

Benjamin Upchurch and his Family UAFA Enrolled Family AFEF No. 25

I. Introduction

This compendium for the descendants of Benjamin is being created, maintained, and updated by the Upchurch and Allied Families Association and cooperators with the purpose of having at one online site details about this UAFA “enrolled” family. Today, thousands can trace their heritage back to Benjamin Upchurch.

Each UAFA enrolled family is served by a coordinator. Initially, the default coordinator of all enrolled families is Phil Upchurch, the founder of UAFA. Financial support is required to enroll and augment records for an enrolled family and to keep it online for the long term. The financial co-sponsors of the Benjamin Upchurch family and active supporters will be reported in periodic e-newsletters to the Benjamin Upchurch family. The ultimate goal is to have a minimal endowment of \$10,000 for this family, the earnings of which will support the records of this particular family and UAFA.

Historically, the records for the Benjamin Upchurch family have been found in a great many places. By “enrolling” this family under the auspices of UAFA, the intent is to have a central portal which will readily allow a member of this family to see and understand reference materials about their heritage. Much of this material exists in the Allied Family Archives amassed by Phil Upchurch over a forty year period. This and other resources will set the stage for further research, or for the creation of a comprehensive family history. Progress will depend on collaboration.

Readers are aware of the large amount of conflicting data for any given family on Ancestry.com and other sites. It is difficult and essentially impossible to get these conflicts resolved online. Furthermore, some of these sites fade from view over time. The plan and intent of UAFA is to resolve both of those issues. It is our intent that content portrayed by UAFA for an enrolled family will be factual and subject to ongoing validation and that the content will remain online for the long term under the auspices of UAFA. To make this a reality, UAFA must be sustained by an active volunteer Board of Directors, volunteer cooperators must be active participants, and some hired help must be available. Tax-deductible financial contributions will be important to allow all of this to happen. You may go to the [Home Page](#) of this website to find a membership/contribution form.

BENJAMIN U. AND HIS FAMILY

Benjamin U. had named children - Elizabeth, Frances A., Willie, John, Milley and Clara, plus several others revealed by the census record for whom names are uncertain. Benjamin is believed to have been born in 1752 in Brunswick Co., VA and to have lived all of his adult life in the Moccasin Creek Area where he is believed to have died about 1816. He is found on the census as head of his own household in 1790, 1800, 1810 but not in 1830.

Benjamin had two sons on the 1790 census. Neither of these sons are in their father's home in 1800. However, a slot for one of them reappears in the home in 1810 allowing one to conclude he was b. 1787 +/- 3 years. We speculate that this son was John U. as Benjamin U. deeded land to a son identified as John U. in 1810. Thereby, we may have accounted for one of the two sons in the home in 1790. One Jacob U. known to exist in the area may be the name of the second son. The fact that Benjamin U. had six children as of the 1790 census allows us to reasonably conclude that he would have been married in the early 1770s when he would have been in his twenties. Of the four daughters present in 1790 one is Frances A. U. who appears on the 1800 census in the home but not thereafter. We speculate that another of the four is Susan U. who does not reappear in the home in 1800. The other two daughters on the 1790 census do not appear in the home in 1800 by which time they were likely married and in their own homes. Three additional daughters appear on the 1800 census and we propose that two of them are Milley U. and Clary U. All three of them are gone from the home by 1810. The name of the third is not known. Son, Willie U., appears in his parents home in 1800 and 1810. Strangely, a male and a female both ages 16-26 appear in Benjamin's home as of 1810. We speculate that one of the older children, son or daughter, has married and returned to the home with a spouse.

Our record for Benjamin U. as now written does not identify a child born between 1771 and 1787, a situation which cries out for an explanation.

A deed written 22 MAY 1819 in Franklin Co., NC refers to adjoining land belonging to the heirs of Benjamin U. A death date of about 1816 is therefore believable.

Three of the children of Benjamin U., b. 1852, are known to have produced children. Daughter Elizabeth married John Carpenter. Their children were born in Franklin Co., NC but in due course John moved his family south possibly to Stanly Co., NC and then to Greene Co., AL. This couple provided a home for the five Upchurch children who had their names changed to Carpenter in 1803 in Franklin Co., NC. Daughter Frances md John Pearce, II, b. 1787. Their nine children added to the large Pearce family which continues to live in central NC. Son Willie U. had at least eight children who seemed to remain in the area. William Moses U. is the only one of the eight on which we have significant data for descendants.

1. Frances “Frankie” Upchurch, who married John Pearce. John and Frances had the following children:

- a) Jane
- b) Priscilla
- c) Sidney
- d) Jack, born ca. 1810
- e) Charles born 11 Nov 1816
- f) Harriet born ca. 1818
- g) Clara Ann born 9 Oct 1825
- h) Fannie born ca. 1831
- i) Calvin born ca. 1833

2. Elizabeth b. 1771, married John Carpenter. John and Elizabeth had the following children:

- a) James Ludwell (1793 – 1852)
- b) Elizabeth (1804 – 1842)
- c) Harriet (1805 – 1865)
- d) Mary (1805 – 1865)
- e) Nancy (1808 – 1831)

In addition to the aforementioned children, in 1803 the North Carolina Assembly approved the following name changes:

- a) to **Carpenter** – Simeon, Charles, JBenjamin, Winifred, and Churchill
- b) from – Simeon, Charles, JBenjamin, Winifred and Churchill Upchurch –

These

children were adopted by John and Elizabeth (Upchurch) Carpenter. The actual parents of the five is yet to be determined.

A corrected list of the above names are:

- a) Simeon (Upchurch) Carpenter (1790 – 1828)
- b) Samuel Charles (Upchurch) Carpenter Sr (1791 – 1865)
- c) Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter (1797 – 1851)
- d) William Churchwell (1801 – 1850)
- e) Winifred (Upchurch) Carpenter (1803 – 1850)

3. Willie b. ca. 1795, married Ailsey Adams. It can be assumed, from an analysis of census and other records, that they had eight children:

- a) Unknown male b. ca 1822
- b) Elizabeth b. ca 1823
- c) Unknown male b. ca 1824, d. ca 1840
- d) Jane b. ca 1826

- e) Unknown female b. ca 1827
- f) William Moses b. ca 1831
- g) Unknown male b. ca 1835
- h) Unknown female b. ca 1837

- 4. John
- 5. Miley, who married James Soloman
- 6. Clary, who married Charles Brown
- 7. Jacob?
- 8. Susan?
- 9. Unknown
- 10. Unknown

**Biofiles of the Benjamin Upchurch Enrolled Family that are currently available
as found on the [Allied Families](#) website**

- Elizabeth Thaney Butler
- Elizabeth Upchurch Carpenter
- Jubal Upchurch II

EXCERPTS FROM THE UPCHURCH BULLETIN

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CLAN 23 (BENJAMIN UPCHURCH)

Benjamin Upchurch was b. ca 1752, probably in VA. As a child 163
 he moved with his father to the Moccasin Creek area of NC. He was a
 substantial land holder in Franklin Co., NC and died there about 1815.
 He md. Nancy Ledbetter. One daughter, Frances U. has been identified. 2813,2814
 She md. John Pearce, b. 10 NOV 1787. 4023

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CLAN 23 (BENJAMIN UPCHURCH)

Frances U. II, dau. of Benjamin U., md. John Pearce, b. 2814,163,4023
 10 NOV 1787. They had a son, Benjamin Pearce who had a dau.
 Lenora Jane Pearce, who married one John Clifton Pearce, and gave 4457,4460
 birth to Jonah Robert Lee Pearce who in turn had a son Claude 4458,4459
 E. Pearce, Sr. On September 3, 1977 in wandering through the
 Moccasin Creek area of Franklin County, I came upon the Parity
 General Store and there met Claude E. Pearce, Sr. (Buddy). He 4459
 had run this county store but was now retired. He recited much
 Pearce/Upchurch history for me and showed me a clipping from his
 pocketbook proving that his ancestors included Upchurches. His
 stories included a family tale that the Upchurches in the area got
 their land by marrying Pearces. He told me about one branch of his
 family who moved to Arizona and had a town called Pearce named after
 them. Buddy was most helpful and took me to an Upchurch graveyard
 on Old Highway 64 just barely east of the Pilot Crossroads. This is
 at the southern end of the Moccasin Creek area. This graveyard is
 called the Ambrose Upchurch graveyard. Ambrose U. was the son of 545
 Burkely U. of the Richard U. III/Burkely U. Clan. In earlier years 65,63/65
 I had passed this graveyard hundreds of times without knowing the
 significance of it or the adjacent Moccasin Creek area to our
 Upchurch heritage.

IV. COLONIAL AMERICA AND THE UPCHURCH FAMILY

A. BENJAMIN UPCHURCH - HEAD OF CLAN NO. 23 XID
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1. INTRODUCTION.

It is our intent to print in the UB the full Biofiles of all the Upchurches of the colonial era. This array will involve the first five generations of Upchurches who appeared in America. Generation 1 consists of Michael Upchurch I, and his presumed siblings, with generations 2-5 being the children, gc, ggc and gggc of Michael U. I. Generations 1 and 2 have already been printed. With this issue we skip to Benjamin U., one of the 23 known gggc of Michael U. I. Each of these 23 lived at about the time of Revolution and they serve as the respective heads of the 23 Upchurch Clans. The presentation of the Biofile of Benjamin U. at this time is to provide data which is related to other sections of this particular issue of the UB - notably - the Outline for the Benjamin U. Clan and the Missing Link for the Upchurch - Carpenter name change which took place in 1803.

Readers will note that biofiles consist of raw information, not necessarily in chronological order, which is recorded as it surfaces. The respective entries are, in many cases, unverified and they are sometimes contradictory. We present biofile entries in raw form to provide leads for study and to engage our readers in the spirit of always seeking the true situation as regards the existence of ancestors in our extended Upchurch Family.

2. BIOFILE OF BENJAMIN UPCHURCH - HEAD OF CLAN NO. 23. 163Entry 1. From UPCHURCH FAMILY by West.

Benjamin U. was the son of Richard U., Sr. who had moved to NC from VA before 1755. Benjamin was the brother of Nathan, Richard J., Moses, Charles, James (?), Jubal (?), Abel (?). Only info in B.L. West book "The proven and probable children of Richard U. Sr.....Benjamin Upchurch was granted acres of land in Wake Co., NC. by the State of N. C. in 1779, "On the N side of Mocason Creek and on Turkey Creek". This part of Wake County was later taken into Franklin County, N.C. He was listed in Franklin County Census of 1800 with seven in his family and three slaves. He bought and sold land in Wake County - last appeared in Franklin County census of 1810,nfi."

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Entry 2. Per Attach #5 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU.

A full copy of 17 SEP 1794 deed in Franklin Co., NC
in which Richard (Sr.?-RPU) conveys 100 acres to son 152
Nathan - the plantation on which Richard was then living. 78,152
Land adjoins Benjamin U. on Moqueson Cr. & Richard U. 163,63
(Jr.?-RPU). Witness Richard U. (Jr.?-RPU), B. Wheles, 63,-
Buckner U." 69

Entry 3. Per Attach #6 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU 152
See Richard U., Sr. for cy.

a. Richard U. Sr on 20 MAY 1788 witnessed deed for 152
sale of Wake Co., NC land from Benjamin U. to Edw Parrish. 163,-

b. Shows Benjamin son of Richard U. Sr - 163,152
Benjamin b ca 1752.

Entry 4. Per Attach #31 - West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU
- Wake Co., NC Grantors.

"21 May 1788 - Benjamin U sold to Edward Parrish, Sr. 163,-
land - Book H, Page 43 - Witness Richard U".

Entry 5. Per Attach #30 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU
- Wake Co NC - Court Minutes - Book #1.

a. "1777 Benjamin U. - overseer from Little River to 163
Bute Co line".

b. "1778 Dec Court - Benjamin U - Mark recorded - 163
a crop of left ear & slit & underheel in rt ear."

c. "1780 - Mar Court - Benjamin U - granted 200 acres 163
#12"

d. "1787 - Mar Court - Benjamin U. - page 13 Deed to 163
Edward Parrish, Jr. Oath James Bolton".

e. "1787 - Mar Court - page 45 - Court ordered that
Josiah Crudup be overseer of the road from the falls of
Little River to Franklin Co, NC line on Moccason swamp
in the room of Benjamin U. 163

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Entry 6. Per Attach #33 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU -
Extracts Deeds - Wake Co., NC.

"1786 Benjamin U. - 6 MAR Sold to Edward Parish -
10 lbs - on Turkey Creek = 61 acres - Witnesses Richard U,
James Bolton. Book H pg 43 - March term 1878 ?? - (1788?)
21 MAY 1788 - Hinton - Reg."

Entry 7. Per Attach #27B West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU
- Conveyances - Franklin Co. NC.

a. "28 FEB 1789 - Benjamin U. to Abel Strickland - 163,-
40 lbs - 100 acres on Mockerson Swamp - Wit. - Obadiah
Strickland (Jurat), Wenny Strickland - signed Benjamin U. -,163
-DEC Term 1789 - Book 7, Pg 16" [Wenny Strickland] -
(Eddie Womack In Ltr 27 Apr 1985 Reports Winny female).

b. "1792 - Benjamin U. to Abel Strickland - 20 acres 163,-
N side Mockerson Creek, key Oak Samsons branch. Wit
Pettypool Massey, Obadiah Strickland (Jurat). Benjamin -, -,163
(his mark - B) U - June Court 1795 - Book 8 Pg 104"

c. "1792 - Attach #26 shows date of 1795. Benjamin U 163
to Abel Strickland land N side Mosason Creek - Lumsons
branch - Wit - Pettypool Massey, Obadiah Strickland (Jurat)-
signed Benjamin U. Book a Pg 163". 163

d. "1797 - Jubil (Jubal) U from John Carpenter -
100 acres - Plantation where Edward Parrish formerly lived.
Wit. Benjamin U., Jurat. signed John Carpenter - Dec 163,15712
Sessions 1804 Book 13 Pg 26".

e. "1816 - Richard U. to Briton U., son of aforesaid 63,68
Richard - 1 silver dollar in hand paid by Briton U. - land 63,68
adj land of said Richard U. & Benjamin U. & others - 63,163
beginining Oak Benjamin U. line - 100 acres. Wit. W. 163,-
Harrison, Wm. T. Hollingworth - signed Richard U. -,63

March sessions 1816 - Book 17 Pg 172".

f. "11 MAY 1819 MAY 11 - James U to Buckner U. -\$50- 67,69
Whole of my right & title in tract of land of late
Richard U. dec'd. formerly lived on, 22-3/4 acres. Adj 63
land of Wm. Harrison, heirs of Benjamin U., deceased, and 163
others, to have and hold aforesd, peace or parcel - Wit
Thomas Dunn, Sion U., Jurat - signed James U. - June 64,67
Session 1819 - Bk 18 Pg 80".

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Entry 8. Per Attach #26 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU
Grantors - Franklin Co., NC.

a. "1810 - Benjamin U. to John Carpenter Book 15 163,15712
Pg 73".

b. "1812 - Benjamin U to Obadiah Strickland - Bk 16 163.-
Pg 94".

Entry 9. Per Attach #24 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 West/RPU
- Conveyances - Franklin Co. NC.

a. "1794 Benjamin U from Wm. Lamert Sr Bk 10 Pg 154" 163,-
(on Mockerson Cr).

b. "1842 - Benjamin U (children) from J. R. Williams 163,-
-Bk 28, Pg 296 - [Note - B West has note that this is error
but does not say in what regard - RPU].

Entry 10. 1800 Census of NC Per Jackson & Teeple

Page 467 of Census shows Benjamin U of Franklin Co 163
NC (This is only Benjamin listed in NC).

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	0 Slaves
1 - 6-24	2 - < 10 1 - 16-24	

Entry 11. See Pg 25 Ltr 2 FEB 1978 Elva E. Burkhalter to RPU.

a. In Wake Co NC - Benjamin U. N. Mocasine Creek. 163
File 536 14 SEP 1778.

b. Lists of taxable property for Benjamin U in 163
Franklin Co NC.

				<u>POLLS</u>	
1804	516	acres	0 white	1 black	- Capt Dunn's Dist.
1805	606	acres	0 white	1 black	- Capt Stricklands Dist.
1806	606	acres	-	-	- Capt Stricklands Dist.
1807	606	acres	-	2	
1808	606	acres			
1809	606	acres			
1810	606	acres			
1811	616	acres		2	- Capt Dunn's Dist.
1812	616	acres		3	- Capt Dunn's Dist.
1813	616	acres			
1814	545	acres		5	- Alford's Dist.
1815	546	acres			
1816	No listing				

c. 1800 Franklin Co NC Census 469 - Benjamin U. XID
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1 M u-10, 1 M 45-up, 3 F u-10, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 45-up.

d. 1810 Franklin Co NC Census - 786 - Benjamin U. 163
1 M 10-16, 1 M 16-26, 1 M 45-up, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 45-up.

e. Search for Land sale for Benjamin U, none located.
Vol 22 1825-26 refers to adjacent lands of Jubal, 158
Berkley, Williford, Britton, Littleberry & heirs of 65,-,68,-
Benjamin U dec'd. No will or Inventory found. 163

f. Nash County Marriages, NC Benjamin U and
Virginia A. Matthews 4 OCT 1865. Wit: Sion M U., -,6142
B. H. Sorsby Clerk Married 5 OCT 1865 by J. T. Webb,
S. P. (Note - Benjamin U. is a descendant of Richard -,63
U., III - RPU).

g. Pg 35. Jacob U appears on the Franklin Co NC
Tax list for 1806 and there is no further mention of him.
With him are listed Eaton, James, Benjamin, Richard, -,153,163,-
Buckner, & Sion. Jacob U 725 acres 1 wh poll, 1 bl Poll.69,64,-

Entry 12. See Pg 5 of 13 APR 1978 Ltr Edythe M. Tippet to RPU.

a. "The Pearce history has been proved right about
many things. It says Frances U who md John Pearce was 2814,-
the dau of Ben U." 163

Entry 13. See 1810 Census of Franklin Co, NC - Extracted by RPU
Benjamin U household has in it: (7 slaves)
Males: 1 age 10-16, 1 age 16-26, 1 age >45
Females 1 age 16-26, 1 age >45.

Entry 14. See 1800 Census of Franklin Co, NC - Extracted by RPU.
Benjamin U home has in it: (0 slaves)
Male - <10 = 1 Female <10 = 1
" >45 = 1 " <10 = 1
" " <10 = 1
" " 10-16 = 1
" " >45 = 1

Entry 15. See Ltr 19 MAR 1980 Fred Upton U. Sr to RPU.
For Benjamin U he gives b 1752 d 1816 - (Note: 163
a quick scan of above 14 items shows no basis for dates -
wonder where he got them - RPU).

Entry 16. Sheets A & B Prepared by Mr. G. H. West in attempt to
help correspondent Julian Emmett U, Jr. provided to RPU in
letter from West dated 7 NOV 77.

a. Benjamin Upchurch - Wake Co - Overseer from Little River to Bute Co line - 1777.

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b. Mark recorded 1778 - "Crop of 1 ear & slit & underheel of rt ear -

c. Granted 200 acres - 1780.

d. Deed to Richard Parrish Jr.

e. 1786 - Sold to Edward Parrish on Turkey Cr 61 acres -

f. 1792 - Benj - security for Thomas Ray on estate of Hadson Ray, dec - Franklin Co- 163,-

g. Sep 1793 - Benj to help keep road in repair leading from Moccasin Cr to Dunns Ward -

h. 1794 - Juror for next Court -

i. 1794 - Bot land.

j. 1788 - Juror with Rich Up -

k. 1789 - Deed Benj to Abel Strickland

163,-

l. 1792 - " " to " "

m. 1819 - Mentioned in Deed as being deceased -

n. 1822 - 6 Aug - Benj m Cinderella Tant

377,10811

o. 1810 - Benj. sold to John Carpenter

163,-

p. 1813 - " " " Obadiah Strickland

163,-

q. 1806 - Tax list 616 acres

r. 1807 -

s. 1808 -

t. 1809 -

u. 1810 -

v. 1811 - " " " " last time.

Entry 17. See Ltr 17 OCT 1960 Martha Lucy U to Ben Lane U., Sr. (B7) filed MLU.

"... perhaps you could find the settlement of the estate of Benjamin U in 1842. (Book 28 pg 296 - Louisburg, NC).

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Entry 18. See Ltr 10 JUL 1980 Elva Era Burkhalter to RPU

Benjamin U b 1751 Granville Co, NC

Entry 19. See Wake Co NC Genealogical Society Report Vol 3, No. 9 - DEC 1984.

Presumed 1771 Wake Co, NC Court Records. Land of Benjamin U (one tract) was prosessioned. Present was Richard U. This was item 124 in the books - Action taken by Lodiwick Alford and Josiah Crudup in Capt Fowlers District.

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Entry 20. See Pearce Family Rec'd by RPU 2 MAR 1985.

I. Nathan Pearce md Nancy Wester

A. Philip Pearce md Nancy Bunn.

1. John Pearce b 10 NOV 1787 md Frankie U
(Frances U II - RPU), dau of Benjamin U. Frankie U 2814,163,2814
lived to be 82. Her mother was Nancy Ledbetter who lived 2813
to be 85. Benjamin U had sisters Frankie U, Betty U 163,169,2816
and Nancy U. Frankie U had a brother Jubble U 2817,2814,-
(Jubal U.) who lived to be 80. (Frankie U. also 2814
had an Uncle Jubal U. - RPU). 158

Entry 21.

a. Wake Co, NC Will 31 Dec 1784 - Devisor = Lot (Lott)
Strickland. Devisee: Brothers Brazil Strickland & Matthew
Strickland. Mother Christianna (___) Strickland. Wit:
Benjamin U., Abel Strickland, Joseph Strickland, Obediah 163,-,-
Strickland. -

b. 13 DEC 1811 Benjamin U. sold Obediah Strickland 163,-
for 22 pounds in currency, 44 acres adjoining Massey & Pace.
Wit: Brinkley Strickland, Charles Hogg & Cade Bunn.
Franklin Co, NC Bk 16 Pg 94. (Brinkley Strickland was
oldest son of Obediah Strickland, Sr).

c. Will of Abel Strickland 4 OCT 1801 Franklin Co, NC
mentions his wife Nanny & children (Kinsman, Kinbred,
Kinshurd, Kinnvell, Kinyerd) + brother Executor
Obediah Strickland + Executor & Friend Benjamin U. + Wit: -,163
John Norwood, Matthew Strickland, Hanes William. Will
Bk B. Pg 77,78.

Entry 22. Jubel U bought land in Franklin Co, NC. 158
Witnessed by Benjamin U. 3 OCT 1798. Deed Bk 9 Pg 103 163
(41, Pg 3).

Entry 23. Juble U bought land in Franklin Co, NC Witnesses 158
by Benjamin U. 24 OCT 1799 Deed Bk 13 Pg 19 (41, Pg 52) 163

Entry 24. Juble U bought land in Franklin Co, NC 158
Witnessed by Benjamin U. 4 FEB 1797 Deed Bk 13 Pg 26 163
(41, Pg 52).

Entry 25. Joubal U bought land in Franklin Co, NC 158
Witnessed by Benjamin U. & Eaton U 3 NOV 1804 Deed 163,-
Bk 13 Pg 71 (41, Pg 54).

Entry 26. Benjamin U. deed of gift to his son John U in 163,-
Franklin Co, NC 14 FEB 1810. Deed Bk 15 Pg 65 (41, Pg 72)

Entry 27. Benjamin U. deed of gift to his son-in-law John Carpenter in Franklin Co, NC 24 OCT 1809 Deed Bk 15 Pg 71 (41, Pg 73). XID
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Entry 28. Benjamin U. deed to John Carpenter in Franklin Co, NC witnessed Simeon Carpenter 24 OCT 1809 Deed Bk 15 Pg 73 (41, Pg 73). 163,-

Entry 29. See Ltr 23 MAY 1986 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU
"I have recently rec'd information listing
Elizabeth U. b ca 1771, d 1850-1860 as wife of John
Carpenter b 1760-1770 d APR 1836. Benjamin U. is shown as the father of Elizabeth U. No mother is named. 163

Entry 30. See Ltr 22 MAY 1987 Oliver Wingate U. to RPU.
Coy Tillman U to RPU

a. Wake Co, NC Deed - Book H Pg 43 6 MAR 1786
Benjamin X U., Planter, of Wake Co, NC to Edward Parrish, Jr. Planter of the same County - 61 acres, being part of a survey taken up by Benjamin U. Test: Richard U. (Richard U, II or Richard U, III - RPU), James Bolton. 163,-
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Entry 31. From Abstract of Record of Wills, Inventories, Settlement of Estates 1771-1802 Wake County, NC by Frances Holloway Wynne.

a. Pg 32 (Book A p 209 22 MAR 1782)

Martin, Gibson Estate sale
Buyers: Thomas Martin, Winefred Martin, John Pippin
William Martin, Benja. Upchurch, John Rogers, Richard Upchurch, Stephen Young, Moses Upchurch, David Martin, David Horton, Green Rogers, Eadith Benton, Charles Amos, Lewis Ren, George Martin, Isham Sims, Warren Alford, William Chapman, Alexander Frasher, John Martin, Sr.
D[eputy] S[heriff]: B. Sanders -,163,-,-

b. Pg 47 (Book B pg 45 11 APR 1785)

Strickland, Lot Will
In the name of God amen. Brother Brazel Strickland: 5L specie. Brother Matthew Strickland: 10L specie. Mother Christianna Strickland: residue of estate. 31 DEC 1784.
Lot (X) Strickland
Executors: Obediah Strickland, Benjamin Upchurch
Witnesses: Abil (X) Strickland (Jurat) Joseph Strickland (Jurat) -,163

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c. Pg 57 (Book B pg 140 2 NOV 1787)

Martin, Gibson Acct current
 Paid to: Dempsey Benton, Thos. Carpenter, John Ross,
 Benjamin Upchurch, John Martin, Britain Sanders, 163,-,-
 Sheriff Jesse Weathers, William Green adm. to John Allen's
 estate. 17 Sep 1785.
 Admr.: Winney Martin
 Justice of the Peace: Lodowick Alford
 Witness: Batt Fowler

d. Pg 124 (Book D pg 197 2 JUL 1797)

Strickland, E Estate sale
 Buyers: Hardy Griffin, Jacob Strictland, Isaac Strictland
 James B Lee, Brassel Strictland, Wm Seagroves, John Mar-
 tin, Benjm Upchurch, Joshua Cone, Josiah Crudup, 163,-,-
 Wm Goodson, James Ferrel, Benj Wheeler, Joseph Hopkins,
 Obediah Strictland, Richd Massey, Nathan Bagwell, Wm
 Richards, Nathan Upchurch, Matthew Strictland, Israel
 Prevett, Wm Bagwell, John Carrell, Mossess Pendegrass,
 John Carpenter, Moses Upchurch, James Upchurch,
 Richard Upchurch, John Pace, Robert Norris, Stephen
 Thomlinson, Dread Jones, Charles Upchurch, Abel Strictland,
 Joseph Norris.
 Admr.: Isaac Strictland

e. Pg 133 (Book D pg 290 29 JUL 1797)

Privitt, Mary Estate sale
 Buyers: John Massey, Nathan Bagwell, Griffin Ellis, George
 Chamblee, David Horton, Thomas Cole, John Marriott, John
 Crawley, Jarrat Crab, Drew Horton, Herbert Robertson, Mo-
 ses Horton, David Bunch, James Robertson, John M Nicholes
 James Runnolds, Wm Arnold, Solloman Pendegrass, James Bag
 well, Willie Garress, Wm Bagwell, James B. Lee, John Cole,
 Dannel Bagwell, Wm High, Wm Vadin, Charles Austin, James
 Roberts, Jeremiah Rhodes, Benjamin Upchurch, Isreal -,163,-
 Privett, Miles Privett, Fredrik Reid, John Wheeler, Wm
 Warberton, Hudson Alford, Lodwick Alford, Peter Hopkins,
 200 a., George Bell 25 A., Salley Bennet, Wm Braswell.
 Admr.: John Prevett.

3. COMMENTARY ON THE BIOFILE OF BENJAMIN UPCHURCH

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Although Benjamin U did business and may have lived
 in eastern Wake Co. NC, there is no question that he also
 lived in the Moccasin Creek area of present-day
 Franklin Co., NC. In due course it is hoped that
 we will know know the exact location of lands owned

by Benjamin U. and his siblings and their father in Franklin Co., NC. Related land holdings in eastern Wake Co., NC would play a subsidiary role in our knowledge base. XID
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We have no reason to doubt that Benjamin U. d. in 1816 as some claim or, if not, then at least by 1819. Entry 7e dated MAR 1816 infers that he was still alive at that point whereas Entry 7f dated 11 MAY 1819 infers that he had died prior to that date. 163

Benjamin U. was quite active in the 1780-1816 era purchasing and selling land and other items. From Entry 11b, it would appear that he owned over 500 acres of land in Franklin, Co., NC at the time of his death in 1816. He appears to have died intestate, as no will has been found. It seems that the property remained undivided for over twenty years. Presumably, his widow Nancy (Ledbetter) U. remained on the homeplace until her death, which is thought to have been ca 1837. Entry 7f dated 11 MAY 1819 refers to a 22-3/4 acre tract of land in Franklin Co., NC originally owned by Richard U., III, brother of Benjamin U. The 20+ acre tract is said to adjoin land of heirs of Benjamin U. This means the land of the late Benjamin U. had not been divided or sold as of 11 MAY 1819. Entry 11e for the 1825-1826 time frame also implies that the land remained undivided as of that date. Entries 9b and 17 lead us to believe that the lands of Benjamin U. were finally dispersed on behalf of his heirs in 1842. The error that West refers to in 9b must be that the Benjamin U. heirs sold land to J. R. Williams rather than obtaining land from J. R. Williams. We are very anxious to have a look at this 1842 document to see what it reveals. 163
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Further information is provided on Benjamin U. and his family in other sections of this issue of the UB, where one finds an Outline for the Benjamin U. Clan (Clan No. 23), and where one finds Missing Link 25 portrayed. Both of these sections rest in part on the details provided in Entries 1 - 31 shown in this section on Benjamin U. as an Upchurch of the Colonial Era. Corrections and/or additions to the Benjamin U. Biofile will be welcomed. 163
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OUTLINE OF THE BENJAMIN UPCHURCH CLAN (CLAN NO. 23)

Benjamin U., Head of Upchurch Clan No. 23, is a known 163
 son of Richard U., II, gs of James U. I, ggs of 152,151
 Richard U., I, and ggs of Michael U. I, the original 149,146
 immigrant to settle in America. Our best estimate is
 that Benjamin U. was b. ca 1752. It appears likely that 163
 Benjamin U. was born in Brunswick Co., VA, and that he 163
 was a child three years of age when his father arrived
 in the Moccasin Creek Area of present day Franklin Co., NC
 ca 1755. This Moccasin Creek Area (High Ground Area) was
 originally in Johnston Co., NC, then in Wake Co., NC,
 then in Bute Co., NC, and finally in Franklin Co., NC.

Benjamin U. grew to manhood in the Moccasin Creek Area 163
 and there as a young man, possibly as early as 1770 (age
 ca 18) married Nancy Ledbetter. It is reported that Nancy 2813
 lived to be age 85, which would be until ca 1837 if we
 assume she and her husband were of the same age. This
 couple is presumed to have had ten children, more of whom
 later. Benjamin U. is thought to have died in Franklin 163
 Co., NC in 1816. No will or settlement of an estate has
 been found. He was active in purchasing items at estate
 sales in eastern Wake Co., NC, a common occurrence in
 those days and nowadays. The Moccasin Creek Area of
 present day Franklin Co., NC, and the area of Wake Co.,
 NC east of the Little River are part of a common rural
 community embracing Pilot, Pearces and Riley in Franklin
 Co, and Zebulon and Hopkins in Wake Co., NC.

The census records of 1790, 1800 and 1810 allow us to
 project that Benjamin U. had ten children born and 163
 raised in Franklin Co., NC, of whom, three were sons and
 seven were dau. Of the sons, we know that one was named
 John U., but the name of the other two sons have not been
 revealed to us. Of the dau, we know the names of
 Frances U. and Elizabeth U., but not the other five. 2814,15711

Provided below are the data available from the
 1790 , 1800, and 1810 census records on the family of
 Benjamin U. We have taken the liberty of arranging 163
 this data to portray the existence of the ten children
 in such a way as to reveal approximate birth dates.
 The dates assigned are purely speculative and entered
 to allow analysis of the existence and chronology of
 the family members. Some peculiarities of the data, not
 uncommon for census records across decades, will be
 discussed.

CENSUS RECORDS FOR THE BENJAMIN UPCHURCH FAMILY
1790, 1800 AND 1810 - (Annotated)

Family Member No.	Sex	Relationship	Known or Presumed Name or XID	1790 Census Halifax Dist. Franklin Co., NC	1800 Census Franklin Co., NC	1810 Census Franklin Co. NC	Comments
1	M	(FAT)	Benjamin U./163 (b. ca 1752)	1 Male 16 yrs+ (age 38)	1 Male 45 yrs+ (age 48)	1 Male 45 yrs+ (age 58)	d. ca 1816
2	F	(MOT)	Nancy Ledbetter (b. ca 1752)	1 of 5 Females (age 38)	1 Female 45 yrs+ (age 48)	1 Female 45 yrs+ (age 58)	d. ca 1837
3	F	(DAU)	Elizabeth U./15711 (b. ca 1771)	1 of 4 Dau (age 19)	Not in home (age 29)	Not in home (age 39)	md. John Carpenter
4	F	(DAU)	Dau - name unknown (b. ca 1776)	1 of 4 Dau (age 14)	Not in home (age 24)	Not in home (age 34)	Presumed md. <1800 or d. young
5	M	(SON)	Son - name unknown (b. ca 1780)	1 of 2 Sons (age 10)	Not in home (age 20)	Not in home (age 30)	Fate unknown p. md. or d. young
6	F	(DAU)	Dau - name unknown (b. ca 1783)	1 of 4 Dau (age 7)	Not in home (age 17)	Not in home (age 27)	Fate unknown
7	M	(SON)	John U. (b. ca 1786)	1 of 2 Sons (<16) (age 4)	Not in home (age 14)	In home age 16-26 (age 24)	
8	F	(DAU)	Frances U./2814 (b. ca 1789)	1 of 4 Dau (age 1)	In home age 10-16 (age 11)	Not in home (age 21)	md. 1808 John Pearce
9	F	(DAU)	Dau - name unknown (b. ca 1791)	---	1 of 3 Dau age 0-10 (age 9)	Not in home (age 19)	Presumed md. < 1810
10	F	(DAU)	Dau - name unknown (b. ca 1793)	---	1 of 3 Dau age 0-10 (age 7)	In home age 16-26 (age 17)	Fate unknown
11	M	(SON)	Son - name unknown (b. ca 1795)	---	1 of 1 Son age 0-10 (age 5)	In home age 10-16 (age 15)	Fate unknown
12	F	(DAU)	Dau - name unknown (b. ca 1799)	---	1 of 3 Dau age 0-10 (age 1)	Not in home (age 11)	Presumed died < 1810

The concept that Benjamin U. md. ca 1770 and had his first child ca 1771 is triggered by the information that he had a dau, Elizabeth U., b. 1771. The only problem with this is that we have to spread the six children on the 1790 census over an 18 year period (1771-1789). This is possible, especially if one considers that several children could have died in childbirth or as infants and thus not have appeared on the record.

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Of the six children in the home in 1790 only one, the youngest, appears in the home in 1800. This youngest is presumed to be Frances U. who md. John Pearce in 1808. 2814,4203
 Of the five who did not reappear in 1800, the three females were old enough to have married and left the home by 1800 - or they could have died young. Of the two males present in 1790, no name is available for one and he is not heard from again, having died young or departed for parts unknown. The other son present in 1790 is presumed to be John U. One of the two sons on the 1790 list does reappear twenty years later in the home of Benjamin U. in 1810 and we presume this to be John U. 163,-
 It is possible that this male, age 16-26, in 1810 could be a son-in-law of Benjamin U., in which case the only 163
 female candidate for a wife would be Family Member No. 10.

Of the four children born between 1790 and 1800 (Family Members 9-12), one dau and one son reappear in 1810. The fate of all four is unknown.

We know that Benjamin U. had a son, John U., because 163,- he gave his son John U. land in 1810. Likewise, we know he had a dau, Elizabeth U., who md. John Carpenter 15711,15712 because of land transactions in 1809 and 1810. Details on Frances U. as a dau of Benjamin U. seem to have been 2814,163 passed down in the community. Efforts to identify an Upchurch male on the records after 1810 who could be John U. or the unnamed son of Benjamin U. have been -,163 unsuccessful.

Additional details on Benjamin U. may be found in 163 his Biofile which appears in the Colonial Upchurch section of the issue of the UB.

It is our conviction that the five Upchurch children of Franklin CO., NC, who had their names changed to Carpenter in 1803 are related to Benjamin U. An analysis 163 of this matter is presented in the Missing Links section of this issue of the UB.

NOTE: THE OUTLINE FOR THE BENJAMIN U. CLAN THROUGH THE 9TH GENERATION WILL APPEAR IN A LATER ISSUE OF THE UB.

VI. OUTLINE OF SELECTED CLANS OR SUBCLANS

A.	OUTLINE OF THE BENJAMIN U. CLAN THROUGH THE 9TH GENERATION (CONTINUED FROM VOL. 12, NO. 4, 1991)	XID 163
	Benjamin U., b. ca 1752 (Brunswick Co., VA), d. ca 1816 (Franklin Co., NC)(Bur. Franklin Co., NC), md. Nancy Ledbetter, b. ca 1752, d. ca 1837.	163 2813
I.	Elizabeth U., b. ca 1771, d. > APR 1838, md. John Carpenter, b.-, d. < APR 1838.	15711 15712
A.	Elizabeth Carpenter, b.-, d. < 1850 (AL), md. (NC) Lawrence Williams.	
B.	Mary Carpenter, b. ca 1805 (NC), md. James H. Raine, md. ? Hardy ? Hopkins?	
C.	Nancy Carpenter, b.-, d. 18 JUN 1831 (Greene Co. AL), md. 24 MAY 1826 (Greene Co., AL) Guin C. Richardson.	
	1. Julia A. Richardson.	
	2. Milly M. Richardson.	
	3. Elizabeth Richardson.	
D.	Harriet Carpenter, b.-, d. < 9 APR 1838, md. 20 NOV 1828 (Greene Co., AL) James B. Lutt(Tutt?).	
	1. John Z. Lutt.	
	2. James H. Lutt.	
	3. Nancy J. Lutt.	
	4. W. Lutt.	
E.	James <u>Ludwell</u> Carpenter, b. ca 1793 (NC), d. 1853, md. (1st) ca 1840 _____ Beedie (Broadway?), md. (2nd) Eleanor (McIntyre?), b. ca 1825, d. < AUG 1855 (Stanly Co., NC).	
	1. Shelby Carpenter.	
	2. Thomas Carpenter.	
	3. Williamson Carpenter (William D. Carpenter), b. ca 1826?.	
	4. John Carpenter (Lived outside NC).	
	5. Docktor Carpenter.	
	6. Gilliam Carpenter (In AL in 1857).	
	7. Elizabeth Carpenter, md. Lewis Holcomb (Left NC).	
	8. Lucy Carpenter.	
	9. Allen Carpenter, b. MAR 1841 (Stanly Co., NC), d. 17 JUN 1923 (Albemarle, NC), md. 15 OCT 1865 Cornelia Ann Henry, b. 17 JAN 1838 (Anson Co., NC), d. 20 MAY 1910 (Stanly Co., NC).	
	a. James Claude Carpenter, b. 22 NOV 1867 (Stanly Co., NC), d. 15 JAN 1962 (Albemarle, NC), md. 15 MAY 1892 Cornelia Julianne Mauldin, b. 10 APR 1873 (Stanly Co., NC), d. 23 DEC 1960 (Albemarle, NC).	
	10. Nancy Carpenter, b. ca 1844, p. md. Calvin Brown. (Lived in AR).	
	11. Churchwell Carpenter, b. ca 1847, d. In Civil War.	

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12. Simeon Carpenter, b. ca 1848 (Never married).
13. Green Carpenter, b. > 1850;< 1857. Guardian appointed 1857 but Green did not appear in subsequent Guardian Report (p. died young - RPU).
14. James Carpenter.
- II. Daughter - name unknown, b. ca 1776 (Franklin Co., NC) on 1790 census - no other information.
- III. Son - name unknown, b. ca 1780 (Franklin Co., NC) on 1790 census - no other information.
- IV. Daughter - name unknown, b. ca 1783 (Franklin Co., NC) on 1790 census - no other information.
- V. John U., b. ca 1786 (Franklin Co., NC) on 1790 census, present in Franklin Co., 1810 to receive gift of land from father, on 1810 census in home of father - no other information.
- VI. Frances U., II, b. ca 1776(1789) (Franklin Co., NC), d. age 82 (hence d. 1858), md. 1 DEC 1808 (Franklin Co., NC) John Pearce, b. 10 NOV 1787 (Son of Philip Pearce; gs of Nathan Pearce). 2814 4203
- A. Benjamin Pearce, md. (1st) 17 NOV 1836 Leacy U.¹/ (Member of Richard U. III/Burkely U. Subclan), md. (2nd) Linda Denton²/, md. (3rd) Betty Fason.
 1. ¹/Lenora Jane Pearce, md. 4457
 John Clifton Pearce, b. 26 OCT 1838. 4460
 a. Jonah Robert Lee Pearce, b. 1 JAN 1874, 4458
 md. Theodosia Phillips. 6319
 b. William Pearce.
 c. Joshua Pearce, md Martha Baker. 6320,6321
 d. Winnie Pearce, md. William Jasper 6322,2911
 Stallings (Son of Frances U., gs. of Ambrose U.)
 2. William Pearce, md. Frances Privett.
 a. Ora Pearce, md. Richard Berkley U. 7934,7933
 (Son of James Wesley U. of Richard U. III/Burkley U. Subclan).
 b.
 c.
 d.
 e.
 f.
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 3. ²/Cherrie Pearce, md. John Alford. 7947,7948
 a. Corinna Mozelle Alford, md. 20 FEB 1917 7949
 Levin Clyde Pearce. 7950
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- B. Jack Pearce.
- C. Cal Pearce.
- D. Sidney Pearce.
- E. Prissy Pearce.
- F. Harriett Pearce, b. ca 1818, md. 1 JAN 1840 2800
(19 JAN 1841) Ambrose U., b. ca 1818 545
(of Richard U. III/Burkely U. Subclan).
- G. Jane Pearce.
- H. Fan Pearce.
- I. Clara Pearce, b. 9 OCT 1825, d. 8 SEP 1912 12852
(Bur. Franklin Co., NC), md. William Osburn Gay, 12853
b.-, d. Civil War (Gettysburg, PA)(Bur. -
unknown - in PA).
 1. William Jasper Gay, b. 24 OCT 1853, d. 12854
5 OCT 1929 (Bur. Franklin Co., NC), md.
Susan Pearce (Dau of Acrel Pearce;
gd of Susan U.), b. 6 DEC 1854, d. 12857
18 JUN 1932 (Franklin Co., NC).
 - a. Ollie Gay, md. Lillie Gay.
 - b. Sam Gay, md. Minta Pearce.
 - c. John Gay, md. Hattie Denton.
 - d. Williford Snow Gay, b. 20 DEC 1892 12858
(Franklin Co., NC), d. 17 NOV 1972
(Louisburg, NC)(Bur. Franklin Co., NC),
md. 28 JAN 1912 (Franklin Co., NC)
Clellie Estelle Privette, b. 25 MAR 12860
1894 (Franklin Co., NC), d. 17 SEP
1973 (Wake Forest, NC)(Bur. AS HUS).
 - e. Beadie Gay, md. Festus Mitchell.
 - f. Frankie Gay, md. Ernest Richards.
 - g. Mary William Gay, md. Bryant Stallings.
 - h. Rosa Gay, md. _____ Stallings.
 - i. Viola "Pink" Gay, b. 1 APR 1888, d. 12859
29 JUN 1964 (Bur. Franklin Co., NC),
md. "Red" Perry.
 2. James A. Gay, b. 4 JUN 1861, d. 8 AUG 1907 12855
(Bur. Franklin Co., NC), md. Ruth L. _____,
b. 11 APR 1861, d. 14 DEC 1901 (Bur.
Franklin Co., NC).
 3. Martha Gay, md. _____. 12856
- VII. Daughter - name unknown, b. ca 1891 (Franklin Co.,
NC). On 1800 census - no other information.
- VIII. Daughter - name unknown, b. ca 1793 (Franklin Co.,
NC). On 1800 and 1810 census - no other information.
- IX. Son - name unknown, b. ca 1795 (Franklin Co., NC).
On 1800 and 1810 census - no other information.
- X. Daughter - name unknown, b. ca 1799 (Franklin Co., NC).
On 1800 census - no other information.

CLAN 13. Benjamin Upchurch**163**

While not to be presented here, we are excited about having defined the Turkey Creek Watershed which lies just east of the Moccasin Creek Watershed in Franklin Co., NC. It appears that the lands owned by Benjamin U. and/or his descendants were land on the Turkey Creek Watershed. This deserves much more study and should be of great help to us in developing a more complete understanding of the Benjamin U. Clan.

VI. OUTLINE OF SELECTED CLANS OR SUBCLAMS

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A. Collected Thoughts About The Prospects For A Benjamin U./Willie U. . 163/-

Benjamin U. is well fixed in our minds and on the record as the Head of Upchurch Clan No. 13. Filling in the details about his children has been an agonizingly slow process. After years of assembling bits and pieces, we are now prepared to set forth the prospects that Benjamin U. had a son Willie U. who would thus be the Head of the Benjamin U./Willie U. Subclan. While the circumstantial evidence on this prospect appears strong, we will err on the side of caution and not assign XID numbers in this new subclan until there has been more time for comment and reflection.

Our knowledge of Benjamin U. and his family including questions about same was treated in detail in UB, Vol. 12, No. 4 (OCT 1991). The reader is referred to Sections IV, VI, and VIII of that issue for substance on the Benjamin U. Clan as known in 1991. Benjamin U. was one of eleven children raised by Richard U. II following his arrival in the Moccasin Creek area of present day Franklin Co., NC about 1755.

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As of 1991 we knew that Benjamin U. had three sons. Of these we knew the name of one - John U., but not the other two. This known son, John U., has been elusive and we knew little of him in 1991 and not much has been learned since.

Years ago the name of Willie U. began to appear in the records of Franklin Co., NC for the 1800-1840 era. For several years we assumed that this Willie U. was a nickname for William U. and that in due course he would surface under his more formal name and take his place in orderly fashion among the descendants of Richard U. II. This matter was somewhat resolved when money donated to the Upchurch Research Fund was used to purchase extracts of various Franklin Co., NC. records. Over time these were exhaustively extracted for the hundreds of Upchurch entries. The numerous entries for Willie U. accumulated and came to rest in his biofile. With this body of information in hand, it became clear that there really was a Willie U. as opposed to a William U. Of course, his original formal name could have been "William" but the records, which are numerous, only reflect that a person known as Willie U. was born, lived and died in the southern part of Franklin Co., NC in the 1790-1840 era.

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By name, Willie U. appeared on the record when on 4 FEB 1822 in Franklin Co., NC he married Ailsey Adams. The actual record uses the spelling WILEY U. but the overwhelming weight of later records dictates that the preferred spelling should be Willie. For the wedding, Jacob H. Cooley was bondsman. His relationship to the bride or groom, if any, is yet to be learned. S. Patterson, a county functionary was a witness. Prior to this

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marriage date we assign Willie U. to the slot for a male age 10-16 found on the 1810 census of Franklin Co., NC in the household headed by Benjamin U. Likewise, he was found on the 1800 census as suited to a slot for a son 0 - 10. Thus we assume Willie U. was born about 1798. Benjamin U. had three daughters and one son born in the decade 1790-1800. We are not privy to the census record for 1820 and the above details represent our data base for Willie U. as of the time of his marriage. We have no factual record to indicate that Willie U. was a son of Benjamin U., but the circumstantial evidence is growing and we hope will soon be considered compelling.

At the time of the OCT 1991 UB article on the Benjamin U. family, we knew he had a total of seven daughters of whom Elizabeth U. and Frances U. were two. The records for Willie U. reveal that he was a witness for the marriages of two U. females - Milley U. and Clary U. It seems most likely they were sisters of Willie U. and thus two more of the previously unnamed daughters of Benjamin U. The records read as follows:

- Milley U. md 19 SEP 1820 (Franklin Co., NC) James Solomon. Witness: Willie U. (Willie U.)
- Clary U. md 9 MAR 1825 (Franklin Co., NC) Benjamin Brown. Witness: Willie U.

One hopes the trails of these two females can be followed in more detail in due course.

When he was barely an adult and before he was married, Willie U. began frequenting the sale of estates of deceased persons in Franklin Co., NC. This activity was repeated often throughout his life. He was often recorded as a buyer but what he bought was not stated.

Willie U. was linked by marriage to the family of William Andrews who died about 1815 leaving a large estate, including 2416 acres of land. William Andrews was survived by his wife, Mary ____, who later on 22 SEP 1821 in Franklin Co., NC md' Wilson Denson, another large land owner.

We believe Ailsey Adams, aka Elsey Adams, who md Willie U., was the daughter of the Mary ____ who md William Andrews. Presumably, Mary ____ (-) Andrews had married a Mr. Adams before she md William Andrews. This is all a little uncertain as is the matter of other close relations of Ailsey Adams. She may have been a sibling or an Aunt of the following three females:

- Martha Andrews Adams md 22 DEC 1828 (Franklin Co., NC) Robert R. Moore.
- Mary Andrews Adams md 30 AUG 1832 (Franklin Co., NC) Washington Harris.

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- Sarah Andrews Adams - no marriage found.

These three were minor heirs of William Andrews for whom Cullum Moore was the guardian. One presumes they may have been stepchildren of William Andrews. In that case, it would seem they should have been listed with Adams as the Middle name and Andrews as the last name. All of this gets a little complicated and leads us away from our central story about Willie U. However, these people were all a part of a local community and their lines were interwoven by circumstances and/or family relationships. More data and study will be useful but let us give three examples of how our study has so far helped us understand the Upchurch family:

- The 1840 census for Franklin Co., NC shows a household headed by what we previously interpreted as Mosailsey U. or Mos Ailsey U. Our previous study of this record has brought no understanding of this household. Now the light has dawned! It is quite clear that the name of the head of this household is Mrs. Ailsey U., the widow of Willie U. who died in 1836.
- The widow Ailsey U. has not been located on the 1850 census records. However, on the 1860 census records for Franklin Co., NC, we find Alsey U (nee: Ailsey Adams) age 70 b. NC, in the home of William A. Moore and his wife, Martha A. Moore, age 46 b. NC. We presume this Martha is the same as the Martha Andrews Adams mentioned above.
- Will Book K for Franklin Co., NC records a survey of the Districts of Franklin Co., NC performed by James Bridges and reported under date of 20 MAY 1840 in the JUN 1840 Court Record. Among the 15 Districts described, District No. 8 is of special interest. For it the report reads: "Beginning near William A. Mitchell, joining John P. Mitchell, Calvin Jones, Mrs. Upchurch, Nash line, the center of said district near Huff Mill Pond." A variety of circumstances lead us to believe that Mrs. Upchurch is nee: Ailsey Adams, the widow of Willie U. In this brief description one finds important leads to the general location of the land owned by Willie U. Certainly, the names of the neighbors listed are useful. Furthermore, we learn that the property is near the Nash Co. line and that the Huff Mill Pond is close by. We have other hints from other sources to add to those provided by this survey.

Turning to Willie U. himself, we find the record of his land holdings recorded following his death. The surveyors report was recorded in Will Book K of Franklin Co., NC as of 9 MAR 1836. It consisted of 268 acres on the west side of Turkey Creek, adjoining Enos Perry, James Gay, and others and Big Branch; a third of which, 89½ acres, was designated as dower for the widow.

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A future goal will be to identify the exact location of the land of Willie U. The clues already obtained are very helpful. Much of our exploration about the location of Upchurch land in southern Franklin Co., NC has focused on land in the Moccasin Creek watershed. The mention of Turkey Creek in a description of the property of the late Willie U. has led to a closer look at records accumulating in our "Stream File". Now it becomes clear that the Turkey Creek watershed does indeed occupy a portion of southern Franklin Co., NC, and that it lies just east of the Moccasin Creek watershed. In a future issue of the UB we will plan to have a more complete treatment of the watershed attributes of southern Franklin Co. NC. The matter is of considerable importance to Upchurch history and this is reinforced by this study of Willie U.

We regret to report that we have no active cooperator among the descendants of Willie U. The tentative Master Outline presented below will illustrate that we do know of the existence of present living descendants. It is our hope that one or more of them will come forward to join our efforts to more completely document the tentatively designated Benjamin U./Willie U. Subclan.

In earlier years we did have an excellent cooperator among the descendants of Willie U. She was Mrs. Asa Stanley Waters - nee: Annie Lovie O'Neal of Greenville, NC. We exchanged significant batches of Upchurch information in the 1978-1980 period. After that we lost contact and I fear she is no longer with us. She was very anxious to locate the ancestors of her Great Grandfather, William Moses U. Much to our mutual disappointment we were not successful at that time. Now we feel the issue may be resolved in that we propose William Moses U. as the son of Willie U. and the grandson of Benjamin U., Head of Upchurch Clan No. 13. Annie would be overjoyed to have this information. We are deeply appreciative of the substantial amount of information she provided, much of which is reflected in the Master Outline presented herein.

The question of the ancestors of William Moses U. appeared as Missing Link No. 2 in UB, Vol. 1, No. 1 (JAN) 1980 - page 29. The information presented herein is believed to be superior to what was proposed at that time.

It is our belief that the tentative establishment of the Benjamin U./Willie U. Subclan represents a substantial advance in our understanding of our Upchurch heritage. The advance touches not only upon the establishment of an improved descendancy record but also upon where the involved family members lived, what they did for a living, what possessions they owned and the identity of their friends, neighbors and associates. Our study of the record so far leaves much to be done. There are more records to be acquired and extracted and the total base of information needs to be repeatedly reworked to allow us to understand as fully as possible the identity and attributes of our Upchurch relatives descended from Richard U. II.

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We will welcome input and collaboration from any interested party to allow continued progress on this part of our family.

TENTATIVE MASTER OUTLINE FOR THE
BENJAMIN U./WILLIE U. SUBCLAN

[Willie Upchurch is tentatively designated
as the son of Benjamin U., Head of
Upchurch Clan No. 13]

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- I. Willie U., b. about 1798, d. 4 JAN 1836, md 4 FEB 1822 (Franklin Co., NC) Ailsey Adams, b. about 1800, d. after 1860.
 - A. ____ U. (M), b. about 1820. {On 1830 census as b. 1820-1825; on 1840 in home as b. 1810-1820}.
 - B. ____ U. (F), b. about 1820. {On 1830 census as b. 1820-1825; on 1840 in home as b. 1810-1820}[Could this be Mourning U. who md 13 JAN 1846 (Franklin Co., NC) Henderson Stallings?].
 - C. ____ U. (M), b. about 1822. {On 1830 census as b. 1820-1825; not in home on 1840 census}.
 - D. ____ U. (F), b. about 1825. {On 1830 census as b. 1825-1830; on 1840 in home as b. 1820-1825}.
 - E. ____ U. (F), b. about 1827. {On 1830 census as b. 1825-1830; on 1840 in home as b. 1825-1830}.
 - F. A child possibly born (or miscarriage about 1829 - no record).
 - G. William Moses U., b. 1831. {On 1840 census as b. 1830-1835}, Franklin Co., NC, md 20 NOV 1851 (Franklin Co., NC) Mary Perdue, b. 1834 (Franklin Co., NC).
 1. Julia U., b. about 1852 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC), md ____ Perdue.
 2. Elizabeth Anna U., b. about 1854 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC), d. young.
 3. Arnold U., b. about 1855 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC).
 4. Sarah F. U., b. about 1856 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC).
 5. James William U. "Willie" "Willis", b. 27 OCT 1857 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC), d. 10 JUN 1919 (Bur. Maplewood Cem., Wilson Co., NC), md Eugenia ____, b. 28 JAN 1861 (NC), d. 1 FEB 1927 (Bur. AS HUS).
 - a. Mary F. U. "Lucy", b. MAY 1880 (NC),
 - b. William David U., Sr., b. 26 MAR 1882 (Franklin Co., NC), d. 14 AUG 1944 (Bur. Maplewood Cem., Wilson Co., NC),
 - i.. William David U., Jr., b. about 1920 (Elm City, Wilson Co., NC), d. 24 MAR 1988 (Elm City, Wilson Co., NC)(Bur. AS FAT), md Mildred Page, b. about 1922, d. 22 APR 1997 (Elm City, Wilson Co., NC)(Bur. AS HUS). (12 GC & 3 GGC as of MAR 1988).

- (I). Marie U.1/, md ____ Todd. 1/
(A) Issue?
- (II). Ruth U.1/, md ____ Worrell. 1/
(A) Issue?
- (III). William Milton U.1/, md 1st Jean T. ____, md 2nd
Donna _____. 1/
(A) Issue ?
- (IV). Edward U.1/, md Carolyn _____. 1/
(A) Three DAU & a GS - Austin _____.
- (V). Raymond U.1/
- (VI). Robert U 1/

1/ As of MAR 1988 and APR 1997 lived in Elm City, NC.

- c. Robert U., b. JUL 1884 (18 OCT 1884) (NC), d. FEB 1969 (NC).
 - d. Alice U., b. JAN 1886 (NC), d. 1984, md ____ Uzzle (Uzzell).
 - e. Ida U., b. OCT 1888 (NC).
 - f. Pearl U., b. APR 1891 (NC).
 - g. Lonnie U., b. FEB 1895 (NC).
 - h. Annie U., b FEB 1898 (NC).
 - i. James H. U., b. 2 DEC 1900, d. 25 MAY 1920 (Bur. AS FAT).
6. Sidney Nobles U., b. 1860 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC), d. 5 AUG 1928 (5 AUG 1929) (near Greenville, Pitt Co., NC)(Bur. Fate Worthington Farm, Ballards CrossRoads, - Co., NC), md 1st 1882 Cornelia Ella Wilder 1/, b. 1860 (1862) near Spring Hope, Nash Co. NC), d. MAR 1890 (Nash Co., NC) {DAU of William Wilder & Lecy Stone}, md 2nd 19 NOV 1898 Susan Weatherington/ Weathington 2/, b. 1870, d. before 1900, md 3rd 12 FEB 1902 Mary Susan Arnold 3/, b. 15 AUG 1876 (Pitt Co., NC), d. 28 SEP 1940 (28 SEP 1913)(Pitt Co., NC). {DAU of Nathaniel Arnold & Mary Ann _____. She md 1st Charles Oakley}.
- a.1/. William U. 'Billy', b. 1883 (Nash Co., NC)(Franklin Co., NC) died as a child.
 - b.1/. Sion U., b. 1885 (Nash Co., NC)(Franklin Co., NC) died as a child.
 - c.1/. Mary Lecy U., b. 23 DEC 1887 (near Spring Hope, Nash Co., NC)(Franklin Co., NC), d. 3 APR 1961 (Kinston, NC)(Bur. Reedy Branch Church Cem., near Winterville, __ Co., NC).md 23 DEC (SEP) 1908 William Benjamin O'Neal, Sr., b. 13 MAY 1882 (Pitt Co., NC), d. 9 FEB 1944 (Greenville, Pitt Co., NC) (Bur. AS WIF).

- i. Thomas Jefferson O'Neal, b. 5 JUN 1909, d. 1 JUN 1939,
md 22 SEP 1933 Fannie Dora Gregory.
(I). Thomas Graham O'Neal.
(II). Sidney Tedmon O'Neal.
(III). William Earl O'Neal.
(IV). Further issue?
- ii. Henry Sidney O'Neal, b. 15 SEP 1912, md 2 MAR 1934
Sarah Elizabeth Willoughby.
(I - VII) 4 sons, 3 daughters.
- iii. Ora Belle O'Neal, b. 16 AUG 1914, md 25 JUN 1937
Herman Hicks Pollard.
(I - V) 2 sons, 3 daughters.
- iv. Annie Lovie O'Neal, b. 4 AUG 1916 (near Bell
Arthur, Pitt Co., NC), md 9 MAY 1936 (Courthouse,
Greenville, Pitt Co., NC, Asa Stanley Waters, Sr., "R"
b. 14 DEC 1917.
(I). Asa Stanley Waters, Jr. "R", b. 21 AUG 1938
(near Farmville, Pitt Co., NC), md 12 NOV 1959
Betty Gay Logan.
(A) Issue?
(II). William Edward Waters, b. 10 MAR 1940 (near
Farmville, Pitt Co., NC), md 9 JUN 1958
Pegg Faye Neal.
(A) Issue?
(III). Henry Thomas Waters, b. 4 DEC 1942 (Bogue
Sound, Carteret Co., NC, md 6 MAY 1967
Carolyn Louise Abner.
(A) Issue?
(IV). Joseph Earl Waters, b. 11 JUN 1944 (Bell
Arthur, Pitt Co. NC), d. 20 JAN 1976, md 23
AUG 1970 Debra Gail Whitley.
(A) ____ Waters.
(B) ____ Waters.
(C) ____ Waters
(D) No further issue.
(V). No further issue.
- v. Marvin Smith O'Neal, b. 29 JUN 1918, d. 1 JUL
1918.
- vi. William Benjamin O'Neal, Jr., b. 31 JUL 1920, d. 5 FEB
1949, md 24 DEC 1947 Virginia Dixon.
(I) ____ U. (F).
(II) Further issue?
- vii. Lecy Mae O'Neal, b. 20 SEP 1922, md 12 JAN 1940
Kelley Roscoe Nobles.
(I) ____ Nobles (F).

(II _____ Nobles (F).

(III) Further issue?

viii. Further issue?

d.2/. _____ U. - Infant died at birth as did mother.

e.3/. Esther U., b. 1908 (near Greenville, Pitt Co., NC),

d. before 1978, md 9 DEC 1923 Lawrence L. Jones,

b.. d/ before 1978 (Had 1 child, DAU b. about 1936).

f.3/. Addie Mae U., b. 25 DEC (SEP) 1913 (near Greenville,

Pitt Co., NC), d. 10 JAN 1934, md 2 (20) DEC 1931

Winterville, NC) James Wainwright, b. 1901 (Pitt

Co., NC), d. 23 JUL 19—(Greenville, Pitt Co., NC).

i. Mary Ella Wainwright, b. 5 SEP 1933, d.

27 OCT 1948. (Died at age 15 years in a

school bus accident).

ii. No further issue.

g. No further issue.

7. Oliver H. U., b. about 1862 (Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC).

8. Robert M. U., b. about 1864.

9. William Calvin U., b. JAN 1867 (NC), md Martha J _____ "Mollie"

a. Joseph C. U., b. FEB 1897 (NC).

b. Walter G. U., b. OCT 1898 (NC).

c. Further issue?

10. Julia A. U., b. about 1871.

11. Henry H. U., b. about 1875 (1874).

12. Further issue?

H. _____ U(F), b. about 1833. {on 1840 census as b. 1835-1840}.

I. _____ U(M), b. about 1835. {on 1840 census as b. 1835-1840}.

J. No further issue.

ANOTHER FOOTNOTE TO UPCHURCH HISTORY

In recent weeks Vice President Al Gore held a political rally in New Hampshire. As a part of the "show" a bus load of Gore supporters came up to offer encouragement. The supporters from TN were led by a Dorothy Upchurch. She was introduced by the Vice President, ever so briefly in a TV presentation. Dorothy appeared to be about 65 years old. Can anyone give more details on our politically active Cousin Dorothy?

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CLAN 13. (BENJAMIN UPCHURCH) {Son of Richard U. II}.

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Benjamin U. was b. 1752 in Brunswick Co., VA but moved as a child with his parents to present-day Franklin Co., NC. There he grew to adulthood, married, had children and died. He was a landowner in the Upchurch enclave in southern Franklin Co., NC. It is believed the existing land records are adequate to allow his farm to be located given enough effort. A full list of his children eludes us but it certainly includes John, Milley, Clary, Willie and possibly Frances. The records for Willie U. and his family have recently been processed, linking together fragments of data collected long ago. So far as we know this clan stayed in NC. It deserves more attention.

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h. Clan 13. Benjamin U.

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We have assigned ourselves a high priority of completing the processing of a large and valuable collection of records on Benjamin U., the Head of Clan 13. These were supplied by cooperator Carla Tate in the fall of 2006.

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8. Clan 9. Benjamin U. Clan

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As previously reported we have completed processing and filing the large collection on Benjamin U. supplied by cooperator Carla Tate in 2006. We still have to go to the enlarged Biofile on Benjamin U. and see how all the facts fit together to give us a better grasp of this Head of Clan.