

Sarah Jane Bunch
Sarah Jane Mathews

no XID
XID – 361

Commentary: Joseph, son of Shadrack and grandson of George of Upchurch Clan 5, married Sarah Jane Bunch. Her maiden name was either Mathews, or Mathis, and this was her second marriage.

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(no number) See letter 21 Oct 2000 Sandra Kay Masengale to RPU, Page 13

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(2) Sarah Bunch born 1830 married Joseph Upchurch born 1829 (XID – 282). Joseph Upchurch was son of Shadrack Upchurch of George / Shadrack Upchurch Clan (29, Page 80). [Upchurch Story by Olive Morgan]

(3) See letter 4 Dec 1990 Sandra Kay Masengale to RPU

“Sarah is buried at Davis Chapel and the present minister has indicated that I will be able to rummage through his files. Now all I have to do is find time to get down to Gap Creek.”
 [Note: Assume Davis Chapel and Gap Creek are in Wayne Co, KY – RPU] “No one knows where Joseph [Joseph Upchurch, husband of **Sarah Bunch**] is buried. Some think it may be at Slick [Slick, Wayne Co, KY]. [Assume Slick, Wayne Co, KY – RPU]

(4) See Photo File 92-17 for picture of **Sarah Bunch** and her husband Joseph Upchurch taken at about 60 years old.

(5) See letter 22 Apr 1999 Sandra Kay Masengale to RPU

Sarah Jane Bunch (Sarah Jane Mathews) born Wayne Co, KY died 187 (Wayne Co, KY) (buried at Davis Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Gap Creek Valley, Clinton Co, KY).

(6) Birth Records 11 Nov 1998

 Upchurch, Rebecca
 Sex: Female
 Birth Date: 03 Jan 1857
 Birthplace: Wayne, Wayne, Kent
 Recorded in: Wayne, Kentucky
 Father: Joseph Upchurch
 Mother: Sarah J Matthews
 Source: FHL Number 216842
 Dates: 1852 – 1858

(7) Upchurch records found in a Library book in Grapevine, TX by Betty June Bean and sent to Melva Doris Upchurch who sent same to RPU in letter 9 Feb 00.

[Note: some letters along right margin were missing in the original biofile – CJM 12 Dec 2020]

- 1,2 Upchurch, John and Louisa Wood:
 3 dau, not named born 5 Dec 1854
 4 Upchurch, John (owner);
 5 Black female named Hannah (Upchurch) born --- Nov
 6,7 Upchurch, John H and Polly Williams:
 8 dau, Elizabeth K Upchurch born 4 Nov 1852
 9, 10 Upchurch, Joseph and **Sarah J Matthews**:
 11 dau, Rebecca Upchurch born 3 Jan 1857
 12 Upchurch, Louisa:
 13 Illegitimate dau, Canzada Catharine Upchurch born on Otter Creek;
 Remarks: “father Inorg” (ign
 14 Upchurch, Margaret
 15 Illegitimate son, Francis M Edwards born --- Dec Otter Creek; parents born and reside
 on Otte
 16 Remarks: “father said to be R Edwards = thi- stranger made his advent into this world bef
 were legally married”.
 17, 18 Upchurch, Martin and Deborah “Debbie Morris: (see Davi
 19 son, William F Upchurch born 2 June 1858 near –
 20, 21 Upchurch, Shadrack and Jane Craig:
 22 son, Columbus Upchurch born 17 May 1858 on Beave-

(8) Item in letter 3 Aug 1999 Norma Sue Rogers to RPU

Page 48 from The Wayne County, KY Outlook, Monticello, KY, date: 8 Apr 1915

15 Sep 1915 – 26 Mar 1915

In Memorium.

Mrs. Sallie Upchurch wife of the late Joseph Upchurch died at her daughters, Mrs. G. W. Fairchild at the Cooper toll gate on March, 26, 1915. She had been past walking for four years. She made her home at J. L. Upchurch's in Clinton county and Mrs. G. W. Fairchild in this county. She was 89 years 6 months and 11 days old, she

joined the Baptist church in Russell county in 1867. She was the mother of twelve children, of which five still survive her. Oh how we miss her, but we trust that our loss is her eternal gain. She has suffered all the pains of death and now has gone with Christ to rest. Farewell mother till we meet again.

Mrs. Ellen Fairchild.

→ see Ruth Ellen U ◊

(biofile continues below)

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(10) Extracts from the Wayne Co, KY Query Forum provided in letter 21 Oct 2000 Sandra Kay Masengale to RPU. Note: Entries all relate to the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan. RPU additions in brackets [].

I. Joann Cantrell input on 24 May 2000 responding to a 21 May 2000 query by Fay Clark,

A. James Mathews

Census birth dates per Joann: 1850 Bledsoe Co, TN born about 1834
1860 Wayne Co, KY born about 1828
1870 Wayne Co, KY born about 1830
1880 Wayne Co, KY born about 1840

married () Martha Walker. Martha married (2nd) James Holeman and Martha and 2nd husband were on 1850 Bledsoe Co, TN Census with 3 of the 4 children of her 1st marriage.

1. James Mathews

married () Millie Upchurch [born 1836 (XID – 287), daughter of Silas Upchurch, a brother of Joseph Upchurch (XID – 282)].

2. Christiana Mathews – age 14 in 1850

3. **Sarah J Mathews** – age 13 in 1850 married () Joseph Upchurch [XID – 282 – Head of line in George/ Shadrack Sub-Clan]

a. Rebecca Upchurch born 3 Jan 1857 (Wayne Co, KY)

II. Joette Dunnington input on 27 May 2000 re: above

Did **Sarah** and Joseph have more children than Rebecca Upchurch, possibly William Sherman Upchurch born 1870 (Russell Co, KY). His death certificate shows father = Joseph Upchurch and mother = Sarah --- --- possibly **Sarah Mathis** (blurred certificate).

III. Joann Cantrell input 27 May 2000 – no help

IV. Joette Dunnington input on 11 Oct 2000

A. Libby (Lizzie, Elizabeth) Criswell born about 1870 died about 1901

married () William Sherman Upchurch died 1929 [William Sherman Upchurch, I]

1. Joseph E Upchurch [Joseph Edwin Upchurch], I

2. John William Upchurch [“Will”]

(11) See letter 19 Jun 1999 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 383

SJM married (1st) 16 Apr 1848 (Wayne Co, KY) Robert L Bunch

(12) From letter 17 Dec 1999 Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPU, Page 6, 7

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Cooperators involved: JoAnn Cantrell

Donna Bunch

Kitty Smith

G W Fairchild

 UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY

Posted by: JoAnn Cantrell Date: June 09, 1999 at 15:04:39

I would like to correspond with others researching the Joseph UPCHURCH family. In Wayne co. KY birth rec. Rebecca UPCHURCH was b. 3 Jan 1857 to Joseph UPCHURCH and Sarah J. MATHEWS. I believe Sarah to be dau of James and Martha Mathews. I did not find Joseph UPCHURCH in Wayne co. in 1870. Where did this family go ??

-----Followups:

- * Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY Betty Langley 7/08/99 (0)
- * Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY Donna Bunch Miller 6/17/99 (0)
- * Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY Kitty Smith 6/09/99 (1)
- * Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY Kitty Smith 6/10/99 (0)

 Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY

Posted by: Donna Bunch Miller

Date: June 17, 1999 at 17:31:49

In Reply to: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY by JoAnn Cantrell I found a death certificate for Sally Upchurch at the Kentucky History Center this past weekend. Born Sept. 15, 1825 in Wayne County, Sally died March 26, 1915. The informant, G.W. Fairchild, listed her father as Andrew Matthis. In the 1850 census, there is both an Andrew Matthews and an Andrew Mathis living in Wayne County. Both, however, are too young to be Sally's father.

You may already know that Sally was apparently married before to a Bunch. Her first child was named Martha Bunch.

[SARAH JANE MATTHEWS] ↑

 Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY

Posted by: Kitty Smith Date: June 09, 1999 at 21:27:26

In Reply to: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY by JoAnn Cantrell I am descendant of JOSEPH and SALLIE MATHEWS UPCHURCH. The UPCHURCH-BURTON group has collected quite a bit of information and I will be glad to share with you. This is the first time I've heard possible names of Sallie's parents. The Upchurches bounced back and forth between WAYNE CO., KY and PICKETT CO., TENN (they border one another). Contact me at my email address for additional.

-----Followups:

- * Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY Kitty Smith 6/10/99 (0)

 Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY

Posted by: Kitty Smith Date: June 10, 1999 at 18:05:01

In Reply to: Re: UPCHURCH, Joseph dau. b. Wayne co. KY by Kitty Smith JoAnn,

I posted an incorrect email address; correct one is
 ksmith@netronicsusa.com

[Note: no Item **(12)** found. – CJM 21 Dec 2020]

(13) Re: RPU call 27 Dec 2003 to Sandra Kay Masengale
Sandi still wants more evidence that **SJM** was indeed a Matthews and not nee Bunch. I agreed to search my records and to contact her.

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(15) See letter 18 Jan 2001 Sharon Kennedy) Johnson to RPU

I. James Watson

married 10 Aug 1843 Wayne Co, KY) Mary Jane Winchester “Polly”

[Need to confirm that Hiram M Watson is the son of James Watson – RPU]

A. Hiram M Watson married 24 Jun 1872 (Scott Co, TN) Rebecca Jane Upchurch,
daughter of Joseph Upchurch and **Sarah J Matthews** [Joseph is head of the Joseph Upchurch
line in the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU]

1. Abner Watson born 18 Dec 1895 () died 2 Jan 1983 ()

married Arco Sarah Dishman born 23 Jun 1903 () died 9 Sep 1994, daughter of
George Washington Dishman and Lucinda Wayne Upchurch [Sharon asks who
is mother] [Sharon says he is son of Burrell Tremont Dishman]

a. Floyd Ale Watson born 22 Oct 1918 () died 5 Feb 1976

married May 1948 Rosetta --- --- (still living)

i. Joyce Ann Watson

married () --- --- Kennedy

(I) Sharon Kennedy

- married () --- --- Johnson
- ii. Shelbie Watson – deceased
 - iii. Eugene Watson
 - iv. Mary Ina Watson
married () --- --- Burns
 - v. Ella Mae Watson
married () --- --- Solsberry
 - vi. Susie Jane Watson
married () --- --- Johnson
 - vii. Jimmy Ray Watson
 - viii. Billie Joe Watson

Comments by RPU

- #1 I show Joseph Upchurch and **Sarah J Matthews** had a daughter Rebecca L Upchurch born 3 Jan 1857 (Wayne Co, KY)
- #2 My records do not show that Burwell Tremont Dishman had a son George Washington Dishman. However, he did have a daughter Lucinda Dishman who married George Washington Dishman, son of Burrell Tremont Dishman. I do not show that Lucinda and George Washington Dishman had a daughter Arco Sarah Dishman.

(16) See 1880 Census – Russell Co, KY

The two households listed below are the only two in the extract provided by Roy White, Jr for Russell Co, KY.

101/4	Joseph Upchurch	WM	53	born KY	
	Sarah J Upchurch	wife	53	born TN	[nee <u>Sarah Jane Matthews</u>]
	Sidneyan J Upchurch	dau	13	born KY	[Sidney Ann Upchurch]
	William S Upchurch	son	9	born KY	

101/17	John L Upchurch	WM	21	born KY	[John Lafayette Upchurch]
	Asa J Upchurch	wife	19	born KY	[nee Arra Wayne Boling]

[Note: In this household were two other families both shown as “no relation” to the Head of the Household – John L Upchurch. The two families were:

Silas Wilson	51		born KY
Sarah J Wilson	51	wife	born KY
Joseph R Wilson	17	son	born KY
Joel B Wilson	14	son	born KY
Rosetta Wilson	11	dau	born KY
Oliver Wilson	9	son	born KY
Sarah C Wilson	3	day	born KY

Jacob C Wilson	22		born KY
Margaret Wilson	18	wife	born KY

[Note: Current evidence indicates that the Joseph Upchurch shown above is the Head of the Joseph Upchurch Line in the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan ad that John Lafayette Upchurch is her son – RPU]

(17) Census records from Russell Co, KY – from letter 27 Jan 2004 Linda Entos to RPU – District 101

Family #34

“A”	Joseph Upchurch	age 52	[Joseph Upchurch born 1829] [Father of “V” and presumed father of “C” – RPU]
	Sarah Upchurch	age 53	[Sarah Jane Matthews born 1827]
	Sidneyan Upchurch	age 13	[Sidney Ann Upchurch]
	William Upchurch	age 19	[William Sherman Upchurch, I]

Family #145

“B”	John Upchurch	age 21	[John Lafayette Upchurch]
	Arra Upchurch	age 20	[Arra Wayne Bolin]

Family #144

“C”	John McGowan	age 26	[John Henry McGowan]
	Mary McGowan	age 19	[Mary Wayne Upchurch]
	Lurzetta McGowan	dau	age 2

[Note: RPU Census records agree with above for the two Upchurch families. However, note that there were 9 Wilson family members in the household of Joseph Upchurch born 1829. Upchurch/Wilson relationship – if any is unclear.

(18) Re: correct name of wife of Joseph Upchurch, Head of a line in the George Upchurch/Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan.

Cross-file: Carol Lynn Baker
Sarah Jane Mathews
Sarah Jane Mathis

Subject: Re: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: Carol Murray <crittermom1950@att.net>
Date: Mon, Mar 09, 2015 10:32 am
To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Attach: 1915 KY Death Sally Upchurch.jpg

Attached is a copy of Sarah Jane "Mathews" death certificate. You can see that it says her name is Mathis not Mathews and that her father is Andrew. I will review your information and consider joining the "George U. Family".
 Thank you,
 Carol

