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Love for children led to teaching career

(Editor's note: This article is one in a series on teachers who are retiring this year from area schools.)

By MARY BETH STARR
Staff writer

Margaret Upchurch intended to pursue a career in church work, after graduating with a degree in religion and English from Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

She thought she would like to become a youth minister, because of her love for children.

But the only job she could find when she returned home to Selma was a teaching job, and she has remained in the education field ever since.

This year, she retires after 22 years at Swift Creek Elementary School teaching fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

She also taught for eight years in

Harnett County and two years in Johnston County, always fourth through seventh grades.

Even though she did not become a minister, one of her sons, Robert, is now a minister in Newark, Ohio.

She also has three other sons. The oldest, Wayne, is a former newspaper photographer; Sam is a guard in a New Jersey hospital who has done police work, and Ronnie is a mechanic for Carolina Power & Light Co. in the Raleigh area.

Her husband, Robert, has been a fireman for 30 years, and is now retired and working part time at a Sears store.

She is looking forward to her retirement so they can spend more time together.

"Resting" is what she most looks forward to, along with "getting the house back in order."

She also plans to work with flowers in her yard, one of her favorite diversions. "I won't find any time to be bored," she said.

She stayed with the fourth through seventh grade age group because she had experience with that age level through church work.

"I don't think I would have enjoyed primary school or done as well in high school," she said, citing her small stature as a potential problem with disciplining the bigger students.

"I just kind of understand this age group," she said.

Since her early days of teaching, she has noticed more discipline problems among the students.

"Young parents have not seen discipline as a major need," she said. She blames society for instilling an attitude of not sticking to a job until it is done.

She also said working mothers may be another contributing factor to the increasing discipline problems.

Another big change is that class sizes have decreased from a high of 44 students when she first started teaching to 26 pupils now.

She said she still enjoys her work.

"Watching young minds grow and develop, become responsible ... that's your pay. The money helps you to live, but that's your reward."



Margaret Upchurch

⑩ Excerpt from RPH NC Trip 9-23 OCT 2007 - Pg 33
23 OCT 2007 while at airport on return called Margaret. She is now 84. Says her Brown Book won't exist until her son Sam retires next July & moves to Raleigh. He will finish it.

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28 FEB 2002

MARGARET UPCHURCH
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Dear Cousin Margaret,

Thank you for your renewal on the
UB for the Brown records in your letter which
arrived earlier this week. I have extracted the
records and made all the individuals mentioned
a part of my Biopile system. All Wake County, NC
records are of interest to me because all
my grandparents and most if not all of my
great-grandparents lived there going back to the
Revolution.

Our 3-week trip to NC last December was
very successful from a family history stand-
point. Almost all of the large amount of
material collected has now been processed. I
am still working on the extracts for the
Inwood Church history book. Perhaps you

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are aware that my Upchurch ancestors helped establish that church. I attended there as a child. My Greatgrandmother was the first person buried in the cemetery. It was great to meet your son Ronnie and his wife Debra there, they seem to be very active in the church.

I enjoyed our brief conversation by phone while we were in Raleigh. It was great to learn that you and Sam are about ready to publish your Brown Book. Please put me on the list of people you will notify when it is available. I hope to buy a copy if it is for sale.

I am trying to focus more on the Upchurch family of NC and it is working out well. It is time to start working on my Upchurch Book - maybe this fall.

With all best wishes to you & Robert

Sincerely yours

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Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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Husband: Thomas Brown

Died: 1803 in: Wake Co, NC

△ Father: James Brown, Jr.

▽ Wife: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown

Died: Jul 1814 in: Wake Co, NC

CHILDREN

1	△ Name: Delilah/Dilly Brown	
F	Married: 10 Oct 1806	in: Wake Co, NC
	Died: Bef 1844	in: Wake Co, NC
	△ Spouse: Thomas Grantser Morris	in: Marshall Co, MS
2	△ Name: Rebecca Brown	
F		
3	△ Name: John Brown	
M		
4	△ Name: Thomas Brown	
M	Born: Bef 1782	
5	△ Name: Elizabeth Brown	
F	Born: 1794	
	Married: 24 Feb 1812	in: Wake Co, NC
	△ Spouse: Jesse Jones Morris	
6	△ Name: James Brown	
M		
7	△ Name: Nancy Brown	
8	△ Name: Polly Brown	
F		
9	△ Name: Rhody Brown	
F		
10	△ Name: Sarah/Sally Brown	
F	Born: Bef 1796	
11	△ Name: Henson Self Brown	
M	Born: 1801	

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Husband: Thomas Brown

Source: Nov/1789: Deed of Gift from James Brown Jr "to my son, Thomas Brown", Wake Co NC Deed Bk H. pg.503
Died: 1803
in: Wake Co. NC
Source: Wake Co NC original Will @ State Archives. dated 18 Feb 1803. (copy in my files) names only his sons but loose estate papers filed in Ps & Qs Nov/1814 names all his children, including the husbands of Delilah & Betsy.
Relationship with Father: James Brown, Jr. - Natural
Relationship with Mother:

Wife: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown

Died: Jul 1814
in: Wake Co. NC
Source: Loose Estate Papers. Wake Co. Nov/1814 @ NC State Archives Thomas Brown, Deed gives date of Thomas' death & his wife "Elizabeth's death" & names all the children including the husbands of Betsy & Delilah.

Child: Delilah/Dilly Brown

in: Wake Co. NC
Died: Bef 1844
in: Marshall Co. MS
Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

* **Child:** Rebecca Brown

Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

Child: John Brown

Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

Child: Thomas Brown

Born: Bef 1782
Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

Child: Elizabeth Brown

Born: 1794
Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

Child: James Brown

Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

Child: Nancy Brown

Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

Child: Polly Brown

Relationship with Father: Thomas Brown - Natural
Relationship with Mother: Elizabeth (nee?) Brown - Natural

① Margaret Brown (b 17 AUG 1923) m 23 AUG 1947 Robert Juan U (b 26 JUL 1925). They have 4 children (28)

② See 27 SEP 1977 It's Laura J. U to RPY
Laura J. - m Samuel Hugh U (3 DEC 1977) and became dau-in-law of Margaret (Brown) U. Laura suggested RPY units to Margaret:

Mrs Margaret U
2806 Fairway Drive } in AF
Raleigh, NC 27603.

③ See Family Chart rec'd 27 JAN 1981 from Robert Juan U.
Margaret B. Brown is dau of William Argo Brown
b 30 SEP 1878 d SEP 1967 & Leah Blanch Wall
b 1890. William was son of Stephen Thomas Brown.

④ See It's 19 FEB 1982 Robert Juan U to RPY
He m'd Margaret Blanche Brown.

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Too often I set my notice
aside to renew and then forget
to send this in. I'm sorry to be
so late —

Keep up the good work. I
appreciate it very much

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For UB
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Here I am - late again.
I hope you and yours are
well -

Thanks for all your hard
work for our family,
Margaret Upchurch

B-1-92
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- ⑪ Rec'd APR 1992 Ch # 8935 for \$10.00 signed 1 APR by Margaret B. U. & Robert I. & Mrs Margaret B. U. T 2806 Fairway Dr. 772-4190, Raleigh, NC 27603

Hi!

I noted your offer to send copies of the list of Upchurches in America from Michael I through the 6th generation. That's very thoughtful of you. I would like three copies if possible, so I can share with my sons. I'm enclosing a small check to help in covering the expense of doing us this favor. Thanks. Margaret Upchurch

R.F.P. 392

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- ⑫ 3 FEB 1993 - Rec'd Ch No 9311 for 15 signed 28 JAN Margaret B. U. for UB 1993 T Robert I. U & Mrs Margaret B. U., 2806 Fairway Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603 T 919-772-4190. B-2-93

- ⑬ Notes of RPU/SSU NC Trip 29 NOV - 17 DEC 2001
22) 14 DEC 2001 (FRI)

Called Margaret (Brown) U and had a nice chat. She & son Sam have their brown stuff ready to publish. She recalls I asked her about a particular Brown. She found him.

Also met Bonnie U, son of MBB, and Rosmer wife Debra at Inwood church. Apparently they had not mentioned my presence in Raleigh to Margaret.

MARGARET BLANCHE BROWN

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8 APR 1992

MARGARET UPCHURCH

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Dear Cousin Margaret,

Thanks for your request for the chart of the first 6 generations of Upchurch in America and for your \$10.00 donation in support of the Upchurch Research Fund.

Enclosed herewith are the three copies of the chart you have requested. One of them has been highlighted in yellow to show your husband's line. My GGGF Elliott U. (XID-80) is shown on the chart just below your Buster U. These two brothers are 6th Generation members. The chart is a little cluttered and I hope one day to recopy it. Let me know if you have any changes, additions, etc.

It is always good to hear from you. Please let me have details on any changes in the family.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

MARGARET BLANCHE BROWN

XFD-2338

24 FEB 1991

MARGARET UPCHURCH
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Dear Cousin Margaret,

Thanks for your renewal on the UB for 1991. We are in the midst of getting ready to print UB Vol 12 Vol 1 and it should reach readers before mid March. From it you will note that I am excited about having discovered lower relatives of Alfred U who was one of 9 brothers, all sons of Bartis U, your husband's GGF John Rice U, I was one of the 9 brothers.

Enclosed is a copy of the Master outline for Ancestral U. You will note we are missing quite a few details. I will appreciate anything you can do to update, add to, correct, this Master outline. We need full names (full maiden names for females), dates of birth, marriage and death and place of birth, marriage, death, and burial.

It is always good to hear from you. Thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

(1)

13 FEB 1988

MRS MARGARET B. W. PENTURCH
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Dear Margaret,

Thanks for your recent letter with all the details and for the renewal on the U & B for 1988. I have extracted all the details and have them properly recorded. There are still a few missing items for your family or parents of confusion. I must have copied some things down wrong. Perhaps there will be a few of these which you can straighten out.

Congratulations on the new grandsons. My records show you have five grandchildren which beats me by one.

Could you let me know your son Sam's address. I might drop him a line. He seemed quite interested in family history at one point.

Here are the items that need attention in your family.

1) you & Robert I van U - All OK

2) Wayne Edward U

a) For his first wife - Was her last name DAWN or DAWN? Was her maiden name Victoria Roblin?

b) For his second wife - Did they marry 11 JUN 1981 or 11 JUL 1981?

3) For Robert Brian U - 2-

a) Did he marry YANOV 1943 or YANOV 1944? (2)

b) Was Kirsten Brian U b in CANTON, ON or CARLTON, ON?

4) For Samuel Hugh U

a) Was Laura Jean DePalma b 29 MAY 1958 or 26 MAY 1958
and where was she born? [I realize you
probably have no way to get this. She
wrote me that they were married
3 DEC 1977]

5) For Ronald William U - All OK

The above do not amount to much since
we have a good portion of the facts. However,
I like to try for perfection even if it is
not possible.

If you have any idea how we might
get more details on the families for the
brothers and sisters of Hugh Conway U it
could be quite helpful. Did your husband
know the Aunt & Uncle and their children
(her first cousin)? The entire outline for
John Rice U, II (your husband's gf) is not
bad but more input is desired. This family
is of special interest to me because it descended
from Nathan U, I, my 39th.

Hope you are enjoying retirement!

Sincerely yours
Phil Oschurdy

{ROBERT PHILIP UPHURCH}

B-4-88

Rec'd 9 FEB 1988 ch # 6350 for 15 mgwd 4 FEB
: Margaret B. U T Robert L. & Margaret B. U.

△ Robert Ivan Upchurch born 7/26/35 in Raleigh
N.C.
married 8/23/47 - Johnston County (Selma) N.C.

□ Margaret Blanche Brown born 8/17/23 Johnston Co.
near Selma N.C.

Children:

△ 1. Wayne Edward Upchurch - born 3/8/49 Johnston Co.
N.C.

1st married ^{1st} Spring of 1975 in Wilmington N.C.

△ Victoria Robbins Daum born 3/19/57

Divorced May 1981 - name & probable birthplace Vienna, Va.

△ 2nd marriage - Marilyn Linda Wood born 12/17/48 Miami, Fla.
7/11/81 in Wilmington, N.C.

△ 2. Robert Brian Upchurch B. 8/15/50 Raleigh
N.C.

△ } married - Katherine Irene Balken B. 10/24/50
11/4/74 - Carrollton, Ohio Birthplace Licking Co. Ohio

△ A. Elizabeth Irene Upchurch - 1/26/77
Birthplace - Vallejo Calif.

△ B. Kirsten Briana Upchurch - B. 2/18/80
Birthplace - Carrollton, Ohio

□ C. Robert Matthew Upchurch - B. 11/28/84
Birthplace - Newark, Ohio

△ 3. Samuel Hugh Upchurch Born - 5/9/53
Birthplace Raleigh, N.C.

△ married - Laura Jean Dipalmo 5/26/58
↓ in
New York City - December - 1979 (?)
Divorced 1982

△ H. Ronald William Upchurch - } Born 1/27/55
October 23, 1976 } in Raleigh, N.C.

△ married Deborah Lee Phillippi } B. 5/30/58 Born in Raleigh
in Raleigh, N.C.

□ A. Michelle Lynn Upchurch B. 7/8/81
Raleigh, N.C.

△ ^{A new one} → * B. Alexander Bryant Upchurch B. 1/13/88
Raleigh, N.C.

1 MAR 1987

MRS ROBERT I. UPCHURCH
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Dear Cousin Margaret,

Thank you very much for the details
mailed in your February, 1987 letter which
arrived on the 14th. I have just finished
processing all of the details you sent and they
fit nicely. I have written to Mrs. Thomas
Crosino whose address you provided.

Let me list for you the details which are
missing for your family in hopes that you
can supply some of these.

- 1) For yourself
 - a) where were you and Robert married?
- 2) For Wayne Edward U
 - a) where was he married the first and second times?
 - b) when in JULY 1951 was he married?
 - c) what is the full maiden name of Victoria
Damm and when and where was she born?
 - d) where was Marilyn Linda Wood born?
- 3) For Robert Brian U
 - a) where was he married?
 - b) what is the full maiden name of Katherine
Bellen and when & where was she born?

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- (2)
- 1) For Samuel Knight
a) where was he named?
b) where was Laura Jean Dipalmo born?
- 2) For Ronald Williams
a) where was he named?
b) where was Deborah Lee Phillippe born?

Perhaps some of the above is simply not available - I'll appreciate anything you can provide.

I have a copy of the article on you, including the picture, which appeared in the 5 JUN 1985 issue of the Cary News. Did I tell you that I went to Swift Creek Elementary School for eight years? What a coincidence that you and I had a long time association with the same school. I was there in the late 1930's. Did you know Randolph Jefferys who taught there. He named my 1st cousin Fair Upchurch and he and I were very close in the 1940's.

Vol 8 Issue #1 of the U B should be in your hands by mid-March. It has a picture of me and a three page story of my life.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch
{ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH}

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REC'D
14 FEB 1987

Dear Mr. Upchurch,

I received your letter and I must apologize for my error in spelling. I had been given Sandra's children's first names and birthdates. I looked up the last name and hurriedly scratched it down. When I started writing them to send to you I had a visitor drop in and I guess I got careless and missed the first spelling then just continued to copy the error. I do apologize for the error. I talked with my sister-in-law, Ruth (Upchurch) Stone and she has Sandra's address as:

Δ Mrs. Thomas J. Giachino
4718 Valleyview South
West Bloomingfield, Michigan 48033
wrote to her
1 MAR 1987

As to the birthplaces of my family they are:

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| Δ - Robert Ivan Upchurch | - born in | Raleigh, N.C. | Wake Co. |
| □ - Margaret (Brown) Upchurch | - .. near | Selma, N.C. | Johnston Co. |
| Δ - (1) Wayne Edward Upchurch | - near | Selma, N.C. | Johnston Co. |
| Δ - (2) Robert Brian Upchurch | | Raleigh, N.C. | Wake Co. |
| Δ - _____ (a) Elizabeth Irene Upchurch | | California | Solano Co. |
| Δ - _____ (b) Kirsten Briana Upchurch | | Canton, Ohio | Stark Co. |
| Δ - _____ (c) Robert Matthew Upchurch | | Newark, Ohio | Licking Co. |
| Δ - (3) Samuel Hugh Upchurch | | Raleigh, N.C. | Wake Co. |
| Δ - (4) Ronald William Upchurch | | Raleigh, N.C. | Wake Co. |
| Δ - _____ (d) Michelle Lynn Upchurch | | Raleigh, N.C. | Wake Co. |

I think I've sent the grandchildren and my daughters in-laws before but I'm not sure - We do still have only 4 grandchildren but they are 4 very precious ones. I know you're looking forward to your 4th one.

[MARGARET B. U.]

Sincerely,
Margaret Upchurch

MARGARET BLANCE BROWN XID-2338

3 FEB 1987

MRS ROBERT I. UPCHURCH
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Dear Margaret,

Thank you for the order on the U B and for the extra information. The money was just right. you will probably get a 2nd invoice but just ignore it.

There is something we need to sort out on the husband of Sandra Jean U. West in her book used the spelling GIACHINO and you used the spelling GRACHINO. Do you have firm evidence on the spelling. I understand he was Attorney General of the State of Michigan at one time and that he had a law (LL.B) degree from Wayne State Univ in Detroit, MI. It should be possible to track him down.

Can you drop me a note on where you and your husband and your children were born? Do you still have just 4 grandchildren? we are expecting our 4th this summer.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

22 APR 1982

MRS ROBERT I UPCHURCH
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RALEIGH, NC 27603

Dear Mrs Upchurch,

I have just now cycled back to the sheet of details you sent on February 19, 1982 and have extracted all of the information and placed it in the appropriate places. Thank you for being so helpful. I hope you found the latest issue of Upchurch Bulletin especially useful because it had the Nathan W/Buster W Subiguan Outline.

Here are some questions I hope you can answer -

(1) For you and your husband -
a) where were each of you born?
b) where named?

(2) For Wayne Edward W
a) where born?
b) where were the two marriages?
c) Exact date of the 2nd marriage (I have JUL 51)?
d) Full maiden name for Victoria DAWN + where born?
e) where was Marilyn + Linda Wood born?
f) I assume no children of either marriage - right?

(3) For Robert Brian U

- a) where born & where married?
- b) Full maiden name of Katherine Bellen and her birth date and place?
- c) where were her two children born?

(4) For Samuel Hugh U

- a) where born and where married?
- b) where was Laura Jean Dipalmo born?

(5) For Ronald William U

- a) where born and where married?
- b) where was his wife born?
- c) where was their daughter born?

(6) For your husbands ~~parents~~ parents Asa & Hugh

- a) where were they each born?
- b) where were they married?
- c) where did Hugh die?
- d) Is Asa Vivian spelled VIVIAN or VIVIEN?

(7) For your husbands grandparents John Paul U & Della

- a) when and where married?
- b) where born, where died, where buried?
- c) Exact Birth date for John - (Phone ca 1864)?
- d) what does "L" in Della L. Victoria Stone stand for?

(8) For Walth L. Sewell (son of Eunice U)

Did he or his father or his son work for the N.C. State Highway System in the 1950's and 1960's? I cooperated with a person there of that name and wonder if it is the same.

I have sent flyers of UB to all the addresses you sent. - Let me hear from you even if you have answer for just some of the above - Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch [ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

#1 - Upchurch relatives from Franklin Co, NC (2)
drifted south and are found today in
the Emot / Empshaw area of Johnston Co, NC
- they also drifted (?) but in lesser numbers
to other parts of Johnston and some
worked their way back to Johnston by
way of Wake, Chatham and Harnett counties.

I have varying amounts of detail on
these various "sets" of the family - Perhaps
you will run across some of them
in your Johnston Co, research.

#2 For two periods in my professional life
at N.C. State I did research on land rented
from Joe Sanders near Cleveland School
in Johnston Co. (between Swift Creek & Middle
Creek) This was 1942-1950 and 1953-1962. I got
to know Joe and wanted to get to know
his two daughters - but this last part did
not work out well.

#3 Ana Gardner - no real connection except that
I have always been proud that NC produced
such a beautiful and talented person - have
maintained a file on her.

#4. Robert Oliver Edwards of Smithfield and
I are collaborating on the Edwards

family of NC. We hope to publish an ⁽³⁾
~~article~~ on the members of this family
 who appeared on the 1850 Wake Co, NC
 Census and to show how ~~they~~ are
 related. My Grandmother was an Edwards.

It is always good to hear from
 you. I am beginning to think about
 another trip to NC - don't know
 when but it will happen!

My Best to All!



Sincerely yours
 Phil Upchurch

P.S. - Note
 enclosed change
 of address sheet.

{ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH}

Phil U

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REC'D
14 MAR 1996

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①

Dear Cousin Robert,

I received your letter of inquiry and would love to be in a position, or knowledge, to help you. I find most of my ancestors were truly of Johnston County as far back as I can prove, at least at present. I still have a long way to go even with what I've learned about. I'll give you a bit of that later but I am sending you a paragraph I took from the Wake Heritage Book which might give you a lead to follow up on - since it does put a Cross with a Brown in Wake County - it could be in the same area or a little help - if you haven't already researched this connection. I wrote it out just in case you don't have this book but I bet you do.

My family does seem to have been in Johnston County since 1750 - that is if the ones I've found were born in America. I don't know when they came to America - I can't say they descended from the Peter Brown who was on the Mayflower. There are a lot of us in and from Johnston County now.

I hope this paragraph from the Wake Heritage will help you. It almost gets back to Rebecca's time. If I learn anything I'll gladly send it to you.
Sincerely,
Margaret Upchurch

Through researching Johnston County materials I've learned there was earlier in Johnston County a Daniel Brown who sold land he lived on to a John Brown .1777 - and in 1782. ^{with Code} willed household goods to Peter Brown. The same John Brown died 1787. After this a James Brown ^(for lifetime maintenance) & William Brown sold a piece of land together (as though it were land they had inherited ~~at~~ recently - Also a Jesse & Nancy Brown of Johnston County seemed to be near William Brown / Elizabeth. (continued on back)

Proven information on my family includes:

(2)

great, great, great grandparents

William Brown / Elizabeth ?

b _____ d. 1806 (will)

1) Martha Brown -
1-17-1771 - d. 1826 (will)

great, great grandparents

2) John Brown / Seley ?

6-13-1773 - @ 1844 (will) & after 1850 - census

6-17-1799 - Thomas Brown / Sarah Hatcher

1-5-1801 - Simon Brown / _____ ?

6-28-1803 - Elizabeth Brown

12-21-1805 - William Brown - Betsy Bolton

2-15-1807 - Sarah Brown

10-8-1809 - Seley Brown

3-30-1812 - John Brown - Beedy Garner

6-24-1814 - Stephen Brown - Willey Starling

5-30-1817 - Willey Brown

10-7-1819 - Nanssea Brown

10-22-1822 - Adam (a Aden) Brown - Senia Pittman

great grandparents

* This is my line Stephen + Willey

12-6-1841 - Burket Brown - Alice Batten

1-1-1844 - Nancy Brown - Hiram Hatcher

7-3-1846 - Bithal Brown -

7-16-1849 - Charlotte "Lotty" Brown - Charles Hatcher

12-26-1851 - Lilly Brown - Joseph Woodard

7-28-1854 - Winney Brown -

3-16-1857 - Aisom Brown - Sally Woodard

9-24-1859 - Thomas Brown - Mary Hatcher

4-7-1862 - Lecy (Lucy) Brown - Jessie W. Bailey

3-15-1865 - Mary Elin Brown - Charlie Brown

7-31-1868 - Martha Eveline Brown - Jamer Hugh McCall

Grandparents

my Dad was William Argo Brown ^{md.} - Leah Blanche Wall -
11-15-1889 - 9-29-1970 7-8-1891 - 12-21-1989

that Jesse died 1806. (will)

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I can't prove this information to be of my ancestors but I feel that they were and am continuing to search. I believe - the (John) (1787) bought his father, Daniel's land so his parents could have that to live on. I believe John's brother Peter stayed with (or near) his parents to care for them - (Peter's name is on later tax lists)

I believe this John + Amey were William's James's + maybe Jesse's parents - (therefore my great great great great Grandpa but I can't (yet) prove this - but it make me feel my family was here - in Johnston County in the early beginning of our state. John got permission to build -- set up -- a grist mill on Granville's land in 17? don't have the date right here - but this is my rambling based on ^{some} facts but not proven to be so.

I need further information

(But. I didn't know Martha + John's birthdate nor John's children other than Thomas and Stephen until August 8, 1995 - Do you ever get such feelings when you can't prove ???

Good luck in finding Rebecca -

Sincerely
Margaret (Brown) Upchurch

Wade Hampton Brown

I, Wade Hampton Brown Jr. (later dropped the Jr.) was born in Lee County August 10, 1909 to Wade Hampton Brown, Sr. and Delia Moore Johnson Brown. Family moved to Wake County about 1934. I served in the Navy and Merchant Marines. Worked for Seaboard Railroad for 31 years — retired in December 1972. I married Pauline Nolen Clifton June 4, 1938 and have two daughters: Ruth Esther, married to David A. Flowers, Sr. living in Titusville, Florida — both work for NASA; and Janet Rebecca married to Henry W. Ramser — living in Clarksville, Tennessee. She is a math teacher and Henry is a psychologist.

I had ~~one~~ brother, Ralph Leon Brown (deceased) and one sister Kathleen — married Charlie Geoghagan (deceased).

My father had nine brothers and sisters: Marvin, Will, Bernice, Eudora, Molly, Fannie, James, Nannie and Fred M.

His father, ^{W. M.} Burt William Brown, born in 1836 (married ^{W. M.} Laura H. Cross born in 1838). We think his father was Andrew Brown.

* Sources: Family Bible, mother and grandmother.

See Str 27 FEB 1996 Jerry L. Cross & RPU

ANTECEDANTS OF SILAS CROSS FROM WHOM RPU & JLCA ARE DESCENDED

I. William Cross - Probable ancestor of those listed below. He is probably the original immigrant William Cross who arrived in Charles City Co, VA in 1656 as a Headright under Howell Pryse (Price)

A. John Cross b 1660-670 (p Charles City Co, VA) d 1731 (Charles City Co, VA)

md (1) Jane Featherstone

1. Hannah Cross

2. William Cross b p Charles City Co, VA d 1780 (Sussex Co, VA)

md (1) - - -

a. Richard Cross

b. John Cross

c. Edward Cross

d. William Cross b 1754 (VA, p SUSSEX CO, VA)

md (1st) 1780 (1) Rebecca Wallace - p. MOT of marriage

md (2nd) (1) Rachel - -

MOVED VA -> NC BETWEEN 1791 & 1800

3. Mary Cross

4. Featherstone Cross

5. Richard Cross

6. Charles Cross

7. Elias Cross

8. John Cross

9. Saml's Cross

10. Judith's Cross

11. Jane Cross

i. Sarah Cross

ii. Martha Cross

iii. Francis Cross

iv. William Cross

v. Mary Cross

vi. Nancy Cross

vii. Priscilla Cross

viii. Thomas Cross

ix. Elizabeth Cross

x. Richard Cross b 1790 (VA, p Sussex Co) d 1850-1800

md 1814 (Wake Co, NC) Rebecca Brown d before 1839

A farmer

(I) Charles Cross

(II) Mouring Cross

(III) Silas Cross b 1828 (Wake Co, NC) d { NOV 1878 - FEB 1878

(IV) Thomas Cross b 1830

(V) Andriana Cross b 1832

Upchurch

Black Sheep and Bloopers!

1-7-1909

Durham, Jan. 5.—A remarkable family reunion Saturday of the I. S. Upchurch family, commemorating his 84th birthday, which actually occurred December 31, formed a history that never has been made public. Mr. Upchurch was the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom live and ten of whom were present. There were 49 of the 49 grandchildren and 14 of the 21 great grand-children present. Of the 106 nearest relatives, 82 were present and the dinner carried by every relative was spread upon a table of lumber sawed 50 years ago. Mr. Upchurch has been married 57 years. In that time among all his descendants there have been but seven deaths. He enjoys fine health and the chances for 100 are good.

The Larceny Cases. 7-5-1889
 H. R. Upchurch, who was arrested Thursday night on the charge of stealing two hundred dollars or more from one of the contractors on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, was arraigned before Mayor Fowler yesterday and at the conclusion of the investigation was committed to jail in default of bond for appearance at the Criminal Court. Upchurch is about 57 years of age and a native of Wake county, but his home, he says, is in Moore county. He claims that the money found upon his person, about two hundred dollars, was sent to him by his father, from Moore county.

Saturday J. W. Upchurch captured at the farm of Capt. B. P. Williamson, near this city, Joshua Eatman, alias John Gamester, alias William Gamester, colored. Several years ago he murdered a man in Wilson county. Yesterday he was taken there by deputy sheriff O. W. Jones, of Wilson.

3-30-1883

Yesterday Mr. William G. Upchurch sold from his stock farm, to Mr. J. T. Brendon, a prominent and progressive farmer of Bennettsville, S. C., a number of fine cattle from his herd of Jerseys. There was a bull, "Duke of Norfolk," five years old, and three cows, aged nine, seven and two years, each with a calf by her side, the price paid for the lot being \$795. The cattle are all thoroughbreds. We regret to see such splendid stock leave the State.

RALEIGH, N.C.
5-5-1882

At the meeting of the Agricultural Society Mr. W. G. Upchurch was unanimously re-elected president of the society. Mr. P. M. Wilson was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Resolved by the Agricultural Society of North Carolina that R. H. Battle, W. G. Upchurch, S. B. Alexander, Elias Carr and L. L. Polk, be appointed as a committee to urge upon the Legislature of North Carolina to adopt a proper system of sheep husbandry, and that said committee prepare a bill to carry out that object. Adopted.

10-26-1888

Deputy John R. Upchurch got safely back home last night from Gibson's Station. They do say that the attempt to arrest Mr. Gibson, the registrar, fairly aroused the natives for miles around. They found out Upchurch was coming before he got there, and when he attempted to serve the warrant on Mr. Gibson a large crowd had already collected. Some of them were old acquaintances of Upchurch's, but when he spoke to them they had nothing to say in reply. In a short while the whole country was alive, and it is said that they came in from twenty miles distance. They even came from across the South Carolina line. These South Carolina fellows had on red shirts, and they say Deputy Upchurch was scared out of his shoes. The crowd which collected was estimated at about four hundred.

11-9-1888

Mr. Benjamin Upchurch fired two barrels loaded with buckshot into Exum Wester's left breast. Wester had aided a Mr. Styles in running away with a daughter of B. U. The Raleigh Visitor says: Styles and Miss Upchurch were married. Mr. Upchurch soon came up where they were, and seeing Wester immediately shot him. The young man Styles took to the woods, leaving his newly married bride to the mercies of an enraged father, who took her and carried her home with him. All of these parties lived near Peach Tree, in Nash county, this State, and are represented to be industrious, well-to-do farmers. The marriage and shooting, however, was in Franklin county.

8-1-1880

On Monday the wife of Mr. Rufus Upchurch was so terribly burned as to cause her death. She lived in White Oak township, two miles from Rock Hill. Her husband, who was outside the house, was informed, heard her screams, and was horrified to see her rush out of the house with her clothing in flames. He ran to her assistance, but was unable to put out the fire, and was painfully injured about the hands and arms in his fruitless efforts to save her. So terrible were her injuries, that after lingering in terrible suffering, she died yesterday morning. She was young in years and had a large circle of friends and relatives.

2-17-1882

Judge O. D. Upchurch, clerk of Wake Superior Court, says that he has seven minors to apprentice, three girls and four boys, ranging in age from 5 to 12 years, who by process of law have come into his hands to be bound out. The Court orders...

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The two youths drowned near Raleigh in trying to save a young lady from death were but 18 and 19 years of age, and were highly esteemed. The Evening Post says: "Mr. Crocker is the son of Mr. Alcey Crocker, aged about 19, and was in the employ of Mr. John W. Upchurch. He was a sober, industrious and affable young gentleman. Mr. John McMillan, son of Dr. McMillan, aged about 18, was a young man of most exemplary moral character, and the general favorite among 'the boys,' all delighting to be called his associates, and was highly esteemed by our citizens generally."

Raleigh News: Mr. and Mrs. Simms Upchurch, of Chatham County, were both buried in one grave on Monday. Mrs. Upchurch died Sunday morning and her husband, Mr. U., died the same evening. They were old and highly respected. The funeral was conducted with Masonic honors.

4-9-1880

For the Pen. Deputy Sheriff Elder leaves for Raleigh to-day with six prisoners sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary, as follows: Moses Evans, 5 years; H. R. Upchurch, 4 years; Louis Wilkins, 3 years; Moses Bryant, 3 years; Wm. Herring, 3 years, and Thos. Davis, 12 months. All the above named were convicted of larceny. Upchurch is the only white man in the lot.

6-21-1894

Raleigh News and Observer: Monday evening at 5 o'clock, at her home on Wilmington street, Mrs. Adalaide Upchurch, wife of Mr. W. C. Upchurch, died, in the 75th year of her age. Mrs. Upchurch was about a week ago stricken with paralysis of her right side and because of her advanced age but little hopes were entertained for her recovery. She lingered until yesterday evening and quietly died.

Raleigh Cal: There were twenty-five deaths in the city during the month of July—eleven white and fourteen colored. Seven convicts were received at the penitentiary to-day. Three came from Columbus county, two from Randolph county, and two from other places. Mr. W. G. Upchurch to-day shipped a very fine young Jersey bull to Judge R. T. Bennett, at Wadesboro. Fairview farm is now noted for its fine stock, and its fame is extending into other States.

8-9-1889

Raleigh News-Observer: We are informed by Col. Polk that up to date there have been 440 Farmers' Alliances organized in the State. There are at present in the city 172 houses connected with the water works system. Reports were afloat on the streets yesterday of a shooting affair which occurred at Mr. Jeff Upchurch's farm, about three miles southwest of this city, on Saturday night, in which an idiotic negro boy named Tom Bryant, who frequently comes to this city, and is familiarly known as "Foolish Tom," was the victim. It is stated that he was seriously if not fatally shot. The particulars could not be accurately obtained.

3-2-1888

Spirits Turpentine.

8-1881

The Raleigh News-Observator has reduced "Judge" Upchurch to ranks. He is referred to as plain Mister. Another action for damages.

Wilson Advance: Charlie Upchurch, Clerk of Wake County Superior Court, says he will never vote for another "dish-faced" man. That accounts, in Mr. Upchurch's opinion, for Harrison's "cussedness." The Advance we would remark in this connection, was the first paper in the State to urge the repeal of the homestead law, a movement that has grown in favor with the Alliance in the State. Gen. W. H. H. has appointed Mr. W. W. Hall, one of the editors of the Weldon News, to a position on his staff with the rank of major. His many friends in Weldon presented him with a handsome uniform. 7/17/1889

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Hoke County Journal.

Mr. T. B. Upchurch and others interested in the cotton oil mill and fertilizer plant are going ahead with the enterprise in a way that changes plans into realities at a rapid rate. The cotton oil mill and the fertilizer plant will be combined. The stock in the company has been subscribed, and the officers will be elected within three or four days. 2-20-1913

Mr. Chas. D. Upchurch, who was Clerk of the Court here for a great many years, died near Henderson last night of consumption. Mr. Upchurch was a Republican, and for years it was considered almost impossible for a Democrat to defeat him for the clerkship. He had a happy faculty of making friends and was a generous man. He got into error about six years ago and was defeated. Then it was found that he had defaulted about \$15,000. He has not been here since. His remains will be interred here tomorrow. (RALEIGH) 6-21-1895

Lieutenant L. M. Upchurch, of New Hill, N. C., arrived in Wilmington yesterday. It will be remembered by friends of athletics that Mr. Upchurch was before joining the army the star long-distance track man for the University of North Carolina, holding the state record for the half mile. He will leave the city today.

Raleigh Chronicle: There was a rumor on our streets late yesterday evening that the Wake county grand jury had found a true bill of indictment against Mr. Chas. D. Upchurch, late Clerk of the Superior Court of this county for embezzlement. The Chronicle investigated the rumor and found that it was true. The County Commissioners give to the County Clerk a sufficient amount of money to pay the witnesses and current expenses of every court. He was charged with embezzling this money which was not applied for before he left the city, the whole amount not exceeding \$500. 4-13-1891

Of the Penitentiary.

Deputy Sheriff Elder left yesterday for Raleigh, with six prisoners sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary as follows: Moses Evans, 5 years; H. R. Upchurch, 4 years; Louis Wilkins, 3 years; Moses Bryant, 3 years; Wm. Herring, 3 years, and Thos. Davis, 12 months. All the above named were convicted of larceny. Upchurch is the only white man in the lot. 7-24-1889

Chatham Record: In one month's time three old citizens in the same neighborhood, near the Wake and Chatham line, died from cancer. They were Messrs. John Upchurch, Jefferson Mitchell and Mark Barker. 6-1-1894

The case against Allen Upchurch and Blanche Winfree, a young white woman who lives with them, which was removed from before Justice Barbee to Justice Marcom, came up yesterday morning in the court house. They are charged with an attempt to conceal the birth of a child of which Blanche Winfree is the alleged mother. The prosecution was instituted by Beauregard Temple, of St. Matthew's township, a neighbor of Allen Upchurch. After hearing the evidence, the prosecuting attorney withdrew the charge and the case was dismissed. 7-31-1891

Revenue officers Massey, Grimsley and John R. Upchurch a day or two ago laid a trap for illicit distillers in Sampson county and nabbed them in the act. They knew that moonshine operations were being carried on and went and concealed themselves at the place. They had not long to wait when their men came along and started in for a day's work, whereupon they were taken in by the officers. The offenders were Cornelius Hodges and Bradley Jernigan, and they were taken before Commissioner E. W. Pot at Smithfield and gave bond. 12-26-1890

Smithfield Herald: Mr. John W. Upchurch, of Glenmore, says he was out in his field some days ago and found a partridge taking care of a partridge and two small chickens. She seems very fond of the chickens. He thinks a hen laid two eggs in the nest and the partridge set on them and hatched them. They now range in his pasture. Mr. M. D. Johnson says he has seen two nests in which hens and partridges laid together. 7-15-1894

Chatham Record: In one month's time three old citizens in the same neighborhood, near the Wake and Chatham line, died from cancer. They were Messrs. John Upchurch, Jefferson Mitchell and Mark Barker. Serious damage has been done to the wheat crop in some parts of this county by the Hessian fly, and that a good deal of wheat is injured by rust. 5-27-1894

WEDDINGS

MISS POTEAT BRIDE OF CHARLES UPCHURCH

The marriage of Miss Priscilla Poteat daughter of Dr. E. M. Poteat formerly president of Furman University, and a niece of Dr. L. M. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, to Charles Upchurch, of Greenville, S. S., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Upchurch, of Raleigh, was celebrated at the home of the bride, Ir. Elmhurst, N. Y., February 24. The Greenville (S. C.) News has the following account of the wedding:

"A wedding of cordial interest in Greenville took place at the home of the bride at Elmhurst, N. Y., Thursday afternoon, February 24th., when Miss Priscilla Poteat was united in marriage to Charles Upchurch of this city.

"The impressive ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and friends, by the bride's father, Dr. E. M. Poteat.

"The rooms of the Poteat home were thrown together and attractively decorated, simply but artistically with smilax and pink tulips, the improvised altar being arranged with ferns, smilax and white tapers. The bride's only attendant was her youngest sister, Miss Clarissa Poteat, who wore an attractive gown of orchid crepe de chine and carried an arm bouquet of pink sweet peas. The groom was attended by his best man, J. Garland Hood, of Richmond, Va.

"The bride was handsomely gowned in white pussy willow taffeta, made with fitted bodice, pointed in front, and a short full skirt, typifying in every detail the charm of the mid-Victorian mode. On the bodice was a lovely lace collar made by the grandmother of the bride. The veil was cap shape and was becomingly caught to the head with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was an immense mass of fresas and valley lilies in cascade effect and her only ornament was the groom's gift of a diamond pin mounted in platinum.

"Merdelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Gladys McGee, of Greenville.

"Soon after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch left for Richmond, Va., after which they will go for a trip through Florida, the journey from Jacksonville to Miami to be made by motor.

"Mrs. Upchurch left wearing a stylish suit of dark blue tricotine with a neckpiece of gray squirrel and accessories of gray. Her hat was a becoming spring model of black with blue algettes.

"Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch will make their home in Greenville having taken an apartment on Williams St.

"It is with much pleasure that the friends of this young couple will welcome their arrival here.

"Mrs. Upchurch, as Miss Poteat, has a host of friends, made during her residence at the time of her father was president of Furman University.

"She is a young woman of striking personality, the eldest daughter of Dr. E. M. Poteat.

"Mr. Upchurch is a young man of unusual business ability, being secretary of the Imperial Garage, and president of the Greenville Automobile association.

"On the evening preceding the wedding, an informal reception was tendered the wedding party and a few friends, following the rehearsal. A dainty salad course was served followed by an ice course. The dining table was beautiful with its arrangement of smilax and pink tulips, on a handsome cover of cluny lace."—Raleigh Times

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Mr. Schloss Behind Deal
 In spite of the denial, it was stated quite positively yesterday that Mr. S. Schloss is behind the lease of the Metropolitan Opera House in Raleigh to Mr. Sherwood Upchurch. Mr. Schloss, the manager of the house, has gone to St. Louis to take a place with the North Carolina Exposition Exhibit. 2-15-1904

7-28-17
 RALEIGH, N. C. SATURDAY
 7-28-17

Just Odds and Ends

To those who have known Sherwood Upchurch for the last ten years and more, there was no cause for surprise when a Federal grand jury charged him with conspiracy and smuggling liquor by wholesale into the State to Raleigh for supplying blind tigers. Nor was there reason for surprise when he submitted to a fine of \$1,000 and bond of \$2,000 for eighteen months good behavior. He is the type of man who might be expected to be mixed up in such affairs. Yet he has been one of the political bosses of the State's capital city, for many years a member of the board of aldermen under the old aldermanic regime, from the old fourth ward—the home ward of Secretary Daniels and the present editor of the Secretary's paper. Upchurch used to carry that ward in his vest pocket, if any ward politician ever actually did just that. In many a bitter fight, for which the Capital City has become famous, Upchurch was one of the warriors—one of the captains—sometimes a colonel if not a major or a general. Everybody knew him—new the worst and the best—and yet he was powerful—was hard to beat. He was always a factor to be considered. He wouldn't down. If he was killed, he was like the proverbial cat of nine lives, he would "come back." Perhaps one of the secrets of his power was that his enemies did not fight him consistently. When he deemed it best for his cause—for he was as astute and shrewd as the best of them—he would turn up in the camp of the "pure in heart," and because of his following they would receive him with open arms. This might help them to win a particular fight, but when it was over his own arm had been strengthened probably for the next attack upon him and his cohorts. At least this is the way it has appeared to an "innocent by-stander," who may or may not have it doped out wrong.