

**Commentary:** Claudia Ann Upchurch “Clargy Ann” was born about 1822 in the Green Level area of Western Wake County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Whitney Upchurch and the granddaughter of Moses Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan # 1. She married William Wilson in 1843 in Wake County. However no child of this union has ever been found. In 1846, she married Wesley M. O’Daniel (aka Odaniel) in Wake County. They had seven children from 1847 thru 1863. Claudia died after 1870. She is thought to have lived much of her life in the Holly Springs area of Buckhorn Township in Wake County.

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**(1)** RPU note – 28 Apr 2016

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan No. 1

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **Claudia Ann Upchurch** AKA Clargy Ann Upchurch

References to both are embraced in this Biofile with Claudia now being Preferred.

**(2)** Per attachment #34 West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co NC Marriage Records

“**Clargy Upchurch** married William Wilson 24 Feb 1843

Witness – Shadrack Mills and R. P Finch

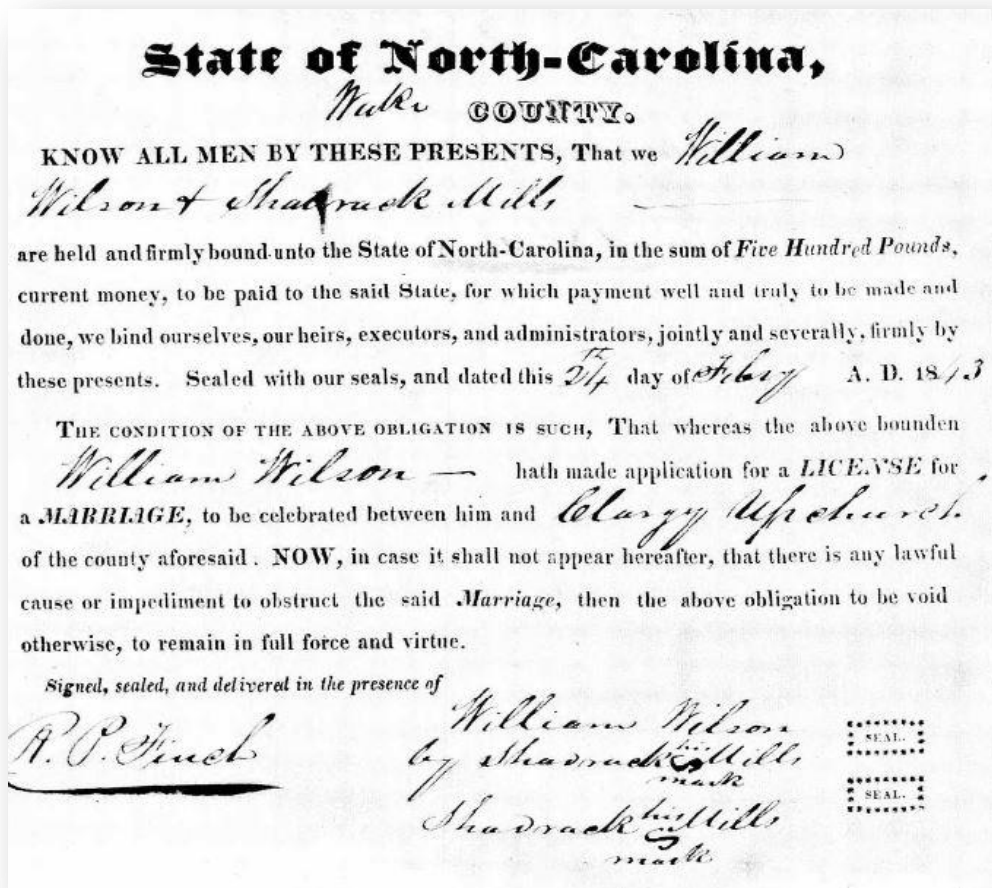
**(3)** Per Wake Co NC Marriage Bonds

**Clargy Upchurch** married William Wilson 14 Dec 1815

discrepancy

(4) See the marriage records – Upchurches NC

Clargy Upchurch married 24 Feb 1843 (Wake Co, NC) William Wilson

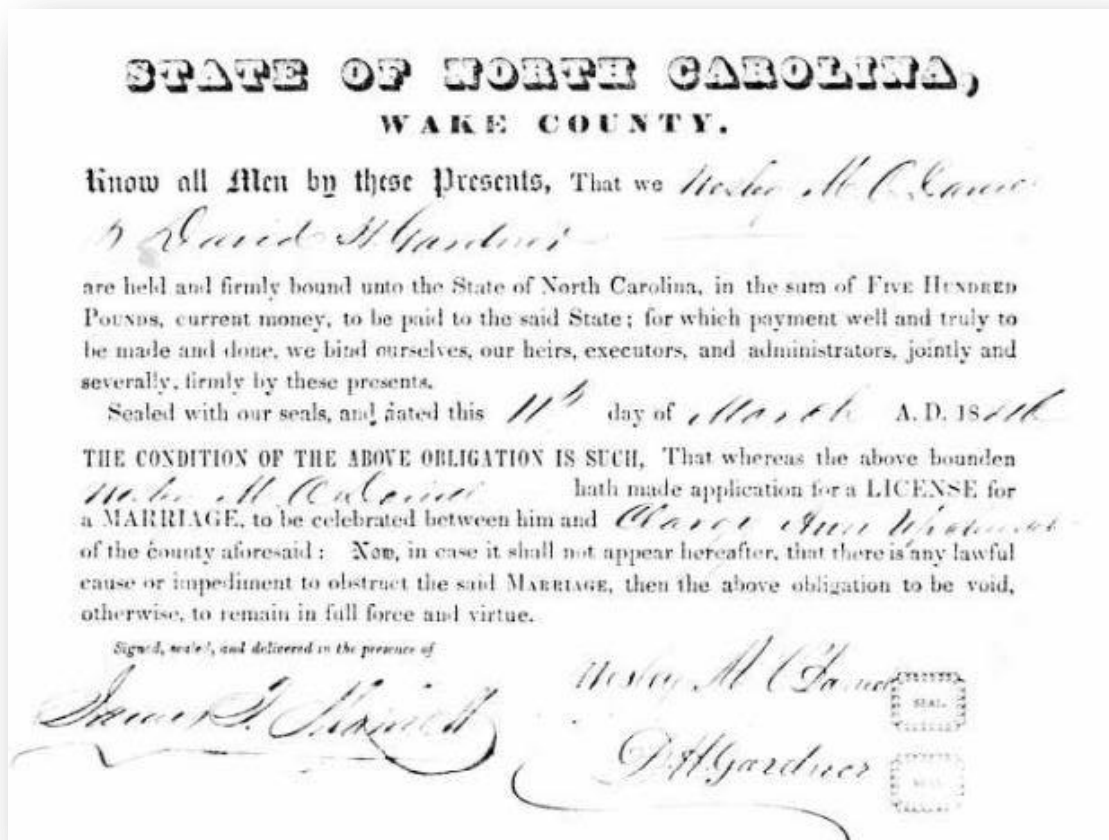


(5) [Note: Since the Mills family was primarily located in Western Wake Co, NC it appears Clargy Upchurch would have belonged to the Moses Upchurch or the Nathan Upchurch, I Clan – RPU]

(6) copy made for UPU < 1850 File – 2 Mar 1997

(7) Per Wake Co NC Marriage Bonds

Clargy Ann Upchurch married Wesley M. O'Daniel 11 Mar 1846



(8) NC MG Records

Clargy Ann Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979	marriage: 11 Mar 1846	Wake, North Carolina	spouse: Wesley M. Odaniel
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(9) NC Marriages- 5 Sep 05- Peterson- Wake Co

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Whiting Upchurch	Elizabeth Goodwin	3 Jan 1811	Wake
Mackey Upchurch	Edmund Cole	9 Aug 1816	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Elizabeth Upchurch	20 Mar 1819	Wake
Murray Upchurch	Nancy Scott	23 Aug 1820	Wake
Hubbard Upchurch	Esther Bird	24 Oct 1822	Wake
Frances Upchurch	Blake Baker	18 Nov 1829	Wake
John Upchurch	Angelina G. Green	29 May 1830	Wake
Kerney Upchurch	Emila Perry	22 Nov 1830	Wake
Sims Upchurch	Abigail Olive	11 Dec 1832	Wake

Ariel Upchurch	Mary Olive	30 Mar 1833	Wake
Quilla Upchurch	Nathaniel Mitchell	2 Dec 1833	Wake
Abel Upchurch	Nancy Sorrell	27 Nov 1839	Wake
Eliza Upchurch	William Beddingfield	2 Dec 1839	Wake
William C. Upchurch	Adline Royster	15 Dec 1840	Wake
Stephen Upchurch	Ann Medlin	16 Mar 1841	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Margaret Bird	23 Sep 1842	Wake
Bartley Upchurch	Jane Whitaker	27 Dec 1842	Wake
Clargy Upchurch	William Wilson	24 Feb 1842	Wake
Betsey Upchurch	Haywood Laurence	2 Dec 1844	Wake
Nancy Upchurch	William Hobby	19 Dec 1845	Wake
<b><u>Clargy Ann Upchurch</u></b>	Wesley M. Odaniel	11 Mar 1846	Wake
Candis Upchurch	John Mann	19 Dec 1847	Wake
Mariah Upchurch	Robert Rollins	13 Oct 1849	Wake
Alferd Upchurch	Adelia M. Crowder	23 Dec 1850	Wake
Armelia Upchurch	Hinton Hudson	31 Dec 1850	Wake

**(10)** Note: **Claudia Upchurch** (Clargy Ann Upchurch) named a child Alvania. Note that Sims, son of Moses Upchurch, had a daughter named Alvania Upchurch. Point – The name “Alvania” was used in the Moses Upchurch Clan – RPU

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**(12)** Per Attachment #34 West Letter – 18 May 1975 – Wake Co NC Marriage Records  
**“Clargy Ann Upchurch** married Wesley M. O’Daniel 8 Mar 1846 – witness = David H. Gardner and James T. Marriott

WAKE COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS			
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<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE OF BOND</u>	<u>BONDSMAN &amp; WITNESS</u>
ODaniel, J. H.	Mittie Bashford	21 Feb. 1866	W(m). M. Sorrell (w) J. J. Ferrell, m. 21 Feb. 1866 by Jas. Q. Williams
ODaniel, Wesley M.	Clargy Ann Upchurch	11 Mar. 1846	D(avid) H. Gardner (w) James T. Marriott

Note: Other records show James T. Marriott present in Western Wake Co, NC – hence it appears **Clargy Ann Upchurch** is a member of the Moses Upchurch or Nathan Upchurch, I Clan – RPU)

**(13)** See Church/Cemetery File – article on 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Olive Chapel Church, Apex area, Wake Co, NC. Item to RPU by Irene (Olive) Kittinger on 25<sup>th</sup> Apr 2001

The church was constituted 3 Nov 1850. The wife of Wesley O’Daniel nee **Claudia Upchurch** joined in the first month. This couple was given their letter in 1854 but were still found on the 1870 Census of Wake Co, NC. By 1880 only their son Duncan was found in Wake Co, NC. 1870 Census:

I. Wesley O’Daniel (→ Wesley Daniel?)

Married ( ) **Claudia Upchurch**

- A. Duncan Daniel
- B. Frances Daniel
- C. Alvania Daniel
- D. James Daniel
- E. Wesley Daniel
- F. William Daniel

[The six children tentatively carried as Daniel – RPU]

RPU Notes as of 30 Jul 2001. By a process of elimination I conclude that **Claudia Upchurch** must be a granddaughter of Nathan Upchurch, I or Moses Upchurch, two brothers who moved to the Wake/Chatham line about 1802. Nathan Upchurch, I is unlikely as an ancestor as he had only one son who had unnamed daughters and family history (oral) indicates these daughter had only one male child. Moses Upchurch had 3 sons who had unmarried daughters of the right age to have been the father of **Claudia Upchurch**. They were Ruffin Upchurch, Gillium Upchurch, Whitney Upchurch.

Crossfile: unlinked Upchurches of Wake/Chatham ≤ 1850

#### **(14)** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Olive Chapel, Apex, NC

The weather was absolutely perfect in North Carolina along the county line of Wake with Chatham the day September was ending. And to Olive Chapel came Miss Anne Lydia Olive and her brother Percy, two great-grandchildren of the founding pastor. Also attending and a pleasure to meet was Tyre Lanier who owns the Henderson Olive house and is very interested in the family history. Since the feature story of last issue, Bob Olive visited the Laniers. (By the way, Henderson's mother-in-law was a charter member of Olive Chapel.)

Upon arriving, at left front of the church loomed a white pentagonal tent pointing upward. Tables and chairs were underneath and to the left outside. At right a 1926 vintage Ford got a lot of attention, and hayrides were enjoyed by young and old! Down the slope beyond tables, smoke rose from a black pot of boiling lye soap. Antique farm implements lined the slope up to the back of the church, where sat two huge iron pots over coals cooking Brunswick Stew. The menu also included cheeses, crackers, fruits – especially plentiful slices of crisp, juicy pears that were picked from local trees – and fried applejacks.

On the ground floor of the church in the assembly room were five long tables with antique toys and items of home life and mementoes of church life. A tall floor-standing bulletin board of width more than two table-lengths, featured posters of pictures with captions depicting the church's history. Yours truly was asked to research for family trees of the sixteen charter members (eleven joined by letter and five by "experience of religion") and the three preachers involved when the church was constituted the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1850.

Many Olive ties to those very first families are found and in marriages of children and grandchildren. The same is true among the Councils, Beckwiths, Goodwins, Lawrences, Millses, Ragans, Wilsons, Howells and Johnsons.

The only charter member whose descendants are still unknown is Wesley O'Daniel. His wife, **Claudia Upchurch**, joined the first month. Children were Duncan, Frances, Alvania, James, Wesley, Charley and William G. At the end of 1854 this couple was granted their letters (where to not given) but were in Wake County's 1870 census. In 1880 the only one found was Duncan, his wife Annie, and Nancy, 6. Perhaps the "O" was dropped by some – or in recording but time ran out to keep up the search.



Back to the anniversary weekend:

At 10 a. m. Sunday, October 1, six former pastors (two by family representative) gave reflections of their pastorates at Olive Chapel. A seventh had come from out of state on September 13 to take part in the funeral of Tommy Lawrence whose ancestress, Sarah Ragan, was a charter member. (Tommy was also a descendant of Polly Olive Sears).

The ministers participated in the eleven o'clock service. The pastor, Dr. Mark Crumpler, delivered the sermon. "An Old Prayer for a New Era" from Eph. 3: 14 – 21. Great title, text, message.

Afterwards and out under the tent, tables were arranged this time around the five sides and laden with dishes from the homes. A place was left open to enter and survey the center tables of desserts. What a feast! Then at two o'clock, inside the church again, a song service focused a local gospel group. Over the two-day event, probably a lot more individuals attended than the five hundred estimated at Sunday services.

Afterglow:

*Seeing the items, pictures, and names throughout Olive Chapel's 150 years was a history lesson! (Generations yet to come will see the picture and call the names of today – but we can't, theirs!)*

*"Being rooted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17) to me means being equipped for present opportunities. For we are the link between the faith of the past (what forefathers did for us) and our hope in the future (for those after us and what they will be and do).*

*As Thanksgiving nears and we reflect upon our nation's history, we can give thanks for a well-grounded "tree"! May family strength always help to stand us in good stead in our respective places.*

\*Received 25 Apr 2001 by RPU from Irene (Olive) Kittinger

**(15)** Extract of email 26 Apr 2016 Clayton Philip Mann to RPU – Re Moses Upchurch/Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan 27 Apr 2016

Thanks very much for the biofiles that are headed my way. Here's what I have on Claudia Ann Upchurch, You rest assured she was one of Whitney's children. The Whitney Upchurch es papers from the 1870s and 1880s that I sent you several months ago proved that. In addition, Wesley O'Daniel paid Whitney's Wake county (Buckhorn District) taxes in 1847.

Father:

Wesley M. O'Daniel

b: abt. 1822. North Carolina

m: Mar 1846, Buckhorn District, Wake County, North Carolina

d: aft 1880

Mother:

**Claudia Ann Upchurch**

B: 1822/3, White Oak District, Wake County, North Carolina

Children

1. Duncan S. O'Daniel	Sex M	Born 1847	Birth Place Chatham County, North Carolina
		Died Aft. 1900	Death Place
	Relation Birth		
2. Cornelia Frances "Neely" O'Daniel	Sex F	Born 1848	Birth Place Chatham County, North Carolina
		Died 2 Jul 1928	Death Place Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC
	Relation Birth		
3. Alvania F. O'Daniel	Sex F	Born 1849	Birth Place Chatham County, North Carolina
		Died Aft. 1880	Death Place
	Relation Birth		
4. James C. O'Daniel	Sex M	Born 1857	Birth Place Chatham County, North Carolina
		Died 3 May 1891	Death Place Durham County, NC
	Relation Birth		
5. Wesley C. O'Daniel	Sex M	Born 1857	Birth Place Chatham County, North Carolina
		Died 16 Mar 1929	Death Place Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC



Relation  
Birth

6. Charles H. O'Daniel

Sex	Born	Birth Place
M	22 May 1859	Chatham County, North Carolina
	Died	Death Place
	12 Feb 1921	Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC

Relation  
Birth

7. William G. O'Daniel

Sex	Born	Birth Place
M	May 1863	Chatham County, North Carolina
	Died	Death Place
	8 Apr 1913	Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC

Relation  
Birth

Added documentation as attachments

(1) For 1847 tax payments is Buckhorn Township, Wake Co, NC

Wesley C. O'Daniel listed himself (0 property) and his father in law Whitney Upchurch 107/100

(2) Death Certificates for 4 of the children of **Claudia**

a. Cornelius Frances Wicker [Cornelia Frances O'Daniel] lived and died at 919 N. Dawson St, Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County died 2 Jul 1928 – widow of A. L. Wicker age 68 born Chatham Co, NC Buried Oaklawn Cemetery, Charlotte, NC. Informant: W. D. Wicker

b. Wesley C. O'Daniel died 16 Mar 1929, buried Elmwood, born Chatham Co, NC, son of Wesley O'Daniel and **Claudia Upchurch**. Informant John O'Daniel – wife Dora E. O'Daniel

c. Charles N. O'Daniel died 12 Feb 1921 Charlotte, NC, buried Elmwood, wife Mary E. O'Daniel, Carpenter, born Chatham Co, NC. Informant Charles W. O'Daniel

d. W. G. O'Daniel died 8 Apr 1913 Charlotte, NC, buried Elmwood, married born May 1853, father born Guilford Co, NC, carpenter, Mother **C. A. U.** born Chatham Co, NC. Informant: W. D. O'Daniel