

ALLEN U

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① EXCERPT FROM BOOK "THE UPCHURCHES" BY MAE D. COX APR 2008
ITEM: _____

EXACT TITLE:

"The Upchurches
of Virginia,
North Carolina,
Arkansas, and
Indian Territory;
1624-1925"
MAE D. COX
April 2008

Sixth Generation

Allen Upchurch

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1 Michael Upchurch I 1620 - 1681

..... 2 Richard Upchurch 1658 - 1700

..... 3 John Upchurch I 1678 - 1758

..... 4 James Upchurch III 1724 - 1784

..... 5 Harmon Upchurch 1740 - 1815

..... 6 Allen Upchurch ↑ 1779 - 1848 Δ
+Mary Dudney 1790 - 1850

.....	7 Elizabeth Ann Upchurch	1805 -	Δ
.....	7 William Allen Upchurch	1808 - 1884	Δ
.....	7 Catherine Upchurch	1810 -	Δ
.....	7 Patrick Bogan Upchurch	1816 - 1885	Δ
.....	7 Benjamin Upchurch	1819 -	Δ
.....	7 John Dudney Upchurch	1824 - 1857	Δ
.....	7 James Upchurch	1828 -	Δ

Timeline for Allen Upchurch

YEAR	APPROX AGE ±	
1779		Allen Upchurch is born in Brunswick County, Virginia
1805	26	Year Allen possibly left Virginia and arrived in North Carolina
1805-1808	26±	Allen marries Mary Dudney, exact date unknown
1805	26	First child is born, Elizabeth Ann, ca 1805
1808	29	Second child is born, William Allen ca. 1808
May 22, 1810	31	Third child is born, Catherine Upchurch
1810	31	Listed in Montgomery County, North Carolina, census
1816	37	Fourth child is born, Patrick Bogan Upchurch, abt 1816
1819	40	Fifth child is born, Benjamin Upchurch, abt 1819
1820	40	The 1820 census for Montgomery County was destroyed, no records
1820	40	Listed in Tax Records, Montgomery County, North Carolina
May 19, 1822	43	Allen is mentioned In a land warrant as owning adjoining land
March 2, 1824	45	Buys 100 acres on Ash Gum fork of David's Creek in Montgomery County
June 2, 1824	45	Order is issued to survey tract above mentioned
June 21, 1824	45	Survey is recorded for 100 acres purchased March 2, 1824
July 31, 1824	45	Sixth child is born, John Dudney Upchurch
1828	49	Seventh child is born James Upchurch, abt 1828
February 26, 1829	50	Land Warrant 9285 mentions Allen owning adjoining land; David's Creek
1830	51	Allen Listed in Census, Montgomery County, North Carolina
October 13, 1831	52	Mentioned in land purchase as owning adjoining land on Ash Gum Creek
1832	53	Land Warrant 8452 mentions Allen Upchurch
unk		Allen's wife Mary inherits father's land left to her mother, then passed to her
September 17, 1835	56	Allen and Mary sell her land inheritance
1840	61	Allen listed in Census, Montgomery County, North Carolina
1841	62	Part of Montgomery becomes Stanly County; Allen now in Stanly County
1841	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in Ashe Gum Forke
1842	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in Ashe Gum Fork
1843	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in Ashe Gum
1844	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in A. Gum Crk
1845	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in Gum
1846	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in Ash Gum
1847	62	Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record — 200 acs in Ash Gum
June 21, 1848	69	Allen Upchurch dies, buried in Stanly County, North Carolina
June 29, 1848		Wife, Mary Dudney Upchurch, dies
August 1848		Allen Upchurch's Estate probated Stanly County, North Carolina
1848		Allen Upchurch Estate listed on Stanly County Property Tax and Poll Record
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ALLEN UPCHURCH

BORN CA 1779 BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 DIED JUNE 21, 1848 STANLY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 BURIAL UPCHURCH BURIAL GROUND, NORWOOD, STANLY COUNTY, NC

Allen born in
 Virginia.

MARY DUDNEY

BORN 1779-1790 NORWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 MARRIED ABT 1805-1808 NORWOOD, MONTGOMERY CO., NORTH CAROLINA
 DIED JUNE 29, 1848 STANLY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 BURIAL NORWOOD, STANLY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

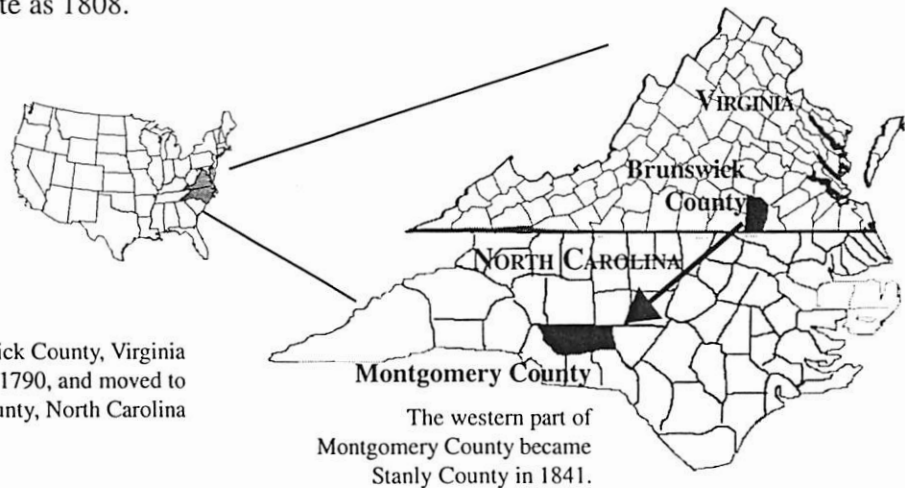
Lived most of
 his life in North
 Carolina

Leaves Virginia

It's not clear just when Allen left Brunswick County, Virginia. His parents made the trek to North Carolina about 1805 when Allen was about twenty-six. It seems reasonable that Allen would have moved at the same time, or shortly thereafter.

Most publications and online sites list Allen and Mary as having married about 1808. That date is inconsistent with the birth years of their first children, so more likely they were wed prior to the births of the first two children, not after. Course the dates listed for the first two births could also be off!

Or there could have been a first wife and Mary was his second! It is possible that the first two named below could have been born to another spouse if indeed Allen was married to Mary as late as 1808.



Harmon left Brunswick County, Virginia
 about 1789 or 1790, and moved to
 Montgomery County, North Carolina

Children of Allen Upchurch and Mary Dudney

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Elizabeth Ann Upchurch | b. ca 1805* | d. Stanly Co NC | m. David Smith, 1827 |
| 2) William Allen Upchurch | b. ca 1808* | d. abt 1884 AR | m. Elizabeth |
| 3) Catherine Upchurch | b. May 22, 1810 NC | | |
| 4) Patrick Bogan Upchurch | b. abt 1816 | d. 1885 AR | m. Eunice McSwain, 1837 |
| 5) Benjamin Upchurch | b. ca 1819 | | |
| 6) John Dudney Upchurch | b. July 31, 1824* | d. March 11, 1857 NC | m. July 30, 1844 Elizabeth Schoffner |
| 7) James Upchurch | b. ca 1828 NC | | |

* In Montgomery County, North Carolina

In 1810,
Allen was about
31 years old

1810 Census Record

The Upchurches are living in Montgomery County, North Carolina. Allen is about thirty-one years of age and head of household. He is enumerated as the male under 26 to 45 years of age. The other male is under ten years old. There are three females, two of which are shown between ten and sixteen years old, and wife Mary would be the female listed under 26-45.

The youngster under ten is likely Allen's son, William Allen. The two young females are puzzling as neither fits the birthyears for Allen's daughters. Could it be that daughter Elizabeth was born before 1805 ... the date most researchers show as her year of birth? And who is the other young girl?

1810 Census,
Montgomery County,
North Carolina
Allen Upchurch is living
in Captain James Kendall
area. R05041

Could it be that Allen was married before he and Mary married about 1805 to 1808? Since Allen was about 29 or 30 years of age, it's possible he had been married earlier... and that the two females were daughters from an earlier marriage. At the time of 1810 census, Mary was only about twenty and couldn't possibly have two daughters over ten years old!

Captain	William Farrel	2	"	"	1	"	2	"	"	1	"	"	"	6
Lieut. Kendall	Geo. Dancy	3	1	"	"	1	2	1	1	"	1	"	"	10
	Wm. Upchurch	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	4
	Wm. Upchurch	1	"	"	"	1	0	2	"	1	"	"	"	5
	Geo. Allen	4	1	"	1	"	"	2	"	1	"	"	"	9
	Geo. Randle	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	4
	John Tinsley	3	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	1	7
	Wm. Randle	2	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	5
	Thos. Randle	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	4
	Wm. Davidson	1	"	"	"	"	2	"	2	"	"	"	"	13
	John Randle	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	12
	Geo. Randle	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5
	John Casper	1	2	"	1	"	4	"	"	1	"	"	"	9
	Geo. Randle	"	"	"	1	"	4	"	"	1	"	"	"	6
	Wm. Lamberson	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	6
	John Thaddeus	"	"	"	1	"	1	3	"	"	1	"	"	5
	B. Henry	"	"	"	1	"	"	3	1	1	"	"	"	10
	Thos. Lamberson	"	"	1	"	1	"	1	2	"	1	"	"	5
	Wm. Wood	1	1	"	1	"	2	"	1	1	"	"	"	3
	P. Woods	2	2	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	"	"	3
	Geo. Randle	1	1	"	1	"	3	1	"	1	"	"	"	3
	Thos. Hyman	2	1	1	"	1	1	2	"	"	1	"	"	3

Land Record Contains Mention of Allen Upchurch

May 19, 1822: This land warrant mentions Allen as owning adjoining property:

... Warrant #8452 by D. McRae to Peter J. Randall for 25 ac joins Allen Upchurch and his own line ... ^{R07041b}

Allen Buys Land in Montgomery County, North Carolina

On March 2, 1824, Allen is granted 108 acres located

... on waters of Little Ck, adjoining his own lines, on SW side of PDR., on waters of the Ash gum fork of Davids Ck, his [Upchurch] 100 acre tract, Snugs line, David Smith line, Alexander Thomsons line. ... Surveyed June 21, 1824, William Upchurch and Eli H. Wood, chaincarriers ... ^{R07043}

Allen buys 108

acres

After the land record came an order to survey the property

June 21, 1824 Survey Ordered

Notice in the Montgomery County, North Carolina, land purchase record of March 2, 1824, there is a notation that the land was surveyed the following June. An order to survey this property was issued June 2, 1824 with the following order:

Allen's land is

surveyed

Order to Survey Allen Upchurch's land ^{R07096}

State of N.C. (Montgomery County) 30th June 1824 (348)
To the surveyor of said County
I hereby certify you are hereby requested to lay
off and survey according to the last a tract or
parcel of land containing One Hundred and
Eight acres for Allen Upchurch Ordered
on March 1824 on the waters of Davids Creek
adjoining his own line with return the same in
two fair plans agreeable to an act of assembly
in such case made & provided your
my hand at Office 2nd June 1824
D. McRae

State of No Carolina
Montgomery County

No 8643

To the Surveyor of said
County Greeting you are hereby requested to lay
off and survey according to law a tract or
parcel of land containing One Hundred and
Eight acres for Allen Upchurch Entered the
2nd March 1824 on the waters of Davids Creek
adjoining his own lines and return the same in
two fair plans agreeable to an act of assembly
in such cases made & provided given under
my hand at office 2nd June 1824

D. McRae Es^q

1824, Land Surveyed and Recorded

Allen's land was surveyed and recorded. The survey
included a hand-drawn map of the 108 acre tract. How
wonderful to see just how his land was laid out. It
seems like most acreages were in haphazard shapes
instead of the nice neat sections, townships and ranges
we have today.

Transcription of document at right

Laid down by a scale
of 80 poles per Inch.

[This line was vertical beside
the map in left top corner]

State of No Carolina
Montgomery County

Pursuant to a warrant

^ June 2, 1824

Order to Survey

Allen Upchurch's Land

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Survey Recorded >
June 21, 1824



For information on Chains
and Poles, see page 87

No 8643 and date of entry the 2nd of March 1824,
Surveyed one hundred and eight Acres of land for
Allen Upchurch on the South west side of P D
River on the waters of the Ash gum fork of
David's Creek Beginning at a Ellum the beginning
corner of his one hundred Acre tract hickory and
Red Oak pointers and run Thence South one hundred
and twenty poles to a stake in or near Snugs line
Three pines and red oak pointers Thence south thirty
east forty poles to a Red Oak poast Oak and said(?)
Spanish pointers Thence north Sixty east seventy
Three poles to a Pink Black Jack pointes Thence
north nineteen east thirty nine poles to a Stake
in David Smith's line Red Oak post oak
and Hickory pointers Then north thirty Six
west ninety two poles with and beyond said
line to a poast oak post oak and pine pointers
Thence north thirty four poles to a stake in
Alexander Thomsons line Three Back Jack
and post oak pointers Thence north thirty two
west, sixty poles with with [sic] said line to a stake
two post oak and three Black gum pointers Thence
South seventy west Seventy poles to a post oak three
post oak pointers thence south thirty four west fifty
two poles to a stake red and post oak pointers Thence
south fifty Three west fifty poles to a post oak in his
own line Thence with it a direct course to the
begining this 21st June 1824.

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The CC at bottom left beside the names of William
Upchurch and Eli Wood in all probably stands for
Chain Carriers

Wm Upchurch }
Eli H Wood } CC

A M Collum D Y (or G)
Tom L. Simmons C____

Another entry mentions Allen Upchurch several times,

... Warrant #9285 by D. McRae to David Smith for 37 ac joins his own line and Allen Upchurch; entered November 26, 1828; 37 ac surveyed November 9, 1829 by B.W. Simmons; on SW side of PeeDee River and on waters of Davids Cr; border: begins at his own old corner pine in Allen Upchurch's line and joins his Woods tract; Allen Upchurch and Henry Smith Chain carriers... R07041c

Allen is now about 50 or 51 years of age and is head of household. Living with him are two males under age five, plus two males between five and ten years old.

1830 Census, Montgomery County, North Carolina

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Wife, Mary, is shown as being between 50 and 60 years of age, and there are three other females in the household: one between 15 and 20 years of age, and two over 20 but under 30. All total there are nine people in his home.

Of the two males under five, one fits the birthyear for son James. The second one could possibly be a grandson since older daughters are in the household too. The other two male's ages fit sons John Dudley and Benjamin.

It's puzzling that Patrick Bogan doesn't appear to be listed. He would have been about fourteen years of age.

Patrick Bogan
doesn't seem to
be listed on
1830 census

October 13, 1831, Record Mentions Allen Upchurch

This entry was recorded on a warrant issued January 13th,

D. McRae to David Blalock 25 ac joins his own lines and Allen Upchurch; October 13, 1831, 25 ac surveyed October 6, 1832... on waters of Ash Gum Cr; border: begins at Allen Upchurch's corner post oak, crosses a branch, joins Snuffs and a post oak in a meadow being beginning corner of 200 ac owned by said David Blalock... ^{R07041d}

1835 Allen's wife inherits Land from her Father; They Sell Land

Allen's wife, Mary Dudley Upchurch, was the daughter of John Dudley, b. 1761 in Dorchester County, Maryland, and Elizabeth Kay. John died in 1809, and his land was bequeathed to wife, Elizabeth, during her natural life. At her death, the land would then go to their four daughters:

Nancy, wife of L.L. Page
Mary, wife of Allen Upchurch
Elizabeth, wife of Howell Upchurch
Sarah, wife of Wiley Ross

It's not certain just what year Elizabeth Dudley died, nor how long the tract of land belonged to the Upchurches. They did, however, sell the land to Wiley Ross (Mary's sister's husband) as shown in the deed recorded September 17, 1835, and shown on the next page.

Allen and Mary Upchurch received \$37.00 for their share of the Montgomery County, North Carolina, acreage lying on

... SW side of PeeDee River and on the south side of Jacobs Creek bounded as follows: on the north by Jacob's Creek, east by Howell Upchurch, south by Levi Shankle, west by George Shankle, Sen'r ^{R07001}

The original document and a transcription are shown on the next two pages, and as you can see Allen and Mary both signed with an "X" — their mark.

Allen and Mary
Upchurch
received \$37.00
for their share
of her parents'
acreage

Log cabin from the 1800s



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Allen Upchurch & wife To Wiley Rof ✓

This Indenture made this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1835 between Allen Upchurch & Mary Upchurch his wife, & Wiley Rof of the other part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty seven Dollars, in hand paid at or before the sealing of these presents, for the sd Allen and Mary Upchurch do by these presents bargain, sell, give & alien a Certain Tract or parcel of Land to the sd Wiley Rof lies & bounded as follows lying in the County of Montgomery and State of N. Carolina lying on the South West side of the Old River & on the South side of Jacobs Creek bounded as follows on the N^o by Jacobs Creek East by Howell Upchurch, So by Levi Shankle, West by George Shankle Inc., the above Land being bequeathed to Elizabeth Dudney during her her natural life & at her death to Nancy Page, Mary Upchurch, Elizabeth Upchurch and Sarah Rof lawful heirs of sd John Dudney, and the same being undivided, we do hereby these presents, bargain, sell and deliver all aforesaid right to sd land with by will or any other wise from ourselves our heirs or assigns forever to the sd Wiley Rof his heirs or assigns forever, to have & to hold in simple fee & behoof, whereunto we have this day set our hands & affixed our seals, Signs sealed and delivered the day and date first above written in

Presence of

W. Swearingen

J. D. Page saw

Mary Upchurch signs only

Montgomery County Court, April Term 1839 Then this Indenture was proven in open Court by the oath of William Swearingen J. Page and ordered to be registered

Allen ^{his} Upchurch (seal)
Mary ^{wife} Upchurch (seal)

John R. Martin clk
By N. [illegible] J. P.

Allen Upchurch & Wife To Wiley Ross

This indenture made this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1835 between Allen Upchurch & Mary Upchurch his wife, & Wiley Ross of the other part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of thirty seven Dollars in hand paid at or before the sealing of these presents we the said **Allen and Mary Upchurch** do by these presents bargain, sell, give & alien a certain Tract or parcel of Land to the said Wiley Ross lies & bounded as follows being in the County of Montgomery and State of N^o Carolina & lying on the South West side of Pee Dee River & on the South side of Jacobs Creek bounded as follows on the N^o by Jacobs Creek East by Howell Upchurch, So by Levi Shankle, West by George Shankle Sr., the above Land being bequeathed to Elizabeth Dudney during her her [sic] natural life & at her death to Nancy Page, **Mary Upchurch**, Elizabeth Upchurch, and Sarah Ross lawful heirs of sd John Dudney, and the same being undivided, we do hereby these presents, bargain, sell and deliver all foresd right to sd land either by will or any other wise from ourselves, our heirs or assigns forever to the sd Wiley Ross his heirs or assigns forever, to have & to hold in simple fee & behoof, wherein to we have this day set our hands & affixed our seals, signed sealed and delivered the day and date first written in Presence of

W. Swarinjen	His Allen X Upchurch (seal) Mark
L. L. Page	Her Mary X Upchurch (seal) Mark

Mary Upchurch assign only
Montgomery County Court, April Term 1839 Then this deed was proven in open Court by the oath of William Swarinjen, L Page and ordered to be registered.

John B. Martin Clk
By N. Knight, DB

Transcribed by Mae D. Cox

Land Owned by Allen Upchurch

By 1841, **Allen Upchurch** is known to have owned — and was paying taxes on — 200 acres of land. Through the years, all the tax records show he only owned 200 acres though we have documents supporting he owned considerably more land than that.

From his will which is shown at the end of this narrative, we do know that Allen indeed had sizeable holdings. He had accumulated a sizeable estate, including his land, home, personal property, livestock, and some cash.

Allen Upchurch and wife, Mary Dudney, sell her Land Inheritance in 1835

Allen's wife inherited part of her father's land

Land Record doesn't tell number of acres being sold

Allen seems to have been quite affluent

Allen buys
100 acres

January 30, 1839, Allen Granted 100 Acres

Allen received 100 acres from the state of North Carolina, for which he paid five dollars. The tract, in Montgomery County, was recorded on December 18, 1840.

R07067

Allen Upchurch Grant

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State of North Carolina } No 3252

Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our treasury by Allen Upchurch hath given and granted and by thee presents do give and grant unto the said Allen Upchurch a tract of land Containing one hundred acres lying and being in the county of Montgomery adjoining his own lines and Henry A. Snuggs on the waters of Davis creek beginning at his own old corner Elm by a hickory and runs with his line South thirty one chains and Seventy Links to a stake thence West four chairs & sixty links to Henry A. Snuggs line thence with it South thirty five East twenty four chains & fifty links to Robert L Allens corner in said line thence with said Allens five North five East seventeen chains and fifty links to his corner fallen down red oak thence North fifty two East eighteen chains to David Smiths line then with it North thirty five West thirty one chains twenty five links to his corner small post oak thence North eight east seven chains and seventy five links to a large post oak by two pines thence West twenty six chains to a stake thence South thirty West ten chains to his old line thence with it East to the beginning Entered the 30th January 1839 in testimony wher of we hav caused these our letters to be made present and our grate seal to be her unto affixed witness Edward B Dudley our governor at Raleigh the 18th day December in the 65th year of our independency and in the year of our Lorde one thousand eight hundred and forty by command W. Hill Secretary of State

Edward B. Dudley

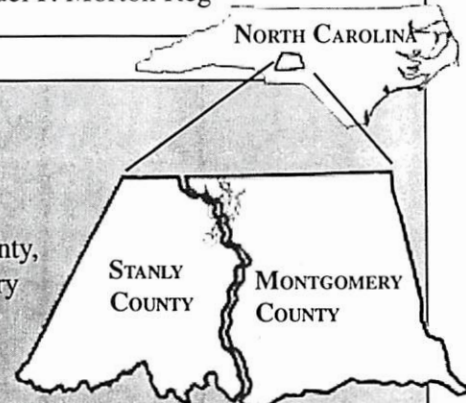
Registered 2th May 1843

Samuel F. Morton Reg

HISTORICALTIDBIT

Stanly County Formed in 1841

Montgomery County, North Carolina was formed in 1779 from Anson County, and named in honor of Richard Montgomery, an American Revolutionary War general. On January 11, 1841, that part west of the Pee Dee River split off from Montgomery County to become Stanly County.



Stanly County with an area of 406 square miles, was bounded on the south by Rocky River, on the west by Cabarrun County, on the north by Rowan County, and on the east by the Yadkin-Pee Dee River. It was known locally as *the land between the rivers*. Inhabitants of Stanly County were elated to have their own county as crossing the raging water of the Pee Dee River to get to the court house had been quite a dangerous.

The county was named for John Stanly of New Bern who served in the North Carolina House of Commons and United States House of Representatives. Stanly, who practiced law, was well-known as having challenged Governor Richard Dobbs Spaight to a duel in 1802, in which Spaight was killed. As a result of the duel, North Carolina outlawed duelling in the state.

It's interesting that the name Moseley crops up in Stanly County. The Moseleys were closely associated with our John, I, and James III, of Brunswick County, Virginia. Another name of interest is *Snuggs* mentioned in the above land record as owning land bordering Allen Upchurch. I. W. Snuggs became sheriff and, in 1893, was said to have posted a sign in the newly completed second court house warning folks \$5.00 fine for Spitting on the Floor. He lost a leg in the Civil war, and later became the County Treasurer.

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Allen is now
about 61 years
old

Stanly County,
North Carolina

Stanly County,
North Carolina

Jacobs Creek

Ugly Creek

Headings have
been added to
pages listing
Upchurches

Tax Records Include a Heading

At right is the first of the property tax and poll tax records available on microfilm. Additional records, shown on the next several pages, span several years.

Please note that a heading from each year's original first page has been added to the page with our Upchurches. It's important to include these headings as each one describes the taxation method so well. Plus, some records actually show the rate of taxation for taxes and polls. Each one gives additional info for that year.

Tax Records Show Ownership, Not Residency

These records are quite valuable to anyone researching the Upchurches. Not only do they show where each Upchurch owned land, they also give an inkling into the financial status of the individual Upchurches.

One thing to note though is that these records don't tell us *where* a particular Upchurch was living. A case in point will be shown in the next section, *Patrick Bogan Upchurch*. Patrick owned land in Stanly County, North Carolina, and was paying taxes each year on that land. In about 1859 he moved his family to Arkansas, yet the records continue to carry him as paying taxes on the North Carolina land for several more years.

This is a good illustration of just why these records don't establish the place of residence for any given Upchurch; merely that that particular Upchurch owned land in the given county.

Tax Records Provide Details of Where Allen Lived Several Years

Reading through the tax records one can pretty much follow Allen's history as a landowner in Stanly County, North Carolina.

These records would have been after he and wife, Mary, sold her land inheritance in 1835, so obviously he had an additional 200 acres — at least during these tax years!

Tax and Poll records for Stanly County, North Carolina

A condensed view of Allen Upchurch's property looks like this:

In 1841,
Allen was about
62 years old

	NO OF ACRES	SITUATION OF LAND	VALUE OF LAND	NO. OF POLLS	TOTAL AMT OF TAXES
1841	200	Ashe Gum Forke	300	-	.81
1842	200	Ashe Gum Fork	300	-	1.23
1843	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.08
1844	200	A. Gum Crk	300	-	1.11
1845	200	A. Gum	300	-	1.05
1846	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.20
1847	200	Ash Gum	300	-	.90

1841 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07045

Note in this heading that the property taxes were 19¢ for every 100 dollars worth of land, plus 40¢ for each poll. At the May 1840 session, taxes were assessed for use of common schools at the rate of 10¢ on the poll, and 8¢ on every \$100 worth of land.

State of North Carolina
 Stanly County
 February Session 1841
 Ordered by the Court that the following tax be laid, To wit -

19 Cents on every 100\$ worth of Land,
 40 Cents on every Poll, -- For County & Poor Tax }
 At May Session 1840, The following tax was laid for the use of Common Schools viz.
 10 Cents on the poll & 8 cents on every 100\$ worth land

Person's Name	Acres	Situation of Land	Valuation of Land	Polls	Total Amt. of Tax
District No. 1.					
Tomlinson H. M.	2144	P. D. River	12188	6	49
Tomlinson Thos. Sr.	150	Do & R. R.	4000	13	30
Thomas David L.	62	Cedar Creek	12	1	17
Turner James S.	100	Rocky River	200		54
Trustees Parsonhouse	4	Centre	250		18
Thompson George				1	50
Upchurch Allen	200	Ashe Gum Fork	300		81
Upchurch Howel	314	Jacobs Creek	314		85
Upchurch William				1	50
Upchurch P. B.				1	50
Upchurch Benjamin				1	50
Vickie Wm				1	50
Wallace Nathaniel				1	50
Watkins Arnold	200	High Creek	200	1	114
Watkins Thomas	100	Cedar Do	300		
Do Do	86	Do Do	172	1	218

The heading from the first page of the year's tax record has been added to this page listing our Upchurches. See page 150 for more info.

1842 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07046

A record of the taxable property listed in 1842 and returned by the magistrates appointed to take said lists.

State of North Carolina }
Stanly County } A record of the
taxable property listed in 1842 and returned by
the magistrates appointed to take said lists.

List No. 1. Returned by M. G. Snuggs Esq.

Name	Acres	Location	Value	Polls	Tax
Upchurch T. Allen	200	Ashy Gum Creek	300	1	23
Upchurch Bowd	314	Jacob's Creek	314	1	29
Upchurch Wm				1	80
Upchurch J. B.				1	80
Upchurch Benj.				1	80
W. H. Oler				1	80
Wallace Faith	160	Cedar Creek	400	1	244
Watkins Martha	200	Wgy Creek	200		82
Watkins Thomas	100	Cedar Creek	300		
W. H. W.	94	do do	235	535	219
W. H. W. S.	440	P. S. River	3000	10	2030
W. H. W. B.	410	do do	1800		
W. H. W.	257	do do	1200	3000	81870
W. H. W. Hardy S.	156	Cedar Creek	156	1	144
W. H. W. S.	803	Rocky River	1775	9	1448
W. H. W. S.	388	P. S. River	3500		
W. H. W.	12160	Rocky River	4400	7900	25579
W. H. W. Crook				1	80
W. H. W. S.				3	240
			17580	10120	08

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1843 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07047

A record of the taxable property listed in 1843 and returned by the magistrates appointed to take said lists.

North Carolina						
Stanly County						
A record of the taxable property listed in 1843 and returned by the Magistrates appointed to take said lists -						
District No. 1. Returned by Sam. Allen Esq.						
Name	No.	Location	Value	Poll	\$	c
Thompson Geo P				1		
Upchurch Allen	200	Ash Grove	300		1	18
Upchurch Horro	314	Jacob Creek	314		1	13
Upchurch Tom	100	David Creek	50	1		88
Upchurch P.B.				1		70
Upchurch Benj				1		70
Wick El				1		70
Wallace Maude	160	Cedar Creek	400	1	2	16
Wadkins Maude	200	Plgfy	200			70
Wadkins Jas	100	Cedar	300		1	06
Wadkins C.B.	410	P.D. River	1800			
do do	250	do	1200	3000	9	17 10
Wadkins Hardy	150	Cedar Creek	150	1	1	20
Wall William	388	P.D. River	3500			
do do	1250	P.D. River	4400	7900	25	45 70
Wadkins Enock				1		70
Wall Robt. M.				31	2	10
					340	70

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1844 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07048

A record of the taxable property listed in 1844 and returned by the magistrates appointed to take said lists.

North Carolina } Stanly County } Record of the taxable property listed in 1844 - and returned by the Magistrate appointed to take said list							
District No. 1.							
Names	No of Acres	Location	Value	Polls	Tax	Assessment	
Thompson Mary	140	Cedar Crk.	350	1	2	35	
Thompson John Sr.	212	St. St. 655					
St. St.	20	St. St. 14669		1	3	52	
Thompson David R.				1	1	15	
Thompson Thos. Sr.	1050	St. River	1000	14	29	50	
Thompson Wm. S.				1	1	00	
Thompson Willie				1	1	00	
Thompson George Jr.				1	1	00	
Thompson Elash				1	1	00	
Turner James S.	50	St. River 100					
St. St.	80	Big Crk. 160	260			96	
Thompson John M.				1	1	05	
Thompson Thos. R.				1	1	05	
Thompson Elisha				2	2	10	
Thompson Alex				1	1	05	
Upchurch Allen	200	St. River Crk.	300		1	11	
Upchurch Howell	314	St. River St.	314		1	16	
Upchurch Wm.	100	St. River	50	1	1	24	
Upchurch S. B.				1	1	05	
Upchurch Benj.				1	1	05	
Wick, John				1	1	05	
Wallace, David	160	Cedar Crk.	400	1	2	53	
Wallace, Martha	200	St. River St.	200			74	
Watkins Thomas	100	Cedar St.	300		1	11	
Watkins Crk.	400	St. River 1800					
St. St.	250	St. River 1200	1000	10	21	60	

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1845 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07049

A record of the taxable property listed in 1845 and returned by the magistrates appointed to take said lists.

North Carolina }
Stanly County } A Records of Taxable
property listed in 1845 as returned by
the Magistrates appointed to take said list

List No. 1. Returned by Wm. Allen Esqr.

Persons Names	No of Acres	Location of Land	Value	Polls	Value	Polls
Thompson Mary -	140	Cedar crk.	350	1	22	
Thompson John Sr.	212	do do	153			
do do	20	do do (14)	469	1	33	
Thompson David				1	1	
Tomlinson Thor. Sr.	650	P.D. River	1000	13	27	
Thompson Geo. Jr.				1	1	
Thompson Mark		(see dist No 2.)				
Turner Jas S.	50	W. River	100	260		
do do	80	Big crk.	140	1		
Tomlinson John M.			80	2	10	
Thompson Elisha	40	Cedar crk.	300	1	22	
Thompson Wm.	100	do do	40	1	20	
Thompson William	40	Wgfy	50	1	14	
Thompson Peter			500		10	
Upchurch Allen	500	A. Gum	314		1	
Upchurch Rowen	314	Pocoly crk.	37	1	1	
Upchurch Wm.	100	A. Gum		1	1	
Upchurch P. W.				1	1	
Upchurch Benj.				1	1	
Walters Nathl	160	Cedar crk.	400	1	24	
Watkins Martha	200	Wgfy	200			
Watkins C. W.	650	P.D. River	3000	11	215	
Watkins Harry S.	156	Cedar crk.	156	1	15	
Walters Wm.						

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1846 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07050

A record of taxable property listed in 1846, as returned by the magistrates appointed to take said list.

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North Carolina } A Record of taxable property
Stanly County } listed in 1846, as returned by the
magistrates appointed to take said list.

District No. 1, Returned by Richmond G. Snuggs, Esq.

	Acres		Value	Tax	#	
Simpson Adam	50	Ash Grove 50				
do	80	do 40	90	1	1	50
Shankle John A.				1	1	20
Thompson Mary	140	Cedar Creek	350	1	2	60
Thompson John, Senr.	262	do 655				
do	20	do 14	669	1	3	88
Thompson David K.				1	1	20
Tomlinson Thomas	650	P. D. River	4000	11	29	20
Towner James L.	80	Big Creek	160			64
Tomlinson John M.				2	2	40
Thompson William	100	Cedar Creek	300	1	2	40
Thompson George Senr.				1	1	20
Treadwell John H.	275	P. D. River 2500				
do	200	Ugly Creek 200				
do	220	do 2500	5150	11	25	80
Upchurch Allen	200	Ash Grove	300		1	20
Upchurch Howell	314	Jacob's Creek	314		1	20
Upchurch William	100	Ash Grove 50				
do		do 15	65	1	1	40
Upchurch P. B.				1	1	20
Upchurch Benj.				1	1	20
Upchurch John D.				1	1	20
Wallace Nathl.	160	Cedar Creek	400	1	2	80
Wall William	588	P. D. R. 3500				
do	1260	R. River 4400	7900	26	62	80
Wall Robert M.						

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1847 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07051

A Record of taxable property listed in District No. 1 for the year 1847 as returned by the board of valuation.

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A Record of taxable property listed in District No. 1 - for the year 1847 as returned by the board of valuation. John H. Shaw, Clerk. Stanly Co. N. C. 1847.

District No. 1

Names	No. of acs	Location	Valuation	Assessed	Rate	Amount
Upchurch Allen	200	Ash gum	500			25
Upchurch Howard	314	Cedar Crk	240			14
Upchurch Tom	130	Ash Gum	57	1	1	16
Upchurch J. B.				1	1	00
Upchurch Benj.				1	1	00
Upchurch Geo. D.				1	1	00
Upchurch Tom W.				1	1	00
Waddell John Est.	803	P. S. River	1200			584
Waddell John C.	160	Cedar Crk	208	1	1	64
Waddell William	1848	P. S. & R. River	7400	26	49	68
Waddell Robt. M.				2	2	00
Waddell Tom G.	440	P. S. River	2200	15	22	04
Waddell Hardy S.	251	Cedar Crk	211	1	1	69
Waddell Robt. M. J.	57	Centid	230	1	1	80
Waddell Arnold	141	Ugly Crk	131	1	1	42
Waddell C. W.	150	P. S. River	3000	9	18	00
Waddell Tom G.				2	2	00
			14847	68	115	51
Waddell Alfred	359	Ash Gum	371	1	1	84
Land						

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Photos R08030

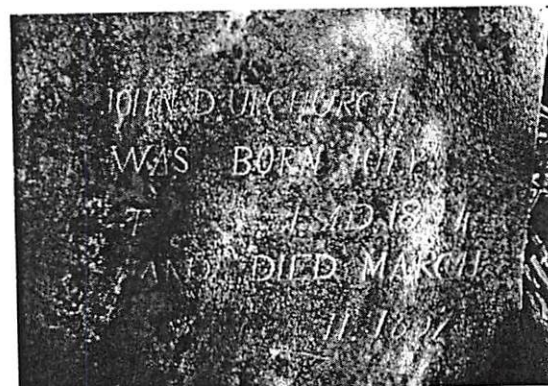
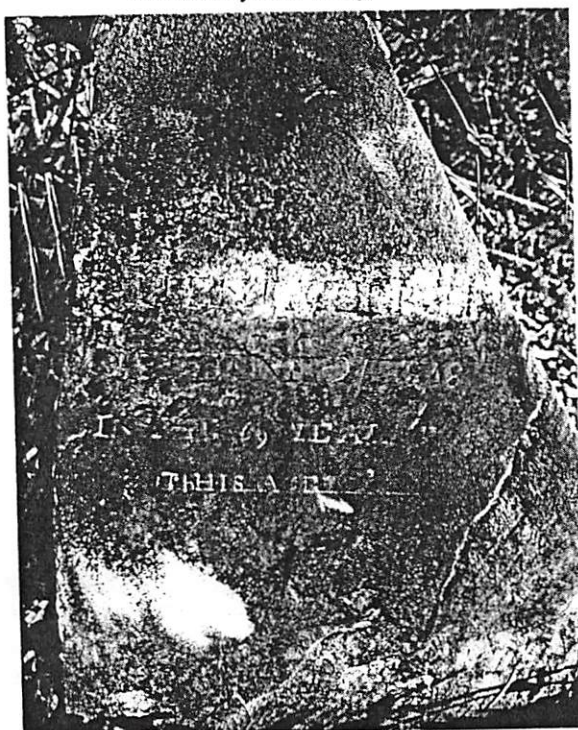
Upchurch Burial Grounds

Latitude N35.27, longitude W80.15

South of Albemarle, Stanly County, North Carolina

This old stone is most difficult to read, but one can make out the name and other information:

Allen Upchurch / died June 21, 1848 /
In the 69th year of his age



John D. Upchurch / was born July the 31 AD 1824 /
and died March 11, 1857

Franklin Upchurch / was born Nov 23 /
1856 Dec. [deceased] 14 May 1859 / Age 2Y 5M 21D



Allen Dies

In 1848, Allen died, at age 69, in Stanly County, North Carolina. The old *Mortality Schedule* shown following his will noted that he had been ill for five months and his death was attributed to *Dropsy*.^{R08550}

Upchurch Burial Grounds

Allen is buried in an old abandoned cemetery formerly known as the *Old Upchurch Cemetery*, or *Upchurch Burial Grounds*, in Stanly County, North Carolina (below).

The cemetery is south of Albemarle off Highway 52S, just before you get to the town of Norwood. It's located on the south side of Highway 1744 between Highways 52S and #1740. The cemetery lies in a field amidst a clump of trees off the south side of Snuggs Road.

There are several Upchurches buried in this cemetery. Four headstones can be made out, but others are said to be *too weathered to read*.^{R07044}

Allen Upchurch died June 21, 1848 in the 69th year of his age.

John D. Upchurch was born July the 31 AD 1824 and died March 11, 1857 [son of Allen Upchurch]

W.A. Upchurch [no dates given] *

Franklin Upchurch was born November 23, 1856
Dec . 14, May 1859** at age 2 years, 5 months, and 21 days.
[son of John Dudley Upchurch; Grandson of Allen]

*W A Upchurch. It's not clear or certain just who this WAU is. There was a William A. Upchurch, son of Allen, who moved to Arkansas and died there, so it's likely not him. There are several Williams in Allen's children's families, so perhaps one of those. We don't know who he is for sure.

** The wording on his date of death is tricky: *Dec 14 May 1859*. The Dec surely stands for deceased and he died on May 14, 1859.

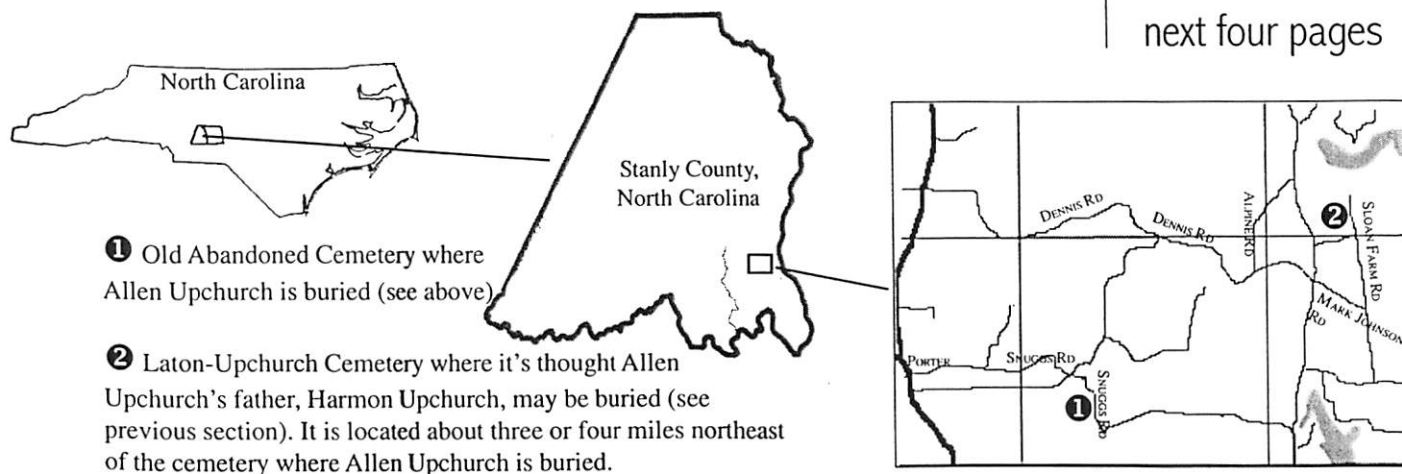
Allen's Estate and Will

The will of Allen Upchurch, filed in Stanly County, North Carolina, and Probated August 1848, is shown on the next pages followed by a transcription.

Allen is buried in
and old
abandoned
cemetery

Latitude
N35.27,
Longitude
W80.15

Allen's Will and
Transcription on
next four pages



Will of
Allen
Upchurch,
Probated
August
1848

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64 Allen Upchurch

I Allen Upchurch of The County of
Stany and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory
but considering the uncertainty of my earthly
existence do make and declare this my last will
and testament in manner and following that is
to say

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary my Plantation and lands on which
now reside together with all improvements during
her life and at her death to be divided equally
between my sons in manner hereinafter named.

Item 2nd I give also unto my wife all my stock
(with the exception of two cows) Consisting one
horse, cows, hogs, sheep &c to have during her life time

Item 3. I give and devise to my wife all my Household
and kitchen furniture (with the exception of two beds)
together with my farming tools and Wagon to have &
to hold during her life time. I also devise
that a sufficiency of corn, wheat, bacon, fodder
hay &c be given her to her and her family for one
year.

Item 4. I give and devise to my son William one
fifth part of land to be located so as to include
the house and plantation on which he now lives
together with my black Smith tools.

Item 5. I give and devise to my son P. B. Upchurch
one fifth part of my land to include that part
plantation on which he formerly lived.

Item 6. I give and devise to my son James one fifth
part of my land to be located so as to include the house
in which I now live and it is my wish and desire
that the remaining two fifths be equally divided
between my other two sons Benjamin & Luther

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Item 7. I give and devise to my son John one Cow and one bed and furniture

Item 8. I also give unto my son James one Cow and bed and furniture

Item 9. I will and devise that the remainder of my estate (if there be any) be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and further devise that all my just debts be paid as speedily as possible.

Item 10. I further devise that at the death of my wife that my two youngest sons John & James shall each receive fifteen dollars in my money and the remainder of my estate be equally divided among all my children.

Item 11. I do hereby appoint Patrick B. Upchurch and Benjamin Upchurch my Executors of this my last will and Testament and desire that they will act according to the true intent and meaning of the same. I do hereby revoke all other wills whatsoever made by me.

In witness whereof I the said Allen Upchurch have hereunto set my hand and seal signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of
Richmond B. Briggs
J. Shankle

Allen Upchurch
(marked)

North Carolina }
Stanly County } August 25th 1848

Then this foregoing last will and Testament of Allen Upchurch was produced & offered for probate in open Court and the signing and sealing thereof duly proven by the oaths of Richmond B. Briggs & J. Shankle subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Executors P. B. Upchurch & Ben Upchurch qualified according to law and received letters Testamentary.

R07039

Allen Upchurch

I Allen Upchurch of The county of Stanly and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and following that is to say

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary my Plantation and lands on which I now reside together with all improvements during her life and at her death to be divided equally between my sons in manner hereinafter named.

Item 2 I give also unto my wife all my stock (with the exception of two cows) consisting one horse, cows hogs, sheep &c to have during her life time

Item 3 I give and devise to my wife all my household and kitchen furniture (with the exception of two beds) together with my farming tools and wagon to have & to hold during her life Time & I also devise that sufficiency of corn, wheat, bacon, fodder hay etc be given her to her and her family for one year

Item 4 I give and devise to my son William one fifth part of land to be laid so as to include the house and plantation on which he now lives together with my black Smith Tools.

Item 5th I give and devise to my son P.B Upchurch one fifth part of my land to include that part plantation on which he formerly lived.

Item 6 I give and devise to my son James one fifth part of my land to be located so as to include the house in which I now live and it is my wish and desire that the remaining two fifths be equally divided between my other two sons Benjamin & John.

Will was recorded in
August 1848

Allen Upchurch's Will Transcribed

Probated in August 1848

Transcribed by Mae D. Cox

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Item 7 I give and devise to my son John one cow and one bed and furniture.

Item 8. I also give unto my son James one cow and bed and furniture.

Item 9 I will and devise that the remaining of my estate (if there be any) be sold by my Executors herein after named and further devise that all my just debts be paid as speedily as possible.

10 Item, I further devise that at the death of my wife that my two youngest sons John & James shall each receive fifteen dollars in my money and the remainder of my estate be equally divided among all my children.

Item 11. I do hereby appoint Patrick B. Upchurch and Benjamin Upchurch my Executors of this my last will and testament and desire that they will act according to the true intent and meaning of the same. I do hereby revoke all other wills whatsoever made by me.

In witness whereof I the said Allen Upchurch have hereunto set my hand and seal
Signed sealed and deliver
in the presence of

	his
Richmond G. Snuggs	Allen + Upchurch (seal)
A. J. Shankle	mark

North Carolina	}	
Stanly County	}	August Sep. 1848

These the foregoing last will and testament of Allen Upchurch was produced & offered for probate in open Court

and the signing and sealing thereof duly proven by the oaths of Richmond G. Snuggs &

A. J. Shankle subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Executors P. B. Upchurch & Ben Upchurch qualified according to Law and received letters Testamentary.

D. Hearn, Clk

Discussion of Allen Upchurch Will

It's interesting that this will doesn't show just what date it was written and signed. The only date provided is when, in August 1848, it was recorded in Stanly County, North Carolina records for probate.

Allen's wife, Mary, survived him and he has given her the plantation house, household goods, and lands where they were living, plus he's assigned most of the livestock to her, and enough feed and food for at a year. But then, just a week after Allen's death, Mary died. Allen's will specified that his property went to Mary *during her life time*, then was to be divided equally between their sons: William, Patrick Bogan, Benjamin, John, and James.

Once again an Upchurch will supplies a wealth of genealogical information. Allen has named his sons and given them quite a nice gift of his land.

Allen's Land Divided Equally

One of the first thoughts that comes to mind when reading this document is that Allen was a wealthy man. He owned a plantation and the expanse of his property also included several houses scattered where his sons were living.

Here is where you'll need to thumb back to the tax lists previously shown. Note that Allen is paying taxes on only 200 acres. That doesn't sound like a very large plantation ... but... also note that his son was paying taxes on an land too.

The wording of the will indicates Allen owned the land where William was living in 1848 — William would have been about 40 years of age at the time. William was paying taxes on 100/130 acres. Was this the 108 acre tract Allen purchased in 1824 — land said to be on the *Ash gum fork of David's Creek*? Note that the tax records say William's land was at *David's Creek* in 1843, and at *Ash Gum* from 1844 and thereafter.

Patrick Bogan, 24 in 1848, had obviously lived on Allen's plantation at one time, but there is nothing to indicate just where he now lived. He only appears on previous tax records as a Poll, and doesn't look to own land. Look again at the tax records in the next section and you'll find that within two years after his father's death, Patrick owned 350 acres (1850). The year after that, he is shown to have 737 acres. He was obviously living somewhere in the area within Stanly County until his move to Arkansas in about 1858 or 1859.

So we know that at least three sons were, or had been, living on Allen's estate: William, Patrick, and James. It's not clear whether Benjamin and John had homes elsewhere, or if they too had residences on the estate. It's unfortunate that Allen's will doesn't spell out just how many acres made up the plantation.

Whether Allen was a farmer or rancher can't be determined by the wording in his will. Did he then raise cows and horses, or was the plantation more geared for farming and raising crops? Most families, regardless of the size farm they had, grew their own food, though some were also into exporting crops like corn, wheat, and hay — crops mentioned in *Item 3*.

At least three of
Allen's sons
lived on his
estate

All through the
years Allen paid
taxes on only
200 acres

We know that at
least three sons
were, or had
been, living on
Allen's estate

ARTICLE 2.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, in the County of Stanly State of North Carolina, enumerated by me, J. H. Thompson Ass't Marshal.

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, whose name and Time of Abode at the Time of his Death are in this Family.	DESCRIPTION.					PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	The Month in which the Person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	Number of DAYS ILL.
	1	2	3	4	5					
Andrew Nichols	41	m	f	f	m	N.C.	Dec	Farmer	Stroke	8
Jerry de Rouen	41	m	f	f	m	"	June	"	"	14
Allen Ephraim	70	m	f	f	m	Virginia	June	Farmer	Dropsy	5 mo
David A. Allen	8	f	f	f	f	N.C.	Nov	"	Stroke	7
Robt J. Allen	1	m	f	f	f	"	Dec	"	Stroke	7
Mary J. Thurg	1	f	f	f	f	"	Jan	"	Stroke	7
Martha Matting	55	f	f	f	f	"	March	"	Stroke	5 mo
Milla Correll	60	m	f	f	f	"	Dec	"	Stroke	9 mo
Susan Harris	30	f	f	f	f	"	April	"	Stroke	2 mo
Edward Lee Bell	9	m	f	f	f	"	July	"	Stroke	4
Israh J. de	7	f	f	f	f	"	Sept	"	Stroke	4
John J. de	2	m	f	f	f	"	Sept	"	Stroke	4
John B. de	72	m	f	f	f	"	Nov	"	Stroke	8
Martha Davis	20	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Harvey de	72	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Cornell Bonworth	4	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
John de	47	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Melrose de	7	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Freddie de	2	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Andrew J. Bell	13	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Robt S. de	10	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Andrew de	72	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Mr. Rusk	28	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Rebecca de	60	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Betty A. de	72	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Israh de	11	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Israh de	12	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Rebecca de	40	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Milla de	72	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Martha de	72	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Israh de	4	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Israh de	5	m	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"
Israh de	21	f	f	f	f	"	"	"	"	"

Mortality Schedule R08550

This schedule listing deaths in Stanly County, North Carolina, shows Allen died of Dropsy. Though this list ends in June 1850, it is believed that perhaps it contained more than just the deaths for the previous year... stretching back to the date of June 21, 1848, the year Allen is recorded as having died.

Digging deeper to determine why Allen's death in 1848 is on this one-year list of folks dying from June 1, 1849 through June 1, 1850, we discovered that lists like these were only compiled when censuses were taken. In other words, once every ten years.

In that case it's probable that the census taker asked if anyone in the family had died the past year. The information giver likely pondered and then remember Allen had died just about a year or so ago and gave that information.

Interesting: The note at the bottom on the adjoining page to this one read, *The putrid sore throat was very prevalent and was very fatal among children.*

Remarks. This County is more and more western portion. The prevailing rocks are limestone. The hills are generally covered with green stone, granite and quartz. The soil is generally stiff mixed with clay.

1848 Property Tax and Poll Record for Stanly County, North Carolina R07052

Allen Upchurch died in June of 1848, however, his property continues to be on the tax and poll records carried as Allen Upchurch Estate.

Record of Taxable property listed in District 1 as returned by the Magistrate appointed to take list in said Districts. for the Year 1848.

District No 1. 1848.

Names	No of acres	Location	Value	Polls	Tax
Thadwell J. A.	295	P.D.R. \$2000			
"	200	Ugly creek 200			
"	220	Center 150	3350	10	1376
Turner James S.	80	Big creek \$160	1		
"	803	R.R. River 1200			
"	100	Int. Cedar 300			
"	100	" " 200	1800	9	1314
Thompson Elizabeth	55	Cedar creek	102	1	134
Upchurch Allen Estate	200	Ash gum	300		99
Upchurch William	130	"	50	1	116
Upchurch P. B.				1	1
Upchurch John D.				1	1
Upchurch Amos R.	304	Sacchar 200	1	1	66
Watkins Nathaniel	260	Cedar creek	200	1	166
Wall William	1848	P.D. & R. River	7400	23	4742
Wall Robt. M.				3	300
Watkins Wm D.	440	P.D.R.	3200	14	2126
Watkins Hardy S.	256	Cedar creek \$216			
"	131	" " 134	350	1	275
Watkins C. R.	620	P.D.R.	3000	10	1990
Wall William Jr.				3	300
Waddell D. M. J.	30	Center \$260			
"	197	P.D.R. 1160	1410	6	1065
	6218		19400	85	14909

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Record of taxable property listed in district No. 1 as per
for the year 1851.

Name	Acres	Value of Land	Locality of Land	White	Black
Amesbury Mary	140	250	Leadon Creek		
Thompson John Sr.	230	430	"		1
Thompson David W.	25	75	"	1	1
Thompson Thomas	325	2071	P.D.R.		3
Thompson John M.	43	375	"	1	1
Thompson William	1			1	
Thompson George Jr.				1	
Thompson Saml. M.	8 1/2	600	P.D.R.	1	2
Thompson John W.	1000	3000	P.D.R.		13
Thompson James J.	1380	6090		1	9
Thompson Thomas				1	
Upchurch Allen Estate	200	300	ashgrove		
Upchurch William	130	50	P.D.R. River	1	
Upchurch R.D.	767	400	ashgrove	1	
Upchurch John D.	269	134	"	1	
Upchurch William R.	251	150	Leadon Creek	1	
Walt William	1612	6792	P.D.R. River		25
Walt Robert M.	130	400	P.D.R.	1	3
Watkins William J.	400	2240	"		15
Watkins Hardie J.	390	350	Leadon Creek	1	1
Watkins C. R.	750	3720	P.D.R.		12



Wouldn't it be wonderful to know what the house on Allen Upchurch's plantation looked like?

Perhaps it could have been something like this house from the 1800s...

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returned by W. Allen Eager who was appointed to take the same

This space is for all other taxable property noted when same is

	1.51
	3.26
	3.20
	12.88
	4.34
	1.45
	1.45
	1.56
1 Pl Carriage worth \$250. 1 Gold watch	3.90
1 " " 250 1 Piano "	50.00
	1.45
	1.61
	1.92
	3.39
	2.18
	1.65
\$210. Int. of 57. G. & L. plate. 1 Pl. Carriage of 500. 1 Swatch 1 Piano	85.35
1 Pl Carriage of 150	8.90
1 " " 200	35.52
X - X - X 45	4.77
1 " " 75	57.84

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1851 Property Tax and Poll Record Stanly County, North Carolina

As you can see, this record is quite wide and takes up two pages... but the valuable information it provides is worth the space it takes up.

Listed in this record is Allen's Estate, along with several other Upchurches: William, R.B. which is likely meant to be P.B. or Patrick Bogan, John D., and William R.

There are several more records in which the Allen Upchurch Estate is listed and those are presented in the next section, Patrick Bogan Upchurch.

Record of taxable property listed in District 1 of 1852 returned by H. Allen Upchurch who was appointed to take the same for the year 1852. This is for all other taxable to be noted when occurring.			
Name	Value of property	Locality of land	Value of land
Allen Upchurch	252 153		1
David H. Upchurch	55 105		2
Thomas Upchurch	325 2410	P. R. River	6
John Upchurch	45 320		1
William Upchurch	107 211	Cedar Creek	1
Benjamin Upchurch			1
John Upchurch	57 600	P. R. River	21
William Upchurch	1007 5075		14
Thomas Upchurch	1012 6100	P. R. River	10
Benjamin Upchurch	61 53	P. R. River	1
John Upchurch			1
William Upchurch	125 225	Cedar Creek	1
Benjamin Upchurch	22 116	Savannah	1
John Upchurch	50 505	Cedar Creek	1
William Upchurch	151 325		1
Benjamin Upchurch	53 412	W. R. River	1
John Upchurch	26 136		1
William Upchurch			1
Benjamin Upchurch	1612 6120	P. R. River	1

1852 Property Tax and Poll Record

Stanly County, North Carolina R07057

These two records are quite wide and have been substantially compressed to fit this page.

Allen's estate is
still listed on
these tax
records.

Allen Upchurch Estate is once again listed this tax year, plus the record includes several of Allen's Children: William Allen, Benjamin, and John D. The William R. Upchurch is likely the son of Howell Upchurch, a brother to Allen.

1853 Property Tax and Poll Record

Stanly County, North Carolina R07058

Again in 1853, the record reflects Allen Upchurch Estate. This listing shows the same Upchurches as the one above, plus a Nathan Upchurch, who would be the son of William Allen Upchurch.

Record of taxable property listed in District 1 of 1853 returned by H. Allen Upchurch who was appointed to take the same for the year 1853. This is for all other taxable to be noted when occurring.			
Name	Value of property	Locality of land	Value of land
Allen Upchurch	302 452		1
David H. Upchurch	153 365		2
Thomas Upchurch	325 2410	P. R. River	6
John Upchurch	45 320		1
William Upchurch	107 211	Cedar Creek	1
Benjamin Upchurch			1
John Upchurch	57 600	P. R. River	21
William Upchurch	1007 5075		14
Thomas Upchurch	61 53	P. R. River	1
Benjamin Upchurch	135 235	Cedar Creek	1
John Upchurch			1
William Upchurch	1007 5075		14
Benjamin Upchurch	327 116	Savannah	1
John Upchurch	51 510	W. R. River	1
William Upchurch	137 420		1
Benjamin Upchurch			1
John Upchurch	155 115		1
William Upchurch	330 332	Cedar Creek	1
Benjamin Upchurch			1
John Upchurch	1612 6120	P. R. River	1

Tax Records List Allen's Estate for Several Years

	NO OF ACRES	SITUATION OF LAND	VALUE OF LAND	NO. OF POLLS	TOTAL AMT OF TAXES
1848	200	Ashe Gum Forke	300	-	\$.99
1849	200	Ashe Gum Fork	300	-	.99
1850	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.30
1851	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.61
1852	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.65
1853	200	Ash Gum	300	-	2.50
1854	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.20
1855	200	Ash Gum	300	-	1.05
1856	200		300	-	1.35

In 1857, the *Allen Upchurch Estate* is not listed on the tax records. Several of the above-mentioned tax records/documents are in the next section where we pick up the next ancestor, *Patrick Bogan Upchurch*.

Summary on Allen Upchurch

Allen was born in Brunswick County, Virginia somewhere around 1779. He most likely followed his parents into Montgomery County, North Carolina about 1805. After arriving in North Carolina, he married Mary Dudney, daughter of John and Elizabeth Kay Dudney. They had seven known children.

He seemed to acquire a sizeable tract of land during his lifetime. Although the tax records only show him to own 200 acres throughout the years, we do have deed and land records showing he purchased much more than that. Allen's plantation had to be of considerable size since it was the source of livelihood for not only Allen and his wife, but also for his married sons and their families.

Allen died in 1848 at which time he left his estate to Mary, his wife. But then, Mary too died — just a week after Allen's death. His property would then have been equally divided between the five sons, as directed by Allen's will. We've no way to know how long it would have taken to follow through the legal steps necessary to transfer the vast estate into five equal parcels.

It's interesting that in this period, farmers saw to all their needs and necessities. Services and task that today would be relegated to companies or individuals providing those services were then a routine part of farm life. Allen was self sufficient and provided his own resources. For instance, he had his own blacksmith shop as evidenced in his will, *Item 4*.

The 200 acres shown on all the tax records as being owned by Allen Upchurch continue to show up on the tax records for many years after his death. Then the acreage was listed simply as *Allen Upchurch Estate*.

Allen's Estate

was Listed on

Tax records for

several years

following his

death.

1800s Plantation house
It's nice to fantasize that
Allen Upchurch's family
may have had such a
handsome manor.

