

Samuel Benjamin Upchurch**no XIX**

Commentary: Samuel Benjamin Upchurch, later Carpenter, was one of five Upchurch children whose surnames were changed to Carpenter. Presumably, these five children were the offspring of Elizabeth Upchurch Carpenter's brother, although no data has been found to substantiate this finding.

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Organizational Note:

In 1803 the NC State Legislature authorized five Upchurch children of Franklin Co, NC to change their last name from Upchurch to Carpenter. In keeping with the usual practice of RPU the basic biofiles for these individuals will be kept under the Upchurch name but with a brief cross-reference under the Carpenter name. The scheme is as follows:

Biofiles kept under:	Cross-referenced as:
Simeon Upchurch	Simeon Carpenter, Jr
<u>Samuel Benjamin Upchurch</u>	Samuel Benjamin Carpenter, Sr
Jubal Upchurch, II	Jubal Carpenter, Sr
William Churchwell Upchurch ¹	William Churchwell Carpenter ¹
Winifred Upchurch	Winifred Carpenter

¹The "William" part of this name has been called into question and while the William Part will continue to be used for the present this person will be cross-referenced as Churchwell Upchurch AKA Churchwell Carpenter.

[Note: This one page is duplicated in the Samuel Benjamin Carpenter, Sr biofile and is not repeated here. – CJM 5 Aug 2021]

(1) John Carpenter to his son **Benjamin Carpenter** in Franklin Co, NC 8 Mar 1811 Deed Book 15, Page 190 (41, Page 77)

(2) John Carpenter bought personal Property in Franklin Co, NC witnessed by **Benjamin Carpenter** and Winefred Carpenter 1 Mar 1813 Deed Book 16, Page 111 (41, Page 86).

(3) Simeon Carpenter bought land, witnessed by **Benjamin Carpenter** 12 Apr 1814 Franklin Co, NC Deed Book 17 Page 151. Second Deed on Page (41, Page 104).

(4) John Carpenter bough a negro, witnessed by **Benjamin Carpenter** 12 Apr 1815 Franklin Co, NC Deed Book 115 Page 24 (41, Page 115).

(5) John Carpenter bought a negro, witnessed by **Benjamin Carpenter** 14 Apr 1815 Franklin Co, NC Deed Book 18, Page 63 (41, Page 116)

(6) See letter 23 May 1986 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU
She recites the presumption that the 5 who changed thir name Upchurch → Carpenter 1800 – 1804 (including **Benjamin J Carpenter**) are among the 10 children of John Carpenter of John Carpenter born 1760 – 1770 died Apr 1836 and Ellizabeth Upchurch born circa 1771 died 1850 – 1860. Benjamin J Carpenter married Mary Rice in Franklin Co, NC and lived in Lauderdale, MS.

(7) See letter 1 Aug 1985 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU
A. Laws of NC = 1803, Page 57 – Name changes
To Carpenter: Simeon, **Benjamin**, Jubal, Winifred, Churchill
From Upchurch: Simeon, **Benjamin**, Jubal, Winifred, Churchill

B. Will of John Carpenter – Probated 9 Apr 1838 Greene Co, AL – Administrator = Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter – adopted son of John Carpenter. Legatees: include **Benjamin Carpenter**.

(8) See letter 12 May 1986 Mary Lou Richardson to Lucille Virginia Carpenter
Benjamin J Carpenter is my ancestor. His wife was Nancy Rice. He married her circa 1807 (Franklin Co, NC) and had a son Hilliard Carpenter who is my ancestor. Benjamin J Carpenter born circa 1791 (NC) married (Nash Co, NC) Nancy Rice who died 16 Oct 1865 (Lauderdale Co, MS). [See also biofile of Elizabeth Upchurch XID – 15711) entry 12 May 1986 [Note: Mary’s ancestor for sure was Hilliard Carpenter – she speculates that Hilliard was the son of **Benjamin Carpenter** because both Benjamin and Hilliard are found on the 1850 Census of Lauderdale Co, MS – RPU

(9) See letter 10 Jul 1986 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU
“Mrs Bryant [Mary Lou Richardson] showed **Benjamin J Carpenter**. I had only Benjamin in other records. To answer your question as to whether Samuel Benjamin Carpenter and Benjamin S Carpenter are the same. It could be S & J are easily interchanged as are two given names reversed in order easily.

(10) From letter 30 Mar 1984 Grace Williamson to RPU
“From NC Genealogical Journal Jan 1976.
Simeon Upchurch, **Benjamin Upchurch**, Jubal Upchurch, Winefred Upchurch & Churchill Upchurch. Changed their names to Carpenter – Franklin Co, NC.”
“The 1810 Census Franklin Co, NC shows a **Benjamin Carpenter** and a Simeon Carpenter. On 1800 Census Franklin Co, NC there is a Jubal Upchurch & a Benjamin Upchurch.”

(11) See letter 30 May 1985 Helen Kirkendall to RPU
Best bet on ages of the Upchurch → Carpenter move –
1. **Benjamin (Upchurch)** Carpenter born 1791
2. Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter born 1795

3. Churchill (Upchurch) Carpenter born 1802
4. Winifred (Upchurch) Carpenter born 1790 – 1800
5. Simeon (Upchurch) Carpenter born possibly < 1790

Benjamin Carpenter (formerly Upchurch) was **Samuel Benjamin Carpenter** – per his daughter's Bible.

Benjamin Carpenter (formerly Upchurch) married circa 1810 Nancy Rice, daughter of John Rice of Nash Co, NC. He died 1865 in Lauderdale, MS.

(12) See letter 26 Feb 1997 Catherine Lambert to RPU

On 10 Aug 1820 (Franklin Co, NC) John Carpenter executed a deed of gift to his son Benjamin Carpenter [**SBC, Sr**] of Greene C, AL thus showing father/son relationship. The deed was witnessed by Lawrence Williams and Henry Carpenter and arrived in Greene Co, AL on 9 Oct 1821.

(13) See letter 12 Sep 1986 – Helen Kirkendall to Joanne Richardson

Records from a Bible – reference Mississippi Bible Records, Vol 15, 1974. Original owner William Bennett and Susan Caroline Carpenter Cooper. Present owner Otis Bennett (Ben) Walton III; [address omitted – CJM 5 Aug 2021]

I. **Samuel Benjamin Carpenter** married Nancy Rice

- A. John R Carpenter
- B. Alfred Carpenter
- C. Samuel Carpenter
- D. Betsy [Elizabeth] Carpenter married Gray Sandifer
- E. Harriet Carpenter married William Jolly
- F. Willie Carpenter married Harvel Denton
- G. Mary Carpenter married William Stevens
- H. Fannie Carpenter
- I. Susan Caroline Carpenter born 19 Jan 1817 married William Bennett Cooper born 1 Nov 1809

(14) See letter 2 Sep 1986 Barbara Joanne Richardson to RPU

Benjamin J Carpenter [**SBC, Sr**] born circa 1791 (NC) died 16 Oct 1865 (Lauderdale Co, MS) married circa 1809 (Nash Co, NC) Nancy Rice born circa 1791 (Nash Co, NC) died > 1870, daughter of John Rice and Elizabeth Hopkins.

(15) See biofile of Mary Lou Richard entry 11 Dec 2001

Benjamin Carpenter [**SBU**] died 16 Oct 1865

(16) From email 16 Dec 2011 Rosalie Jynell Sykes to RPU

LETS TALK ABOUT BENJAMIN J. CARPENTER AND NANCY RICE. → BJC = $\frac{JBU}{RPU}$
 They were married in Nash County, NC and moved to Alabama and then to Lauderdale, Mississippi. In letter from Joanne Richardson with one page attachment from her nephew Barrett Richard Bryant, we find the following and some of my own research: → *Details of Children's Profiles*
 Children: →

(17) See Biofile of John Carpenter-entry 27 JUL 1986.

I. Benjamin Upchurch–Head of Clan

A. Elizabeth Upchurch married John Carpenter. They were in Greene, County AL when John died leaving Elizabeth a widow with children. Record appears 9 APR 1838 –Greene County, AL Orphans Court Book D page 390- John Carpenter deceased- his son Jubal Carpenter- Administrator. Details show:

I. **John Carpenter** died <9 APR 1838.

Married Elizabeth () [Elizabeth Upchurch] Still living APR 1838.

- A. Ludwell Carpenter [James Ludwell Carpenter]
- B. Benjamin Carpenter [**Samuel Benjamin (Upchurch) Carpenter**]
- C. Jubal Carpenter [Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter]
- D. Churchwell Carpenter [William Churchwell (Upchurch) Carpenter]
- E. Winifred Sanderford [Winifred (Upchurch) Carpenter] [deceased <APR 1838]
- Married James Sanderford.
- F. Elizabeth Williams [Elizabeth Carpenter] [deceased <APR 1838]
- Married Lawrence Williams.
- G. Mary Rainey [Mary Carpenter] [deceased <APR 1838]
- Married James H. Rainey.
- H. Simeon Carpenter [deceased <APR 1838]
 - 1. Furney L. Carpenter
 - 2. Thomas Carpenter
 - 3. Rowena Carpenter
 - 4. Elizabeth Carpenter
 - 5. Jubal Carpenter
 - 6. Stephen Carpenter
 - 7. Nancy Carpenter

I. Nancy Richardson [died <APR 1838] [Nancy Carpenter]

- 1. Julia A. Richardson
- 2. Milly M. Richardson
- 3. Elizabeth Richardson

J. Harriet Lutt [died <APR 1838] [Harriet Carpenter]

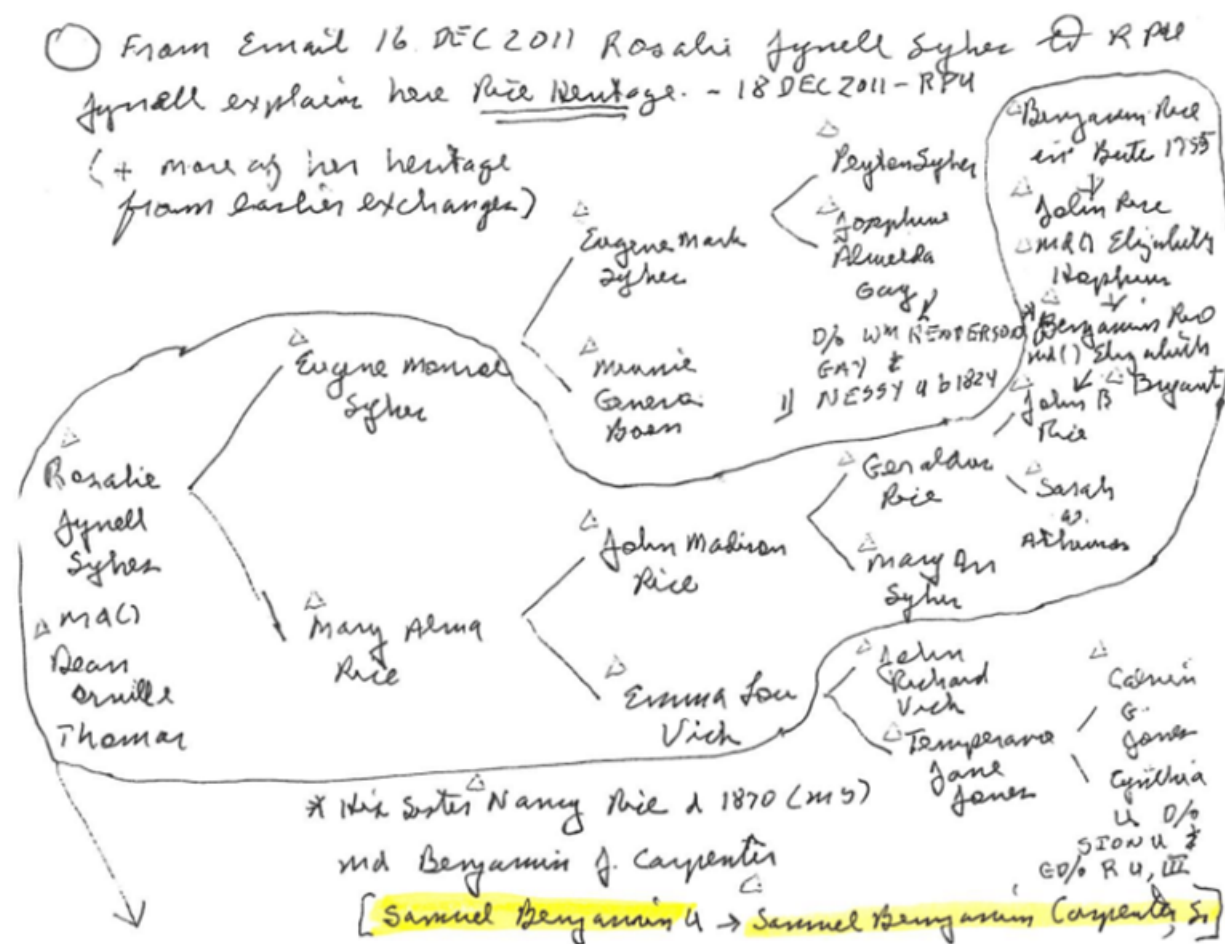
married ___ Lutt

- 1. John Z. Lutt
- 2. James H. Lutt
- 3. Nancy J. Lutt
- 4. W. Lutt

(18) See biofile Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU entry 27 Jul 1986

Regarding your question about Benjamin J Carpenter and Samuel Benjamin Carpenter [SBC, Sr] of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, that Helen Kukendall is descended from, Samuel was the son of Benjamin, probably the oldest. Both of them were sworn in as Lauderdale County constables in 1839 but I never found anything further on Samuel until the newspaper announcement about Benjamin's death which lists S B Carpenter as an heir. That was interesting for me to know that Samuel's wife was Mary Rice. His mother was Nancy Rice so he must have married a cousin (very common in the Carpenter family). I will have to write Helen Kukendall to see if she has any information on my ancestor Hilliard Carpenter. I believe he was the son of Benjamin but don't have definite proof.

(no number) From email 16 Dec 2011 Rosalie Jynell Sykes to RPU. Jynell explains here Rice Heritage – 18 Dec 2011 – RPU
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[Names included in above diagram: alphabetical by surname – CJM 19 Jun 2018]

Sarah W Atkinson	Benjamin Rice	Rosalie Jynell Sykes
Minnie Geneva Boen	Geraldus Rice	Dean Orville Thomas
Elizabeth Bryant	John Rice	Cynthia Upchurch
Susan Bryant	John B Rice	Eunice Upchurch
Benjamin J Carpenter	John Madison Rice	“Nessy” Upchurch
Samuel Benjamin Carpenter Sr.	Mary Alma Rice	Richard Upchurch, III
Josephine Almelda Gay	Nancy Rice	Richmond Upchurch
William Henderson Gay	Eugene Mark Sykes	<u>Samuel Benjamin Upchurch</u>
Elizabeth Hopkins	Eugene Monroe Sykes	Sion Upchurch
Calvin G Jones	Mary Ann Sykes	Emma Lou Vick
Temperance Jane Jones	Peyton Sykes	John Richard Vick

I. Richard Upchurch, II

A. Richard Upchurch, III

1. Sion Upchurch

a. Richmond Upchurch

i. Eunice “Nessy” Upchurch

married () William Henderson Gay

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b. Cynthia Upchurch

ii. Temperance Jane Jones

married () John Richard Vick

Ancestor of Jynell – Rice Line

B. Nathan Upchurch, I

1. Gilbert Upchurch

a. Bartley Jefferson Upchurch

i. Robert Jefferson Upchurch

(I) Robert Phillip Upchurch

(no number) Input from email 30 Nov 2011 to RPU from Rosalie Jynell Sykes – conversion from text to outline format – RPU 3 Dec 2011

Note: [NTB] = will be a new addition to RPU biofile system [+RPU 17 Dec 2011]

Benjamin Rice in Bute (Granville) by 1755

I. John Rice, Sr died 1837 – Jaynell has will – he makes bequests to

- Redden Richardson – found in Johnston Co, NC [He is a son-in-law] [NTB]
- William Earppe [William Earp] [He is a son-in-law] [NTB]
- Benjamin J Carpenter [son-in-law] [AKA **Samuel Benjamin Upchurch** → SBC – RPU]

- William Richardson [son-in-law?] [to take care of daughter Nancy (Rice) Carpenter
- Hopkins Rice – son; married () Eliza Elizabeth Hopkins

A. William Rice →

1. William but do not know who he married, but had one son Richardson Rice and named in grandfather's will

B. Benjamin Rice } ancestors ((see 2 below))
 married () Elizabeth Bryant } of Jaynell
 (sister of Susan Bryant, wife of Richmond Upchurch)

C. Hopkins Rice [NTB]

3. Hopkins Rice married Jane (Jean) Williams of Burcombe County, NC in 1809 and they moved to Greene County, Alabama about 1820 because their last 5 children were born in Alabama - they had 11 children in all (I have lots of information on this line).

D. John Rice, Jr

4. John Rice Jr. born about 1785 in Edgecombe County, NC, married Martha Bryant about 1810 in Nash County and he died 27 October 1845 in Nash County. They had 7 children, a son James M. died in Mississippi after 1880. I have lots of information on this line.

married

1. Mary Rice

married (1st) at age 17 (Nash Co, NC) --- --- Daniels
 divorced and returned to father in 2 years
 married (2nd) 1846 () Wesley Richardson [NTB]

E. Nancy Rice ((died < 1870 MS))

married () **Benjamin J Carpenter** They moved to Greene Co, AL and on to Lauderdale Co, MS)

F. Frances Rice [NTB] died before 1829

8. Francis who was born about 1806 and married Caleb Leonard on 10 Feb. 1823 in Nash County, NC and died before 1829. They had the one son, John Leonard, who was mentioned in his grandfather's will. John shows up in Minnesota with some of his cousins from the Hopkins Rice family.

married 1823 (Nash Co, NC) Caleb Leonard [NTB]

1. John Leonard [NTB] – mentioned in his grandfather's will [John Rice, Sr?]

G. Elizabeth Rice [NTB] ["Willy"]

6. Elizabeth born in Johnson County and married William Richardson in Johnson County NC. They moved to Greene County, Alabama about 1820 - they had 1 children, most were born in NC, but she died in Green County, Ala. on 7 June 1821 at the birth of her last child.

married () William Richardson [NTB]

((update from Jynell email 16 Dec 2011) (typed info also from 16 Dec 2011)

H. Mary Rice married Reddin Richardson

7. Mary Rice married Reddin Richardson. In the 1850 Census for Johnson County she is listed as the wife of Reddin Richardson and age 45.

I. Female who married William Earppe

7. Girl who married William Earppe (need to research this one) I have found in 1850 Census for Nash County, N.C. a William Earp with "Tempy" as the wife and born in 1803. . right place and time frame but more research needed.

2. Benjamin Rice who married Elizabeth Bryand and they had five children:
- A. John B. Rice, born about 1810 who married Sarah W. Atkinson
 - B. Granberry called "Berry" born about 1812 and died 1838, never married and his brother John B. Rice handled his estate, and one negro left to his brother Nicholson Rice.
 - C. Jincy Rice born about 1814 and married Matthew Strickland but died about 1833 in Nash County.
 - D. Nicholson Rice born abot 1812/13 and married Mourning Bryant, daughter of William B. Bryant and Susan Strickland, and granddaughter of William Bryant Sr. He died before 1880.
 - E. Boykin Rice born about 1815 and died in 1877 in Greene County, Alabama. He is listed in both the 1860 and 1870 Federal Census for Greene County Alabama and was a fairly wealthy farmer. I have found no record that he ever married.

NOW FOR THE RICE SIDE OF THE FAMILY:

My direct line is Benjamin who was in Bute County, N.C. before 1755; John Rice who married Elizabeth Hopkins and was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary and according to his pension application was born in 1755 in Bute County, NC, and their son Benjamin Rice who married Elizabeth Bryant, and their son John B. Rice who married Sarah W. Atkinson, and their son, Geraldus Rice who married Mary An Sykes, and their son, John Madison Rice who married Emma Lou Vick, my mother Mary Alma Rice who married Eugene Monroe Sykes, and me, Rosalie Jynell Sykes who married Dean Orville Thomas.