

Abel Upchurch**XID – 691**

Commentary: Abel Upchurch (b. 1808) was the son of Burtis Upchurch and the grandson of Nathan, head of Upchurch Clan #3. He married Nancy Sorrell in 1839. This union produced a daughter, Adaline. Abel died circa 1855.

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(1) NC Marriages

Abel Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages	Marriage: 27 Nov 1839	Wake, North Carolina
1759 – 1979	Spouse: Nancy Sorrell	

(2) RPU Entry 27 May 2017

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. Abel Upchurch born about 1908 (Wake Co, NC) [1808? – CJM 20 Sep 2020]
died 1855 \pm 5 years
married () Nancy Sorrell

(no number) Input to RPU on 1 Aug 2009 from Patricia Kimberly Beach

Re: Subpacket B – Margaret Yates 1783 – 1857 married Burtis Upchurch, son of Nathan Upchurch

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch 1781 – 1845

1. Abel Upchurch 1808 – 1855 \pm 5 years

3 Abel / Avill UPCHURCH

b abt 1808 d bef 1860

m Nancy SORRELL

b abt 1814

NOTE: Proven son of Bertis and Margaret Yates Upchurch per 1850 accepted records of the DAC. Married 11/01/1839 in Wake Co NC per Marriage Notice dated 12/07/1839 in the Raleigh Register newspaper Wake Co NC Marriage Bond# 000158722; Date 11/01/1839; Bondsman Bartley Upchurch. Listed in the 1840 Wake Co NC census page 179 (just Abel and Nancy). Listed in the 1850 Wake Co NC census page 209b Western Division next door to Margaret Upchurch (possibly his mother). Nancy is listed in the 1860 Wake Co NC census page 57a Southern Division Morrisville PO alone in her home. Listed in the 1870 Wake Co NC census page 44b in Cedar Fork township in the home of her daughter Adeline Mainard and family. . Listed in the 1880 Wake Co NC census page 48d in Cary township in daughter Adlin Mainard's home..

4 Addline UPCHURCH [ADALINE]

b abt 1844 d 23 Feb 1932

m Crudup MAINARD [JOSEPH CLAUDIUS MAYNARD]

NOTE: Addline's Name, Dates, Parents, Birth in Wake Co NC, Spouse, widow, Residence at Rt 3 in Apex, Wake Co NC, Death of Myocarditis and Chronic Nephritis in Wake Co NC NC, Informant Bunn Castleberry and Burial at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Wake Co NC NC per her NC Death Certificate on Microfilm at the State Archives. Listed in the 1870 Wake Co NC census page 44b in Cedar Fork township with her mother Nancy Upchurch in the home. Also in the home are Corena female 13, Cornelius female 11, Nancy female 7, Rory Ann female 4 and Crudup Mainard male 46. I don't know yet if Crudup is a husband and whether any of the children are Addline's. Listed in the 1880 Wake Co NC census page 48d in Cary township as a widow with daughters Nancy and Roxanna Mainard and mother Nancy Upchurch in the home. Listed in the 1900 Wake Co NC census page 271a in th home of daughter Nancy Mainard Castleberry.

5 Nancy Ann MAINARD

b abt 1863 d 10 Feb 1942

m William Thomas CASTLEBERRY b 14 Apr 1854 d 14 Mar 1925

NOTE: Nancy's Name, Dates, Parents (Crudup Maynard and Adline Upchurch), Birth in Rt 3 Apex, Wake Co NC, Spouse, widow, Residence at Rt 3 in Apex, Wake Co NC, Death of Ostermylitis of left

Mandible – Chronic mouth infection for the last several years and Myocarditis in Apex, Wake Co NC, Informant B B Castleberry of Rt 3 Apex, Wake Co NC and Burial at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Rt 3 Apex, Wake Co NC NC per her NC Death Certificate on Microfilm at the State Archives.

William's Name, Dates, Parents (Ruffin Castleberry and Maning Howell), Birth in Wake Co NC, Spouse, Residence at Rt 1 in Apex, Wake Co NC, Death of Injury from Mules running away and wagon hitting him in White Oak, Wake Co NC, Informant wife and Burial at Salem Church Cemetery in Apex, Wake Co NC per hxx NC Death Certificate on Microfilm at the State Archives. Listed in the 1900 Wake Co NC Census page 271a in White Oak township with Nancy's mother Adeline Maynard in the home. Listed in the 1910 Wake Co NC Census page 126a in White Oak township with Nancy's mother Adeline Maynard in the home.

6 Maude A "Mandy" CASTLEBERRY

b 11 Apr 1891 d 7 Mar 1973

m Unknown MANN

NOTE: Maude's Name, Dates, Parents (William Castleberry and Nancy Ann Maynard), Birth in Wake Co NC, Spouse, Widow Residence at Rt 3 in Apex, Wake Co NC, Death of Acute Myocardial Infarction in Raleigh, Wake Co NC, Informant William S Mann of 5701 Holly Springs Road Raleigh NC and Burial at Salem Church Cemetery in Apex, Wake Co NC per her NC Death Certificate on Microfilm at the State Archives.

6 Cornelia I CASTLEBERRY

b abt 1895

6 Caroline "Callie" Gertrude CASTLEBERRY

b 05/31/1898 d 01/23/1915

m Unknown UPCHURCH

NOTE: Callie's Name, Dates, Parents (William T Castleberry and Nancy Ann Maynard), Birth in NC, Married, Residence in Wake Co NC, Death of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in White Oak, Wake Co NC, Informant R W Johnson of Apex NC and Burial at Salem Church Cemetery in Apex, Wake Co NC per her NC Death Certificate on Microfilm at the State Archives.

6 Alpheus L CASTLEBERRY

b abt 1901

6 Rachels I CASTLEBERRY

b abt 1907

(no number) RPU Ancestry.com search re: Abel Upchurch line of the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Burtis Upchurch Sub-clan and his only daughter Adaline Upchurch

1850 Census – Western Division, Wake Co, NC

Name	Age	Born about
<u>Abel Upchurch</u>	42	1808 \$216

Adaline Upchurch 6 1844
 Nancy Upchurch 30 1814 [Nancy Sorrell] wife of Abel Upchurch

1860 Census – Southern Division, Wake Co, NC, Morrisville PO

Nancy Upchurch (nee Nancy Sorrell) heads a single person household showing wealth of \$600/\$360. Presumably, Able Upchurch died 1855 \pm 5 years. Note: Adaline Upchurch is already married before 1860 but she and her husband not located on 1860 Census or beyond.

1870 Census – Cedar Fork Township, Wake Co, NC – PO = New Hill

All born NC

22	29	Mahmoud Adeline	26	F W	Keeping house	400	350	
		Correns	13	F W	attended school			
		Correns	11	F W	attended school			
		Nancy	7	F W				
		Perry Ann	4	F W				
		Upchurch Nancy	57	F W	Domestic servant	100		
△		Doctie Brufford	20	M W	Farmer laborer			
△		Harriet Brufford	42	M W	Farmer			

1880 Census Cary, Wake Co, NC

Name		Age
Adeline Maynard	widow	37
Nancy A Maynard		17
Roxanna B Maynard		13
Nancy Upchurch	mother	70
Solomon Mayfield	servant	16

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. **Abel Upchurch** born about 1908 died 1855 \pm 5

married () Nancy Sorrell

a. Adeline Upchurch [In 1900 and beyond lived with daughter Nancy Ann Maynard]

Joseph Claudius Maynard died 1869

i. Corena Maynard born NC

ii. Cornelius Maynard born NC

iii. Nancy Ann Maynard [see 1900 Census & beyond for more on Nancy]

iv. Roxanna B Maynard

(no number) NC Marriages- 5 Sep 05- Peterson- Wake Co

Mary Upchurch	Odom Barns	3 Feb 1806	Wake
Mary Upchurch	Odam Bunn	5 Feb 1806	Wake
Whiting Upchurch	Elizabeth Goodwin	3 Jan 1811	Wake
Mackey Upchurch	Edmund Cole	9 Aug 1816	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Elizabeth Upchurch	20 Mar 1819	Wake
Murray Upchurch	Nancy Scott	23 Aug 1820	Wake
Hubbard Upchurch	Esther Bird	24 Oct 1822	Wake
Frances Upchurch	Blake Baker	18 Nov 1829	Wake
John Upchurch	Angelina G. Green	29 May 1830	Wake
Kerney Upchurch	Emila Perry	22 Nov 1830	Wake
Sims Upchurch	Abigail Olive	11 Dec 1832	Wake
Acriel Upchurch	Mary Olive	30 Mar 1833	Wake
Quilla Upchurch	Nathaniel Mitchell	2 Dec 1833	Wake
<u>Abel Upchurch</u>	Nancy Sorrell	27 Nov 1839	Wake
Eliza Upchurch	William Beddingfield	2 Dec 1839	Wake
William C. Upchurch	Adline Royster	15 Dec 1840	Wake
Stephen Upchurch	Ann Medlin	16 Mar 1841	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Margaret Bird	23 Sep 1842	Wake
Bartley Upchurch	Jane Whitaker	27 Dec 1842	Wake
Clargy Upchurch	William Wilson	24 Feb 1842	Wake
Betsey Upchurch	Haywood Laurence	2 Dec 1844	Wake
Nancy Upchurch	William Hobby	19 Dec 1845	Wake
Clargy Ann Upchurch	Wesley M. Odaniel	11 Mar 1846	Wake
Candis Upchurch	John Mann	19 Dec 1847	Wake
Mariah Upchurch	Robert Rollins	13 Oct 1849	Wake
Alferd Upchurch	Adelia M. Crowder	23 Dec 1850	Wake
Armelia Upchurch	Hinton Hudson	31 Dec 1850	Wake

(no number) Input from email 26 Jun 2008 Margaret Louis Harris to RPU

Subject: Yates-Upchurch

From: OLDPOND@aol.com

Date: Thu, Jun 26, 2008 5:42pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

[Note: Margaret Yates married Burtis Upchurch-RPU]

Thanks for your notes re Margaret Yates. I'm pretty sure you are right to fit her to William Yates and wife Mary (probably Tapp). But she is slightly vague there. After Jill and I visited the mill site in 1999, Rebecca Cope of the Wake county Parks Department sent me some pages about her Yates ancestor. Margaret is indeed listed as the 12th child of this couple. However, it is curious that in the will of William Yates (1806/1808) he names every child as a "son" or "daughter"—except Margaret to whom he leaves "one featherbed and furniture and one cow and one calf." Then he gives something to a "grand son" *by name*.

The 1850 Census for Wake co. puts the widow Margaret Upchurch next door to **Abel Upchurch** and gives her age as 70, making her birth date about 1780. But in her obituary of 1857, in *The Biblical Recorder*, it is said she died "in the 74th year of her age," thus a birth date of about 1783. If her birth date was 1783, Mary Tapp Yates would have been 51 years old. Even at 1780, she would have been 48.

Therefore, I cannot help but wonder if our Margaret the mom of 9 sons (!), may have possibly been the child of an unmarried daughter of William and Mary Yates, who reared her as their own daughter. Since I do not wish to put this pure speculation in to printed copy, but neither want to assign her to inaccurate parents, I am rather gliding over it in my own "story." Others have written her into this line (via DAR applications), and I figure the DAR proof is legitimate either way: William Yates (1727-1808) was either her father or her grandfather.

Since he was a Revolutionary War Patriot, I would actually like to write him into my history, but—because I'm not sure about the exact lineage—I just decided to leave it to someone else to sort out. It is entirely possible that *The Biblical Recorder* printed a typo, AND that leaving out "daughter" as a description to the Margaret Yates (spelled Yeats then) in William's will was also a scribe's accidental omission. But maybe eventually some third "something" will be found to settle the issue.

Phares (Rebecca spells him "Pharis") should be a distant cousin anyway! And all that Upchurch graffiti on the mill walls suggests that the children had the run of the place!

Peggy

Note: Margaret Yates married Burtis Upchurch

(no number) From: Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers 1830 – 1839 Vol III Part 2, Page 45

6116 Upchurch: M. In this county, on the 1st of December, Mr. Abel Upchurch to Miss Nancy Sorrell. RaSTDw Wed 4 Dec 1839 3:4./ RRw
Sat 7 Dec 1839 3:6./

MB. Wake Co. Upchurch, Abel Nancy Sorrell
27 Nov 1839
Bartley Upchurch [Bartlett Upchurch]

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. Abel Upchurch

married 1 Dec 1839 Nancy Sorrell

2. Bartley Upchurch [Bartlett Upchurch]

[Cross list Nancy Sorrell as Nancy Upchurch (Mrs) – RPU]

(no number) Marriage and Death Notices in The Raleigh Register and North Carolina Gazette 1826 – 1845 Carrie L. Broughton – Page 195: Abel Upchurch to Nancy Sorrell, 1 Nov, Wake Co, RR 7 Dec 1839

(no number) Extract of Upchurches found in: Wake Co, NC Census and Tax Lists 1830 & 1840 by Frances Holloway Wynne. All entries except one unidentified fall under Clan headed by 3 brothers as follows; [14 Upchurches mentioned]

- (1) I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan – On 1830 Census and 1830 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (2) A. Burtis Upchurch – On 1830 and 1840 Census & 1830 & 1840 Tax List – Kitts Creek District
- (3) 1. **Abel Upchurch** – On 1840 Census and 1840 Tax List – Kitts Creek District
- (4) 2. William C Upchurch on 1840 Census & 1840 Tax List – Raleigh, NC
- (5) B. Hubbard Upchurch – On 1830 & 1840 Census and 1830 & 1840 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (6) C. Tallitha Upchurch – On 1830 Census & 1840 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (7) 1. Golden Almon Upchurch, Sr. on 1840 Census & 1840 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (8) D. Gilbert Upchurch – On 1840 Census – not on 1830 or 1840 Tax List
- II. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan – Lived in Chatham Co, NV
- (9) A. Whitney Upchurch – on 1830 and 1840 Census – Not on 1830 or 1840 Tax list
- (10) B. Gillium Upchurch – on 1840 Census – Not on 1840 or 1840 Tax List

(11) 1. Hanson Upchurch (*Presumed* son of Gillium Upchurch) on 1840 Census and on 1840 Tax List St Matthews Township

III. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan – died 1817 Franklin Co, NC (12)

A. James Upchurch, VII died about 1835 lived Franklin Co, NC

(12) 1. Kearney Upchurch – on 1840 Census & on Cross Roads District Tax List

(13) Richard Upchurch not on 1830 or 1840 Census; on 1840 Tax List White Oak Township
presumed Richard Dillard Upchurch, Sr, son of Whitney Upchurch

(14) William Upchurch, identity unknown, lists 493A on 1840 Tax List in Swift Creek Township
for Jane (Yates) Betts, widow of Barzilla Betts, Sr

1840 Upchurch, Abel M - - - - - 1 - -
Census page 179 F - - - - - 1 - -

M = 30 – 40

F = 20 – 30

Abel Upchurch, Kitts Creek Tax List 87A \$114 value 1 Pol, 0 slaves, Amt \$0.99, page 283

(1) Abel Upchurch married Nancy Sorrell 1 Nov 1839 per Raleigh Register Newspaper 7 Dec 1839 (1) [2 Feb 178 letter from Era E Burkhalter to RPU – page 14 – agrees except gives newspaper date – 3 Dec 1839]

(2) Per attachment #34 West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co Marriage Records
“27 Nov 1839 Abel Upchurch married Nancy Sorrell – Witness: Bartley Upchurch”
[West letter 10 Feb 179 to RPU indicates witness = Bartlett]

(3) Per attachment #24 West letter 18 May 19975 – Wake Co NC, U Wills – Clerk of Court
“A A Upchurch to Nancy Upchurch et al 2 Nov 1893 Rec C, Page 182, File 1917.”
[Tentative assumption A A/ Nancy translates into Abel/ Nancy – RPU]

(4) Abel Upchurch on 1840 Wake County Census as only Abel in NC
No Abel in NC on 1830 Census.

(5) See records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 visit to National Colonial Dames XVII Century Office.

A. Wake Co, NC Minutes Docket County Court 1837 – 1842

May Term 1838, Page 57 – A deed from Ashwell Megehee to Abel Upchurch was duly proved by the oath of B Upchurch – Page 2.

(6) See 1850 Census – Wake Co, NC – Western Division

Abel Upchurch 42 M Farmer \$216 RE

Nancy Upchurch	36	F
Adaline Upchurch	6	F

(7) Note: I conclude Avill Upchurch = XID – 691 = Abel Upchurch. RPU

(8) See 1840 Census – Wake Co, NC – White Oak District

Abel Upchurch is listed as head of household – no slaves, no children (He married 27 Nov 1839 – RPU) – In the home:

one male age 30 – 40 years – presumably Abel Upchurch age 32 – RPU

one female age 20 – 30 years – presumably wife Nancy Sorrell – RPU

(9) See 10 Feb 1979 letter West to RPU, Page 4 –

A Upchurch bought land from John Pearce in 1855 (B31 – Page 440) – West suggests A could be Abel or Ambrose

(no number) See letter 11 Nov 1999 June Carter to RPU – Re: Cole, Upchurch & other Wake Co, NC folks

Tax Records for White oak Township – Western Wake Co, NC – Acres

Name	1827	1828	1829	1830	1831	1832	
Shadrack Cole, Jr	88 ¼	4?	170?	0	-	-	
Shadrack Cole, Jr ¹	135 ¾	2??	224?	204	160	-	¹ for R Smith heirs [vs Alexander Smith?]
Shadrack Cole, Jr ²	-	-	67 ½	83	83	-	² for Happy Cole
Shadrack Cole, Sr	125	-	-	-	-	-	
George Cole ⁶	72	70 ½	-	-	-	-	
Henry H Cole, II	-	125	125?	125	125 ½	-	
Lemuel Cole ³	-	X ³	-	-	-	-	³ Samuel Cole X=did not print
Josiah Lewis	-	-	100	-	-	-	
Lewis Berryman	-	-	50	-	-	-	
Henry Castleberry	-	-	-	-	-	-	
David Castleberry	-	-	-	487	-	-	
Alfred Lewis	-	-	-	217	217	217	

⁶1829 will of George Cole names two sisters Mary Ann Cole married George Wood; Thirza Cole married --- --- Brutin – lived in Chicasaw Purchase (TN?). At estate sale – Josiah Lewis & Alfred Lewis

Name	1833*	1834	1835	*1833 labeled 1834
Hubbard Upchurch	96	165 ½	165 ½	
Burlip (Burtis) Upchurch	162 ½	206	-	
Nathan Upchurch [I]	666	626	-	
Whitney Upchurch	165 ½			
Gilbert Upchurch ⁴	126 ½	127	127	⁴ This could be Gilbert, son of Nathan Upchurch, I OR Gilbert Bertis Upchurch, son of Burtis Upchurch – RPU
Aden [Acril] Upchurch	-	-	-	
Mr Passmore	-	213		
Mr Passmore for				
William Passmore	-	-	-	
Joseph Passmore	-	-	-	
Brewington Passmore	-	-	213	
Winston G Upchurch	-	-	120	
Bucks Upchurch ⁵			204	⁵ Not certain who this is – could be Bartlett Upchurch, son of Burtis Upchurch - RPU
Able [Abel] Upchurch, son				
Of Burtis Upchurch	-	-	-	

Also in White Oak Township:

--- --- Vaughn – listed land for heirs of Allen Lewis – 75 acres

Gilford Lewis

Ruffin Lewis

Re: Alfred Lewis – appears once – St Marie District [St Mary's District?] – 1834 – 475 acres which he sells to Benton Williams [Associated = Charles Parish, brother in law of John Leach Alfred's wife = Sarah Sims, daughter of Joel Sims. Question – Why did Alfred hold 217 acres from estate of Shadrack Cole, [Sr] and what happened to the 217 acres. Who was Mary Ann Cole; Did she perhaps marry 1829 (TN) William Ferguson?

All before 1827: #1 Shadrack Cole [Jr] married 10 Feb 1824 (Wake Co, NC) Elizabeth Smith; Bondsman Edmond Cole; #2 Shadrack Cole [Jr] appointed guardian [Court Order Book May 1825] of Burket Smith, Esther Smith, Alsy (Osley?) Smith, Julia Smith, Ann Smith, Simon Smith, Catherine Smith – orphans of Alexander Smith, deceased. 2nds Cathy Martin, David Holland. Did Alexander Smith marry Elizabeth; Did Elizabeth marry Shadrack Cole Jr or Sr. Elizabeth Cole deeded land to William H Cole (Court Order Book Page 337) – proved by Willie Nichols

(no number) 150 Years Salem Baptist 1840 – 1990 by: Gail G. Allen and Karen B. Burden – Re: Salem Baptist Church, Apex, NC

Pastor 1977 – 1990+ C. Grady Long

Oldest Member: Minnie

Perry Glover, Member 1896 – 1990

1838 – Donors of Land to Salem

Meeting House: Joel Jones,

Henry Castleberry, John Merritt

to Trustees: Patrick Dowd,

Kindred Johnson, Henry

Castleberry & Thomas Howell

Witness: Wyatt J Holleman

Presbytery Oct 1840: Elders =

Stephen Senter (1st Pastor) and

Patrick W Dowd

First Deacons: John Baucom &

Anderson Yates; First Clerk:

Henry Castleberry; First

Treas. W. J. Holleman

Location: On a ridge: See

A. W. Shaffer Map (Wake Co File)

& W G Clements Map (Wake Co File)

1919 – Brother U S Howell had

plan for new building – approved

met 5 Jan 120 to cut timber

on land of A D Upchurch

1921 Dr. R W Johnson MD/ Farmer)

Bought old building & moved to

Carlyle Castlebury Place –

Still there

1925 Brother R E Atkins reports

mortgage paid off

1905 – Land deeded to Durham

& Southern Railway

1907 – Land acquired from

Frank Upchurch & Etoy ---

Land from Simmie L Moore (M)

1925 Article by Ernest P Maynard

1933 Wade Upchurch Choirmaster for 20 years

1964 Sara Ann Upchurch first paid secretary

1975 – 4 acres from

Ann (Castleberry)

Reavis & Marshall Reavis

1980 – Land from Stanley

Mann

1841 Minutes: Moderator

= Eliz (?) Senter, Patsy

Ballard joined; Joined

Union – Delegates:

William Pope, Burtis Upchurch,

John Crocker to

Write letter H. Castlebury

1846 Matthew Tyson Yates

sponsored as Missionary

1890 Yates Member =

Herman Yates → Woody Yates →

Matthew Tyler Yates

Late 1920s Bunn Olive as

missionary

Map of Church Property page 31

Last slave member = Solomon

Jones

1843 – Joined: Carlis Yates

Joseph Edwards,

Lisabeth Edwards

1841 Contributors:

Joseph King, H Castlebury,

A Yates, B Upchurch, John Crocker

Johnson Olive, William Pope

H Upchurch, Thomas Young, Lott

Bells, Henderson Crocker, Gray

Jones, Jackson Bird, Hinton

Hudson,

Windell Betts, Wyatt J Holleman,

John Baughcom, Jordan Holleman

Hiliard Hudson, Jack Jones

Goin Betts, Meady Passmore,

John Upchurch, Wiley Pope, **Abel**

Upchurch, P W Dowd, Priscilla

Wimbley, William Lashley,

Margaret Upchurch, Candis Merit,

A S Jones, Gilbert Upchurch

(no number) Semi Weekly Standard (Raleigh, NC) 28 Mar 1855. This would suggest the date of death for Abel is 22 Mar 1855.

DIED,

In this vicinity about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, 26th inst., Charles E. Kuester, aged two years nine months and three days, son of Charles and Louisa L. Kuester. The funeral service of the deceased will take place at three o'clock this (Tuesday) afternoon at the Baptist church.

In this county, on the 22d inst., Mr. Abel Upchurch, aged 48 years.