

Commentary: Sarah Bertram was the wife of Jon Upchurch, the son of George Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan # 5. John was born around 1800 in Iredell County, NC. He and his family moved about 1810 to Wayne County, KY. It was in Wayne County that John married Sarah and where they lived out their lives having produced several children. This biofile gives us a brief insight into the Bertram family which seems to have also originated in NC. More needs to be learned about them.

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- (1)** Sarah Bertram daughter of Nicolas Bertram married John Upchurch (XID 143) of George/John Upchurch Clan. In 1850 Nicolas Bertram was in home of Sarah and John Upchurch. (29, page 67)
- (2)** Burrell Dishman born 27 OCT 1820 died 23 MAY 1901 married 22 NOV 1843 Nancy Upchurch born 9 APR 1825 died 11 NOV 1884 daughter of John & Sarah (Bertram) Upchurch (29, page 74).
- (3)** See Family Chart received 21 Jun 1981 from Hazel Upchurch. Hazel is daughter of Ballinger W. Upchurch, granddaughter of Henry Alvin Upchurch and great great granddaughter of John Upchurch and Sally Bertram.
- (4)** See letter 25 NOV 1990 Cheryl Robin Abbot to RPU.

Sarah Burtram [Sarah Bertram] born 1795-1805 (TN/NC) died 1860-1870 (Wayne County, KY) married ca 1830 John Upchurch born 1790-1800 (NC) died 1870-1880 (Wayne County, KY). Sarah is daughter of Nicholas Butram [Burtram- CJM 18 Mar 2017].

- (5)** See letter 2 JAN 1991 Cheryl Robin Abbot to RPU.

1860 Wayne County, KY

John Upchurch	68	[Head of George Upchurch/John Upchurch Subclan]
Sarah Upchurch	55	<u>[Sarah Bertram]</u>
Alvin Upchurch	20	[Henry Alvin Upchurch]
Elizabeth Upchurch	15	
America Upchurch	9	
Nicholas Butram	89	[Nicholas Bertram]

- (6) See letter 18 AUG 1997 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU.
Sarah Buttram (Bertram) born 1810 died before 23 MAR 1868 married John Upchurch born 1799 died before 23 JUN 1873
- (7) From—Rev. James Henry Carter 1826-1900 page 12 & 13:

CHAPTER III

JOHN UPCHURCH---**SARAH BERTRAM**

John Upchurch, son of George Upchurch and Rachel Bathshares, was born ca 1799 in North Carolina, probably in the Salisbury District of Iredell County.

The “UPCHURCH” family has been traced back to John Upchurch who’s will is dated 1502. He resided in Colchester, Essex, England.

John was the second generation of this family to be born in America – the “UPCHURCHES” originally settled in Virginia, but later moved to North Carolina and then on to Wayne County, Kentucky where their off-spring married into the “CARTER” line several times.

John’s parents moved their family to Wayne County ca 1811 and settled on land in the Little South Fork area.

John was married to **Sarah Bertram** ca 1824 prior to the birth of their first child in 1825.

Sarah Bertram, daughter of Nicholas Bertram, was born in Tennessee ca 1800. Her parents were both born in North Carolina.

John and **Sarah Bertram Upchurch** were the parents of at least seven children ---

The 1850 Census for Wayne County Kentucky shows Nicholas Bertram living with his daughter, **Sarah Bertram** and her husband John Upchurch.

The records of Wayne County show that John was very active in the buying and selling of property, as early as 1828.

John wrote his will in 1868 and died sometime prior to the 23rd of June 1873, when his will was proven.

It is not known where John is buried, nor when or where **Sarah Bertram** died. The “Cemeteries of Wayne County Kentucky” compiled by Bennie and Juanita Coffey, does not mention either one of them. Of course, in that time period, it was common to be buried on one’s property and just marked with a field stone.

(8) See letter 25 FEB 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU page 15, 16:

Sarah Bertram (Buttram) born 1810 (Iredell County, NC) died before 23 MAR 1868 (Wayne County, Kentucky) daughter of Nicholas Bertram (Buttram) and Elizabeth Bedwell “Betsy” married John Upchurch born 1799 (Iredell County, NC). Died before 23 Jun 1873.

1850 Census – Wayne County, KY

John Upchurch 50 farmer born NC Farm Value= \$1350.00
Sarah Upchurch [nee **Sarah Bertram**] 40 wife born TN
+ 5 children
+ Nicholas Bertram 70 (should be 79? – RPU)
Father-in-law.

(9) See letter 7 DEC 1998 Dennis Wayne Price to RPU
John Upchurch, VI born 1799 (Iredell Co, NC) died 1865 married
Susan Bertman (Note: assume Susan Bertman is same as **Sarah Bertram**—RPU).

(10) Input from Anna Marie Crouch to RPU via email 13 Feb 2010. Re: George Upchurch Clan.

- I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan
 - A. John Upchurch born 1799
7 Children [see below]

36. John Upchurch was born ca 1799 Iredell County, North Carolina and died prior to 6-23-1873 Wayne County, Kentucky. John’s will was written on 3-28-1868 and proved on 6-23-1873. His wife was **Sarah Bertram** born 1810 Tennessee died after 1860. She was the daughter of Nicholas Bertram. John and Sarah were listed in the census records of 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 living in Wayne County, Kentucky. In 1850, her father Nicholas Bertram, born 1780 North Carolina, was living with them. In 1870, John is living in Wayne County, Kentucky. Living with him was Mary Upchurch born 1895 Tennessee and a granddaughter Nelly Carter who is 5 months old. Living next door was Granville Upchurch and Abner Upchurch. I believe Abner is probably Alvin.

361. Nancy Upchurch born 4-9-1825 Wayne County, Kentucky died 11-11-1884 Wayne County, Kentucky.

362. Eleanor (Nellie) Upchurch born 7-10-1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died 2-12-1870 Wayne County, Kentucky.

363. Lucinda Upchurch born 1832 Wayne County, Kentucky died Wayne County, Kentucky.

364. Roena Upchurch born 1834 Wayne County, Kentucky died Wayne County, Kentucky.

365. Daniel Granville Upchurch born 4-25-1835 Wayne County, Kentucky died 10-9-1901 Paris, Texas.

366. Henry Alvin Upchurch born 4-28-1840 Wayne County, Kentucky died 6-28-1918 Wayne County, Kentucky.

367. Elizabeth Upchurch born 12-1844 Wayne County, Kentucky died 12-24-1932 Wayne County, Kentucky.

Separate extract sheets made for numbers 361-367.

(11) See letter 25 FEB 2001 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU.

- I. William Bertram, I born 1759 (AKA Butram) married () Sarah Patterson
 - A. Nicholas Bertram born 1781
 - 1. **Sarah Bertram** born 1810 (NC). Married () John Upchurch, VI born 1792 died 1873, son of George Upchurch, Head of Clan.
 - B. William Bertram, II born 1783 (Wayne County, KY) married () Nancy Stinson born 1855--?—RPU.
 - 1. William J. (C) Bertram, III born 1821 died 1902 married () Martha Hurt born 1832 died 1887.
 - a. John C. Bertram married () Mary Jane Cooper born 14 JUL 1858
 - i. Linnie Belle Bertram “Linnie” [Lavina Belle Bertram] born 1896 married 16 MAR 1901 () Henry Elmer Upchurch born 1896 son of John William Upchurch of the George Upchurch/John Upchurch, VI subclan—Henry Alvin Upchurch line.
 - 2. Joel Bertram
 - a. Samuel T. Bertram
 - i. Ellis Bertram

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- I. Alvin Bertram married () Rosa B. Young
 - A. William Bertram born 22 APR 1865 (Wayne Co., KY) married 1881 () Nancy Parmley born 1867 (Wayne Co., KY) died 1944
 - 1. Cletus Benton Bertram born 1895 (Wayne Co., KY) married () Leta Pearl Upchurch

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- I. Jacob Bertram
 - A. Lavina Bertram married 20 MAR 1817 John Williams, presumed brother of Keeling Williams who married Rachel Upchurch, daughter of George Upchurch, Head of Clan.

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- I. Jacob Bertram married Nancy Rohana Upchurch born about 1877 daughter of James Calvin Upchurch of the George Upchurch/Joseph Upchurch subclan--James Calvin Upchurch line.