

Adaline Susan Royster

Commentary:

In the era of the American Revolution, there were a large number of closely related Roysters who lived in Granville County, NC. In 1802, David Royster, Sr., a scion of the larger group, married Susan Sims in Granville County. The couple was soon in residence in Raleigh, NC, where David was given accolades for his skills as a cabinet maker, some of his outputs being used to furnish the new Capitol building. His twelve children cut a wide swath in Raleigh in the nineteenth century and beyond. Among them was Adaline Susan Royster (1820-1894), who, in 1840, married William Clinton Upchurch I (1813-1906). He had come to Raleigh in 1833 to seek his fortune and for seven decades, was successful in the mercantile grocery business. He and Adaline also produced twelve children, of whom ten reached adulthood and married. They made significant societal contributions. If one accounts for all the families raised up by William Clinton Upchurch I and Adaline and their siblings, the telling would equate to a large part of the history of Raleigh for the 1800s.

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(1) Adaline Royster married William C. Upchurch 16 Dec 1840 per Raleigh Register Newspaper 22 Dec 1840 (1)

(2) Adeline Susan Royster (d. 1894) married in 1840 William Clinton Upchurch (1813-1906). William Clinton Upchurch was the son of Bertus Upchurch (1781-1820). (16)

(3) Adeline Susan Royster b. 1820 d. 1894 married in 1841 William Clinton Upchurch (1812-1906). They had issue. (18)

(4) Attachment #34 West Letter 18 May 1975- Wake Co NC Marriage Records
“15 Dec 1840 [Bond date- RPU] William C. Upchurch married Adline Royster- witness [or bondsman-RPU] Hinton Utley. (see next item: North Carolina Marriage Bonds FHL 418152)

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<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE OF BOND</u>	<u>BONDSMAN & WITNESS</u>
Upchurch, Parker	Hawkins Broadwell	8 May 1861	H(inton) Hudson (w) Thomas J. Utley, Clk. m. 9 May 1861 by R. H. Jones, J.P.
Upchurch, Paschal B.	Tilitha Olive	5 Dec. 1855	S(ims) Upchurch (w) Thomas J. Utley, Clk. m. 6 Dec. 1855 by C. S. Jinks
Upchurch, Rufus	Emily Hudson	1 Oct. 1859	W. H. Merritt (w) J. D. Pullen m. 2 Oct. 1859 by John S. Johnson, J.P.
Upchurch, Sims	Abigail Olive	11 Dec. 1832	A. Upchurch (w) B. S. King
Upchurch, Stephen	Ann Medlin	16 Mar. 1841	Ruffin R. Massey (w) A. Williams
Upchurch, Thomas x	Lydia Olive	16 Oct. 1855	John Crocker (w) Thomas J. Utley, Clk. m. 25 Oct. 1855 by Johnson Olive
Upchurch, W. G.	E. M. Upcherch	9 Dec. 1863	L. D. Womble (w) J. J. Ferrell
Upchurch, Whitney x	Elizabeth Goodwin	3 Jan. 1811	Cockeny -x- Upchurch (w) B. S. King
Upchurch, William C.	Adline Royster	15 Dec. 1840	Hinton Utley
Upchurch, Williford	Frances Royster	6 Dec. 1854	Benja(min) J. Perkinson (w) Thomas J. Utley, Clk. m. 7 Dec. 1854 by A. McDowell

[Note: 15 Nov 1977- Letter to RPU from Raleigh Cemetery Association gives her death as 18 Jun 1904 but this appears to be in error-RPU]

(6) Per minutes First Baptist Church- Raleigh NC

Adeline Upchurch- a member 25 Jun 1853 & 19 Jun 1856 about 21 Aug 1874

(7) See 1850 Census- Wake Co, NC- Raleigh Township

Adeline L. Upchurch age 30 female is listed as wife of William C. Upchurch age 37, male, merchant \$2200

[Note: "L" probably miswrite for "S"- RPU]

(8) See 1860 Census- Wake Co, NC- Raleigh

Adeline Upchurch age 40 is wife of W. C. Upchurch age 47, m, grocer

(9) See 1870 Census- Wake Co, NC- Raleigh

Adeline Upchurch age 50, female, keep house is wife of William Upchurch age 57 male, white, grocer, \$4500 RE, \$2500 PP

(10) See Notes of 15 Apr 1979 Phone call Frances Norris to RPU

Adaline Susan Royster had a relative named Illinois Wisconsin Royster. He was an MD.

Wisconsin Lamar Upchurch (my uncle) and Frank Wisconsin Norris (nephew of Adaline) were his namesakes. See also Jacob Royster for sketch of Adaline's family.

(11) Obituary Notices- Biblical Recorder- Raleigh, NC

Sister Adaline Upchurch wife of Bro. W. C. Upchurch, member of the Raleigh First Baptist Church- 20 Jun 1894

(12) See Biofile of William Clinton Upchurch, I for Bond of his marriage to **Adaline Susan Royster**. The bond is signed by W. C. Upchurch, I himself and Hinton Utley and is dated 15 Dec 1840 Wake Co, NC. Her name is spelled **Adline Royster**.

(13) See Letter 5 Jun 1987 Cleora Maxine Beard to RPU

William Clinton Upchurch b. 14 Feb 1813 (Apex, NC) d. 11 Feb 1906 married 15 Dec 1840 (Wake Co, NC) **Adeline Susan Royster** b. 3 Jul 1820 d. 18 Jun 1890 (Raleigh, NC)

Adaline Royster was a woman of sterling qualities and boasted a heritage of which she was proud.

(14) See Death Certificate of Pattie Aline Upchurch in her Biofile.

Adeline Royster b. Raleigh, NC.

(15) See Letter 3 Nov 1987 Cleora Maxine Beard to RPU

Adaline Susan Royster d. 18 Jun 1890 was daughter of [Dr. Veron Royster?]

(16) See Letter 20 Apr 1991 Margaret Moring Briggs to RPU

Adeline Susan Roster d. 1894 [Assume 1894 correct as appeared to 1890 given in (13) and (15)- RPU]

(17) 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
Ariel Upchurch	Mary Olive	30 Mar 1833	Wake
Quilla Upchurch	Nathaniel Mitchell	2 Dec 1833	Wake
Abel Upchurch	Nancy Sorrell	27 Nov 1839	Wake
Eliza Upchurch	William Beddingfield	2 Dec 1839	Wake
William C. Upchurch	<u>Adline Royster</u>	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

(18) Item(s) in letter 19 Dec 1995 Margaret Blanche Brown to RPU [from various NC newspapers]

21 Jun 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.

[Refers to wife of William Clinton Upchurch, I nee Adeline Susan Royster who d. 18 Jun 1894.

I. Nathan Upchurch, I- Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. William Clinton Upchurch, I

married () **Adeline Susan Royster**

(19) See letter 6 Jun 2000 Frances Norris for the obituary for her ancestor Susan Royster. An extract follows:

I. Elisha Sims of Warren Co, NC

A. Susan Sims b. about 1779 (presumably in Warren Co, NC)- came to Raleigh, NC as a bride about 1802 and lived the remainder of her life in Raleigh, She was married for 62 years to David Royster. She died in Raleigh, NC. They had 12 children of whom 8 are now living. They had 64 grandchildren of whom 44 are now living. They have 15 great grandchildren. Of the 4 deceased children, one died beyond the Mississippi, one at Gettysburg, and two in Virginia hospitals- CSA. Susan died 25 Oct 1864.

1. Adeline Susan Royster married William Clinton Upchurch, I of the Nathan Upchurch, I/Burtis Upchurch Sub-clan.

David Royster above = David L. Royster, II

(20) Wake Treasures, Volume VIII, Winter/Spring 1998

DEATH RECORDS - WAKE COUNTY, N.C. - WINTER/Spring 1998													
NO	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE/SEX/COLOR			PLACE OF DEATH	H / S	OCCUPATION	CAUSE OF DEATH	WHERE INTERRED	PHYSICIAN	UNDERTAKER	AFFIANT
106	18	UPCHURCH, Adeline	74	F	W	S Wilmington St, Ward 1	M	-	Apoplexy	Oakwood	H Haywood	Do	-

18 Jun 1894 [nee Adeline Susan Royster]

(21) Item in Letter 26 Jun 2000 Margaret Louise Upchurch to RPU

[From the Biblical Recorder Wed. 16 Oct 1895]

...Sister Adaline Upchurch, wife of Bro. W. C. Upchurch, died Monday, the 18th, at 5 p. m., aged near seventy-four years. The deceased was a highly-esteemed member of the Raleigh First Baptist church. Nine children and many grandchildren survive her. We sympathize with our aged brother in his great loss.

(22) From Letter 20 Apr 1991 Margaret Moring Briggs to RPU

Historical Facts

Jacob Royster was from Mecklenburg Co., Va., around 1730. His will was dated July 1798. The last name of his wife is unknown, but there were nine children from this union: Jacob, Jr., Dennis, John, David, Pattie, Frankie, Mary, Sarah (Suky), and one who married a Wilkins.

David Royster married Mary Daniel and they had two sons, David, Jr. and Jethro. In the early 1800's, they went out to Tennessee and Kentucky, but a letter to David, Jr., in Raleigh, dated 1810, states that he was teaching in Warren County, N. C.

David Royster, Jr., married Susan Simms of Warren Co., N. C. Their ten children were named: William Howard, James Daniel, Sarah Sanders, Madison Bulluck, Leonard Henderson, Adeline Susan, Irene Nichols, David L., Mary Daniel, and Amanda Alvina. All ten children lived to be grown and married. James Daniel, who married Mary Ashley, named all of his children for states so everyone would know their father was James and not one of his brothers. Their names were: Virginia Carolina, Indiana Georgia, Iowa Michigan, Arkansas Delaware, Wisconsin Illinois, Vermont Connecticut, Oregon Minnesota, and Louisiana Maryland (died in infancy). Vermont Connecticut married his first cousin, Hallie Lee High, who was Amanda's daughter.

Adeline Susan Royster married William Clinton Upchurch, one of ten sons of Bertus Upchurch and Margaret Yates who lived near Morrisville in the Green Level community. They had twelve children, ten of which lived to be grown and married. Their names were: Afabian (died in infancy), Roxanna, Eleanor, Charles, George, Florence, Reid, John, Annie (died in infancy), Virginia, Pattie Aline, and Bettie Miller.

Pattie Aline married Frank O'Kelly Moring.

(23) See Biofile of Margaret Best Harris- Entry 7 Oct 2000, pg. 40 & 50.

For Adaline Susan Royster this document uses two more extended names- Adeline Susan Ann Williams Royster and Adeline Susan Ann Williamson Royster.

[This is the first time this extended version of this name has appeared- RPU]

(24) Input re: the Royster Family of Raleigh, NC to RPU in a letter 8 Sep 2014 from Robert Royster of Granville Co, NC. He is a prime Royster historian but the Raleigh Roysters are an offshoot of his Royster heritage.

I. Jacob Royster Will probated 1798 Mecklenburg Co, VA, 9 children

A. (No. 3) David Royster, Sr. married () Mary Daniel; 7 children

1. (no. 2) David Royster, Jr. married () Susan Sims; 12 children:
letters "a-l" [on following outline- CJM 2 Dec 2016]

(The following information on the extended families of David Royster, Sr. and David Royster, Jr. is detailed as we received many questions, particularly while living in Raleigh, about our family's relationship to the Roysters who were doctors, or the Roysters who owned the candy store in Raleigh, and to Vermont Royster, Editor/Publisher of the Wall Street Journal.)

David Royster, Sr., son of Jacob, married Mary Daniel on 11 Jan 1775 in Granville County. As noted earlier, David, Sr. was a school teacher who taught in VA, NC, Ky. and TN. Around 1800 or 1802, David, Jr. a cabinet maker, moved to Raleigh to make furniture for the new State Capital Building being designed and built. In 1802 David, Jr. married Susan Sims in Granville County. Their 12 children were:

- William Howard Royster, who married Mary Stevens/Stephens, and they had 7 children.
- James Daniel Royster, b.1807, d. 1890, a paper manufacturer in Raleigh married Mary Smoothly Ashley, and they had the following children that they named after the states to distinguish their children from the other Royster children: Vermont Connecticut Royster; Dr. Wisconsin Illinois Royster who married Mary Willis Finch and they had 4 children, Hubert Ashley, Frank Willis, James Finch, and one that died early; Oregon Minnesota Royster; Virginia Carolina Royster; Indiana Georgia Royster; Iowa Michigan Royster; and Arkansas Delaware Royster. Vermont Connecticut had two sons, Wilbur High and Percy Hoke. Wilbur High married Olivette James Broadway of Monroe, LA, and they named their first son, Vermont Connecticut Royster, after his grandfather. Wilbur High Royster owned and managed the Royster Candy Store on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh. Vermont Royster, the grandson, became very famous and highly respected as Editor and Publisher of The Wall Street Journal. *(Information about the Royster Family, as included in Vermont Royster's book, My Own, My Country's Times has been included in this family history summary.)*
- Sarah Sanders Royster who married James Murray.
- Madison Bullock Royster who married Martha Terry.
- Irene/Irena Nichols Royster who married James Steble
- Joseph or Zachariah Royster who died in infancy
- Elisha Sims Royster who died in infancy
- Leonard Henderson Royster who married Jane Carmult
- Adaline Susan Royster who married William C. Upchurch
- David L. Royster who married Sarah Womble, and they had ten children including: Vitruvius, Nellie Cornelia, and Gertrude
- Mary Daniel Royster who married Alsey Crocker
- Amanda Malvina Royster b. 1826, who married William Henderson High, their daughter Hallie Lee High would marry the first Vermont Connecticut Royster.

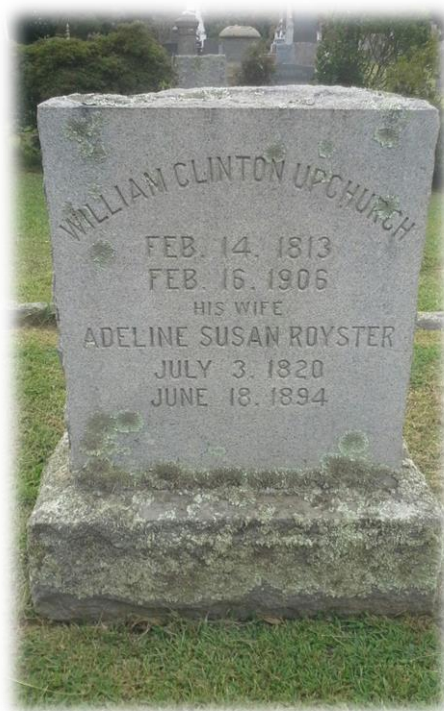
(25) Marriages- Halifax Co, NC 1758-1872

On 10 Oct 2007 RPU visited the Franklin Co, NC Library in Louisburg, NC and inspected a book with the above title. There was only one Upchurch entry indexed and it is found on pg. 226 as follows:

W. C. Upchurch, **Adaline C. Upchurch**, J. C. L. Harris, C. L. Harris and I. S. Harris are referenced with a date of 27 Dec 1869.

[Note: As of 24 Nov 2007 the above notes seem incomplete. However, I know that on 27 Dec 1869 (Weldon, Halifax, Co, NC) Florence Caroline Upchurch, daughter of William Clinton Upchurch, I & **Adeline Susan Royster**, married John Coburn Logan Harris Sr. Presence C. L. Harris and I. S. Harris are relatives- possibly parents or siblings of the groom. Note that the “c” as a middle initial for Adeline Susan Royster seems incorrect- RPU]

(26) Photo from Find-A-Grave



Oakwood Cemetery
Raleigh
Wake County
North Carolina, USA
Plot: MORDECAI 19