

- ① Updated RPU Commentary on the name of the wife of Nathan U, I - 14 MAY 2004
- A. An analysis of this issue was previously published in UB Vol 17 No 3 July 1996.
- B. The 1894 <sup>Franklin Co, NC</sup> will of John Butler identifies his daughter as Agathy (Butler) U, one Agatha U, wife of Nathan U, I is reported to have died in Wake Co, NC in 1833 at age 69 (hence b 1764). Tentatively it is assumed that the Agathy of 1794 and the Agatha of 1833 are the same. If this is so, Nathan U, I b 1759 is the only Upchurch by the name of Nathan available to have married an Agatha Butler by 1794 in Franklin Co, NC.
- C. The Butler/Upchurch connection presumed by the m of Agatha Butler & Nathan U, I is reinforced by another Butler/Upchurch connection in that Elizabeth Thane Butler, another daughter of John Butler, is known to have m'd James U, VII, a nephew of Nathan U, I and a s/o Richard U, III.
- D. The wife of Nathan U, I has also been reported to as Mrs Mockey U - possibly nee Mockey Johnson. At present it does not seem that Nathan U, I had a union - Agatha & Mockey. The best explanation is that his wife was nee Agatha Mockey Butler or Mockey Agatha Butler. The prospect of Mockey being nee Johnson has always been speculative.
- E. Need to resolve the issue as to whether the wife of Nathan U, I died in 1831 or 1833.

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DATE CHART CONSTRUCTED OR UPDATED: 1 JUN 2018

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\* ANCESTORS & RPU EACH BIOFILE HAS

AN ORANGE TAB IN THE BIOFILE SYSTEM RPA 15JUN 2018

PARENTS:

ROBERT JEFFERSON U  
 b 28 JAN 1880 (WAKE CO, NC)  
 d 14 APR 1948 (RALEIGH, NC)  
 (BUR.-INWOOD BAPT. CHURCH CEM, WAKE CO, NC) MD 14 FEB 1910 (WAKE CO, NC)

GRAND-PARENTS:

BARTLEY JEFFERSON U  
 b 11 MAY 1841 (WAKE CO, NC) d 23 JAN 1929 (WAKE CO, NC) (BUR.-INWOOD) MD 30 SEP 1869 (WAKE CO, NC)

GG-PARENTS:

GILBERT U  
 b 1792 (FRANKLIN CO, NC) d 1845 (WAKE CO, NC)

LUCRETIA MILLS  
 b 1807 (WAKE CO, NC) d 26 SEP 1877 (WAKE CO, NC)

NATHANIEL 1759 (NC) 1835 (NC)

REBECCA d 1831 (NC)

NORMAN MILLS 1757 (NC) 1835 (NC)

UNKNOWN 1758-1824 + 10 YRS

WORMLEY REBECCA 1745-1822

NANCY ANN GILL

MARK GRADY

MARTHA SHIPP

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GREAT GRANDPARENTS, & GREAT GREAT GRANDPARENTS

FIVE GENERATION CHART

ROBERT PHILLIP  
 b 9 FEB 1928 (WAKE CO, NC)

NOTE: ALL INDIVIDUALS NAMED HERE LIVED SOME OR ALL OF THEIR LIVES IN NORTHERN, WESTERN, OR SOUTHERN WAKE CO, NC

LIVED IN NORTHERN WAKE CO, NC - BARTON'S CREEK TOWNSHIP - ON THE HOUSE

- FAMILY NAMES OF THE ANCESTORS OF PHIL U:
1. WRIGHT
  2. MILLS
  3. RAY
  4. GILL
  5. GRADY
  6. SHIPP
  7. EDWARDS
  8. CROSS
  9. CREIGHTON
  10. BROWN
  11. CHAPPELL
  12. WARREN

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1. BIRTH CERTIFICATE
2. MG. CERTIFICATE
3. DEATH CERTIFICATE
4. PHOTO OF TOMBSTONE

BESSIE ELENORA (EDWARDS) (CROSS)  
 CREIGHTON  
 b 25 SEP 1899 (WAKE CO, NC)  
 d 10 MAR 1984 (RALEIGH, NC) (BUR.-INWOOD)

EUGENE D. CROSS  
 b 29 APR 1855 (NC) d 8 JUN 1939 (NC) (BUR.-CREEDMOR, NC)

SILAS CROSS  
 b 1828 (WAKE CO, NC) d 1878/1879 MD 29 MAY 1852

RICHARD CROSS 1790 - 1855

REBECCA BROWN b d 1855

FRANKLIN CHAPPELL  
 b 1826 d 1905

MATTIE EDWARDS  
 b JAN 1891 (NC) d 13 DEC 1918 (WAKE CO, NC)

PAULINE OR CROSS EDWARDS

WELDON EDWARDS

SALLY WARREN

1/2 SPOUSE OF "A":  
 EVA SALLAINE SLEDGE  
 b 8 JAN 1926 (FRANKLIN CO, NC)

## IX. REFERENCE MATERIALS

A. A REVIEW OF THE BOOK "ABSTRACTS OF VITAL RECORDS FROM RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS - 1830-1839" (Volume III)  
(In two parts) Compiled by Lois Smathers Neal. Printed 1993.

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Entry 6117 reports that on 19 MAY 1833 Mrs. Agatha Upchurch, wife of Nathan Upchurch, died of cancer in Wake Co., NC in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of her age (hence she was born about 1764).

This report is a complete puzzle to us and we hope someone will come forward with some answers.

The only known Nathan U. to have been of the right age to have had a wife born in 1764 was Nathan U. I (XID 78) - Head of Upchurch Clan No. 3. He was born about 1759. He did not die until 1835 and at that time was living in Wake Co., NC and based on his WILL we presume his wife had predeceased him. So far all of this fits for Agatha to have been his wife. The problem is that we already have a wife for Nathan U. I (XID 78) and her name has been thought to be nee: Mackey Johnson (XID 79). It is thought that Mackey died in 1831. It is therefore possible that Mackey died in 1831 and that in due course Nathan U. I md. Agatha and that shortly thereafter in 1833 she died. At this stage there is nothing but speculation and the outline of the possibility that this sequence could have taken place.

Nathan U. I (XID 78) did have a son Nathan U. II (XID 85) but by all indication this son was too young to have been married to Agatha. In any case, Nathan U. II (XID 85) and his wife (believed to be Martha     ) were having children from 1825 to 1830 at which time Agatha would have been 61-66 years of age and beyond her child bearing years.

There is one other Agathy, wife of an Upchurch male, that appears in our records. In a WILL written about 1794 in Franklin Co., NC, one John Butler names several children, including two daughters who married Upchurch males. One of these is Elizabeth Thaney (Butler) U. (XID 994), born about 1770, who is known to have married James U. VII (XID 67) - Head of the Richard U. III/James U. VII Subclan (XID 63/67). The other daughter was identified in the WILL as Agathy U. (more completely identified as Agathy (Butler) U. Given the date of the WILL (presumably indicating John Butler to be of advanced age) and the known approximate birth date of Elizabeth Thaney Butler (namely about 1770) we can readily speculate that the daughter Agathy mentioned in the WILL could possibly have been born in 1764 and thus could have been one and the same as the Agatha who died in 1833.

Given the known ages and geographical distribution of the Upchurch males in the 1750-1800 era, it is almost a certainty that the Agatha/Agathy female(s) mentioned above would have married to a son or a grandson of Richard U. II (XID 152) who settled in the Moccasin Creek area of Franklin Co., NC in 1755. Yet, a stepwise examination of the records seems to eliminate all of the sons and grandsons because of age or other known marriages.

The prospects which appear dimly to our imagination are as follows:

1. Nathan U. I did not marry a Mackey Johnson but instead married an Agatha(Agathy) Butler who was born about 1764 and died in 1833.
2. The 1833 newspaper article erred in reporting that the late Agathy U. had been married to Nathan U. I and she was actually married to an Upchurch male of a different name.
3. Nathan U. I was married to Mackey Johnson from about 1779 until about 1831 and then to Agatha (Butler ?) from about 1832 until her death in 1833.
4. There was another Nathan U who would have been old enough to have married an Agathy Butler by 1794 and to have outlived her passing in 1833.

This extract found  
in Briefs of:  
NATHAN U, I  
JOHN BUTLER  
AGATHA BUTLER  
MACKAY U (MRS)

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Perhaps there are other convoluted prospects but the four given illustrate that help is very much needed to sort out this puzzle.

Although the evidence that Mackey Johnson was the wife of Nathan U. I is frail in nature, we would need some reasonable basis for casting her aside. The DAR records show that Nathan U. I was married to a Mackey \_\_\_\_\_ but no basis for this is given. The book "Some Colonial and Revolutionary Families of North Carolina", Volume II, compiled by Marilu Burch Smallwood and published in 1969 is more explicit. On page 356 for Nathan U. I it reports: "Revolutionary Soldier Nathan Upchurch born in VA in 1759...died 1835 in Wake County (NC), and married in 1780 Miss Mackey, who died in 1831." It appears that this information came originally from Mrs. J.C.L. Harris, Sr., nee: Florence Caroline U. (1850-1940)(XID 621), a great granddaughter of Nathan U. I. West in her book UPCHURCH FAMILY on page 79 reports "Apparently Mackey (Johnson) Upchurch, wife of Nathan had died before 1835 as she was not mentioned in his Will." West also states that Nathan served in the Revolution in 1780 and "He married Mackey Johnson during this same year." She does not state the source of this information. She does report that Nathan U. I purchased 150 acres of land on the waters of Moccasin Creek in Wake Co., NC from Julius Johnson (Wake Co., NC Deed Book H/84 recorded March Term of Court 1787). From this citation we have long hypothesized that Mackey Johnson was the daughter of Julius Johnson. The prospects that Nathan U. I married a Miss Mackey are enhanced by the fact that this couple named a daughter Mackey U. and a granddaughter was also named Mackey.

For the moment, this matter rests.

④ Establishment of Primary Profiles for several names or possible names encountered in an attempt to identify the name of the wife of Nathan U. I - Head of Class

JULIUS JOHNSON - is the Primary Profile for the individual with whom Nathan U. I had interactions in the 1780-1800 era. His name is being cross referenced as JULIUS JOHNSON & as JULIAN JOHNSON & JULIAN JOHNSON

MACKAY U - is the Primary Profile for the wife of Nathan U. I filed as Mackey U (MRS) she being possibly nee MACKAY JOHNSON, nee MACKAY JOHNSON or nee MACKAY BUTLER

AGATHA BUTLER is the Primary Profile for the wife of Nathan U. I she being

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⑤ Will Book A - Franklin Co, NC 1785.- 1797 - pg 34

(158) Will of JOHN BUTLER. To daughter Martha LINCH 4 pounds; to daughter Agathay UPCHURCH 4 pounds; to daughter Chloe BRASEL 4 pounds; to daughter Elizabeth Nancy UPCHURCH 4 pounds; to son Micajah BUTLER 4 pounds; to son Barnaba BUTLER "my gun". To son Micajah BUTLER feather bed and furniture. Sons Micajah and Barnaba BUTLER to inherit all lands(bounds described), Barnaba's share to be rented out until debts of the estate paid. Executors: Sons Micajah BUTLER and Barnaba BUTLER. His mark. Witnessed: Isaac ALFORD, Robert BUTLER. Undated.

JOHN BUTLER  
AGATHA (BUTLER) U

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Subject: wife of Nathan Upchurch  
From: Margaret Harris <shadeofoaks@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 24, 2015 6:34 pm  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

COPY FOR ACTIVE FILE  
"NATHAN'S WIFE"

Hi Phil - I have just read over the Nathan U. bio on your Allied Families web page. But I'm curious about your assertions for the name(s) of Nathan's wife(ves).

Please see Footnote #597 on page 415 of my book. It was you who first alerted me to the fact that one of your other correspondents had found a Franklin County will by John Butler wherein he named his daughter "Agathy Upchurch." I looked up the will and confirmed it. Then I found, on a microfilm at Meredith College, the old newspaper obituary from 1833 for "Mrs. Agatha Upchurch, wife of Nathan." So far, that is the only actual "evidence" I have seen about the possible identity of Nathan's wife.

I sincerely regret my failure to index my book. Among other shortcomings about its organization. I had set myself a deadline to get it into print that had more to do with my own age than with wrapping up more unfinished stories. Cognizant that every resolved mystery in genealogy only leads to additional mysteries, I feared walking into that metaphorical truck before completing *something* in a format with a chance of saving the summation of my work. I remain open to corrections and, indeed, appreciate them at any time. I will organize them as best I can as "addendums" in my files.

Meanwhile, I thought I had sent to you the two documents pertaining to Agatha/Agathy Upchurch. If I did not, please let me know, and I'll dig them out for you.....

Best,  
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Margaret Louise Harris  
Please visit the website for my book:  
<http://intheshafofoaks.com>

⑦ RBU undated Entry

John Butler wrote a will showing Agatha Butler named an Upchurch. Her sister Elizabeth Thomey Butler married James U. (XID-67) → (XID 994)

- ⑧ From: Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers 1830-1839 Vol III Part 2 Pg 457

6117 UPCHURCH: D. On the 19th ult., of cancer  
 ... Mrs. AGATHA UPCHURCH, wife of NATHAN  
 UPCHURCH, of this county, in the 69th year  
 of her age. ... -(Communicated). RaNCsw  
 Fri 7 June 1833 3:5.1

Note this Nathan U may or may not be Nathan U,  
 Head of clan and the Agatha U may or may not  
 be Agatha Butler, daughter of John Butler. See  
UB Vol 17 No 3 (JUL 1996) for an analysis of this  
 situation.

- ⑨ Per Adm # 27 B West Sts 18 MAY 1975 - Accidentally encountered with  
 Franklin Co NC

"will not dated but one above was 1794 - Book A Pg 158 -  
 John Butler - Legates: Dau - Mocha Lynch,  
 Agathy U, Cleate Basel, Elizabeth Thuney U - Son  
 Michael Butler, Barnaba Butler - Land on old  
 Spring Branch, joining Robert Milton -  
 Isaac Alford, jurat; Robert Butler. signed  
 John x Butler"  
 (See also Agathy Butler).