

○ See Sparks Family for article "Tracing the Sparks Family History" - pg 13-16 - Rec'd 18 FEB 1996 from Ray Alan Sparks
NEW INFORMATION:

I. Francis Manan Sparks, ^{a blacksmith} [see reference for ancestors] b about 1813 (SC)
d after 1870 (AL) m'd (p SC) Elizabeth Ham - This couple was
in Butler Co, GA for 1850 census but soon moved to Among,
Etowah Co, AL (which is about 8 miles from Boaz, Marshall
Co, AL where John Michael U "Dump" lived]

A. James Robert Sparks "Bob" b 8 MAY 1832 (SC) [born just
before parents m'd but made legitimate by adoption
in Marshall Co, AL in 1859] m'd 4 JAN 1855 (DeKalb Co, AL)
Margaret E. Brock. They soon moved to adjoining
Marshall Co, AL. [They were in Marshall Co, AL for
1860 & 1870 census but about 1880 moved to Eufaula,
Greene Co, AL after selling inheritance in Marshall Co AL
of 160 A in 1877 & 500 A in 1878] [* RICHARD U, III CLAN
& CHARLES U CLAN, RESP.]

[NOTE:

THIS SPARKS
-UPCHURCH

enclave in

NE AL (SE

of MONTGOMERY)

included MARSHALL,

DEKALB & ETOWAH

Counties. It is

a coincidence

that James Robert

Sparks in 1880 moved

to Eufaula, Greene Co,

AL where the

ABEL U, 5th Clan

located

1. James Harris Sparks b abt 1861 m'd 29 AUG 1878
(Marshall Co, AL) * Mary Delaney U b 26 DEC 1855
[m'd by Jesse F. Miller, J.P. in home of her
Father D. U - presume D = "DUMP" = John
Michael U - RPA]. James was underage
and required permission of his father
to marry. Mary was 7 months older
than James. Their first child "Lesla"
was born a month after the marriage
Their 10 children were born - 4 in AL, 3 in TX

Georgia Ann Matilda D. U, her dau Mary Delaney U & Mary's son 2da Frank
Sparks are bur at Pleasant Valley Cem, Clay Co, TX - Matilda in an
unmarked grave. James Harris Sparks and his MOT are buried
in Brakesland Cem, 6 miles from Sallisaw, OK. Earlier reports had
James an Indian & born in TN - but not so per IVA EDMONDSON
of Albertville, AL

○ See Sparks Family
for article "Tracing
the Sparks Family
History pg 13-16 from
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I. Richard U, III - Head of Clan
A. Clalium U, I

1. Lunsford U

a. Georgia Ann
Matilda D. U

i. Mary
Delaney U
md ()
James
Harris
Sparks

This excerpt
based on
SPARKS
research
tracks Mary

& James from AL to TX
to OK to TX. Matilda
traveled with her son
Mary, Matilda md
John Michael U "Demp"
S/o Chaunty U & GS/o
Charles U - Head of Clan.
There is no sign of
"Demp" in this excerpt

At that time the West was starting to attract settlers from the southern states who were suffering from the stultifying aftermath of the Civil War, the influx of "carpetbaggers" from the North, and the general social upheaval. Moving was made easier by the railroads that were penetrating into areas that had formerly only been accessible by horseback or wagon. The rails got to Nocona, Texas about 1887 from the East. Then Bowie was connected to the rail system on July 1, 1882, as the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company laid track toward Wichita Falls. To attract customers and develop freight business the various railway companies advertised heavily in the southern states about the bountiful conditions out west, where land was cheap, fertile, well watered, and available at the end of the rails. That was all true, of course, but they didn't talk much about the Indians.

Well, James and Mary surely read the advertising and made the decision to move. It is even likely that other members of the very large families, both the Sparks and the Upchurches, had already preceded them and wrote them letters of encouragement. The gravestones in the various cemeteries in Texas and Oklahoma attest to their presence in those days. So James and Mary traveled to Texas probably by rail to Nocona, and by wagon over to Pleasant Valley where they bought eighty acres of farm land in what was known as Block No. 87 of Wood Co. School Lands. Their next three children were born there in Clay County.

We can only guess what happened to make them dissatisfied in Pleasant Valley. It is likely that some of the extended family, both Sparks and Upchurch, had moved into Indian Territory and had written letters about the fertile land, with abundant rainfall, and how much more profitable it was to farm up there. Probably James made a trip to Sallisaw to check it out for himself. Anyhow, the decision was made and they sold their eighty acres on Sept. 27, 1893 to J. C. McGowan for \$625. The legal document of sale is found at the Court House, Henrietta, in book #4537. Both James and Mary signed their names with an x.

The family moved to the area around Sallisaw where the rest of their children were born. We do not know where their farm was located but they apparently did fairly well. It is likely that they had cattle and horses, pigs and chickens as was customary in those days. Probably the children did not receive much schooling. The worst part of it was the lack of protection from bands of rebellious Indians. Sure, peace treaties had been signed, and the leaders and most of the tribes were willing to abide by the laws. But, even as now, some Indians were poor, resentful and willing to steal in order to even things up. And so James and the family experienced repeated thefts of their horses, cows, etc. and when they would hole up in their log cabin, aim their guns through the cracks to shoot at the intruders they got return fire. We are told that on one of these raids, James was shot by an Indian and he died January 23, 1902. As of now, June 1993, we do not know how the estate was settled, but somehow Mary got some money out of it and returned to the same area in Clay County where she and James had lived before. The County Clerk of Clay County in Henrietta has in the book of records Vol. 44, page 184 a deed dated Nov. 20, 1902 showing that Mrs. M. D. Sparks paid \$1450, cash, to buy 145 acres of land in Pleasant Valley from Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morgan. It was again, a part of the Wood Co. School Land. Mary at that time was almost 42 years old, widowed, with eight or nine children at hand. Charles had stayed in Sallisaw, but she had her granddaughter, Ida Mae Rogers, to rear following the death of Leola, who was Mary's firstborn. Mary must have been a very courageous and tough frontier woman in order to cope with that situation. We can just guess that some kindly neighbors, friends and relatives helped her from time to time. There was at least one big improvement over Sallisaw, no renegade Indians. And there was a nearby school and a Freewill Baptist Church, occupying the same small building, making it possible to expose the kids to a bit of civilizing polish. The children gradually grew up and by 1918 they were all married and gone. Mary was 58 years old. In order to keep the farm going, she had a small three room house built about 150 feet from the main farm house where she could live alone, while she rented out the main house to whatever family that would come in and work the farm for her. At various times there was R. M. (Rob), and James W. (Will), and Mattie's husband, J. "Doug" Thompson, and Nettie's husband, George McGowan. Maybe there were some others. The farm was not well managed nor consistently. Farm animals were sold to cover bad management, and a debt was incurred of \$350. against the property. Mary's mind began to slip about 1927, and for several years the land taxes were not paid. Family members took advantage of her. Finally some of the family arranged to have the County Judge declare her incompetent, and let her affairs be handled by an administrator. Mary died November 11, 1933 without leaving a will. It was in the midst of a general depression, and farms were not worth much money. When the Judge had the property appraised, and sold to the highest bidder on the courthouse steps in Henrietta, there was only one bidder, and that was A. D. Cozart. He paid about \$9.00 an acre, but only \$600 in cash, assuming all the unpaid taxes and the debt incumbering the property. When all the doctors bills, and other final expenses were paid, there was only about \$290. of Mary's estate to be distributed to her ten heirs. About \$29. for each family, or their heirs.

○ From the 18 FEB 1996 Ray Alan Sparks & RPU [1900 CE SUS
INDIAN TERRITORY, OK - Cherokee Nation Flint TSP1) NR. 23E]

James H. Sparks b JUL 1860 (AL) age 39 [JAMES HARRIS SPARKS]
Head of Household

Mary D. Sparks - WIF b DEC 1859 (AL) age 40 [nee MARY DELANEY U]

Charles W. Sparks SON b JUL 1883 (AL) age 16 [CHARLES WASHINGTON
SPARKS, SA]

1) Robert M. Sparks SON b DEC 1885 (AL) age 14 [ROBERT MICHAEL SPARKS]

James W. M. Sparks SON b APR 1888 (TX) age 12 [JAMES WILLIAM SPARKS]

Pearly Sparks DAU b SEP 1889 (TX) age 10 [PEARL LEOLA SPARKS]

Nettie B. Sparks DAU b AUG 1891 (TX) age 8 [NETTIE BELLE SPARKS]

Mattie E. Sparks DAU b MAR 1895 (IND. TERR) age 5 [MATTIE ELLA SPARKS]

Frank Z. Sparks SON b AUG 1897 (IND. TERR) age 2 [ZEA FRANK SPARKS]

Fuy O. Sparks SON b APR 1900 (IND. TERR) age 1/2 [DOY ORAL SPARKS]

2) { Marion Upchurch BO b SEP 1861 (AL) age 38 [MARION FRANKLIN U]
ARCOLA Upchurch BO b DEC 1890 (TX) age 9 [ARCOLA U]

Notes of RPU - 18 JUL 2003

1) Note that Mary Delaney U named her son "Michael", presumably
after her father John Michael U ↑

2) The census shows "BO" presumably for "Boards" which
could well be true. However Marion Franklin is a
brother of Mary Delaney U. Tentatively, it is assumed that
Arcola is his daughter. Note that Arcola was b in TX
so Mary & Marion must have moved from AL to
TX more or less together and then from TX to OK
more or less together

JOHN MICHAEL U

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○ CENSUS RECORDS - 1830 - HENRY CO, GA

CHARITY U FAMILY

M 0-5 (b 1825-1830) [SON - J. MICHAEL U AGE 7]

M 5-10 (b 1820-1825) [SON. W^m JESSE U AGE 7]

F 20-30 (b 1800-1810) [CHARITY S. U AGE 32]

○ CENSUS RECORDS - 1840 - HENRY CO, GA

CHARLES U FAMILY

Children
of
Charity
S. U

{ M 5-10 (b 1830-1835) [SON - JAMES MONROE U, II
- b 16 JAN 1834 - AGE 6]
M 5-10 (b 1830-1835) [SON - J. MICHAEL U
- b 1 JUL 1829 - AGE 11]
M 15-20 (b 1820-1825) [SON WILLIAM JESSE U
- b 1823 AGE 17]
M 80-90 (b 1850-1860) [CHARLES U b 11 FEB 1755
- AGE 85 - PENSIONER
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR]
F 20-30 (b 1810-1820) [CHARITY S. U b 1798
- AGE 42]

○ See 1th INDV 2002 Phyllis Annis Campbell & RPI

"I have been working with Michael U [JMU] and Matilda

Michael U [JMU] b 1 JUL 1829 d 3 MAR 1903

MATILDA MCNEY b 22 FEB 1840 d 28 MAR 1940 "

↳ [MCNEY part 12 new & RPI - For death
date for her I have d 22 JAN 1821 - RPI]

"I found them in Clay Co, TX on 1900 census with
one son John S. U. They are buried in Pleasant
Valley Cem., Clay Co, TX "

○ Conclusions/Assumptions Regarding the
Family of CHARITY S. UPHURCH - 27 APR 2002 - RPU

There is strong circumstantial evidence that
Charles U, Head of Upchurch Class No 2 had 3
sons (Thomas Gay U, Sr, Keaton U, Eaton U) and two
daughters (Susan U, Charity S. U). It is likely
that all 5 children were born in Franklin
Co, NC or possibly just across the County line
in Wake Co, NC. Some of the children married
and possibly had issue in NC prior to the
time in the early 1800's when Charles and all
five of his children moved to GA. They may
not have all moved at the same time or to
the same place in GA. Charles also had other
close relatives who moved from NC to GA in
the early 1800's. See Profiles of all for more details
except for Charity S. U on which note the following:

CHARITY S. U never married but had 3 children
possibly by more than one man one of whom is
presumed to have been a M GREEN. The three were
WILLIAM JESSE U AKA William Lewis Huston Green b
1823, J. Michael U "Damp" b 1829 & James Monroe U, Jr
b 1834. There are appropriate slots on the 1830 & 1840
Census for the 3 children. Details regarding the
child b 1823 may be found in the William Jesse U Profile.

Water from RDU/SSU Visit on 9 APR 1996 in Cass Co, TX with
 Morris Sheppard U re information handed down in the
 family about the presence of early Upchurch in Cass Co, TX

I suspect the
 land originally purchased in 1885 by James
 Monroe U, II when he and Sarah Elizabeth U
 moved to Cass Co, TX. Morris said his
 older brother told him that a brother
 of James Monroe U, II was already in
 Cass Co, TX in 1885 - that he owned
 adjoining Upchurch land that he was
 called "JOMP" but that his real name
 was John U. This person soon moved
 about 70-80 miles west to Mt Vernon, TX.
 Morris does not recall if John U. had
 issue. Morris is aware of the connection
 of his ancestor to Charity U and that the
 Green family was also involved.

Morris recalls that his Grandmother
 sister Charity Ann Lavonia Ann (U) Ballard
 visited them. He does not recall if they
 had children and is not aware of
 her husband being buried in Cass Co, TX.
 However, he says that as Ballard family
 members in the county today and there
 is some interest in family history. There
 is also interest in Olive family history.

Much of the Upchurch land from 1902
 is still in the family. This land
 is located along both sides of County
 Road 3548 just before it enters County Road
 3546. This rolling land was originally
 cleared and farmed to cotton & pear. It
 is now all in pasture or pine woodland.

Originally the Upchurch family attended church
 at Courland which is on County Road
 3432 just south of 3437. This church was founded
 before 1850. James Monroe U, II and his wife
 are buried there (I suspect the monument).
 The church is currently active. When Morris
 first said he adopted his wife's church at
 Andrews as he had a more active program

I. RICHARD U, III - Head of
 A. CLABORN U, I

1. SARAH ELIZABETH U
 m.d. JAMES MON-
 ROE U, II

A. WALTER
 JACKSON U
 J. MORRIS
 SHEPPARD
 U

2. CHARITY LAVONIA
 ANN U (MDC)
 PHILIP BALLARD

I. CHARLES U - Head of
 CLAN -- GREEN

A. CHARITY U
 CLAN -- GREEN

1. JOHN MICHAEL U
 "JOMP"

2. JAMES
 MONROE U, II

3. WILLIAM
 LEWIS GREEN
 [AKA WILLIAM
 LEWIS U]

[NOTE: This information
 from Morris
 Sheppard U provides
 the basis for the
 "J" in JOMP being
 John - RDU]

JOHN MICHAEL U

○ From Notes of RPA/SSU Sojourn TX Pg 22 16 APR 1996

went to Franklin Co, TX -- Mt Vernon
& checked for presence of John U son
of Chanty U - no luck. Looked through various
reference books in the Mt Vernon Public Library
and in the County Court House. Only one U
found (did not get name). He was referenced
in 1991.

Crossreference:

John U = John Michael U

Mt Vernon, Franklin Co, TX

⑩ See Census 1880- Marshall Co, AL

Michael U WM 51 b GA [J. Michael U]

Matilda U 40 wife b GA

William M. U 17 son b AL

Franklin M. U 13 son b AL

Vice G. U 11 son b AL

Ulas F. U 8 son b AL

Martha M. U 4 daughter b AL

Miney A. U 2 daughter b AL

Charita U 82 Mother b NC [Charity S. U]

⑪ See Ltr 2 DEC 1996 Doris Jean Acklin to RPH

Her GGF is JMU. She reports that the 1880 Census see

⑩ above) shows the father of JMU was born in VA

Doris says JMU d 5 MAR 1905 (Clay Co, TX)

⑫ See Ltr 13 NOV 1981 Mayfred U to RPH

CSA M. U - Co K C 46 AL INF Put - Put

[Assume M. U = JMU - RPH]

⑬ From Ltr 2 DEC 1996 Doris Jean Acklin to RPH

I found a micro film of Confederate's Widow's Application for a Pension in the Okla. Historical Library. I have a copy of Michael's widow, Matilda, application with Affidavits showing Michael was a member of Co. K, Regiment 46th Ala. Infantry. This was verified Aug. 11, 1915 by the War Dept. showing he enlisted April 24th (no year). He was listed on a bounty roll May 16, 1862 and listed as captured May 16, 1863 at Champion Hill (also shown captured May 17, 1863 at Big Black) paroled July 3, 1863 at Fort Delaware, Delaware.

⑭ See Ltr 24 FEB 1997 Doris Jean Acklin to RPH

"For JMU I find only Michael U, no 'J'. He was b 15 JUL 1829 (Henry Co, GA) & 3 MAR 1903 (Clay Co, TX). Death date: Family records show & 3 MAR 1903 but under Confederate pension application dated 6 JUL 1916 in Madison, Stephens Co, OK shows he d 5 MAR 1905. I have a photocopy of this appl. He paroled in ⑬ - was 'delivered' 6 JUL 1863, City Point, VA" Appl shows md APR 1854 (Randolph Co, AL). They had only 10 children

⑦ See Ltr 9 SEP 1986 Edna Marie Brown to RPH

"It is common knowledge in the families that James Monroe U was illegitimate. His mother was Charity. In a land lottery in 1827, Charity was given land for her illegitimate in Moscoogee County, GA. In the 1830 Georgia census, Charity can be found in Henry Co, with one male under five and one male five to ten years old. She is listed one female 20 to 30 years old. On the same page is listed a Eaton U and Charles Upchurch. I cannot find her in the 1840^{GA} census but I found her in the 1850 Henry Co, GA census on page 264. C. Upchurch 52 NC M. Upchurch 19 GA; J. Upchurch male 16 GA. In the 1880 Alabama census, she is found living in Marshall County with her son Michael U, and his family. It was also said in my family that James Monroe U was a half brother to my grandmother Matthe Lou Green Upchurch's father William Louis Green. --- I do not think any of this information should be printed ---"

⑧ See Census - 1850 - Henry Co, GA

C. U 52 F h NC

[CHARITY S. U]

M. U 19 M h GA Attending School [J. MICHAEL U]

J. U 16 M h GA Attending School [JAMES MONROE U]

⑨ See Ltr 18 JUN 1988 Virginia Diann Kenney to RPH
1860 Census - Randolph Co, GA (800)

Michael U 30 M Farmer h GA [J. Michael U]

Georgia A. M. U 19 F Housewife h GA [Georgia A. Matilda D. U]

Charity S. U 3 F h AL [Charity Serina U]

Mary D. U 6/12 F h AL [Mary Delaney U]

Charity S. U 66 F h NC

③ See Ltr 20 JUN 1978 Elva Era Burkhalter to RPI

"I did some work for an Upchurch Desc of Seymour TX and they seemed to know that Michael "Dump" U stopped in Okla (Heawton, OK). I gave her the address of: ^{to??} Alden E. Burkhalter } in AT
P.O. BOX 246
Children TX 79201 }

a desc of Elva B. & Laurie U and asked him to find out for me if Michael U did die at Wellington, TX. "No reply yet." "-----" "yes - Michael "Dump" Upchurch is the name he used.---"

④ See Ltr 30 JUN 1983 J. Marie Bell to RPI (Info from Elva Era Burkhalter).

Shows above as M. J. U rather than as J. M. U (J. Michael U). Shows his mother as Charity U b 1798 (NC) shows he b 15 JUL 1829 (Hancock Co, GA) and d 3 MAR 1903 (Wellington, TX).

⑤ See Ltr 15 SEP 1983 Jewel Marie Bell to RPI

For Matilda D. U I have just the census which does not give the mom. I have Michael J. U ↑ and his family on the 1880 census in Marshall Co Beat #20 - That was the source of my info.

⑥ See Ltr 19 OCT 1982 Roy Edwin U to RPI

My GF (Jessie Lee U = GS of Sarah Elizabeth U and one James Monroe U) (Jessie Lee U = son of James Columbus U 1st cousin of Matilda D. U (dau of Sanford U) who mtd J. Michael U ↑ knew about James Monroe U & J. Michael U's marrying 2nd cousin but he did not have much to say about their parents.

① See Ltr 2 FEB 1978 Elva E. Burkhalter to RPH

A. Pg 2 "James Monroe U was the son of Charity U - one of her illegitimate children, was she the dau of Charles? Her oldest son was named William Green (not Upchurch). Another son was J. Michael "Dump". He and Matilda D. U dau of Junsford U (son of Calvin U)."

② See Ltr 10 JUL 1980 Elva E. Burkhalter to RPH

Pg 12 - Matilda D. Upchurch b 22 FEB 1840 (Henry Co, GA) and 1856 J. Michael Upchurch

Pg 17 - J. Michael U "Dump" b Henry Co, GA 1 JUL 1829 & 3 MAR 1903 (Wellington, Collingsworth Co, TX)

and 1856 (Henry Co, GA) Matilda D. U b 22 FEB 1840 (Henry Co, GA) & 22 JAN 1921 (Wellington, TX)

Pg 2 - "Do not publish this: James M. U [James Monroe U] was son of Charity [U] - she reared her family but never married - she had U^m Lewis Green, "Dump" Michael [J. Michael U] and Jaz Monroe U. Uncle Jessie (youngest son of Sarah E. U) told me that Dump was named Michael. He knew Dump was a nick name and he knew James Monroe U had a brother Michael so he put it together. Two weeks ago I found Michael U in Randolph Co, AL 1860 census and Charity age 66 with him. Charity has to be dau of Charles U. The 1850 census Henry Co, GA shows a son M. ↑ [J. Michael U] age 21 - In 1860 AL census he is age 30. Don't you think this reasons it all out?

JOHN MICHAEL

U

XID- 5127

① From Land Records File - to RPA from Gilbert Kendrick
 Alford, 11 NOV 1998 3 ALABAMA ENTRIES for MICHAEL U

ACCESS_NR AL3350__493
 IMAGE_NAME 00000066
 VOL_ID 068
 DESCRIP_NR 1
 ALIQUOT_PT NESW
 SECTION_NR 20
 TOWNSHIP 21S
 RANGE 11E
 BLOCK_NR
 MERIDAN_CD HUNTSVILLE
 TOTAL_ACRE 40.0800
 FRAC_SECT N
 PATENT_L_N UPCHURCH
 PATENT_F_N MICHAEL
 PATENT_M_I
 L_O_CODE CENTRE
 DOCUMENT_N 21372
 MISC_DOC_N
 TITLE_AUTH CASH ENTRY SALE
 SIGNATURE Y
 SIGN_DATE 1860/02/01
 SUBSU_RESV N
 METES_BOUN N
 SURVY_DATE
 WARR_L_NAM
 WARR_F_NAM
 CANCEL_DOC N
 MULT_PATEN N
 MULT_WARR N
 REMARKS

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 SECTION_NR 31
 TOWNSHIP 21S
 RANGE 9E
 BLOCK_NR
 MERIDAN_CD HUNTSVILLE
 TOTAL_ACRE 0.0000
 FRAC_SECT N
 PATENT_L_N UPCHURCH
 PATENT_F_N MICHAEL
 PATENT_M_I
 L_O_CODE MONTGOMERY
 DOCUMENT_N 962
 MISC_DOC_N 2479
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 SIGN_DATE 1880/02/20
 SUBSU_RESV N
 METES_BOUN N
 SURVY_DATE
 WARR_L_NAM
 WARR_F_NAM
 CANCEL_DOC N
 MULT_PATEN N
 MULT_WARR N
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 RANGE 9E
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 CANCEL_DOC N
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② NOTE: A list given is that this Michael U is J. Michael
 U son of Charity U & gr of Charles U - Head of Class. Cross
 list under J. Michael U & Michael U