigrants bring seeds and a hoe for the garden patch and field? Did some or all of the wives bring a little bundle of sewing and knitting supplies, and maybe have at least one pocket filled with seeds from their flower beds back in Virginia and North Carolina? What about a few personal belongings? Did they bring some sort of bedding or a tent for camping? How much could one poor pack animal carry? Did some of the families mentioned above come over the trail with a string of pack animals? Our questions about those early-comers could go on and on.

As historic trails go, the Southern Ridge Trail is not usually considered a major trail. In the history of Wayne County, though, it is a major trail because it is part of the family history of so many of our citizens. We hope at least a few people who read this article will remember a handed-down story, or a letter, or a journal that contains a bit of information that will help "fill in" the story of the trail. The Museum staff will appreciate anything you care to share.


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This is Bratcher Cullen Upchurch and Josephine Sumpter Upchurch with sons in back Hugh and Otis, and Leonard in the front.

## Extensive donation made to Elizabeth Furr Duncan Genealogy Library

Connecting your family to early America's rich history has been made easier by an extensive donation of materials to the Elizabeth Furr Duncan Genealogy Library located next to the Wayne County Museum.

An extensive collection of documents is now available on the families of Sumter/Sumpter - and Upchurch thanks to the donations of Melva Upchurch Henninger, a researcher and former resident of Wayne County. Smaller files are available on the families of Roberts, Bertram, Crabtřee, Cooper, Ard, Beard and Ballew.
members moyed to Wayne County in 1809 in the area known as Sumpter. Fort Sumter was later named for the general.

The. new files also include countless records on the Upchurch family whose patriot families settled in the Mount Pisgah area. Wayne County became the home of over ten generations of Upchurchs with the first immigrating to Jamestown Colony in 1638. Over 70,000 of the Upchurch family are now connected to the family of Michael Upchurch who arrived at Jamestown.

The new files available at the genealogy library are the result of evers twenty years of correspondence with researellers on the Upchurch and Sumpter families as well as others. These files include family trees, census documents, wills, correspondence, and some photos. The collection also includes copies of original documents.

Mrs. Henninger notes, "The donation of materials took many years to gather with many letters written to State Libraries." She also worked to solve several research questions with Sue Rogers, a yolunteer researcher.

Many Wayne County families connect in some way to these families and the Revolutionary period. Many have ties to several sons of the famous General Thomas Sumter, the longest surviving general of the Revolution who served under four presidents. His brothers and nephews also served as early guides to Kentucky in 1759. Other family

The Roberts family is also an important part of the new research available, another- patriot - group claiming land grants in Wayne County. The family settled an area called Roberts Valley which was later renamed Coopersville. Some of the Roberts family also were part of Kentucky's legendary Long Hunters.

Extensive records for these families are now available to the public at the genealogy library. Other sources are also available as well as trained staff to help you connect. your family tree to history. The Wayne County Historical Society welcomes donations of records and information with extensive family files available. Hours are 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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## A history on Virginia colonist (1600-1700's) to pioneers in Wayne County, Ky. (1700-1800's)

Colonial Virginia, 638: Michael Upchurch vived in Jamestown, Va. vionists had died.
The Virginia Company ecided to try sending young healthy people to improve survival in the
v colony.
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Part of a letter describPart of a letter describbeen saved at Cambridge University, England.

Michael Upchurch had ons-John born 1667 and Richard born 1659 and daughters-born in 1654 and 1656 (names not ecorded).

More information on Richard's family of eigh brothers and sisters: his son James was known as a patriot in the American Revolution.

His son Michael III vas a soldier in the evolution also first cousin Charles and Nathan Upchurch; and his son, George wife n. Rache Brachier and family migrated to the Mount Pisgah area in Wayne County, Ky. by 1810.
George was the fifth
generation Upchurch in Virginia and the first generand grants and grants to ned land.
Wayne County, Ky. has now been the home of over ten generations of
Upchurches. Generation I. George and Rachel George and Rachel Upchurches' childrenLidia, Shadrack, Jomas, Rachel, John and Joseph all lived in Wayne County.

The Roberts genera-
in Virgina 1698: four rothers from England George born 1698, James born 1707, William born 711 and Henry born 1715. Brothers George and James stayed in Virginia. William and Henry migrated to North Carolina. He died in 1770.

William sold his home
bers, and his next record
was a burial stone in Fincastle, Virgina (now Wayne County, Ky.).

His above ground marker in the old Coopersville community read William Roberts died April 1774.

Perhaps he heard about this area in Wayne County from his nephew had come to the II who Long Hunter in 1669 Long Hunter in 1669 .
Next to the William nephew William Roberts, died 1833, and wife Lydia Ponder whose death is unknown.

These are also above ground graves with the same typed of flat marker as that for William.I

The family land came
a grant from William III's father Henry II.

The land including the cemetery was deeded to William III's daughter Mary (Roberts) Anderson. William Roberts III's daughter Elizabeth married Sam Cooper about 1850.

The Coopers arrived in what was called Roberts Valley in about 1800 . They became numerous and the community was named Coopersville.
Generatio Generation William died 1774. His nephew, Henry Roberts, married Catherine Ecton; their son-William B.
Roberts III, married Lidia Ponder Their son - Herry Ponder. Their son-Henry Elizabeth Owens in Wayne County. - Sumpters to Virginia eariy 1700: William Sumpter married Elizabeth (Iverson) 1727

Patience's first husband a soldier named Iverson had died on ship coming from Cambridgeshire, England. One record
indicates that she had eloped.

Her wealthy parents were believed to be in the sir Francis Bacon family. Patience recovered trunks of clothes from her parents when they located her in Virginia.

William and Patience


Martha and Ida are great-granddaughters of Thomas and Elizabeth (Coffey) Sumpter. They are the greatgreat grand nieces of General Thomas Sumpter Ky .


COOPERSVILLE, WAYNE CO, KY

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To: [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)
Phil, Yesterday when I e-mailed questions about Upchurchs and Roberts, I forgot to look in my own book. There is the name Truex Upchurch in Chicago. He is the one who wrote me asking me about the aful Coopers who kicked his great grandmother out after a marriage between Upchurchs and Coopers. Do you have their names. I found Ara (Joseph's line) married Sam Cooper. This Sam Cooper was probably the son of the Sam Cooper who married in Elizabeth Roberts in 1876. She was the granddaughter of William Roberts II who is buried 1833 by his father in the pictures I sent. (The families in the Coopersville are were almost all from Rowan County North Carolina. Hope to hear from you. Melva

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Subject: RE: The UPCHURCH BULLETIN
    From: phil@upchurchstory.com
    Date: Tue, Oct 12, 2010 5:14 am
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Hi Melva---

I know Truex well and he has visited my home several times. He was a great researcher but now largely retired from genealogy. He is of the Harmon Upchurch Clan and I doubt any connections with the George Upchurch Clan or with the KY or TN locations where we find descendants of George but that is just off the top of my head--I'll have to look more carefully.

I am having trouble pulling up/printing some of the attachments you and a few others are sending while some work OK. I don't know if it is me or my software being inadequate. I'll have to get some help.

I sent out 254 emails and mostly am piling up them up to study after the flow of responses slow down. I will, in due course, find time to study and comment on the interesting matters you have brought up. It is frustrating not to be able to read/print the attachments. My computer is sometimes mean to me.

Best!
Phil Upchurch
Subject: RE: The UPCHURCH BULLETIN

Date: Tue, Oct 12, 2010 9:41 am
To: [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)

Thanks Phil, I am glad you know Truex. The question he sent to me was about the Coopers-Upchurchs of Wayne County. Did you get the write-up titled the Earlest Continuous Community in Kentucky? I can mail copies if that will help. I hope you have space in the next bulletn to request any information from the William Roberts- Cooper-Upchurch Families of Wayne County. They could send the information to erniemu@copper.net If anything important comes from it I will forward it to you ( Save your computer space. Melva

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Subject: RE: The UPCHURCH BULLETIN
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    Date: Sun, Oct 17, 2010 6:46 am
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Hi Melva---

This in response to yours of the 12th at 9:45. There has been some delay in that I had trouble viewing/printing you attachments to several emails. However, yesterday Sallaine found time to help me and I now have a full set printed to study. As to the article you refer to as "the Earliest Continuous-----" is this the same as the one sent as an attachment to yours of the 10th at 8:29 and entitled "Coopersville-An Ancient----" by Harlan Ogle? If so I have a copy. If not, I do not have a copy.

You have given me much to study. I'll go over it before I write the UB and see just what and how much I can enter about the community you describe. I really appreciate your input. I is clear you have done a lot of research.

Best!
Phil Upchurch
Subject: RE: The UPCHURCH BULLETIN
From:
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To: [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)

Thanks Phil, the material mailed is the same as the short computer write up. I truly believe the earlest Roberts family first came to Wayne County (then Fincastle County ,VA) as a surveyor and decided that was the place for a home. Mr. ogle writes that he think they might have been hunters. They could have been hunters as well as surveyors. The Roberts sons and grandsons in fact did survey most of the early Kentuky land. Let me know if you
have questions. Melva
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COOPERSVILLE
AN ANCIENT KENTUCKY SETTLEMENT IN WAYNE_COUNTY
--Harlan Ogle
Executive Director/Curator
The William Crenshaw Kennedy, Jr. Memorial Museum
(The Wayne County Museum)
Monticello, Kentucky
A very popular television series airing on national educational channels features very capable and knowledgeable historians known as "history's detectives." These men and women receive questions from the general public that pose questions about various historical documents, artifacts, and sites. In turn the "history detectives" travel to distant parts of the country to interview scholars in order to solve the "mysteries."

Recently a few amateur Kentucky historians decided to revisit a mystery that came to their attention in 1990 when Ben and Juanita Coffey of Wayne County, Kentucky documented the existence of a gravesite located in the south central region of the commonwealth known locally as Coopersville.

The site is in Wayne County and is a part of the Bauley-Bell Cemetery (Kidd-Bell Cemetery) located on a "well-kept knoll" 1.4 miles southeast of Highway 92 near Canada's Creek. The cemetery has been known for decades and is still used for burials.

The particular burial site that is of interest is the coffin-shaped slab covering the grave of W ROBERTS. There is a crude but well-defined chiseled inscription that reads: "W ROBERTS B 1711 D 1774." Prior to this discovery, it was believed that the oldest known tombstone in Wayne County was that of Jane Bartleston, who died in 1803.

The existence of the gravesite poses several questions: "Who was W ROBERTS?" "When and why did he arrive in Wayne County?" "What caused his death--disease, old age, accident, or hostile Native Americans?"

His birth and death dates have opened a floodgate of questions that have to do with the actual location of the graveside especially as it relates to the question of the first permanent settlement in Kentucky.

For years the settlement at Harrodsburg has been listed as the first permanent settlement in the state. One history of Harrodsburg includes the following information: "Harrodsburg was founded in 1774 by James Harrod, the first city in Kentucky. It was initially known as Harrods's Town or Harrodstown. The settlement was abandoned as a result of attacks by Native Americans in Dunmore's
War the same year, but was resettled in 1775." (1.)
William Henry Perrin says: "In May (1774) James Harrods, who had been in one of the surveying parties of the preceding year led a party of 31 men into what is now Mercer County and laid the foundation of the first settlement and village in Kentucky..." (2.)

Cecil B. Hartley in "LIFE OF DANIEL BOONE" wrote: "...it was not until the year 1774 that the whites obtained a permanent foothold in Kentucky. From this year, therefore, properly dates the commencement of the early settlements of the State..." (3.)

The above testimony and other historical sources have served to "prove" that the first permanent settlement in Kentucky was Harrodsburg in 1774.

There may be a need to explain that this is no attempt to prove that Coopersville in Wayne County was ever established by law as a "town." It is, however, a claim that Coopersville was a "settlement" and probably preceded the "settlement" at Harrodsburg.

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It is entirely appropriate to call the Coopersville settlement "ancient" since the word is defined as: "having had an existence of many years; of or relating to a remote period, to a time early in history; having the qualities of age or long existence..." (4.)

Kentucky did not attain statehood until 1792. That means in 1774, what is now Wayne County was a part of Fincastle County, Virginia. Wayne County would not come into existence until 1801.

Dr. Thomas Walker is credited with providing the first written record of the existence of the Cumberland Gap. In 1750 he made the following entry in his diary: "We went four miles to large Creek, which we called Cedar (Indian) Creek, being a branch of Bear Grass (Powell's), and from thence six miles to Cave Gap (Cumberland Gap)..." (5.)

It would be a mistake to assume that Walker was the first person to go through what would later be called the Cumberland Gap. There are scores of accounts of the gap being used by Native Americans. "One of the most famous of all Indian trails...was the Great War Path through Cumberland Gap...It was over this trail that the dreaded Iroquois most often came into the country of the Cherokees..." (6.)

Harriet Simpson Arnow explains the use of the Gap long before Walker named it the Cumberland Gap in 1750 -"...Cumberland Gap could be reached from many directions; there were the Clinch River and Cumberland Gap Trail, the New River and Cumberland Gap Trail, while all other major trails mentioned intersected with trails that would eventually lead to the Gap." (7.)

This observation becomes important in the quest to understand what was going on in Kentucky before the Long Hunters or the explorations of James Harrod. It becomes obvious that hundreds if not thousands of "white men" had found their way into the area much earlier than 1750 . Otis R. Rice in FRONITER KENTUCKY observed: "The drama of frontier Kentucky had its beginnings a full century before the arrival of Boone, his predecessor James Harrod, and other immigrants." (8.)

Ample reason to leave the colonies in the east and enter into the land beyond the Appalachians was provided when, between 1745 and 1754 , over 2.5 million acres were opened to land speculators. The men interested in obtaining land at cheap prices rivaled those who came into Kentucky to hunt and trap for the prized pelts and furs of exotic animals.

This intense interest in land speculation gave rise to an "army" of land surveyors. It would be useless to form a party of land speculators to go into the wilderness to stake out territory without marking that land and establishing ownership. Any party of that nature would require land surveyors, and men, by the hundreds were trained and equipped to accomplish that important task.
Casual research will indicate that almost any hunting party, group of land speculators, and other explorers included in their number that most important individual-the land surveyor. Many of the American founding fathers were surveyors; including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln!
"The first party to point the way from the Holston Valley to Kentucky set out in 1761 under the leadership of Elisha Walden, a 'rough backwoodsman' then about thirty years old. He and the eighteen or nineteen men with him established their base of operations, or station camp, where they stored skins and supplies, on Wallen's Creek, in present Lee County, Virginia. For eighteen months they remained in the region between Long Island in the Holston and Cumberland Gap. In 1763, with many of the same men, Walden undertook another extensive hunting expedition, this time passing through Cumberland Gap into southeastern Kentucky." (9.)

It becomes evident that thousands of people were living in Kentucky before 1774 when James Harrod established his settlement. One source says: "By the end of 1783 approximately 12,000 people were living in Kentucky." (10.)

We have thus far established:

1. Kentucky was well known by Native Americans and the "white man" long before Dr. Thomas Walker, Daniel Boone, the Long Hunters, or James Harrod ever entered this "dark and bloody ground."
2. Land surveyors were an essential part of any of these early parties who explored in Kentucky.
3. The area of Kentucky that became Wayne County was certainly explored and possibly inhabited by the "white man" before 1774 .
4. The discovery of the burial site of W ROBERTS in the Coopersville area of Wayne County points to a settlement in that section by and possibly before 1774.

It has been previously pointed out that the gravesite of W ROBERTS poses the questions, "Who was W ROBERTS?" "When and why did he arrive in Wayne County?"

Information has surfaced that might help answer those questions.
The physical appearance and construction of a gravesite can oftentimes tell something about the person buried at the site, the activities and abilities of those who prepared the site, and the circumstances surrounding the actual burial.

The gravesite of W ROBERTS consists of a rock foundation built approximately twenty inches above ground. On top of that foundation is a coffin shaped solid rock slab with his name, date of birth, and date of death clearly chiseled in the stone. The date of birth is 1711 and the death date is 1774 . The numbers are interesting in that all the 7 s are reversed. The name appears in all capital letters and does not give the complete first name. There are other graves in the immediate vicinity including that of W ROBERTS' son, William and his daughter-in-law. These two graves are also covered with limestone slabs. A large pavilion has been constructed over the graves to help preserve them from the elements.

All these physical characteristics of the gravesite lend themselves to the conclusion that this site was not hastily constructed but, rather, constructed with great care and deliberation. The development of the site certainly required much time, effort, and skill by the builder(s). The site suggests the Roberts family had occupied the area for a significant period of time before the death of W ROBERTS.

Some information about who W ROBERTS was is to be derived from official documents.
W(illiam) ROBERTS sold his home and land in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1768. It is certain that the Roberts family were land surveyors and it is highly probable that W ROBERTS accompanied one of the many parties of explorers, hunters, and land speculators into Kentucky to serve as a surveyor. Perhaps W ROBERTS came with one of Thomas Walker's earliest surveying teams in 1749. Research indicates that he returned with his family to the Wayne County area in 1769 or 1770 and settled in the Coopersville community.

Near W ROBERTS' burial site is the grave of his son, William Roberts. According to the engraving on the stone, this William was born in 1765. He was born in North Carolina and died in Wayne County, Kentucky in 1833. Court records indicate that he owned land in Wayne County in 1800. He was married to Lydia Ponder and together they had fourteen children. William was a surveyor having surveyed thousands of acres in Kentucky including some land in the Coopersville area. It is also known that William's son, Henry, was a land surveyor.

When William's estate was settled it was stated that he owned land on both sides of Canada's Creek which would include the land on which the Bauley-Bell Cemetery (Kidd-Bell Cemetery) is located.

Research continues to link W ROBERTS with early Wayne County history but there might very well be enough information leading historians to beliēve that an ancient and permanent settlement existed in Wayne County, Kentucky some time before Harrodsburg was settled. The Coopersville community of Wayne County is an "ancient" settlement and may be the earliest permanent settlement in Kentucky.
"History's Detectives" must continue the search!

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