

**Appendix 9 (AFEX.04): William Upchurch IV: Excerpts from the Upchurch Bulletin, 1980 Onward**

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**Preamble:** Members of each of the 22 Upchurch clans can sometimes be frustrated as they search for details on their particular clan. The volume and diversity of data in the Upchurch Bulletin makes it difficult to locate one's direct ancestors and close kin and to recognize which "stories" belong to a searcher. The Allied Families approach resolves this issue. For example, we have excerpted and present here in an easy to read manner details from the Upchurch Bulletin concerning the family of William Upchurch IV.

HOWEVER, for the family of William Upchurch IV, we have a special disclaimer. There were a number of articles in the early years of the Upchurch Bulletin which provided incorrect information. We choose not to extract and present the misleading information here. The wayward items are as follows:

1. CLAN 9 (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) Vol. 1, No. 1, January, 1980, p. 15
2. CLAN 9 (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) Vol. 1, No. 2, April, 1980, p. 55
3. CLAN 9 (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) Vol. 3, No. 1, January, 1982, p. 13
4. A. Will of Abel Upchurch, Sr. - Vol. 3, No. 1, January, 1982, p. 37
5. Commentary on the Will of Abel Upchurch, Sr.
6. OUTLINE OF SELECTED CLANS OR SUBCLANS Vol. 4, No. 1, January, 1983, p. 17
7. CLAN 9. WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV Vol. 10, No. 2, April, 1989, p. 55
8. CLAN 9. WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV Vol. 10, No. 3, July, 1989, p. 97
9. CLAN 9. WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV Vol. 12, No. 1, January, 1991, p. 21

We call upon a special type of entry used in the Upchurch Bulletin to show how misleading information was entered in the Upchurch Bulletin for the William Upchurch IV Clan. Periodic "Missing Link" entries were made seeking information on parentage of certain individuals. Missing Link No. 26 presented below reveals that we had become aware of the suspect data for the William Upchurch IV Clan referred to above. Note that Missing Link 26 was presented in the January 1992 issue and was reprised in the July 1992 issue. Before 1992, any articles found showing Abel Upchurch, Sr. to be considered the son of William Upchurch IV should be disregarded. Hopefully, articles published after July 1992 would correctly show Abel Upchurch, Sr. as the son of Richard Upchurch II.

**[Advice to Members of the William Upchurch IV Family. You may skip the two articles from the 1992 Upchurch Bulletin issues reprinted below as they only show that Abel Upchurch, Sr. was not Asal Upchurch and thus not a part of your family.]**

I. MISSING LINK NO. 26. Who was the real father of ABEL UPCHURCH, SR. who died DEC 1846 (Greene Co., AL)?

A. General Situation. Abel U., Sr. has always been assumed to be the son of William U. IV, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 9. The only evidence to support this assumption is that when William U. IV died in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787 his WILL revealed a number of children including Asel U. The West Upchurch book with input of present day descendants of Abel U. Sr. proceeds on the assumption that Asel U. is Abel U. Sr. However, the Morgan Upchurch book reports that Asel U. was a female. Whether male or female an Upchurch of the name "Asel" has not been heard from since. The siblings of Asel U. are later found in Rutherford Co., NC, Greenville Co., SC, Henry Co., TN, and southern IL. Not one bit of evidence exists to show that Asel U. is the same as Abel U. Sr. Previous researchers have concluded that the Abel U. who married in Wake Co. NC ca 1795 was the same as the Asel U. of the 1787 Wilkes Co., NC will. This conclusion is not warranted even by circumstantial evidence. However, the Abel U. who married in Wake Co., NC ca 1795 is without question the Abel U. Sr. who died DEC 1846 in Greene Co., AL. The basic presumption of this article is that Abel U. Sr. was not the son of William U. IV. The basic challenge of this article is to establish the real father of Abel U. Sr.

B. Known Details of Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL.

1. A partial outline for the family of Abel U. Sr. portrayed for the purpose of showing linkages to North Carolina:

I. Abel U. Sr., b. ca 1775 (NC), d. DEC 1846 (Greene Co., 589 AL), md. ca 1795 (Wake Co., NC) Bethania (Theny) b. 1779 (NC).

A. Bartley U., b. 19 DEC 1800 (Wake Co., NC), d. 590 24 OCT 1879 (Greene Co., AL), md. 23 JAN 1823 Penelope Williams, b. 22 APR 1802.

1. William Howard U. I, b. 2 AUG 1824.
2. Harriet U., b ca 1826 (NC).
3. Calvin U., b. ca 1828 (AL).
4. Alison Calvin U., b. 19 MAR 1831 (Greene Co., AL).
5. Nathan U., b. 13 MAR 1833.
6. John "Jack U., b. 10 JUL 1835 (AL).
7. Burton U., b. 7 JUL 1838 (Pickens Co., AL).
8. Sara Frances U., b. ca 1842.

B. Benjamin U., b. 1805 (NC), md. 6 AUG 1822 (Franklin Co., NC) Cinderilla Tant, b. 1806.

1. Unmarried DAU, b. ca 1824.
2. Unmarried DAU, b. ca 1826.
3. Churchwell U., b. ca 1829 (AL).
4. William U., b. ca 1830 (AL).
5. Frances E. U., b. 1834 (AL).
6. Noah P. U., b. 1836 (AL).

- 7. Amma Charlotte U. "Lottie", b. 1838 (AL).
- 8. Benjamin Newton U., b. 1841 (MS).
- C. Dolly U., b. ca 1806, md. 19 SEP 1826 (Greene Co. AL) Pullum Carver.
- D. James Laton U. Sr., b. 13 JAN 1807 (NC), md. 20 JAN 1831 (Eutaw, AL) Nancy T. Coleman.
  - 1 - 11. Eleven children, b. ca 1831 - 1852 - all born in Greene Co., AL.
- E. Mary "Polly" U., b. 1810, md. 1 JAN 1828 (Greene Co., AL) Clemons Martin.
- F. Lynia U., b. 1812, md. 27 JAN 1836 (Greene Co., AL) Joseph J. Rich.
- G. John U., b. 22 APR 1814 (NC), md. (1st) 8 DEC 1835 (Greene Co., AL) Jane Wilderl /, b. 1819 (Johnston Co., NC), d. 1840 (Greene Co., AL), md. (2nd) 27 APR 1843 (Greene Co., AL) Armenia Jane Hicks2/, b. 7 MAR 1875 (Greene Co., AL).
  - 1.1/ Mary Jane U., b. 23 DEC 1838 (Johnston Co., NC).
  - 2.1/ John W. U., b. 1840(1836)(Johnston Co., NC).
  - 3.2/ James Franklin U., b. 7 MAY 1844.
  - 4.2/ Elizabeth F. U., b. JUL 1846 (Greene Co., AL).
  - 5.2/ Robert Burton U. Sr., b. 4 JUL 1846 (Greene Co., AL).
  - 6 - 14. Added children, b. AL. H. Abel U. Jr., b. ca 1821 (NC), md. 14 DEC 1843 (Greene Co., AL) Sarah Porter.
  - 1 - 5 children, b. AL or MS.

## 2. Commentary on the partial Outline for the family of Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL.

Abel U. Sr. is on the 1840 census of Greene Co., AL, with his wife and three of his grown children. We have not found him on the 1830 census in NC or AL but in 1830 his son, Bartley U. heads a household in Greene Co., AL, and his son, Benjamin U. heads one in Pickens Co., AL. We need more evidence as to when Abel U. Sr. and his children moved to AL. What is clear is that this outline shows the family started out in NC with Wake Co., NC, being a county of residence. This listing also links this family even earlier to Franklin Co., NC. Note the marriage of Benjamin U. to Cinderilla Tant in Franklin Co., NC, on 6 AUG 1822. Some of the grandchildren of Abel U. Sr. are shown as having been born in NC. The tie to Franklin Co. NC, provides a hint that the Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL could have originated in Franklin Co., NC. If so, circumstances would strongly suggest that Abel U. Sr. is a son of Richard U. II. It does so happen that Richard U. II of Moccasin Creek area of Franklin Co., NC did have a son named Abel U. II. Records of this Abel U. II have accumulated over the years but a Master Outline for his family has never been generated. The time has come to present known details on Abel U. II and to explore the prospects that Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL and Abel U. II of Franklin Co., NC are one and the same.

## B. Known Details of Abel U. II, of Franklin Co., NC.

West, in her Upchurch Book, without giving evidence lists Abel U. II as among the proven and probable children of Richard U. II of Franklin Co., NC. Apparently she did this because Abel U. II was found to be in association with the Upchurches of the Moccasin Creek

Area of Franklin Co., NC. Given the presumed age of Abel U. II and his association with know Upchurches there is no plausible explanation other than that he would be the son of Richard U. II. Still, the evidence for this father-son relationship is circumstantial. Let us recount the existing details which may be reasonably attributed to Abel U. II:

1. The 1800 census for Franklin Co., NC. Abel U. - Head of Household (Abel U. II). a. Male 26-45 Abel U. II. b. Male 10-16. c. Male 10-16. d. Male 10-16. e. Male 0-10. f. Male 0-10. g. Female 16-24. h. Female 0-10.
2. Wake Co., NC Records. a. 1801 (Recorded 13 APR 1803) Abel U. (of Franklin Co., NC) bought 75 acres of land on the North side of Moccasin Creek (in Wake Co., NC) from Nathan Massey. Witness - Nathan U. I. b. 9 MAR 1809 - Abel U. bought land. c. 1809 (1810) Little River District Tax list Abel U. - 375 acres. d. 1812 Abel U. bought 25 acres. e. 1811-1817 - Little River District Tax list Abel U. - 725 acres. f. 11 APR 1818 Abel U. bought land. g. 1818-1819 - Little River District Tax list Abel U. - 822 acres. h. 1820 - Little River District Tax list Abel U. - 725 acres. i. 1820 - Abel U. 97 acres to son. j. 20 APR 1824 Abel U. bought land. k. 28 JUN 1838 Abel U. bought land.
3. Franklin Co., Records. a. 1804 Tax list Capt. Dunn's District. Abel U. - 175 acres. b. 1814 Estate papers for Pettypool Massey shows land adjoining that of Abel U. c. 1817 Abel U. purchases items at estate sale for Richard U. III. d. 1822 Abel U. is somehow involved in land transactions with Jubal U. e. 1824 At inventory for estate of Calvin U. an old note shows "1 deed Abel U. due JUL 1824 \$717.91. f. 1835 Abel U. received land from R. U.
4. Commentary on the Records for Abel U. II of Franklin Co., NC.

These records provide compelling circumstantial evidence that Abel U. II had a strong presence among the children of Richard U. II, and one is led unescapably to the conclusion that Abel U. II was a son of Richard U. II. Even as Abel U. II moved from Captain Dunn's District in Franklin Co., NC to the Little River District in Wake Co., NC, he did not move far as these two districts are separated only by Moccasin Creek. These entries are incomplete and no doubt more records will be found on Abel U. II, which will allow us an even better understanding of this individual. We do note that Abel U. II was an individual of substance according to his land holdings.

#### C. Are Abel U. Sr. and Abel U. II the same?

On the positive side of an affirmative answer to this question is that as the activity for Abel U. phased down in Franklin and Wake Counties in NC, activity for an Abel U. picked up in Greene Co., AL. We know that sons of Abel U. Sr. were in Greene Co., AL before 1830. It seems possible that they arrived before their father. It seems likely that the person we know as Abel U. II left NC roughly between 1825 and 1835 and that a person we know as Abel U. Sr. appeared in Greene Co., AL during this time period.

An aspect that is not so easy to resolve concerns the ages of the children of Abel U. II, as shown on the 1800 census of Franklin Co., NC, and the ages of the children of Abel U. Sr. as shown in IB

above. The former were all born before 1800 and the latter all after this date. It almost seems as if there are two batches of children. Possibly two wives are involved. Another possibility is that some of the individuals in the Abel U. II home in 1800 were siblings of Abel U. II or his wife. Yet another outside possibility will be mentioned below.

#### D. The Possibility of an Abel U./Carpenter connection.

In reviewing these records, the outside chance of some relationship to Missing Link No. 25 presented in UB, Vol. 12, No. 4, pg. 151 (1991) came to mind. This concerns the five Upchurch children whose last name was changed to Carpenter. Note the age brackets shown in the Abel U. II Household for 1800 in Bl above. There are slots in this household that could accommodate four of the five individuals whose name was changed (The fifth was born after 1800). Simeon U., b. <1790 could occupy slots b, c or d. Samuel Benjamin U., b. ca 1791, could fit slot e. Jubal U. II, b. 1797 (1795), could fit slot f, and Winefred U. (birth date unknown) just might fit slot h. If this household does contain the Upchurch/Carpenter children the issue of whether Abel U. II was or was not their father is left open for discussion. An additional item of substantial consequence is that Abel U. and at least some of the Upchurch/Carpenter children were in Greene Co., AL in the 1830-1850 era. One speculates that this is not a coincidence!

#### E. Summary1/2/

It is proposed that Abel U. Sr. and Abel U. II are one and the same. Comments and data to support or refute this proposal are invited. If nothing is received in several months to change this proposal, a note will be made in a future UB that our records are being formally changed to reflect the proposal.

At that time the specifics of how the formal records are to be changed will be documented.

1/ The name Abel U. occurs in a number of places in Upchurch history but there are two additional such cases which merit attention here. Abel U. I is a presumed son of William U.I, b. 1735. This Abel U. I appeared in the early stages of Upchurch research and has not been verified. The designations Abel U. I and Abel U. II were assigned to keep the two presumed individuals separate. In general, Abel U. I has not been found in the NC records where he would be expected. Another individual, Abel U., b. ca 1808, md. 27 NOV 1839 (Wake Co., NC) Nancy Sorrell. This Abel U. lived in western Wake Co., NC and is a son of Burtis U. and a gs of Nathan U. I (Head of Clan). It appears Abel U. (XID 691) was named after his greatuncle Abel U. II.

2/ This article has been shared in draft form with several descendants of Abel U., Sr. (Abel, U. II). Nothing has been received to change the article as presented above. Cousin Comella Dianne DaLee does suggest that Abel U. II would not have been old enough to have fathered all the children shown in his household on the 1800 census of Franklin Co., NC. Her observation makes the speculation given in I (D) above more interesting.

**MISSING LINKS Vol. 13, No. 3, July, 1992, p. 115**

I. MISSING LINK NO. 26. Who was the real father of ABEL UPCHURCH, SR. who died DEC 1846 (Greene Co., AL)?

This Missing Link was treated in UB, Vol. 13, No. 1, Page 17-25, JAN 1992. The proposal was advanced that Abel U., Sr. was the son of Richard U., II, rather than the son of William U. IV. In the interim no evidence has surfaced in opposition to this proposal. Accordingly, we will henceforth operate on the basis that Abel U., Sr. is one and the same as the person we have heretofore identified as Abel U. II. The fundamental change in our records involves showing that XID-589 is a son of XID-152 rather than XID-160. Further we will adopt XID-587 as the number for Asal U., the child of William U. IV. It will be recalled that the only information we have on Asal U. is that this name appeared in the settlement of his/her father's estate when the said father, William U., IV died intestate in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787.

A consequence of these changes is that each of the children of Abel U., Sr. now become heads of subclans. The outlines for these subclans through the 9th generation will be published in the UB. The first one, the Abel U., Sr./ Bartley U. Subclan appears in this issue of the UB. The Master Outline for the eight new subclans already exist in a working format and copies are available upon request. The Subclans are:

Abel U., Sr./Bartley U. Abel U., Sr./Benjamin U. Abel U., Sr./Dolly U. Abel U., Sr./James Laton U., Sr. Abel U., Sr./Mary U. Abel U., Sr./Lynia U. Abel U., Sr./John U. Abel U., Sr./Abel U., Jr.

A further consequence of these changes is that all memberships shown in the various issues of the UB for the William U., IV/Abel U., Sr. Subclan must now be changed to show Abel U., Sr. Clan with the subclan as appropriate.

We regret any confusion that may result because of these changes and thank all for their forbearance and assistance in helping us get this important part of the Upchurch family portrayed in the correct fashion.

**A. WILL OF JOHN UPCHURCH, Head of the John Upchurch Subclan of the William Upchurch IV Clan. Vol. 5, No. 4, October, 1984, p. 149**

**[RPU Note, September 8, 2014: This is a valid entry for the William Upchurch IV Clan and not tainted by the error showing Abel Upchurch, Sr. as a son of William Upchurch IV]**

1. Last Will and Testament of John Upchurch written 30 APR 1853 (Henry Co., TN) Probated NOV 1854 JAN 1855 (Henry Co., TN).

I John Upchurch do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any monies that may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I will and bequeath to my son Jesse Upchurch my two negroes Johnson and Druscilla with one bed, bedstead and furniture and two hundred dollars in money before a division is made.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath to the four sons John, Bayless, George and Eli of my son Joshua Upchurch deceased my negro boy Avil to be equally divided among them.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath to the three sons, William, Jesse, and Thomas of my daughter Catherine Darnell all of my land on the south side of the beaver dam creek except twenty acres on the north end of the tract of thirty acres and also the M. Campbell tract consisting of one hundred and eighty acres, and also the negro man named Doctor, and my granddaughter Sarah Jane Yancy (?) to have fifty dollars out of the sale of my personal property.

Sixthly, I will and bequeath to my son David Upchurch three negroes viz one girl Harriett and two boys viz Foster and General and also all the Darrell tract of land except twenty acres in the southwest corner of the tract.

Seventhly, I will and bequeath to the heirs of my son James Jackson Upchurch my home tract of land, and twenty acres off of the north west end of the tract of thirty acres lying on the south side of Beaverdam Creek and also twenty acres off of the south west corner of the Darnell tract and also my negro boy Issac (?) to be equally divided between all of the heirs of the said James Jackson Upchurch when the youngest becomes of age but to be cultivated and used until that time by the said James J. Upchurch for his and his families support.

Eighty, I will and bequeath to my negro woman Sophia, her freedom after my death so far as the laws of the State of Tennessee will permit and to live with one of my sons Jesse or David as she may choose and to be given a wheel, cards, and loom for her to work upon for herself.

Crossed out in the Will:

Ninethly, and all my other property not specified in the foregoing bequests to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among all my heirs according to law.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Jesse Upchurch and David Upchurch my executors. In witness whereof I do, to this my last will and testament, set my hand and seal this 30th day of April 1853.

John Upchurch (seal) X His Mark

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 30th day of April 1853. Z. M. Laster (?) and Thos Rumbley.

8th And all my other property not specified in the above bequests to be sold and the above named two hundred dollars paid to my son Jesse Upchurch, the balance of the proceeds of the

said sale to be divided between my two sons Jesse Upchurch and David Upchurch and the five remaining heirs of my son Joshua Upchurch dec'd in three equal portions. Now the above will being written and by my direction but not in my presence, I have caused the above change and interlining to be done and made before I assigned it, this 30th day of April 1853.

John Upchurch (seal) X His Mark

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator. This 30th day of April 1853. Z M. Lester Thos Rumbley

State of Tennessee, Henry County Court, November term 1854

This day Jesse Upchurch produced and exhibited in open court the within will of John Upchurch ds and therefore appeared Thomas Rumbly one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who after being duly sworn as the law directs depose and say that he was well acquainted with John Upchurch the testor that he saw him sign and heard him acknowledge publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament that he was at the time of signing of sound disposing mind and memory that he signed the same in presence of and at the request of the testator as a witness It was ordered to be certified and recorded.

Test Robert Simonds, Clk.

Will of John Upchurch Recorded in Book H Page 619 and 20

State of Tennessee Henry County Court January Term 1855

Then Zadok M. Lester one of the subscribing witnesses to the written will after personally appearing in open court and after being duly sworn as the law directs deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with John Upchurch the testator that he saw him sign and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament that he was at the time of so doing of sound and depositing mind and memory that he signed the same in presence of and at the request of the testator as a witness. It was ordered to be so certified.

Test Robert Simonds Clerk

(Provided to RPU by Delores Marie Hawkins).

## 2. Commentary on WILL of John Upchurch

An outline for the William U. IV/John U. Subclan has been previously published in the UB (see Vol. 2 (1981) No. 2, pages 19-23). The above will provides documentary proof for several of the members of this subclan. It is out of such firm proof from the hard records that the bonds are forged linking the various units of our extended Upchurch family.

There are several interesting facets of this WILL. In an addendum John U. records that the main body of the WILL was drawn up at his direction but in his absence. When he confronted the WILL first hand he did not like item 9 but signed the WILL anyway and had it witnessed but immediately modified it by the addition (identified as item 8 - should be item 9).

It is peculiar that one of the slaves was left to be divided among several heirs, (item 7). One wonders how such a division could be accomplished effectively.

A poignant note appears when in item 8 he grants slave Sophia her freedom and grants her a spinning wheel for her own use. Furthermore, he grants her the privilege of living with sons Jesse and David according to her choice. We visualize in this case a highly respected servant who has served long and faithfully and earned the right to special treatment. The father seems to take it for granted that the two sons will cheerfully honor the responsibility for taking care of this former slave in her declining years.

**CLAN 9. (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) Vol. 6, No. 2, April, 1985, p. 55**

We welcome a new correspondent for this clan, Mrs. Charles W. Bogen, nee: Mary Caroline Bradford of Paragould, AR.

Records collected over several years for this clan are now being worked and matched with those published in "Those Mississippi Upchurch's". The results are most gratifying and we are thankful for the work of Genevieve Little.

**CLAN 9. (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) Vol. 6, No. 4, October, 1985, p. 137**

We have a nice letter and packet from Mrs. Stephen H. Reed (nee: Barbara Sue Smith) of the William U. IV/John U. Subclan in response to the article on the Horton Cemetery of Henry Co., TN published in the last issue of the UB.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Kermit Dempa Morgan (nee: Julia Elizabeth Upchurch) for the many details she has furnished on the William U. IV/Abel U., Sr. Subclan. We are following with interest the prospects of some racing horses acquired by her son, William Andrew Morgan. Bill is located in Dallas. [RPU note, September 9, 2014: **Mrs. Morgan is not of the William Upchurch IV Clan, but rather of the Abel Upchurch, Sr. Clan, which see.**]

For an exciting prospect regarding this clan see the Missing Links section in this issue of the UB.

**MISSING LINKS NOS. 5, 12, 13. Vol. 6, No. 4, October, 1985, p. 141**

**Missing Link No. 5. The father of David Philip Upchurch (UB, V. 1, No. 3, Pg. 119), b. 18 AUG 1811 (TN), lived in Johnson Co., IL and was bur. there in Drake Cem.**

**Missing Link No. 12. The father of David U., b. ca 1765 (UB, V. 4, No. 3, Pg. 103) and found on the 1800 census of Rutherford Co NC.**

**Missing Link No. 13. The father of Joseph U., b. ca 1779 and found on the 1800 census of Rutherford Co., NC.**

The status on the above Missing Links has now moved from one of "speculation" to one of "tentative conclusion". Numerous individuals have contributed to the collection of facts over the years which have helped us to focus on possible solutions. The original missing link entry (ML No. 5) was based on the interest of James David Upchurch of Albany, IN. However, none have been more dogged in their pursuit of this matter than Donald Eugene Upchurch of Paragould, AR. Let us recount the latest set of circumstances which provided the final bit of information encouraging us to move to the tentative conclusion stage.

In September 1985 Mrs. Ruth Nielson (nee: Ruth Alice Westley) of the John U. III/John U. subclan sent your Editor a computerized alphabetical listing of Upchurches appearing in the late 1700's and early 1800's. (She is a warmhearted, spirited collaborator who does nice things like sending unexpected packets for which we are ever grateful). The UPCHURCH listings started in the middle of a page and my eye caught three names entered before the Upchurches. The entries were:

"Upchert, Ambrose Stewart Co TN 118 300010-00100 1810  
Upchert, David Stewart Co TN 118 120001-40101 1810  
Upchert, William Stewart Co TN 118 000100-00100 1810"

My immediate conclusion was that these three names were really Upchurches and that UPCHERT represented a clerical error in spelling. It seemed possible to me that the David U. listed might have a bearing on Missing Link No. 5. Not having time to deal with this and not even knowing the location of Stewart Co TN, I dashed off a quick letter to Donald Eugene Upchurch dated 28 SEP 1985, sending him the details and the question - "Could David Upchert be David Upchurch and the father of your David Philip U., b. 1811 (TN)? Where is Stewart Co.?"

Donald looked into this matter and concluded that the facts fit together. Our tentative conclusion is as follows:

- I. Michael U. I (Original immigrant).
  - A. Richard U. I.
    - 1. James U. I.
      - a. Michael U. III.
        - i. William U. IV.
          - (I), William U.
          - (II), David U. (ML 12).
            - (A). David Philip U. (ML 5).
            - (B). Joseph U. (ML 13).
          - (III). John U. V
          - (IV). Edward U.
        - (V). Abel U., Sr. **[RPU Note 9 Sep 2014, Should read Asal U]**
        - (VI). Patty U.
        - (VII). Elizabeth U.
        - (VIII).Sarah U.

(IX). Amey U.  
(X). Susannah U.

We have often repeated the story of how William U. IV, Head of Clan No. 9, died intestate in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787 and how we have been able to track some of his children but not others. Son, Abel U., Sr. moved to AL and is well documented. **[RPU Note 9 Sep 2014, Abel Upchurch, Sr. is not a member of the William Upchurch IV family.]** Son, John U. moved first to Greenville, SC and thence to Henry Co. in northwestern TN. Now we have become convinced that son David U. followed (or preceded or went with) his brother, John U. to northwestern TN. We know that the Tennessee River divides present day Henry and Stewart Counties in northwestern TN. In the late 1700's and early 1800's the Tennessee River running southward out of east Tennessee into AL and thence northward into west Tennessee and on through KY to the Ohio River was a popular travel route. We know that Henry Co., TN was formed in 1821 so possibly it was cut out of a larger Stewart Co., TN where the three "Upchert" families were found in 1810. We know that John U. settled in the vicinity of Paris, TN which is located in present day Henry Co. It is possible that David U. also settled close to his brother on the west side of the Tennessee River but that as of 1810 the area was called Stewart Co. At any rate, our scenario calls for the David U. family to leave the area as they are next accounted for in Johnson Co., IL.

Taking all factors into consideration, Donald Eugene U. on 14 OCT 1985 wrote "Seeing how the ages match in 1800, 1820 and 1830, I feel safe in saying that David U., son of WM. and Sarah U., is the - father of David Philip U., born 1811. David P. U. and four sisters were born in Stewart Co., TN."

We will proceed shortly to lock these relationships into place by assignment of XID numbers. So, as they say at weddings, "If you know of any reason this should not be done, speak now or forever hold your peace".

We have not yet had time to research Ambrose and William "Upchert" families located on the Stewart Co., TN census in 1810 with David U., but presume they will fit in well somewhere, somehow, probably in the William U. IV Clan.

**CLAN 9. (William Upchurch IV)      Vol. 7, No. 3, July, 1986, p. 89**

The Upchurches of TX held their Upchurch-Lampley Reunion in the Austin, TX area on 28 Jun 1986. Cora Lee (Terry) Gott reports that about 65 attended. There were four 86-year olds and two babies. Most, if not all, were from the William U. IV/John U. Subclan.

**MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAM U. IV/DAVID U. SUBCLAN**      **Vol. 7, No. 4, October, 1986, p. 125,**

[Photo did not transfer.]

**David Crockett Upchurch & Wife Son of David Phillip Upchurch**

In commemoration of the linking of David Phillip Upchurch as a son of David Upchurch and as a grandson of William U IV, Head of Clan No. 9, we hereby proudly publish the photo of David Crockett U. and his wife, Pernecia Frances (Pittman) U. David Crockett U. was b. 18 MAR 1837 (New Burnside, IL), d. 19 AUG 1921 (Creel Springs, IL) (Bur. Drake Cem Williamson Co., IL), md. 16 SEP 1857 (Williamson Co., IL) Pernecia Frances Pittman, b. 1838 (AL), d. FEB 1923 (Williamson 16691 Co., IL)(Bur AS HUS). David Crockett U. was a farmer by profession. He served in the Union Army for three years during the Civil War and was a Private in Co. G of the 120th Illinois Infantry Volunteers. He served in various parts of the Mississippi Valley and was ill during much of the war and suffered from these illnesses for the rest of his life. Three of his 13 children died while he was away from home during the war. David Crockett U. was administrator of the estate of his brother, Ira William U., who d. 3 MAR 1891 (Stonefort, IL) and became legal guardian for three of his brother's children who were minors.

We are indebted to James David U., a ggs of David Crockett U., for the above photo and for numerous documents pertaining to his ggf and to other members of the family.

**CLAN 9. (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV)**      **Vol. 8, No. 3, July, 1987, p. 91**

Our Cousin Allie Mae (U.) Webb has a keen interest in family history and after several tries we finally made contact. In a recent letter she sent a lovely photograph of herself, her husband James Harold Webb and their daughter Regina Kay Webb. Regina is a beautiful young lady and judging from the picture I would say she is of Miss America quality. But that is what we expect of our family members - right? Allie is of the William U. TV /Abel U., Sr. Subclan. [RPU Note, 9 Sep 2014, Allie is of the Abel U, Sr. Clan, not the William U. IV Clan.]

Correspondence with descendants of the William U. IV/John U. Subclan continues with much success. Their ancestors were in Henry Co., TN in the early 1800's but some family members moved to TX before the Civil War. We have some wonderful pre-Civil War letters exchanged between the TN and the TX members of this family which we hope to share in due course. Thanks folks for your participation and wonderful support.

A. ENGLAND.

1. Catch-up. For several years we have had sporadic correspondence with family members who were planning to visit or who had visited England. Often they were interested in directions to Little Gidding, the religious retreat from which our ancestor, Michael Upchurch, left in 1649 to come to America as the first American Upchurch. Some relatives have been interested in the Village of Upchurch (with which we have no known family connection). Even as we write this, Mrs. John William Upchurch, Jr. (nee: Annie Laurie Dickson) of Phoenix, AZ, and her grandson, Norman, are in England and plan to visit Little Gidding. John William Upchurch, Jr. is of the Nathan U. I/Burtis U. Subclan, We will take this opportunity to share some previous correspondence on the subject of England with the readers of the UB.

2. From Thomas Ransom Upchurch III (of the Harmon U./Howell U. Subclan) - 17 AUG 1981  
"Dear Phil: I am planning to visit Upchurch, England in November. If there is any additional information you may have to help me plan this trip, would you please enclose it with the first issue. Thank you. T. R. Upchurch".

3. From James David Upchurch (of the William Upchurch IV/ David Upchurch Subclan). "Dear Phil, In July '83 my wife Shirley Mae, my daughter Susan Lynn U., my son Christopher James U. vacationed in England. We got some great pictures of Little Gidding. If you would like copies I will be glad to send them. We were received very well in Little Gidding. We met the people of the Community & had Sunday Dinner with them at the Farm Manor House. Our host was Veronica Gray who is now Secretary of the Group. We had afternoon tea with her & a tour of the farm. They were very friendly & made us feel welcome.

We spent some time in Upchurch, Kent, after we left Little Gidding. The Vicar in Upchurch took almost a complete day showing me the Church (St. Mary's) & showing me old church records. There were no traces of anyone by the name of Upchurch buried in the Cemetery at Upchurch. We checked records back to the 1500's.

While in Upchurch one of the ladies, whose name is Evelyn Veale, and a lifelong resident of Upchurch, presented me with a piece of Upchurch pottery. Her ancestors had worked in the pottery works.

James Upchurch

P.S. Am enclosing pictures sketched by one of the residents of Upchurch."

**REFERENCE MATERIALS      Vol. 10, No. 3, July, 1989, p. 111**

A. A Review of the Book "A HISTORY OF THE HENRY COUNTY COMMANDS WHICH SERVED IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY, including ROSTERS OF THE VARIOUS COMPANIES ENLISTED IN HENRY COUNTY, TENN.", By Lieut. Edwin H. Renolds, Company "K", Fifth Tennessee Infantry. Sun Publishing Co., Jacksonville, FL.

This 301 page book has a number of meanings for the Upchurch Family. It is now a collector's item of considerable value and the copy being reviewed has been presented to the Upchurch Archives by Boyd Bradfield Upchurch out of his strong feelings about Upchurch family history. It deals specifically with members of the Upchurch family who lived in Henry Co., TN.

"Henry County Commands" is special because it grew out of the authors desire to "see a record of the brave deeds of Henry County's gallant soldiery put into a durable and permanent form;...". The author, himself an active participant in the Civil War, laments --"nearly forty years have passed away and no historian has appeared." In the meantime Lt. Renolds had continued to collect materials for the book. The document is valuable because it recorded details of personal observations and records of individual participants which may not otherwise be available.

From a family history standpoint "Henry County Commands" is important because it identifies the names of so many participants and provides extensive rolls of the various army units mentioned. The names of all Upchurches listed will be mentioned below along with some related family names. Present-day individuals who suspect the involvement of persons of interest will have to scan the book to see if the person they seek is mentioned. Further study will no doubt reveal that the book describes participation of Upchurch descendants who are not singled out here because they do not bear the Upchurch name and we are not yet enlightened enough to recognize them.

The book is organized in a unique fashion consistent with the involvement of the author and with how he acquired information. The first section of the book is devoted to Company "F" of the 154th Senior Regt., TN Inf. because it was organized in Henry CO., TN. one year or so before hostilities commenced. The outstanding performance of this unit is given in pages 7 - 19. No Upchurches are mentioned in this section.

The heart of the book is composed of the history of the 5th Regt., TN Inf. of which the author was a member. From pages 20 - 178 one finds details on the involvement of the 5th Regt. from the beginning to the end of the war. Of the 1300 who served, only thirty were present at the end to surrender. Among these were the author, Lt. Edwin H. Renolds, and Pvt. George W. Upchurch, Company A. The latter is George Washington Upchurch, Sr., son of Joshua Upchurch, grandson of John Upchurch, and great-grandson of William Upchurch IV, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 9.

The story of the 5th Regt. includes details on the battles of Shiloh, Perrysville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Ellsbury Ridge, Kennesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Palmetto, Franklin and Nashville. The unit is reported to have

participated in fifteen battles and numerous skirmishes. The glory and the agony of all events is reported by this author in vivid terms. Is there any wonder he was moved to write the account?

In the Spring of 1864, Gen. Joe E. Johnson, Commanded Confederate forces in GA. He was cautiously resisting the advance of the Federal troops under Gen. Sherman. Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, was unhappy with Gen. Johnson's cautious behavior and on 18 JUN 1864 replaced him with the more vigorous Gen. Hood. Soon the TN 5th Regt., along with other forces were dispatched to Jonesboro, GA to resist the advancing Federal troops. Lt. Rennolds reports - "Finding the enemy in heavy force and the morale of our army being well nigh destroyed by its want of confidence in General Hood's military ability and discretion, the attack failed at every point... Not, however, til four brave memn (....G. W. Upchurch..) were wounded. Subsequently on page 129 it is reported that George W. Upchurch "served through the war."

In the roster of Company B of the 5th TN Regt. two other Upchurches are listed as: Frank M. Upchurch, served two or three years and J. T. Upchurch, died in 1861. Our presumption is that these two are brothers John T. Upchurch and Francis Marion Upchurch, sons of David Upchurch, gs of John Upchurch and ggs of William Upchurch IV, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 9.

The above concludes the reference to Upchurches in the 5th TN Regt. However, the book continues with more limited reports on other units in which Henry Co., TN men played a role as follows:

. 46th Regt. TN Inf. p. 179 - 229. This unit was assembled from Henry Co., TN men in the fall of 1861 when the need for more forces became obvious. Whereas, the earlier organized 5th Regt. consisted mainly of unmarried young men, the 46th was comprised of many older married men and some quite young boys. On page 200 Second Lieut. John F. Upchurch is shown to be a member of Company B of the 46th Regt. and it is noted that he "escaped at Island 10; served in Cavalry." This individual is presumed to be John F. Upchurch, son of Joshua Upchurch of the William Upchurch IV/ John Upchurch Subclan.

. 7th Regt., Co. G, TN Cal. p. 230-249. No Upchurches.

. 10th Regt. Cos. I & K, p. 249-257. No Upchurches.

. 20th Regt. TN Cavalry - Cos. E, F, K, p. 257-275 In Company F of this Regt. was Ballus H. Upchurch who died 10 MAY 1864. We carry this individual as Bayliss H. Upchurch, another son of Joshua Upchurch.

. Capt. N. W. McNeills Cal. Co. p. 276. No Upchurches

. Gen. H. B. Lyon's Escort p. 277-278. No Upchurches.

. Capt. Robert Ayres Cal. Co. p. 279-280. No Upchurches.

. 4th Conf. Regt., Co. C. p. 280-281. No Upchurches.

. 12th KY Regt. Cal. Col. W. W. Faulkner p. 281-283. No. Upchurches.

. 19th TN Regt. Cal. - Partial Roll of Co. D. p. 283. Col. John F. Newsom. No Upchurches.

. Roll of Henry Co., TN Soldiers in Misc. Commands. p. 284-290. No Upchurches.

The book closes with sections on Women in the Confederacy, The Colored Cooks, General Notes and a Conclusion. The latter indicates that the book ..."has been written with no desire to keep alive the animosities and bitterness engendered by the war, but in the belief that all true soldiers on either side accord to their sometimes enemies honesty of purpose."

This review is published as a tribute to our Upchurch Family members and to their close relatives and descendants of Henry Co., TN but also in broader tribute to all those Upchurch relatives who served on either side in the 1861-1865 conflagration. Lieut. Rennolds° book is in its entirety a moving tribute to those who served for what they considered to be right. But the most moving passage of all is given in a quotation on pages 118-123 from the words of Lieut. Col. Luke W. Finley. He was in charge of the westward march of the TN 5th Regt. and related units following surrender in central NC. He writes of their march through the City of Ashville, NC where the Regimental flag was unfurled in march one last time stirring the hearts of the downtrodden marchers and onlookers alike. It was this moving passage which Boyd Bradfield Upchurch chose to read to a small group in your editor's home on 25 MAR 1989 when he presented the book for the Upchurch Archives. I wish that all who are interested in Upchurch Family History could read this passage and that they could have the pleasure of hearing it delivered in the senatorial voice of Cousin Boyd. [RPU Note, 9 Sep 2014, The book discussed is preserved in Allied Families Research Center.]

**CLAN 9. (William Upchurch IV)      Vol. 18, No. 3, July, 1997, p. 119**

Members of the David Phillip U. Line of the William U. IV/David U. Subclan held a reunion on August 31, 1997, in Marion, IL. Numerous family members put on an excellent picnic event with a fun laden auction and games for all ages. Sallaine and I had been encouraged to attend the event by James David U., who is a GGS of David Crockett U., son of David Phillip U. It was a great pleasure to meet Jim who has long been interested in our Upchurch heritage. It was also a pleasure to meet Jim's son, David Earl U., who is rapidly establishing himself as a strong contributor to our effort on Upchurch history. In preparation for the reunion he made a trip to Surry Co., VA and other points in the east to take photographs. These he issued at the reunion in a beautifully reproduced booklet format. After lunch Jim and his sister, June (Upchurch) Pagano traveled 14 miles with us to see the Drake Cemetery in southern Williamson County, IL. This is a beautiful setting where David Phillip U. and many of his descendants are buried. Their original farm is just a mile south in the northern part of Johnson Co., IL. It was a great joy to gain an insight into this part of the William U IV/David U. Subclan.

**CLAN 9. (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) Vol. 20, No. 2, April, 1999, p. 71**

We learned the names of the ten children of William U. IV as the result of the paperwork necessitated by the fact that he died intestate in 1787 in Wilkes Co., NC. Our current presumption is that all members of this clan departed Northwestern NC within a few years. There are solid and extensive records for his son, John U. V, who removed to Henry Co., TN by way of Greenville, SC. Sons, David U. and William U. lived for a time in the early 1800s in Stewart Co., TN, next door to Henry Co., TN. They are soon thereafter found in IL where records of David U. and his descendants are plentiful and those for William U. less so. Records for the other children of William U. IV are a blur. We have some contact with members of this clan but need more. Over the years one of our most tireless workers on this clan was Donald Eugene U. of Paragould, AR. We have never thanked him enough and at this point wish to restate that the entire extended Upchurch family is indebted to Don for his ability to locate and interpret records. Many thanks Don!

**CLAN 9. William Upchurch IV Vol. 20, No. 3, July, 1999, p. 117**

In the early 1800s, John U. V, son of William U. IV, moved from Greenville, SC to Henry Co., TN. The reader is reminded of an outstanding Heritage Book for Henry Co., TN. It is entitled "Henry County Tennessee - History and Families". References to descendants of John U. V appear throughout the book. Five articles on specific segments of the Upchurch family are included. This book is a rich source of information for the William U. IV/John U. V Subclan. Members of this subclan would enjoy having a copy of this book which deals effectively with their heritage. Anyone having a special interest should contact the editor of the UB.

**CLAN 9. (WILLIAM UPCHURCH IV) {Son of Michael U. III}. Vol. 27, No. 1, January-June, 2006, p. 21**

William U. IV was b. 1758 (Brunswick Co., VA) and d. 1787 in Wilkes Co., NC. His children were William, David, John U. V, Edward, Asel, Patty, Elizabeth, Sarah, Amey and Susannah. This clan seemed to depart from Wilkes Co., NC within a few years after the 1787 death of William. Some of the children are found further south in NC and then in the early 1800s in Greenville Co., SC. However, they soon moved west to TN. There is an outstanding compendium of John U. V and his descendants in Henry Co., TN, There is evidence of William and David in this area of TN also. However, tracks of these two and their children are soon found in southern Illinois. **[RPU Note 9 Sep 2014, Our current best evidence is that William U. IV was born about 1726 or earlier.]**

**Clan No. 9. William Upchurch IV Clan. Vol. 28, No. 2, July-December, 2007, p. 51**

William U. IV also moved from VA to NC. First we find him in Granville Co., NC but by the early to mid-1780s we find him in Wilkes Co., NC. There he died in 1787. The clan is still well

represented in Wilkes Co., NC and in the 1800s various members moved into nearby counties. Our records for the NC heritage of this Clan is rich in detail. [RPU Note 9 Sep 2014, Just how long descendants stayed in the Wilkes Co., NC area we do not know, but evidence that they were there beyond 1810 is lacking.]