

① Per A. M. Ody 15A West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 - was son of B. B. U. b 1820 in NC & moved to Conway Co, AR in 1859. - C. W. U. had 4 sons b in Ark. [Note: B. B. U. = P. B. U. = Patrick Bogart - RPU]

1. John U. b 1889

2. Boman U. b 1884

3. William A. U. b 1874 → had 1 son

4. Rutherford U. b 1880

William A
↓

② See Ltr 20 APR 1980 Alma Inez U. DRPU

Harmon U. → Allen U. → Patrick Bogart U. → Charles U.
Charles U. lived in Indian Territory, moved to S. E. Okla. where he died.

1922 John L. U.

1932 William W. U.

③ See Family Chart rec'd 20 FEB 1981 From Joyce Evelyn Danenport.

Charles Wesley U. b 1853 d 29 APR 1916 and 27 NOV 1873

Julia Perrine b 1852 d 1 JUN 1914. They had a

son Mary May U. b 19 MAY 1892 d 16 APR 1975.

④ See Notes of RPU 16 APR 1981 Phone Call to Lloyd Vernon U, OK at OK

Lloyd Vernon U is son of John Jackson U and he thought his GF = William Charlie U or Charlie William U - [Actually it is Charles Wesley U - RPU]
His GF (C. W. U.) is now at Mt Zion which is East of Lexington, OK.

⑤ See Family Chart rec'd 13 MAY 1981 by RPU from William Wesley U.

Charley (Charles?) Wesley U b 1853 (NC) d 29 APR 1916 was son

of Patrick Bogart U. C. W. U. and Julia Perrine b 1867 d 1 JUN 1914

⑥ See 1860, 1870 Census Records for Conway Co, AR filed with Patrick Bogart U
In 1860 Charles W. U. age 6 was in home of his father
P. B. U.

- ⑦ See Photo File for photo of Charles Wesley U & his family
- ⑧ See Ltr 11 MAY 1981 Alma Inez U & RRM ^{IN US VOL 2 BOX 2 APR 1981}
^{ALSO COPY ATTACHED}
 Charles W. U b 1854 (NC) & 20 APR 1916 (OK) luv Mt Zion
 Lexington, OK md 27 NOV 1873 (AR) Julia Perrine
 b 1857 (AR) & 15 JUN 1914 (OK) luv Mt Zion, Lexington,
 OK — Note Charles Wesley U had 9 children
 the 5th of which was an infant still born
 in 1882 (AR).
- ⑨ See Ltr 29 JUL 1981 William Wesley U & RRM
 "My birthplace was also SRN Cleveland Co, OK. Charles
 Wesley U settled there after a short stay in
 Canadian Township. The Cleveland Co Deed Register
 shows Charles W. U purchased from G. D. Cross 1/4 SW QTR,
 1/4 NW QTR of SEC 25, 6N, 1E for \$1400 in 1911. Prior to
 this he had lived in several places near the
 purchased location -- My father owned a place near
 the Charles W. U place -- Charles Wesley U & his mother
 did not leave AR until 1891 (see evidence in
 William Andrew U file which supports this).
 Charles Wesley U 1853-20 APR 1916 is luv in Mt Zion
 Cem 13 miles SE of Lexington, OK with his
 wife Julia (Perrine) U 1867-15 JUN 1914. He died
 in Cleveland Co, OK. In some places he is
 referred to as Charles in others as Charley.
- ⑩ See Ltr 15 JUN 1982 Joyce Evelyn Danenport & RRM
 My GF Charles Wesley U & 29 APR 1916 (Backhead Community
 in Cleveland Co, OK. and was luv there in the Mt Zion Cem
 This is S.E. of Lexington, OK

- ⑪ See Ltr 5 JAN 1983 John Allen U III to RPH
This report indicates that Charles Wesley U was mnd
to Sophronia Eugenia U [Sophronia] [daug John James U
& gd of Hunsford U] before she mnd Patrick Gordon U
(a brother of Charles Wesley U) [Note that verification is
needed - RPH]
- ⑫ See Ltr 2 JAN 1984 John Allen U III to RPH
Charles Wesley U mnd Juliana Perrine but she died in 1914.
Charles Wesley U d in 1916 but he and Sophronia Eugenia U
were mnd for a short time in that two year span but
with no issue. This information from Hammett Edward U.
Also Aunt Ruby Granberry said Sophronia was mnd
a 3rd time before her death in 1925
- ⑬ See Ltr 22 OCT 1988 Bessie Elizabeth Ryle to RPH
CW U b 22 NOV 1854 mnd 22 NOV 1873 Juliana Perrine
- ⑭ See Ltr 18 AUG 1998 Larry Hartman Evgyle to RPH
CW U b 22 NOV 1853 mnd 22 NOV 1873 (1) Juliana Perrine
Nine children listed.

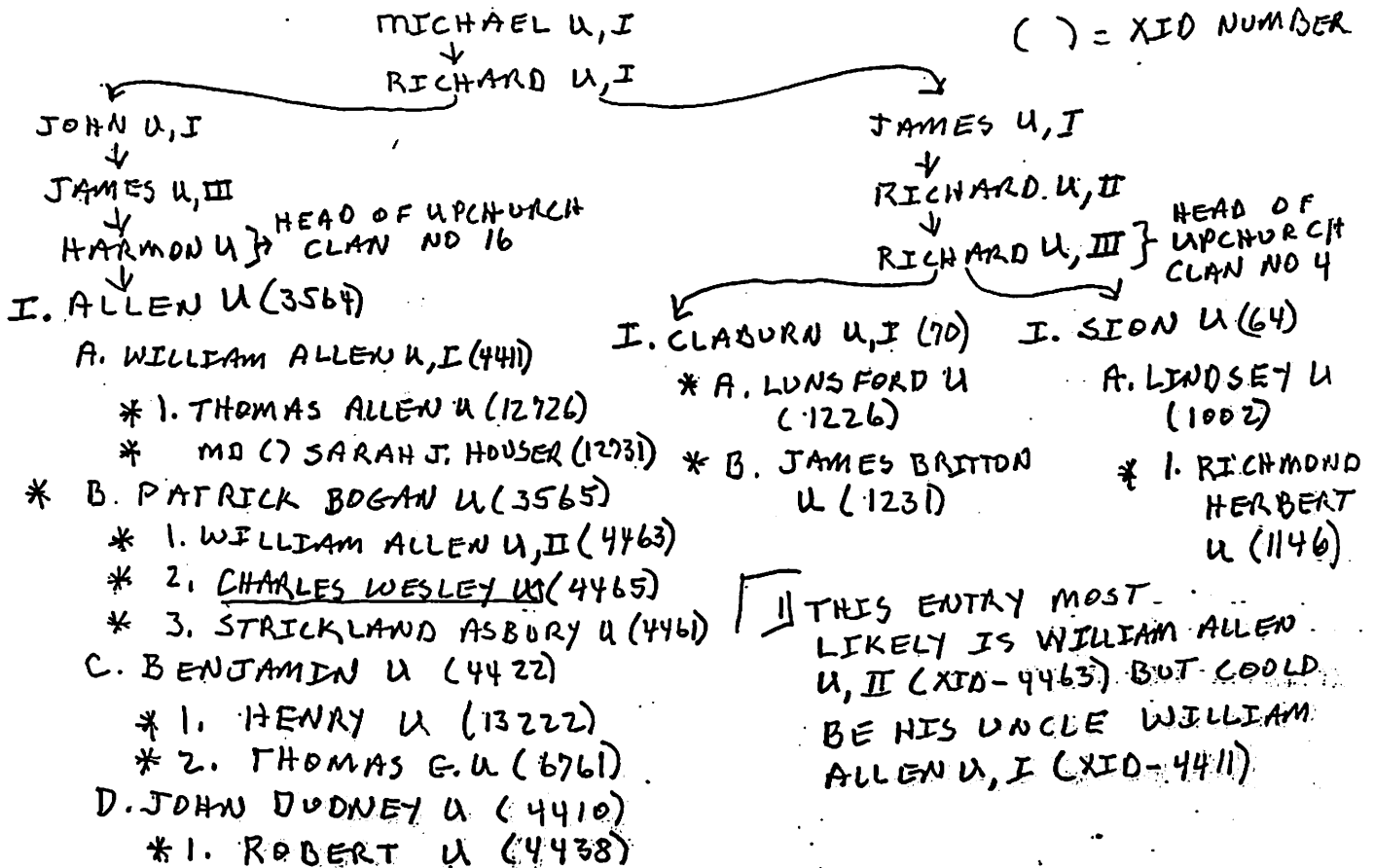
See Attached 8 1/2 x 11" Picture of the Charles Wesley U family
supplied by LARRY and dated 18 AUG 1998 by RPH.
This is the same picture as referred to in Item
⑦ above. This 18 AUG 1998 version provides no new
details except that the woman in the window
is Sarah Millsaps, a sister of mnd Nancy Millsaps,
the wife of William Andrew U. This picture was
reproduced in the U.S. Vol 2 No 2 of April
1981

⑮ UPCHURCH AR LAND HOLDINGS IN 1800'S - IN LTR 17 NOV 1997
 BARBARA LYNN CHAMBERS TO RPH [RPH DERIVATIONS MADE
 22 NOV 1997 SHOWN BELOW]

ON AR CENSUS

	Last name	First name	Init	County	Sec	Tw	Rng	Acres	---Date---	XII
1880	UPCHURCH	BRITTIN		Columbia	36	15S	22W	40	1857/12/01	1231
	UPCHURCH	BRITTON		Columbia	35	15S	22W	0	1861/02/01	
	UPCHURCH	BRITTON		Columbia	36	15S	22W	0	1861/02/01	
	UPCHURCH	BRITTON		Columbia	36	15S	22W	80	1861/02/01	
	UPCHURCH	BRITTON		Columbia	36	15S	22W	120	1861/02/01	
1880	UPCHURCH	CHARLES [WESLEY] W		Conway	30	9N	16W	160	1890/04/16	4465
1880	UPCHURCH	HENRY		Yell	11	3N	25W	0	1884/08/20	1322
	UPCHURCH	HENRY		Yell	11	3N	25W	0	1884/08/20	
	UPCHURCH	HENRY		Yell	14	3N	25W	160	1884/08/20	
1880	UPCHURCH	LUNSFORD		Columbia	31	15S	21W	0	1859/07/01	1226
	UPCHURCH	LUNSFORD		Columbia	31	15S	21W	160	1859/07/01	
	UPCHURCH	LUNSFORD		Columbia	31	15S	21W	120.29	1861/02/01	
	UPCHURCH	LUNSFORD		Columbia	36	15S	22W	0	1861/02/01	
1890	UPCHURCH	PATRICK		Conway	28	9N	16W	0	1877/03/20	3565
	UPCHURCH	PATRICK		Conway	28	9N	16W	120	1877/03/20	
	UPCHURCH	RICHMOND		White	7	8N	6W	40	1885/06/20	1146
1880	UPCHURCH	ROBERT		Conway	20	9N	16W	40	1892/03/17	4438
	UPCHURCH	SARAH	J	Conway	14	9N	17W	0	1889/09/20	12731
	UPCHURCH	SARAH	J	Conway	14	9N	17W	160	1889/09/20	
1890	UPCHURCH	STRICKLAND		A Conway	30	9N	16W	0	1890/04/16	4461
	UPCHURCH	STRICKLAND		A Conway	30	9N	16W	127.98	1890/04/16	
1880	UPCHURCH	THOMAS [ALLEN]		A Conway	28	9N	16W	40	1875/11/20	12726
1880	UPCHURCH	THOMAS [-]		G Conway	32	9N	16W	0	1891/07/30	6761
	UPCHURCH	THOMAS [-]		G Conway	32	9N	16W	160	1891/07/30	
1) 1880	UPCHURCH	WILLIAM [ALLEN]		Conway	20	9N	16W	80	1879/12/15	4463

RELATIONSHIP OF THE 12 INDIVIDUALS LISTED TO THE UPCHURCH FAMILY



William his wife- Nancy Millsaps
Andrew

(16) Rec'd 1998 in LTR 18 AUG 1998 LARRY HARTMAN
SARAH MILSAPS GRIZZLE TO RPL

MARGARET JULIANA PES
Holding? THOMAS RUTHERFORD
BOWMAN



"Lil" John
son of William

ELIZA JANE

CHARLES
WESLEY

MARY
MAY

JULIANA

JOHN
JACKSON

TRUTH

(17) See Ltr 15 SEP 2000 Kevin Michael Burton to RPA-Pg 8

CWU d Lexington, Cleveland Co, AR - He was on the 1910 Census of Cleveland Co, OK. He married in Conway Co, AR Julia Perrine who died in Lexington, OK

(18) See Note of Mae Frances Danenport call on 7 JUN 2005 to RPA. She is a great granddaughter of CWU and indicates her plans to issue a publication on her direct line which would include details on CWU

(19) From Ltr 18 AUG 1998 Larry Hartman Ensign to RPA on Book: "Charles Wesley Upchurch & Juliana Perrine - Picture is hanging in a museum in Oklahoma"



- (20) A. Extract of Land Record in AR Provided to RPH
in Ltr 29NOV2000 from Kevin Michael Burton
See B for added detail from Internet download.

BLM - ES, GLO Records - Accession/Serial Nr: AR0400__127

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Accession/Serial #: AR0400__127

BLM Serial #: AR NO S/N

State: ARKANSAS

Patentee Name: CHARLES W UPCHURCH	Warrantee Name:
Document #: 5626 Misc. Doc. Nr: 13097 Indian Allotment Nr: --- Tribe: ---	US Reservations: --- Mineral Reservations: No Geographic Name: --- Metes/Bounds: No Survey Date: ---
Issue Date: April 16, 1890 Cancelled: No	Authority: May 20, 1862: HOMESTEAD ENTRY-ORIGINAL (12 Stat. 392) Acres: 160 Land Office: LITTLE ROCK Comments: ---

Aliquot Parts	Sec/ Blk	Twtnshp	Range	Fract. Sect.	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
NE	30/	9-N	16-W	No	5th PM	AR	CONWAY	---

(20) B



The United States of America, 127

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 5626

Application 13097

United States a CERTIFICATE
Arkansas

Whereas there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the
Register of the Land Office at Little Rock
Arkansas, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved
20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts
supplemental thereto, the claim of Charles W. Upchurch has been
established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North East quarter
of Section thirty in Township nine North of Range
Sixteen West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in
Arkansas, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

(20) B - CONTINUED

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Charles W. Upchurch the tract of Land also described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Charles W. Upchurch and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I, Benjamin Harrison
President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the fifteenth
day of April, in the year of Our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and ninety, and of the
Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourteenth
By the President, Benjamin Harrison

By A. H. Keen Sec'y.

J. R. Courell Recorder of the General Land Office.
ad interim

(21) FROM LTR 15 JUN 2005 MAE FRANCES DAVENPORT TO RPA
(MAY IS GO'D MARY MAY U)

I. Harmon U - Head of Clan

A. Allen U

1. Patrick Bogan U

a. Charles Wesley U m'd (1st) Juliana Perrine
Their 9 Children:

First seven children were born in Conway County, Arkansas

1. William Andrew Upchurch	b. December 1, 1874	d. December 6, 1958	m. Nancy Milsap b. 1878 AR
2. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch	b. May 29, 1876	d. 1924 Cleveland Co OK	m. J. Hill Millsap b. 1866 AR
3. Margaret Julina Upchurch	b. February 13, 1878	d. August 6, 1952	m. E. Johnson/Franklin Bale
4. Thomas Rutherford Upchurch	b. October 15, 1880	d. September 27, 1959	m. Eller Stubblefield b. 1877
5. Infant Upchurch	b. 1882	d. 1882	
6. Bowman Franklin Upchurch	b. March 26, 1884	d. December 12, 1957	m. Leola Burton b. 1887 AR
7. Eliza Jane 'Jennie' Upchurch	b. November 6, 1886	d. August 13, 1973	m. William E. Elliott b. 1874
8. John Jackson Upchurch*	b. December 11, 1889	d. August 13, 1943 OK	m. Mary Grizzle b. 1906
9. Mary May Upchurch*	b. May 19, 1892	d. April 16, 1975	m. Arthur Davenport b. 1886

* These two children were born east of Wayne, Indian Territory, Oklahoma

CHARLES WESLEY U

PG9

XID-4465

22 FROM LTR 15 JUN 2005 MAE FRANCES DAVENPORT TO RPH
(MAE IS GGD/O CHARLES WESLEY U)

Corrections:

Charles Wesley Upchurch (XID-4465)

His death date is listed wrong in every document and bit of information I find. It's even wrong on his headstone. I have his death certificate ... and probate records (which I'll be happy to share if you'd like copies). He died in 1915, not 1916. His death date should read: April 29, 1915.

Julina Perrine Upchurch (XID-5697)

Her death date is also wrong on records and her headstone. All these list her death as June 1, 1914. That could not be. I do know Charles Wesley U., remarried shortly after her death and he married in March 1914. So her date of death is wrong. I suspect she either died in early 1914 (perhaps January, instead of June??) or that she died sometime in 1913 though I cannot find evidence to substantiate that. I continue my quest to establish her date of death. There is no death certificate, nor can I find mention in newspapers of those dates.

Other Information I have:

Charles Wesley Upchurch (XID-4465)

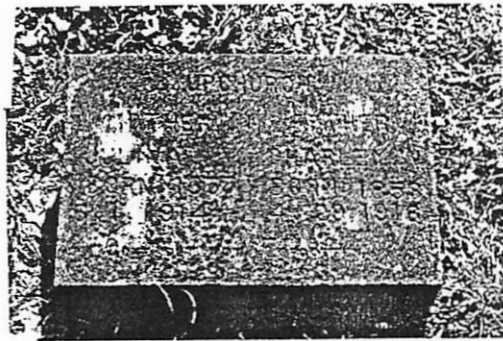
Birth November 22, 1853 Stanly County, North Carolina
Death April 29, 1915 Age 62, Cleveland County, OK
Buried Mt. Zion Cemetery, Cleveland County, OK

FIRST WIFE: JULINA PERRINE

Birth 1850 Illinois
Married October 5, 1873 Age 23, CWU 19, Conway Co., AR
Death June 1, 1913 (?) Age 62, Cleveland County, OK
Buried Mt. Zion Cemetery, Cleveland County, OK

SECOND WIFE: SOPHRONIA EUGENIA 'JENNIE' UPCHURCH

Birth 10 January 1872
Married March 3, 1914 Age 42, CWU 60; Tecumseh, Pottawatomie County, OK
Death 7 Jan 1925 Birmingham AL
Buried Columbia County, AR



Old Headstone & New Headstone for Charles & Julina. Both dates of death are in error! Buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery in southeast Cleveland County, OK. Photos by Mae D. Cox

I. Harmon U - Head of Clan
A. Allen U
I. Patrick Bogan U
a. Charles Wesley U

23 EXCERPT FROM BOOK "THE UPCHURCHES" BY MAE D. COX APR 2008
ITEM: PG 212, 213

So What Became of Patrick Bogan and Eunice's Children?

BY: KEVIN M. BURTON

Patrick and Eunice Upchurch had eleven children. The following is a brief history of each one though we know very little about some and a lot about others. They are listed in their birth order.

9 Charles Wesley Upchurch was also born in Stanly County, North Carolina — in 1853. The next chapter is about Charles, his life and his family.

I. HARMONY (24) EXCERPT FROM BOOK "THE UPCHURCHES" BY MAE D. COX APR 2008
 - HEAD OF CLAN ITEM: PG 207 - DETAILED LOCATION OF UPCHURCH
 A. ALLEN U LAND GRANTS IN CONWAY CO, AR

1. W^M ALLEN U, I

a. THOMAS ALLEN U

2. PATRICK BOGAN U

3. BENJAMIN U

a. THOMAS G. U

4. JOHN DUDNEY U

u. LEONARD U
 MOLT SAAN -

a. WILLIAM ALLEN U, II

b. MARY KATHERINE U - MD

c. CHARLES WESLEY U

d. STRICKLAND ASBURY U

WILLIAM
 OLLIVER
 SKINNER

NOTE:
 INDIVIDUALS
 UNDELINE
 GOT
 LAND
 GRANTS
 - RPA

a. ROBT U

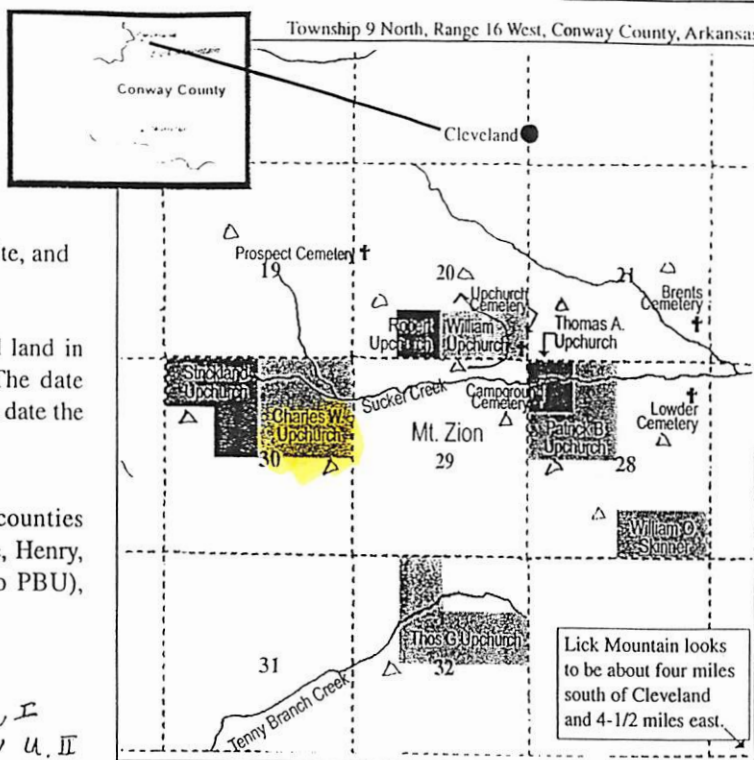
Other Upchurches
 Receive Land Patents

Fifteen different
 Upchurches were granted
 land patents in Arkansas
 spanning six different
 counties: Cleburn,
 Columbia, Conway, Polk, White, and
 Yell.

Below are those who attained land in
 △ Conway County, Arkansas. The date
 shown next to the names is the date the
 land patent was issued.

Other Upchurches in other counties
 include Albert, Britton, Hattie, Henry,
 △ Lunsford (a fourth cousin to PBU),
 △△ Richmond, and Robert J.

RE: PATRICK BOGAN U
 BRO = WILLIAM ALLEN U, I
 SON = WILLIAM ALLEN U, II



Patrick B. Upchurch	3-20-1877	120 acres	S/2 NW & NE NW 28-9N-16W
Charles W. Upchurch, Patrick's son	4-16-1890	160 acres	NE Section 30-9N-16W
Strickland Upchurch, Patrick's son	4-16-1890	127.98 ac	N/2 NW & SE NW 30-9N-16W
William Upchurch, Patrick's brother or son	12-15-1879	80 acres	S/2 SE 20-9N-16W
Robert Upchurch, PBU's nephew	3-17-1892	40 acres	SE SW 20-9N-16W
Thomas A. Upchurch, PBU's bro W.A.'s son	11-20-1875	40 acres	NW NW 28-9N-16W
Thomas G. Upchurch, PBU's bro Benj's son	7-30-1891	160 acres	S/2 NE & E/2 NW 32-9N-16W
Sarah Upchurch, PBU's nephew Leonard's widow	9-20-1889	160 acres	W/2 NE/4 & N/2 SE/4 14-9N-17W

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

R04076

Conway County and the Towns of Rondo and Cleveland

Between 1817 and 1828, the Cherokee Indians owned land in north central Arkansas between 1817 and 1828 that included most of Conway County. On October 20, 1825 a portion of land was taken from part of Pulaski County, and named Conway county after Henry Wharton Conway, a member of the Arkansas territorial delegation to Congress. Rolling farmlands, forested ridges, isolated mountains and lakes make up the county lying in the Ozark foothills.

Morrillton is the capitol of Conway County and just a few miles north of there lies the town of Cleveland. Previously though the town was known as Rondo, being founded in 1871. By 1886 the post office was moved and the town renamed to Cleveland.

Just south of Cleveland about a mile or so to the section line lies the Upchurch Cemetery, and across the road south of it is the old Upchurch Meeting Grounds. Going east on down the road nearly a mile and over a hill — dubbed Upchurch Mountain in the late 1880s — is Lowder Cemetery.

(25) EXCERPT FROM BOOK "THE UPCHURCHES" BY MAE D. COX APR 2008
ITEM: PG 175

Seventh Generation

Patrick Bogan Upchurch

PGS 175-215
COPIED
FOR HIS
BIOFILE

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

..... 7 Patrick Bogan Upchurch 1816 - 1885 △
+Eunice McSwain 1819 - 1897

..... 8 John M. Upchurch 1838 - 1863 △
..... 8 Priscilla D. Upchurch 1839 - 1878 △
..... 8 Elizabeth Jane Upchurch 1841 - 1920 △
..... 8 William Allen Upchurch 1843 - 1893 △
..... 8 David Harmon Upchurch 1844 - 1917 △
..... 8 Mary Katherine Upchurch 1848 - 1919 △
..... 8 Sarah Ann Upchurch 1850 - △
..... 8 Nancy C. Upchurch 1852 - △
..... 8 Charles Wesley Upchurch 1854 - 1915 △
..... 8 Patrick Gordon Upchurch 1859 - 1907 △
..... 8 Strickland Asbury Upchurch 1861 - 1926 △

220 EXCERPT FROM BOOK "THE UPCHURCHES" BY MAE D. COX APR 2008
 ITEM: 217-220 THE PERRINE FAMILY - ANCESTORS OF

A Quick Look at the Perrines

△
 Julina Perrine
 married △
 Charles
 Upchurch



MATTHEW PERRINE

BORN JUNE 2, 1765 PENDLETON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 DIED BEF 1850

ELIZABETH 'BETSY' LONGACRE

BORN ABT 1788 FREDERIC COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 MARRIED NOVEMBER 26, 1803 JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 DIED AFT 1856 JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

Elizabeth was the daughter of Benjamin Longacre and Ruth Carter.
 They had five children:

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| 1) Martha Jane Perrine | b. abt 1810 |
| 2) Samuel Perrine | b. July 20, 1808 Jefferson Co, Tennessee |
| 3) Andrew S. Perrine | b. bet 1813-1814 TN |
| 4) Benjamin Perrine | b. abt 1818 Orange Co, Indiana |
| 5) Rhoda Perrine | b May 27, 1821 Tennessee |
| 6) Lucinda Perrine | b June 24, 1823 d. February 23, 1903 |

ANDREW S PERRINE

BORN 1813 OR 1814 IN TENNESSEE
 DIED BEF 1880 IN CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

1ST WIFE — POLLY WOLFINGTON

BORN BET 1820-1825
 MARRIED DECEMBER 20, 1837

2ND WIFE — SARAH JENKINS

BORN
 MARRIED APRIL 7, 1839 MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS

3RD WIFE — ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

BORN ABT. 1827 IN TENNESSEE
 MARRIED 1840 TENNESSEE
 DIED JANUARY 7, 1867 CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 CHILDREN

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) George | b. abt 1844 | d abt. 1862 | |
| 2) Melissa | b 1843 IL | d. 1916 Pontotoc Co OK | m. Bowman |
| 3) Margaret Elizabeth | b. abt 1846 | | |
| 4) Julina | b. 1850/51 IL | d. 1912 Oklahoma | m. Charles Upchurch |
| 5) Andrew Jackson | b. 1850 IL | d. April 8, 1910 Bebee OK | m. M. Wilson/A. Hayes |
| 6) William Thomas | b. 1853 AR | d. 1923 Bebee OK | m. Martha Jane Breck |

△ JULIANA PERRINE WND MD
 △ CHARLES WESLEY U S/D PATRICK
 BOGAN U OF THE HARMON U/
 ALLEN U SUBCLAN

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SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in Griffin Township **in the County of** Conway **State of** Arkansas **enumerated by me, on the** 24 **day of** July **1880.** A. Gordon **Asst. Marshal**
Post Office Atkinson

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11	12	13	14
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate					
1	881	Mary E. McLean	7	F	W				Arkansas				
2	882	William Carr	48	M	W	Farmer		7.00	North Carolina				
3		Wiley Carr	38	M	W	Croft			North Carolina				
4		Frank Carr	16	M	W	Woodman			Tennessee				
5		George Carr	12	M	W				Virginia				
6		John Carr	11	M	W				"				
7	883	Griffin Merrill	23	M	W	Farmer	1.00	8.00	Tennessee				
8		Martha Merrill	13	F	W	Croft			"				
9		Wm. Merrill	4	M	W				Arkansas				
10		Louisa B. Merrill	2	F	W				"				
11	884	Andrew B. Perrine	47	M	W	Farmer		2.00	Tennessee			1	
12		Marjabelle Perrine	35	F	W	Croft			"			1	
13		George Perrine	16	M	W	Woodman			Illinois				
14		Margaret B. Perrine	14	F	W				"				
15		Melissa Perrine	11	F	W				"				
16		Jessie Perrine	9	F	W				"				
17		Andrew J. Perrine	6	M	W				"				
18		Wm. S. Perrine	3	M	W				Arkansas				
19	885	Landon Prince	44	M	W	Farmer	1.00	2.10	North Carolina				
20		Wm. Prince	16	M	W	Woodman			Tennessee				
21		Isabella Prince	14	F	W				"				
22		Abraham Prince	12	M	W				Arkansas				
23		Louisa B. Prince	7	F	W				"				
24		Anna Prince	4	F	W				"				
25	886	Andy Martin	44	M	W	Farmer	5.00	7.75	North Carolina				
26		Kanah Martin	12	F	W	Croft			"				
27		Landon Martin	17	M	W	Woodman							
28		Sarah Martin	12	F	W								
29		John B. Martin	7	M	W								
30		Wm. Martin	3	M	W								
31		Wm. Martin	70	F	W	Widow							
32	887	Francis M. Pratt	21	M	W	Farmer							
33		Sarah Pratt	16	F	W	Croft							
34	888	Geo. W. Williams	33	M	W	Farmer							
35		Julia Williams	13	F	W	Croft							
36		William Williams	4	M	W								
37	889	John G. Garrison	45	M	W	Farmer							
38		Lidia Garrison	43	F	W	Croft			Alabama				
39		Mary Garrison	21	F	W				Tennessee				
40													

1860 Census, Griffin Township, Conway County Arkansas

The Andrew Perrine family is listed in this record. Julina is shown to be nine years old, making her born in late 1850 or early 1851.

Note also that there are several other of what appear to be Perrines or Princes... I'm betting they are all related.

No. white males, 28 No. colored males, _____ No. foreign born, _____ No. blind, _____
 No. white females, 28 No. colored females, _____ No. deaf and dumb, _____ No. insane, _____
 2400 5327 No. Males, _____ No. females, _____

Julina's brother, George, served in the Civil War. He was killed on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

My 2-Great Grandparents

I was at Brother
Andrews as I
came down here
he lives in Conway
co about 85 miles
from here . . .

Elizabeth and Andrew

Elizabeth was the daughter of Brazella Williams and Margaret (unknown) who lived in Illinois. Shortly after Andrew and Elizabeth married, they moved to Illinois. Apparently Elizabeth's parents liked her new husband, Andrew, because, in 1847, they deeded over about 120 acres to him in return for his promise to take care of them for the balance of their lives:

Know all men by these presents that we Brazilla Williams and his wife Margaret of Franklin County, Illinois in and for consideration that Andrew Perrine of Franklin County Illinois shall keep, sustain, and support us for an during our natural lives and for the further consideration of our natural love and affection for our son in law Andrew Perrine and Elizabeth his wife shall comply with the requests of a certain bond or obligation made by the said Andrew Perrine to Brazilla Williams, bearing the date herewith have given, granted, sold and do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Andrew Perrine, his heirs and assignees forever the following described parcel of land to wit: the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 7 south, and Range 4 east, containing 80 acres, and also the north west quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 7 south, Range 4 east containing 40 acres to have and to hold the aforegranted premises with all and singular privileges and appurtenances thereof..." 1 March 1847 ^{R04129a}

I'm not sure if the parents died before 1853, but by that year, Andrew and his family had moved to Arkansas.

Move To Arkansas

The family moved to Conway County, Arkansas in 1852-53. Elizabeth's mother moved with another daughter, Elizabeth's sister Juliana's family, and was listed with them in the Arkansas 1870 census.

In a letter written on March 21, 1867, by Andrew's brother, Samuel, to their sister, Lucinda Vickers, Samuel tells that Elizabeth has died:

I was at Brother Andrews as I came down here he lives in Conway co about 85 miles from here his Post office is Lewisburg. I got a letter from him a few days ago Elisabeth his wife died the 7th of January last the rest of them was well except Margret. She had the chills. ^{R04129b}

In a letter from Madison and Rhoda Vickers to Jackson and Lucinda Vickers (Rhoda and Lucinda are Andrew's sisters):

Andrew Perrine and his family come over to see us this morning. He don't like this country. [Missouri] ^{R04129c}

This letter is quite interesting as it tells of the death of Andrew Perrine's wife, Elizabeth, and gives info about living conditions in the 1860s. It was written by Andrew's brother, Samuel Perrine to one of their sisters: ^{R04129b}

Arkansas white co. March 21, 1867

Dear Sister, I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am in tolerable good health at present hoping these few lines will find you all well and doing well. I can inform you that Judith died the 14th of last June (1866). She left a little girl about 2 months old and a little Boy 5 years old her husband Mc Barnett is here with his 2 children and his mother and Sister and they are all well except bad colds. I am living with Susan and Marion Barnett. they are well. Susan has a fine Boy about 8 months old. His name is Sterling Price. Newton is living in vernal co. mo near nevada. I got a letter from him a few weeks ago and they was well. I was at Brother Andrews as I came down here he lives in conway co about 85 miles from here his Post office is lewisburg. I got a letter from him a few days ago Elisabeth his wife died the 7th of January last the rest of them was well except Margret. She had the chills. Harriet was living in dunklin county mo the last I herd from her they was well the last letter I got was last Spring.

Times is hard here. money is scarce and everything is high we had to pay one dollar per Bushel for corn and 12 cents per pound for pork flour is from 16 to 20 dollars per barrel goods and groceries is about like they are in missouri. I rented my land in Mo and left their the 27th of last June and come down here with the Boys. But I don't like this country welenouf to Stay here long write to me when you git this letter and tel me about Madison and Rhoda and what their Post office is direct your letter to Ark. white co, Searcy Po. So nothing more at present But I remain your Brother until death.

Samuel Perrine to Lucinda Vickers



November 8, 1912 photo ^{R06052}
Andrew Jackson Perrine daughters,
cousins to Julina Perrine.

From left, Nola Perrine, Cora Perrine,
and sitting Beulah Perrine

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Eighth Generation

Charles Wesley Upchurch

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FOR HIS BIOFILE

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

..... 7 Patrick Bogan Upchurch 1816 - 1885

..... 8 Charles Wesley Upchurch 1853 - 1915

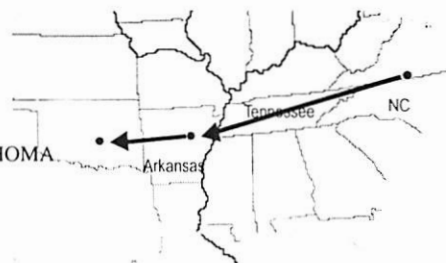
..... 9 William Andrew Upchurch	1874 - 1959
..... 9 Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch	1876 - 1924
..... 9 Margaret Julina Upchurch	1878 - 1952
..... 9 Thomas Rutherford Upchurch	1880 - 1959
..... 9 Infant Upchurch	1882 - 1882
..... 9 Bowman Franklin Upchurch	1884 - 1957
..... 9 Eliza Jane Upchurch	1886 - 1973
..... 9 John Jackson Upchurch	1889 - 1943
..... 9 Mary May Upchurch	1892 - 1975

Timeline for Charles Wesley Upchurch

YEAR	AGE ±	
November 22, 1853		Birth of Charles Wesley Upchurch
< July 1859	< 6	Family moved from North Carolina to Conway County, Arkansas
July 25, 1860	6	Charles living with his parents and siblings in Conway County census
August 41, 1870	16	Charles living with parents and siblings, Lick Mountain Township, Conway Co.
October 3, 1873	18	Married Julina Perrine in Conway County, Arkansas
December 1, 1874	21	First child is born, William Andrew Upchurch, in Conway County, Arkansas
May 29, 1876	22	Second child born: Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch in Conway County, Arkansas
February 13, 1878	24	Third child born: Margaret Julina Upchurch in Conway County, Arkansas
June 22, 1880	26	Listed on 1880 census for Lick Mountain, Conway County, Arkansas
October 15, 1880	26	Fourth child born: Thomas Rutherford Upchurch in Conway County, Arkansas
1882	29	Fifth child is born, dies in Conway County, Arkansas
March 26, 1884	30	Sixth child is born, Bowman Franklin Upchurch in Conway County, Arkansas
November 6, 1886	32	Seventh child is born, Eliza Jane 'Jennie' Upchurch in Conway County, Arkansas
December 11, 1889	36	Eighth child is born, John Jackson Upchurch in Conway County, Arkansas
April 16, 1890	36	Receives land patent; homesteads 160 acres in Conway County, Arkansas
1891	37	Leaves Arkansas, moves to Indian Territory, in eastern McClain County, I.T.
1891	37	Moved family into dugout in Indian Territory, just south of Canadian River
May 19, 1892	38	Ninth child is born, Mary May Upchurch in eastern McClain County, I.T.
1892	39	Helped brothers David and Strickland moving from Arkansas to I.T. to settle
1893	40	Moved family across river into southern Cleveland County, O.T.; second dugout
1893	40	Helped organize Buckhead School, served as first president
1895	42	Listed on Tax Roll for Canadian Township, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory
1896-1897	±44	Moves family to Clinton O.T.; in less than year; doesn't like land, moves back
June 22, 1900	46	On 1900 census for Canadian Township, Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory
February 12, 1905	51	Purchased 40 acres for \$501 in Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory (O.T.)
1908	55	Son, Bowman Upchurch, attacked by bull and severely injured
April 16, 1909	55	Article, <i>The Lexington Leader</i> , Lexington, Oklahoma; Charles speaks at church
July 2, 1909	55	Article, <i>The Lexington Leader</i> , Lexington, Oklahoma; Charles visits ill Bowman
November 26, 1909	56	Article, <i>The Lexington Leader</i> , Lexington, Oklahoma; daughter visits family
1910	56	Charles's brother, Strickland Upchurch, and his family come to visit
May 21, 1910	56	CWU listed on 1910 census, Canadian Township, Cleveland County, Oklahoma
May 18, 1911	56	Charles purchases 40 acres in Cleveland County, Oklahoma for \$1,400
June 1, 1912	58	Wife, Julina, dies; buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Cleveland County, Oklahoma
June 7, 1912	58	Article about wife's death in <i>The Lexington Leader</i> , Lexington, Oklahoma
March 3, 1914	60	Charles marries his sister-in law, his brother's widow, Jennie Upchurch
June 1, 1914	60	Erroneous date on wife Julina's headstone, death date should read June 1, 1912
January 13, 1915	61	Charles writes letter to son Bowman Upchurch in Clinton, Oklahoma
April 16, 1915	61	Article, <i>The Lexington Leader</i> , Lexington, Oklahoma; daughter visits ill father
April 29, 1915	61	Charles Wesley Upchurch dies of heart failure
May 4, 1915		Doctor signs Charles W. Upchurch death certificate, COD Cardiac Insufficiency
May 7, 1915		Article, <i>The Lexington Leader</i> , Lexington, Oklahoma; Charles has died
August 23, 1915		Probate of Charles W. Upchurch estate begins
March 4, 1916		Charles' widow, Jennie Upchurch, files for Widow's Pension
April 29, 1916		Date of death wrong on C.W. Upchurch's headstone, should read April 29, 1915
October 9, 1916		General Warranty Deed CWU sells 80 acres to G. H. Skinner; Section 3-5N-1E
> October 9, 1916		Final accounting of CWU Estate by William A. Upchurch

CHARLES WESLEY UPCHURCH

BORN NOVEMBER 22, 1853 STANLY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
DIED APRIL 29, 1915 AGE 62, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
BURIED MT. ZION CEMETERY, CORBETT, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA



FIRST WIFE: JULINA PERRINE

BORN APRIL 1850* ILLINOIS
MARRIED OCTOBER 3, 1873, AGE 23, CWU 19, CONWAY CO., ARKANSAS
DIED JUNE 1, 1912, AGE 62, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
BURIED MT. ZION CEMETERY, CORBETT, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

SECOND WIFE: SOPHRONIA EUGENIA 'JENNIE' UPCHURCH

BORN JANUARY 10, 1872
MARRIED MARCH 3, 1914 AGE 42, CWU 60
TECUMSEH, POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
DIED JANUARY 7, 1925 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
BURIAL COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Some records indicate Julina's name was Juliana, Judy, or Judith, and in one place it's listed as Julie. An old family Bible lists her as *Judith*. Their children placed the name *Julina* on her tombstone, so that is obviously the name she used. Plus, she is also listed as *Julina* on census records.

*Julina's age varies on census records indicating she was born in 1850, 1851, 1854, or 1857. Her age on their marriage record shows her to be twenty-three in October 1873, thus making her born in 1850. That is therefore the preferred age, and the age that will be used in this book.

The year of
Julina's birth
and spelling of
her name are
controversial

Charles Named in 1860 and 1870 Censuses

The census records listing Charles at ages 6 and 16 were presented in the previous section on pages 202 and 203. Charles was born in North Carolina and at age five or six moved with his family to the Lick Mountain area of Conway County, Arkansas. This is where our story about Charles begins.... in Conway County.

Charles and Julina's Children

First eight children were born in Conway County, Arkansas

1. William Andrew Upchurch	b December 1, 1874	d. December 6, 1958	m. Nancy Millsap b. 1878 AR
2. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch	b. May 29, 1876	d. 1924 Cleveland Co OK	m. J. Hill Millsap b. 1866 AR
3. Margaret Julina Upchurch	b. February 13, 1878	d. August 6, 1952	m. E. Johnson/Franklin Bales
4. Thomas Rutherford Upchurch	b. October 15, 1880	d. September 27, 1959	m. Eller Stubblefield b. 1877
5. Infant Upchurch	b. 1882	d. 1882	
6. Bowman Franklin Upchurch	b. March 26, 1884	d. December 12, 1957	m. Leola Burton b. 1887 AR
7. Eliza Jane 'Jennie' Upchurch	b. November 6, 1886	d. August 13, 1973	m. William E. Elliott b. 1874
8. John Jackson Upchurch	b. December 11, 1889	d. August 13, 1943 OK	m. Mary Grizzle b. 1906
9. Mary May Upchurch	b. May 19, 1892*	d. April 16, 1975	m. Arthur Davenport b. 1886

* Born east of Wayne, Indian Territory, Oklahoma

When Charles
and Julina
married they
moved away and
never returned
to see her family.

Romeo-Juliet Conflict

The Perrines also lived in Conway County and for some reason there was a great conflict with their daughter, Julina, wanting to marry young Charles Upchurch. It's not known if they just opposed this marriage, or if there was actual conflict between the two families.

Either way, there was a Romeo/Juliet dispute between the two families. But the young couple ignored the Perrines disgruntlement and chose to get married. After their marriage in October 1873 at Conway, Arkansas, family lore says they moved away and never returned to see her family. ^{R03015}

October 3, 1873 Charles and Julina Marry

Charles was 19, Julina 23. Below is the record of their marriage in Conway County, Arkansas. Note that Julina's name is written as *Judid Prince*. It is also listed online under Conway County marriages as Julie Prince.

This document also establishes Julina being born in 1850. Note she is 23 years of age and this is 1873.

They Begin Their Family a Year Later

In just over a year, Charles and Julina's first child, William Andrew was born. Thus began their plight to support and take care of what would become quite a large family.

Nine children were born over the next sixteen years following their marriage. Charles, a farmer, worked hard in his fields raising an array of crops to put food on the table and would sell or trade the excess for other necessities. He also raised a variety of cows, pigs, hogs, chickens and such... meat for their table.

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Charles Upchurch
To
Judid Prince
I Joseph W Bond an acting and
duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in and for the
County of Conway in the State of Arkansas do hereby
certify that on the 3rd day of October 1873 at the County
of Conway in the state of Arkansas I did duly join in
marriage Charles Upchurch of Conway County State of Ark-
ansas aged 19 years and Judid Prince of the County of
Conway state of Ark aged 23 years and then there de-
clared them to be lawfully husband and wife.
Given under my hand this 27th day of November 1873
Joseph W Bond J. P.
A true copy of the Original filed for Record Dec 1st 1873. W. H. Kearney
Clerk of the Court. at C.

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 Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
 Enumeration Dist. No. 41

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1880, and ends May 31, 1881.
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Lick Mountain, in the County of Conway, State of Arkansas, enumerated by me on the 22nd day of June, 1880.

A. B. Taylor

No. of Person	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Birth	Married	Single	Widow	Divorced
28727	Mrs. Milton G.	W	10	Son						
	— Haysa A.	W	8	Son						
	— James A.	W	6	Son						
	— Mary Jane	W	5	Daughter						
28829	Walter Christopher	W	89	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— Anna	W	30	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— Mary	W	5	Daughter						
	— John	W	4	Son						
	— Emma	W	2	Daughter						
	— Christopher	W	12	Son						
28930	W. H. H. Co. H.	W	64	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— George	W	60	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— Thomas	W	21	Son	1	Woods on farm				
	— S. A.	W	18	Son	1	Woods on farm				
	— John	W	15	Son	1					
29031	William Charles	W	26	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— William	W	20	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— William	W	5	Son						
	— Mary	W	4	Daughter						
	— Margaret	W	2	Daughter						
	— Charles	W	1	Son						
29132	Charles Mary	W	25	Daughter	1	at Home				
	— George D.	W	18	Son	1	at Home				
	— Emma	W	3	Daughter						
29233	Henry J.	W	57	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— Sarah	W	57	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— Emma	W	50	Daughter	1	at Home				
	— Henry M.	W	18	Son	1	at Home				
	— Sarah B.	W	16	Daughter	1	at Home				
	— Emma	W	25	Daughter	1	Woods on farm				
29334	Henry Joseph	W	24	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— John	W	20	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— Susan	W	2	Son						
29435	William John	W	40	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— Mary Jane	W	41	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— Daniel	W	16	Son	1	at Home				
	— William	W	14	Daughter						
	— William	W	8	Son						
	— Martha	W	6	Daughter						
	— Margaret	W	4	Daughter						
29536	George John	W	26	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— Sarah	W	25	Wife	1	Keeping House				
	— Hugh	W	3	Daughter						
	— Emma	W	11	Son						
	— Mary	W	68	Wife						
	— Joseph	W	1	Son						
	— John	W	13	Daughter						
	— Sarah	W	12	Daughter						
29637	Henry John	W	23	Wife	1	Farmer				
	— Emma	W	20	Wife	1	Keeping House				

1880 Census: Lick Mountain, Conway County, Arkansas

Charles and Julina are listed in this census record. Note that Patrick Bogan Upchurch (Charles' father) and family are listed just above Charles and Julina's entry. Patrick Bogan's name was mistakenly entered though as E. B. Upchurch.



The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 3626

Application 13097

Whereas there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Little Rock Arkansas

, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Charles W. Upchurch has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North East quarter of Section thirty in Township nine North of Range sixteen West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Arkansas, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Charles W. Upchurch the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Charles W. Upchurch and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof Benjamin Harrison

President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the sixteenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourteenth.

By the President Benjamin Harrison

By A. A. Kean Sec'y.

J. R. Conwell, Recorder of the General Land Office.
ad interim

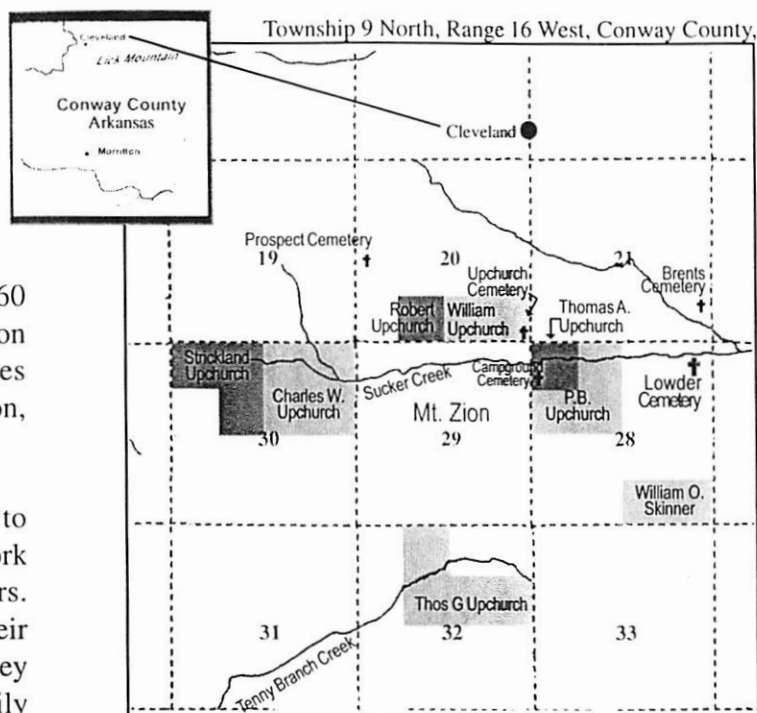
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April 16, 1890 Receives 160 acres

The U. S. Government opened up land in Arkansas whereby parcels of land could be claimed by homesteaders. Several of the Upchurches and Skinners applied for these land patents.

Charles Wesley Upchurch was awarded 160 acres of land on April 16, 1890, as shown on the map here. For details on other families getting these grants, see the previous section, *Patrick Bogan Upchurch*, page 206.

They built their homes and cleared the fields to plant crops. They had to live on land and work it for several years before it became theirs. Charles and Julina most likely lived on their homestead from the time they married until they decided to leave Arkansas with other family members heading west.



Land Patent
April 16, 1890

Homestead Certificate No. 5626 }
Application 13097 }

The United States of America

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land office at Little Rock, Arkansas, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homestead to actual settlers on the pub domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of **Charles W. Upchurch** has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North East quarter of Section thirty in Township nine North of Range Sixteen West of the Fifth Principal meridian in Arkansas, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

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By the President: Benjamin Harrison

By M. McKean, Sec'y

J. R. Cornwell, Recorder of the General Land Office.
ad interim

Transcribed by Mae D. Cox

Relatives lived
all around them.

They were
ardent trappers.

They butchered
pigs and sold
pork door-to-
door fetching 3¢
or 4¢ per pound

Family all Around

Charles and Julina lived near a whole host of relatives. Charles parents, Patrick Bogan and Eunice Upchurch, lived just down the road. His brother, Strickland, lived next door, and brother William A. Upchurch was nearby. Several cousins lived within a mile or so.

Charles' sister, Mary Katherine, married W. O. Skinner, and they lived just a couple miles away. There were many Skinner families in this Arkansas area and several Perrines also lived nearby.

Making a Living in Arkansas

Making a living was tough and Charles and Julina worked hard to feed their growing brood. Each spring, crops were planted and tended until time to harvest. Canning preserved vegetables and fruits, as they tried to put up enough to last through winter and until next year's crops came in. They also had orchards and canned much of the fruit, while some of it was dried. From the fields of corn, some was made into hominy, a great favorite amongst farming families.

Cotton prospered in their fields and when picking season came, the family could be seen dragging long bags along the rows picking the cotton from the boll. They kept part of the crop to make clothing for the family, and the rest was traded for staples. The cotton was *carded* so that it could be knitted into socks. There were no store-bought socks back then.

They were ardent trappers — 'possum, mink, and bear. Skins were preserved and these were taken into town a couple times a year to trade for supplies. One of the main items they traded for was green coffee in burlap bags. They toasted coffee beans in cast iron skillets over the fireplace and then made pots of steaming coffee. Other supplies included barrels of flour, bags of salt, and one-hundred-pound bags of sugar. One of their more interesting enterprises is told in the next tale.

Door-to-Door Pork

In the late 1880s, Charles and Julina joined the Skinners in a joint project. The unsettled wilderness around them was filled with wild pigs and hogs roaming loose. They rounded up these wild critters and drove them into the edge of town, where the animals were slaughtered and the meat processed. An interesting process.

Rocks were heated over a bonfire till red-hot, and then dropped into barrels of water. The slaughtered pig or hog was dipped into the scalding water to loosen the hides. They then cleaned and butchered the animals, preparing the meat to take into town.

Packages of fresh pork were hauled into the town of Morrilton where they knocked on doors, door-to-door, harping their wares. Occasionally townfolks wanted live animals instead of fresh meat, and the Upchurches and Skinners had several head set aside just for this purpose. Four pigs and a sow fetched \$4.00. The freshly butchered meat would fetch

3¢ or 4¢ per pound ^{R04031}

Westward Ho!

In 1891, Charles and his brother David Upchurch were sick and tired of the rocky, hilly, grub-laden Arkansas Ozark lands they now owned and homesteaded. It's not clear just how, when, or where they heard about land in Oklahoma, but the brothers decided to *head 'em up, and move 'em out*.

Selling the farms, Charles and David packed everything they owned into several wagons. Charles and Julina had eight children, while David and Sarah had seven. The families climbed in and set off for *the wild and wooly west*, as they called it back then.

On horseback, Charles, David, and their sons drove the cattle. Occasionally a calf was born along the way, and these were carried in the wagons for several days before joining the rest of the herd. The men took turns sleeping near the cattle and horses at night as they feared Indians would come along and steal their animals. After all, they were in Indian Territory.

There were no roads, just dirt trails. Frequent thundershowers meant frequent stops along the way where they would *hole-up* until the rains subsided. Occasionally, it was several days before the muddy roads dried enough so the wagons wouldn't bog down.

There were no bridges at the streams and creeks, so they forded by driving right through the water. Wagons, cattle, and all! The only big river to cross had a ferry, and I'm guessing that would have been the Arkansas or Illinois River.

The men shot squirrels and game along the way to complement what supplies they carried. Cooking was done on campfires of sticks and logs. They slept in tents or occasionally in old, abandoned cabins where they could spread out. On warm nights, they slept outside on leaves raked into piles. Before bedding down though they stirred the leaves to make sure no snakes had snuck in.

It took about six weeks to make the three-hundred mile trip from Conway County to McClain County, I. T. — a trip that today would take only about five hours!

Indian Territory, Oklahoma

After six weeks of travel, they arrived at a spot in Indian Territory just east of Wayne in McClain County and across the river from Cleveland County. The Canadian River divided the twin territories in this area, and south of it was Indian Territory, north was Oklahoma Territory.

It's not real certain just why they selected this particular area; however, that is where they landed. It's also not known who owned the land where they settled. It's possible it was state land as this was shortly after the *Land Run of 1889*.



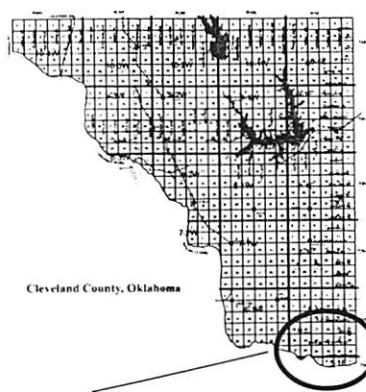
Families loaded wagons for moving from one location to another. The cattle were driven by horseback.

They loaded
wagons and
set off for the
Wild and Wooly
West

Editors Note: Details about the trip were taken from several sources including two stories written by Upchurch descendants about how their families traveled from Arkansas to Oklahoma: R03031 and R04032.

Charles Wesley Upchurch and family moved from Conway County, Arkansas to Indian Territory, Oklahoma





Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Living in a Dug-Out

The whole area as far as the eye could see was nothing but desolate hilly land covered with blackjacks and scrub oaks, a wilderness of thickets and dense brush. No improvements had been made to the lands, nor were there any existing houses or cabins. Even if the Upchurches had money, there were no houses to purchase.

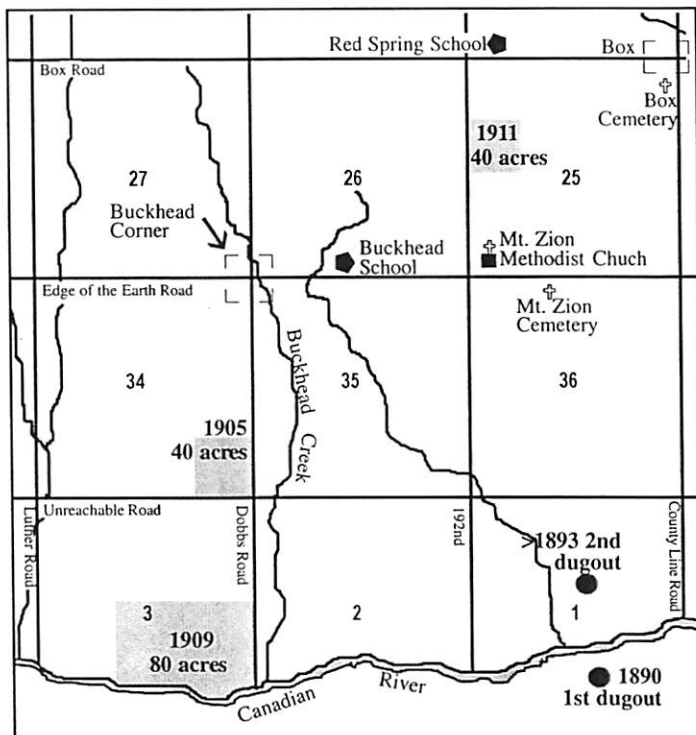
They settled their brood into a roughly made dugout, just east of Wayne, Oklahoma. I'm not sure if they found a dugout already there or if they dug and built one. Dugouts were cave-like holes dug into the side of a hill-type area, then covered with wood split with a *fro and maul*.^{R04031}

Meals were cooked outside the dugout on open fires. What a tough life that must have been to prepare food with no kitchen, no stove, and no conveniences like we have now. What on earth did they do during the winter, or when it rained for a day or two? That had to be rough!

This dugout was where their ninth and last child was born in 1892: Mary May Upchurch — my grandmother!

In time, they moved north across the Canadian River into southeast Cleveland County where they settled into a second dugout in the Box and Buckhead area.

Eventually they purchased land and built a home.



The southeastern tip of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, showing the five different places we know of where Charles Upchurch and his family lived or owned property.

When they first
moved to Indian
Territory, they
lived in a dugout

Brothers Follow Later

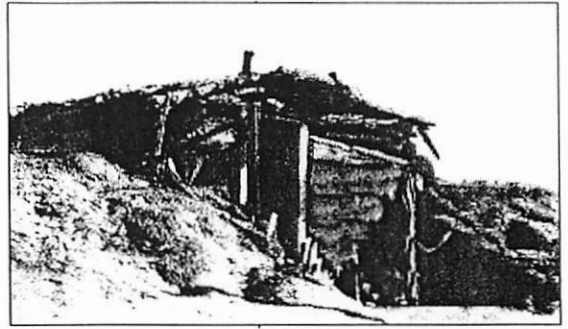
A year after Charles and David made the trip to Oklahoma, more of their family decided to follow. Two brothers, Strickland Upchurch and Patrick Gordon 'Doc' Upchurch packed their families into three wagons and set off for Oklahoma. After six weeks of travel, they arrived at Charles' location in Indian Territory.

All the Upchurch brothers originally settled in the Wayne, I.T. Oklahoma area, where, living in dugouts or cabins, they began farming the land.

The following year Strickland and David moved their families further west to the Chickasha area of Grady County. In another year or so, they ventured to Custer County, in northwest Oklahoma, where they would live out their lives in the Clinton area.^{R03031}

Neighbors and Relatives Move to Oklahoma

Let's move ahead to late 1892. Charles and Julina left Indian Territory and moved north across the river into Oklahoma Territory in southeast Cleveland County. Here they once again settled into another dugout. Meanwhile word drifted back to Arkansas of the open land and better farming, so several Arkansas neighbors decided to leave their Ozark farms and follow the Upchurches to Oklahoma.



Dugouts were common for pioneers. These were built frequently into the side of a mound or small hill.

Charles' sister, Mary Katherine Upchurch was married to William O. 'Bill' Skinner, and they made the trip from Arkansas to Cleveland County, bringing their children with them. Charles and Mary Katherine's mother, Eunice McSwain Upchurch was now a widow following the death of Patrick Bogan Upchurch so she too moved with Mary Katherine's family.

The Millsaps were also related as Charles' daughter Nancy married Hill Millsap; and they too made the move. Then two more Upchurch brothers arrived to the area with their families, as did Jeff Skinner and his family. The Lowders were another family to follow. The Perrines left North Carolina, and journeyed to Arkansas via Illinois, before settling in Arkansas, and moving on to Oklahoma. Then came more Upchurches, and more Skinners, Millsaps, and Lowders. Apparently all these families had migrated to Arkansas and were now settling in this same area of Oklahoma Territory — they were a tight-knit bunch.

Soon a school and church dotted the countryside. In 1893, Buckhead School was constructed from hewed logs, and children from all over the area attended the one-room, one-teacher schoolhouse. Over the years, students in first through eighth grades were taught from *McGuffey Readers* and *Blue Back Spellers* by a variety of teachers — Robert Upchurch, Mr. Jackson, and Clyde Jones, to name a few. ^{R04210} Charles W. Upchurch was the school's first president. ^{R05054}

Jeff Skinner donated an acre of land ^{R04031} and before long the Mt. Zion Methodist Church was built, see photo on page 243. Many Upchurches and Skinners had a hand in the church's construction and management. One of their earliest preachers was David Upchurch, who had traveled here with Charles. They were the first Upchurches to this area.

By the late 1890s, where thickets and briars once dominated the countryside, now lay fields of cotton. Fences began sprouting up here and there. Cattle dotted the landscape. Most families had a house or cabin they could call home. Little communities cropped up throughout the area.

1897-1898 Family Moves to Clinton, Then Back Again

Sometime in the late 1890s, Charles's brothers convinced him to move out to Clinton, O.T. where they were living. Traveling by team and wagon, the whole family made the long trip and settled in.

But Charles didn't like the land in Custer County and it wasn't long before they loaded up the wagons and returned to southern Cleveland County.

Then came more
Upchurches and
more Skinners,
Millsaps, and
Lowders.

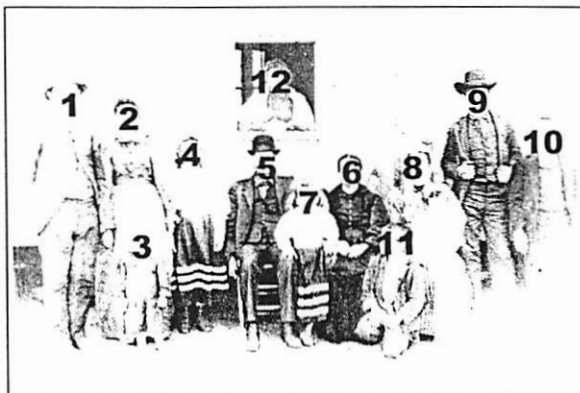
Charles moves
to Clinton then
returns to
Cleveland County



ca. 1896 Charles Wesley Upchurch Family

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This photo was taken about 1896. Grandmother Mary May (#7) appears to be four or maybe five years old (she was born 1892).



1. William Upchurch and his wife
2. Nancy Skinner Upchurch with son
3. Little John in front of them
4. Jane Upchurch
5. Charles Wesley and wife
6. Julina (seated) with
7. Mary May in front of them;
8. Maggie Upchurch and child seated*
9. Rutherford Upchurch
10. Bowman
11. John Upchurch, kneeling
12. One of the Skinners, sister to #2

Interesting to Note

Maggie Adopts out Child born out of Wedlock; Never Sees Him Again

* In this family photo, the child Maggie Upchurch is holding was born out of wedlock. When a baby was born this way, it caused great shame for the family and could be the reason Maggie adopted our her child. The adopting parents eventually moved to California, and Maggie later married and had more children.

That first child, as an adult, tried to see his mother only to be told by her sister that he should stay away as her new family knew nothing about his birth and adoption. He complied, and both he and his mother died without ever meeting. Quite sad.

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1900 Census for Cleveland County, Oklahoma

This is most difficult to read, but quite interesting. Charles and wife, Galina (Julina) were listed at the very bottom of this page. Names of the rest of the family was continued on the next page.

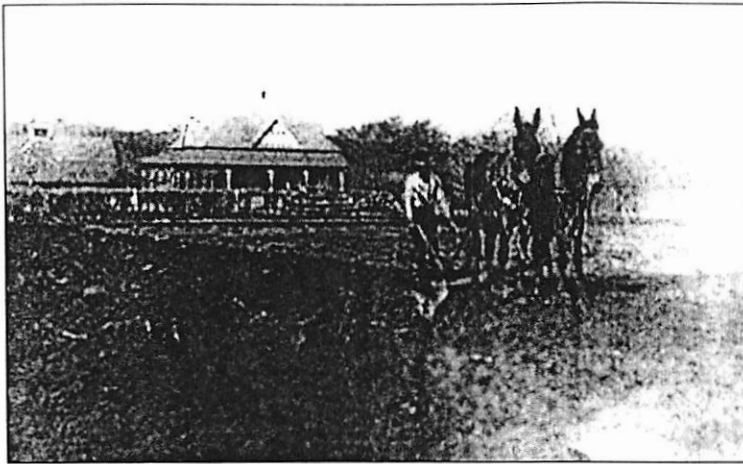
TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State First Oklahoma
County Cleveland
Township or other division of county Consolidated Townships
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division
Enumerated by me on the 12 day of June, 1900, Charles J. Kennedy

Supervisor's District No. 214
Enumeration District No. 215
Sheet No. 16

LOCALITY	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		NATIVITY			OTHER RACE	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION	SCHOOL IN 1900
			SEX	AGE	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother				
	Charles	Head	M	38	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	Julina	Wife	F	35	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	John	Son	M	12	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	Mary	Daughter	F	10	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	William	Son	M	8	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	Elizabeth	Daughter	F	6	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	Robert	Son	M	4	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	Thomas	Son	M	2	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
	James	Son	M	1	White	Arkansas	Arkansas				
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This delightful early-1900 photo depicts the tough life of the farmer. Pictured is Strickland Upchurch, Charles' brother. R04240

Hoeing cotton
was hard work!

40 acres for
\$501

Ed Millsaps was
Charles's
son-in-law



Ed Millsaps Cabin located east of Corbett in southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma R06052

Farming in Oklahoma

Times were hard, yet the Upchurches managed to feed their children by farming. You think of a farmer today and you think of huge tractors tilling the soil, and rolling meadows with straight rows of lush green crops. Not so back then!

Back then, fields were plowed using a team of mules while the farmer walked behind making sure the plow stayed deep in the hard dirt. He then walked the rows dropping seeds in the furrows, reversed,

and walked back down the row again pushing the soil over the seeds. Weeds were a constant problem and had to be chopped out, plus the earth was hard as a rock at times. Hence, *hoeing cotton* or *chopping cotton* meant removing weeds and aerating the soil.

In spring and summer, farmers planted and tended crops. When time came to harvest, this too was done by hand. *Pickin' cotton* is a term old-timers remember well. This backbreaking work entailed dragging long canvas sacks, with the strap over your shoulder, up and down the rows of plants, filling it with all the cotton you could carry. That fluffy, white stuff didn't come off easily either. It was embedded in sharp-edged bolls resulting in numerous pricks to the fingers.

Other crops were raised to feed their families. Plus, there were fruit orchards, including plums from trees that the Skinners brought from Arkansas. Vegetables and fruits were *put up* for the winter, while some were traded in town for coffee, sugar, flour, and other supplies. Hay was baled and stored in the barn to feed the farm critters. Spring and summers were times of hard work.

1906, Charles Buys Land in Cleveland County, O. T.

The acquisition of this land is quite interesting. If you look at the *Guardians Deed* on the next page, you'll see that in December 1905 an order was issued to sell a parcel of land at public auction. Apparently the land was owned by a minor, Mary Slavin, who was listed as an incompetent. An auction was held January 22, 1906 and the highest bidder was Charles Upchurch. His bid was accepted on January 29, 1905, and he received deed to the land February 12, 1905. He paid the grand sum of \$501 for 40 acres lying in far southeast Cleveland County. See map on page 230 for location of the tract.

1906, Millsaps Mentioned in Guardian's Deed

Mary Slavin *an incompetent* in this deed, is represented by her guardian, I. E. Millsap who is presumably Isaac Edward 'Ed' Millsaps (1866-1947). Ed was a brother of Nancy Millsaps who married Charles Upchurch's son, William A. Upchurch, and was a neighbor.

"Guardians Deed"

This indenture, made the 27th day of February, A. D. 1906 by and between I. E. Millsap the duly appointed, qualified and acting Guardian of Mary Slavin, Incompetent, the party of the first part, and **C. W. Upchurch**, the part of the second part witnesseth:

State of Oklahoma }
Cleveland County, 1 ss.
This instrument was filed for
record on this 18 day of Jan. A.
D., 1909 at 8:10 o'clock a.m.
and duly recorded in Book 28
on Page 424. Fee _____
J. R. Stogner
Registrar of Deeds,
Ora Holland Deputy.

That Whereas,
on the 23rd day of December 1905, the Probate Court within and for the county of Cleveland Territory of Oklahoma, made an order of sale, authorizing the said party of the first part to sell certain real estate of the said minor, situate in the County of Cleveland Territory of Oklahoma, and specified and particularly described in said order of sale.

And Whereas,
under and by virtue of said order of sale, and pursuant to legal notice given thereof, the said party of the first part, on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1906, at Box, in said County, between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning and the setting of the sun on the sameday, to-wit: at ____o'clock ____m, offered for sale private sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, and subject to confirmation by said Probate Court, the said real estate, situate in the said county, and specified and described in said order of sale is aforesaid, and at such sale the said part of the second part became the purchaser of the whole of the real estate hereinafter particularly described for the sum of Five Hundred, One & no/100 (\$501.00) Dollars, he being the highest and best bidder, and that being the highest and best sum bid.

And Whereas,
the said Probate Court, upon the due and legal return and report of the proceedings, under the said order of sale, made by the said party of the first part on the 29th. Day of January, 1906, after making the said sale, did, on the 12th day of February, 1906, made an order confirming said sale and directing deed to be executed to the said party of the second part: a certified copy of which order of confirmation was filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of said Cleveland County, within which the said (and sold is situate, on the 23 day of Feb. A. D. 190, and which said order of confirmation is now on file and of record in said Probate Court, Now Therefore,
The said. J. E. Millsap as such Guardian, party of

Transcribed by Mae D. Cox

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the first part, pursuant to the order last aforesaid, of the said Probate Court, and in consideration of the Sum of five hundred one dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest and estate of the estate Mary Slavin, Incompetent, in and to all the certain lots, pieces, or parcels, of land situate, lying and being in said county of Cleveland, territory of Oklahoma, and bounded and particularly described as follows,
To-wit:

The SouthEast Quarter (1/4) of the South East Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty four (34), Township Six (6), North, Range One 1) East of the Indian Meridian, together with the tenement, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

To have and to hold, all and singular, the above-mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever.

In witness whereof the said party of the first part as such Guardian, has hereunto set his hand the day and year first above written.

I. E. Millsap Guardian.

Territory of Oklahoma }
Cleveland County } Before me, W. L. Lurry
a Notary Public in and for said County and
and [sic] Territory, personally appeared I. E. Millsap
who is to me known to be the identical person
who executed the within and foregoing instru-
ment, and acknowledged to me that he exe-
cuted the same as his free and voluntary
act and deed for the uses and purposes
therein set forth.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my notary seal the day and
year last above written.

W. L. Lurry. Notary Public
My commission expires, May 17, 1909 (Seal)

[Written vertically in left-hand column of first page:]
Bureau of Indian Affairs, September 7, 1905
The within Deed is respectfully submitted to the
Secretary of the Interior with the recommendation that
it be approved.. F. E. Leupk Commissioner w_t. G. E.
Hitchcock, Secretary

"Guardianship Deed".

This 1906 document shows how the land in Cleveland County was purchased by Charles W. Upchurch

40 acres
for \$501

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Office of Ind. Affairs Land. Div. Recorded in Ct. Probate Book Vol. 5 page 153. Dec. 31-1906.	Department of the Interior, Dec. 12, 1906. The within deed is hereby approved C. A. Hichcock, Secretary.	Indian Affairs Incl. No. 11 1906	Department of the Interior Office of Indian Affairs Incl. No. 6 No. 5549 1906 The within and is respectfully submitted to the Secretary of the Interior with the recommendation that it be approved September 9, 1906	<p>This Indenture, made the 27th. day of February, A. D. 1906 by and between J. E. Millsaps, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Guardian of Mary Shavin, Incompetent, the party of the first part, and C. W. Upchurch the party of the second part, witnesseth; that whereas,</p> <p>on the 23rd. day of December 1905-the Probate Court within and for the County of Cleveland Territory of Oklahoma, made an order of sale, authorizing the said party of the first part to sell certain real estate of the said minor, situate in the County of Cleveland Territory of Oklahoma, and specified and particularly described in said order of sale.</p> <p>And whereas,</p> <p>under and by virtue of said order of sale, and pursuant to legal notice given thereof, the said party of the first part, on the 22nd. day of January, A. D. 1906, at 12 o'clock, in said County, between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning and the setting of the sun on the same day, to-wit: at 1 o'clock - P. M., offered for sale private sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash and subject to confirmation by said Probate Court, the said real estate, situate in the said County, and specified and described in said order of sale as aforesaid, and at such sale the said party of the second part became the purchaser of the whole of the real estate herein after particularly described for the sum of Five Hundred, One & 2/10 (\$501.00) Dollars, he being the highest and best bidder, and that being the highest and best sum bid.</p> <p>And whereas,</p> <p>the said Probate Court, upon the due and legal return and report of the proceedings under the said order of sale, made by the said party of the first part on the 29th. day of January, 1906, after making the said sale, did, on the 12th. day of February, 1906, make an order confirming said sale, and directing deed to be executed to the said party of the second part; a certified copy of which order of confirmation was filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of said Cleveland County, within which the said land sold is situate, on the 23. day of Feb. A. D. 1906, and which said order of confirmation is now on file and of record in said Probate Court.</p> <p>Now Therefore,</p> <p>the said J. E. Millsaps as such Guardian, party of</p>	State of Oklahoma, } Cleveland County, } This instrument was filed for record on this 12 day of Jan. A. D. 1906 at 12 o'clock P. M. and duly recorded in Book 8 on Page 153. J. W. Stagner Register of Deeds. Cora Holland Deputy.
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the first part, pursuant to the order last aforesaid, of the said Probate Court, and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred, One Dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest and estate of the estate Mary Blavin, Incompetent, in and to all the certain lots, pieces, or parcels, of land, situate, lying and being in said County of Cleveland, Territory of Oklahoma, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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In witness whereof the said party of the first part, as such Guardian, has hereunto set his hand and the day and year first above written.

J. E. Millsap.
Guardian.

Territory of Oklahoma. / ss.

Cleveland County / Before me, W. L. Lwry, Notary Public in and for said County and Territory, personally appeared J. E. Millsap, who is to me known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notary seal the day and year last above written.

W. L. Lwry.
Notary Public

my Commission expires May 17, 1909.
{Seal}

December 23, 1905:
Authorized land to
be sold

January 22, 1906:
Auction held

January 29, 1906
Charles Upchurch.
declared highest
bidder

February 12, 1906:
Charles' Bid is
accepted, the land is
his;

February 27, 1906
Indenture recorded,
deed issued.

It's interesting to
note that land is in

County of Cleveland,
Territory of
Oklahoma

This transaction took
place one year before
Oklahoma became a
state.



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February 22, 1907, Charles Mortgages Land to W. O. Skinner

Eighteen months after purchasing the eighty acres in SE SE 34-6N-1E Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, Charles W. Upchurch must have needed money and decided to mortgage his land. He signed a promissory note for \$225 to his brother-in-law, William O. Skinner. In the record below, Charles pays off the loan and the mortgage is null and void. See map on page 233 for map of this land.

Charles and his family continued living on this site. This is the homestead that my grandmother, Mary May, Charles' daughter remembered as where she grew up.

Early to Bed, Early to Rise

Charles and Julina Upchurch lived the simple life. Early to rise so as to feed livestock and chickens, milk the cows, and start working in the fields. Early to bed because they were exhausted by day's end.

Life was hard in the late 1800s and early 1900s and it took everything they had just to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. They were good people and loved their children. One of the main points passed down through the years was of how deeply they cared for their children, and of their *tenderness*.

Charles
mortgages land
to brother-in-
law, William O.
Skinner

Mortgage Release R08047

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<p><i>W. O. Skinner.</i> TO <i>upchurch C. W. & J.</i></p>	
<p>State TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA, <i>Cleveland</i> County, ss. Received for record at <i>8</i> o'clock <i>a.</i> M., <i>Jan. 18</i> 190<i>7</i> and duly recorded in Volume <i>11</i> page <i>195</i> of the records of this office.</p>	
<p>Know all Men by these Presents: Whereas, on the <i>22</i> d. day of <i>Feb.</i> 190<i>7</i> a certain mortgage, was executed by <i>C. W. Upchurch</i> and <i>J. Upchurch</i> his wife mortgagor to <i>W. O. Skinner</i> mortgagee, for the sum of <i>Two hundred and twenty-five</i> DOLLARS, upon the following described real estate, viz: <i>The South East (1/4) of the South East (1/4) of Section thirty-four</i> <i>(34) Twp. Six (6) north Range one (1) East. Ind. Mer.</i></p>	
<p>which said mortgage is recorded in Volume <i>24</i> of mortgages, on page <i>474</i> of the records of <i>Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory</i> and whereas, the note secured by said mortgage has been paid in full:</p>	
<p>NOW, THEREFORE; <i>W. O. Skinner</i> the above named mortgagee, does hereby remise, release and forever quit claim all <i>his</i> right, title and interest in and to <i>the above mentioned property</i> which he may have acquired by virtue of said above named mortgage to <i>or deed of trust to</i> the said mortgagor & <i>their</i> heirs or assigns, forever.</p>	
<p>WITNESS MY HAND This <i>30</i> day of <i>Oct.</i> 190<i>8</i> <i>W. O. Skinner.</i></p>	
<p>TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA } ss <i>Cleveland</i> County } On this <i>30</i> day of <i>Oct.</i> 190<i>8</i>, before me, <i>W. L. Lurvey</i> a notary public in and for said County and Territory, personally appeared <i>W. O. Skinner</i> to me known to be the person who executed the above release, and such person duly acknowledged the execution thereof to be <i>his</i> free and voluntary act for the purpose named.</p>	
<p>WITNESS MY HAND And <i>official</i> seal the day and year last above written. <i>W. L. Lurvey</i> Notary Public My commission expires <i>May 17</i> 190<i>9</i> <i>Seal</i></p>	



R05067

Strickland visits
Charles

1908 Strickland Upchurches visit Charles Upchurches

It was an exciting time for these families when Strickland brought his family from Clinton, Oklahoma to visit his brother, Charles Wesley, in Cleveland County, Oklahoma. The Upchurch fellows were just returning from a successful hunt when they lined up for this wonderful photograph.

Some of these folks have been identified. From L to R: Emma Upchurch, Etta Upchurch, May Upchurch, Jane Upchurch, and Flora Upchurch Bodenhamer. At far right **Charles Wesley Upchurch** showing the squirrel he brought in.

The tall man in white shirt and tie is Strickland Upchurch. Back row, towards left end, wearing a hat is William Upchurch, Charles' son. Standing in front, the little boy with the big white collar is Homer Upchurch. Notice in the center one of the guys, who looks to be Strickland, is holding a long rifle.

Four years later,
Charles sells the
land

1911, Charles Then Sells His Land

Charles purchased the forty-acre tract in the SE SE Section 34-6N-1E Cleveland County in 1907 before Oklahoma became a state. Now, four years later, he sells this tract of land to G. H. Skinner for \$1,650.00 — a nice profit for owning the land just about four years or so. See document at right.

DEED RECORD, VOLUME 37, CLEVELAND COUNTY

GENERAL WARRANTY

Warden Printing Co., Oklahoma City

FROM
C. M. Upchurch
 TO
G. H. Skinner

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CLEVELAND COUNTY, ss:

This instrument was filed for record on the *12* day
 of *July*, A. D. 191*2*, at *8:00* o'clock *P*. M.
 Fees, \$ *1.00* By *J. E. Carrier* Deputy.
 Register of Deeds.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this *12th* day of *July*, A. D. 191*2*, between

C. M. Upchurch and J. Upchurch, his wife
 of *Cleveland* County, in the State of *Oklahoma* of the first part, and
G. H. Skinner a single man of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of *\$1650.00*
Sixteen hundred and fifty DOLLARS,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto said party of the second part,

his heirs and assigns, all of the following described real estate, situated in the County of Cleveland and State of Oklahoma, to-wit:
The South East quarter (14) of the South East Quarter
(14) of Section, Thirty-four (34) in Township Six (6)
North Range One (1) East Dist. Med. containing
Forty (40) acres according to the Government
Survey thereof

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto be-
 longing or in anywise appertaining, for ever.

And said *C. M. Upchurch and J. Upchurch*
 for *their* heirs, executors or administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with said party of the second
 part that at the delivery of these presents *he* lawfully seized in *his* own right of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in
 fee simple, of and in all and singular the above granted and described premises, with all the appurtenances; that the same are free, clear, dis-
 charged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, taxes, judgments, assessments and incumbrances, of
 what nature or kind soever except

and that *they* will warrant and forever defend the same unto said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, against said
 part of the first part, *his* heirs, and all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set *their* hand, the day and year first above written.

Witnesses: *J. M. H. Curry* *C. M. Upchurch*
H. U. Upchurch *J. Upchurch*
At their request H. Curry

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CLEVELAND COUNTY, ss:
 Before me, *H. Curry* a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this
12th day of *July*, 191*2*, personally appeared *C. M. Upchurch and J. Upchurch*
 and to me known to be the identical persons who executed the within
 and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that *they* executed the same as *their* free and voluntary act and deed for the uses
 and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and seal, the day and year above set forth. *H. Curry*
 My commission expires *April 23* 191*3* Notary Public.

R08048



The bull backed
away still warily
eyeing Bowman
for any signs of
life.

Details to write story,
R05074

The Lexington Leader
July 2, 1909 R05031

BUCKHEAD

C. W. Upchurch and son, Rutherford, are in the Cheyenne country at the bedside of Bowman Upchurch, who is very sick.

Bull Attacks Charles' Son, Miracle Saves Him

It was about 1908 or 1909, when Bowman Upchurch was living in the Clinton, area in northwestern Oklahoma, that a bull nearly did him in. This is a tale that has told and retold through the years as numerous relatives have repeated it and marveled at the miracle that took place! R05034a

Next to Bowman's farm was a fenced field pasturing a huge bull and several horses. Mixed in with the horses was a skittish, little colt. It was quite young and for some reason wouldn't let anyone come close enough to touch or pet it. But it was to become the miracle colt of our tale ...

Bowman was well aware of the huge bull and the dangers it posed. However, one day the bull was no where in sight so Bowman decided to cut through the field. But as luck would have it, the bull spied him and came charging after the intruder.

There was no way Bowman could make it to the fence and safety though run he did with all his might. But the raging bull overtook him, pawed the ground, and attacked. Throwing its head back and forth it gored at Bowman, while its hooves trampled with deadly force.

Bowman, curled into the fetal position trying to avoid those fierce horns and hooves, remembered that bulls stop their attacks when the prey is dead. So, all curled up, he closed his eyes, and played dead.



Sure enough the bull backed away though it was still warily eyeing Bowman for any signs of life. Bowman didn't budge and only opened one eye keeping track of the bull. Sure enough, the creature finally lost interest and went on its way.

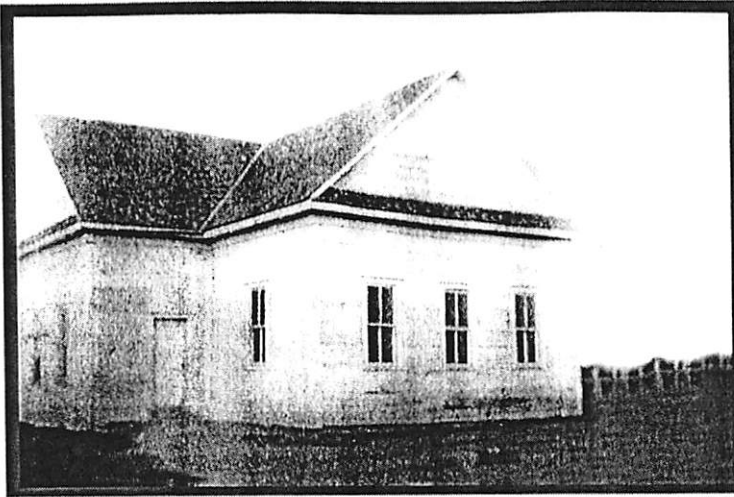
Bowman was badly injured. Bleeding and in dire pain, all he could do was crawl, slowly and tediously. His progress towards home was slow and painful, and it took everything inside him to pull himself along the ground... a few feet at a time. Then came a miracle.

That shy little colt came strolling over to Bowman close enough he could touch it. Then it moved even closer. The colt stood firm as Bowman managed to pull himself up enough to get a firm grip on the colt, and by holding it's tail could hang on. The colt then drug him across the field to the fence near Bowman's house.

His family heard him yelling and quickly ran to his rescue. Bowman had severe injuries all about his face, body, and legs. His wife frantically sent for the doctor and began trying to clean some of the wounds. One relative said he had several broken bones along with all the cuts and bruises.

It took a long time for Bowman to recover and return to work. Meanwhile time, his family had no income, and therefore no means of purchasing food, clothing and necessities. One of his children would remember,

Those were tough times! R05040



Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Buckhead area of Cleveland County. R06052
See map on page 230 for location of this church.

BUCKHEAD

Easter Sunday was celebrated at Mt. Zion with a sermon in the morning by Rev. Hamm and in the afternoon the Ever Green Sunday school celebrated its tenth anniversary. The first part of the session was devoted to reminiscences of the early days of the Sunday school, and the crowd was interested with the talk of C. W. Upchurch, who was president of the first school organized here, more than sixteen years ago.

The Lexington Leader
Lexington, Oklahoma
April 16, 1909 R05054

A Christian and Man of Integrity

Charles was a Christian and active in the Mt. Zion Methodist Church just a couple miles from their farm. He, along with other community members had helped to build this glorious church.

The article above gives a glimpse into the participation of Charles and his family with their neighborhood church. More importantly it attests to the type person our Charles Upchurch was... what he stood for... and the kind of person he must have been.

It is with great pride that we say, Charles was a pillar of his community and a man of high integrity. His dedication to his church and his God, speaks highly of him!

The Lexington Leader
November 26, 1909 R05032

BUCKHEAD

Dr. Ball and wife, of Wanette, visited her parents, J. J. Brown and wife, near Corbett Friday.

Mrs. Mary Daveupport, of Wanette, visited her parents, Chas. Upchurch and wife, this week.

Will Williams made a business trip to Wanette Saturday.

H. H. Tate was in Wanette Saturday on business affairs.

Julina and Charles on porch of their home near Buckhead R03018



DEED RECORD, VOLUME 45, CLEVELAND COUNTY.

GENERAL WARRANTY.

SEE A. 21111111111111111111

FROM
Ellen Cook and Charles Cook
 TO
C.W. Upchurch

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CLEVELAND COUNTY, ss.
 This instrument was filed for record on the 9 day of
Oct A. D. 1916 at 3 o'clock P.M.
 Fees, \$
J.E. Wheelis County Clerk.
 By F.A. Adair Deputy.

This Indenture, Made this 21 day of June A. D. 1916, between
Ellen Cook and Charles Cook her husband

Pottawatomie
 of Cleveland County, in the State of Oklahoma, of the first part, and
C.W. Upchurch of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars

DOLLARS, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, all of the following-described real estate, situated in the County of Cleveland and State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

**Lots One (1) Two 2 (3) in section Three (3) Township Five (5) North of Range one
 East of the Indian meridian. Containing Eighty acresmore or less**

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, forever.

And said Ellen Cook and Charles Cook

for themselves, their heirs, executors or administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with said party of the second part, that at the delivery of these presents they are lawfully seized in their own right of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple, of and in all and singular the above-granted and described premises, with all the appurtenances; that the same are free, clear, discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, judgments, taxes, assessments and incumbrances, of what nature or kind soever except.

and that they will warrant and forever defend the same unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against said party of the first part, his heirs, and all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

Witnesses:

Ellen Cook

Charles Cook

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
Pottawatomie
Cleveland County.

Before me H.I. Dickerson a Notary Public,

in and for said County and State, on this 21 day of June 1916, personally appeared
Ellen Cook and Charles Cook her husband

to me known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

(SEAL.)

WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal, the day and year above set forth.

My commission expires Nov 24 1916 H.I. Dickerson Notary Public.

R08052

1909 Deed is Puzzling, Filed in 1916

The document at left has me scratching my head. Dated and signed on May 18, 1911, Charles purchased two lots containing eighty acres in Section 3-5N-1E, Cleveland County. Ellen and Charles Cook were the sellers. For some reason the deed wasn't filed until October 9, 1916 — almost a year after Charles died!

If you'll turn to the map on page 251 you'll see that this tract was south of where Charles and Julina were living in 1909. The southern part of the section actually falls into the South Canadian River and that is the reason the land is identified as *Lots* instead of the more common terms of NW or SW parts of the section. The actual layout is shown in the box at right. The deed records the size as eighty acres. The map on page 230 highlights the location of this tract.

Julina was still living at that time so Charles would have bought the property in both their names. It's doubtful they lived on the land, but they certainly never made sure the purchase was filed and duly recorded. It wasn't until his estate was being probated that the deed was filed, then land was re-deeded to the purchaser — see probate pages at end of this section.

Schools

Charles and Julina felt education was important and made sure their children went to school wherever they lived. First, in Arkansas, then in southeast Cleveland County. Even during the brief interlude when they moved to northwest Oklahoma Territory, their children attended the local schools there.

He wanted his children to be educated; however, this was before statehood and there were few schools. Undaunted, Charles helped organize Buckhead School in 1893, and served as its president.

Charles and Julina moved their family to Clinton, Oklahoma, in the late 1890s and the children attended Chapel Hill School. But Charles found this part of the country undesirable for farming so it wasn't long before the family pulled up stakes and headed back to Cleveland County, and the Box/Buckhead area.

They lived just south of Buckhead Corner and Buckhead school was just east of that corner. Their children then attended Buckhead school.

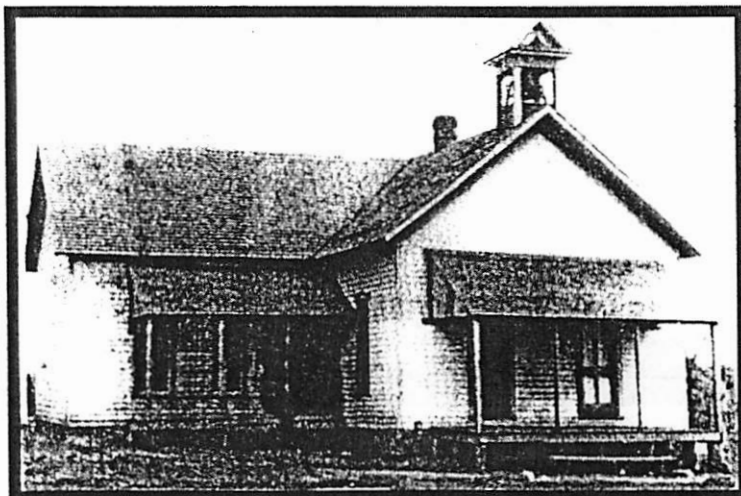
Rumor passed down in our family is that Charles taught school at one point. Whether this is true or not no one seems to know. It does stand to reason it could be a possibility as we do know that his father, Patrick Bogan Upchurch, taught school when the family lived in Arkansas.

See the map on page 230 for the location.

Charles bought
80 acres but
didn't have the
deed recorded.

Charles and
Julina felt
education was
important

Buckhead School in
southeastern Cleveland
County. R06052



HISTORICALTIDBIT

Toilets and Outhouses

Ever wonder how folks managed before the days of indoor plumbing? As disgusting as it sounds today, they had to use outhouses, more commonly called *toilets* or *outdoor johns*.

None of the places where the Upchurches lived had indoor bathrooms. Even into the 1920s, 30s and 40s the outhouse was still in use. In the 1930s, indoor toilets came into being, but out on the farm the outhouse still ruled! By the 1940s more of the rural homes included indoor plumbing and facilities. But not all! My grandparents farm, in the early-1940s didn't have such a luxury. That's where I learned all about this outdoor structure and its purpose ... memories still with me today!

Most often, these outside toilets were some distance from the house and usually downhill versus uphill. The average outhouse was three to four feet square by seven feet high. Most had only one hole, or toilet, while some were double *holers*.

An outdoor toilet was relatively easy to build as it was nothing more than a wooden shell with a roof, a floor and a front door.

Inside was a two-foot high box built into the back half that went from one wall across to the other side; it came out from the back wall about two feet.

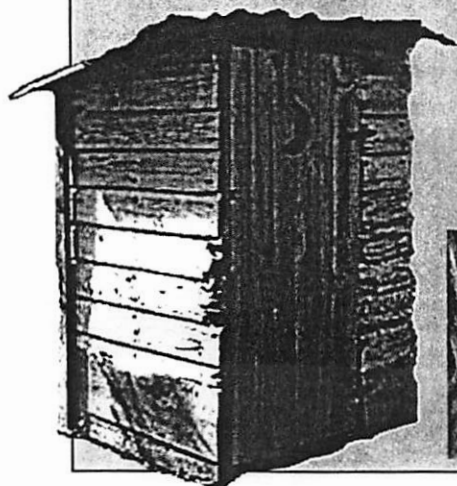
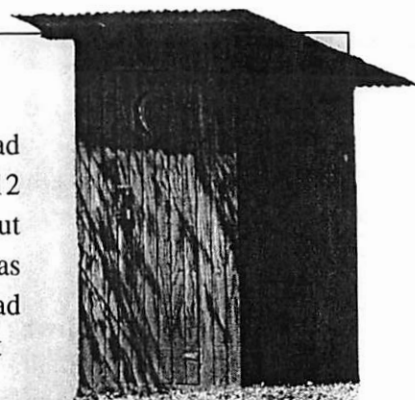
This was the seat and had an oblong hole about 12 inches by 10 inches cut into it. The outhouse was set over a hole that had been dug, usually about 5 feet down into the ground.

Toilet paper? Early day users were faced with a dilemma. Paper was scarce and fabric was too needed for clothing to be used in the toilets. My grandparents remembered the days when cornshucks were stacked in their outhouses to serve in lieu of toilet paper.

In later years, with the advent of newspapers, occasional magazines, and catalogs, there were often older issues piled within hands-reach in the outhouse. I remember stacks of old newspapers and Sears catalogs stacked in my grandparent's outhouse, and they weren't there for reading either! We tore a page out, and ruffled it up to make it a little softer.

Lime, if they could afford it, was occasionally sprinkled down the hole to cut the stench and also deter flies. When the *hole* got full, they would move over a few feet from the outhouse and dig another hole, then lift the wooden outhouse-frame over the new hole. Dirt from the new hole was used to fill in the old hole full of you-know-what!

That moon on the door? I always thought it was a vent hole, but then I read the real story on it. A moon and stars were used in colonial times to designate outhouses for men or women. Originally, the moon marked women's toilets, while a star marked men's. Most families only had one outhouse so the cutout of stars was discontinued, and the moon became the universal symbol.



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**1910 Census for
Cleveland County, OK**

By this time, Charles and Juliana had raised their children (the youngest, May, married in 1909).

The Eliza J. shown living with them would have been their daughter. It's not known why she was living with her parents again as she did marry William

DEED RECORD, VOLUME 37, CLEVELAND COUNTY

GENERAL WARRANTY

Warden Printing Co. Oklahoma City

FROM
G. D. Cross and
Annie J. Cross
 TO
C. W. Upchurch

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CLEVELAND COUNTY, as:

This instrument was filed for record on the 18 day
 of May, A. D. 1911, at 3¹⁵ o'clock P.M.
 Fees, \$ J. E. Currier
 Register of Deeds.

By Deputy.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 25th day of January, A. D. 1911, between
G. D. Cross and Annie J. Cross, his wife,

of Cleveland County, in the State of Oklahoma of the first part, and
C. W. Upchurch of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That said part 1 of the first part, in consideration of the sum of \$1400.00
fourteen hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do— by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto said part 2 of the second part,
his heirs and assigns, all of the following described real estate, situated in the County of Cleveland and State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

The South West Quarter (1/4) of the North West
Quarter (1/4) of section Twenty-five (25) in Township
Six (6) North of Range One (1) East of the Indian
Meridian, in Cleveland County.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto be-
 longing or in anywise appertaining, for ever.

And said G. D. Cross and Annie J. Cross his wife
 for their heirs, executors or administrators, do— hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with said part 2 of the second
 part that at the delivery of these presents he lawfully seized in his own right of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in
 fee simple, of and in all and singular the above granted and described premises, with all the appurtenances; that the same are free, clear, dis-
 charged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, taxes, judgments, assessments and incumbrances, of
 what nature or kind soever except a Mortgage of \$350.00 held by the Denning
Investment Company.

and that they will warrant and forever defend the same unto said part 2 of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against said
 parties of the first part, their heirs, and all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

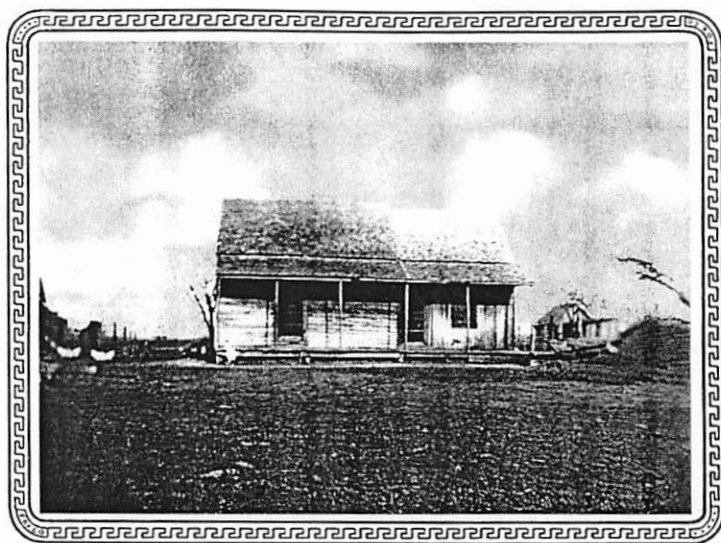
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand S, the day and year first above written.

Witnesses: G. D. Cross,
 Annie J. Cross

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CLEVELAND COUNTY, as:

Before me, W. L. Lurry, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this
28th day of January, 1911, personally appeared G. D. Cross and Annie J.
and Cross, his wife, to me known to be the identical person S who executed the within
 and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses
 and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and seal, the day and year above set forth. W. L. Lurry,
 My commission expires April 28th, 1913 Notary Public.



Charles Upchurch House as it looked in the early 1900s. R05017
This house was located on the land described in the deed at left.



Three of Charles and
Julina's sons:
Thomas Rutherford,
William Andrew, and
Bowman Franklin.
R06052

Charles Buys Land, Moves

In 1911, Charles acquired another tract of land a couple miles from where he'd been living in Section 34. See map on page 230 for location of this tract.

The deed at left, shows C. W. Upchurch purchased forty acres in southeast Cleveland County for \$1,400, funded partly with a \$350 mortgage. The sellers were G. D. Cross and his wife Annie J. Cross

40 acres
for \$1400

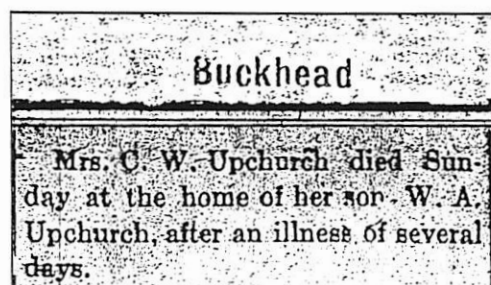
Julina Dies in 1912, not 1914

When Julina took ill, her sister-in-law, Jennie Upchurch, came to help the family. Jennie nursed Julina, and helped with the meals and household chores until Julina's death.

Most likely Julina died June 1st, 1912, though there are several different dates from several different sources. Her headstone says she died June 1, 1914, and we know that is wrong.

Her obituary appeared in the June 7, 1912 newspaper. If Julina died on the previous Sunday as it says, that would have been June 2, 1912. Perhaps she died on the first and was buried on the second.

Julina died in
1912, not 1914
as shown on her
headstone!



Julina was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery a short distance from Buckhead and Box in southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

Lexington Leader, June 7, 1912 R05053

MARRIAGE RECORD

AFFIDAVIT ON APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

I, C. H. Upchurch, of Pottawatomie County, State of Oklahoma, aged _____ years,
do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with _____ and
M. _____ who are parties for marriage for whom license is applied for;
that said C. H. Upchurch is of the age of 66 years and upward, of sound contracting mind and unmarried.
That said Jenie is of the age of 47 years and upward, sound contracting mind
and unmarried _____ and may lawfully
contract and be joined in marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth, residence and parents' names is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

NAMES OF PARTIES	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
<u>C. H. Upchurch</u> GROOM	<u>66</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	<u>Trousdale</u>	<u>P. D.</u>	<u>Noice McSwain</u>
<u>Jenie</u> BRIDE	<u>47</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Ark</u>	<u>Waldo Ark</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>"</u>

C. H. Upchurch
Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of March, 1914

S. M. Ferguson
By Earl M. Saxon
Clerk of the County Court.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, ss.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COURT

LICENSE IS HEREBY GRANTED to any person authorized to solemnize marriage according to the laws of said State, to join in marriage

Mr. C. H. Upchurch of Pott County, and
M. Jenie Upchurch of _____ County, whose
age, residence, etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
<u>C. H. Upchurch</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	<u>Trousdale</u>	<u>P. D.</u>	<u>Noice McSwain</u>
<u>Jenie</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Ark</u>	<u>Waldo Ark</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>"</u>

And the person joining them in marriage is required to make due returns of the annexed certificate to the County Judge of said County within thirty days, of the names of the parties, time and place of marriage, and by whom solemnized.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in said County, this
7 day of March, 1914

S. M. Ferguson
By Earl M. Saxon
Clerk of the County Court.
Minister
(Official or Clerical Designation)

I, Geo. A. Hendrickson,
(Name of Official)

(Name of Court, Justice, Township, County or Government)

certify that on the 7 day of March, 1914 at Shawnee

in Pott County, State of Oklahoma, according to the law and by authority, I duly join in marriage

Mr. C. H. Upchurch and M. Jenie Upchurch

and there were present as witness F. L. Sharp of Shawnee

and S. A. Trunkle of Shawnee

Given under my hand the 7 day of Feb., 1914

WITNESSES:

PARTIES:

F. L. Sharp C. H. Upchurch Geo. A. Hendrickson

S. A. Trunkle Jenie

Returned, filed and recorded on the 4 day of March, 1914

S. M. Ferguson
By Earl M. Saxon Clerk of the County Court.

March 1914, Charles Remarries

Family lore passed down says that after Julina's death, Jennie continued taking care of Charles and the children. That same lore also said it was just a short time after Julina's death that Charles married Jennie. But that's not so.

Lore says Jennie continued to cook and do the *motherly* and *wifely* things. Within just a few months, Charles, concerned with what the neighbors and townfolks might think of Jennie living with him, decided they should get married. Family lore isn't correct on that as it was considerably later.

It's nice to have documentation to prove or disprove family lore, as it was actually about 21 months after Julina's death before Charles and Jennie were married in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He was 60, she 42.

Jennie was actually Sophronia Eugenia Upchurch, widow of Patrick Gordon "Doc" Upchurch, Charles' brother. She was the daughter of John James Upchurch, granddaughter of Lunsford Upchurch — a fifth cousin to Charles Wesley.

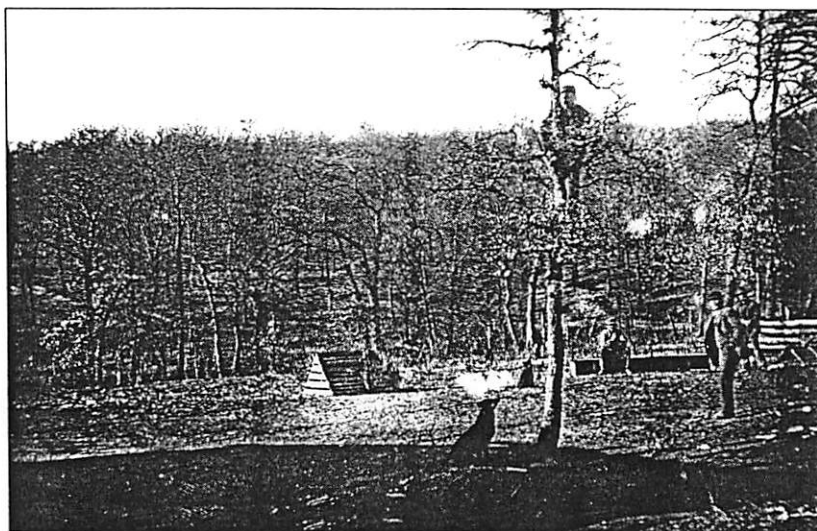
Charles Becomes Ill

By January of 1915, Charles was suffering with heart disease and was quite concerned about himself. In a letter to his son, Bowman who lived in Clinton, Oklahoma, Charles told of his health problems — see letter on next page.



Charles Wesley Upchurch with, presumably, second wife, Jennie Upchurch. A note on back of photo says taken about 1915, so that would have been after Julina's death in 1912.
R06052

ca. 1910 Photo quite interesting R06052



Taken at the Upchurch farm near Buckhead in southeastern Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

That's Little John up that tree while Blue (John Upchurch) is the one nearest the tree. Sitting on the log is William A. Upchurch and standing is Bowman Upchurch. All are sons of Charles W. Upchurch with the exception of Little John who is the son of William A. Upchurch.

What is that wooden structure just left center in the photo? A cage or trap?

Also note the prevalence of blackjack trees... this part of the country is dotted profusely with these scraggly, scrawny trees!

Trousdale #3 Okla
January 13 1914

Mr B F Upchurch of Clinton Okla
Yours of the 8 inst at hand. sorrow that
you was having trouble from the Bull fight-
yet. But hope you are all right by
now. I did not know but from the
way you wrote that you thought that you might
be intitled to sick benefits. and you may be.
But the way to do that is to work it through
Clinton Lodge if they say you are. then they
will notify us on Box Lodge 201. or that is the
best way to do it.

Well you wondered how I am getting along
my heart trouble gave way about a week a
ago. I feel well as far as that goes. But I
am as weak as watter. but gaining strength
fast. my wt did get down to 158 pounds.
so you see I am as poor as a snake.
I set up something at Box last night.

You wanted to know have Hills folks moved
yet. I will say this they have moved in the
house that W.A.U. did liv in on Ed
Millsaps place to stay this year.

John Skinner bought out W. L. Lurry's
store at Box. Powell & Riddle has
quit Box and gone up to Tecumseh.
Lots of people that made crops heretofore
are now redy to work for wedges if they
can a job. Such as Will. Blue. Hills.
Frank Doran. Orrillton Bryan. Patheers.
Hard times & worse coming. I just don't
know what we will do. war war war.
I want you to write Sunday any way.
not later then that.

I am as weak as watter...

I am as poor as a snake.

R05006

Trousdale #3 Okla
January 13 1915

Mr. B F Upchurch of Clinton Okla

Yours of the 8 inst at hand. Sorrow that you was having trouble from the bull fight yet. But hope you are all right by now. I did not know but from the way you wrote that you thought you may be intitled to sick benefits and you may be. But the way to do that is to work it through Clinton Lodge. if they say you are then they will notify us on Box Lodge 201. or that is the way to do it.

Well you wondered how I am getting along. My heart trouble gave way about a week a ago. I feel well as far as that goes. But I am as weak as watter. But gaining strength fast. My wt did get down to 158 pounds. so you see I am as poor as a snake.

— up something at Box last night.

SECOND PAGE

You wanted to know have Hills folks moved yet. I will say this they have moved in the house that W.A.U. did liv in on Ed Millsaps place to stay this year.

John Skinner bought out W. L. Lurry's (?) store at Box. Powell & Riddle has quit Box and gone up to Tecumseh. Lots of people who made crops here before are now redy to work for wedges if they can [find] a job. Such as Will. Blue. Hills. Frank Doran? Orrillton(?) Bryan, & others. Hard-times & worse coming. I just don't know what we will do. war war war [the rest of the line is illegible].

I want you to write Sunday any way. not later then that.

Transcribed by Mae D. Cox

January 13, 1915 Letter from Charles to His Son

At left is the letter written by Charles Wesley Upchurch to his son Bowman who lived in the Clinton area at the time. ^{R05006}

The original letter is pretty easy to read, however, it is transcribed here with the text preserved as written.

Charles Pronounces His Own Death

Over the next few months, Charles became quite ill as his heart grew weaker. As his condition worsened, he became bedridden. Family members gathered as his condition grew critical.

The morning of April 29, 1915, Charles was quite alert though in grave condition. Family huddled around his bed keeping vigilance. Charles was lying in bed, and at one point began taking his own pulse. For some time he lay there monitoring his condition, counting each pulse beat. Then quite suddenly he announced, "It's gone!" Meaning his pulse had stopped. Indeed it had, as he then slumped over and was pronounced dead. ^{R04098}

Charles Wesley Upchurch Dies

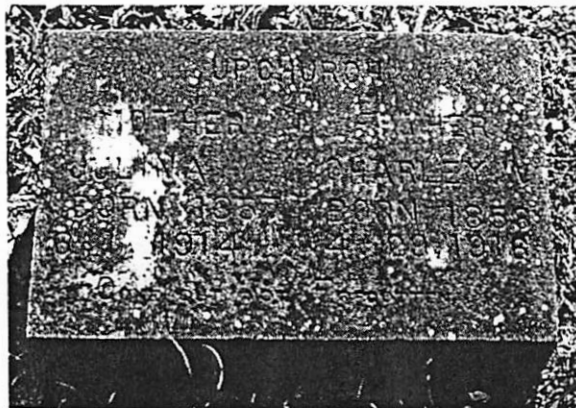
According to his death certificate — a copy follows this narrative — Charles's death on April 29, 1915 was attributed to *Cardiac Insufficiency*.

Charles was buried beside Julina in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Charles Died in 1915, Not 1916

The headstone for Charles and Julina states Charles died in 1916. However, while going through the old probate records, I noticed where distribution of Charles' property began in 1915. Later, a copy of his death certificate (next page) confirmed my findings. It verified that he actually died in 1915, not 1916 as these headstones read.

It took some time of digging through records to find that Julina died in 1912, not 1914, as described earlier in the article about her death.



Their son, William, made this headstone and we have no idea how he determined the dates. Records have proven the dates are wrong.

Photo by Mae D. Cox,

Mt. Zion Items

Mrs. Jane Elliott from Texas is visiting her father, Mr. Upchurch, who is very sick.

The Lexington Leader,
April 16, 1915 ^{R05039}

In this article, Charles' daughter Jane, who was living in Montague County, Texas, visited her father just two weeks before his death.

Lexington Leader
May 7, 1915 ^{R05033}

Mt. Zion Items

Rev. Moorhead of Mangum, Oklahoma, will preach here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, May 8 and 9.

Miss Vesta Upchurch took dinner with Miss Niece Menasco Sunday.

Rev. Myers and family were dinner guests of Luther Hopper and family Sunday.

Will Hill and wife were Wanette visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Mallow visited Mrs. Curry Thursday evening.

Sunday school attendance Sunday was 84, with good preaching services afterward by Rev. Myers.

Florence Bowlen was the guest of Vergie Barber Sunday.

Mr. Harris transacted business in Lexington Wednesday.

Mr. Upchurch died Thursday April 29 and was laid to rest in the Mount Zion cemetery Friday. He leaves eight children and three step children a sister and brothers to mourn his loss. The warmest sympathies of all go out to the relatives.

Mr. Stone and wife of Corbett visited her daughter Mrs. Macknut Saturday night.

Clay Bowlen and family visited his father W. S. Bowlen Sunday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Hay Seeder's Union at Box Saturday night. They say they had a jolly time.

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Cleveland (14)
Township Canadian
or
Village Shawnee
or
City _____ No. _____
2 FULL NAME Charles W. Upchurch

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Oklahoma State Board of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics,
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA.
Registered No. _____ (128)
St. _____ Ward _____ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give the name instead of St. and No.)

Personal and Statistical Particulars				Medical Certificate of Death			
3 Sex <u>M</u>	4 Color or Race <u>W</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <u>Married</u>	6 DATE OF BIRTH _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____	7 AGE _____ If less than one day, _____ hrs. _____ mos. _____ day _____ or _____ mins.	8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work _____ (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____	9 BIRTH PLACE (County or State) _____	10 NAME OF FATHER _____
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> PARENTS 11 BIRTH PLACE OF FATHER (County or State) _____ 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____ 13 BIRTH PLACE OF MOTHER (County or State) _____ </div>				16 DATE OF DEATH <u>4-29-1915</u> (Month) <u>4</u> (Day) <u>29</u> (Year) <u>1915</u>			
				17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>3-22-15</u> to <u>4-29-15</u> that I saw him alive on <u>4-16-15</u> and his death occurred on the date stated above at _____			
				THE CAUSE OF DEATH: Was as follows: <u>Cardiac Insufficiency</u> Duration <u>2</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ dys. Contributory (Secondary) _____ (Signed) <u>J. D. Lambert</u> _____, 191 <u>5</u> (Address) <u>Shawnee</u> State the disease causing death or, in deaths from violent causes, state (1) means of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal: _____ 18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents). At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ dys. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ dys. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death _____ Former or usual residence _____			
14 The above is true to the best of my knowledge. Informant _____ Address _____ <u>C. S. Bobo</u> County Supt. of Public Health				19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL _____ Date of Burial _____ 20 UNDERTAKE _____ Address _____			



State Department of Health

ROGER C. PIRRONG
STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

State of Oklahoma
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73152

CERTIFIED COPY MUST
HAVE EMBOSSED SEAL

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy, original of which is on file in this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the official seal to be affixed, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this date.

September 11, 1979

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

Mt. Zion Cemetery

This pleasant little cemetery is located in far southeast Cleveland County: NE/4 Section 36-6N-1E. It is just across the road from where old Mt. Zion Methodist Church stood in the many years ago. It's in what was known as the Mt. Zion area just a short distance from the Box and Buckhead areas of olden days.

One Sunday afternoon, I decided to find this cemetery where so many Upchurch relatives are buried. I wanted to take photos for this book and this was the perfect opportunity to go exploring and do that.

I drove east out of Lexington on Highway 39 for a few miles and, as the map directed, turned south on Dobbs Road (180th Avenue Southeast). About five miles further I came to a dead-end and found the *Edge of Earth* Road. What a quaint name — I wonder who on earth came up with that!

Another turn to the east and a mile-and-half further, we came to the little cemetery sitting on the south side of the road. The fence seemed in good condition and the cemetery well kept; even freshly mowed.

Photos by Mae D. Cox, January 2004



Entering through the double gates, I was delighted to immediately spy the headstone of my great grandparents, Charles and Julina Upchurch. Other Upchurch headstones dotted the area indicating this was indeed our family cemetery.

I found the headstone for Eunice 'Nicey' McSwain Upchurch who was the mother of Charles Wesley, and wife of Patrick Bogan Upchurch. After Patrick died in Arkansas, she traveled with her married children to Oklahoma where she lived until her death in 1897.

Many trees gracefully shade their resting places and I was humbled by the reverence and peacefulness that came over me while standing there. What an awesome feeling to realize that here lie family members who lived over a hundred years ago.

Scouting the length and breadth of the hallowed grounds, I discovered several other families were represented here. Skinners far outnumbered the Upchurches, plus there were several Millsaps too. All related in some way through marriage. Later I found out that the Skinners are actually the ones who maintain this awesome little cemetery.

Headstone Shows Wrong Dates

In the 1990s, the older stone, page 255, was moved to the foot of Charles and Julina's graves when a newer headstone was placed at the head by Cousin William Upchurch. But it too has the wrong dates.

Both stones show Julina died in 1914. She died in 1912. Charles died in 1915 as shown on his death certificate on the next page.

Original court
records found
and copied!

Charles' Estate Probated

Apparently Charles died intestate as his oldest son, William A. Upchurch, was appointed administrator of his estate. Charles owed money at the time of his death, so his home and land were sold at public auction. Probate documents follow this narrative.

Probate Records

These next documents are reproduced from the *original* probate records. Our local genealogical society library is the repository for many of Cleveland County's old records, and these are available to researchers.

What a find! To be able to copy the originals! Just to see them and handle them was a thrill.

Charles married Jennie shortly before his death and she is listed as his widow. Charles' oldest son, William A. Upchurch was designated administrator of Charles' property.

September 6, 1915 R05004

State of Oklahoma }
Cleveland County, } ss. In County Court.

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear that on the 23rd, day of August 1915, I posted true and correct copies of the with notice in three public places in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, to-wit;

One at the Court House Door, in the Town of Lexington.

One at the U.S. Post Office, " " "

One at the Farmers Bank, " " "

And that on the same day I deposited in the Postoffice true copies of said notice, postage prepaid, and addressed to;

Jennie Upchurch,	Trousdale,	Oklahoma.
T.R. Upchurch,	Trousdale,	Oklahoma.
B.F. Upchurch,	Clinton,	Oklahoma.
J.J. Upchurch,	Lexington,	Oklahoma.
Mrs. N.E. Millsap,	Trousdale,	Oklahoma.
Mrs. Maggie Bales,	Sun-Set,	Texas.
Mrs. May Davenport,	Tribbey,	Oklahoma.
W.A. Upchurch,	Lexington,	Oklahoma.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th, day of September, 1915;

R. A. Bann
Dept- Court Clerk.



Sheriff fees for mailing 80 cts

October
26, 1915

BOND OF ADMINISTRATOR

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, W. A. Upchurch

as principal,

am held and firmly bound unto the State of Oklahoma in the sum of Fourteen Hundred and no/100

DOLLARS,

lawful money of the United States of America, in which sum I am also jointly bound with each of my sureties hereinafter named, respectively, to the extent of each one of them not exceeding the amount of his liability herein, and so as not to exceed in all in such joint liability on my part the sum of Fourteen Hundred

and no/100 Dollars; to be paid to the said State of Oklahoma for which payment, well and truly to be made, I bind myself, my and each of my heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

And we

J. M. Skinner P. L. Millard
John Bivens

as said sureties, are severally held and firmly bound, and jointly with said W. A. Upchurch

are held and firmly bound unto the said State of Oklahoma

in the following sums, respectively, to-wit:

I, the said J. M. Skinner in the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars

I, the said P. L. Millard in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars

I, the said John Bivens in the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars

lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said State of Oklahoma for the payment of which sums, well and truly to be made, we, and each of us, respectively, bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally as aforesaid firmly by these presents.

Scaled with our seals and dated this 25th day of Oct A. D. 1915

The condition of the above obligation is such: That whereas

W. A. Upchurch has been appointed administrator of the estate of C. W. Upchurch deceased, by the County Court of Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma.

Now, therefore, if the said W. A. Upchurch as such administrator shall perform his duties as provided by law and the orders of said Court, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Approved this 26th day of Oct 1915

R. A. Wray
Judge of the County Court

J. M. Skinner
W. A. Upchurch
P. L. Millard
John Bivens

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

CLEVELAND COUNTY

J. M. Skinner one of the sureties above named, being duly sworn, says that he is a free holder, and a resident within the County of Cleveland and that he is worth the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, over and above his debts and liabilities, exclusive of property exempt from execution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Oct 1915

J. M. Skinner
P. L. Millard

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

CLEVELAND COUNTY

P. L. Millard one of the sureties above named, being duly sworn, says that he is a free holder, and a resident within the County of Cleveland and that he is worth the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars, over and above his debts and liabilities, exclusive of property exempt from execution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Oct 1915

P. L. Millard
J. M. Skinner
Justice Peace Commission
Friendship class ev.
Okla.

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R05004

ORDER APPOINTING APPRAISERS.

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In County Court in and for Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma.)

In the matter of the estate of C.W. Upchurch, Deceased.

) ss

On this 26 day of Oct 1915 on application of W.A. Upchurch administrator of the estate of C.W. Upchurch deceased, it is hereby ordered that, P. R. Williams, John Bivins and John Starn of Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, be and they hereby are appointed appraisers of the estate of C.W. Upchurch deceased, within the County of Cleveland, in said State.; and upon receipt of a duly certified copy of this order are hereby directed to view and appraise said estate, and make return of said appraisement as provided by law.

Signed.

W.A. Upchurch

County Judge.

October 26, 1915

R05004

October 26, 1915

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS.

State of Oklahoma.)

) ss

Cleveland, County.)

In County Court.

In the matter of the estate of C.W. Upchurch Deceased.

The undersigned as administrator of the estate of C.W. Upchurch deceased herewith returns to said court the following statement of all claims against the said estate which have been presented to said administrator since the 26 day of Oct 1915 in which statement are designated the names of the creditors, the nature and amount of each claim, when it was due, and whether same was allowed or rejected.

Names of creditors	Amount of claim	when due	allowed
Paris by Royalty, Manette R	\$10.00	due	Yes
Rogge L. H. 201. Lexington DL	61.09	due	Yes
Dunig Invest. Co. Oswego Kan	95.70	due	Yes
Dunig' Inv Co Oswego, Kan	350.	1921	Yes

W.A. Upchurch
Administrator.

R05004

State of Oklahoma)
)ss In the County Court.
County of Cleveland.)

TO THE COUNTY JUDGE IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. AND STATE AFORESAID.

That the appraised value of the personal property now remaining in h's hands as assets and not set apart for other use or otherwise disposed of, by order of said county court is dollars.

That the debts now outstanding against said decedent as far as the same can be ascertained or estimated are about 600.00 Dollars.

That the amount due on the family allowance is Dollars.

That the amount that will be due on the family allowance after the same has been in force for one year is dollars.

That the debts expenses and charges of administration already accrued are
50 Dollars.

That the debts the debts expenses and charges of administration that will or may accrue during the administration are estimated by your petitioner at 100. dollars.

That the real property except the homestead of which the said decedent died seised or in which he had any interest-was nothing.

That the names of the legatees and devisees and the heirs of said decedent and their places of residence and post office addresses, respectively so far as known to your petitioner are as follows--Jennie Upchurch, widow of decedent Trousdale, Okla. R. 3.--T. R. Upchurch, Trousdale Okla. R. 3.--B. F. Upchurch, Clinton, Okla.--J. J. Upchurch, Lexington, Okla. R. 4.--Mrs. N. E. Millsaps ~~Byardale~~ Okla. R. 2. Mrs. Maggie Bales ~~Trousdale~~ Texas.--Mrs. May Davenport, Tribby, Okla. R. 2. W. R. Upchurch, Lexington, Okla. R. 4. *Jane Elliott, St. Joe Texas,*

That it is necessary to sell the whole or some part of said real estate for following purposes and reasons to-wit:- The homestead was mortgaged when decedent married the said surviving spouse, and is so encumbered at this time including principal and interest the sum of five hundred dollars more or less of which sum approximately \$125.00 more or less falls due on or about November the first, 1915.

That neither the surviving spouse, nor the heirs nor either of them are in a position whereby either or any of them can meet these obligations, and pay said indebtedness, that the matter has been considered by the parties at interest, the heirs and all parties, next of kin and heirs, being of full age, it has been considered best that the property be sold through probate court and the debts paid to prevent foreclosure and forced sale, and the proceeds if any be disposed of according to law.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that some certain time be appointed for hearing this application, and notice thereof given as required by law, and upon the final hearing hereof, that an order of said court be made, authorizing your petitioner to sell the whole or so much or such parts of the real estate described as follows Se. 1/4 of Nw. 1/4 S. 25, T. 6, N. R. 1 E. 1. M. Cleveland County Oklahoma being forty acres more or less of land. as the court shall deem necessary or beneficial at private sale.

Dated this 20 day of November 1915

W. A. Pappas
Administrator.

December 13, 1915

THE STATE OF TEXAS: MONTAGUE COUNTY:SS:: KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Jane Elliott, of the County of Montague and State of Texas, formerly Jane Upchurch, and at present wife of W E Elliott, and Mrs Maggie Bales widow of Franklin Bales,, at present at Saint Jo, in Montague County, Texas, each and both being daughters of C W Upchurch, deceased, upon whose Estate, administration proceedings are now pending in the County, of Cleveland County, in the State of Oklahoma, and in which proceedings an Order has been made for the Sale of Real Estate, belonging to said Estate, at Lexington, in said County and State, on the 18th. day of December, AD 1915, and of which we have received due Notice, by mail, but upon which said Sale, we are unable to attend personally: Now for the purpose of being represented at said Sale, we have, each made constituted and appointed, and do by these presents, hereby make, constitute and appoint W E Elliott, of said Montague County, Texas, our true and lawful agent and attorney in fact, for us and for each of us, and in the name, place and stead of each of us, to attend upon said Sale, and to do any and all things, at, about and concerning said Sale, which we or either of us could do, if personally present thereat, and if any of the proceeds arising, shall be for partition and distribution, among the heirs of the said Upchurch, deceased, to demand, accept and receive our several shares thereof, and to receipt for same:

Hereby granting to our said attorney, full power and authority to do and perform all things, in the premises requisite and necessary to the full performance of the powers aforesaid, for us, and for each of us; hereby ratifying and confirming any and all things, which our said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises, by virtue hereof.

Witness our hands, each and severally, at Saint Jo, Texas, on this the 13th. day of December AD 1915.

Jane Elliott
Maggie Bales

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The State of Texas: Montague County: SS:: Before me, A L Scott, a Notary Public, in and for Montague County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Jane Elliott and Mrs. Maggie Bales,, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing Instrument, and acknowledged to me that they, each, executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein, expressed, and declared to me that they, were each, daughters of the said, C W Upchurch, deceased, and that the Power of Attorney above granted, related to the separate property of each of them.

Given under my hand and seal of Office, at Saint Jo, in Montague County, Texas, on this the 14th day of December AD 1915.

My Commission Expires:
May 31st. AD 1917:

A L Scott
NOTARY PUBLIC.

R05004

March 4, 1916, Jennie Upchurch files for Widow's Pension

Charles' widow,
Jennie (Eugenia)
filed for the
Oklahoma Widow's
Pension on March 4,
1916.

Her request was
approved and she was
allocated to receive
\$4.00 per month.

Information handed
down through the
years says Jennie
moved in with Jeff
Skinner for a few
months before
moving back to
Arkansas. From there
she went to Alabama
where she died in
1925.

R07079

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
COUNTY OF Cleveland } ss:

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR SAID
COUNTY AND STATE.

In the Matter of the Application of

Eugenia Upchurch

No. _____

For a Widow's Pension.

PETITION.

Comes now the above named applicant and respectfully shows to the court that she is now, and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of this petition, a bona fide resident, in good faith, of Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma. Your petitioner further shows that she is the

widow of C.W. Upchurch, who died the 29th day of April, 1915, at Box, Okla.
(Wife or widow of whom; if dead, date and place of death; if confined in asylum or penitentiary, state the facts relative thereto.)

and that she is the mother of children under the age of fourteen years, and that said children reside with this applicant in Cleveland County, Oklahoma; that the names and dates of birth of said children are as follows:

Name.

Date of Birth.

Ruth Upchurch

August 29th, 1903.

Arda Upchurch

April 2nd, 1905

Your petitioner further shows to the court that because of her poverty she is compelled to engage in work which takes her regularly away from her home and children; that if an allowance is made her under the Widow's Pension Act, she will be able to remain at home with her said children; that she is a proper person, morally, physically and mentally, for the bringing up of her said children; and, that an allowance is necessary to save her said child, or children, from neglect.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that she be granted the sum of \$ 4.00 per month from the Widow's Pension Fund of the said County, for the partial support of herself and the said minor children, as provided by law.

Eugenia Upchurch

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
COUNTY OF Cleveland } ss:

Eugenia Upchurch, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she has read the above and foregoing petition, knows the contents thereof, and that the allegations and statements therein contained are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March 1916

State Examiner & Inspector's Form No. 1241.

County Judge.

Handmade Okla
10. H. H. 3.
No. 28
In Re Application of
Eugenia Upchurch
FOR WIDOW'S PENSION
Handmade, Okla.
PETITION
Filed this _____ day of _____
191_____
By _____
Court Clerk.
Amount applied for \$ _____
Amount allowed _____
Date allowed _____
4 1916

First published in the Lexington
Leader December 24, 1915.
Notice of Sale of Real Estate
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the county court of the county of Cleveland, and state of Oklahoma, made on the 18th day of December, 1915, in the matter of the estate of C. W. Upchurch, deceased, the undersigned as the administrator of the estate of said deceased will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation by said county court on or after Monday, the third day of January, 1916, at Box, in the county of Cleveland and state of Oklahoma, all the right, title and interest of said C. W. Upchurch at the time of his death and all the right, title and interest that said estate has by operation of law or otherwise, acquired in and to, all the land situate, lying and being in the county of Cleveland, and bounded and described as follows, and upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit: Being the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 S. 25, T. 6 N., R. 1 E., I. M., Cleveland county, state of Oklahoma, being 40 acres of land according to government survey. On the following terms, for cash, or such terms as proof to the court may appear for the best interests of the estate and all parties at interest. Bids may be in writing, or may be offered verbally to said W. A. Upchurch as administrator of said estate, either at Box, Oklahoma or at his residence in Cleveland county, Oklahoma.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1915.—W. A. Upchurch, Administrator.
15-2t
C. H. Harrington,
Attorney for Administrator.

Certificate of Publication

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,) ss.
County of Cleveland,

John C. Hardie of lawful age, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the publisher of THE LEXINGTON LEADER, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the city of Lexington, Oklahoma, and that a notice of which a true copy is hereto attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of each number of said Lexington Leader for 2 consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 24th day of December A. D., 1915 and the last on the 31st day of December A. D., 1915

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of December A. D., 1915

My commission expires March 23rd 1916
Charges \$ 2.75



Ad
December 24, 1915

Certificate
December 31, 1915

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September 12, 1916 R05004



Received of H. A. Upchurch,
Administrator of the C. W. Upchurch
estate, (\$61.69) sixty one and 09/100 dollars
for the Box Lodge #201 D.O.O.F.
from the C. W. Upchurch estate

signed { *S. E. B. & P. A. M.*
John. B. B. & P. A. M.

Trustee
T. H. B. & P. A. M.

RETURN OF SALE.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA.
 TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA }
 CLEVELAND COUNTY, }

ss.

In the Probate Court of said county.

In the Matter of the Estate of C. W. Upchurch, Deceased.

June 24, 1916

R05004

Comes now W. A. Upchurch, as administrator, of the estate of C. W. Upchurch, deceased, and shows to the Court that pursuant to the decree of the Court entered herein on the 18th day of December, 1915, authorizing him as such administrator to sell all of the real estate belonging to said estate, hereinafter described. He caused public notice to be given as provided by law and said order by posting three notices of said sale in three public places in said County.

that he would sell at private sale at box, klahoma. bids to be in writing, or verbal the same to be delivered to said administrator at box, Chlahoma, or at the residence of said Administrator, in Cleveland County Oklahoma.

that on the 19 day of June 1916 he sold said real estate, to-wit: The SW. 1/4 of NW. 1/4 S. 25, T. 6, N. R. 1. E. 1. K. Cleveland County. Oklahoma, containing 40, Acres of land according to the Government Survey.

to R. E. Hopper for the sum of \$ 1,000.00 on the following

terms, to-wit:

that said R. E. Hopper was the highest bidder, therefor and said sum of \$ 1,000.00 the highest and best sum bid, and that said sum \$ 1,000.00 is not disproportionate to the value of said property. And a greater sum could not be obtained.

WHEREFORE, Said W. A. Upchurch prays the Court to enter its order setting said return for hearing, and that upon said hearing being had he be directed to execute a proper conveyance thereof to said purchaser.

Dated this 24 day of June 1916

W. A. Upchurch
 Administrator.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA.

CLEVELAND COUNTY, }

ss.

W. A. Upchurch, Administrator, being duly sworn on oath says that he is the Administrator above named; that he has read the above and foregoing return and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June 1916

By W. A. Upchurch
 Dep. not chg.

Filed 190

C. H. Harrington, Attorney for Petitioners.

DEED RECORD, VOLUME 45, CLEVELAND COUNTY.

GENERAL WARRANTY.

SEE P. 191 FOR A DEED.

FROM
C. W. Upchurch and J. Upchurch.

TO
G. H. Skinner.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CLEVELAND COUNTY, SS.
This instrument was filed for record on the 9 day of
Oct. A. D. 1916, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Fees, \$
J. H. Wheelis, County Clerk.
By F. A. Adair, Deputy.

This Indenture, Made this 19th day of July, A. D. 1910, between
C. W. Upchurch and J. Upchurch his wife
of Cleveland County, in the State of Oklahoma, of the first part, and G. H. Skinner, a single man
of the second part:
WITNESSETH, That said part 1st of the first part, in consideration of the sum of \$50.00
DOLLARS,
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto said part 2nd of the second part,
his heirs and assigns, all of the following-described real estate, situated in the County of Cleveland and State of Oklahoma, to-wit:
Lots One (1) Two (2) Three (3) in Section Three (3) Township Five (5) North of Range One (1)
East Ind. Containing eighty (80) acres more or less according to the Government Survey
thereof

This deed was earlier discussed on page ____

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, forever.

And said C. W. Upchurch and J. Upchurch
for their heirs, executors or administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with said part 2nd of the second part, that at the delivery of these presents, he 1st lawfully seized in his own right of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple, of and in all and singular the above-granted and described premises, with all the appurtenances; that the same are free, clear, discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, judgments, taxes, assessments and incumbrances, of what nature or kind soever except.

and that they will warrant and forever defend the same unto said part 2nd of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against said part 1st of the first part, their heirs, and all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part 1st of the first part has hereunto set their hand, at the day and year first above written.

Witnesses to mark. W. L. Lurry.
W. A. Upchurch.

C. W. Upchurch.
J. X. Upchurch.
mark.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
CLEVELAND COUNTY, } ss.

Before me, W. L. Lurry, a Notary Public,
in and for said County and State, on this 19th day of July, 1910, personally appeared
C. W. Upchurch and J. Upchurch, and
to me known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

(SEAL.) WITNESS my hand and seal, the day and year above set forth.

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My commission expires April 28, 1913.

W. L. Lurry.

Notary Public.

Summary on Charles Wesley Upchurch

Born in November 1853 in Stanly County, North Carolina, Charles would live in three completely different areas during his lifetime. He was only about six years old when his father, Patrick Bogan Upchurch, moved his family to Arkansas. There, in Conway County, Charles grew into manhood and married one of the local girls, Julina Perrine.

By 1890 his family had come to include eight children of which one had died at birth. Charles was an industrious fellow and tried hard to farm the rocky, grub-laden farm. He was homesteading on land granted by the government when he and his brother decided they'd had enough of the Ozarks. They'd heard of rich land being offered in Oklahoma.

Sometime about spring 1890, Charles and his brother loaded their families into wagons and headed west to Oklahoma. Arriving in Indian Territory, they settled into a spot just south of the Canadian River in eastern McClain County. Here they lived in a dugout for a couple of years during which time their ninth and last child was born.

By 1894 they had crossed the river north into Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, where they moved into another dugout near the river before eventually moving into a real house. After a move to Clinton in western Oklahoma Territory, they returned to the Buckhead area of southern Cleveland County where he and wife Julina Perrine would live out their lives.

There are several records that give a glimpse into Charles' life. Three or four times he bought and/or sold land, each time taking out a mortgage. He seemed to be strapped for money most of his life though he did pay off his loans and promissory notes in a timely manner.

After losing his wife Julina, Charles then marries his brother's widow, Jennie. They were only married about a year before he died of heart failure.

Charles was a farmer and must have been a decent one as he seemed to always provide the necessities for his children and wife. Years after his death, his youngest daughter, my grandmother, told about how loving and caring her daddy was and what a great man he had been.

Charles was 62
when he died.

> October 9, 1916
This undated
document seems to
be the final
accounting in which
William Upchurch
submits a list of his
expenses for
handling his father's
probate.

State Oklahoma } In Re Estate C.W. Upchurch
Cleveland County } Decedent
 H.A. Upchurch administrator
In County Court of Cleveland Co. Okla.

Claim of H.A. Upchurch for personal
Expenses in and about said administration
all of which was necessary & for 5%
on one thousand dollars being the
estate so administered, Itemized as follows
to wit: Exp. to Norman Ok Sep 30, 1915 \$2.464
" " Lexington Aug 16-1915 — 1.00
" " Sep 18 " — 1.50
Justice Peace & Box OK " 20 " — 3.00
" Nov 20 Rent — 1.25
Dec 18 Rent — 1.00
Jan 24- 1916 Rent — 1.25
Aug 7- " " — 1.50
Nov. 21- 1916 Norman — 1.25
" " " " Release Mortgage — 1.00
" " " " " " " " — .50
" " " " " " " " — 1.00
Sep 30 Rent & Postage to Date — .41
Administration 5% on \$1000. — 5.00
Total \$67.10

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So What Became of Charles Wesley and Julina's Children?

William Andrew Upchurch

Born December 1, 1874 in Conway County, Arkansas, William would have been about sixteen years old when his parents moved the family to Indian Territory in 1890. After they moved across the river into Oklahoma Territory, he met and married Nancy E. Millsaps, daughter of Logan and Elizabeth Millsaps, on December 13, 1893 in Lexington, Oklahoma Territory.

William and Nancy had four children, one son and three daughters. Nancy died in 1935 and William then married Nettie Perrine. William Andrew died in 1959. William died December 6, 1959, and he and Nancy are both buried in McGuire Cemetery, Slaughterville, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.



Nancy and John Hillmer Millsap R06052

Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch

Born May 29, 1876 in Conway County, Arkansas, Nancy was about fourteen when her family moved from Arkansas to Indian Territory, and then on into Oklahoma Territory.

On June 3, 1894 Nancy married John Hillmer 'Hill' Millsap at Buckhead, Oklahoma Territory. They had ten children and lived out their lives in the Buckhead and Box areas of southern Cleveland County, Oklahoma. Nancy died in 1924, Hill in 1927. Both are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

Margaret 'Maggie or Meg' Julina Upchurch

Born February 3, 1878 in Conway County, Arkansas, Maggie as her family called her, had a sad story as reported on page 232. However, after adopting out her illegitimate son, she did marry Edward Vandever Bales November 3, 1898 in Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory. Ed died in 1909 and she then married Edward Johnson.

Maggie died August 6, 1952 in Knox City, Knox County, Texas. Her place of burial is unknown.



About 1908, William Andrew Upchurch leaning on hoe. At left, his wife Nancy Millsap; far right is their son, Little John. R06052

Thomas Rutherford Upchurch

Born October 15, 1880 Conway County, Arkansas. He was known as *Ruliford*. He married M. Louella 'Eller' Stubblefield and they had four children. Ruliford died September 27, 1959 in Cleveland County, Oklahoma. They are both buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.



Ruliford and Eller with their children R04156

Bowman Franklin Upchurch

Born March 26, 1884 in Conway County, Arkansas. Bowman married Leola Burton and they had three children of which a son, died at a very young age. Daughter, Bessie Upchurch Starbuck, 95 years old in 2008, has given this author many stories and photos.

Leola died in 1935. Bowman then married Beatrice Teel and they had one son. Bowman died December 12, 1957 in Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. He is buried beside Leola in McGuire Cemetery, Slaughterville, Cleveland County, Oklahoma. Be sure to read the story of Bowman being attacked by the bull, page 242. See family photo at top of next page.



1916 Bowman and Leola with daughters, Bessie, left and Annie, right. R06052



Eliza Jane Upchurch

Born November 6, 1886 in Conway County, Arkansas, she was about four when the family came to Indian Territory. Jane married William E. Elliott.

I have very little information about their family. Will died in 1938, she on August 13, 1973 in Texas.



Jane and Will Elliott R04156

John Jackson Upchurch

Born December 11, 1889 in Conway County, Arkansas, John was the last of the Upchurch children born in Arkansas. The family moved to Indian Territory shortly after his birth.

He married Mary Lee Stevens Grizzle and they had three children. One of their daughters, Mildred Lorene, still lives in the Norman, Oklahoma area today. John died August 13, 1943 in Norman and is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

< Photo at left middle: John J. Upchurch's wife, Mary and children. R06052

Mary May Upchurch

Born May 19, 1892 in Indian Territory, the last of the Charles and Julina's children. May grew up in southern Cleveland County around the Buckhead area. She married Arthur Monroe Davenport, June 24, 1909 in Tecumseh, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. They had eight children of which their second born was my father.

They were dirt farmers — sharecroppers — and barely eked out a living, all the while moving from farm to farm in southern Cleveland County. Arthur died in 1946, leaving May with one daughter still at home.

May was then the full support of her daughter and went to work washing dishes in local (Norman, Oklahoma) cafes. She at one time was a nurses aide at Central State Hospital, better known as the *insane asylum*.

A stroke in 1962 at 72 years of age left her an invalid. She lived in several different nursing homes in Norman, then in Ardmore. May died April 16, 1975 in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma. She and Arthur are buried side-by-side in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma.



Mary May Upchurch and Arthur Monroe Davenport Wedding day, June 24, 1909

Ca. 1942, Five of Charles Upchurch's Children Siblings Will, Meg, Jane, John, and May



The youngest of Charles and Julina Upchurch's children,

Mary May Upchurch

May 19, 1892 - April 16, 1975



Mary May Upchurch, 1907 Age 15 R03008

A 9th Generation Upchurch

My Grandmother