

HARMON U PG-1
(A Colonial Upchurch - Head of
Upchurch Clan No. 16)

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① From Upchurch Family - By Belle West - Pg 25

Harmon U was named as a son of James U III in the letters will dated 24 JUN 1784. On 25 FEB 1788 Harmon U, ^{son of James U III} and wife Betty of Brunswick Co VA, sold 237 acres of land to Owen Myrick for £25 - this land given to Harmon U by his father. Harmon appears to have moved to Montgomery Co NC as he appeared in the 1810 census of that county with a wife and several children. He was listed as being over 45. with George Goodrich, Nathaniel Mason, John Carpenter, James Fletcher, John Walton, James Johnson

② 1820 Census/Tax lists for NC - Patten 1974

Shows only one Harmon U - He is on Pg 181 of Montgomery Co NC census

③ From Upchurch Story By Olive Morgan Pg 31

2. HARMON UPCHURCH and BETTY his wife, in consideration of £75 convey to Owen Myrick..237 A. of land County of Brunswick on both sides of White Oak Swamp adjacent to Zachariah Sim's line..George Johnson's line..being all the lands that were left him by his father...Westward Road...John Neal's line..Beaty's Spring Branch..Burwell Upchurch's line. Signed with a mark. Betty did not sign. Harmon appears in 1810 on the Census of Montgomery Co. NC. He lists himself and Betty as age 45 up, son age 16-26, son and dau 10-16 and a son under 10 years of age. The land on which the Harmon Upchurch family lived in Montgomery Co. fell into Stanly County at a later date. Harmon was around 70 years old in 1810. His name was not found on the records after 1810.

④ See Records obtained by RDU from 23 FEB 1978 visit to Nat'l Soc Colonial Dames XVII century office

(A) Pg 12 Per Brunswick Co VA Deeds in 1788 Harmon U + Betty, his wife, sold land to Owen Myrick Bk 14 Pg 334

⑤ See pg 28 of 2 FEB 1978 Ft Elva E. Burkhalter & RPH

A. Burwell U to John Harmon Deed 1805 Deed Bk 14 pg 191
Brunswick Co. Harmon U + wife Betty, convey to Owen
Myrick --- 287 acres -- County Brunswick - on both
sides of White Oak Swamp - ady - Battle's Spring Branch --
Burwell U lvs.

B. Comment (of searcher) - Per 1782 Land Taxes James U S, had 710 acres +
57 not before assessed. Grandson Burwell U sold 237a in 1803, son
Herman (Harmon) sold 237a in 1788. John U of Brunswick sold 10 a.
Total 77a. Discrepancy of 10 acres - maybe due to survey.

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Continued ~~COLONIAL U HEAD OF CLAN 16~~

C. Pg 34. The Forbear of Upchurch at White County TN may have been Harmon and Betty. Betty (diminutive of Elizabeth) in Wilkes Co, NC. In 1790 ref. U.S. Censur, Wilkes was formed from Surry and the Dist of Washington, the latter now TN. I have no record thus far in my research as to where Harmon & Betty moved after leaving VA.

Brunswick Co VA., pop tax began 1782

- 1783 Harmon U - 2 litters 1 person 2 horses 2 cattle 0 wheels
- 1784 " " - 2 taxable 5th Dist
- 1785 " " - 2 litters, 2 young negroes
- 1787 " " - 2 wh. Taxables 1 wh 16-21, 1 wh w-16; 1 wh 16 up

Deed, Brunswick Co written 19 FEB 1788:

Harmon U and his wife Betty --- his wife of ?? --- consd. 275 convey to Owen Myrick --- 237 over to Brunswick on both sides of white Oak Swamp --- adj Zachariah Sim's line -- Westward Road -- John Neal's line --- Battle's Spring Branch -- Burwell Upchurch's line -- Taylor's line -- King's line -- George Johnson's line being all the lands that was given him by his father with all and every advantage thereto belonging.

Harmon U - Both Harmon & Betty ack. this indenture and Betty voluntarily assented thereto, being privately examined. Signed with a mark. Betty did not sign. (Name may be Harmon but is written Harmon)

1810 Censur Montgomery Co NC - Harmon U
 1M U-10; 1M 10-16; 1F 10-16; 1M 16-26; 1M 45 up; 1F 45 up
 [WILLIAM ALLEN U]

JAMES 4?
 BEAUMONT
 U T. RPU

D. Add to 5B on previous page one John U sold 230 over in 1786. One John U of Crathorn Co N.C (Grandson of James of 1784 will) sold 570 over in 1766. In 1786 one John U of Brunswick sold 16 over - total 997 over

6 See Pg 2 of West 15 MAR 1979 Sts to RPU - The writer presumes Allen U b 1780-90 (approx) d 1848 approx wd Mary Dudley) is son of Harmon U.

See 20 JUL 1979. It's Julia Frances U to RPU

Harmon U b 1740 d 1810⁺ md Betty - No known son of James U XID-155

See It's 19 MAR 1980 Fred Upton U Sr to RPU

His chart shows Harman U d 1810 whereas UB VI pg 9 shows d. 1800 - [Note 1810 is more nearly correct entered in UB Master copy]

See 1830 Census - Montgomery Co, NC Pg 91

Elizabeth U - Head of Household - 2 ♀, no males

1 ♀ age 90-100 - [Elizabeth U - widow of Harmon U]

1 ♀ age 60-70 - [Unkn dau of Harmon U - ?] Not same as ♀ in home in 1810

[PRESUMED WIDOW OF HARMON U] - RPU

RPU NOTES: Re Children of Harmon U

① Allen U - b ca 1779 appears on 1810 census ^{Montgomery Co, NC} as head of household & again in 1830 & 1840. He d 1848 (Stanley Co, NC) at age 69

② Hamell U - b ca 1790 - in age 20 & in home of Harmon U on 1810 census of Montgomery Co, NC. He then appears as Head of his own household in 1830 (listed as Cordell U), and in 1840. He d 1846 in Stanley Co, NC at age 56

③ Proposed James Benjamin U - b ca 1789 (RPU PROPOSAL)

or this could be 2 people - James U & Benjamin U - RPU

Montgomery Co, NC

1810 B. U

1830 JAMES U

An older brother of Benjamin U on his wife?

[JAMES BENJAMIN U] Male 16-26 (b 1784-1794) ← Male 50-60 (b 1770-1780)

Female 16-26 (b 1784-1794) ← Female 50-60 (b 1770-1780)

[LORDEN U] Male 0-10 (b 1800-1810) ← Male 40-50 (b 1780-1790)

Female 0-10 (b 1800-1810) ← Male 20-30 (b 1800-1810) [WESLEY BIS]

Male 15-20 (b 1815-1820) [BENJAMIN] b 1819

Female 20-30 (b 1800-1810)

Female 15-20 (b 1810-1815)

GRAND CHILDREN BUT NO LOGICAL FATHER?

④ ♂ Age 10-16 on 1810 census hence b 1794-1800 or ca 1797

⑤ ♂ Age 0-10 on 1810 census hence b ca 1800-1810 or ca 1805

Harmon's wife Elizabeth - would have been age 57 & 65 at these births - unlikely

~~COLONIAL U - 5TH GEN~~~~↳ HEAD OF CLAN 16~~

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⑪ See pg 22 MAY 1987 Oliver Mungard U to RPH - Coy
Tillman U section.

A. Brunswick Co, VA Personal Tax Lists

1782 - Harmon U ↑
 1783 - Harmon U ↑
 1784 - Harmon U ↑
 1785 - Harmon U ↑
 1786 - Harmon U ↑
 1787 - Harmon U ↑

B. Brunswick Co, VA Will Book 2 pg 348

Will of James U [James U, III] of Brunswick Co, VA
 24 JUN 1784 Probated 26 JUL 1784

To son John (John U, III), all of my land below the
 Westward Road on the North side of White Oak Swamp
 (Creek). Beginning at Zachariah Sims' line to
 Stephen Smith's line.

To son James (James U, IV) I lend all my land on
 the South side of White Oak Swamp, below Baister
 Spring Branch to Jesse Taylor's corner. After the
 death of James U (James U, IV) to go Burwell U.
 Name of John U (John U, IV) son Harmon U ↑, dau
 Selah Mosby, dau Edith Mosby, son John (John U, III)
 James (James U, IV) and Harmon U ↑, exec.

Signed James (x) U [James U, III]

wit: George Walton, Merideth Paythress, James Figs.

⑫ See pg 15 SEP 2000 Kevin Michael Burton to RPH - pg 2

9. HARMON⁸ UPCHURCH

was born 1740
 in Brunswick Co., VA, and died 1810 in Montgomery Co., NC. He married BETTY Abt. 1763 in Brunswick
 Co., VA. She was born 1740 in Brunswick Co., VA, and died Abt. 1815 in Montgomery Co., NC.

More About HARMON UPCHURCH:
 Census: 1810, Montgomery Co., NC

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- ⑬ See ltr 6 DEC 1993 Clayton Philip Mann to RPA
 CPM cites "Abstracts of Land Entries: Montgomery
 Co, NC 1778-1795" by A. A. Pruitt 1988 - on page
 81 of this document re entry 720 dated 3 JAN 1792
 which shows - "William Johnson enters 25 ac
 on Jacobs Creek; border Harmon Upshur and
 George Shankle, sr. CPM presumes from this that
 Harmon U moved to Montgomery Co, NC in
 late 1790 or 1791 and that is why he was
 not on the 1790 Federal Census of NC. The
 VA 1790 Census records were destroyed. CPM
 further presumes that Jamie U b 1797, the
 son of Harmon U, was therefore born in
 Montgomery Co, NC.

- ⑭ See ltr 13 MAY 1995 Patricia to Lyle to RPA

Harmon U b ca 1740 d ca 1815 md Elizabeth "Betty" -
 b ca 1740-1755. Harmon U b VA

- ⑮ See ltr 10 JUL 1991 David Joe Beese to RPA
 In Stanley Co, NC there is an abandoned
 Cem called Saban-Upshur Cem at confluence of
 Jacobs Creek & Lake Tillery (Pee Dee River). This is the
 most likely spot for Harmon U to have been
 buried. He owned land on Jacobs Creek.

⑩ Comments and Excerpts from the book "The
Upchurches" By May D. Cox April 2008

- RPH 13 FEB 2015

May D. Cox, nee Danenport, has for years
been a dedicated family historian and publishes
on her families including the book which has
a ^{FOCUS} ~~focus~~ on her ancestor Harmon U - pages
123-136 being devoted to him. Mae has been a
long-term subscriber of the Upchurch Bulletin,
R. P. Upchurch, editor, and has drawn freely from
the source and others to help her craft her
writings. She provides a commendation time-line
for Harmon and raises the question as to
whether he married twice: Lard Xausachon
for Harmon one time. Mae describes Harmon
U as being elusive which could well be
said for many resident in colored America

The Cox book is well written and
well illustrated. ~~Documents~~ Any descendant of
Harmon U would be proud of a copy.
However, the essential elements of the life and
times of Harmon U and her family have
been well laid out by West and Morgan
and in the narrow scope of the Upchurch
Bulletin. This family will be told again
under the banner of Allied Families, hereafter
in 2015

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(17) Item in its 20 FEB 2004 Times Newroman U to APU

Comment on Family Tree in volume 21, number 1, page 33 of Upchurch Bulletin

Death date for Harmon U (167) is shown as 1800.

Harmon Upchurch appeared in the 1810 census of Montgomery County, North Carolina with a wife and four children, a son 16-26, a son and daughter each 10-16, and a son under 10 years of age. He and his wife were listed as being over 45 years of age.

Harmon Upchurch was on an 1820 tax list for Montgomery County, North Carolina.

There is no 1820 census for Montgomery County. In the 1830 census, Elizabeth, 4136 Harmon's wife, is heading the household, indicating that Harmon was no longer living. In 1830, Elizabeth was about 90 years of age.

(18) 1810 CENSUS

MONTGOMERY CO, NC - CAPT. JAMES KENDEL TWP

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					All other free persons except Indians	Slaves	Remarks
	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 and over	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 and over			
HARMON U	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6

↳ (HARMON on Ancestry.com)

MALE 45+ = HARMON U b APT 1740 AGE 70

FEMALE 45+ = ELIZABETH W/o HARMON

MALE 16-26 b 1784-1794 SON NOWELL b APT 1785 AGE 25

MALE 10-16 b 1794-1800 SON JAMES U, III b APT 1795 AGE 15

MALE 0-10 b 1800-1810 PROBABLY SON NOWELL

FEMALE 10-16 b 1794-1800 PROBABLY DAUGHTER NOWELL

(19) Excerpt from Book "The Upchurches" By Mae D. Cox April 2008 Page 103

Harmon U is shown as born 1740 died 1815 and is the son of James U, III born 1724 died 1784 - reason not given.

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The Attached Item (16) must be considered
as copyrighted and as such is here
presumed as a private addition to the
Harmon U Profile - However - I have
provided an "excerpt" for Item (16) which
can be published - RPA 18 FEB 2015

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16 EXCERPT FROM BOOK "THE UPCHURCHES" BY MAE D. COX APR 2008
ITEM: PAGES 123-135

Fifth Generation

Harmon Upchurch

Pgs 133-136 TO HIS BIO FILE

- 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^Δ 1740 - 1815
- 6 Allen Upchurch 1779 - 1848 Δ
- 6 Howell Upchurch 1785 - 1846 Δ
- 6 Benjamin Upchurch 1789 - Δ
- 6 James Upchurch 1797 - Δ
- 6 Daughter 1794-

Timeline for Harmon Upchurch

YEAR	APPROX AGE ±	
1740		Born in Brunswick County, Virginia
1763	23	About the time Harmon married Elizabeth
ca. 1779	39	Son, Allen, is born in Brunswick County, Virginia
1783	43	Harmon listed on Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax list
1784	44	Harmon listed on Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax list
1784	44	Harmon reimbursed for funeral expenses for Jane Curtis
July 26, 1784	44	Harmon inherits land from his father; Brunswick County, Virginia
1785	45	Harmon listed on Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax list
1787	57	Harmon listed on Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax list
October 6, 1787	47	Harmon mentioned in Indenture as owning adjoining land
February 19, 1788	48	Sells 237 acres, land inheritance, to Owen Myrick for 75£
February 25, 1788	48	Final entry in land sale; Betty <i>examined</i> and states gave consent to sell
1790	50	Son, Howell, is born in Montgomery County, Virginia
1790	50	Harmon isn't listed on census records for this year, could have been moving
March 2, 1792	52	Harmon listed in land warrant owning adjoining land; also a chain carrier
1794	54	Daughter is born in Montgomery County, Virginia
August 22, 1795	55	Harmon listed in land warrant #2018 owning adjoining land
1797	57	Son James is born in Montgomery County, Virginia
1800	60	Harmon isn't listed in census record though known living in North Carolina
November 3, 1800	60	Harmon purchases 100 acres near Yadkin River in Montgomery County
March 16, 1801	61	Harmon mention in warrant, owns adjoining land south side of Jacob Creek
February 12, 1810	65	Harmon mentioned as owning adjoining land, listed as Harmon Upchurch
1810	70	Son Benjamin is born in Montgomery County, Virginia
1810	70	Appears on Montgomery County, North Carolina Census
1815	75	Thought to be year Harmon died
1830		Wife, Betty, shows up in census for Montgomery County

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

State Census Records Began in 1790

Towards the end of the eighteenth century, the Census Records were born. The Revolutionary War had ended and the Colonial period also was brought full circle. The tax and tithe records were the early records tracking family members, but now a more informational form was devised to record pertinent information about the families.

Early census records only contained names of heads of households. It wasn't until 1850 that spaces for names of spouses, children, and others in the household were added to the form.

HARMON UPCHURCH

BORN CA 1740 BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 DIED CA 1815 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 BURIED NORTH CAROLINA

ELIZABETH 'BETTY' (UNKNOWN)

BORN ABT 1740 VIRGINIA
 MARRIED ABT 1763 BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 DIED AFT 1830 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 BURIED NORTH CAROLINA

Harmon Born, Raised in Virginia

Harmon was born in Brunswick County, Virginia and lived there most of his life. It wasn't until about 1790, at age 50, that Harmon pulled up stakes and moved to Montgomery County, North Carolina.

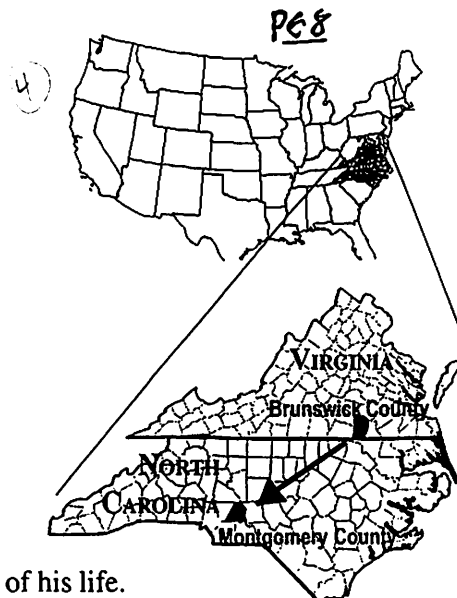
Is it Possible Harmon Married Twice?

If you look at the list below of Harmon's children, you'll see they were all born between 1779 and 1810. If the ages above for Betty are correct then she would have been about thirty-nine when she gave birth to their first child and 70 when the last was born! That dog just doesn't hunt! In the 1700s, it was pretty unheard of for a woman to be starting a family when she was about forty ... and impossible to be having children at seventy!

Another thought is that possibly Betty's birthdate — a date passed down through the years as being her birth year — is in error. If we hypothesize that she was born more like the mid-1750s that would better fit the births of the children. She is listed on the 1830 census as being *of seventy and under eighty*, so that too would fit a birthyear of 1755±.

If though, the dates of Betty's birth shown above are correct and she was born in the 1740 time period, then the possibility that there was a second wife surfaces. Though it's questionable there was a second wife since there has been no record supporting this theory, it is something to consider. First wife could have died, and second wife could have just happened to be named Elizabeth 'Betty' also.

The information we have just doesn't fit together. The age of the wife versus the years the children were born, seems contradictory. It's difficult to sort through dilemmas such as this. Perhaps future researchers can figure it all out!



Harmon left Brunswick County, Virginia and moved to Montgomery County, North Carolina

The age of the wife versus the years the children were born doesn't compute!

Children of Harmon & Elizabeth

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|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Allen Upchurch | b. ca 1779 VA | d. June 21, 1843 Norwood* | m. Mary Dudney abt 1809 Stanly Co NC |
| 2) Howell Upchurch | b. ca 1790** | d. 1846 Stanly Co NC | m. Elizabeth Rebecca Dudney |
| 3) Daughter*** | b. ca 1794-1800 | | |
| 4) James Upchurch | b. ca 1797 | | m. Hannah McSwain, Montgomery Co, NC |
| 5) Benjamin Upchurch | b. ca 1810 | | |

*Norwood is in Stanly County, NC

** Born in Montgomery Co, NC

*** Several places list a daughter having been born to Harmon and Elizabeth. I could find nothing to confirm nor dispute this.

1782-1788 Harmon on Virginia Tax Records

Harmon Upchurch's name appears on the Brunswick County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax lists: ^{R05047a}

- 1783 2 Tithes, 1 person, 2 horses, 2 cattle, 0 wheels
- 1784 2 taxable (District 5)
- 1785 2 Tithes, 2 young negroes
- 1787 2 wh tithes, 1 wh 16-21, 1 blk under 16, 1 blk 16-up

*I give and
Bequeath to my
son Harmon
Upchurch one
Negro Wench
named Doll*

July 26, 1784 Harmon Receives Inheritance

In 1784, Harmon's father, James Upchurch, III, died. His will bequeathed his land in Brunswick County, Virginia, and his slaves and personal belonging to his children and grandchildren. Harmon's bequeath was:

ITEM I give and Bequeath to my son Harmon Upchurch all the rest of my Lands that has not already been given to him his heirs or assigns forever.

Also I give and Bequeath to my son Harmon Upchurch one Negro Wench named Doll to him his heirs or assigns forever. ^{R06143a}

From the wording of the bequeath, it sounds like Harmon had been living on lands connected to, or adjoining, his father's land. The wording suggests that Harmon's father had previously given him land: *all the rest of my Lands*.

1784 Harmon Pays Funeral Expenses

In the Meherrin Parish records there is a payment listed wherein the County is reimbursing Harmon for what appears to be burial expenses. The entry itself was not dated, however, the listing just above this one was dated September 1784:

Harmon
reimbursed for
funeral
expenses

Meherrin Parish

To Hermon Upchurch DR. To keeping of Jane Curtis fifty days L1.6.

To a coffin sheet pillar & handkerchief found for the said parishener decea'd L1.4.4. Total L2.10.4. ^{R07011c}

Who is this Jane Curtis? A daughter? His wife's relative? More research will be required to establish Harmon's relationship to this person.

1787 Indenture Mentions Harmon Upchurch

The following abstract, dated late October of 1787, wasn't written into the record book until April 1788... two months after Harmon sold his land (next page):

This Indenture made this sixth Day of October 1787 BETWEEN James Phips of the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia of the one part and George Johnson of the same County of the other part . . . for and in consideration of twenty five pounds . . . hath bargained, sold, aliened, delivered and confirmed unto the said George Johnson . . . a certain tract or parcel of Land containing fifty acres . . . lying and being in the County of Brunswick and bounded as followeth (to wit) BEGINNING on a black jack on Eaton's Road a corner tree in Zachariah Simmses' line, thence

along the said Simm's line to a hickory a corner tree in Edward King's line, thence along the said King's line to a white oak [ni]gh Harmon Upchurche's line, thence along the said Upchurche's line to a black jack a corner tree on Eaton's Road, thence along the said road to Station or BEGINNING . . . and we the said James Phips and Elizabeth Phips his wife for themselves and their heirs doth covenant . . . that he and they shall and may at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly hold possess and enjoy the said land . . . Signed by James Phips and witnessed by Jesse Taylor, Stripple [Hcempt?] and Lewis Johnson. Brunswick County Court April 28th 1788. This Indenture was proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. R07011b

Harmon sells his land inheritance for £75

1788 Harmon Inherits, Sells Land

Over the years Harmon's father had given him land, and that, coupled with his inheritance totaled 237 acres. Four years after his father's death, on February 1788, Harmon sold his land to Owen Myrick receiving £75:

...it being all the Lands that was Given him by his father.

The land record is given here, followed by a transcription.

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This Indenture made this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord which one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight Between Harmon Upchurch and Betty his wife of the one part and Owen Myrick of the other part Witnesseth that the said Harmon Upchurch for an in consideration of the sum of seventy five pounds current money of Virginia to us in hand paid by the said Owen Myrick the Receipt whereof they the said Harmon Upchurch and Betty his wife doth hereby Acknowledge hath granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed, and doth by this present Grant bargain sell and deliver unto the said Owen Myrick his heirs and assigns forever, one certain Parcel of Land containing two hundred and thirty seven acres more or less lying toly and long in the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia

Hermon Upchurch lived and abode in the Westward Road, thence
 along the said Road to the head of a creek in the South East side of the
 said Westward Road, thence along the said Creek to a
 white oak swamp, thence down the various courses of the said Swamp
 to the mouth of a branch called Ball's spring branch or Barwell
 Upchurch's line, thence up the said branch to a proper place to
 Taylor's corner, thence along Taylor's line to the Westward Road
 and oak, thence along the said Road to King's corner, thence
 along King's line to George Johnson's corner red oak, from thence to
 the Westward Road at the Beginning. To have and to hold
 the said Tract or parcel of Land and premises it being all the
 Lands that was given him by his Father together with all and every
 advantage therewith belonging to the only use and behoof of him the said
 Owen Myrick his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Upchurch
 and Betty his wife shall and will acquit and convey confirm and
 defend from all persons whatsoever a good and lawful Right and
 Title to the said Land and premises within mentioned and the said
 Hermon Upchurch and Betty his wife doth agree to make over and
 convey and Defend free from all Incumbrance that any person or
 persons shall claim against the said Land by any writings or
 contracts whatsoever to the said Land and the said Hermon Upchurch
 and Betty his wife doth agree that the said Owen Myrick shall
 be entitled to enjoy the said Land with a peaceable Seizure, to act and
 do with the said Tract or parcel of Land To the true Intent and
 meaning of these presents. In Witness whereof the said Hermon
 Upchurch and Betty his wife have hereunto set their hands and
 Seals the day and year first above Written

Signed Sealed and Delivered
 In Presence of
 Depts Goddard
 Nathaniel Mann
 John Langston
 James Hatcher
 John Hatcher
 James Hatcher

Hermon Upchurch (S)
 made

Brunswick County Court the 25th Day of
 February 1788. This Indenture was Acknowledged
 by Hermon Upchurch and Betty his wife to be
 the actual Deed and ordered to be
 recorded to which the said Betty is
 a party in the said County Court

R08008

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Voluntarily Assent thereto.

Est.

Teste.

R08008

Transcribed by Mae D. Cox

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Zacariah Simm's line at a red oak on the Westward road, thence along the said Road to the head of a slash on the South East side of the said Road to a pine on John Neal's line, thence along the said Slash to white oak swamp, thence down the Various Courses of the said Swamp to the mouth of a branch called Battes spring branch on **Burwell Upchurche's** line, thence up the said branch to a poplar, Thence to Taylor's Corner pine, thence along Taylor's line to the Westward Road a red oak, thence along the said Road to white Oak swamp, thence up the various courses of the said Swamp to King's Corner Gum, thence along King's line to George Johnson's Corner red oak, from thence up the various courses of the said Swamp to a red oak, thence along the said Road to King's Corner Gum thence along King's Line to George Johnson's Corner red oak, from thence to the Westward Road at the Beginning To Have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land and premises **it being all the Lands that was Given him by his Father** together with all and every advantage thereunto belonging to the only use and behoof of him the said Owen Myrick his heirs and Assigns forever, and the said Upchurch and Bettey his wife Shall and will acquit and convey confirm and defend from all persons whatsoever a good and Lawful Right and Title to the said Land and premises within mentioned and the said **Hermon Upchurch** and Bettey his wife doth agree to makeover and convey and Defend free from all Incumbrance that any person or persons shall claim against the said Land by any writings or contracts whatsoever to the said Land and the said **Hermon Upchurch** and Bettey his wife doth agree that the said Owen Myrick shall be entitled to enjoy the said Land with a peaceable Seizure to act and do with the said Tract or parcel of Land To the true Intent and meaning of these presents In Witness whereof the said **Hermon Upchurch** and Bettey his wife have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year first above Written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered }
In Presence of }

His
Hermon + Upchurch (LS)
mark

Briggs Goodrich
Nathaniel Mason,
John Carpenter ["his mark"]
James Fletcher,
John Walton ,
James Johnson.

Brunswick County Court the 25th Day of
February 1788. This Indenture was Acknowledged
by **Hermon Upchurch and Bettey his wife** to be
heir Act and Deed and ordered to be Recorded
Previous to which the said Bettey being privately
examined as the Law directs did

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voluntarily assent thereto.

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At a Court held for Brunswick County the 25th Day of
February 1788. -

William Thornton Present. Binns James &
Thomas Stith Benjamin Black Gant
James Fletcher

An Indenture of bargain & Sale from Harmon Upchurch &
Betty his wife to Owen Myrick was acknowledged by the
said Harmon & Betty to their act & Deed & Ordered to
be Recorded. Previous to which the said Betty being private
ly examined as the Law directed did voluntarily asent
thereto

R08008

Harmon
Upchurch and
wife Betty sold
their 100 acres
in Virginia

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 25th Day of
February 1788 ~
William Thornton Present Binns(?) James &
Thomas Stith Benjamin Black(?) Gant
James Fletcher
An Indenture of Bargain & Sale from Harmon Upchurch &
Betty his wife to Owen Myrick was acknowledged by the
said Harmon & Betty to be their act & Deed & Ordered to
be Recorded. Previous to which the said Betty being private
ly examined as the Law directed did voluntarily asent
thereto
A Deed of Gift from Littlebury Robinson(?) & Littlebury
Robinson

Final Entry for Sale of Land February 1788

The record at left shows that, a few days after the recording of Harmon's sale of land to Owen Myrick, the final entry was made confirming the sale and most likely tying up all loose ends.

Harmon not listed in 1790 census

Harmon not on 1790 Census

Since our Harmon Upchurch doesn't show up on the Virginia or North Carolina censuses for 1790, it's highly possibly this is the timeframe when he was relocating.

The 1790 census on the next page lists several of Harmon's relatives who were firmly established on farms scattered across North Carolina (also see page 122). Most likely when Harmon sold his Virginia land inheritance in 1788 — land his father, James III, left him — he was planning to move on southward into North Carolina where most of his family had already migrated.

Harmon is thought to be the first

March 2, 1792 Harmon Shows up in North Carolina

Four years after selling his land inheritance in Virginia, Harmon surfaces again. This time there is a mention of him in a land transaction recorded in Montgomery County, North Carolina.

Upchurch to settle in Montgomery County, North Carolina

William Johnston 25 acres; warrant #720 issued March 2, 1792 by John crump to William Johnson for 25 ac on Jacobs Cr, joins Harmon Upchurch & George Shankle sr; 25 acres surveyed Nov. 10, 1792 by Isham Harris; on E side of Jacobs Cr; border: begins at George Shankle's corner pine stump & joins Upchurch. Volentine Shankle and Harmun Upchurch, chain carriers; grant #866 issued Jul. 15, 1795. R07040a

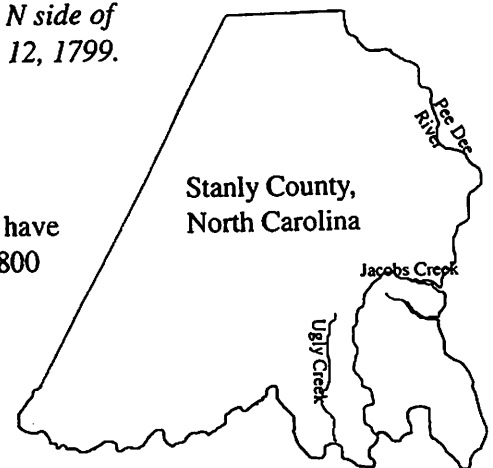
1795 Harmon again mentioned

Harmon's name crops up again in this land record of August 22, 1795: R07040b

Jno Swaringan 40 acres; warrant #2018 issued Aug. 22, 1795 by John crump to John Swargim for 40 acres on N side of Jacobs Cr, joins George Shankle, Harmon Upchurch, John Shankle, & my own [line]. 40 ac surveyed Aug. 18, 1796... on SW side of Pee Dee R; border; begins at said Swaringan's corner hickory of his 100 ac tract in an old field on N side of Jacobs Cr, joins John Shankle, and Upchurch. Grant issued Apr. 12, 1799.

Harmon not on 1800 Census

For the second time, Harmon doesn't show up in census records. We have to suppose that he was just missed by record takers as we know by 1800 he was living in North Carolina and owned land.



1800 Harmon Buys Land

Though the warrant was issued in 1800 for Harmon to purchase 100 acres of land, it wasn't until mid-1803 that it's recorded:

*Harman Upchurch 100 ac; warrant #5415 issued November 3, 1800 by John Neal to **Harman Upchurch** for 100 ac on Persimmon Br, joins John Randle, & his own [Harmon's] line; 100 ac surveyed January 26, 1802 by Thos Cotton on Sw side of Yadkin R & on Possimmon Br; border begins at a red oak at intersection of his own line & John Randle; Solomon Mabrey & **Allen Upchurch**, chain carriers; Nov 29, 1802 **Harman Upchurch** paid purchase money for 100 ac in entry #5415 (signed) J Craven, compt; grant #1912 issued Aug 20, 1803. R07040d*

Valentine
Shankle and
Harmon
Upchurch, chain
carriers

1801 Harmon is still in Montgomery County

Once again he is mentioned in a land warrant issued March 16, 1801

*William Hunter esq 200 ac; warrant #5566 issued Mar 16, 1801 by John Neal to William Hunter for 200 ac joins John Shankle & **Harmon Upchurch** on S side of Jacob Cr; 200 ac surveyed Jan. 26, 1802 by Thos Cotton; on SW side of Yadkin R & on S side of Jacobs Cr; border: begins at a black walnut in **Harmon Upchurch's** line and joins John Shankle; Solomon Mabrey and **Allen Upchurch**, chain carriers; Nov. 30, 1802 William Hunter paid purchase money for 200 ac in entry #5566... grant #1908 issued Aug. 20, 1803. R07040c*

Last Mention of Harmon in Land Records

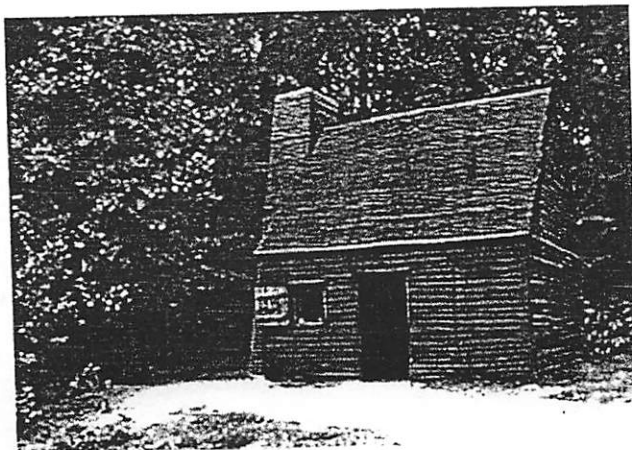
The last known mention of Harmon Upchurch in a land transaction was dated February 12, 1810:

*David Smith 20 ac; warrant #6753... by Will Stone to David Smith for 20 ac on Ceder Cr of Davids Cr, joins **Harmon Upchurch**, & Solomon Mabrey; 20 ac surveyed September 1810 by as Chappell; on Ceder Cr of Davids Cr; border beings at his old corner pine ... November 30, 1810 David Smith paid purchase money for 20 ac in entry #6753 (signed S. Goodwin, compt; grant #2198 issued Dec. 11, 1810. R07041a*

1810 Census, Montgomery County, North Carolina

The first census record to list Harmon Upchurch came in 1810 when he and wife Betty appeared on the North Carolina census. See record at right.

Harmon and Betty have four children living with them, and are each shown to be over 45 years of age — Harmon would have actually been 70 years



It's not known what Harmon's house was like. This one is typical of the time period.

of age. They show young children in their home, a son between 16-26 (possibly Howell), a son 10-16 (possibly James), a son under 10 (possibly Benjamin), and a daughter 10-16 (name unknown).

Harmon, 70,
has children
under age 16.

His wife, if indeed first-wife-Betty is still the wife shown, would have been about 70. To have a child under ten would not have been possible. As just shown, the ages do match up with birthdates of his children, meaning they would have been born when Betty was in her sixties. This was discussed on first page of this section.

For the children to be these ages we speculate that Harmon must have married a second time and there were possibility more children than those we know about.

Harmon's son Allen was not named in the 1810 census; however since he was about 30 years of age and had married, in all likelihood he had his own household.

1810 Census Montgomery County, North Carolina • James Kendall District R05041

Mr. Rice	1	2	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	4
Arthur Rice	"	"	1	"	1	2	"	"	"	"	5
Sam. Brown	"	"	"	1	"	1	"	1	"	"	5
John Hunter	2	"	"	1	1	2	"	"	"	"	9
John Hunter											
John L. Allen	1	2	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	10
Geo. Patton	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	10
M. Simpson	4	"	"	1	"	2	1	"	1	"	10
John Coley	3	"	"	1	"	5	"	1	1	"	10
Geo. Mumford	1	"	"	1	"	8	3	1	"	"	2
William Mumford	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	2
Geo. Mumford	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	2
Samuel Brown	"	"	1	"	1	"	2	"	1	"	10
John Finch	2	"	2	1	1	"	2	"	1	"	4
Ed. Rice	"	"	2	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	4
Arthur Rice	1	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	1
Geo. Shankle	2	"	"	1	8	2	"	1	"	"	8
John Shankle	3	"	"	1	2	2	"	"	"	"	2
Rowdy Shankle	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	3
Ed. Shankle	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	3
Harmon Mumford	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
John Mumford	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1
John Mumford	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1

Harmon is 70
when 1810
census taken

Children Living in Same Area

We know Harmon and Betty's first child was born in Virginia, and the other three are believed born in the Montgomery County, North Carolina.

Several records support that Harmon and Elizabeth and their sons were all living in the Montgomery County area. Son Allen will be discussed in the next section. Son, Howell Upchurch is listed in Montgomery County, North Carolina, Extant Deeds for 1840 where on February 15th he sold 180 acres for \$200.

on the waters of Long Creek R07042b

Howell, Benjamin, and Allen are also all listed in the Stanly County Tax Lists beginning in 1841. These names appear frequently in the tax lists that will be shown in the next sections on Allen Upchurch and Patrick Bogan Upchurch.

Harmon
believed buried
in Laton-
Upchurch
Cemetery

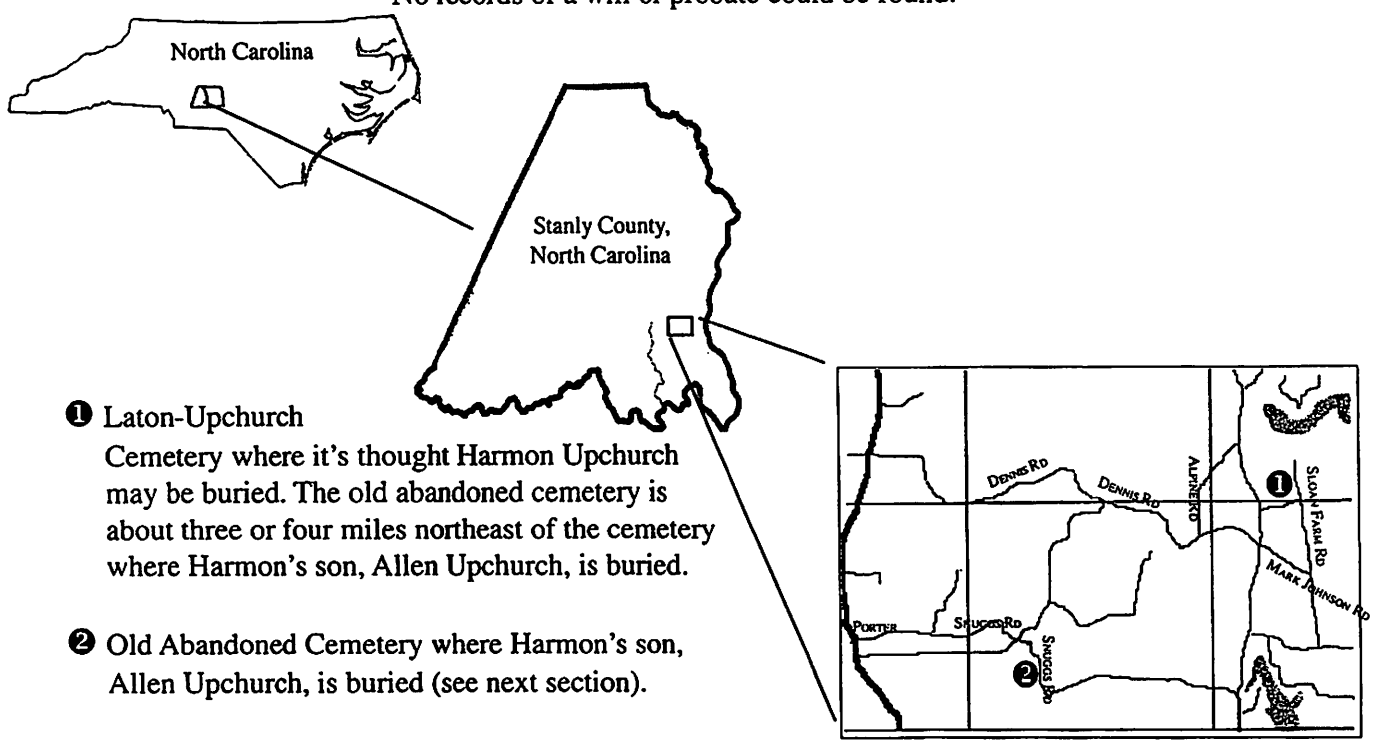
Harmon's Death

It is believed that Harmon died when he was about 75 years of age, somewhere around 1815. He appears in the 1810 census, but doesn't show up after that.

Early researchers thought perhaps Harmon had been buried in the old Laton-Upchurch Cemetery. That cemetery is located off the east side of Indian Mound Road near Jacob's Creek and Lake Tillery (just off Pee Dee River) in Stanly County, North Carolina.

The cemetery was surveyed many years ago and was shown to have twenty-five to thirty graves; none identifiable. We're not able to give irrefutable proof that this is the actual spot where Harmon is buried, though it does seem quite likely since this is the general area where he lived.

No records of a will or probate could be found.



- ① Laton-Upchurch Cemetery where it's thought Harmon Upchurch may be buried. The old abandoned cemetery is about three or four miles northeast of the cemetery where Harmon's son, Allen Upchurch, is buried.
- ② Old Abandoned Cemetery where Harmon's son, Allen Upchurch, is buried (see next section).

Harmon is
another elusive
Upchurch

Summary on Harmon Upchurch

This is another of the elusive Upchurches as records and data on him are as scarce as hen's teeth. This is the ancestor about whom I feel quite uncomfortable as there's not enough data to really get a good feel for him and his life.

Take for instance the case of his wife or wives. We don't have a last name for her and we don't know if there were two wives... three... or even just one. What little data we have is confusing as the ages given for wife Betty are impossible to match up with the ages of the children belonging to Harmon. Perhaps another researcher will delve into this conundrum and give it a deeper look-see.

Another questionable area is where was Harmon during the 1790 and 1800 censuses? Most likely he left Virginia around 1790, but we don't know that for sure. Since most all the other Upchurches had relocated to North Carolina before 1790, then perhaps he too followed them there after selling his land in 1788.

He was in North Carolina in 1792 at which time he was mentioned in a land warrant as an adjoining land owner/holder. Again in 1795 he was mentioned in a similar record.

But then we run across conflicting data. Where was he when Brunswick County's Meherrin Parish reimbursed him for burial fees in 1794? This could have been an old expense and the church was just getting around to paying him in 1794. Or, he could have journeyed back to Virginia to take care of Jane Curtis' burial. Another thing to consider is just who is this Jane Curtis and what was her relationship to Harmon.

Just when did Harmon die? He's on the 1810 census, but not on the 1820 one. He's also mentioned in a land warrant dated 1810. The 1810 census and 1810 land warrant are the last two mentions of Harmon Upchurch. We therefore draw the conclusion that he died between 1810 and 1820.

We're left with an abundance of questions on this ancestor. Hopefully someone will further explore his life and perhaps shed light on more of the events surrounding Harmon Upchurch.

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

Diseases and Illnesses

During the early days in America, colonists were plagued by a variety of epidemics that took a heavy toll on their colony. With very few doctors around to treat these settlers they instead had to rely on home remedies which didn't always work very well. The following are some of the known epidemics in the colonies:

- 1657 Measles
- 1687 Measles
- 1690 Yellow Fever
- 1713 Measles
- 1729 Measles
- 1738 Smallpox
- 1747 Measles
- 1759 Measles
- 1761 Influenza
- 1772 Measles
- 1775 Unknown deadly epidemic
- 1783 Bilious Disorder, extremely fatal
- 1788 Measles
- 1793 Influenza
- 1793 putrid throat/fever and Influenza
- 1793 Unknown
- 1793 Unknown
- 1793 Yellow Fever
- 1794 Yellow Fever
- 1732-33 Influenza
- 1739-40 Measles
- 1775-76 Influenza
- 1796-97 Yellow Fever