

Alfred E. Upchurch XID 4687

Commentary: Alfred Upchurch was born in 1823 at Green Level in Wake County, NC and died in 1897 in Raleigh, NC. He was the son of Burtis Upchurch and the grandson of Nathan Upchurch I, head of Upchurch Clan #3. Burtis Upchurch had nine children, all males. Three of his sons migrated to Raleigh in the 1830 – 1840 era. William Clinton Upchurch arrived in Raleigh first, followed by Bartlett and Alfred. These three and a nephew, William George Upchurch, played major roles in shaping the business and cultural life of the city in the last half of the nineteenth century. Bartlett and Alfred were coach makers. With more research, the roles that these four Upchurch families played in Raleigh can be unveiled.

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(1) Excerpt from: Historical Raleigh (NC) from 1992. By: Moses M Amil 1902 – RPU 3SEP2014 PGS 143, 144. Important Residents of Raleigh, NC in the 1800s.

All men cannot be merchants – there must be artisans, or mechanics, as well as tradesmen; producers as well as distributors and consumers. Were this not true, houses would not be constructed nor cities built. Thus, in the different periods of our history there came to Raleigh, and also grew up within its borders, mechanics and others who pursued their respective vocations, and without whom the city could not have grown and flourished and been the beautiful metropolis it is today. Among the representative men of this character have been Jno. G. Briggs, Thos. H. Briggs, David L Royster, Madison Royster, Anderson Nixon, carpenters; C. Kuester, gun and locksmith; John O'Rourke, Jas. Bashford, Bartlett Upchurch, Wm. F. Clarke, Jno R Harrison, N.S. Harp, W. David Williams, Thos. G. Jenkins, Alfred Upchurch, carriage-makers; Henry J Brown, E. D. Haynes, David Royster and W. J. Thompson, cabinet-makers; Henry Smith, Mark Williams, bricklayers; W.G. Lougee, tinner; H. I. Hasselbach, coppersmith; Silas Burns, iron-worker; Joseph Waltering, axe-maker and manufacturer of edge tools; John Maunder, Wm. Stronach, Marble Cutters; Dabney Cosby, architect. The following have been artisans of more recent times, many of whom are still living and actively engaged in business: Marshall Betts, Harris Vaughan, Benj. Park. Jacob S. Allen, Anderson Betts, L. H. Royster, W. Jeff Ellington, Arthur D. achary, building contractors: T. F. Brockwell, expert gun and locksmith; H. J. Hammill, plasterer; Jno J. Weir, F. H Hunnient, bricklayers, stone-masons and general contractors; M. R. Haynes, cabinet-maker; Geo. M. Allen, Wm. C. Cram, J. H. Gill, founders and machinists; S. W. Holloway, J. W. Evans, Carriage-makers; W. W. Parish, Wm. C. Parish, H. E. Glenn, Jesse Williams, H. M. Farnsworth, Wm. F. King, C. F. Bullock, W. R. Macy, John Howell, painters; Lonnie Weathers, Wm. T. Utley, J. C. Ellington, paper-hangers; T. S. Stevenson, W. J. Young, W. H. Hughes Jr., Wm Taylor, M. Howes, A. T Kuester, plumbers.

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3SEP2014 Pgs 119-120.

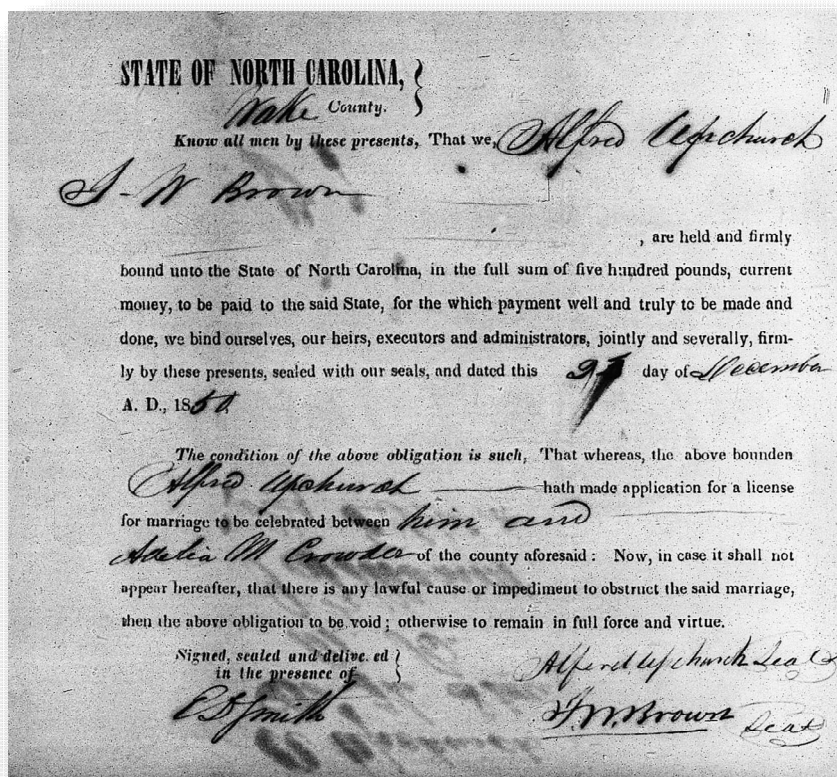
Bartlett Upchurch, in the early forties, came here to engage in the business of coach-making. He established a shop on East Hargett Street, where he continued to the time of his death in 1837. He was a brother of Wm. C. Upchurch.

Alfred Upchurch, brother of Wm. C. and Bartlett Upchurch, came later, and after serving an apprenticeship in coach-making under his brother Bartlett, engaged in business for himself, which he conducted with success throughout the greater part of his life. He died a few years ago, at an advanced age. Mr. Upchurch represented at one time his ward in the city council.

Pgs 120, 121 – The “Raleigh Fire Company” was organized in 1844. Two of the officers were C. B Root, Captain; William C. Upchurch, Treasurer. Both of these public-spirited citizens are yet living. They are referred to more fully elsewhere in this work.

1. Nathan Upchurch, I head of clan
 - a. Burtis Upchurch
 - i. William Clinton Upchurch, I
 - ii. Bartlett Upchurch
 - iii. Alfred Upchurch

(3) Alfred Upchurch North Carolina Marriages, 1759-1979, marriage 23Dec1850, Wake, North Carolina, spouse: Adelia M. Crowder



(5) RPU entry 22OCT2018

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, WAKE COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *Alfred Wepherich*
and S. D. Womble,
are held and firmly bound unto the State of North-Carolina in the full sum of ONE THOUSAND
DOLLARS, current money, to be paid to the State aforesaid, for which payment, well and truly to be
made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally
and firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this the *12* day
of *December*, A. D., 18*65*

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bounden
Alfred Wepherich hath made application for a LICENSE for a
MARRIAGE to be celebrated between him and *Annie E. Reynolds*
of the County aforesaid: Now, in case it shall not hereafter appear that there is any lawful cause
or impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void: otherwise to
remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered }
in presence of }

Alfred Wepherich [SEAL.]
per S. D. Womble [SEAL.]

I would like to add the following information that I found in my files sent to me by RPU at an unknown date – Ginger Sisney, 25 February 2019

(6) See 1870 Census – Wake Co., NC – Raleigh

Alfred Upchurch, age 48, male, white, coach maker, \$7500 RE, \$1500 PF, wife Annie Upchurch, age 30, female, keeping house, mother and father born in foreign land. Children:

William age 16, male, attending school (see William W. Upchurch)

James – age 11, male, attending school

Bernard, age 5, male

Merriman, age 3, male

Margaret, age 1 ½, female

Other: Dolly Outlaw – age 50, female, black, domestic servant, cannot read or write.

(7) See 1880 Census – Wake Co., NC – Raleigh

Alfred Upchurch, white, male, age 57. Runs Carriage factory, home on Hargett St., born in NC as are mother and father.

Wife – Annie E. Upchurch, age 40, born in NC, father and mother born in Ireland.

J.B. Upchurch, male, age 21, son, bookkeeper in store

Bernard, male, age 15, son at school

Thos. H , male, age 13, son, at school

Maggie, female, age 10, daughter, at school

Alice E, female, age 6, daughter

F. R. , male, age 4, son

(8) See 1860 Census – Wake Co., NC – Raleigh

Alfred Upchurch, age 35, male, coach maker, \$3500 PP, \$2500 RC

Adelia Upchurch, age 30, female (Adelia M. Crowder)

William Upchurch, age 6, male, (William W)

James Upchurch, age 1, male, (James B)

(9) Per Attach #34 ?? Letter 18May1975 – Wake Co. NC marriage records “23DEC1850 – Alfred Upchurch and Adelia M. Crowder – witness J. W. Brown, W. D. Smith”

(10) Per Attach #34 Ltr 18May1975 – Wake Co. NC Marriage Records “12DEC1863 Alfred Upchurch and Annie E. Reynolds – witness L. D. Weamble”

[Note: The Alfred Upchurch in 1-5 seem to be the same. It appears he had sons William b. 1854 and James, born 1859 by first wife Adelia M. Crowder, and rest of children by 2nd wife Annie E. Reynolds-RPU]

(11) Per minister of First Baptist Church – Raleigh, NC – 30MAY1884- William Clinton Upchurch was present ... along with W W Vass who was executor of will of J D Nunn who left money to church after payment of obligations. Note and mortgage against D G Conn with Th H Bugs endorse \$1040. Note against Alfred Upchurch for \$700 with C D Upchurch as surety.

(12) See extract of book “A History of Printing in North Carolina”. Book details role of C B Edwards in printing and indicates he served as Alderman for Raleigh, NC 1882-1888 with Alfred Upchurch, F M Moring et al – under Mayor W H Dodd.

(13) See letter 25NOV1980 – Ester E Upchurch to Alice Gray (C5) filed under EEU. Ester lists the 8 brothers his grandfather, John ??? Upchurch I, including Alfred Upchurch who repaired wagons and buggies. [Note: at this point it became clear to me that Alfred Upchurch and not Albert Upchurch was one of the 9 brothers – RPU]

(14) See will of Eli abeth W. Crowder – Wake Co,NC written 12SEP1853 – names daughter Adelia M. Upchurch wife of Alfred Upchurch. Names other children:

Helen G Crowder	Phoebe E Jewell
Lewis H. Crowder	(wife of B H Jewell)
William D Crowder	Mary A T Crowder
Angelina Myatt (wife of Isacc B Myatt)	
Executor William D. Crowder	
Names husband, George Crowder	

(15) See NC Supreme Court Case #17026 Wake Co, NC 1890-1891. Alfred Upchurch was bondsman for his nephew Charles D Upchurch as CSC Wake Co, NC on 6DEC1886, 5DEC1887, 3DEC1888, 2DEC1889.

(16) See Ltr 1APR1989 Virginia Diann Kenney to RPU Alphred Upchurch Surety, Wake Co, NC MAR bond 1849 for Eli Oline grandson and Sarah Watson.

(17) [NOTE: Alfred Upchurch is son of Burtis Upchurch and grandson of Nathan Upchurch I, (head of clan).

(19) I found some entries in City Directories – one is an advertisement
Alfred Upchurch Coach Manufacturer, Hargett, near Blount, Raleigh, NC
Carriages, Barouches, Phaetons, Rockaways, Handsome spring wagons,
Which I sell on as good terms as they can be purchased in the City.
Repairing executed in the best manner.

And another entry Upchurch, Alfred, manufacturer of carriages and buggies 119 and 121 e Hargett, r 402 e Hargett

(20) I also found something about his estate:

North Carolina, Wake County in the Supreme Court Term 1888

In the matter of Fabian Upchurch and Placide Upchurch, infants

It appearing to the court that Fabian Upchurch and Placide Upchurch are infants under twenty-one years of age and are the children of Alfred Upchurch, deceased, THE INSURED UNDER Policy 19175 in the Aetna Life Insuran Company, and that said Fabian and Placide Upchurch are entitled to one-sixth of a policy of Insurance No. 19175, amounting to \$256.00 issued by the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., and that said Fabian Upchurch is absent from Raleigh and that his whereabouts can not be ascertained. Now, therefore on motion of J. C. L. Harris, attorney of the estate of Alfred Upchurch, deceased, it is ordered and adjudged that D. H. Young, Clerk of this Court, collect said money from the Aetna Life Insurance Company for each of said infants, and that his receipt for the same shall be good and binding and a full release of said Company for all sums due and payable on this behalf. And the said D. H. Young, Clerk of this Court, shall retain said money until Fabian Upchurch and Placide Upchurch become twenty-one years old, or until further order of this court.

Some signatures.