

Missing Link #1 – To Be Found

VIII. MISSING LINKS

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 - a. William Henry U., b. 29 NOV 1852 (Wake Co.), d. 22 OCT 1925 (Lenoir Co., NC), md. 20 JUL 1883 (LaGrange, NC) Emily Bell Carroll. Their sons: Roland H. U., b. 1896, Frank H. U. b. 1892.
 - b. George A. U., b. NC, d. 8 JUN 1892 (1896?) Screven, GA, md. 29 NOV 1882 Anna E. McKenzie. Their son: George Kelley U., b. 31 OCT 1882.

A. Calvin Kelly Upchurch.

1. F. Upchurch.
 - c. John Winton U., Sr., b. 15 JUN 1858 (Highfalls, Moore Co. NC), d. 1 SEP 1907 Stilson, GA, md. 1st Annabell Smith and md. 2nd Thissell Cone. From these two marriages came seven offsprings including John Winton U., Jr. (later changed to Julian Winton U.), b. 20 JUL 1892 (Bulloch Co. GA), the father of Calvin Kelly U.
 - d. Annie U. md. Millard Uttley.
 - e. Carolina.

The F. U. and the Jane Eason mentioned above could have been the Kelly U. and Sarah Jane Eason who md. 19 SEP 1837 in Chatham C., NC. (We do not know the father of this Kelly U. either). Also, the F. U. could be Farrington U., b. 15 APR 1832, son of Murray U. of the Moses/Murray Upchurch subclan cited on page 36 of West's Upchurch boo. Would anyone having details on the F. Upchurch family described above please contact Calvin Kelly Upchurch or the Editor of this Bulletin.

Missing Link #2 – To Be Found

B. Mrs. Annie O'Neal Waters, 2817 Jackson Drive, Greenville, NC 27834
Has traced her Upchurch ancestors back to the early 19th century
but needs help to complete her line. The best estimate of her line
so far is as follows:

1. Alfred U. md. 5 DEC 1823 (Franklin Co., NC) Penny Jackson
(In 1839 Penny died and the children were placed with
William Jackson - probably a brother of Penny).
 - a. Louisa J. U., b. 1825
 - b. James C. U., b. 1827
 - c. Catherine J. U., b. 1829
 - d. William Moses U., b. 1831, md. 20 NOV 1851 (Franklin Co.,
NC) Mary Perdue. Their 6th child Sidney Nobles U., b. 1860
had a daughter, Mary Lecy U., b. 1887 who was the mother of
Annie (O'Neal) Waters.
 - e. Albert Judtson U., b. 1834
 - f. Elizabeth A. U., b. 1836
 - g. Andrew J. U., b. 1839

In view of his wedding date, Alfred would likely have been born about 1800
plus or minus 5 years. This means he was probably the grandson of Richard
Upchurch II (1725-1800) who moved his family from VA to the Franklin Co.,
NC area about 1755. Would anyone having information about the father
of Alfred U. please contact Mrs. Waters or the Editor of this Bulletin.

Missing Link # 3 – Father of Thomas Gay Upchurch SR

Entry A

A. MISSING LINK NO. 3. Mr. Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr., 3086 Dogwood Drive, East Point, GA 30344, has traced his Upchurch line back to his great great grandfather, Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr. who came to Georgia from North Carolina sometime before 1821. The missing link is the name of the parents of Thomas Gay U., Sr.

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr., b. Wake County, North Carolina, November 28, 1797, md. Patience Barnes, January 6, 1825, in Henry County, GA., d. at his residence four miles west of Ashland, AL on June 23, 1885. Their children were: Willis J. U., b. 1826, d. November 28, 1910, buried in Clay County, AL.; Thomas Gay U. Jr., b. 1827; William U., b. 1830; J. W. U., b. 1831; Martha J. U., b. 1833; R. A. U. (daughter) b. 1835; Mary E. U., b. 1837; John C. U., b. 1839; Joseph E. U., b. 1841; Margaret U., b. 1844.

Of particular interest is the relationship between Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr., also known as Gay Upchurch, and Charles Upchurch, son of Richard U., Sr. (Richard u. II in UB), brothers Moses, Benjamin, Nathan and Richard, Jr. (Richard U. III in UB), Revolutionary veteran who came to Georgia sometime after 1810. Charles U. lived first in Putnam County 1820, then Greene county in 1823, and settled in Henry County 1830, where he applied for pension in 1832 and received same through the second quarter of 1842.

Thomas Gay Upchurch Sr. moved along with the Charles Upchurch described above. He was in Greene County 1821, participated in land lottery, married in Henry County in 1825, then in Bowdon Village of Carroll County, GA, in 1850 through 1861, and on to Ashland, AL where he died on June 23, 1885.

Anyone having information on Charles Upchurch, Revolutionary soldier, and Thomas Gay, Sr. also known as Gay Upchurch, please correspond with BEN LANE UPCHURCH, Sr., 3086 Dogwood Drive, East Point, GA 30344, or the Editor of this bulletin.

(Note: In Upchurch Bulletin the assumption has been made that Thomas Gay U., Sr. was in fact the son of Charles U. The evidence for this is circumstantial and Ben Lane Upchurch in the above query seeks concrete proof - Editor).

Entry B

B. RPU 29 April 2019

Over the years circumstantial evidence that TGU SR is in fact the son of Charles Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan # 2, has continued to mount and is now assumed. Hard evidence, though, is still lacking.

Missing Link # 4 – Father of Abner Upchurch

Entry A

B. MISSING LINK NO. 4. Sam C. Upchurch, Route 2, Box 83B, Mount View Road, Antioch, TN 37013 has traced his Upchurch line back to his great grandfather, Abner Upchurch. He is desirous of learning the names of his earlier ancestors. His known line is as follows:

Abner U. (Probably Samuel Abner U.)
Robert Lester U.
Samuel Abner U.
Sam C. U.

Sam C. Upchurch has retired from Tennessee State Government after more than 35 years of service as an Administrative Analyst. He has one son, Dr. Sam Bayliss U. of Land O'Lake, FL, one brother, Bertram L. U. of Sparta, TN and one sister, Lola Mai who md. Dr. Joseph Marshall of Greenville, SC. Anyone having information on this line should correspond with SAM C. UPCHURCH, Route 2, Box 83B, Mount View Road, Antioch, TN 37013 or the Editor of this bulletin.

Entry B

B. MISSING LINK NO 4. ABNER UPCHURCH

(A PROGRESS REPORT)

This missing link was first reported in UB, Vol. 1 (1980), No. 2, page 73. Since that time many potentially related fragments of information have accumulated. In recent months some of these bits of information seem to fall in place in such a way that we are now ready to propose a reasonably firm solution to this missing link.

Circumstantial evidence is now very strong that the Abner U. who md. Nancy Pyland in 1828 in Wilson Co., TN was the son of Stephen U. and the grandson of John U. III, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 14.

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The entire line would appear in outline form as follows (with notations):

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| 1st Generation - Michael U. I (Original Immigrant) | 146 |
| 2nd Generation - Richard U. II | 149 |
| 3rd Generation - John U. I | 150 |
| 4th Generation - James U. III | 155 |
| 5th Generation - John U. III (Head of Clan No. 14) | 157 |
| 6th Generation and beyond: | |
| I. Samuel U., b. 11 SEP 1772 (Brunswick Co., VA), d. 20 or 30 JUN 1841 (Gallatin Co., IL)(Bur. Bethel Creek Cem., Raleigh, IL), md. 1793 Mary Ellen Simmons, b. 13 OCT 1771 or 1772 (VA), d. 16 DEC 1841 (Gallatin Co., IL)(Bur. As Husband). We have large amounts of information about this son of John U. III and a very complete outline on the John U. III/Samuel U. Subclan will be published in the <u>UB</u> in due course. Samuel U. was living in Chatham Co., NC when his father died in 1795 and he was there as head of his own family as per the 1800 census. In 1810 he had temporarily returned to Bedford Co., VA, the land of his nativity. He was a resident of Wilson Co., TN for the general period 1811-1819 and was in his final residence in Gallatin Co., IL before 1820. | 4129
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| II. John U., md. 28 MAR 1815 (Chatham Co., NC) Happy Shaw. The details revealing the ancestry of this John U. as a son of John U. III are given in <u>UB</u> , Vol. 3 (1982), No. 2, page 79. Like his brother Samuel U., John U. was in Chatham Co., NC in 1795 when his father died. In 1801 John U. bought from his brother Samuel U. land that had been inherited from their father. This deed revealed that the land adjoined that of Stephen U. on the waters of Shaddox's Creek in southeastern Chatham Co., NC. This is one key that helps us to link Samuel U., John U., and Stephen U. as brothers. John U. was on the 1810 census (not 1820 as reported earlier) in Chatham Co. as head of a household with himself and two females, presumably his mother (over 45) and a sister (26-45). We have not found John U. or his wife as head of a household on the 1820 or 1830 census but his wife appears as head of the household on the 1840 census in Wilkes Co., NC. Substantial details are now available for this John U. III/John U. Subclan and an outline for it will appear in the <u>UB</u> in due course. | XID
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III. Stephen U. This individual owned land in Chatham Co., NC around 1800. The fact that the land adjoined that of John U. III, 157 which land was along the way owned by Samuel U. and John U., 4129,4168 two known sons of John U. III, leads us to believe that all 157 three individuals were sons of John U. III. There are several 157 indications for one or more Stephen U. names on the early 1800 records in NC and for which the ancestor(s) are ill defined. Some of these while being in Wake Co., NC appear to trace back to Franklin Co., NC rather than to Chatham Co., NC. At any rate, the 1802 recording of the 1801 sale of land adjacent to Stephen U. is the only record we have at this date as a basis for proposing that John U. III had a son Stephen U. 157

Stephen U. appears on the 1820 census of Wilson Co., TN. Since Samuel U. appeared in Wilson Co., TN in the period 1811-1819 4129 it is reasonable that his presumed brother Stephen U. could have been there at this same time period. The dates and circumstances indicate that three Upchurches found later in Wilson Co., TN are most likely the children of Stephen U. and the GC of John U. III. 157 They are:

- A. Abner U., md. 1828 (Wilson Co., TN) Nancy Pyland.
- B. Mary U., md. 8 MAY 1832 (Wilson Co., TN) James P. Florida.
- C. Sally U., md. 14 SEP 1840 (Wilson Co., TN) Henry Cluck.

For several years we have been in contact with Mr. and Mrs. (Miriam) Samuel Clemmons Upchurch and Mrs. Raymond Purdom (nee: Billye Marie U.) of TN. They are descendants of Abner U. who md. Nancy Pyland. They have long sought to complete their Upchurch line and have supplied much information leading up to the outline proposed above. The details they have supplied will be made a part of future outlines to be published in UB. In the view of your Editor these details add even more reinforcement to the validity of the outline proposed above. We are most grateful for their continuing interest and involvement.

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We invite the readers of the UB to comment on the above proposed outline giving reinforcement or pointing out weaknesses in the suggested outline. After an appropriate time has been allowed for a response and as time and space will permit we will publish in the UB a more detailed outline of the newly discovered John U. III/Stephen U. Subclan with assigned XID numbers.

Missing Link # 5 – Father of David Phillip Upchurch

THIS MISSING LINK HAS BEEN FOUND!

Entry A

Missing Link No. 5. The father of David Philip Upchurch (UB, V. 1, No. 3, Pg. 119), b. 18 AUG 1811 (TN), lived in Johnson Co., IL and was bur. there in Drake Cem.

Entry B

MISSING LINKS 5 and 12.

Ancestor of James David Upchurch, Donald Eugene Upchurch, 16763
and David Phillip Upchurch solved as per the outline 16680
presented herein. (UB, Vol. 1, No. 3, pg. 119;
UB, Vol. 4, No. 3, pg. 103-107; UB, Vol. 6, No. 4,
pg. 141-145).

THIS MISSING LINK HAS BEEN FOUND!

Missing Link # 6 – Father of James (Jimmie) Upchurch

Entry A

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NO. 6 - James (Jimmie) Upchurch, b. before 1800.

For many decades a group of Upchurches have lived in northwestern North Carolina. We have a substantial packet of information on the Upchurch ancestors of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Templeton of Alleganey County, NC which is among the group of counties mentioned. We cannot connect James (Jimmie) U., her earliest known ancestor, with the rest of the Upchurches. It is possible that two distinct branches of Upchurches were resident in Ashe, Wilkes, Alleganey, and Surry Counties which form the northwestern corner of NC. Reproduced below is a May 17, 1981 letter which was sent to Mrs. Templeton. Any help will be appreciated.

COPY OF LETTER:

"17 May 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Templeton

Dear Mrs. Templeton:

I have returned several times to the packet of materials you sent me in June 1980 and so far am completely stumped as to how the oldest members fit into the earlier Upchurch generations. This is a shame because the package is so nicely put together. Somehow we just have to figure out the father of James (Jimmie) Upchurch who had sons Larkin, John Wesley, Sanford, William and Greenberry. I keep thinking that somehow all of this fits into William U. IV (XID 160), the Head of Clan 9. He is the one who left the will in Wilkes Co. in 1787, but this does not seem to work.

Do you have any more clues? I am sure we will figure out the connections in due course. I spent a day recently in the Franklin and Granville Co., NC Courthouses. There may be a hint in my notes.

Just want you to know I have not forgotten you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Phillip Upchurch"

Entry B

B. MISSING LINK NO. 6. - James (Jimmie) Upchurch, b. before 1800.

This missing link was introduced in UB, Vol. 2, No. 2, page 31. We now provide an update and continue the quest with a "thickened" plot. Recent correspondence with Mrs. Elizabeth K. Templeton (nee: Delma Elizabeth Allen) of Alleghany Co., NC reveals a slight advance. She reports the following information which appeared in Vol. 15, No. 2, pages 6 and 7 of the 1981 issue of the Wilkes Genealogical Society - Wilkes Co., NC. There was an 1840 School Census for Wilkes Co., NC which indicated the names of children enrolled and the name of a parent of the children. In this list is a group of three children whose names were Wesley, James and Berry and whose parent was Happy Upchurch. The Wesley would be John Wesley U. and the Berry would be Green Berry U. both of whom were previously referred to in UB, Vol. 2, pg. 31 as the sons of Jimmie (James)U. We now have this bit of information which indicates that a parent was Happy Upchurch. We presume Happy U. was the head of the household in 1840 but we have no clue as to whether Happy U. is male or female. It could be that the father Jimmie (James) U. had died before 1840 and that his wife Happy U. was in 1840 the head of the household. Alternatively, Happy U. could have been an alternate name for Jimmie (James) U. Happy U. does appear on the regular 1840 Federal Census for Wilkes Co., NC as a head of a household. The James U. on the 1840 school census adds a new member of the family headed by Happy U./Jimmie (James) U.

We have now come upon another great puzzle with this family relative to the son Green Berry U. We begin with a Green Berry U., b. ca 1827 in Wake Co., NC who was the son of Hubbard U. of the Nathan U./Hubbard U. Subclan. This Green Berry U. is well documented in Wake Co., NC through 1860. After the Civil War we pick up a Green Berry U. in Wilkes Co., NC who was also b. ca 1827. For about 40 years after the Civil War we have good documentation on the Wilkes Co., NC Green Berry U. Our cousin Ervin Thomas U. of White Bluff, TN, who is definitely a descendant of the Wilkes Co. Green Berry U., proposes that the Green Berry U. from Wake and the Green Berry U. from Wilkes Co. are one and the same. With as much documentation as we have it is certain that other bits exist which would help us resolve this issue. At the risk of confusing matters I will state that there was a family of Upchurch children in Franklin Co., NC, whose father is yet to be identified, in which there was a Little Berry U., b. 1797 and md. 1 OCT 1824 Elizabeth Williams. This couple was married at the right time to have had a son b. in 1827 and one wonders if they might not have named a son Green Berry U. A further bit of information is that one of our cousins in VA now indicates an ancestor Green Berry U. who appears to be different from the Wake/Wilkes Green Berry U.

Any help on Missing Link No. 6 will be appreciated.

Entry C

- B. MISSING LINK NO. 6 - James (Jimmie) Upchurch, b. before 1800.
(See UB, Vol. 2, No. 3, pg. 33, 1981).

Hallelujah! All good things come to those who persevere. After much searching of the records and correspondence with interested parties we have a proposed solution to Missing Link No. 6.

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For years our cousins, Elizabeth (Allen) Templeton and Ervin Thomas Upchurch have tried to connect their Upchurch lines to earlier generations. Earlier studies presented two temptations which proved unuseful. Temptation one was to tie the James (Jimmie) Upchurch group to William U. IV, the Head of Upchurch Clan 9 who died in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787. Temptation two was to presume that the Green Berry U. of Wilkes Co., NC was the same as the Green Berry U. who was a son of Hubbard U. of Wake Co., NC.

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Our breakthrough on Missing Link No. 6 started when Elizabeth Templeton reported that Happy Upchurch was on the 1841 School Census records in Wilkes Co., NC as head of a household with children Wesley U., James U., and Berry U. The breakthrough continued as the files revealed that Happy Shaw md. John U. on 28 MAR 1815 in Chatham Co., NC. Putting this information together and studying the available records for Chatham Co., NC has led your Editor to conclude that John U. who md. Happy Shaw was none other than the son of John U. III, the Head of Upchurch Clan 14. An abbreviated sketch of the Clan is as follows:

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- I. Samuel U., b. 11 SEP 1772 (probably VA), d. 30 JUN 1841 (IL)(Bur. Bethel Creek Cem., Raleigh, IL), md. Mary Ellen Simmons. Samuel U. lived in VA, NC, TN, IL and had 12 children about whom much is known. Morgan in her UPCHURCH STORY gives considerable detail about Samuel U. and his descendants.

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- II. John U., md. 28 MAR 1815 (Chatham Co., NC) Happy Shaw. John U. was involved in land transactions in Chatham Co., NC and appears to have died or departed from his family sometime between 1820 and 1840. He was on the Chatham Co., NC census in 1820 as the head of his family and Happy U. was in Wilkes Co., NC as head of the household in 1840. We have not found this John U. or this Happy (Shaw) U. alone or together on any 1830 Census.

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- A. Larkin U., b. 1816
B. John Wesley U., b. 15 FEB 1819, d. 14 NOV 1887.
Mrs. Elizabeth (Allen) Templeton is the ggd of John Wesley U.
C. Sanford U.
D. William B. U.
He had a son Green Berry U. who lived in Carroll Co., VA.
E. Green Berry U.
Ervin Thomas U. is a gggs of this Green Berry U.
F. James U.

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The James (Jimmie) U. who was supposed to have been the father of those shown in Entries II A-F above was in fact John U. This John U., whose widow and children appeared in Wilkes Co., NC sometime between 1820 and 1840, was a second cousin of the William U. IV who died in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787. It is doubtful that these two batches of Upchurches knew each other and in fact it is possible that the descendants of William U. IV had vacated the Wilkes Co., NC area before the descendants of his second cousin, John U., arrived.

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This determination leaves us with the two individuals named above as Green Berry U. and a third Green Berry U. who was a son of Hubbard U. and a gs of Nathan U. I (Head of Clan 3).

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The evidence which provides for the above proposed solution to Missing Link No. 6 is circumstantial and we should all continue to be alert for information that bears upon the subject. In the meantime, we will procede on the assumption that the outline shown is correct.

Missing Link # 7 – Father of Candis Upchurch

Entry A

A. MISSING LINK NO. 7. - Merritt U. - Candis U.

The marriage bonds for Wake Co., NC show that Candis U. was authorized on 19 DEC 1847 to be married to John Mann, that the bondsman was Jesse R. Penny and that the witness was James T. Marriott. Through correspondence with Mrs. Kenneth Morgan Griffith (nee: Nancy Crayton Dobbins), a descendant of the above couple we have now developed the theory that Candis U. was a dau of Whitney U. of the Moses U./Whitney U. Subclan. Candis U. was b. ca 1818 and was the right age to have been the unmarried dau, b. 1815-1820 in the home of Whitney U. according to the 1830 Wake Co., NC Census. This dau was absent from the home in 1840. Candis and John are found with their children on the Chatham Co., NC Census Records in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. In 1860 the Census places them at Grove, P. O. which was a short distance west of the Nathan U./Moses U. enclave on the Wake Co./Chatham Co., NC border. Another link between Whitney U. and John Mann is based on exchanges of property. Another basis for tentatively designating Candis U. as the dau of Whitney U. is that we are able with reasonable certainty to rule out all other potential Upchurch fathers who lived in the general area.

With information supplied by Mrs. Griffith we are able to correct the Census Report given in UB, Vol. 1, Issue 3, page 115 for the "Jake Reavis" family. The UB entry was based on a hard to read copy and we now know that the family was not the "Jake Reavis" family but rather the John Mann family. The entry in its entirety should be corrected to read:

Dwelling 7, Family 8 - Eastern District - Grove, P. O.

John Mann	Age 33	M	Farmer	\$100 RE, \$60 PP
Candis Mann	40	F	Housewife (Candis U.)	
Melissa Mann	12	F		
James Mann	9	M	(James Frederick Mann)	
Linsey Mann	4	M	(Lindsay Sanders Mann)	
Merritt Upchurch	18	M	(Silas Merritt Upchurch)	

The appearance of Merritt U. in the clarified census record given above plus information which has come to us from several sources indicates that Merritt Upchurch was the son of Candis Upchurch. Merritt U. was b. in 1842 when Candis was age 22-24. It would appear that Candis U. entered into two marital relationships, the first of which produced Merritt U. and the second of which was to John Mann in 1847.

We had first thought that Merritt U. was A Merritt U. and then that he might have been William Merritt U. but our latest and best information is that he was Silas Merritt U.

Entry B

RPU 29 April 2019

Candis is the daughter of Whitney Upchurch and granddaughter of Moses, head of Upchurch Clan # 1.

Missing Link # 8 – Father of Kelly Upchurch

Entry A

A. MISSING LINK NO. 8 - Kelly Upchurch.

In 1840 in Chatham Co., NC there is a Kelly Upchurch on the census, age 20-30, with a wife age 15-20 and a dau age less than 5. Chatham Co., NC records show that Kelly U. md. Sara Jane Eason on 19 SEP 1837. In 1850 a Kelly U., presumably the same as the one on the 1840 Chatham list appeared on the Cumberland Co., NC census in Residence 479, Family 479 as head of the household with his family as follows: (Spellings approximate).

Kelly U.	34 M	Aizabah U.	10 F	Caroline U.	2 F
Sarah G. U.	30 F	Julia A. U.	8 F	* Any Askey	60 F
Isabella U.	12 F	Geb A. U.	5 M	* Paschal Jonelove	27 M

(*Relationship to Kelly & Sarah uncertain. - Ed.)

Sometime between 1840 and 1870 Cumberland Co., NC was divided into present-day Harnett and Cumberland Cos. We should determine whether the division was made prior to 1850. In due course we should learn whether the 1850 Kelly U. location was in present-day Harnett Co. or Cumberland Co.

We wish to propose for consideration that Kelly U. could have been a son of Ruffin U. by his first wife, Elizabeth Kelley. Certainly, Kelly U. was of the right age to have been a son of Ruffin and Elizabeth; he lived in the right community to have been such a son. We can rule out several other potential fathers of Kelly U. among the limited number of Upchurch males who lived in western Wake Co., NC and in Chatham Co., NC at the time Kelly U. would have been born. We are further tempted by this speculation in that Ruffin and Elizabeth could have named their son Kelly U. in honor of Elizabeth's maiden family name Kelley. This was a not unusual practice then and now. If this speculation holds up we may have solved the Calvin Kelly U. missing link (UB, Vol. 1, pg. 27, 1980) in that the F. Upchurch who md. Jane Eason may well be the same as Kelly Upchurch who also md. a Jane Eason. Still this is all speculation and we ask for any possible help on this missing link.

Entry B

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Entry C

RPU 29 April 2019 -

Entries A and B fit under the Moses Upchurch/Ruffin sub-clan

Missing Link # 9 – Father of Ambrose Upchurch

Entry A

A. MISSING LINK NO. 9. Ambrose Upchurch

Jesse Charles U. of Oklahoma City, OK has been very active in tracing his Upchurch line back to Ambrose U., b. ca 1804 in TN. We need help in connecting Ambrose U. to earlier generations.

Jesse Charles U., b. 19 MAY 1925 (Erick, OK) is son of Jesse Allen U., b. 28 JUN 1895 (Marble, AR), and gs of Joseph Ambrose U., b. 27 SEP 1870 (near McMinnville, TN) and ggs of John W. U., b. ca 1837 (TN) and gggs of Ambrose U., b. ca 1804 (TN). Jesse Charles U. has furnished considerable information on the descendants of Ambrose U., b. ca 1804 (TN) and continues to search for more details.

Ambrose U., b. 1804 (TN) is shown on the 1850 census for Warren Co., TN as age 46 along with his wife, Charity U., age 28, b. NC. (Other records suggest she should have been listed as 38). In the home were children: Martha (19), Mary (17), Charity (15), John (12), (the ggf of Jesse Charles U.), Thomas (10), James (7), Joseph (5), and Elizabeth (1). In the 1860 census for Warren Co., TN, son John U. appears as head of his own household while his mother is shown as head of another household. Thus, Ambrose appears to have died between 1850 and 1860. The whereabouts of Ambrose U. in the 1840 census is uncertain but it appears likely that he may be the A. V. U. who was recorded in Wilson Co., TN which is to the northwest of Warren Co., TN separated by one county.

If Ambrose U. was indeed born in TN in 1804, his parents must have been the first or among the first Upchurches in TN. Any Upchurch born in 1804 was most likely the child of a 5th generation Upchurch but could have been the child of a 6th generation Upchurch. It would seem impossible for him to have been a child of a 4th generation Upchurch as they were dead or at least very old in years by that time. Of the known 5th and 6th generation Upchurches we are hard pressed to suggest a father for Ambrose U. We can certainly rule out a goodly portion of them because of one factor or another. Suggested solutions are invited. We will keep working for a breakthrough.

Entry B

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NO. 9 - AMBROSE UPCHURCH.

(A PROGRESS REPORT)

In UB, Vol. 3, No. 3, pg. 109, we reported on the desire of Jesse Charles U. of Oklahoma City, OK to know the parents and grandparents of his ancestor, Ambrose U., b. 1804, TN. Ambrose U. was shown on the 1850 census for Warren Co., TN along with his wife, Charity U. and his children, Martha - age 19, Mary - age 17, Charity - age 15, John - age 12 (the ggf of Jesse Charles U.) Thomas - age 10, James - age 7, Joseph - age 5, and Elizabeth - age 1. As a result of this inquiry, Roy White, Jr. of Salt Lake City, UT has spent considerable time in the LDS Genealogical Library on the inquiry and has exchanged letters with your Editor. The progress made is reported below. This is due in large measure to the generosity of Roy and to the great skill he has in using the immense resources of the LDS facility in Salt Lake City.

Roy White, Jr. believes that the parents of Ambrose U., b. 1804 are Joseph and Mary U. who are shown on the 1850 census in DeKalb Co., TN. Joseph U. is shown as age 74, b. VA (hence b. ca 1776), while Mary is shown as age 67, b. NC (hence b. ca 1783). DeKalb Co., TN is adjacent to Warren Co., TN and to White Co., TN. Roy found an 1846 deed whereby Ambrose F. U. of Warren Co., TN sold 100 acres of land in DeKalb Co., TN. Roy feels that this land description places it near the land in DeKalb Co., TN of Joseph U., b. ca 1776 and offers this as circumstantial evidence of a middle initial "F" for Ambrose U., b. 1804 and also as evidence of Ambrose F. U., b. 1804 being the son of Joseph U., b. 1776. As more telling evidence, Roy reports that the 1849-1853 Quarterly Court Minutes of DeKalb Co., TN (pg. 148) show that on 2 SEP 1850 A. F. U. (presumably Ambrose F. U.) was appointed administrator for the estate of Joseph U., deceased. Joseph U., b. 1776 apparently died after the Federal Census in 1850 at age 74, leaving no will. It would have been normal for a son to have been appointed executor of the estate. Unfortunately, Ambrose F. U., b. ca 1804 appears to have died before he could complete the disposition of his father's estate as Felix G. U. appeared before the DeKalb Co., TN authorities on 5 JAN 1852 and upon reporting the death of Ambrose F. U., b. 1804 was himself designated as the administrator of the estate. We are presuming that Ambrose F. U., b. 1804 and Felix G. U. were brothers. In 1847, Joseph U., b. 1776 deeded land to his dau, Rhoda Cantrell, wife of Chesley Cantrell. In 1849 he deeded land to his son, Felix G. U. Ambrose F. U., b. 1804 witnessed this latter document. Two other individuals, Wilson U. and Enoch U. are intimately involved in the transactions of Joseph U., b. 1776 and obviously are related. Joseph U., b. 1776 appears on the Warren Co., TN census for 1830 and other records show that he was in White Co., TN in 1811.

A. V. U., who at one time was thought to be the father of Ambrose F. U., b. 1804 does in fact appear on the 1840 census of Warren Co., TN. However, A. V. U. is age 20-30 and hence too young to have been the father of Ambrose F. U., b. 1804. A. V. U. has in his home in 1840 a female age 20-30 (hence his wife) and three female children, one under 5, one 5-10, and one 10-15.

Missing Link # 10 – Father of Benjamin Upchurch and two brothers

Entry A

B. MISSING LINK NO. 10. The Upchurches of Cumberland Co., NC.

In a letter to Belle Lewter West, dated 30 OCT 1975, Jefferson Woodrow U., Jr. set forth an Upchurch puzzle that remains with us today. The 1850 census for Cumberland Co., NC (Cumberland was subsequently divided into a southern half which retained the Cumberland name and a northern half which became Harnett Co.) included three young Upchurch men living in separate homes. None of the homes was headed by an Upchurch. Nathan U., age 18, is living in the home of a 70 year old Barklay woman. John U., age 19, is living with a McDuffie family. Benjamin U., age 20, is living in a home with all young men. We do not as yet have a clue as to the parents of these three young men. Jefferson Woodrow U., Jr. speculates that they are three brothers who are under the legal age and living with guardians. If so, perhaps the court records of Cumberland Co., NC would reveal more details. The index for the 1840 NC census shows 34 Upchurches as heads of households but not one of them is in Cumberland Co. We have

no further information on Nathan or John but we have contact with several descendants of Benjamin U.

All interested parties are invited to be alert for information about three Upchurch boys born about 1830, 1831 and 1832.

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The three brothers are of the Jubal Upchurch I clan.

Missing Link # 11 – Father of Alexander Hamilton Upchurch

Entry A

C. MISSING LINK NO. 11. Alexander Hamilton Upchurch of TX.

We have information from several sources on Alexander Hamilton U. and especially from Thomas Jefferson Webb and his wife, nee Eric Corrine Evans and from Donald Glenn U. and his wife, nee Susan Laurie Gaulding. We seek the parents of Alexander Henderson U. He was b. 1816 (TN), d. 9 JAN 1867 (Lavaca Co., TX), md. 6 SEP 1854 (Lavaca Co., TX) Mary Olevia Breshears, b. 1828 (AL), d. 1 SEP 1923 (Wharton, TX). Their son Thomas L. U., b. 1 SEP 1857 (Lavaca Co., TX) had a son Henry Thomas U. who had a dau Norma U. who had a son Thomas Jefferson Webb, a current correspondent.

A peculiarity of the 1850 census in TX is that Alexander Henderson U. is recorded twice. On 6 SEP 1850 we find in Travis Co., TX, Henderson U., age 32, farmer, b. TN and wife Mary, age 22, b. AL. On 18 SEP 1859 we find in Bastrop Co., TX, Henderson U., age 34, farmer, b. NC and wife Mary, age 22, b. AL. In the 1860 census of Lavaca Co., TX we find Alexander U., age 31, farmer, b. TN and wife Mary, age 20, b. AL and children: William U., age 5, b. TX; Thomas U., age 3, b. TX and Jesse U., age 1, b. TX. We are persuaded that the head of all three of these households, in spite of some inconsistencies is one and the same; namely, Alexander Henderson U. Note that he is shown in one case as being b. in TN and in another as being b. in NC.

Some members of the Alexander Henderson U. family are buried in Salem Baptist Church Cemetery at Salem, Lavaca Co., TX. There we find inscriptions:

1. Alexander U., d. JAN 1867 (for Alexander Henderson U.).
2. Mary Olevia U., d. 1 SEP 1923 (presumed wife of above).
3. Jessie James U., b. 30 JUN 1861, d. 25 FEB 1922 (son of above).
4. Nanie U., b. 5 NOV 1861, d. 19 MAR 1925 (wife of Jessie James U.).

A listing in the 1840 census of Georgia may or may not be relevant to this missing link. There we find an A. H. Upchurch and a Henderson U. as heads of households in Henry Co., GA. It is tempting to speculate that one or the other of these could be the Alexander Henderson U. we seek in this Missing Link No. 11. Other unconnected Upchurches on the 1840 Georgia census are Kemp U. and Richard U. in Henry Co., GA, and T. U. in Monroe Co., GA.

All readers are requested to be alert for information about the parents of Alexander Henderson U., b. ca 1816 in NC or TN and who may or may not have been in GA in 1840.

Missing Link # 12 – Father of David Upchurch
Entry A

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A. MISSING LINKS NO. 12 and 13.

David U., b. ca 1765 and Joseph U., b. ca 1779.

The presence of David U. and Joseph U. in Rutherford Co., NC. on the 1800 census is described elsewhere in this issue of UB. They head separate households and are known not to be descendants of Sherwood U., Head of 166
Clan, who was in the same county at the same time. The subsequent census records in Rutherford Co., NC are such that it appears neither David nor Joseph nor their descendants stayed in this county long after 1800.

In the household headed by David U. we find two males and two females under age ten (b. 1790-1800), one male and one female age 16-26 (b. 1774-1784), and one male and one female age 26-45 (b. 1755-1774). We assume that the male age 26-45 was David U. and that he was b. ca 1765. We assume one of the individuals age 16-26 was his child and that the four youngsters were his grandchildren.

Heading a second household and living alone in it was Joseph U., age 16-26, hence b. 1774-1784 or ca 1779. We assume this was a son of David U., b. ca 1765.

And now for some speculation as to who David U., b. ca 1765 might and might not have been. Given the age of David U., b. ca 1765 and the ages of the various generations of Upchurches it is almost certain that David U., b. ca 1765 was a son or a gs of a fourth generation Upchurch. Let us assume he was a son or gs of one of the four fourth generation Upchurches known to have had offsprings. (It is possible David U. could have been a son, or a gs of a fourth generation Upchurch not previously known to have had children, but let's skip that possibility.) Here are the prospects.

1. James U. III - Fourth generation Upchurch, b. 1724 and d. 1784 155
and Head of the Southhampton Branch (#4) of Upchurches. Not a good prospect, had 5 children and five grandchildren and none with the name of David. However, from an age standpoint, James U. III could have been the father of David U., b. ca 1765.

2. William U. II - Fourth generation Upchurch, b. 1735, d.- and 161
Head of the Oxford, NC Branch (#2) of Upchurches. Not a good prospect, had two sons and one grandson and none with the name of David. From an age standpoint William U. II could have been the father of David U., b. ca 1765.

3. Richard U. II - Fourth generation Upchurch, b. ca 1725, d. 152
before 1800 and Head of the Moccasin Creek Branch (#1) of Upchurches. Not a good prospect, had eleven children and 30 gc and not a David among them. From an age standpoint Richard U. II could have been the father of David U., b. ca 1765. However, the records are sufficiently complete and abundant to make parentage quite unlikely.

4. Michael U. III - Fourth generation Upchurch, b.-, d. 1795 and 159
Head of the Brunswick Branch (#3) of Upchurches. An extremely good prospect, had four children (none named David) and 26 grandchildren, one of whom was named David U. and probably is David U., b. ca 1765.

Of course it is possible from an age standpoint that Michael U. III could have been the father of David U., b. ca 1765. However, many thorough searches for children of Michael U. III have failed to turn up more than the well known four - William U. IV, George U., Elizabeth U. and Sherwood U. Among these four we can rule out the last three as potential parents of David, b. ca 1765. The children of George U. are well known and there is no room for a son David. Elizabeth is ruled out because her offspring would not have carried the Upchurch name. Sherwood can be ruled out because Sherwood was not old enough to have had a son born as late as 1774 the last date on which David U., b. ca 1765 might have been born.

This leaves William U. IV, b.-, d. 1787 (Wilkes Co., NC) as the most likely prospect for the father of David U., b. ca 1765. This is reinforced nicely by the fact that William U. IV did actually have a son named David U.

David U. was in the home of his mother, Sarah _____ in Wilkes Co., NC, when his father, William U. IV died in 1787 as he appears in the WILL probated July 1787 in said county. Sarah continued to live in Wilkes Co. for a time and was there for the 1790 census. With her are three of her five sons, one of whom is under 16 years of age and two of whom are over 16 yrs. of age. The five sons are William U., David, U., John U., Edward U., and Abel U., Sr. It is likely that John U. (b. 1772 hence age 18 in 1790) and Abel U., Sr. (b. 1775 hence age 15 in 1790) were two of the sons in the home. It seems likely that son, David U., was the third male in the home with his mother, Sarah, in 1790 and, if so, he would have been over 16 and hence b. in 1774 or before. In support of the presence of David U. is the fact that he witnessed a deed when his mother, Sarah, bought 105 acres of land in Wilkes Co., NC in 1794. Presumably, he would have been age 21 at least at that time and hence b. in 1773 or before. We have never found another record for Sarah's son Edward U., and presume he may have been an older son who was gone from the nest in 1790. We have poor records on son William U., but presume he may have been the William U. on the 1800 census in Wake Co., NC since his brother Abel U., Sr. was definitely in Wake Co., NC at that time.

Sarah _____ sold her land in Wilkes Co., NC on 1 OCT 1902 which transaction was witnessed by her son David U. At the time Sarah was shown as living in Greenville Co., SC. Sarah appears on the 1800 census in Greenville Co., SC with two of her five dau. Heading a separate household is her son John U.

Our hypothesis is that David U., Missing Link No. 12, who appeared on the 1800 census in Rutherford Co., NC is one and the same as the David U., son of William U. IV (Head of Clan 9). After William U. IV died in Wilkes Co., NC we visualize the family gradually scattering. Son Abel U., Sr. moved to Wake Co., NC, where he married, and thence to Alabama where we have good records for him. Possibly son William U. followed the same path as Abel U., Sr. Son Edward U. disappears as far as we know. Son John U. moves first to Greenville Co., SC, where he marries, and thence to KY and thence to Henry Co., TN in the early 1800's where he died 27 OCT 1854. Sarah stayed on in Wilkes Co., NC for a few years but soon followed son John U. to Greenville, SC,

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where she probably died. Our speculation calls for son David U. to
 move to Rutherford Co., NC and to be there in 1800. Thus, in 1800
 brothers John U. and David U. had resettled to new locations not far
 apart. Sherwood U. an uncle of these two men, was in Rutherford Co.,
 NC starting about 1790 and could have enticed his nephews to the area.
 Since David U. is not found in Rutherford Co., NC after the early 1800's
 we are tempted to speculate that he moved to KY or TN along with his
 brother John U. If he did, it is entirely possible that David U. could
 have been the father of David P. U., b. ca 1811 (Missing Link No. 5 -
 see UB, Vol. 1, No. 3, 1980). We know that John U. was not the father
 of a David P. U., b. ca 1811 as he has his own son David U., b. 10 SEP
 1809 who has a known family that is different from the known family of
 Missing Link No. 5.

Naturally we are anxious to have others review the hypothesis
 given above and we will welcome any comments either pro or con.

Entry B

Missing Link No. 12. The father of David U., b. ca 1765
 (UB, V. 4, No. 3, Pg. 103) and found on the 1800 census of Rutherford
 Co., NC.

Entry C

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See Missing Link #5

Missing Link # 13 – Father of Joseph Upchurch

Entry A

See Missing Link 12

Entry B

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We have about two thousand descendants of Joseph.

Entry C

Missing Link No. 13. The father of Joseph U., b. ca 1779 and found on the 1800 census of Rutherford Co., NC.

The status on the above Missing Links has now moved from one of "speculation" to one of "tentative conclusion". Numerous individuals have contributed to the collection of facts over the years which have helped us to focus on possible solutions. The original missing link entry (ML No. 5) was based on the interest of James David Upchurch of Albany, IN. However, none have been more dogged in their pursuit of this matter than Donald Eugene Upchurch of Paragould, AR. Let us recount the latest set of circumstances which provided the final bit of information encouraging us to move to the tentative conclusion stage.

In September 1985 Mrs. Ruth Nielson (nee: Ruth Alice Westley) 9858 of the John U. III/John U. sent your Editor a computerized alphabetical listing of Upchurches appearing in the late 1700's and early 1800's. (She is a warmhearted, spirited collaborator who does nice things like sending unexpected packets for which we are ever grateful). The UPCHURCH listings started in the middle of a page and my eye caught three names entered before the Upchurches. The entries were:

"Upchert, Ambrose	Stewart Co	TN 118	300010-00100 1810
Upchert, David	Stewart Co	TN 118	120001-40101 1810
Upchert, William	Stewart Co	TN 118	000100-00100 1810"

My immediate conclusion was that these three names were really Upchurches and that UPCHERT represented a clerical error in spelling. It seemed possible to me that the David U. listed might have a bearing on Missing Link No. 5. Not having time to deal with this and not even knowing the location of Stewart Co., TN, I dashed off a quick letter to Donald Eugene Upchurch dated 28 SEP 1985, sending him the details and the question - "Could David Upchert be David Upchurch and the father of your David Philip U., b. 1811 (TN)? Where is Stewart Co.?"

Donald looked into this matter and concluded that the facts fit together. Our tentative conclusion is as follows:

I. Michael U. I (Original immigrant).	XID
A. Richard U. I.	146
1. James U. I.	149
a. Michael U. III.	151
i. William U. IV.	159
(I). William U.	160
(II). David U. (ML 12).	2063
(A). David Philip U. (ML 5).	2064
(B). Joseph U. (ML 13).	----
(III). John U.	652
(IV). Edward U.	616
(V). Abel U., Sr.	589
(VI). Patty U.	674
(VII). Elizabeth U.	629
(VIII). Sarah U.	680
(IX). Amey U.	2066
(X). Susannah U.	2067

We have often repeated the story of how William U. IV, Head of Clan No. 9, died intestate in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787 and how we have been able to track some of his children but not others. 160

Son, Abel U., Sr. moved to AL and is well documented. 589

Son, John U. moved first to Greenville, SC and thence to Henry Co. in northwestern TN. Now we have become convinced that son David U. followed (or preceded or went with) his brother, John U. 2064, 652 to northwestern TN. We know that the Tennessee River divides present day Henry and Stewart Counties in northwestern TN. In the late 1700's and early 1800's the Tennessee River running southward out of east Tennessee into AL and thence northward into west Tennessee and on through KY to the Ohio River was a popular travel route. We know that Henry Co., TN was formed in 1821 so possibly it was cut out of a larger Stewart Co., TN where the three "Upchert" families were found in 1810. We know that John U. settled in the vicinity of Paris, TN which is located in present day Henry Co. It is possible that David U. also settled close to his brother on the west side of the Tennessee River but that as of 1810 the area was called Stewart Co. At any rate, our scenario calls for the David U. family to leave the area as they are next accounted for in Johnson Co., IL. 652 2064

Taking all factors into consideration, Donald Eugene U. on 14 OCT 1985 wrote "Seeing how the ages match in 1800, 1820 and 1830, I feel safe in saying that David U., son of Wm. and Sarah U., is the 2063, 160, - father of David Philip U., born 1811. David P. U. and four sisters were born in Stewart Co., TN."

We will proceed shortly to lock these relationships into place by assignment of XID numbers. So, as they say at weddings, "If you know of any reason this should not be done, speak now or forever hold your peace".

Entry D

A. MISSING LINK NO. 13. JOSEPH UPCHURCH.

1. Background.

In the JULY 1983 issue of the UB (Volume 4, No. 3, pg. 103-107) Missing Link No. 13 was defined as the need to locate the father of Joseph U. who was b. ca 1779 and found on the 1800 census of Rutherford Co., NC. We have subsequently concluded that this Joseph U. is one and the same as the Joseph U. who later appeared in TN. Currently, we are using

a birth date of 5 DEC 1775 for this Joseph U. Although we have not yet identified a father for this Joseph U. we have identified a large number of descendants, some of whom are actively assisting in the effort to solve the missing link. In order to encourage and further the search we have prepared an outline for Joseph U. and his descendants. This outline has been shared with interested parties and is continually being upgraded. This has resulted in even more interest in this part of our Upchurch family. In order to take this process one step further we have decided to publish the Joseph U. outline through his greatgrandchildren to the extent that information is available. The outline has been set up in conventional form as if Joseph U. were a 6th generation Upchurch and his greatgrandchildren therefore 9th generation Upchurches.

2. The Outline for Joseph Upchurch. Missing Link No. 13.

- I. Joseph Upchurch, b. 5 DEC 1775 (VA), md. 21 JUL 1804 (Rutherford Co., NC) Martha "Patsy" Bradley, b. 12 JAN 1789 (NC), d. ca 1865.
 - A. Ambrose F. U., b. ca 1806 (TN), d. OCT 1851 (TN) (Bur. Warren Co., TN), md. Charity _____, b. ca 1822(1812)(1817)(NC).
 1. Martha U., b. ca 1831 (TN).
 2. Mary U., b. ca 1833 (TN).
 3. Charity U., b. ca 1835 (TN).
 4. John W. U., b. ca 1838 (TN) (Moved from Warren Co., TN to Madison Co., AR in the 1880s), md. (1st) 19 FEB 1857 (Warren Co., TN) Elizabeth Webb, b. ca 1842, md. (2nd) Lucy _____, b. ca 1850 (TN).
 - a. Camantha U., b. ca 1856.
 - b. Tanner U., b. ca 1857.
 - c. Emma U., b. ca 1859.
 - d. John Thomas U., b. ca 1866 (McMinnville, TN), d. ca 1961 (Bur. Paris, TX), md. (1st) _____, md. (2nd) Margaret Adelia (Snell) Morgan, b. ca 1876, d. ca 1965 (Bur. Paris, TX).
 - e. Mary U., b. _____ (TN).
 - f. Joseph Ambrose U., b. 27 SEP 1870 (McMinnville, TN), d. 4 JUL 1935 (Paris, TX) (Bur. Erick, OK), md. 1891(1892) (Marble, AR) Sarah Jane Rutledge, b. 16 MAR 1872, d. 17 MAR 1928 (Bur. Erick, OK).
 - g. Lavina U., b. ca 1872 (TN), md. (Marble, AR) Bill Holland.
 - h. Potter G. U., b. ca 1876 (TN), md. Flora _____, b. ca 1878.
 - i. Louetta U., b. ca 1877 (TN).
 - j. S. T. U., b. ca 1878 (TN).
 - k. Josephine U., b. ca 1880 (TN).

5. Thomas Curl U., b. ca 1840 (TN), md. Emm _____, b. ca 1832 (TN).
 - a. Mary U., b. ca 1865 (TN).
 - b. Joe U., b. ca 1869 (TN).
 - c. P. C. U., b. ca 1872 (TN).
 - d. Peline U., b. ca 1872 (TN).
 - e. Addie U., b. ca 1877 (TN).
6. James K. U., b. ca 1843(1842)(TN).
7. Joseph B. U., b. ca 1845(1844)(TN), md. Marthy _____, b. ca 1847 (TN).
 - a. S. L. U., b. ca 1867 (TN).
 - b. M. E. U., b. ca 1868 (TN).

- c. J. A. (or I. A.) U., b. ca 1871 (TN).
- d. H. A. U., b. ca 1874 (TN).
- e. James U., b. ca 1875 (TN).
- f. D. C. U., b. ca 1879 (TN).
- 8. Sarah Ann Elizabeth U., b. ca 1849(1848)(TN).
- B. Wilson U., b. ca 1810 (NC), md. Elizabeth _____, b. ca 1808 (TN)
(Listed as insane & b. ca 1812 (TN) on the 1850 census of White Co., TN).
- 1. Nancy C.(E.) U., b. ca 1835 (TN).
- 2. Malissa U., b. ca 1837 (TN).
- 3. James A. U., b. ca 1840 (TN).
- 4. Malinda U., b. ca 1842 (TN).
- 5. Narcissa U., b. ca 1844 (TN).
- 6. Elizabeth U., b. ca 1848 (TN).
- C. Rachel U., b. ca 1818 (White Co., TN), d. ca 1856 (White Co., TN),
md. ca 1840 (White Co., TN) Thomas Holland, b. ca 1817 (White Co., TN). He md. 2ndly 16 NOV 1856 (Hamilton Co., IL) Mary Rich,
a widow.
- 1. William Lafayette Holland, CSA, b. 29 JUN 1842 (White Co., TN),
d. 30 AUG 1904 (Pottsboro, TX)(Bur. Georgetown Cem., nr.
Pottsboro, Grayson Co., TX), md. Isabell "Belle" Parks,
b. 4 JUN 1856, d. 3 DEC 1933 (Pottsboro, TX)(Bur. AS HUS).
- a. James Walter Holland, b. 18 SEP 1878, d. 25 OCT 1905.
Never married.
- b. Charles Talmage Holland, b. 14 FEB 1881, d. 1 JAN 1961,
md. 1903 Zona Wells.
- c. Leroy Boyette Holland, b. 17 SEP 1884, md. Annie Wilson.
- d. Sallie Dean Holland, md. _____ James.
- e. George Holland.
- f. Enoch Russell Holland II, b. 16 MAY 1897, d. -. Never married.
- g. William Wyatt Holland, b. 17 SEP 1891 (Allen, Indian Terr.-OK),
d. 13 MAR 1986 (Grayson Co., TX)(Bur. AS FAT), md. Lucy
Elizabeth Wilson, b. -, d. - (Grayson Co., TX)(Bur. AS HUS).
- 2. Enoch Russell Holland I, CSA, b. 8 APR 1844 (White Co., TN),
d. 20 AUG 1921 (Grayson Co., TX)(Bur. Georgetown Cem., Grayson Co., TX), md. (1st) 27 JAN 1881 (Grayson Co., TX) Nannie E.
Christian, b. 4 MAY 1854 (MS), d. 8 JUN 1902 (Grayson Co., TX)
(Bur. AS HUS) - No issue, md. (2nd) 10 JAN 1906 (Grayson Co., TX) Minnie Lee Freeman, b. 12 OCT 1870 (Franklin Co., AL),
d. 22 JAN 1927 (Grayson Co., TX)(Bur. AS HUS).
- a. Nannie Ruth Holland, b. 23 FEB 1907 (Grayson Co., TX),
d. 24 OCT 1973 (Grayson Co., TX)(Bur. Fairview Cem., Grayson Co., TX), md. 12 OCT 1924 (Grayson Co., TX) Harry DeFratus, b. 27 MAY 1900 (Grayson Co., TX), d. 2 APR 1983 (Grayson Co., TX)(Bur. Denison, TX).
- b. Ralph Leslie Holland, b. 4 JUN 1909 (Pottsboro, TX),
md. (1st) 12 JAN 1944 (Miami, FL) Delcie Faye Mikkleson, b. - (Germany) DIV before 15 MAY 1947, md. (2nd) 19 DEC 19-- (Altus,OK) Martha Jean (_____) Waller. No issue either marriage.

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NO. 113. JOSEPH UPCHURCH.

(Continued from UB Volume 9, No. 4 (October 1988)
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3. James P. Holland, b. 1846 (White Co., TN), d. 1895 (Grayson Co., TX), md. ____.
 - a. Pleasant "Plez" Holland.
 - b. Hattie Holland, md. ____ Johnson.
 - c. Sam Holland, md. ____.
 - d. George Augustus Holland, b. ca 1884, d. JUL 1971, md. Clara ____.
4. Harrison Holland, b. 1849 (White Co., TN), md. ____.
 - a. Annie Holland.
 - b. Nora Holland, md. (1st) Carroll Holcombe, md. (2nd) Yates.
5. Joseph Bradley Holland, b. 1853 (White Co., TN), d. 1909, md. Mary Ann Black.
 - a. Joseph P. Holland, md. 22 DEC 1912 ____.
 - b. Will Holland.
 - c. Nettie Holland, md. ____ Brogden.
 - d. Ethel Holland, md. Jon Cook.
 - e. Velma Elizabeth Holland, md. ____ Martin.
 - f. John Holland, md. 22 DEC 1922 Nina Bell Morris.
- D. Felix George U., b. 19 NOV 1820 (White Co., TN), d. 11 OCT 1878 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. IOOF Cem., McLeansboro, IL), md. (1st)(TN) Anna Cantrell, b. 20 SEP 1815 (TN), d. 9 OCT 1877 (McLeansboro, IL)(Bur. AS HUS), md. (2nd) 16 JUL 1878 (Hamilton Co., IL) Eliza (Hunter) Gooden, b. ca 1836 (IL).
 1. George D. U., b. 19 SEP 1840 (White Co., TN), d. before 1880 (Bur. AS FAT), md. 15 (11) OCT 1867 (Hamilton Co., IL) Celesta (Calista) Fitzgerald, b. ca 1849 (IL).
 - a. Felix Grundy U., b. 18 JUL 1868 (Hamilton Co., IL), d. 11 JAN 1950 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. Mt. Pleasant Cem., Hamilton Co., IL), md. 1906 Laura Ellen Raney, b. 15 JUL 1884 (White Co., IL), d. 19 (13) JUN 1931 (Bur. AS HUS).
 - b. Sarah E. U., b. ca 1872 (Hamilton Co., IL), md. 24 DEC 1890 (Hamilton Co., IL) Joseph D. Latham, b. ca 1870.
 2. Martha A. U., b. 26 JAN 1842 (TN), d. (Wayne City, IL)(Bur. Wayne City, IL), md. (1st) 24 AUG 1862 (Hamilton Co. IL) William Shuster, md. (2nd) Louis Irvin.
 - a. John C. Shuster.
 3. Mary A. U., b. 12 OCT 1843 (TN), d. 16 FEB 1939 (Bur. IOOF Cem., McLeansboro, IL), md. (1st) 27 JUL 1866 (Hamilton Co., IL) Benjamin Franklin Shuster "Frank", b.

- 15 APR 1833 (TN), d. JUL 1881 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. AS WIF).
- a. William "Billie" Shuster, b. 23 MAY 1876, d. 1877 (Bur. AS MOT).
- b. Anna Shuster, b. 3 OCT 1869. d. 1883 (Bur. AS MOT).
- c. Martha "Mattie" Shuster, b. 14 FEB 1872, d. 1883 (Bur. AS MOT).
- d. Felix Mansfield Shuster, b 26 JUN 1874 (IL), d. 9 MAR 1965 (Bur. AS MOT), md. 24 NOV 1901 Bertha Hawthorne, b. 16 NOV 1882, d. 19 NOV 1961 (Bur. AS HUS).
- e. Florence Shuster, b. 22 DEC 1876 (IL), d. 1964, md. Joe West.
- f. Ella Shuster, b. 18 MAY 1879, d. 1969, md. W. O. Oldham.
- g. Frankie Wood Shuster, b. 30 OCT 1881, d. 1949. No issue.
4. Joseph Jay U., b. 8 SEP 1845 (DeKalb Co., TN), d. 19 APR 1902 (Hamilton Co., IL), md. (1st) 6 NOV 1873 (Hamilton Co., IL) Margaret Brannon "MAG", md. (2nd) 25 MAY 1885 Sarah E. Ellis, md. (3rd) 6 SEP 1888 Mrs. Julia Wallace (nee: Julia Ellis).
- a. Anna L. U., b. ca 1877 (IL), md. 21 MAR 1897 (Hamilton Co., IL) Eph. A. Carter.
5. Sarah B. U., b. 24 OCT 1847 (TN), md. 11 FEB 1866 (Hamilton Co., IL) Ben Holmes.
6. Berry (Barry) Young C. U., b. 10 NOV 1849 (TN), Never married, d. 20 Aug 1879 (Hamilton Co., IL).
7. James H. U., b. 24 FEB 1852 (TN), md. 9 OCT 1879 (Hamilton, IL) Adeline Crisel (Cricel).
- a. Anna U.
- b. Golden U.
- c. John U.
8. Enoch S. U.¹/ b. 30 MAR 1854 (IL), d. 1917 (Bur. New Hope Cem., Hamilton Co., IL), md. Missouri Snyder, b. 1854, d. 1933.
- a. Felix G. U.
- b. Mary (Molly)(Mollie) U., b. ca 1880 (IL), md. 22 DEC 1895 James A. Harrison.
- c. Charlie U., b. 1885, d. 1953 (Bur. AS FAT).
- d. Anna U.
- e. Golden U.
- f. Harry U.
- (¹/ Infant son, d. 1893 - was this a, e, or f or a 7th child? - RPU).
9. Robert H. U., b. 7 MAY 1858 (IL), md. Dora Gross.
- a. Wilford U., b. ca 1879 (IL).
- E. Enoch S. U., b. 9 JUN 1823 (White Co., TN), d. 30 AUG 1882 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. Hutson Cem., Hamilton Co., IL), md. 30 JUL 1846 Louisa Ann Shuster, b. 25 JAN 1818 (TN), d. 21 AUG 1885 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. AS HUS).
1. Joseph Hamilton U., b. 11 APR 1847 (White Co., TN), d. 7 OCT 1913 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. AS FAT), md. (1st) 22 (2) FEB 1868 (Hamilton Co., IL) Susan Hutson¹/, b. 10 JUN 1848, d. 18 (4) NOV 1876(1870)(Alive 1880)(Bur. AS HUS),

- md. (2nd) 11 AUG 1882 (Hamilton Co., IL) Ida Hutson²/(SIS of 1st WIF), b. 26 DEC 1856, d. 18 JUL 1885.
- a.¹/Francis R. U., b. 10 JUL 1870 (Hamilton Co., IL), d. 18 FEB 1937 (Mart, TX)(Bur. Mart, TX), md. 4 APR 1899 (Hamilton Co., IL) Lydia Bennett Judd, b. 4 FEB 1873, d. 1968 (Henderson, TX)(Bur. Mart, TX).
- b. Nora U., b. 1882, d. 1956 (Bur. Hickory Hill Cem., nr. Broughton, IL), md. 11 FEB 1906 (Hamilton Co., IL) John Irvin, b. 1881, d. 1927 (Bur. AS WIF).
- c.²/John U., b. 1885, d. 1885.
- d.¹/Harrison U., b. 17 AUG 187-, d. 16--, 18--.
- e.¹/Lily May U., b. -, d. - SEP 1875 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. AS FAT).
2. Amanda C. U., b. ca 1848 (TN).
3. John Archibald U., b. 6 JAN 1851 (White Co., TN), d. 23 FEB 1884 (Hamilton Co., IL)(Bur. AS FAT), md. (Hamilton Co., IL) Mary Abigail Hutson, b. 4 MAR 1856 (Hamilton Co., IL), d. 19 FEB 1904 (Bus. AS HUS).
- a. Oscar A. U., b. 2 FEB 1874 (McLeansboro, IL), d. 15 SEP 1875 (McLeansboro, IL)(Bur. AS FAT).
- b. Joseph Arthur U., b. 2 JAN 1876 (McLeansboro, IL), d. 3 AUG 1895 (Bur. AS FAT)(never married).
- c. Estella U., b. 4 SEP 1878 (McLeansboro, IL), d. 5 SEP 1878 (McLeansboro, IL).
- d. Laurence (Lawrence) Edward U., b. 30 OCT 1879 (McLeansboro, Hamilton Co., IL), d. 19 JUN 1950 (Evansville, IN)(Bur. Carmi, IL), md 15 NOV 1903 Bess Ann Headley, b. 12 JAN 1885 (Wayne Co., IL), d. 4 NOV 1966 (Evansville, IN)(Bur. AS HUS).
- F.²/DAU, b. 1810-1820.
- G.²/DAU, b. 1810-1820.
- H.²/DAU, b. 1810-1820.
- I.²/DAU, b. 1810-1820.
- J.²/DAU, b. 1804-1810.

(²/ Note that one or two of these DAU of Joseph U. may have md. Norris. Avery Norris & Silas Norris were heirs of Joseph U. and hence these two men may have been sons-in-law or grandchildren of Joseph U. Note that Enoch S. U. had in his home in White Co., TN in 1850 a Francis M. Norris, age 12, male, b. TN.

Entry E

A. MISSING LINK NO. 13. JOSEPH UPCHURCH.

This Missing Link (ML) was last referenced in UB, Volume 10, No. 2 (April 1989) on pages 41 and 65. In both cases it was incorrectly listed as 113 rather than 13. We have several family members who are interested in this Missing Link. Our most diligent researcher on the subject is Mrs. Jayne DeFratus of Pottsboro, TX, whose husband David DeFratus is a descendant of ML No. 13. She and your editor have had many exchanges on the subject. Her letter of September 12, 1989 is quoted in part as follows:

"Now, back to the Joseph U and David U situation. I still feel that 'my' Joseph (age 16-26 b. 1774-1784) on the 1800 Census of Rutherford County, N.C.) is the son of David U. (XID-2064).

I speculate that the 2 males under 10 (b. 1790-1800) on the 1800 Census of Rutherford County, NC in the household of David U. (XID-2064) are the Ambrose and William found near him on the 1820 Census of Stewart Co., Tenn. (Ambrose b. 1776-1794 and William b. 1795-1802) and that they are the sons of David U. (XID-2064).

Additionally, that the 1804 and 1808 Rutherford Co., N.C. James U is the male age 16-26 (b. 1774-1784) on the 1800 census of Rutherford Co., N. C. in the household of David U (XID-2064). I agree with your speculation in your letter of 5 Sept. 1989, that James U. may have died prior to the 1820 Census. I further speculate that some of the younger children on the 1820 Census in Stewart Co., Tennessee, with David U. may be children of James U., and, therefore, David U's grandchildren.

Perhaps the William U. (age 20-30 b. 1800-1810) on the 1830 Census of Franklin Co., Ill. could be the 1820 Stewart Co., Tennessee. William U., whom I think might be the son of the David U who is also listed in both places. He would just barely fit."

We publish the above not as a solution to ML 13 but rather as a very thoughtful and analytical hypothesis which has much merit. This hypothesis would establish Joseph U. as the son of David U. (XID-2065) and the gs of William U., IV (Head of Clan)(XID-160). This would add substance to the William U., IV/David U. Subclan. Still, we need more information to confirm this hypothesis even if the information is circumstantial.

This leads us to a suggestion provided by Mr. John Read U. of Phoenix, AZ, a descendant of Joseph U. John Proposes that those who are most interested in pursuing the father of Joseph U. pool their funds and support some research on the subject. He has offered on the order of \$100.00 for this project and would like to encourage others to provide more or less as their interest and circumstance will permit. Michael Enterprises is available to receive and disburse any funds available for this effort. A recent

phone call to Jayne DeFratus leads us to the following proposal.

1. Supporters of this effort are urged to send in:
 - a. Any facts they have bearing on the parentage of Joseph U.
 - b. Any funds they would like to contribute to the project.
2. After all the available facts are studied steps will be taken to hire someone to do the remaining research. At this point it would appear that we would ask a researcher to identify all of the Upchurch records available from Rutherford Co., NC, for the period 1750-1850. This seems to be our best chance for success at this time.

We will anxiously await responses to this invitation and hope that we can soon reach a conclusion relative to the parentage of Joseph U. Missing Link No. 13.

Entry F

VIII. MISSING LINKS

- A. MORE ON FATHER OF JOSEPH U., B. 1775 (Re: MISSING LINK NO. 13)
(See UB, Vol. 21, No. 1, JAN-JUN 2000, pg. 11).

What we have new to report is that Cousin John Read U. is continuing in his dogged effort to solve the mystery of the parentage of his ancestor, Joseph U., b. 1775. His latest communication arrived 24 OCT 2000 and indicates he is now using the services of Nancy Carter Moore as a researcher. Jeanine Carver, Amy Hayden and your editor are contributing some financial support, but Cousin John is bearing most of the burden. John - you will get rewarded on "the other side". We anticipate more reports on this project.

IX. REFERENCE MATERIALS (Omitted this issue)

Entry G

- A. AN OLD MISSING LINK AND A NEW COURSE OF ACTION
ML No. 13 - JOSEPH U., b. 1775 (VA)

Much research to identify the father of Joseph U., b. 1775 (VA) has been reported in several issues of the UB. Such circumstantial evidence as has surfaced is inadequate for us

to have confidence in proclaiming his parentage. In the meantime, more and more details have surfaced providing a huge Master Outline for his descendants. New cooperators coming to our website <www.upchurchstory.com> are adding more details to the Joseph U. Master Outline. One of these recently provided taunting information and led to the creation of ML - 36 which is described as a New Missing Link in Section VIII -B below. In the process we have become convinced that it is time to assign XIDs to the Joseph U. Master Outline in spite of the fact that we do not know his father. We have assigned Joseph U., b. 1775 (VA) XID - 56459 and have constructed the Master Outline for him on the assumption that he is a member of the 5th Generation of the Upchurch Family in America as are other Clan Heads. If this assumption is correct, Joseph U., b. 1775 (VA) will be found to be a great-great-grandson of Michael U. I. The decision to assign an XID to Joseph U., even though we do not know his father, is a departure from our usual practice. It is justified based on the high probability that he is of the 5th Generation and because it will be useful to have the convenience of the shorthand XID identification for the large number of descendants of Joseph U. in our Biofile System and who are now organized in a Master Outline format.

Missing Link # 14 – Father of Calvin Upchurch Entry A

XID

A. MISSING LINK NO. 14.

Calvin U. of Franklin Co., NC, b. ca 1795 plus or minus 10 years, d. early 1844.

The publication of the WILL of Calvin U., d. 1844 elsewhere in this issue of UB sets the stage for this missing link article on behalf of Calvin. Numerous items of circumstantial evidence allow us to speculate with a fair degree of certainty that Calvin U., d. 1844 was a gs of Richard U. II and that Calvin was most likely the son of Benjamin U. 152,163 A few of the circumstances will be cited.

Calvin U., d. 1844 had dealings throughout his life and traded property in the immediate community of Moccasin Creek in central NC where the only known Upchurches were the descendants of Richard U. II. 152 The children and grandchildren of Richard U. II were mentioned 152 prominently in the dealings of Calvin U., d. 1844. We know the offspring of Richard U. III, Moses U. and Nathan U. I, sufficiently well to con- 63,1,78 clude that neither of these three children of Richard U. II could likely have been the father of Calvin U., d. 1844. Four other children of Richard U. II, namely; Charles U., James U. V., Jubal U. and 164,153,158 Abel U., are tentatively eliminated as prospective parents for 578 Calvin U., d. 1844, without solid evidence but more on the basis that we have a better prospect. That better prospect is Benjamin U. To the 163 best of our knowledge, Benjamin U. is the only son of Richard U. II 163,152 who had land holdings sufficient to start an offspring on to a path of considerable land ownership. We know that Benjamin U. had consider- 163 able land in the Moccasin Creek Area and that this passed to his heirs in 1819 or before.

We do not know when Calvin U., d. 1844, was born but since we know that one of his brothers was born ca 1797 and that two others were born ca 1805, we may presume that Calvin U., d. 1844, was born 1795 plus or minus 10 years. This would fit with the 14 DEC 1826 date on which he md. in Franklin Co., Agnes Young, the dau of Fenner Young.

The 1800 census of Franklin Co., NC shows the Benjamin U. home with 163 an adult couple, 1 male -10, 3 females -10, and one female 10-16. The 1810 census shows an adult couple; 2 males 10-16 and one female 16-26. These counts and ages do not square exactly with the other information we have about Calvin U., d. 1844, and his siblings. The WILL of Calvin shows 5 children - Calvin U., d. 1844, Charlotte U., Littleberry U., John U. and Stephen U. From other information we know that Littleberry U. was born ca 1797 while John and Stephen were born ca 1805. As we compare the WILL of Calvin U., d. 1844, and the census records for Benjamin U. 163 the WILL is missing some females (they could have died prior to 1842, the date of the WILL, or have been in the home of Benjamin U. in 1800 without being sisters of Calvin U.) and there are not enough males on the census to account for the four brothers identified in the WILL. It is possible that Calvin U., d. 1844, could have been born after the 1810 census but then he would have been only age 16 at the time of his marriage in December 1826. In spite of the imperfect relationship of the information pertaining to Benjamin U. and Calvin U., d. 1844, we are inclined to maintain our hypothesis that they are father and son.

While in a hypothesizing mood, let us consider Missing Link No. 13 (UB, Vol. 3, No. 3) concerning three males on the Cumberland Co., NC (later Johnston Co.) 1850 census. These males Nathan U., b. ca 1832, John U., b. ca 1831, and Benjamin U., b. ca 1830 appear on the 1850 census as if they were in the homes of foster parents. We suggest that these very likely may be children of Calvin U., d. 1844. They are of the right age to match the 3 males on the 1840 Franklin Co., NC census in the home of Calvin U., d. 1844. Calvin's three young sons have not been found elsewhere in the 1850 census in NC. One of three is named Benjamin, possibly after his gf, if our speculation on Calvin U., d. 1844, being the son of Benjamin U. is correct. Another is named Nathan, possibly after Nathan U. I a presumed uncle of Calvin U., d. 1844. 163 78

The fact that we have not found Agnes (Young) Upchurch, the widow of Calvin U., d. 1844, on the 1850 census of NC leads us to believe that she may have been the Agnes U., who md. 20 DEC 1844 (Franklin Co., NC) to Young A. Winston.

A sketch of possible Calvin U., d. 1844, relationships taking information from a variety of sources is shown below.

- I. Benjamin U. Probably father of five children shown below. If so, 163 then his wife was Charlotte _____ presumed dau of Stephen Pearce hence nee Charlotte Pearce and presumed gd of Nathan Pearce, b. 9 JUL 1733. Stephen Pearce was brother to Philip Pearce, Arthur Pearce and John Pearce, all of whom were active citizens of the Moccasin Creek Area of present-day Franklin Co., NC.
 - A. Calvin U., b. ca 1795 plus or minus 10 yrs, d. early 1844. md. 14 DEC 1826 (Franklin Co., NC) Agnes Young. They may have had three sons, Nathan U., b. 1832, John U., b. 1831, Benjamin U. b. 1830. Some additional details are available on the three boys.
 - B. Charlotte U., md. 11 JUN 1833 (Franklin Co., NC) John Sanders (Saunders).
 - C. Littleberry U., b. 1797, md. 1 OCT 1824 (Franklin Co., NC) Elizabeth (Berberry) Williams.
 1. Rowena (Zenia) U., b. ca 1826, md. _____ Johnson.
 - a. John S. Johnson, b. ca 1865.
 2. Mary U., b. ca 1835.
 3. Elizabeth U., b. ca 1840, md. 20 AUG 1863 James Bolton.
 - a. Anne Bolton, b. ca 1864.
 - D. John U., b. ca 1805. Had strong interactions with the law; to be detailed in a later issue of the UB.
 - E. Stephen U., b. ca 1805, md. 20 JUL 1828 (Franklin Co., NC) Rebecca Chamblee. Note that Stephen would have been named after his gf, Stephen Pearce.

We presume that direct descendants of the above Upchurch group still reside in Franklin Co., NC and in surrounding counties. Given the amount of information that has already been collected it is almost certain that we shall in due course come to know with more certainty the father of Calvin U., d. 1844. Any inputs will be welcomed.

Entry B

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Part of Jubal Upchurch clan

Missing Link # 14.1 – Father of Upchurch Twins

Entry A

A. THE ARIZONA UPCHURCHES - MISSING LINK NO. 14.

Around the turn of the century (1900) twin brothers appeared on the Arizona scene. One of them known to later family members as Uncle William U., was reported by the family to have been in Arizona but records for him have not been found. The other brother, David Allen U., is known to have been b. 1 NOV 1871 (Gulfport, MS), d. 28 OCT 1953 (Prescott, AZ) (Bur. Sunset Cem., Willcox, AZ) and he had seven children. Their descendants are still in Arizona and altogether amount to quite a few dozen members of our extended family. Some rough records are available on this group.

Now back to the twins for whom we have no known father and who present us with Missing Link No. 14. Family tradition holds that the twins were separated from their father in Gulfport, MS when they were five weeks old. The name of both parents is unknown. The twins are said to have been raised by their mother's brothers, Dave and Dan, last names unknown.

David Allen U. lived in the San Pedro Valley of Arizona just across the mountain northeast of Tucson. There he had children born in the small settlement of Klondike and Fort Thomas starting in 1897. However, his first child was b. in Emory, TX in 1896.

We are indebted to Charles William Upchurch of Tucson, AZ gs of David Allen Upchurch for supplying some details on the family. We are particularly grateful to Mr. Kenneth Otto Heusser of Farmington, NM who married a descendant of David Allen U. Kenny has a keen interest in genealogy and has helped to sketch what is known about the twins.

There is a single male, A. U., age 23, b. NC, on the 1850 census of Desoto Co., MS. He appears again on the 1860 census as A. G. U. (married) age 38, house carpenter, b. NC. Roy White, Jr. speculates that this male could be the father of the twins. From Little's book "Those Mississippi Upchurches" we learn a bit more about this A. G. U., but nothing as to his parents and no hint that he could have been the father of the twins. A. G. U. is reported to have been Almenean G. U. or Alemean Gastin U. or Alexander G. U.

The grandparents and the uncles of the twins as well as the prospective father, A. G. U., lived in Desoto Co., MS, which is in the northern part of the state. The twins were born in Gulfport, MS, which is in the southern part of the state. We are short on details as to the move of the mother from northern to southern MS and as to who she might have had with her in Gulfport, MS at the birth of the twins on 1 NOV 1871.

Any hints on this Missing Link will be welcomed.

Entry B

A. THE ARIZONA UPCHURCHES - MISSING LINK NO. 14.

This link was introduced in UB, Vol. 6 (1985), No. 1 (JAN), Pg. 23 and concerned the twins David Allen U., b. 1 NOV 1871 (Gulfport, MS), d. 28 OCT 1953 (Prescott, AZ) and William Upchurch.

Genevieve Tharp Little has noted this missing link and devotes over a page to it in Vol. 1 (1985), No. 3 (May/June), Pg. 8 of her periodical MORE OF THOSE MISSISSIPPI UPCHURCH'S. She is committed to learning all there is to know about any member of the extended Upchurch family that lives or ever lived in MS. She does great work. She reports her special search to solve Missing Link No. 14 and her conclusion is:

"These twins are probably descendants of Benjamin U. There 3773
are three possibilities for the father of these twins,
William U., Churchwell U., and Benjamin Newton U. 10437,10443,10462
The twins will probably tie in with William U. 10437
William disappeared from the area his father and
siblings inhabited sometime after 1840 and did not
show up again with the rest of the family until 1880. It
had been assumed that William Upchurch married Mary McGraw 10437,10438
around 1864 and all the children listed for him belonged to
her also. However, there is a five year skip in the ages for
the children of William between 1870 and 1875. No marriage
records have been found for William so we do not know if he had

more than one wife. Finding census records for William Upchurch XID
for 1850, 1860, and 1870 would help solve this matter." 10437

Benjamin U. referred to above is the son of Abel U., Sr. 3773,589
and the gs of William U. IV, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 9. We 160
will follow with much interest the efforts to identify the parents
of the twins.

Missing Link # 15 – Father of Jones Green Upchurch

Entry A

B. JONES GREEN UPCHURCH - MISSING LINK NO. 15.

1. _____ Upchurch, md. _____ McSwain.
 - A. Jones Green U., b. 22 OCT 1816 (NC), d. 20 APR 1856 (Daisy, Cape Girardeau, MO), md. ca 1836 (supposedly in Buncombe Co., NC) Elizabeth Cooper, b. 1819 (NC), d. 1900 (Loundes, Wayne Co., MO). She md. 2nd _____ Yates.
 1. Henry A. U., b. 1839 (TN) CSA.
 2. Margaret U., b. 1842 (TN), md. Bill Flanigan.
 3. James Allen U., b. 1844 (TN), md. _____ Rice. James was a bootlegger. Went to TX to escape the law.
 4. Amanda F. U., b. 1848 (MO), md. John Yates (a son of her mother's 2nd husband).
 5. Robert Ervin U., b. 15 SEP 1851 (Daisy, Cape Girardeau, MO), d. 17 OCT 1906 (Bollinger Co., MO), md. 10 OCT 1875 (Bollinger Co., MO) Hannah Mariah Aldrich.
 6. Viola U., md. Andy Robbins, a Baptist Minister.

Jones Green U., b. 1816 (NC) was most likely a son of a sixth generation Upchurch. We have any number of sixth generation Upchurch males who could have been his father but we need more information to narrow the search. At this point there are two general sections of the extended family which merit attention relative to his ancestry but the clues are not strong.

Name association causes us to look to the Harmon U. Clan for an ancestor for Missing Link No. 15. The Harmon U. family was closely associated with McSwains and Coopers in Montgomery Co., NC, (Stanly Co. after 1841) which names were also associated with Jones Green U. Also, note that Jones Green U. named a son "Allen". This was a common given name among the descendants of Harmon U. starting with his son Allen U. Additionally, numerous descendants of Harmon U. moved to the midwest, namely to AR. This is not the state to which Jones Green U. moved but it is close.

Place association causes us to look to the William U. IV Clan for an ancestor for Missing Link No. 15. After William U. IV died in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787 his family moved around the western part of NC and SC. He could easily have had a gs who could have married in Buncombe Co., NC (a western county) in 1836 as family lore reports for Jones Green U. A more telling place association is Henry Co., TN. We know that two and perhaps more of the children of William U. IV settled in Henry Co., TN, where Jones Green U. was found on the census in 1840. However, we must keep in mind that the

Tennessee River flows northward along the eastern boundry of Henry Co., TN and that this was the common highway of the 1800's. Thousands of families used this route to move from NC to the midwest. No doubt there were 2nd, 3rd, and 4th cousin Upchurches who passed down the river without being aware of each other.

If Jones Green U. was a descendant of Harmon U. we do not believe -, 167 that he was descended from Allen U. or Howell U., two of the well 3564, 3566 documented sons of Harmon U. Rather he would have been a gs of 167 Harmon U. by an as yet unidentified son of Harmon U. We do have 167 some prospects for a third son of Harmon U. but details are still unfolding.

If Jones Green U. was a descendant of William U. IV we believe -, 160 he would have been the son of William U., David U., or Edward U. 2063, 2064, 616 as these are sons for whom offspring are yet to be identified.

We have not yet identified an unidentified gs of Harmon U. 167 or of William U. IV on the census records who was b. 1815-1820. 160 A further search of the records may reveal one or more such individuals.

To recap some dates - Jones Green U. was on the 1840 census for Henry Co., TN, and then on the 1850 census for Cape Girardeau Co., MO. He was b. in NC in 1816 and left NC after 1833. He was in TN between 1839 and 1844 and was in MO by 1848. In the 1850 census there was a Hannah U., age 54 (b. NC) and a Robert M. U., age 17 (b. NC) living in the Jones Green U. home but the relationship of them to Jones Green U. is unclear. These two additional names could prove to be key clues in due course.

The clues leading us to the two clans mentioned above are not strong enough to keep us from having an open mind on the possibility that Jones Green U. will eventually be placed in a different clan.

One bit of family lore holds that the father of Jones Green U. was the sole survivor of a shipwreck off the coast of NC. While we must make a mental note of this lore there is nothing to reinforce it and the great likelihood is that the father was a creature of the land as were the vast majority of our extended family. Another bit of family lore is that Jones Green U. was a traveling school teacher or music school teacher and that his wife's people were well-to-do and they disowned her because she married a school teacher.

We are indebted to Mrs. Keith Huffman, Mr. Truex N. U., and to Mr. Edwin Ralph U., three descendants of Jones Green U., who have helped to keep the search for his ancestors alive.

Entry B

A. MISSING LINK NUMBER 15. - Jones Green Upchurch.

In the UB, Vol. 6, No. 2, pg. 67-69, we reported the need to identify the father of Jones Green U. who appears on the 1850 census of Bollinger Co., MO. In Section VII. BATCH RECORDS of this issue of the UB we now report in some detail on the census records of Montgomery Co., NC for the years 1800, 1810, 1830 and 1840. As a part of this analysis we propose that Jones Green U. was the son of James U. and the gs of Harmon U. (Head of Clan). If this proposal holds up under examination we will have solved ML-15. We continue to be indebted to Mrs. Keith Huffman, Mr. Truex N. U. and to Mr. Edwin Ralph U., descendants of Jones Green U., who are much interested in and are helping with this search.

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NUMBER 15. JONES GREEN UPCHURCH.

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After years of research and analysis, we are prepared to accept that Jones Green U. is the son of James U., VI and the grandson of Harmon U., Head of Upchurch Clan No. 16. This establishes the Harmon U./James U., VI Subclan. Accordingly, (identity) numbers have been assigned to the known family members in this subclan. A copy of the Master Outline for this Subclan appears in Section VI of this issue of the UB.

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Previous reviews of Missing Link NO. 15 have appeared in UB, Vol. 6, No. 2 (April 1985) pgs. 67-77 and in UB, Vol. 9, No. 3 (July 1988) pgs. 107-117. In these presentations speculation was presented that Jones Green U. could belong to the William U., IV Clan or to the Harmon U. Clan. In recent weeks a particular observation was made that definitely tipped the balance in favor of the Harmon U. Clan. It was as follows: On 4 SEP 1979 a packet of family information prepared by William Eugene U. was received by the editor of the UB. This document reflected the fact that William Eugene U. is a descendant of Robert J.M.U whom we all consider to be a brother of Jones Green U. This packet of information lay unprocessed for a variety of reasons until early September 1993. Upon processing this material it was recognized that Robert J.M.U. named a son Thomas Harmon U. This son was b. 19 DEC 1865 and died 26 JUL 1866. Here then is outstanding circumstantial evidence that Robert J.M.U. and his brother, Jones Green U., are of the Harmon U. Clan. Thus, Robert J.M.U named a son after his grandfather. One could, of course, assume that there was some other reason that the son was named Harmon. Still, the name Harmon is uncommon and this naming along with other circumstances previously reported make it reasonable to formalize a relationship linking Jones Green U. and his brother, Robert J.M.U. to the Harmon U. Clan of Montgomery (later Stanly) Co., NC.

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The circumstances causing us to place the two brothers as sons of James U., VI have been previously reported. This has included a rationale as to why the brothers are placed as sons of James U., VI as opposed to being placed as sons of one of the other sons of Harmon U. The circumstantial evidence includes census records and other documents.

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We shall, therefore, proceed with the continued formal documentation of the Harmon U./James U., VI family as set forth above, recognizing that there is some small chance that evidence yet to be uncovered could require a revision in this arrangement.

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We are grateful to all who have helped with ML-15 over the years, and especially thank Cousin William Eugene Upchurch for his family record and our Cousin Truex Newman Upchurch who has been a tireless researcher on this segment of our family. Truex has pursued records of all sorts from his home base in Flossmoor, IL, and in 1992 and in 1993 made special trips to NC, concentrating on Montgomery Co., NC on the first trip and on Stanly Co., NC on the second trip. A report on the work of Truex appears in the Reference Materials Section (Section IX) of this issue of the UB.

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IX. REFERENCE MATERIALS

A. REPORT OF INVESTIGATION REGARDING MISSING LINK NO. 15.
By TRUEX NEWMAN UPCHURCH.

1. BACKGROUND.

Truex Newman Upchurch, a descendant of Jones Green U., has been a careful investigator seeking proof of the ancestors of Jones Green Upchurch. His work has had a material bearing on our willingness to propose the solution to ML 15, as set forth in this issue of the UB. His findings are significant and are being reported here for all to examine and utilize in attempts to better understand our family heritage.

2. LETTER, SEPTEMBER 15, 1993, TRUEX NEWMAN UPCHURCH
TO ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH.

"Dear Phil,

It was refreshing to talk to you on the telephone. I'm looking forward to the report in the Bulletin about my clan.

I'm enclosing the material I have on Jones Green Upchurch. Its in the form in which I assemble my information for each of my ancestors. If it is needed, I can identify the source of each statement.

Last July, I spent some time in Stanly County, North Carolina. Very little new material about the Upchurch family was uncovered. A short ms entitled Upchurch was found at the Albemarle Public Library and two documents naming James Upchurch at the County Clerk of the Court's office. The Court House records go back only until the date that the County was organized.

At the library, I also found a book by Eleanor D. McSwain entitled Some descendants of David McSwain printed by the National Printing company, Macon, Georgia in 1974. Several statements in the book fit very nicely with the family tradition that Jones Green Upchurch's mother was a McSwain. The book shows a Hannah McSwain who was the daughter of the George McSwain in the Montgomery County 1800 and 1810 censuses. This Hannah McSwain is shown in the book as being born 1794.

The Hannah Upchurch in Jones Upchurch's household in the Cape Girardeau, Missouri census for 1850 is listed as 52 years old. This would make her birth year either 1797 or 1798. I don't see this as too great a discrepancy. It has not been unusual for women to lose years in the census. I have one ancestor who aged only six years in the ten years between censuses.

The mother of this Hannah McSwain was named Elizabeth Jones. If a source for Jones Upchurch name is needed, this easily could be used.

Hannah McSwain had a sister, two years younger, named Margaret. Jones' first daughter was named Margaret. Hannah and Margaret were of a family with 16 children.

Louis J. McSwain, a brother four years younger than Hannah McSwain, migrated from Montgomery County, North Carolina to Henry County, Tennessee.

Hannah McSwain's line goes back through George¹, David², David², and David¹ of the Isle of Skye in Scotland. They came to North Carolina by way of Virginia.

In this book, Some descendants of David McSwain, the author gives as the source for much of her information, a book by S. C. Jones entitled The Hamrick Generations. David² McSwain married a Sousanna Hamrick. My local library, who has been very good at obtaining books for me through the interlibrary loan procedures, was not able to locate this book. Very likely, if it can be found, it may contain additional relevant information.

I feel very fortunate that none of the above information has caused confusion, which as you know, is not always the case.

Hope this can help.

Yours truly,
Truex N. Upchurch"

3. COMPILATION ON JONES GREEN UPCHURCH BY TRUEX NEWMAN UPCHURCH.

"Jones Green Upchurch was born October 22, 1816 in North Carolina. Family lore has his father's name as Allen and his mother was a McSwain. His middle name, Green, shows up only when spoken of by his descendents. It does not appear in any of the official records.

Jones became a traveling schoolteacher, possibly a music schoolteacher. Supposedly near Ashville, in Buncombe County, North Carolina. Jones eloped, probably in 1838, with Elizabeth Cooper. The next morning, the couple went by to tell her father goodbye as they were on their way to Tennessee. Her father was so irate, he told her he hoped he would never see her again. The tragedy of it was that he didn't.

Jones and Elizabeth ended up in Henry County, Tennessee. Whether they made the trip alone or as members of a larger party is not known. It is known that others with the name of Upchurch or McSwain went from North Carolina to Henry County, Tennessee about the same time. What relationship these were with Jones, if any, has not been determined.

The 1840 census for Henry County, Tennessee shows Jones Upchurch as the head of a household with others who probably are his wife and a one year old son and also a female between 40 and 50 years and a male between five and ten years. It has been speculated that these were his mother and a brother. They were named in the census ten years later. The census indicates that the name of both was Upchurch.

The tax lists for Henry County, Tennessee include Jones Upchurch for 1843, 1845, and 1846. During this period, taxes were based on ownership of land, slaves, horses, and carriages, plus the number of white males over 21 in the household. In each of the three years that Jones was on the tax lists, his listing is shown only as one poll, indicating that he owned no land, slaves, horses or carriages. In 1846, his tax is shown as 25, presumably 25 cents. The tax lists show him in District No. 15 of the county. This district was in the extreme northeast corner of the county.

The 1850 census of Cape Girardeau county, Missouri shows Jones Upchurch, occupation farmer, as the head of a household which includes Elizabeth, Henry 11 years old born in Tennessee, Margaret A. 8 years old born in Tennessee, James A. six years old born in Tennessee, Amanda F. two years old born in Missouri, and Hannah and Robert M., 52 and 17 years old, both born in North Carolina.

The Cape Girardeau County records contain three promissory notes of Jones Upchurch. One note is to Dr. J. D. McFarland for \$21.25, November 15, 1848. A second note is to Dr. S. Field

covering July, August, September and October 1855 and is for \$46.00 for visits, medicine, and an office visit. The third, dated February 12, 1832 (sic), is to Andrew H.T. _____ for \$12.95 for an undisclosed purpose.

In 1853, Jones bought a forty acre parcel of land in Cape Girardeau County for fifty-eight dollars.

Today, there is a large spring fed artificial pond located near the center of the 40 acres that Jones farmed. The pond was created by erecting a dam across the swale down which the spring water drained. It is very easy to assume that Jones' house would have been built near the spring so that a source of water would be readily available. Both the spring and the area which would have contained the house are now submerged by the pond's waters. There is no evidence of anything on the farm dating back to the time Jones lived there except two maple trees of a size, about 30 inches in diameter, that they would have been growing at that time. One of the trees is along the draw in which the spring waters drain. The other is in the field close to the center of the eastern side of the farm.

The spring is at a relatively high elevation and very likely would dry up toward the end of any extended dry spell. A more dependable source of water from which neighbors in an extended area obtained water is located about 3/4 mile to the north, south across the road from the existing New Salem Methodist Church in Daisy, Missouri.

Jones Upchurch died April 10, 1856. At the August 1857 term of County Court, on August 18, it was ordered that the land of Jones, dec'd, be sold at public auction to pay his debts. In the Cape Girardeau Eagle, a newspaper, from January 14, 1858 to February 4, 1858, was run a Notice of Sheriff's Sale for "All the right, title, claim, and interest which Jones Upchurch at the time of his death had in and to the NW quarter of the NE quarter of section No. 35 in township No. 33, N of range No. 11 E containing 40 acres."

The land had been appraised by the public appraisers at \$170. The land was sold 15 February 1858 at the Court House door in Jackson. Elizabeth Upchurch, his wife, was the last & highest bidder at 121. The land was sold to Elizabeth 21 February by H.H.M. Williams, public administrator and ex officio administrator of the estate of Jones.

The inventory of Jones' estate showed 1 sow, 10 pigs, 2 cows, 1 calf, 2 heifers, 1 yearling, 10 sheep, 1 blind mare, 3 wheat boxes, 1 tub, 1 half bushel, 1 double and singletree, 2 old axes, 1 mottoc, 1 set horse gear, and 1 bell.

Jones Upchurch is said to have been buried at Daisy, Missouri, the community about one mile north of his farm. His grave has not been found. The two most likely locations for his grave would be on his farm in the area covered by the pond or it could be in the cemetery alongside the New Salem Methodist Church. At that cemetery, there are markers for the graves of Jones' son Henry and Henry's wife and space for another grave alongside of them. But there is no marker to indicate if there has been a burial there.

Children of Jones and Elizabeth were:

Henry A., born January 10, 1840, married Mary E. _____,
died October 7, 1875
Margaret A., born 1842, married Bill Flanigan
James Allen, born 1844, married 1st Sarah M. Woods
October 4, 1871, 2nd Mary E. Swofford June 28, 1879,
3rd Catherine Sargent August 19, 1886
Amanda F., born 1848, married John Yates December 30,
1869
Robert Irving, born September 15, 1851, married Hannah
Mariah Aldrich October 10, 1875, died October 17, 1905
Viola C., born 1853, married Andrew J. Robbins November
30, 1871."

4. ATTACHMENTS TO THE COMPILATION ON JONES GREEN UPCHURCH
BY TRUEX NEWMAN UPCHURCH.

a. "Deed of Land Bought by Jones Upchurch.

From Estate Records in the County Recorder's Office, Jackson,
Missouri

This indenture made this 18th of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three between David Brown and Mary his wife of the one part and Jones Upchurch of the other witnesseth that David Brown and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifty one dollars to him in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant, bargain, situate and assign for ever all that tract or parcel of land situated and being in the County of Cape Girardeau the State of Missouri, Viz, the N. W. quarter of the N.E. quarter of Section thirty five in township thirty three North of Range Eleven East, containing forty acres more or less together with all and singular the appurtenances there unto belonging or in any wise pertaining to have and to hold transfer described premises unto the said David Brown and Mary his wife, transfer the afore said premises unto the said Jones Upchurch, his heirs and assigns against the claim or claims of all and every person whomsoever to and will warrant and forever defend by the present. In witness whereof the said David Brown and Mary his wife has here unto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

In presence of
E. H. Self
Thomas G. Brown

David Brown (Seal)
(X his mark)
Mary Brown (Seal)
(X her mark)

State of Missouri
County of Cape Girardeau

There personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid David Brown and Mary his wife both personally known to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing deed and severally acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed; the said Mary separate and apart from her husband made acquainted with the contents of the same, acknowledged she signed said deed freely of her own consent and relinquished her dower in the same without compulsion or undue influence of her husband.

Taken and certified this
18th of March 1853
E. H. Self
Justice of the Peace

State of Missouri
County of Cape Girardeau

Received for record and recorded November 17, 1856
Book T Page 20 and 21.

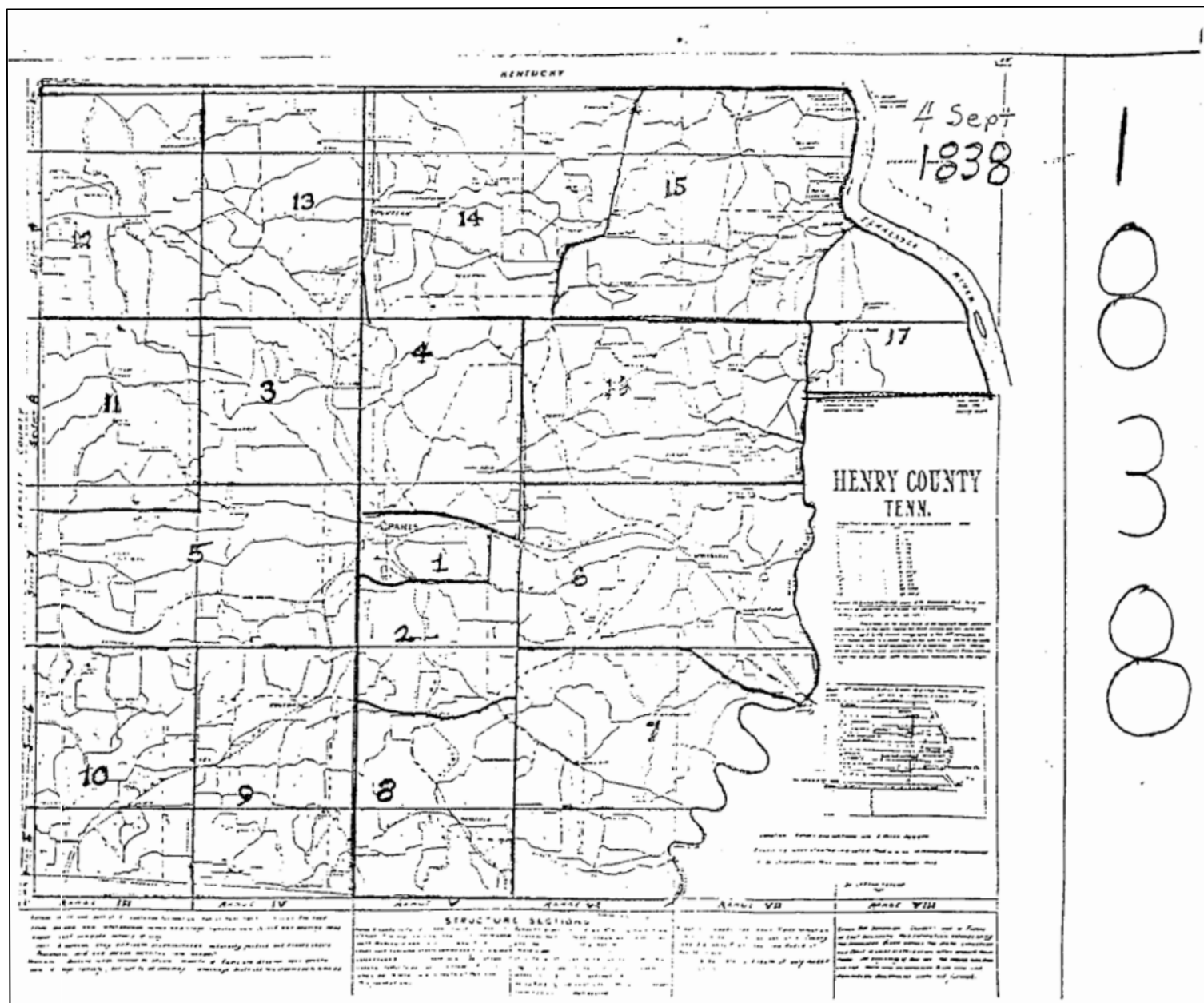
Thy Sanford, clerk
Recorded by the Deputy E. M. Jeffers"

- b. Map of Henry County, TN, 4 SEP 1838 (see next page 151a).
(Jones Green Upchurch land in Section 15)
- c. Map of Cape Girardeau County, MO showing location of land of Jones Green Upchurch (page 151b).
- d. Information from "Verticle File" at the Public Library Albemarle, NC (No identity of writer).

"UPCHURCH

1st. gen.

Michael Upchurch is believed to be the American ancestor of all Upchurches in the United States. He was from the area of Little Gidding near Huntingdon in Essex, England, where his father Richard Upchurch lived. Michael and his wife Frances were established on a farm at Lawne's Creek, Surry Co., VA. in 1652. His passage to America was paid by people who were given land grants in return. Michael was not wealthy, as shown by the inventory of his estate in 1681 and Frances' estate in 1691.



Daisy, Mo.
 in Cape Girardeau County
 T33N, R11E, Section 23,
 SE¹ area
 (nearby cemetery in Sec.26)

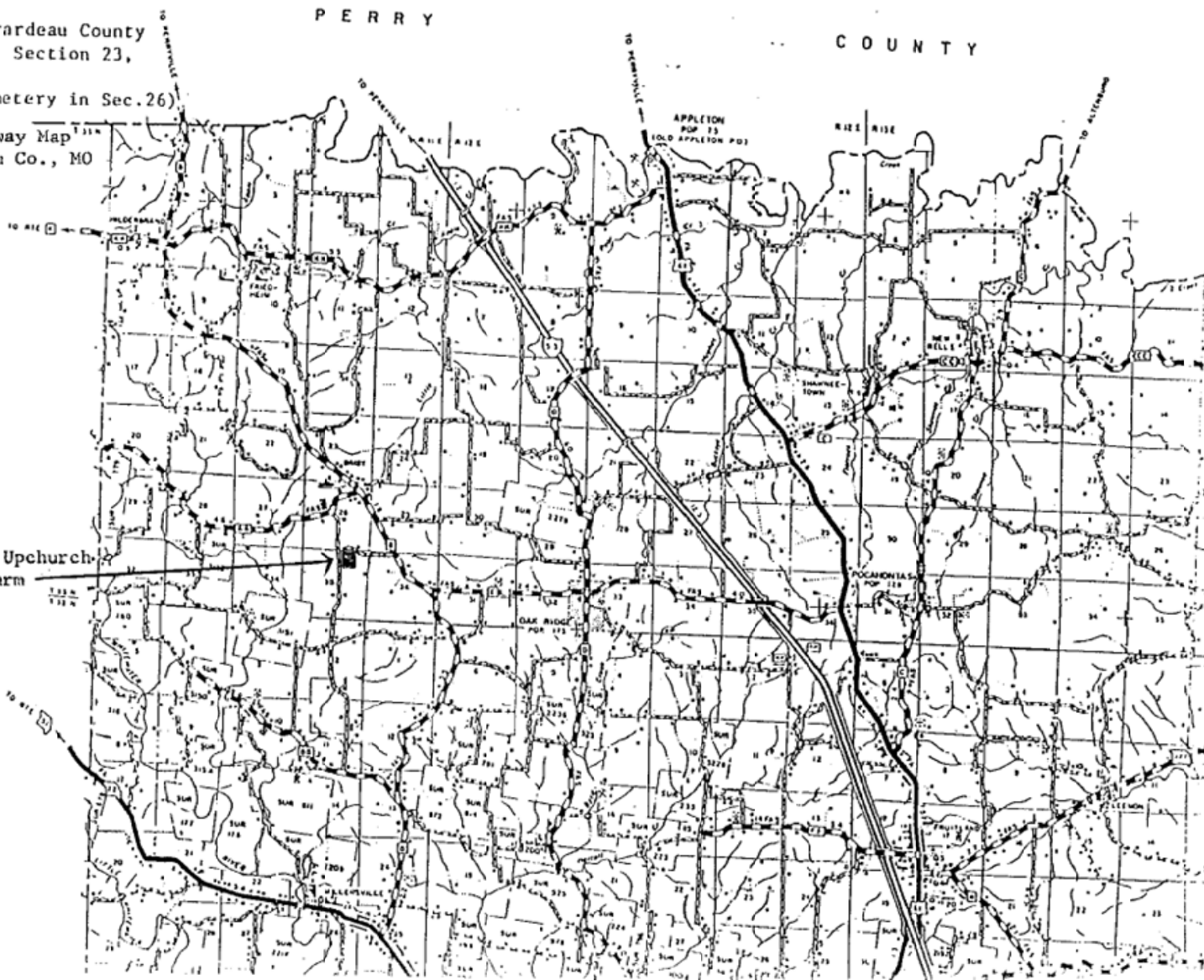
MO State Highway Map
 Cape Girardeau Co., MO

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Jones Upchurch
 Farm

Reference N-32



2nd gen.

Michael and Frances had two daughters (names unknown) born about 1654 and 1656. They also had two sons, Richard (b. ca 1658) and Michael (b. ca 1667). Michael died before 1698.

3rd. gen.

Richard Upchurch and his wife (name unknown) had two known sons, John and James. James had land in Brunswick Co., VA on Fountain Creek. He and his wife Elizabeth are believed to have had four sons named William, Richard, James, and Michael. The older James died in 1765. John Upchurch lived first in New Kent Co., VA. and is thought to have been married twice. His second wife was the widow Elizabeth Hunnicutt. John had five known children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Tryphena, John and James.

4th.gen.

James Upchurch, the son of John, had a large family and lived in Brunswick Co., VA. He was granted 400 acres of land in 1753 on the north side of White Oak Creek. In 1764 he bought an additional 310 acres, and in 1781 another 57 acres, so that by 1784 (1783 per Truex N.U.) he was paying taxes on 767 acres.

5th gen.

The will of James was recorded in Brunswick Co. 22 AUG 1785 (26 JUL 1784 per Truex N.U.) and names sons John, James, and Harmon, and daughters Selah Moseley and Edith Mosely.

6th gen.

Harmon Upchurch, the son of James, and his wife Betty are believed to be the ancestors of the Upchurchs of the Montgomery-Stanly Co., NC area. The records are sketchy, but Harmon sold 237 acres of land in Brunswick Co., VA and appeared in the 1810 census records for Montgomery Co., NC. The census lists himself and his wife as over 45 years old, one son 16-26, son and daughter 10-16, and a son under 10 years of age. Harmon would have been around 70 years old in 1810, and his name appears in no other records after 1810. Harmon's brother John died in Chatham Co., NC in 1795. A number of other Upchurchs had settled throughout the piedmont area. The Upchurchs of the Wake Co. area are mainly descendents of Nathan Upchurch, son of Richard and Harmon's 2nd cousin.

Allen Upchurch (b. ca 1779, d. 21 JUN 1848) and Howell Upchurch (b. ca 1790, d. 1846) are believed to be children of Harmon and Betty but there are no written records to prove it. The other children are unknown. Allen Upchurch had five known children and has numerous descendents.

7th gen.

Howell Upchurch and his wife Rebecca had the following children:

1. Sarah
2. Celia
3. Nancy m. Aaron Rogers
4. Martha A.
5. William Riley Upchurch (b. 26 APR 1824, d. 26 DEC 1893) m.1. Sarah Randall (b. 17 MAY 1821, d. 23 DEC 1852) 07 MAY 1846 m.2. Sarah Luraner Throckmorton McSwain 27 APR 1853.

8th gen.

The children of William Riley U. were:

1. Lucy Ann, b. 1850
2. Tempa, b. 1856
3. Osborne Howell Upchurch (b. 18 MAR 1848, d. 21 AUG 1905)
m. Eliza Caroline Blalock (b. 09 MAR 1852, d.)
07 NOV 1869
4. Thomas A. McSwain (b. 1848) son of Charles McSwain, stepson
of William Riley U., half brother of Tempa.

9th gen.

Osborne Howell Upchurch and his wife Eliza Caroline Blalock had twelve children, the heads of the families represented at the annual Upchurch reunion.

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| I. | 1. | William Jordan U. b. 1870 died young |
| II | 2. | George Richmond U. b. 1872 m. Lottie Mae Moore |
| III | 3. | Sarah Catherine U. b. 1874 m. Walter Thaddeus Cutchin |
| IV | 4. | Virginia Gwyn U. b. 1876 m. Samual McNeily Alexander |
| V | 5. | Lucy Ortha U. b. 1878 m. L. Gordon Johnson |
| VI | 6. | Mary Loyd U. b. 1880 m. Arthur L. Fisk |
| VII | 7. | Hettie Martha U. b. 1882 m. John Burl Miller |
| VIII | 8. | Jessie Ada U. b. 1884 m. Will Lilly |
| IX | 9. | Lawson Rush U. b. 1886 m. Annie Mills |
| X | 10. | Thomas Ransom U. b. 1888 m. Mattie Irene Lisk |
| XI | 11. | Maude Hester U. b. 1890 m. Willis Moore Trotter |
| XII | 12. | John Randall U. b. 1893 died young." |

- e. Reference S-88 Records of the Clerk of Court,
Stanly Co., NC - pg 151.

"JAMES A UPCHURCH TO BENJ UPCHURCH

This Indenture made this 12th day of June 1858 Between Jas A Upchurch of the County of Stanly & State of N Carolina of the one part and Benjamin Upchurch of the County of Stanly & State of N Carolina of the second part witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand by the said James Upchurch to the said Benj Upchurch I the said Jas A Upchurch do bargain sell & convey unto the said Benj Upchurch his heirs or assigns all my present growing crop of wheat & corn to have & to hold to the said Ben Upchurch for the purposes hereinafter mentioned to wit whereas I the said James Upchurch being justly indebted to the said Ben Upchurch in the sum of sixtyfive dollars due by note & dated Novr. 12th 1857 also one other note for forty five dollars & dated 3rd of March 1858 and whereas the said Jas A Upchurch being honestly desirous to secure the payment of the same to the said Ben Upchurch so as to save harmless the said Ben Upchurch Now therefore if the said debts or any part thereof shall remain unpaid on or before the first day of January next then in that case it shall be the duty of the said Ben Upchurch to advertise in three public places in Stanly County & sell said property for ready money

to the highest bidder and if a remainder he covenants & agrees to pay over all except the expenses of this trust to the said James Upchurch his heirs and assigns In testimony, whereof we the parties hereunto set our hands & seals the day & year first above written Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

J Marshall

J A Upchurch

(seal)

Benj. Upchurch

(seal)

North Carolina: June 12th 1858

Stanly County: Then the execution of deed of trust was proved on the oath of J Marshall therefore let it be registered

R. Harris Clk

Registered 12th June 9 oclock P.M 1858

S. S. Stone Regr

f. Reference S-88 Records of the Clerk of Court,
Stanly Co., NC. pg. 336.

"JAMES A. UPCHURCH TO BENJAMIN UPCHURCH.

This Indenture made this the 9th day of November A D 1857 between James A Upchurch of the County of Stanly and State of North Carolina of the one part and Benjamin Upchurch of the County & State aforesaid, of the second part Witnesseth, that the said James A. Upchurch for and in consideration of the som 0- one Dollar in hand paid by the said Benjamin Upchurch the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for diverse other consideration hereinafter mentioned do bargain, sell & convey & confirm unto the said Benjamin Upchurch his heirs or assigns the following property to wit: - One mule one Bay mare, one 2 horse wagon, & harness, Eighteen head of hogs one hundred & fifty bushels of corn, Twenty bushels of wheat, two thousand pounds of seed cotton, all the ay, fodder, shuck & straw, that I now have, three head of cattle, one clock, one stand of Bees And whereas I the said Jas A Upchurch am indebted in the following sums to wit one judgment due to the said Benjamin Upchurch for twenty five Dollars, one ditto to same for twenty five Dollars both dated 13th of Augt 1857 one bearing Int from 3rd of December 1856 with 40 c costs the other bearing Int. from the 10th Febry 1857, with 40 cents costs, two Judgment to J. O. Ross one fifty Dollars with Int & cost, the other for about Seventeen Dollars with Int & cost, the execution on the first named fifty Dollars Judgment, stayed by the said Benjamin Upchurch, one nore made to Martin Shoffner, Admr. of Jno. D. Upchurch for Twenty Seven Dollars & thereabouts, dated sometime in August 1857. & due one day after date with the said Benjamin Upchurch as security one note to A. J. Dargan for ten Dollars dated in August 1859. & due one day after date with Benjamin Upchurch for security & one note to Jas L. Gaines, dated & due as above with the said B Upchurch as security & whereas the said Jas A. Upchurch being desirous to secure the payment of aforesaid debts, now therefore to the full meaning and intent of these premises, I the said Jas A Upchurch do hereby warrant & defend the right and title of the aforesaid property to the said Benjamin Upchurch in Trust for the payment of

the aforesaid debts until the 1st day of November 1858 at and after which time should the aforesaid debts or any part thereof remain unpaid then the said Ben. Upchurch to advertise according to Law and sell on the premises of the said Jas. A. Upchurch, all the above mentioned property or so much thereof as shall be of value sufficient to pay the aforesaid debts or such part or parts of them as shall remain unpaid together with all the costs & expenses incident hereto the said Benjamin Upchurch being thereunto moved at his own descretion.

In witness whereof we the said parties have hereunto set our hands and seals the day first above written.

witness

J. F. Stone

North Carolina: Novr 9th 1857.

Stanly County: Then the Execution of this Deed of Trust was proved on the oath of J. F. Stone therefore let it be registered

R. Harris Clk

Registered Novr 9th 1857.

S. S. Stone Reg.

By J. D. Hearne Depty"

5. EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON ITEMS 4a-f PRESENTED ABOVE.

- a. Deed - No comment.
- b. Map of Henry Co., TN. It will be of interest to learn in due course whether the members of the Harmon U. Clan and the William U., IV Clan who lived in Henry Co., TN before 1850 can be segregated geographically in the County.
- c. Map of Cape Girardeau Co., MO - No comment.
- d. Information from Verticle File - With the exception of two corrections made by Truex N. U. this record appears in order.
- e. and f.
Reference S-88 - Circumstances dictate that the James A. U., Benjamin U. and John D. U. mentioned are sons of Allen U. and fit into the family as follows:

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I. Harmon U. - Head of Clan	167
A. Allen U., b. ca 1779 (VA), d. 21 JUN 1848 (Stanly Co., NC).	3564
1. Benjamin U., b. ca 1819, d. > 1880.	4422
2. John Dudley U., b. 31 JUL 1824, d. 11 MAR 1857.	4410
3. James A. U., b. ca 1828, d. > 1858.	4432

Missing Link # 16 – Father of Susan Upchurch born 1826

Entry A

MISSING LINK 16.

Missing Link 16 involves the lack of identity for the parents of Susan U., b. ca 1826, md. 6 NOV 1849 (Henry Co., TN) James Bradford. The circumstances surrounding Susan U., b. ca 1826 are given under the photograph section in this issue of the UB.

Missing Link # 17 – Father of Thomas Upchurch born 1755?

Entry A

MISSING LINK 17.

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Who is the Father of Thomas Upchurch, b. ca 1755? He appears on the 1790 census of Montgomery Co., NC as head of a household of 9 individuals. Your editor estimates that Thomas Upchurch was b. ca 1755 and must have been a 5th generation Upchurch, possibly closely related to Harmon Upchurch, b. 1740, d. 1800 who lived in the area. A group of unlinked Upchurches on the 1850 census of Jackson Co., TN could be grandchildren of this Thomas Upchurch.

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Missing Link # 18 – Father of Henderson Upchurch born NC/TX Entry A

A. THE FIRST TEXAN UPCHURCH - HENDERSON UPCHURCH - MISSING LINK NUMBER 18.

1. Henderson Upchurch surfaces - twice.

There is a book entitled "HISTORY OF TEXAS". In this book there are a number of family histories and among them is one for Henderson Upchurch, b. 5 DEC 1912 (Chatham Co., NC). A copy of this single entry was provided to your editor in a letter dated 1 JUL 1982 from our cousin Angela Vondell Upchurch. Some interesting and puzzling aspects about Henderson Upchurch surfaced immediately but as with so many genealogical opportunities this one was filed away to lay dormant for over five years.

The name next surfaced when your editor was in San Antonio, TX in February of this year and found records showing that one Henderson Upchurch was active in land transactions in Bexar Co., TX starting in 1839. Subsequent correspondence with the Bexar Co., TX County Clerk and with the Archives Department there brought the documents requested but they shed little light on Henderson Upchurch, his family or his origins. Actually, the History of Texas article on Henderson Upchurch provides plenty of basis for speculating and being puzzled; so let us record that article here in full and then analyze and comment on it.

2. "Henderson Upchurch" - From HISTORY OF TEXAS.

"Henderson Upchurch, deceased, was born in Chatham Co., NC, 5 DEC 1812, a son of Rufus and Mary (Barbee) Upchurch. Henderson spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, and at the age of sixteen years went to GA where he remained several years. He was then resident of Jackson, MS until the spring of 1839. He was then engaged in farming in Bastrop County, TX until 1854 and in the spring of that year located on his present farm in Williamson County. Mr. Upchurch first purchased 500 acres of wild land which he subsequently cultivated, and the original purchase is still owned by the family. During the Mexican War he served as a member of Smith's battalion, was in service about 14 months and afterward drew a pension. He was a member of the home guards during the late war. Mr. Upchurch was a Democrat in political matters, and socially a member of the Masonic fraternity. The following is taken from the Georgetown Sun: "Mr. Upchurch died of paralysis October 17, 1892 at his home on the South Gabriel. He was an honest, upright citizen. A good neighbor and a kind husband and father. He was the only survivor except Rev. A. J. Adkinson, of Austin, of the party which helped to bury the Webster family, killed by the Indians on Brushy Creek in an early day. He was resigned to the Master's will and willing to go."

December 27, 1849 in Bastrop County, TX Mr. Upchurch was united in marriage with Mary E. Payton, who was born in Jackson Co., AL, May 2, 1828, a daughter of Wesley and Phoebe (Hancock) Payton. The father died in AL and in 1848 the remainder of the family came to TX. The mother died in Bastrop County. Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch had eight children, namely:

1. Martha U., wife of Albert Waggoner of Travis Co., TX.
2. John U., of Williamston Co., TX.
3. Mary U., wife of William Highland of Williamston Co., TX.
4. W. G. U., a resident of Williamston Co., TX. (William G. U.)
5. Phoebe U., deceased, was the wife of A. W. Hall.
6. Eliza U., who died at the age of 8 years.
7. Sarah U., - at home.
8. Cora U., wife of J. D. McGill of Williamson Co., TX.

John Upchurch, the eldest son, was born on the home place in this County; on December 23, 1886 he was united in marriage with Lizzie Wiley and they have four children: Ruby U., Bertha U., Zora U. and Ola U. Mr. Upchurch lives with his mother and is her support in her declining years."

3. Why is Henderson Upchurch Such A Puzzle?

The history of Henderson U. as given in 2 above appears to have been written about 1910 plus or minus 10 years. Whoever wrote this article had good access to details about the early history of Henderson U. possible through details recorded in a family Bible, a written family history, or from word of mouth family history. A great deal of what is recorded in this Texas History book can be verified from other sources but unfortunately some critical elements are hard to understand and, in fact, seem downright impossible.

The difficult aspect to understand concerns the parentage of Henderson U. which is stated to be Rufus and Mary (Barbee) Upchurch. These names plus a birth date of 5 DEC 1812 in Chatham Co., NC places Henderson U. and his parents into a very restricted time and space setting from Upchurchdom. Your editor knows this particular time and space situation very well as his own Upchurch heritage traces back to that very same small community. Unless some new and unexpected element is introduced to us, Henderson U. would have to be a grandson of either John U. III, Moses U., or Nathan U. I; all three of whom are heads of clans. All three lived on the border of Wake and Chatham Counties in NC and they and their sons are the only ones who could have fathered a son, Henderson U., b. 1812. Nathan U. I and his wife could have had a son born in 1812 as that is about the time when their children stopped appearing. However, Nathan U. I is not a good candidate to be the father as his sons and grandsons are reasonably well known and there is not a Rufus U. or a Henderson U. among them. It is, however, a fact that some of Nathan U. I's grandsons were being born in the 1805-1815 period, so Henderson U. cannot be ruled out biologically as a son or grandson of Nathan U. I.

Moses U. and his wife, Mary, can be ruled out as the parents of Henderson U. as Mary would have been 55 years old in 1812 and thus beyond the normal childbearing years. Furthermore, the children of Moses U. are well known and there is not one named Henderson U. Additionally, Moses U. did not have a son named Rufus U. However, Moses U. did have a son named Ruffin U. and Ruffin is very close to Rufus and with imprecise penmanship the two names could be interchanged. (Incidentally, Ruffin U. did have a

son named Ruffus U. who was born in 1831 - obviously not the father of Henderson U., b. 1812 but of interest because the name "Ruffus" did appear among the descendants of Moses U.). Ruffin U. was having children during the period 1808-1816 and he had at least four sons during this period. One of these four or a fifth unsuspected son could have been named Henderson U. At this point one is tempted to believe that Henderson U. is the son of Ruffin U. and gs of Moses U. (Head of Clan). However, there is no evidence that Ruffin U. ever married a Mary Barbee. He is known to have married an Elizabeth Kelly and a Martha Goodwin and our best evidence is that he was married only twice. He was reported to have fathered 22 children and we know most of them by name.

It is a fact that members of the Barbee family were plentiful on the Wake/Chatham Co. border around 1800 and the Barbee's and Upchurches did intermarry. The Barbee family history is at hand and there is no record of a Mary Barbee who married a Rufus U. and/or who had a son named Henderson U.

We know that John U. III (Head of Clan) could not have fathered Henderson U., as John U. III, d. in 1795 in Chatham Co., NC. Henderson U. could have been a grandson of John U. III, but among the three sons of John U. III, and there appeared to be only three, there is no evidence of one marrying a Barbee or having a son Rufus or Henderson. In fact, available details come close to ruling out the possibility of Henderson U. being a gs of John U. III. Still it would have been possible biologically.

To recap, the best fit we have is for Henderson U. to have been the son of Ruffin U. and the gs of Moses U., Head of Clan. In order to make this arrangement fit it would seem that Henderson would have to have been a child of Ruffin U. and Mary Barbee born out-of-wedlock. If we assume that Henderson U. did not have his parents with him when he went to GA at age 16 we can picture a very young man departing an unfavorable home situation. Of course, we are grasping for bits of logic here and really need one or two more facts in hand in order to form a reasonable working hypothesis. In the meantime we shall continue to look for the connection of Henderson U. to the main body of the Upchurch family tree under the label of Missing Link No. 18.

**A. THE FIRST TEXAS UPCHURCH - HENDERSON UPCHURCH -
MISSING LINK NO. 18.**

The story of Henderson U. including our analysis of the prospects for identifying his father is presented in detail in UB, Vol. 9, No. 2 (APR 1988). Scant progress has been made on this puzzle. We have an excellent obituary for Henderson U. and know that he was born in Chatham Co., NC on 5 DEC 1812. By 1839 he was on the record in Texas, arguably, thereby, becoming the first Upchurch to appear in Texas. At that time Texas was an independent Republic, not yet a part of the United States. He eventually settled in Williamson Co., TX where he died 17 OCT 1892.

We had hoped to make some progress on the Henderson Upchurch project during the APR 1996 Family History trip to TX. Nothing useful surfaced on this trip but in fairness it was not given a priority. We hoped a solution would "drop in our lap".

Now comes a ray of light which in fact did originate as a result of the Texas trip. On 10 AUG 1996 a letter was received from Mrs. Sara Cahill, nee: Sarah Jane Smith, the first paragraph of which appears below:

"August 8, 1996

Dear Mr. Upchurch,

I was very excited to read in our local newspaper, "The Elgin Courier", about the Upchurch research you have done. I am sorry that I was not informed in time to attend your lecture in April in Austin. My mother was Mattie Belle Upchurch Smith, born to Harvey Upchurch of Williamson Co., Texas. When my mother died in December 1994 I did not know of any Upchurches to contact, as I have lost touch with all of her cousins. I had asked my mother many times about her grandfather, Green Upchurch, and all she knew was that his family came from North Carolina and had at one time been wealthy plantation owners. She did not know if he had any siblings, but I always figured he did."

Our records easily reveal that Mrs. Sara Cahill is the great great granddaughter of Henderson U., b. 1812, having descended through his son, William Green U. Mrs. Cahill goes on in her letter to provide considerable detail about descendants of William Green U. She is our first contact with a descendant of Henderson U. and we hope for an ongoing exchange with her.

We hope to make progress on this Missing Link and will welcome input and expressions of interest from members of the Henderson U. family and others.

A. THE FIRST TEXAN UPCHURCH - HENDERSON UPCHURCH.
MISSING LINK NUMBER 18.

1. The Initial Puzzle.

The question of how Henderson U., b. 5 DEC 1812 (Chatham Co., NC) fits into the Upchurch family was treated in detail in UB, Vol. 9, No. 2 (APR 1988). Now some ten years later we are no closer to solving the matter than when we first began. In re-reading the 1988 analysis, there seems to be little that can be added on the main part of the puzzle. However, we have come upon another puzzle which may or may not be related.

2. The Added Puzzle.

To tell the full story of the Added Puzzle we need to proceed step-wise through four considerations.

Consideration No. 1. Base documentation on Henderson U. indicates that he was believed to have had a sister Harriet U. So far this brother/sister relationship has not been confirmed, but for the present analysis let us presume that it could be valid.

Consideration No. 2. In a 24 SEP 1988 phone call between your editor and Cousin John Read U., he imparted the following information: "Harriet U., b. 1814, md. William H. Hickson, b. 1813 (NC). Their dau, Mary Elizabeth Hickson, b. 27 APR 1848 (AL), d. 27 JAN 1917 (TX)". Let us hypothesize that this Harriet U. could have been the sister of Henderson U. The dates and places seem to fit.

Consideration No. 3. The 1850 Census Records for Walker Co., TX reveal the following:

"William H. Hickson, 37 Male, b. NC
Harriet Hickson, 38 (F), b. NC (Blind)
Eliza Hickson, 17 (F), b. AL
John Hickson, 15 (M), b. AL
William Hickson, 14 (M), b. AL
Nancy Hickson, 9 (F), b. AL
Martha Hickson, 12 (F), b. AL
Pinckney Hickson, 9 (M), b. AL
Mary Hickson, 2 (F), b. AL"

Let us further presume that the Harriet Hickson shown above as age 38 is in fact nee: Harriet U., sister of Henderson U.

Consideration No. 4. In UB, Vol. 18, No. 4 (OCT 1997) extensive details were presented about the family history of The Rev. James Tony U. We are clear in our understanding that he is descended from the Moses U./Courtney U. Subclan by way of the James Courtney

U. Line, James Courtney U. being in fact the father of James Tony U. Now we raise the question of whether James Tony U may have had a linkage to the Upchurch family also through his mother - namely, Nancy (Hickson)(Simpson)(Upchurch) Ellis. A sketch of the maternal line for James Tony U. is as follows:

I. William Hickson md Harriet Cole.

A. Nancy Hickson

md (1st) John Simpson;

md (2nd) James Courtney U.

md (3rd) David Hathaway Ellis

1. Annie Mae U.

2. James Tony U.

The fundamental question now before us is whether or not the William Hickson family shown above with James Tony U. as a descendant is the same as the William H. Hickson family shown on the 1850 Walker Co., TX census (Consideration No. 3 as presented above). The basic discrepancy involved is whether William Hickson married Harriet Cole (as per Consideration No. 4) or Harriet U. (as per Consideration No. 2).

The resolution of the "Added Puzzle" will have to await additional information and/or the work of a careful analyst looking with a fresh eye. There are too many factors consistent with William H. Hickson being a link between James Tony U. and the Henderson U. family to ignore. And yet, there are significant inconsistencies which, likewise, cannot be ignored.

Perhaps, bye and bye, it will all become clear.

Missing Link # 19 – Father of Mollie (Molly) Upchurch

Entry A

B. MISSING LINK NO. 19.

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Laura Jane (Upchurch)(Gilbert) Kirks appears	8720
in the Photo Section of this issue of the <u>UB</u> . She is	
well identified as a member of the Moses U./Whitney U.	1,11
Subclan. What came as a surprise to us in our interaction	
with Wanda Joy (Kirks) Krueger, a descendant of	23170
Laura Jane Upchurch is that the mother-in-law of	8720
Laura Jane Upchurch was also an Upchurch. Laura md.	8720
2ndly William "Billy" Kirks who was the son of	23167
Molly Upchurch. This Molly (Mollie) Upchurch is our	
Missing Link No. 19. Her name appears on the death	
certificate of her son, William Kirks, who d. 1939	23167
(Wilson Co., NC). Molly Upchurch md. Henry Kirks.	
Since their son, William Kirks, was born in the early	23167
1860s it seems likely that Molly Upchurch was b. in	
the era 1820-1840. Circumstances indicate that she	
lived on the border of Wake and Chatham Counties in	
NC. This being the case, it is almost certain that	
she was a descendant of Nathan U. I or his brother	78
Moses U., both Heads of Upchurch Clans. Most likely	1
she would be a gd of one of these men. There are	
several slots in which she could fit and we hope that	
information to be revealed over the months ahead will	
lead to the identity of her father. Of course, there	
is the possibility she could have been a widow of an	
Upchurch at the time she married Henry Kirks. In that	
case, she was probably a widow of one of the grandsons	
of Nathan U. I, or Moses U. One hopes that time will tell.	78,1

Missing Link # 20 – Father of Ada Upchurch

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- A. Ada U., b. 1806 (Wake Co., NC), d., md.
 John Scott, Jr., b. 1796,d. (By age should be
 a dau or gd of Nathan U. I or Moses U. but no 78,1
 unfilled slot appears available.
 Other possibilities:
1. She is a widow of an Upchurch male.
 2. She came from the John U. III Clan. 157
 3. She came from a fourth clan.)

Missing Link # 21 – Father of Tabitha Upchurch I

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Tabitha U., md. 6 JUN 1835 John Page, b. ca 1810, d. 16 MAY 1858 (Bur. John Page Cem., Nelson, NC). (By age should be a dau or gd of Nathan U. I, or Moses U. Prospect: Could be 78,1 a dau of Ruffin U. (Son of Moses U.) as he has 9,1 two dau born 1815-1820 for whom, as yet, we have no names).

Missing Link # 22 – Father of Thomas Upchurch

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Thomas U. On 14 NOV 1822 Thomas U. was one of several men assembled in Western Wake Co., NC by the Sheriff to devide the land of Alsey Yates for his widow Cynthia. The men included Gilliam 6 U., John Scott, Sr. & Jr., Burtis U. -,-,80 and Thomas U. As an adult in 1822 this Thomas U. must have been born by 1801 at the latest.

Missing Link # 23 – Father of Henderson Upchurch

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Henderson U., b. 5 DEC 1812 (Chatham Co., NC) (Was supposedly son of Rufus and Mary (Barbee) U. of Chathan Co., NC and who cannot be located), d. 17 OCT 1892 (San Gabriel, TX), md. 27 DEC 1849 (Bastrop Co., TX) Mary E. Payton. Eight children. Henderson U. went to GA at age 16, was in Jackson, MS until 1839, then to Bastrop Co., TX and Williamson Co., TX.

Missing Link # 24 – Father of James A. Upchurch

Entry A

I. MISSING LINK NO. 24 - JAMES S. UPCHURCH

A. The following outline is provided to give framework for James S. U. as a missing link.

I. A Sixth Generation Upchurch Male, b. ca 1780-1805.

A. James S. U., b. ca 1826 (NC), d. - (Bur. Oak Level Cem., AL), md. Sarah _____, b. ca 1826 (GA).

1. Robert U., b. ca 1846 (GA).

2. Milly I. U., b. ca 1848 (GA).

3. William U., b. ca 1853.

4. David Adam U., b. 1855 (GA), md. 12 SEP 1880
Nancy Lucinda McIntosh, b. - (GA).

a. James Thomas U. I, b. 4 DEC 1881 (Carroll Co., GA), d. 26 APR 1941 (Jacksonville, AL), md.
6 APR 1905 Minnie Lee Blackwell, b. (Ft. Mason, FL), d. 20 SEP 1971 (Jacksonville, AL).

i. Roy U., b. 5 JUL 1912 (Fruithurst, AL),
d. 25 JUN 1987 (Fayetteville, GA), md.

(I) James Thomas U. II, b. 29 JUL 1948
(Jacksonville, AL).

b. George Burnett U., b. 2 FEB 1891 (Oak Level, AL), d. 23 OCT 1960 (Akron, OH)(Bur. Lakewood Cem., Akron, OH), md. 5 JUL 1914 (Calhoun Co., AL) Mary Emma Johnson, b. 16 AUG 1894 (Jackson, AL), d. 10 FEB 1942 (Akron, OH)(Bur. Seven Springs, AL).

i. Flora Pauline U., b. 6 DEC 1923 (Akron, OH)
md. 17 JAN 1947 Howard David Wood, b.
27 JAN 1921 (Akron, OH).

5. Sarah L. U., b. ca 1860 (GA).

6. James A. U., b. ca 1862 (GA).

7. Judy U., b. ca 1866 (GA).

8. Joseph Edward U., b. ca 1867 (GA), md 26 DEC 1888
Sallie Lipham.

9. Stephen M. U., b. ca 1872 (GA), md. 31 OCT 1890
N. A. Burson.

B. COMMENTARY ON ML-24 - JAMES S. UPCHURCH

Our strong conviction is that James S. U. is the gs of Sherwood, U., Head of Clan. The challenge is to determine which son of Sherwood U. is the father of James S. U. if our conviction is indeed correct.

We find James S. U. and his family on the 1850 and 1880 census records for Carroll Co., GA. In 1900 they are found on the Cleburne Co., AL, census records. We need now to locate James S. U. on the 1830 and 1840 census records.

We presume he may have been on the Rutherford Co., NC, records in those years based on our speculation that his gf was Sherwood U. Any help on this missing link will be appreciated.

Among the above listed individuals, Flora Pauline (U.) Wood and James Thomas U. II are subscribers to the UPCHURCH BULLETIN and helpers on this missing link. Roy U. was also an avid participant in Upchurch history work up to his death. Pauline and Tom and I are in touch. Tom recently sent in a magnificent set of maps on Surry Co., VA, the resting place of our common ancestor, Michael U. I.

Missing Link # 25 – Father of Five Upchurch Children Who's Surnames Were Switched to Carpenter in 1803

Entry A

VIII. MISSING LINKS

- I. MISSING LINK NO. 25. THE UPCHURCH PARENT OF FIVE FRANKLIN CO., NC, CHILDREN WHOSE NAMES WERE CHANGED FROM UPCHURCH TO CARPENTER IN 1803.

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In the early 1800s name changes in NC required the approval of the State Legislature. The legal name changes by Act of the North Carolina Assembly for the period 1800-1804 have been compiled by B. Ransom McBride. Name changes were legalized for a variety of reasons including the adjustment of names of illegitimate and legitimate children and the altering of names of adopted children. These changes are found in the N. C. State-sponsored series Laws of North Carolina. As related to Missing Link No. 25, one finds for the year 1803 (page 57):

"To - CARPENTER, Simeon, Benjamin, Jabel,
Winifred and Churchill
From - Simeon, Benjamin, Jabel, Winifred and
Churchill UPCHURCH"

Circumstances dictate that these five children were associated with the Moccasin Creek area of present day Franklin Co., NC, and thus, may certainly be considered descendants of Richard U., II, by way of one of his 151
eight sons or three dau. Circumstances lead us to the conclusion that the five children are descended from Benjamin U., son of Richard U., II, Benjamin U. 163,152,163
being head of Upchurch Clan No. 23. The most significant question which remains is -- which child of Benjamin U. 163
is the parent of the five children. The circumstances are such that we must be open to the prospect that the Upchurch parent could have been a son or dau of Benjamin U. 163

In order to facilitate an analysis of the name change, the reader is referred to the Colonial Upchurch section and the Outline of a Clan section of this issue of the UB where more details on Benjamin U. and his family are 163
presented.

To begin an analysis some corrections in the names of the five children are in order. The preferred names are as follows:

1. Simeon = Simeon (Upchurch) Carpenter.
2. Benjamin = Samuel Benjamin (Upchurch) Carpenter, I.

3. Jabel= Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter.
4. Churchill = William Churchwell (Upchurch) Carpenter.
5. Winifred = Winifred (Upchurch) Carpenter.

We proceed on the assumption that these five children are siblings and that they have the same Upchurch parent. Following the name change, we find the five children in close association with John Carpenter and his wife Elizabeth. In fact, we find that John Carpenter refers to some or all of the five as his children. Whether this reference is because he fathered them or adopted them or both is not clear. We do know that this John Carpenter md. Elizabeth U., dau of Benjamin U.

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We have no reference whereby Benjamin U. refers to the five as "my grandchildren". However, he gives land to his dau Elizabeth (U.) Carpenter and separately to John Carpenter, to whom he refers as "my son-in-law". This arrangement seems to imply that John Carpenter and his wife, Elizabeth, have taken on a special responsibility for which they deserve support - hence the gift of land.

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Two of the five children bear names that relate them to Benjamin U. The child, Samuel Benjamin U. would thus have been named for his grandfather and the child, Jubal U would have been named for Jubal U, a brother of Benjamin U.

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Our analysis could be improved by a better understanding of the true ages of the five children. Our present understanding is as follows:

1. Simeon, b. < 1790.
2. Samuel Benjamin, b. 1791.
3. Jubal, b. 1795 (1797).
4. William Churchwell, b. 1801 (1802).
5. Winifred, b. ?.

Our first approach on solving this problem is to explore the prospect that Benjamin U. could have had a son who married and had the five siblings and then died leaving them to be adopted by his sister, Elizabeth, and her husband, John Carpenter. Benjamin U. had three sons of record and not one of them is a good candidate to be the father of the five children. His youngest son was b. 1790-1800, and thus not old enough. His two older sons, while closer to an age fit, do not seem likely enough to have been the father. Furthermore, if one of these sons headed a conventional household this should have been revealed on the 1790 and/or 1800 census, which is not the case. Our continued analysis should still allow for the prospect that one of the two older sons could have been the father

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of the five, even though it seems unlikely as of this reading.

As regards the prospect that Benjamin U. and his wife could have been the parents of the five, census data in 1790 and 1800 for the Benjamin U. household are relevant. Simeon, b.< 1790 could have been a son of Benjamin U. and there is a slot for Simeon in the Benjamin U. household in 1790 but not in 1800. For the 1800 census, we would need two slots in the Benjamin U. household for two males, ages 0-10; whereas, we find only one such slot. Thus, Benjamin U. is not a good candidate as a father for the five in a conventional setting.

One could propose that one of the seven brothers of Benjamin U. could be the father of the five children. A quick examination of the slots on the 1790 and 1800 census records do not reveal a logical prospect.

We come now to the prospect that one of the dau of Benjamin U. may have given birth to the five children and given them her Upchurch name. There is no evidence for this alternative, except that other more conventional possibilities, while not completely ruled out, do not at this point look promising. One of the older dau of Benjamin U. could certainly be a prospective mother and that would include Elizabeth U., who married John Carpenter.

In any of the above scenarios, we are left with the challenge of finding slots on the 1790 and 1800 census records for one and three of the children, respectively.

John Carpenter is known to have headed a household in 1800, and there are slots in this household which could substantially accommodate the Upchurch children, unless these slots are needed for Carpenter children he may have had.

When all is said and done, the most attractive possibility is that John Carpenter maintained a separate household for Elizabeth U. and that he visited this household from time-to-time with the result that children appeared and were given the name Upchurch. This scenario is completed if we visualize that John and Elizabeth converted their presumed common-law standing to a conventional marriage. This would account for their son, James Ludwell Carpenter, who apparently never bore the Upchurch name as did the five children who underwent the name change.

In any case, John and Elizabeth (Upchurch) 15712,15711
 Carpenter definitely proceeded to have a conventional
 family and these individuals are portrayed in the Benjamin 163
 Upchurch Master Outline introduced in this issue of the UB.

A Master Outline for the five children of the name
 change and their descendants has been created and is
 available upon request. Contribution of data to improve
 and complete this outline in preparation for the day
 when all will fall into place and the Master Outline can
 be fitted into the overall Upchurch family would be welcomed.

An excellent group of correspondents/collaborators
 has been identified for the Upchurch/Carpenter interface
 presented here. Additional collaborators are sought. We
 still have a way to go to solve Missing Link No. 25 -
 the Upchurch parent of the five Upchurch/Carpenter children.
 Now that the issue is "out on the table", perhaps our
 future collective efforts will help us to narrow the search
 in our progress toward a solution.

Entry B

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b. Richard U. II, Head of the Moccasin Creek Branch (Richard U. II = XID
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The Upchurch enclave in Dunn Township of Southern Franklin County, NC commenced about
 1760 ± five years with the arrival of Richard Upchurch II. There his young family incubated with a
 thickening plot which continues to evolve now 260 years on. Many family history puzzles surfaced,
 some of which diligent work by many individuals have solved. These advances have been hugely
 significant for the American Upchurch family of which arguably one-half trace their heritage back to the

smallish Dunn Township enclave. And yet, those puzzles that have not been solved continue to haunt us. It is to one of these that we now turn. It is the puzzle of the explanation of the 1803 change of the names of five children from Upchurch to Carpenter.

Thus we now reprise the analysis of the name change first detailed in *Upchurch Bulletin*, Vol. 13, No. 4, October, 1991, page 151, and beyond under the heading missing link No. 25. In that article it was postulated that the children were born out of wedlock to Elizabeth Upchurch, a daughter of Benjamin Upchurch, and John Carpenter. It is a fact that this couple married and raised the five as their own. However, in the current writing, a different scenario is offered.

It is appropriate to start this reprise of Missing Link No. 25 with a stepwise explanation as to how our current revisit came about. It is all tied to the unfolding of Allied Families starting with its formation in October 2013. While the six founders of Allied Families all helped, it was largely up to Phil Upchurch, the manager, and part-time staff member Mary Lou Brown to build a foundation. Then in the spring of 2015, we were joined by another part-time paid staff member Jay Buck. He is a retired history teacher, an avid family historian and possesses good computer skills. When Jay learned of the name change puzzle, we mused about what a closer look at the legislative record that authorized the name change might reveal. Jay, acting on his own, learned that a microfilm of the relevant record existed at the University of Missouri-Columbia and on a visit to his son there, arranged to view and copy the record.

Our current plan is to transcribe the relevant pages concerning the act of the North Carolina State Legislature in making the name changes and to place the details online. In the meantime, excerpts and some analysis are presented here.

First, the introductory sentence of this act is noteworthy and reads as follows: "An act to alter the names of the persons therein mentioned and to legitimate a part thereof." A reasonable interpretation of this passage is that the legislative process focused on providing a new legal name for the persons involved so that they could hold property, be sued, sue, etc. under the new name without any cloud whatsoever. By using the word "legitimate," the legislature took no notice of whether the name change was to remove the stigma of birth out of wedlock or was simply a matter of orphans being given proper legal status. Of significance to us is that the act does not help us understand, one way or the other, as to whether the children were born out of wedlock or not. We had hoped that the act would have been more helpful in this regard.

With our study of the act behind us, we now return once again to such facts as are available to us. Among the facts available to us is that among the five children of the name change are two males who appear to have been born between 1790 and 1800. It therefore seems logical to look at the 1800 Upchurch census records for Dunn Township of Franklin County, NC to see if there are slots for two males so born who are not already accounted for. In the 1991 analysis, we did this. However, at that time, we were looking for available slots in the records for the Benjamin Upchurch family. We concluded that there was inadequate data to speculate that Benjamin or his sons could have been the father of the five.

Now a fresh look takes us in a new direction, using two lines of approach. One line is that Abel Upchurch, Sr., head of clan no. 8, appears to have had children born in North Carolina that do not surface as we tell the story of his family following his move to Alabama. We took this in stride by noting that Abel seems to have had a younger family that he left in North Carolina as he moved to Alabama.

This assertion has been left dangling without any clear explanation or penetrating analysis. Now our second line of approach surfaces. What about the possibility that the five children of the name change were, in fact, the younger family that Abel left behind in North Carolina? To follow this thought, we examine the 1800 North Carolina Census record for the home of Abel Upchurch and to our surprise, we find there two males 0-10 years of age. The Alabama family of Abel does not provide for two sons born 1790-1800. This leads us to speculate that the two males in the home of Abel Upchurch, Sr. in 1800 are in fact Benjamin (Upchurch) Carpenter and Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter .

Assuming that this speculation is rational, we take the next step and speculate that all five children of the name change were children of Abel Upchurch. However, we must take into consideration that some sources indicate that Abel Upchurch, Sr. married in 1800 in Wake County, NC nee Bethenia Theyh, born 1779 (NC), died circa 1869 (Greene County, AL). This source would not accommodate the two wives for Abel Upchurch, Sr. that we posit. Clearly more work needs to be done.

The five children embrace names that could have come from brothers of Abel – namely Jubal and Benjamin. Given the close knit community that was Dunn Township in the 1790-1810 era, it is not unreasonable to presume that Elizabeth, a daughter of Benjamin, lived nearby and that her kinship and natural affinity for what would have been her younger first cousins, led her to take them unto herself under circumstances that warranted such a move. One naturally tends to think that the warranting circumstances could well have been the untimely death of what we would presume to have been a first wife of Abel and the mother of his first five children.

While we are speculating, it might not be unreasonable to consider that the presumed mother of the children of Abel left behind in North Carolina could have had close ties to others in the mix. For example, she could have been an older sister or an aunt of John Carpenter who married Elizabeth. We are now straying into poorly buttressed reasoning. In fact, our new theory that the five of the name change were children of Abel Upchurch deserves strong scrutiny. This is invited. Perhaps DNA analysis could help. Our contribution here is to stimulate thought and analysis. Fellow cousins, come let us reason together.

Missing Link # 26.1 – Who is the Father of Abel Upchurch SR?
Entry A

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I. <u>MISSING LINK NO. 26.</u> Who was the real father of	
ABEL UPCHURCH, SR. who died DEC 1846 (Greene Co., AL)?	589
A. <u>General Situation.</u> Abel U., Sr. has always been	589
assumed to be the son of William U. IV, Head of Upchurch	160
Clan No. 9. The only evidence to support this assumption	
is that when William U. IV died in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787	
his WILL revealed a number of children including Asel U.	
The West Upchurch book with input of present day descendants	
of Abel U. Sr. proceeds on the assumption that Asel U. is	589
Abel U. Sr. However, the Morgan Upchurch book reports	589
that Asel U. was a female. Whether male or female an	
Upchurch of the name "Asel" has not been heard from since.	
The siblings of Asel U. are later found in Rutherford Co.,	
NC, Greenville Co., SC, Henry Co., TN, and southern IL.	
Not one bit of evidence exists to show that Asel U. is	
the same as Abel U. Sr. Previous researchers have	589
concluded that the Abel U. who married in Wake Co. NC	
ca 1795 was the same as the Asel U. of the 1787 Wilkes Co.,	
NC will. This conclusion is not warranted even by circum-	
stantial evidence. However, the Abel U. who married in	
Wake Co., NC ca 1795 is without question the Abel U. Sr.	589
who died DEC 1846 in Greene Co., AL. The basic	
presumption of this article is that Abel U. Sr. was not	589
the son of William U. IV. The basic challenge of this	160
article is to establish the real father of Abel U. Sr.	589
B. <u>Known Details of Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL.</u>	589
1. A partial outline for the family of Abel U. Sr.	589
portrayed for the purpose of showing linkages	
to North Carolina:	
I. Abel U. Sr., b. ca 1775 (NC), d. DEC 1846 (Greene Co.,	589
AL), md. ca 1795 (Wake Co., NC) Bethania (Theny) _____,	
b. 1779 (NC).	
A. Bartley U., b. 19 DEC 1800 (Wake Co., NC), d.	590
24 OCT 1879 (Greene Co., AL), md. 23 JAN 1823	
Penelope Williams, b. 22 APR 1802.	2054
1. William Howard U. I, b. 2 AUG 1824.	
2. Harriet U., b ca 1826 (NC).	
3. Calvin U., b. ca 1828 (AL).	
4. Alison Calvin U., b. 19 MAR 1831 (Greene Co., AL).	
5. Nathan U., b. 13 MAR 1833.	
6. John "Jack U., b. 10 JUL 1835 (AL).	
7. Burton U., b. 7 JUL 1838 (Pickens Co., AL).	
8. Sara Frances U., b. ca 1842.	

- B. Benjamin U., b. 1805 (NC)., md. 6 AUG 1822
(Franklin Co., NC) Cinderilla Tant, b. 1806.
 - 1. Unmarried DAU, b. ca 1824.
 - 2. Unmarried DAU, b. ca 1826.
 - 3. Churchwell U., b. ca 1829 (AL).
 - 4. William U., b. ca 1830 (AL).
 - 5. Frances E. U., b. 1834 (AL).
 - 6. Noah P. U., b. 1836 (AL).
 - 7. Amma Charlotte U. "Lottie", b. 1838 (AL).
 - 8. Benjamin Newton U., b. 1841 (MS).
- C. Dolly U., b. ca 1806, md. 19 SEP 1826 (Greene Co. AL) Pullum Carver.
- D. James Laton U. Sr., b. 13 JAN 1807 (NC), md. 20 JAN 1831 (Eutaw, AL) Nancy T. Coleman.
 - 1 - 11. Eleven children, b. ca 1831 - 1852 - all born in Greene Co., AL.
- E. Mary "Polly" U., b. 1810, md. 1 JAN 1828 (Greene Co., AL) Clemmons Martin.
- F. Lynia U., b. 1812, md. 27 JAN 1836 (Greene Co., AL) Joseph J. Rich.
- G. John U., b. 22 APR 1814 (NC), md. (1st) 8 DEC 1835 (Greene Co., AL) Jane Wilder¹/, b. 1819 (Johnston Co., NC), d. 1840 (Greene Co., AL), md. (2nd) 27 APR 1843 (Greene Co., AL) Armenia Jane Hicks²/, b. 7 MAR 1875 (Greene Co., AL).
 - 1.1/ Mary Jane U., b. 23 DEC 1838 (Johnston Co., NC).
 - 2.1/ John W. U., b. 1840(1836)(Johnston Co., NC).
 - 3.2/ James Franklin U., b. 7 MAY 1844.
 - 4.2/ Elizabeth F. U., b. JUL 1846 (Greene Co., AL).
 - 5.2/ Robert Burton U. Sr., b. 4 JUL 1846 (Greene Co., AL).
 - 6 - 14. Added children, b. AL.
- H. Abel U. Jr., b. ca 1821 (NC), md. 14 DEC 1843 (Greene Co., AL) Sarah Porter.
 - 1 - 5 children, b. AL or MS.

2. Commentary on the partial Outline for the family of Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL.

Abel U. Sr. is on the 1840 census of Greene Co., AL, 589
with his wife and three of his grown children. We have
not found him on the 1830 census in NC or AL but in 1830

his son, Bartley U. heads a household in Greene Co., AL,
and his son, Benjamin U. heads one in Pickens Co., AL.
We need more evidence as to when Abel U. Sr. and his 589
children moved to AL. What is clear is that this outline
shows the family started out in NC with Wake Co., NC, being
a county of residence. This listing also links this
family even earlier to Franklin Co., NC. Note the marriage
of Benjamin U. to Cinderilla Tant in Franklin Co., NC, on
6 AUG 1822. Some of the grandchildren of Abel U. Sr. are 589
shown as having been born in NC. The tie to Franklin Co.

NC, provides a hint that the Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL could have originated in Franklin Co., NC. If so, circumstances would strongly suggest that Abel U. Sr. is a son of Richard U. II. It does so happen that Richard U. II of Moccasin Creek area of Franklin Co., NC did have a son named Abel U. II. Records of this Abel U. II have accumulated over the years but a Master Outline for his family has never been generated. The time has come to present known details on Abel U. II and to explore the prospects that Abel U. Sr. of Greene Co., AL and Abel U. II of Franklin Co., NC are one and the same.

B. Known Details of Abel U. II, of Franklin Co., NC.

West, in her Upchurch Book, without giving evidence lists Abel U. II as among the proven and probable children of Richard U. II of Franklin Co., NC. Apparently she did this because Abel U. II was found to be in association with the Upchurches of the Moccasin Creek Area of Franklin Co., NC. Given the presumed age of Abel U. II and his association with know Upchurches there is no plausible explanation other than that he would be the son of Richard U. II. Still, the evidence for this father-son relationship is circumstantial. Let us recount the existing details which may be reasonably attributed to Abel U. II:

1. The 1800 census for Franklin Co., NC.
Abel U. - Head of Household (Abel U. II).
 - a. Male 26-45 Abel U. II.
 - b. Male 10-16.
 - c. Male 10-16.
 - d. Male 10-16.
 - e. Male 0-10.
 - f. Male 0-10.
 - g. Female 16-24.
 - h. Female 0-10.
2. Wake Co., NC Records.
 - a. 1801 (Recorded 13 APR 1803) Abel U. (of Franklin

Co., NC) bought 75 acres of land on the North side of Moccasin Creek (in Wake Co., NC) from Nathan Massey. Witness - Nathan U. I.

- b. 9 MAR 1809 - Abel U. bought land.
- c. 1809 (1810) Little River District Tax list
Abel U. - 375 acres.
- d. 1812 Abel U. bought 25 acres.
- e. 1811-1817 - Little River District Tax list
Abel U. - 725 acres.
- f. 11 APR 1818 Abel U. bought land.
- g. 1818-1819 - Little River District Tax list
Abel U. - 822 acres.
- h. 1820 - Little River District Tax list
Abel U. - 725 acres.
- i. 1820 - Abel U. 97 acres to son.
- j. 20 APR 1824 Abel U. bought land.
- k. 28 JUN 1838 Abel U. bought land.

3. Franklin Co., Records.

- a. 1804 Tax list Capt. Dunn's District.
Abel U. - 175 acres.
- b. 1814 Estate papers for Pettypool Massey shows land adjoining that of Abel U.
- c. 1817 Abel U. purchases items at estate sale for Richard U. III.
- d. 1822 Abel U. is somehow involved in land transactions with Jubal U.
- e. 1824 At inventory for estate of Calvin U. an old note shows "1 deed Abel U. due JUL 1824 \$717.91.
- f. 1835 Abel U. received land from R. U.

4. Commentary on the Records for Abel U. II of Franklin Co., NC.

These records provide compelling circumstantial evidence that Abel U. II had a strong presence among the children of Richard U. II, and one is led unescapably to the conclusion that Abel U II was a son of Richard U. II. Even as Abel U. II moved from Captain Dunn's District in Franklin Co., NC to the Little River District in Wake Co., NC, he did not move far as these two districts are separated only by Moccasin Creek. These entries are incomplete and no doubt more records will be found on Abel U. II, which will allow us an even better understanding of this individual. We do note that Abel U. II was an individual of substance according to his land holdings.

C. Are Abel U. Sr. and Abel U. II the same?

On the positive side of an affirmative answer to this question is that as the activity for Abel U. phased down in

Franklin and Wake Counties in NC, activity for an Abel U. picked up in Greene Co., AL. We know that sons of Abel U. Sr. were in Greene Co., AL before 1830. It seems possible that they arrived before their father. It seems likely that the person we know as Abel U. II left NC roughly between 1825 and 1835 and that a person we know as Abel U. Sr. appeared in Greene Co., AL during this time period.

An aspect that is not so easy to resolve concerns the ages of the children of Abel U. II, as shown on the 1800 census of Franklin Co., NC, and the ages of the children of Abel U. Sr. as shown in IB above. The former were all born before 1800 and the latter all after this date. It almost seems as if there are two batches of children. Possibly two wives are involved. Another possibility is that some of the individuals in the Abel U. II home in 1800 were siblings of Abel U. II or his wife. Yet another outside possibility will be mentioned below.

D. The Possibility of an Abel U./Carpenter connection.

In reviewing these records, the outside chance of some relationship to Missing Link No. 25 presented in UB, Vol. 12, No. 4, pg. 151 (1991) came to mind. This concerns the five Upchurch children whose last name was changed to Carpenter. Note the age brackets shown in the Abel U. II Household for 1800 in B1 above. There are slots in this household that could accommodate four of the five individuals whose name was changed (The fifth was born after 1800). Simeon U., b. <1790 could occupy slots b, c or d. Samuel Benjamin U., b. ca 1791, could fit slot e. Jubal U. II, b. 1797 (1795), could fit slot f, and Winefred U. (birth date unknown) just might fit slot h. If this household does contain the Upchurch/Carpenter children the issue of whether Abel U. II was or was not their father is left open for discussion. An additional item of substantial consequence is that Abel U. and at least some of the Upchurch/Carpenter children were in Greene Co., AL in the 1830-1850 era. One speculates that this is not a coincidence!

E. Summary¹/₂

It is proposed that Abel U. Sr. and Abel U. II are one and the same. Comments and data to support or refute this proposal are invited. If nothing is received in several months to change this proposal, a note will be made in a future UB that our records are being formally changed to reflect the proposal.

At that time the specifics of how the formal records are to be changed will be documented.

XID

1/ The name Abel U. occurs in a number of places in Upchurch history but there are two additional such cases which merit attention here. Abel U. I is a presumed son of William U.I, 161 b. 1735. This Abel U. I appeared in the early stages of Upchurch research and has not been verified. The designations Abel U. I and Abel U. II were assigned to keep the two presumed individuals separate. In general, Abel U. I has not been found in the NC records where he would be expected. Another individual, Abel U., b. ca 1808, md. 691
27 NOV 1839 (Wake Co., NC) Nancy Sorrell. This Abel U. 69
lived in western Wake Co., NC and is a son of Burtis U. 80
and a gs of Nathan U. I (Head of Clan). It appears 78
Abel U. (XID 691) was named after his greatuncle
Abel U. II. 587

2/ This article has been shared in draft form with several descendants of Abel U., Sr. (Abel, U. II). 589,587
Nothing has been received to change the article as presented above. Cousin Comella Dianne DaLee does suggest that Abel U. II would not have been old enough 587
to have fathered all the children shown in his household on the 1800 census of Franklin Co., NC. Her observation makes the speculation given in I (D) above more interesting.

Entry B

XID

I. MISSING LINK NO. 26. Who was the real father of
ABEL UPCHURCH, SR. who died DEC 1846 (Greene Co., AL)? 589

This Missing Link was treated in UB, Vol. 13, No. 1,
Page 17-25, JAN 1992. The proposal was advanced that
Abel U., Sr. was the son of Richard U., II, rather than 589,152
the son of William U. IV. In the interim no evidence 160
has surfaced in opposition to this proposal. Accordingly,
we will henceforth operate on the basis that Abel U., Sr. 589
is one and the same as the person we have heretofore
identified as Abel U. II. The fundamental change in our 589
records involves showing that XID-589 is a son of XID-152
rather than XID-160. Further we will adopt XID-587 as the
number for Asal U., the child of William U. IV. It will 587,160
be recalled that the only information we have on Asal U. 587
is that this name appeared in the settlement of his/her
father's estate when the said father, William U., IV died 160
intestate in Wilkes Co., NC in 1787.

A consequence of these changes is that each of the
children of Abel U., Sr. now become heads of subclans. The 589
outlines for these subclans through the 9th generation will
be published in the UB. The first one, the Abel U., Sr./ 589
Bartley U. Subclan appears in this issue of the UB. The /590
Master Outline for the eight new subclans already exist in
a working format and copies are available upon request.
The Subclans are:

Abel U., Sr./Bartley U.	589/590
Abel U., Sr./Benjamin U.	589/3773
Abel U., Sr./Dolly U.	589/4079
Abel U., Sr./James Laton U., Sr.	589/3774
Abel U., Sr./Mary U.	589/3780
Abel U., Sr./Lynia U.	589/3775
Abel U., Sr./John U.	589/3776
Abel U., Sr./Abel U., Jr.	589/3779

A further consequence of these changes is that all
memberships shown in the various issues of the UB for the
William U., IV/Abel U., Sr. Subclan must now be 160/589
changed to show Abel U., Sr. Clan with the subclan 589
as appropriate.

We regret any confusion that may result because
of these changes and thank all for their forbearance and
assistance in helping us get this important part of the
Upchurch family portrayed in the correct fashion.

Entry C

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b. Richard U. II, Head of the Moccasin Creek Branch (Richard U. II = XID
152)

The Upchurch enclave in Dunn Township of Southern Franklin County, NC commenced about
1760 ± five years with the arrival of Richard Upchurch II. There his young family incubated with a
thickening plot which continues to evolve now 260 years on. Many family history puzzles surfaced,
some of which diligent work by many individuals have solved. These advances have been hugely
significant for the American Upchurch family of which arguably one-half trace their heritage back to the

smallish Dunn Township enclave. And yet, those puzzles that have not been solved continue to haunt us. It is to one of these that we now turn. It is the puzzle of the explanation of the 1803 change of the names of five children from Upchurch to Carpenter.

Thus we now reprise the analysis of the name change first detailed in *Upchurch Bulletin*, Vol. 13, No. 4, October, 1991, page 151, and beyond under the heading missing link No. 25. In that article it was postulated that the children were born out of wedlock to Elizabeth Upchurch, a daughter of Benjamin Upchurch, and John Carpenter. It is a fact that this couple married and raised the five as their own. However, in the current writing, a different scenario is offered.

It is appropriate to start this reprise of Missing Link No. 25 with a stepwise explanation as to how our current revisit came about. It is all tied to the unfolding of Allied Families starting with its formation in October 2013. While the six founders of Allied Families all helped, it was largely up to Phil Upchurch, the manager, and part-time staff member Mary Lou Brown to build a foundation. Then in the spring of 2015, we were joined by another part-time paid staff member Jay Buck. He is a retired history teacher, an avid family historian and possesses good computer skills. When Jay learned of the name change puzzle, we mused about what a closer look at the legislative record that authorized the name change might reveal. Jay, acting on his own, learned that a microfilm of the relevant record existed at the University of Missouri-Columbia and on a visit to his son there, arranged to view and copy the record.

Our current plan is to transcribe the relevant pages concerning the act of the North Carolina State Legislature in making the name changes and to place the details online. In the meantime, excerpts and some analysis are presented here.

First, the introductory sentence of this act is noteworthy and reads as follows: "An act to alter the names of the persons therein mentioned and to legitimate a part thereof." A reasonable interpretation of this passage is that the legislative process focused on providing a new legal name for the persons involved so that they could hold property, be sued, sue, etc. under the new name without any cloud whatsoever. By using the word "legitimate," the legislature took no notice of whether the name change was to remove the stigma of birth out of wedlock or was simply a matter of orphans being given proper legal status. Of significance to us is that the act does not help us understand, one way or the other, as to whether the children were born out of wedlock or not. We had hoped that the act would have been more helpful in this regard.

With our study of the act behind us, we now return once again to such facts as are available to us. Among the facts available to us is that among the five children of the name change are two males who appear to have been born between 1790 and 1800. It therefore seems logical to look at the 1800 Upchurch census records for Dunn Township of Franklin County, NC to see if there are slots for two males so born who are not already accounted for. In the 1991 analysis, we did this. However, at that time, we were looking for available slots in the records for the Benjamin Upchurch family. We concluded that there was inadequate data to speculate that Benjamin or his sons could have been the father of the five.

Now a fresh look takes us in a new direction, using two lines of approach. One line is that Abel Upchurch, Sr., head of clan no. 8, appears to have had children born in North Carolina that do not surface as we tell the story of his family following his move to Alabama. We took this in stride by noting that Abel seems to have had a younger family that he left in North Carolina as he moved to Alabama.

This assertion has been left dangling without any clear explanation or penetrating analysis. Now our second line of approach surfaces. What about the possibility that the five children of the name change were, in fact, the younger family that Abel left behind in North Carolina? To follow this thought, we examine the 1800 North Carolina Census record for the home of Abel Upchurch and to our surprise, we find there two males 0-10 years of age. The Alabama family of Abel does not provide for two sons born 1790-1800. This leads us to speculate that the two males in the home of Abel Upchurch, Sr. in 1800 are in fact Benjamin (Upchurch) Carpenter and Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter .

Assuming that this speculation is rational, we take the next step and speculate that all five children of the name change were children of Abel Upchurch. However, we must take into consideration that some sources indicate that Abel Upchurch, Sr. married in 1800 in Wake County, NC nee Bethenia Theyh, born 1779 (NC), died circa 1869 (Greene County, AL). This source would not accommodate the two wives for Abel Upchurch, Sr. that we posit. Clearly more work needs to be done.

The five children embrace names that could have come from brothers of Abel – namely Jubal and Benjamin. Given the close knit community that was Dunn Township in the 1790-1810 era, it is not unreasonable to presume that Elizabeth, a daughter of Benjamin, lived nearby and that her kinship and natural affinity for what would have been her younger first cousins, led her to take them unto herself under circumstances that warranted such a move. One naturally tends to think that the warranting circumstances could well have been the untimely death of what we would presume to have been a first wife of Abel and the mother of his first five children.

While we are speculating, it might not be unreasonable to consider that the presumed mother of the children of Abel left behind in North Carolina could have had close ties to others in the mix. For example, she could have been an older sister or an aunt of John Carpenter who married Elizabeth. We are now straying into poorly buttressed reasoning. In fact, our new theory that the five of the name change were children of Abel Upchurch deserves strong scrutiny. This is invited. Perhaps DNA analysis could help. Our contribution here is to stimulate thought and analysis. Fellow cousins, come let us reason together.

Missing Link # 26.2 – Who is the Father of Tabitha Upchurch II? (married about 1786)

Entry A

In a letter dated 18 MAY 1975 the late Etta Belle (Lewter) West, author of THE UPCHURCH FAMILY informed your editor that Tabitha Upchurch md 16 JAN 1786 Green Rogers in Wake Co., NC and that James Baucom was the bondsman. She was unable to shed any light on the parentage of the bride. Later references encountered show this marriage took place in Johnston Co., NC (we still need to sort out which county is correct).

The identity of this Tabitha U. remains a puzzle. It is possible, but unlikely, that she was a widow of an Upchurch at the time she married Green Rogers. If so, we need to know the name of her first husband who would have been an Upchurch. Our search will concentrate on the likelihood that her father was an Upchurch. If she married in 1786 we can assume she was born about 1766 plus or minus 5 years. This means it is possible she was a 5th generation Upchurch and thus Head of a new Upchurch Clan. However, we have little basis for speculating which of the six known fourth generation Upchurch males could have been her father. In general these six males lived in the southern part of VA and their offspring commonly moved to NC. Some of the six are more likely candidates to be the father of Tabitha U. than others. There is a possibility that she was a 6th generation Upchurch. Speculation regarding her father will be deferred.

A partial breakthrough on this Missing Link occurred when a 21 APR 1993 letter arrived from our Cousin LouWayne (Rogers) McQuirk of Arlington, TX. It included more details on the Green Rogers who md. Tabitha U. and on their children. These details are provided in outline form as follows:

I. Joseph Rogers, Sr. [Will written 18 FEB 1752 (Northampton Co., NC) - probated FEB court 1752] md. Mary Fargeson.

A. John Rogers, b. 1714 (Surry Co., VA), d. 1783

[Will recorded 15 SEP 1783 - Wake Co., NC].

1. William Rogers md. Elizabeth Fargeson.

a. _____.

i. Edward Maurice Rogers.

B. Joseph Rogers, Jr.

C. Aaron Rogers.

D. Isham Rogers md. Prudence _____.

1. Green Rogers1/, b. ca 1758, d. 22 JUL 1842,
Wake Co., NC)(Rev. Soldier), md. 1st 16 JAN 1786
(Johnston Co., NC) Tabitha U., md. 2nd 10 JAN 1837
(Wake Co., NC) Penina Clifton, b. ca 1788.

- a. Cynthia Rogers md. Henry Crawford.
- b. Gilly Rogers md. John Poole.
- c. Theny Rogers md. Davis Smith.
- d. Winefred Rogers md. Burwell Poole.
- e. Synthia Rogers, d. < 1842m md. Bryan Ferrell.
- f. Letha Rogers md. Bryan Ferrell.
(She was his 2nd wife).
- g. Edwin Rogers.
- E. Reuben Rogers, b. 1 NOV 1735 (Surry Co., VA), d. 1829 (GA).
- F. Drury Rogers.
- G. Michael Rogers.
- H. Sarah Rogers md. John Tarver.
- I. Mary Rogers md. Matthew Lowery.
- J. Faith Rogers md. James Wooten.

(We presume the children of Green Rogers listed are by his first wife, Tabitha (U.) Rogers. - RPU)

Additional information on this Rogers family appeared in a 1979 issue of the North Carolina Genealogical Society as follows:

"Wake Co., NC - 17 FEB 1851 - Matthew Johnson, Cousin of Pres. Andrew Johnson, served as attorney for 6 individuals in GA heirs at law of Cynthia Ferrell, deceased. 50 acres it being the lot drawn by Cynthia Ferrell upon the division of the lands of Green Rogers, deceased, adjoining Rebecca Sturdevant & Edwin Rogers. He also represented the dower land of Penina Rogers, widow of Green Rogers - witnessed Quenton Busbee. This reference shows that Bryant and Lethe Ferrell of GA were among the 6 served by Matthew Johnson and that a sale of land from the estate of Green Rogers resulted, said land being adjacent to T. Loring and John Poole and that it was sold to James J. Ferrell."

1/ This material from a book "Green Rogers" by Aileen Irvin Tarver (pg 449 - Wake Co., NC History) - copied by R. Collins Info from Wake Co., NC Marriage Records Vol II I-R, pg 448 + Raleigh Register & N.C. Gazette 7 FEB 1837. No will for GR but John Busbee was administrator - In Wake Co., NC Record Book #254 pp 267 & 129-134 - has list of property, etc.

Our purpose in publishing this detailed set of information of the Rogers family including that about Tabitha U. and her children by Green Rogers, is to provide a basis for members of the Rogers family, or others, to reflect on whether or not their knowledge of family history provides evidence about Tibatha U. and her ancestors. Any shred of information or basis for speculation would be more than welcome. We anxiously await any input that may help us understand more about Tabitha U., b. ca 1766, the subject of ML 26.

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NO. 26. TABITHA UPCHURCH, WHO MARRIED 16 JAN 1786

The reader is referred to UB, Vol. 14, pg. 109, where this Missing Link is first described. Since this first description was written, your editor has given more thought to the matter and has a more definite proposal to make regarding the ancestry of Tabitha U.

There is a very great likelihood that Tabitha U., who md Green Rogers in 1786, was none other than the daughter of John U., III, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 14. This proposal is based on circumstantial evidence bearing upon the availability of an Upchurch female of the right age to have entered into such a marriage and upon what is known about the location of Upchurch and Rogers family members as of 1786.

In the Reference Materials Section of this issue of the UB considerable information is given to show that John Rogers, I, b. 1714, an Uncle of Green Rogers, lived and died in Wake Co., NC. Also, Josiah Hill Rogers, a son of John Rogers, I, was known to have lived in the Dry Creek Area of NE Chatham Co., NC, and he died there in 1813. Isham Rogers, the father of Green Rogers, was known to have lived on the border of Wake & Chatham Counties in NC, as Nathan U. I, a resident of this area, witnessed the WILL of Isham Rogers on 14 NOV 1804.

Given the information presented above, it is tempting to speculate that Tabitha U. was a descendant of Richard U. II, who arrived in the Moccasin Creek Area of Franklin Co., NC, in 1755. While this is still a technical possibility, other options seem more attractive. If we assume that Green Rogers was the product of the Wake/Chatham border area, the prospect of him marrying a descendant of Richard U., II, is made unlikely. We know that two sons of Richard U. II, namely Moses U. and Nathan U. I, did move from the Moccasin Creek Area of Franklin Co., NC, to the Wake/Chatham border. However, this move occurred in the 1800-1804 era, too late to have brought a daughter into the area to marry Green Rogers. Furthermore, neither Moses U. or Nathan U. I, would have had a daughter old enough to have married in 1786. We must not let the fact that Nathan U., I, did interact with the Rogers family on the Wake/Chatham border starting in 1804 influence our thinking. Nor is the fact that Nathan U. I, had a daughter Tabitha U. relevant. She was born much later than the Tabitha U. who md in 1786. We must also consider that the daughters of Moses U. and Nathan U. I, are reasonably well known as to names, ages and marriages and among these daughters there are no likely candidates for the 1786 bride of Green Rogers.

There is a slight chance that a granddau of Richard U. I (other than a dau of Moses U. or Nathan U. I) could have married Green Rogers. There is an outside chance that a granddau could

have been old enough to have married in 1786 and it is true that we do not have all the granddau adequately documented as to name and date of birth. However, we are increasingly gathering this information and over time may be able to more confidently rule out dau of certain sons of Richard U. II. At this point we can say simply that it is more attractive to speculate that Tabitha U. was a dau of John U., III, than that she was a granddau of Richard U. II.

John U., III, is known to have arrived in the Shaddox Creek Area of Chatham Co., NC in the 1780s. This area is on the Wake/Chatham border and just a few miles south of the area where Rogers family members lived in the 1780s. Furthermore, John U. III, is known to have had at least three daughters who would have been of marriageable age in the 1780s. We have gradually documented the family history of the three sons of John U. III, namely, Samuel U., John U. and Stephen U. However, documentation on the daughters has been slow to unfold. The three brothers all moved west in the early 1800s to western NC, to TN or to IL. We have been left to wonder if the daughters also moved west, whether single or married, or whether they married and stayed in the local area. Our proposal now is that Tabitha U., dau of John U., III, md 1786 Green Rogers. This would create a new subclan in the John U. III, Clan, namely the John U. III/Tabitha U. Subclan.

Some confusion may arise over whether the 1786 marriage took place in Johnston Co., NC or in Wake Co., NC. The formation of Wake Co., NC took place in 1771 and was taken in part from Johnston Co., NC. It seems likely that a marriage in 1786 could have been recorded in the newly formed Wake Co. if that is in fact where it took place. Still, in those days even official events were sometimes recorded under the old arrangement. We do know that Rogers family members were said to have been in Johnston Co., NC before 1771. Whether they were in that part of Johnston Co., NC that was to become Wake Co., NC, in 1771, we are yet to learn. Whether the marriage took place in Wake Co. or Johnston Co., NC does not, at this point, seem to be a critical issue relative to our search for the name of the father of Tabitha U. who md in 1786.

We will welcome any thoughts or evidence which anyone has on the proposed John U. III/Tabitha U. Subclan.

Missing Link # 27 – Harmon Upchurch clan

Entry A

2nd gen.

Michael and Frances had two daughters (names unknown) born about 1654 and 1656. They also had two sons, Richard (b. ca 1658) and Michael (b. ca 1667). Michael died before 1698.

3rd. gen.

Richard Upchurch and his wife (name unknown) had two known sons, John and James. James had land in Brunswick Co., VA on Fountain Creek. He and his wife Elizabeth are believed to have had four sons named William, Richard, James, and Michael. The older James died in 1765. John Upchurch lived first in New Kent Co., VA. and is thought to have been married twice. His second wife was the widow Elizabeth Hunnicutt. John had five known children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Tryphena, John and James.

4th.gen.

James Upchurch, the son of John, had a large family and lived in Brunswick Co., VA. He was granted 400 acres of land in 1753 on the north side of White Oak Creek. In 1764 he bought an additional 310 acres, and in 1781 another 57 acres, so that by 1784 (1783 per Truex N.U.) he was paying taxes on 767 acres.

5th gen.

The will of James was recorded in Brunswick Co. 22 AUG 1785 (26 JUL 1784 per Truex N.U.) and names sons John, James, and Harmon, and daughters Selah Moseley and Edith Mosely.

6th gen.

Harmon Upchurch, the son of James, and his wife Betty are believed to be the ancestors of the Upchurchs of the Montgomery-Stanly Co., NC area. The records are sketchy, but Harmon sold 237 acres of land in Brunswick Co., VA and appeared in the 1810 census records for Montgomery Co., NC. The census lists himself and his wife as over 45 years old, one son 16-26, son and daughter 10-16, and a son under 10 years of age. Harmon would have been around 70 years old in 1810, and his name appears in no other records after 1810. Harmon's brother John died in Chatham Co., NC in 1795. A number of other Upchurchs had settled throughout the piedmont area. The Upchurchs of the Wake Co. area are mainly descendents of Nathan Upchurch, son of Richard and Harmon's 2nd cousin.

Allen Upchurch (b. ca 1779, d. 21 JUN 1848) and Howell Upchurch (b. ca 1790, d. 1846) are believed to be children of Harmon and Betty but there are no written records to prove it. The other children are unknown. Allen Upchurch had five known children and has numerous descendents.

Missing Link # 27.1 –Daughters of John Upchurch III

Entry A

B. Missing Link No. 27. Possible daughters of John U., III, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 14. Initial listing was in UB, Vol. 14, No. 3, July 1993, pg. 109. The initial thrust of ML 27 proposed Tabitha U. as the daughter of John U. III. We now expand ML 27 to cover what may have been as many as five daughters of John U., III.

John U., III settled in the SE corner of Chatham Co., NC in the 1780s where he died intestate in 1795. His 2nd cousins, brothers Nathan U., I and Moses U., Head of Upchurch Clans 3 and 1, respectively, settled near each other on the Wake/Chatham Co. line about five miles north of John in about 1802. We have tentative evidence of some interaction between these two Upchurch enclaves but just how much there was we do not know. The sons of John U., III, namely, Samuel, Stephen, and John have been well documented. The story of their 4 or 5 sisters is quite vague.

In the home of John U., III per the 1790 census were four females. We presume that his wife had predeceased him and that the four are unmarried daughters.

Over time we have garnered names of five females who seem to have existed along the Wake/Chatham border around 1800 and who do not fit into the Upchurch enclave established by Nathan and Moses. Thus, we turn to the possibility that all five could have been daughters of John U., III presuming that one had married and left the fold before the 1790 census. The five are Elizabeth U., Tabitha U., Lucy U., Nancy U., and Saline U.

For Elizabeth we presume she is the same as the Elizabeth U. who md 20 MAR 1819 (Wake Co., NC) Gilbert U., s/o Nathan U., I. It is presumed that this couple produced a child Mariah Elizabeth U., 1820-1900. This child grew into the adult who lived with her presumed brother Bartley Jefferson U. (my grandfather) and who was well known in my family. Elizabeth is presumed to have died with the birth of Mariah or shortly thereafter.

For Tabitha we presume she is the same as the Tabitha U. who md 16 JAN 1786 (Johnston Co., NC) Green Rogers, 1758-1842 as detailed in Article 726 in the Wake County Heritage Book.

For Lucy we presume she could be the same as the Lucy U. who was recorded in the 9 MAR 1814 Chatham Co., NC Session of Pleas and Quarter Sessions as having an illegitimate child by an unnamed father. The name of Stephen U. appears in this record. He is a known s/o John U., III, thus, enhancing the logic that Lucy was a d/o John U., III and thus, a sister of Stephen. In the record also was an Uriah Hatley. The Hatley family is believed to have otherwise been interactive with the John U., III family.

For Nancy U. we have a recent input that a Nancy U. married in Chatham Co., NC a Henry Rogers, b. abt. 1772. Nancy becomes a potential child of John U., III only by circumstance and timing. The input was from nee: Tina Rogers, a researcher of the Rogers family of Stanly Co., NC that produced Aaron Rogers who married into the Harmon U. Clan.

For Saline U. we have one slim reference to cause us to presume that she may be a daughter of John U., III. It came in 1994 from nee: Mae Gean McElroy. Her source has not been revealed.

Here we leave ML 27, hoping more details will surface in due course.

Missing Link # 28 – Father of William Upchurch Entry A

VIII. MISSING LINKS

XID

A. MISSING LINK NO. 28. WILLIAM UPCHURCH.

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Line in the Charles U./Keaton U. Subclan. She has 164/22699
sent in some miscellaneous records including the
following: "On 11 MAY 1840 Gay U., Eaton U., and
Richard S. Mason signed a one thousand dollar bond in
the Inferior Court of Henry Co., GA obligating themselves
to guarantee the performance of Gay U. as guardian for
an illegitimate youth named William U". We understand
clearly that Gay U. is Thomas Gay U., Sr. and that 2071
Eaton U. is his brother and that they are sons of 22712
Charles U. 164

We seek the parents of the "youth" William U.,
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some speculation. In such cases one naturally looks for
an unmarried female as the potential mother. Thomas Gay 2071
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no indication that they had a child such as William U.
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son of Charity S. U., a daughter of Charles U., and a -,164
sister of Gay and Eaton. She did in fact have an
illegitimate son named William about 1825. In 1840 we find
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he was guardian, into his home. As mentioned above, we
place William U. in the home of Charles U. in 1840. For
1850, we presume that William U. is one and the same as the
William J. U. [probably William Green U.], age 27, who
heads his own household in Henry Co., GA as follows:

William J. U., 27 M Farmer, b. GA, cannot read or write.
Catherine U., 23 F, b. SC [nee: Catherine Kelly].
Martha U., 4 F, b. SC [Martha Ludska U.].
M. H. U., 1 F, b. GA [Mary H. U.].

XID

This William was known as William Lewis Hustou Green at one point, but it seems he also went by the name William Green U. He was b. in Hancock Co., GA, and is buried in Old Liberty, Cass Co., TX.

We will welcome any input on this Missing Link, and on the speculation presented.

Entry B

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Missing Link # 29 – Mother of Burton Upchurch

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NO. 28 - THE MOTHER OF BURWELL UPCHURCH

1. BACKGROUND.

XID

So far as is known, James U.,IV, the Head of Upchurch Clan No. 15, 156
had only one son; namely, Burwell Upchurch. The wife of 2029
James U., IV who would have been the mother of Burwell U. has 156,2029
never been identified. A great deal of information has been published
in the UB about James U., IV., his son Burwell U. and about many 156,2029
descendants of this line. One of the descendants; namely, Roy White, 5032
has been a dedicated researcher of his various ancestors. He has
often been the source of details published in the UB, sometimes with
credit given and sometimes not. We are all grateful for his keen interest,
insight, and hard work. He has now provided us with the article which
appears below and which provides a well thought-out analysis about
the mother of Burwell Upchurch. 2029

Roy's article leads us to understand that James U., IV married a 156
widow Mary _____, that they had Burwell U. and that this is the same 2029
Mary U. who appears on the 1850 census of Talbot Co., GA, at an age of
100 years. Evidence presented by Roy shows that Mary most likely
married first a Mr. Barnes by whom she had a son William Barnes
OR that she married a Mr. X. by whom she had Rachel, the wife of
William Barnes. We are still left to learn the last name of Mary before
she married Mr. Barnes or Mr. X -- that is what was her maiden name?

The overall resulting outline is as follows:

- I. Michael U., I (original immigrant). 146
 - A. Richard U., I. 149
 - 1. John U., I. 150
 - a. James U., III (James U.,Sr. In article below). 155
 - i. James U.,IV (James U.,Jr. In article below). 156
 - md. widow Mary (-) Barnes or the widow Mary (-) X.
 - (I) Burwell U., 2029
 - md. Ellender Riley. 4714

2. ARTICLE BY ROY WHITE.

(SEE NEXT PAGE)

A Possible Mother
for
Burwell UPCHURCH

It is a given fact that Burwell UPCHURCH (1782-1847) was the son of a certain James UPCHURCH (Jr.) who was specified as being the son of Burwell's grandfather, James UPCHURCH (Sr.) who died in Brunswick Co., VA -- the Last Will and Testament for whom was dated 24 June 1784 and subsequently proved 26 July 1784 in that county -- because the said parties are identified as such in the said LWT. What has been lacking, however, is any indication in re the identity of Burwell's mother. What follows will be an effort by this writer to present a possible candidate, and to outline the available circumstantial evidence that can be interpreted in a way that supports the theory.

The individual who could appear to qualify if the evidence is viewed in a "favorable" manner is a certain Mary UPCHURCH who first came to light when this writer was examining one of the various censuses undertaken by the State officials of Mississippi for their own, local purposes -- that of 1823. One provision of this exercise was to enumerate all individuals who were "over the age of 70", and it is in this context that Mary's name was listed next to Burwell's in Perry County (It is unclear whether she was in an adjacent habitation of her own, or a member of Burwell's household, but listed separately because of her age. Possibly significant, however, is the fact that the returns for the federal census of 1820, same county, indicate that Burwell's household included a white female "over 45"). A subsequent analysis by Robert Phillip UPCHURCH, based on his vast collection of UPCHURCH family data and deduced family-connections there-from, determined that Mary would not have been a blood-aunt (No such daughter was named in the LWT of James UPCHURCH (Sr.)), nor was it likely she was the wife of one of his uncles -- their names being known. R.P.U. further informed me that she could not have been a first-cousin because Burwell's uncles were simply too young to have produced a daughter of Mary's age. This writer acknowledges the possibility she might have been a second or third cousin, but for the purposes of this article we will consider that idea to be a bit far-fetched (For one thing the other branches of the family seem to have been relatively far-removed, geographically speaking.). There is also the possibility that she could have been a step-mother, but for a reason to be presented later this writer is discounting that idea, too.

At a later date R.P.U. brought to the attention of this writer the existence of an 1850 federal census return for Talbot County, GA -- one for a household that included William BARNES (75 yrs), Rebecca BARNES (69 yrs), Mary UPCHURCH (100 yrs), and various additional individuals who can be identified by other means as having been family of William and Rebecca. Except for one, serendipitous turn of events this item might have remained just another unconnected bit of UPCHURCH trivia, but with the discovery that the early records for Stone Creek Baptist Church, located near present-day Dry Branch in the very northern part of Twiggs County, were available on microfilm via inter-library loan, and the subsequent examination of the same in connection with a research project involving the family of Burwell's wife, a presentable (in the personal opinion of this writer) scenario can be formulated that ties together several strands -- including Burwell UPCHURCH, his wife and her family, the above-mentioned BARNESes, and individuals

who can have been Burwell's parents if the evidence is viewed with an open mind.

The following were received into membership at Stone Creek Church on the dates indicated:

William and Rebecca BARNES	23 June 1810
Elizabeth RILEY	21 July 1810
James UPCHURCH	22 June 1811
Mary UPCHURCH	25 Jan 1812
Ellender UPCHURCH	25 Jan 1812

It needs to be said here that Burwell UPCHURCH's wife has been identified as having been Eleanor ("Ellender") RILEY, daughter of Edward RILEY and Mary Elizabeth WOOD(S), and since Burwell's oldest known child was born 7 March 1813, it would seem likely that they had probably not been married very long by Jan 1812. Interestingly, Burwell is not named as having ever joined this church (Nor is his father-in-law; it being fairly certain that the above Elizabeth RILEY is Ellender's mother considering that one of their other daughters also joined.). A Letter of Dismissal was issued to "Sr Elender Upchurch" (Sister E.U.) on 21 November 1815 -- clearly indicating that Burwell was getting ready for the move to Mississippi because they were in evidence there by 1817. Unfortunately, no other dates of dismissal are extant, so it cannot be determined just when the BARNESes and Mary UPCHURCH left, but these records were extracted and compiled at some point, and the nature of the information included leads this writer to think that process occurred sometime in the 1840's. James UPCHURCH was indicated to be "dead", while Mary had been "dismissed" -- the implication being that James died while still a member of Stone Creek Church (and is thus likely buried in the original cemetery about two miles from the present-day location of the church, which was moved to a new site in the 1850's, and is said to be completely abandoned with very few tombstones remaining).

But the writer digresses! The point is that Mary UPCHURCH, along with William and Rebecca BARNES, not-to-mention Burwell UPCHURCH (If Ellender was there, then so was he.) were all in one, defined location at the same time.

At this point, before finally knitting everything together, it becomes necessary to digress once again in re another matter: that of James UPCHURCH.

The reader will recall that the LWT of James UPCHURCH (Sr.) who died in Brunswick Co., VA, in 1784 was mentioned in the first paragraph above. In a very curious provision said James *loaned* a tract of land and a slave to his son James UPCHURCH (Jr.), said property to be *given* to his grandson Burwell UPCHURCH "after the Death of my son James Upchurch". This stipulation has undoubtedly perplexed and confused every researcher who has attempted to explain the arrangement -- a variety of reasons having been put forward, none of which have seemed very satisfactory (at least in the opinion of this writer).

On the surface, it would seem fairly straight-forward to assume, then, that James (Jr.) must have died by the time that Burwell, on 12 May 1803, sold the parcel of land that came to him from his grandfather (At the time he had just reached his twenty-first birthday, and was a resident of Franklin County, NC. The federal census returns for 1800 indicate there were two UPCHURCH households in that county headed by a "James", but it is

uncertain, although tempting -- perhaps even obvious -- to conclude, that one or the other is the father of Burwell.). But DID he die? For the purpose of this study it will be assumed that he did not, and that some legal maneuver was found for Burwell to have sufficient control over the land in order to sell it after attaining his majority.

Two years later Burwell can be found in the annual Tax List of 1805 for Greene County, GA., and paid taxes there every year through 1810. Significantly, a James UPCHURCH was also there from 1806 through 1810. In October 1809 Burwell sold a tract of Greene County land and in September 1810 he conveyed another parcel, while paying taxes on acreage located in Wilkinson County. Since Twiggs County was cut out of Wilkinson, it seems highly likely that the general area wherein was located Stone Creek Church was his destination (early records for these counties are no longer extant, so confirmation is difficult to achieve) -- and this writer has no problem surmising that James and Mary UPCHURCH were with him, thus explaining their presence and the timing of their church membership (The writer will choose to ignore the fact that there was a six-month difference in the respective dates of reception into the church for James and Mary, and assume there was an explanation.). On another note, it would seem very reasonable that it was here where Burwell encountered the Riley family and his future wife.

The final element of the situation is the BARNES family, and how one of them could have been associated with the aforementioned provision in the LWT that denied James (Jr.) his heirship. Along with all of the other threads that enter this picture from seemingly different directions a pattern is formed that can be interpreted in a way that explains everything. (Whether the picture presented here was the true one, or close to it -- or can ever be proved -- is another matter, of course.). The route whereby the BARNESes arrived at Stone Creek Church is not known with any certainty, but it is surely significant that they joined the church in the same time-period. Perhaps it was purely coincidence -- and maybe he was another individual with the same name -- but among the annual tax lists for Greene County there was a certain William BARNES listed every year beginning in 1805 who remained there through 1809. It is interesting to note that William and Rebecca were received into Stone Creek Church in 1810 -- and very intriguing to remember that Burwell and/or James UPCHURCH were in Greene County during that same time-period (It must be reported, however, that while Burwell's land was associated with the Oconee River, that of William BARNES was on the Ogeechee River -- the opposite side of the county, and possibly even in present-day Taliaferro County -- so they were not near-neighbors.).

The fact that Mary UPCHURCH was enumerated in the household of William BARNES implies that she must have had a connection, and one of the usual -- the one postulated here -- is that she was the mother of either William or Rebecca.

William could only have been Burwell's half-brother, but Rebecca might have been a full-sister except that this would mean that she had been deliberately omitted from the LWT of Burwell's grandfather. The other option -- supported by the fact that she was born 16 October 1779 (from a published record), thus older than Burwell -- is that she was a HALF-sister -- Mary's child from a prior marriage, as would William have to have been because he, too, was older (born 4 September 1774) -- and this scenario would seem to explain everything.

Since it was not at all unusual for someone to marry a widow(er) in those days, it would not be unreasonable to think that James (Jr.) might have done so. In this scenario

Mary had at least the one child, whether William or Rebecca -- probably there were others, too, considering her age -- and for the purposes of this effort we will assume that James (Sr.) did not want her or her child(ren) to eventually inherit his property in the event that Burwell did not survive (He was only two years old when his grandfather found himself in his final days -- his LWT was written only a month before being proved, so he "knew" -- and we will think it must have been clear there would probably not be full-siblings for Burwell because no provisions were made for any.). The thought that perhaps James (Sr.) had "bad feelings" for James (Jr.) is a possibility, but why was he then named as one of the executors?

For the further interest of the reader it will be mentioned now that Burwell's household of 1830 (Wilcox County, AL) did not include an older female, but that of William BARNES (Twiggs County, GA) did -- as it did also in 1840 (Talbot County, GA) and, of course, in 1850. For some reason Mary returned to Georgia after 1823 and before 1830. Burwell's wife died in early 1831, so perhaps she had become ill and Mary didn't want to (or couldn't) deal with it (by then Burwell's oldest were teenagers and would've been able to manage the household), and went to live with the BARNESes. This writer sees no problem for a 75ish woman travelling a few hundred miles, even in those days (She couldn't have been all that "frail" to have lived to be 100.), since Burwell seems to have been sufficiently well-off (He had one of the first carriages where they lived.) in order to have afforded her some of the better transportation available for the times, and the BARNES family had resources, too, judging by the extent of their slave-holding.

Operating on the above assumption in re Mary this writer spent some time going through the records of Brunswick County, VA, looking for qualified widows who could have married Burwell's father, but found no obvious candidates. It could have been, however, that she was from an adjacent county.

Additionally, there is the possibility of tracing the BARNES descendants down to present-day families -- hoping to find someone who "knows" something (This procedure seems to fail more often than not, in the experience of this writer, but may be one of the very few avenues of attack.). William BARNES died in Talbot County, GA, where his probate indicates there was an extensive array of descendants -- some of whom surely must have left adequate tracks for for such a project.

Roy White
14 January 1996

Missing Link # 30 – Father of Hudson Upchurch

B. MISSING LINK NO. 30*. Who is the father of Hudson Upchurch?

On 23 MAR 1991 a letter was received from Cousin Comella Dianne DeLee reporting the following cemetery record:

**“Hudson Upchurch born 1821 died MAR 1896
Buried at Hebron Presbyterian Church Cemmetery,
near Mantua, Greene Co., AL”**

Upon receipt of this record a search was made of the AL census records for 1850 onward and no entry for a Hudson U. was found. Furthermore, there was no obvious slot for such as individual in the Upchurch households recorded in AL for 1830 or 1840. This is the only time a person by this name has surfaced in our records. The five years which have elapsed since Cousin Diane sent in this record has brought us no closer to identifying how Hudson U. fits into our extended family.

In 1995 a copy of the book “Cemetery Records of Greene County, Alabama and Related Areas” was obtained. This book contains numerous entries for the cemetery where Hudson U. rests. It is described in the book as the Hebron Cemetery in Mantua, Greene Co., AL. This book does not show dates as provided by Cousin Dianne but it does show that a Sarah U. is buried with Hudson U., presumably his wife. No other Upchurch family members are listed in this cemetery. It seems possible that members of the family of the wife of Hudson U. are buried in this cemetery. Many of the family names shown for the cemetery are vaguely familiar but no such connection is specifically obvious.

Several Upchurch clans were represented in the Greene Co., AL area in the 1800's and Hudson U. could have belonged to one of them. However, he could be a member of one of the Upchurch clans not yet known to have had a representative in Greene Co., AL.

It is a great peculiarity that Hudson U., b. 1821, d. 1896, has not surfaced in our records, other than in the above cemetery. Only pure speculation is available at this point concerning his place of birth, his ancestors, his descendants (if any) and his wife. Any information or suggestions will be appreciated.

Missing Link # 31 – Father of Benjamin Upchurch
Missing Link # 32 – Family to be found/identified

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. The Benjamin U. on the 1830 Census of Rowan Co., NC - Missing Link No. 31.

There appears on the 1830 census for Rowan Co., NC a six member household headed by a Benjamin U. The composition of this household is as follows:

1. Male age 15-20 (b. 1810-1815).
2. Male age 20-30 (b. 1800-1810).
3. Male age 60-70 (b. 1760-1770) - probably Benjamin U.
4. Female 20-30 (b. 1800-1810)*
5. Female 30-40 (b. 1790-1800)
6. Female 60-70 (b. 1760-1770) - probably the wife of Benjamin U.

*This female is probably the Mary "Polly" U. who md. 12 OCT 1830 (Rowan Co., NC) Henry R. Williams.

Who is the father of this Benjamin U.? A number of details are consistent with him being the son of Richard U.II - except that this son was believed to have died by 1820. This Benjamin U. does not appear to fit as a part of the Harmon U. Clan. More study, facts and insight are needed to develop a firm or fair proposal as to how Benjamin U., born about 1765, fits into the Upchurch Family. Help is needed.

B. The David U. who married on 7 NOV 1851 in Henry Co., TN - Missing Link No. 32.

Records show that one David U. married 7 NOV 1851 in Henry Co., TN one Martha Glover. The ceremony was performed by J. P. Bullock, J.P.

This situation is peculiar. There is no David U. on the 1850 census in Henry Co., TN, who could have been a candidate to marry in 1851, nor is there a David U. on the 1860 census of Henry Co., TN, who had a wife named Martha. Could it be that he was missed in the census or possibly that our census extracts are not complete? Could it be that he was just passing through Henry Co., TN, and will be found elsewhere in 1850 and 1860? The following family group merits consideration in regards to Missing Link No. 32.

I. William U. IV - Head of Clan.

A. David U.

1. Ambrose U.

- a. Thomas Anderson U., b. 24 OCT 1815 (KY), md. 2nd 8 OCT 1865 (Henry Co., TN) Catherine Arnold.
- b. David U., b. 31 JUL 1831.

Possibly David U., b. 31 JUL 1831, represents Missing Link No. 32. He was of the right age to have married in 1851 and we know he had an older brother whose second marriage was performed in Henry Co., TN. Can anyone shed light on this prospect or suggest an alternate prospect?

A. MISSING LINK FOR NANCY U., B. 1801.

Was her father Abel U., Sr.? - Missing Link No. 33.

Details on the prospect that Abel U., Sr. (XID 589) had a daughter Nancy U., b. about 1801 were presented in UB, Vol. 15, No. 2 (April 1994)(page 51). Since that time no new light has been shed on this issue, so we now will assign Missing Link No. 33 to this matter. The 1994 input was the first indication that there might be such a daughter. This was the case in spite of the fact that considerable attention has been paid to Abel U., Sr. and his descendants. In part the prospect of such a daughter was a surprise because Abel U., Sr. did not mention a married daughter by the name of Nancy when he wrote his will 12 SEP 1846 (Probated 11 JAN 1847 - Greene Co., AL). He did mention three other married daughters by name. The bulk of his estate was left to his son, Abel U., Jr. The small sum of \$5.00 was left to each of his named living married daughters, to each of his sons, other than Abel U. Jr. and to each of his grandchildren by his daughter Linny who had predeceased him. This is a classical pattern of a will designed to guard against a will being overturned. In other words, he mentioned the complete set of heirs and left each one something even if it was the small sum of \$5.00. In this way no heir could seek to overturn the will on the basis that he or she had been overlooked as an heir. The logic of this procedure requires that each and every heir be listed. Since a daughter Nancy, married or otherwise, was not listed in the will, we take this as evidence that Abel U., Sr. had no such daughter. The Nancy (U.) Walker who is the purported daughter of Abel U., Sr. was age 49, alive, and living in Newton Co., MS with her husband and children as of 1850. It appears this Nancy moved with her husband and children from Greene Co., AL, to Newton Co., MS sometime between 1831 and 1836. Now that evidence has been given against the prospect that Abel U., Sr. had a daughter Nancy U., let us do the reverse. The 1800 census for the Abel U., Sr. household in Franklin Co., NC shows a female in the household as being under ten years of age. This female was not the same as either of the later known daughters of Abel U., Sr. - Dolly, Mary and Linny, as they were born in 1806, 1810, and 1812, respectively. On balance your editor leans to the viewpoint that the female less than ten years of age in the 1800 household of Abel U., Sr. was indeed his daughter, but that she most likely died before reaching adulthood.

We should consider seriously the prospect that there was a Nancy U. in her 20s in Greene Co., AL in the 1820s and that she married there a John Walker and proceeded to have children. We know that Upchurch family members arrived in Greene Co., AL in the 1820s and 1830s. The best known of these was Abel U., Sr. However, it is out belief that Upchurch family members other than Abel U., Sr. and his descendants arrived. Most likely, but not conclusively, they would have been descendants of Richard U. II, the father

of Abel U., Sr. It is possible that the Nancy U. in question could have been a niece of Abel U., Sr. Not to be overlooked is the possibility that John Walker married a Nancy U. who was a widow of an Upchurch male. Examination of existing records have not yet revealed a specific female descendant of Richard U., II who would be a candidate to have been the Nancy U. in question.

Help with this project is needed.

Missing Link # 34 – Parents of Martha Angeline Upchurch

B. MISSING LINK 34. WHO ARE THE PARENTS OF MARTHA ANGELINE U.?

Martha Angeline U., b. 20 MAR 1856 (presumably in Wayne Co., KY), d. 10 OCT 1904, md 18 APR 1874 (Wayne Co., KY) William Simpson Sumpter, b. 24 NOV 1855 (Wayne Co., KY), d. 5 JAN 1939 (Merkel, TX) son of Thomas Sumpter, b. 1829 (Wayne Co., KY). The parents of Martha Angeline U. are especially sought by Melva (Upchurch) Henninger whose grandmother, Josephine (Sumpter) U. was a member of the Sumpter family that lived in Wayne Co., KY. It seems likely that Martha would have been a granddaughter of George U., Head of Upchurch Clan No. 5 but evidence of any sort would be welcomed. Write to your editor or to Mrs Ernest Henninger (Melva), 4023 S. US Highway 231, Greencastle, IN 46135-8707.

Missing Link # 35 – Father of William Upchurch (b. 1778) NC/TN

Entry A

VIII. MISSING LINKS

A. MISSING LINK NUMBER 35.

This missing Link pertains to our search for the father of the William U. listed on the 1820 Census of Middle TN. Details on this matter were presented in UB, Vol. 23, No. 2, 2002. Knowing that this William U. was born about 1778 in NC, it seemed reasonable to search our NC records to see what could be learned. The search has been made and now we can report a “hint” and a frustration.

The hint is that we find an interesting possibility from the following 1800 Census for Wake Co., NC:

William Upchurch, age 16-26 (hence born between 1774 and 1784) was present in a two person household with a female age 16-26 and with 19 slaves. A good guess is that the two are husband and wife. We can guess that this William U. is the same as the William U. found twenty years later in Jackson Co., of Middle TN, but more actual or circumstantial evidence is needed. If the two William U. entries are for the same person the ages would fit nicely as a person born about 1778, would have been about 22 years old in 1800. Possibly our William would have been recently married as of the time of the 1800 Census which possibly accounts for the lack of children in the home in 1800. However, the ownership of 19 slaves as of 1800 is a tantalizing bit of information. It is possible that a William U., b. about 1788, could have worked hard and acquired 19 slaves based on his own efforts by 1800. A more likely scenario is that he inherited or was given some or all of these slaves. Our great hope would be to find a will or deed in which the slaves would have been conveyed. The inheritance/gift could have come from the ancestor(s) of William or from the ancestor(s) of his wife. The source of the slaves deserves more study.

An, now the frustration. Several full days were spent in sorting and studying the hundreds of Biofile sheets generated over many years for Upchurch males with the first name of William. Much progress was made in combining sheets that obviously belonged to the same person. While the William U. Biofiles are now more tidy and have been coded

and cross-referenced to make further study more productive, we are still left with a huge number of sheets for individuals who cannot yet be placed on the family tree. Among these entries for William U. there are at least a half-dozen cases where a sound linkage to our family tree would represent a significant breakthrough for some part of our American Upchurch Family. With more accumulation of data and more study we shall, no doubt, achieve one or more breakthroughs.

And now, we must find time to plow through the John U. and James U. Biofiles for they, too, number in the hundreds.

Entry B

A. MISSING LINK NUMBER 35.

Who was the father of William U. listed on the 1820 Census of Middle, TN? There were seven Upchurch households listed on the 1820 Census of Middle, TN, but only one lived in Jackson Co., TN. He was born 1770-1780 per the 1820 Census and was in the same county in 1830 and shown as born 1776-1794. The records show he was born in NC. We shall therefore refer to him as William U., b. about 1778 (NC).

This William U. adds to our growing list of Upchurch males by the name of William who lived in NC in the 1750-1850 era. We know how many of them fit on our Upchurch Family Tree but this information so far eludes us for several of the name including William U., b. about 1778 (NC).

William U., b. about 1778 (NC) gave rise to a large family in Jackson Co., TN, some of whom are still there today. We have collected information on many of this group and continue to add to the notebook reserved especially for this group (clan?). We have a number of descendant cooperators and desire to have more. One notable current cooperator is Stephen Daniel Burris. Space constraints do not permit an extensive listing of the many members of this group at this time. However, a brief description of the early details are shown below.

Known or Possible Children of William U., b. abt 1778 (NC). Assuming a birth or miscarriage every two years. Based on 1820 & 1830 Census and other sources.

William U., b about 1778 (NC), d. before 1840, md. _____, b. about 1778.

No.	Possible Birth Year	<u>1820 Census</u>			<u>1830 Census</u>			Information from other sources - possible name of child and year born
		Sex	Age	B. between Range years of:	Sex	Age	B. between Range years of:	
1	1802	M	18-24	1795-1802				Could be a child or brother
2	1804	F						? Betty U., b. (NC)
3	1806	M	10-15	1805-18810	M	20-30	1800-1810	Thomas U., b. about 1806*
4	1808	F	10-15	1805-1810				Elizabeth U., b. about 1808
5	1810	M	10-15	1805-1810				William U., b. about 1810*
6	1812							
7	1814							
(#6 & 7 either never b. or miscarried or were b. and d. before 1820 Census)								
8	1815	M	0-10	1810-1820	M	10-15	1815-1820	Gillium U., b. about 1810
9	1817	F	0-10	1810-1820				Mary U., b. about 1817
10	1819	F	0-10	1810-1820				Possibly d. < 1830 Census
11	1821				M	10-15	1815-1820	d. young?
12	1823				M	5-10	1820-1825	d. young?
13	1824				M	5-10	1820-1825	Craven Haywood U., b. about 1824
14	1826				F	5-10	1820-1825	Polly U.?

* Both Thomas & William should have been in home in 1830, only one found.

Entry C

A. MISSING LINK NUMBER 35. Who was the father of William U., b. 1778 (NC)?

1. Introduction.

Details associated with William U., b. 1778 (NC) were presented as Missing Link No. 35 in UB, Vol. 23, No. 2, 2002 and Vol. 24, No. 1, 2003. His family consists of a large number of descendants, all of whom trace their heritage back to Jackson Co., TN, where he arrived from NC around 1807 +/- 3 years. At this point we have nothing more to add regarding the possible parents of this William U. However, we have now had, for the first time, the opportunity to actually visit Jackson Co., TN and to probe for information there. Sallaine and I made this visit on 11 JUN 2004 as we returned from our three-week trip to NC in search of family details. Immediately after our return home on 12 JUL 2004 my rough notes were converted into a version for the Upchurch Archives. This archive version is being presented verbatim as Section 2 of this report followed by Supplemental Comments in Section 3.

2. Notes of Visit to Jackson Co., TN - 11 JUN 2004.

Drove to Gainesboro, Jackson Co., TN arriving about 9:30 a.m. The Library did not open early so went next door to a building housing the Memorial Adult Academy of Jackson Co., TN. It supports adults in pursuit of a GED (General Education Diploma) and other adult education programs. We were fortunate to meet the Director Carl Anderson [There is an article on him in 9 JUN 2004 Jackson Co. Sentinel]. Info from him:

"In 1820 Jackson Co., TN was very large and included Putnam & Overton Cos., etc. Gainesboro was not formed right away but the main area was Ft. Blunt not far away. There Andrew Jackson came often from his Heritage, 12 miles away, to party - he was a lawyer. At that time Indians abounded & were dangerous [Carl is 1/16 Cherokee]. The grandparents of Abe Lincoln lived near here. TN became a State in 1795. Avery Trace is an important ancient travel route. It extends the Natchez Trace north (Nashville-Knoxville-Kingston, TN). At Ft. Blunt 5 miles from Gainesboro there was a ferry over the Cumberland River (12 miles by car). They are now excavating there with a view of recreating Ft. Blunt and the nearby Williamsburg (600 people). Samson Williams was a close friend of Andrew Jackson. AJ gathered troops in TN to go to New Orleans to fight the British in War of 1812. Gainesboro became a town in 1820. There is water transportation to Gainesboro. In Jackson Co., TN historically tobacco has been #1 and corn #2 - now hay & pasture are prominent. Mark Twain was conceived in this town but was born in Florida, MO. Mark Twain was a 2nd Lt. In CSA and deserted. Carl's program is directed by the School Board. They give GED's & AHS (courses)[Adult High School]. Carl was high school football coach for 12 years. He was a traveling teacher for high schools for 20 years (Atomic Energy Program). There is a major crater in the county on Flynns Creek Rd. There is no Heritage Book for Jackson Co., TN. Carl suggested we go see Ronny West who is VP of the Jackson Bank & Trust Co., and President of Jackson Co., Historical Society". We next went to see Ronny West.

Ronny West was very cordial and spent 30-45 minutes with us. Said Anna Ruth U. would be a good contact for us. She worked for the bank until 3 years ago. Her B-I-L is Howard Anderson. Her sister - Tom Brown U. (F). There is an Historical Picture Book which I bought from the Bank for \$45. Also bought Cemetery Book for \$115. The author Larry Mabry is a good family historian. He was never md & took the job of producing the book seriously. Ronny suggested Hubert's Café for lunch. He called Anna Ruth U. & found she was out - but left message we would visit.

We next visited Library where we bought the Cemetery Book. Also inspected several books in their Genealogical Section and made notes from:

Tennessee Confederate Widows and Their Families.

Draper Families in America.

Inspected History of Overton Co., TN, Pub. 1922, Vol. I. Curtis Media Corp. 1931 Market Center Blvd., Suite 105, Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 651-1025 - Several Upchurch Families. (Wrote to them 21 JUN 2004. Never got a response).

Had lunch at Hubert's Café. In P.M. had pleasant visit with Anna Ruth U. Brother *Robert U. - 5 children: Raymond U., Willard U., Louise (U.) Dudney, Jo Hellen (U.) Crocket, Ben Fowler U. Bro *Hiram U. - md one time, d. at 50, James Beaufort U. (Buford U. - moved to Murfreesboro. Does not know how he fits in.) *Both bur. up road. They are the only ones there.

Ruth - had Bro & Sister.

1. Robert U.

2. Tom Brown U. (F) md. Howard Anderson

Hiram & Robert were orphaned. S/o Washington U. & Sarah — "Wash" md 3 times. All lived in this area and in Whitleyville - up road 5 mi. the place where Hiram was Postmaster and Druggist. Washington probably bur in Big Bottom Cem. & may have lived there. Other folks were Flynns, also kin, they raised Hiram & Robert. Showed us pictures of Wash U.

Aron G. Smith & wife, Betty (was a Bybee- her MOT a Flynn). They live in Nashville & have been interested in family history.

Ruth remembers my writing her from AZ as "Michael Enterprises". Bobby U., s/o Raymond U. lives KY above Louisville. She is now the only Upchurch in the county.

Upon leaving Ruth we rode about ½ mile north and came to the large cemetery where her people are buried. Saw Upchurch monuments up front. Then drove 3-4 miles north to Whitleyville where Ruth's father was Postmaster. Continued west on north side of Cumberland River to Carthage, TN - very scenic - very curvy. Proceeded west to Clarksville KY to spend the night in the Hampton Inn there.

3. Supplemental Comments About The Visit to Jackson Co., TN.

What has been written above does not do justice to the kind reception that we were given in Jackson Co., TN. The three people with whom we met were extremely cordial and generous with their time. It was a special pleasure to visit with Miss Anna Ruth U. in her home. While she has never made a serious inquiry into her Upchurch heritage she has interest and is willing to share what she has. She proudly displays an elegant portrait of her Grandfather Charles Washington U. "Wash". He was the GGS of William U., b. 1778 (NC). It is easy for knowledge about family history to disappear in the mists of time. In one sense this is true of the Upchurches in Jackson Co., TN. For example, Anna Ruth U. had no awareness of an Upchurch enclave that once flourished in the Flynn's Creek area of Jackson Co., TN. And yet, records exist to show clearly they were descendants of William U., b. 1778 (NC) and thus cousins of "Wash". With Anna Ruth being the only person in Jackson Co., TN who today bears the name of Upchurch, personal knowledge of the family will continue to fade in the memory of local residents.

And yet, the existing records documenting the Upchurch family in Jackson Co., TN serve us well. Of special importance are the census records and the Jackson Co., TN cemetery book, published in 2003. While a little pricey at \$115, it is the best such book I have ever seen. This is because the authors added notes for those buried to show their family relationships.

While not presented here, we have now updated our Master Outline for the Jackson Co., TN Upchurches, using the notes made on the trip, the cemetery book and the census records. Still much remains to be found, extracted and organized.

We are fortunate that William U., b. 1778 (NC) essentially had an entire TN county for his family. This makes it easier to create a family tree for his part of the Upchurch family. To the east of Jackson Co., TN we had the George U. Clan in Wayne Co., KY. This Clan spilled-over into Fentress & Pickett Counties in TN and even west to Overton Co., TN which adjoins Jackson Co., TN. Some of the later generations of Jackson Co., TN Upchurches did move over to Overton Co., TN but they did not seem to mix with descendants of George U.

We need one footnote here to show that the William U., b. 1778 (NC) family may not have had Jackson Co., TN completely to itself. On the 1860 census of Jackson Co., TN we find a household headed by LESSREY U. (Lindsey U.) and containing a total of 12 family members. He heads the Lindsey U. line in the Richard U. III/Sion U. Subclan. The relationship, if any, of the Lindsey U. family to the William U., b. 1778 (NC) family is unknown. As far as is known this census record is the only one in Jackson Co., TN for the Lindsey U. family.

With what has been presented so far any who have an Upchurch heritage tracing back to Jackson Co., TN should be well rewarded if they research the scene. Our Upchurch Archives continue to grow richer in the details and correspondence is invited.

Missing Link # 35. 1 – Father of Monroe Upchurch

A. MISSING LINK NUMBER 35 - Who was the father of Monroe U. probably born 1840+ 10 years?

The name of the key male in this article should be placed in quotes as "Monroe U." since we have just one reference to him. However, members of the family which he presumably headed appear frequently in the records. A search to define this family started over two decades ago when Cousin Roy White of Salt Lake City, UT sent us extracts of Upchurches entered on the 1880 census records for several states. On the 1880 census for Jackson Co., AL there appeared a family headed by a Sarah U., age 33, with seven children and a 72 year old female described as born in SC. A best guess is that this is the mother of Sarah or more likely the mother of her absent husband. It is a peculiarity that the family headed by Sarah was listed twice on the census with slight differences in the data recorded.

"Monroe U." entered the picture by way of an 18 OCT 1993 input from Mrs. Charles H. Martin, nee: Billye Joyce Maynard, of Huntsville, AL. Her roots go back to Warren Co., TN and to the Upchurch group headed by Joseph U., b. 1775 (NC). Joseph is also unlinked. Joyce searched the funeral home records for Warren Co., TN and kindly provided them to us. Included was one item in which the name "Monroe U." surfaces. The record:

"Leroy Frank U., b. 9 DEC 1874, d. 12 DEC 1960 (Paintrock, AL)(Bur. Riverside, Warren Co., TN) Father = Monroe U. of MS; Mother = Sarah Lawson of MS. Children: Viola Ferguson & Ora Le Parker of Rossville, GA".

In due course Cousin Charles Peterson of Columbia, MO used this funeral home entry as a starting point for a computerized search. Dr. Peterson has roots in MS under the Moses U./Courtney U. Subelan and has provided invaluable inputs on many Upchurch related issues. His 27 JUL 2004 reads as follows:

"I would guess that "Monroe" U. is not related to Courtney U. as this would make him 10 years junior to his wife.

I did spend a couple of hours searching on the Internet, but without any luck to identify "Monroe" or to find anything else about the family. The only thing I found is that Sarah E. Upchurch [Assume Sarah Essie Lawson - RPU] was buried (date of death?) 12 June 1932 in Greenwood Cemetery in Hamilton County, Tennessee. The majority of graves in this cemetery are not marked - her burial site is in this majority.

There should be a death certificate for Sarah - it could name her husband, but if not, one can then try to find her parents in the census records. This could give us where she lived and probably married."

The Chattanooga City Directories should be scanned to trace sons John and Frank after 1930 - also look for their death records which hopefully would clarify their father's name."

We have no reason to doubt the funeral record for Leroy Frank U. which identifies his father as being Monroe U. However the connection of Monroe U. and his wife, nee: Sarah Essie Lawson, with MS might need to be questioned. A number of census entries for their children record that both parents were born in TN. Perhaps they lived in MS for a short period of time.

While Monroe U. is not in the home in 1880 the census record shows his youngest child as having been born in 1876. Perhaps he died between the conception of this child about 1875 and the time of the 1880 census - or possibly he had separated from his family and might be located elsewhere in 1880 and beyond. Children were born to Sarah in TN between 1865 and 1871 and then more were born in AL between 1873 and 1876. The AL location of Sarah and her children in 1880 was in Jackson Co., AL which borders the TN line just west of Chattanooga. Later evidence is found of the family in Chattanooga (Hamilton Co.) TN and in the nearby TN counties of McMinn and Bradley. The resting place of son Leroy Frank U. is in Warren Co., TN somewhat to the NE of the other locations for the family. Some later references to the family are also found in AL.

Since Sarah Essie Lawson was born in 1847 it is a good guess that Monroe U., her presumed husband was born about 1840 +/- 10 years, more likely 1845 +/- 5 years.

Given all the fragments of information available, it is difficult to visualize a strong connection of Monroe or Sarah to MS. The counties in which we find the family on census records from 1880 to 1930 are different from TN counties which seem to be key sites for other known segments of the Upchurch family (Fentress, Pickett, Jackson, Henry, etc.). Thus, we have little reason to connect Monroe and Sarah to the other Upchurch groups. Still, Monroe U. could have spun off from one of these Upchurch enclaves. Only more data will reveal such a prospect. A best guess is that Monroe U. is descended from an Upchurch family that moved from NC to TN rather than from an Upchurch family that moved from NC to the south. However, the clue that either Monroe or Sarah or both had roots in SC cannot be ignored. The 72 year old Elizabeth --- in the home headed by Sarah in 1880 was born about 1808 in SC. It would be helpful to know if her married name was Elizabeth U. or Elizabeth Lawson.

We should find traces of Monroe U. on the 1860 census and in 1870 he should be head of a household in TN. Such traces have not been found. The challenge of finding him

could be heightened if Monroe was a middle name and if, as is often the case, he was entered on the records by a first name, as yet unknown to us.

We provide here an Outline for the "Monroe U." family derived from a variety of sources with heavy reliance on census records. Inputs and inquiries are invited.

OUTLINE

- I. ----- Upchurch, probably b. 1810 +/- 15 years. His wife may have been Elizabeth -----, b. 1808 (SC).
 - A. Monroe U., probably b. 1840 +/- 10 years (TN) md. Sarah Essie Lawson, b. AUG 1847 (TN), d. (or buried) 12 JUN 1932 (Greenwood Cem., Hamilton Co., TN).
 1. Julia T. M. U., b. abt. 1865 (TN), md. 8 NOV 1885 (Jackson Co., AL) W. A. Smith.
 2. Eliza U., b. abt. 1867 (TN).
 3. Willie U., b. abt. 1869 (TN).
 4. James H. U., b. APR 1871 (TN) [In McMinn Co., TN 1900, 1910].
 5. John T. U., b. APR 1873 (TN) [In McMinn Co., TN 1900, Hamilton Co., TN 1920, 1930], md. 5 JUN 1897 (McMinn Co., TN) Mattie Moses, b. abt. 1885 (TN) [She is in home of her father in Bradley Co., TN in 1910].
 - a. Susanna U., b. abt. 1899 (TN).
 - b. Gaston U., b. abt. 1906 (TN).
 - c. Joe L. U., b. abt. 1909 (TN).
 6. Leroy Frank U., b. 9 DEC 1874 (AL), d. 12 DEC 1960 (Paintrock, AL) (Bur. Riverside Cem., Warren Co., TN). [In Hamilton Co., TN in 1910, 1920, 1930], md. abt. 1901 Martha E. -----, b. abt. 1887 (TN).
 - a. Roy L. U., b. abt. 1903 (TN).
 - b. Ora L. U., b. abt. 1905 (TN), md. (x) Jefferson H. Powell, b. abt. 1897 (TN); md. (y) ----- Parker (of Rossville, GA).
 - c. Viola U., b. abt. 1907 (TN), md. ----- Ferguson.
 7. David Alexander U., b. MAR 1876 (AL) [In McMinn Co., TN 1900, Hamilton Co., TN 1910, 1920, 1930], md. abt. 1899 Eliza Jane -----, b. NOV 1878 (TN).
 - a. Mary Ellen U., b. abt. 1903 (TN).
 - b. Vida Gladdis U., b. abt. 1908 (TN).

Missing Link # 36 - Father of William L. Upchurch

Missing Link No. 36. In this UB issue we add another Missing Link inquiry to numerous such entries made in earlier issues. In this case, we seek the father of William L. Upchurch, who married on November 13, 1842 in Union Co., IL to Manerva Preston. This WLU surfaced as a result of an overall review of Upchurches found in Lamar Co., TX. There on the 1900 and 1910 census, we find a James M. U., b. about 1846 (IL), AKA James Madison U., but AKA James Charles U., and as James Merry, the latter styled after his stepfather Festus Merry. This James Madison U. turned out to be the son of the aforesaid WLU and Manerva. WLU is presumed to have died prior to April 27, 1848, on which date Manerva md. (2nd) Festus Merry in AR. The Festus Merry household in AR in 1850 includes a Charles U., age 6, and in 1860, a James Merry, age 16. We presume these two to be one and the same and correctly styled as James Madison U.

Given that WLU married in Union Co., IL in 1842, we can reasonably presume he was at least 20 years of age at the time and thus born in 1822 or before. Our ongoing research for the father of WLU should focus on a quartet of counties in southern Illinois. We start with Johnson Co. and note that adjoining it on the north, west, and east are the counties of Williamson, Union, and Pope respectively. These are counties in which we find in the early 1800s some of the children and grandchildren of John U. III and William U. IV, both heads of clans. It is likely that WLU is a grandson of one of these clan heads. Research is ongoing.

Missing Link # 37 - Father of Annie O'Neal

**Mrs. Annie O'Neal Waters, 2817 Jackson Drive, Greenville, NC 27834
Has traced her Upchurch ancestors back to the early 19th century
but needs help to complete her line. The best estimate of her line
so far is as follows:**

1. Alfred U. md. 5 DEC 1823 (Franklin Co., NC) Penny Jackson
(In 1839 Penny died and the children were placed with
William Jackson - probably a brother of Penny).
 - a. Louisa J. U., b. 1825
 - b. James C. U., b. 1827
 - c. Catherine J. U., b. 1829
 - d. William Moses U., b. 1831, md. 20 NOV 1851 (Franklin Co.,
NC) Mary Perdue. Their 6th child Sidney Nobles U., b. 1860
had a daughter, Mary Lecy U., b. 1887 who was the mother of
Annie (O'Neal) Waters.
 - e. Albert Judtson U., b. 1834
 - f. Elizabeth A. U., b. 1836
 - g. Andrew J. U., b. 1839

Missing Link # 38 - Father of Kinchen Upchurch

A. Elisha Strickland and Kinchen Upchurch.

The Stricklands of Georgia publish Strickland Scene to report on the history of this family. Some of this group came from NC and in Volume 3, Issue 4 (Fourth Quarter 1982) of this publication there appears an interesting article entitled "Elisha Strickland of Wake County, North Carolina. This article is relevant to Upchurch history because Elisha Strickland acquired 2101 acres of land in the heart of the Moccasin Creek area of NC between 1761 and 1781 and for other reasons to be mentioned.

Elisha Strickland was the son of Jacob Strickland who d. in 1790 in Nash Co., NC. Elisha executed a land transaction on 2 MAY 1795 and died within the following five months as his will was brought into the Wake Co. NC Courthouse in SEP 1795 for probate. In his will ten individuals were mentioned as follows:

1. Son Kinchen Strickland - the maner (manor) plantation where I now live containing 300 akers lying on both sides of Mokerson (Moccasin) Creek.
2. Son Isaac Strickland - 250 akers lying in the fork of Mokerson (Moccasin) Creek where he now lives.
3. Son Jacob Strickland.
4. Dau Prissillor (Prisilla) Segraves.
5. Dau Charity Johnston.
6. Dau Elizabeth Griffin.
7. Dau Patte Strickland.
8. Dau Salle Pace.
9. Granddau Milbre (Milly) Strickland.
10. Mary Carter (no kin stated).

Since no wife is mentioned it is presumed she died before Elisha. However, the article states "The name of Elisha's wife is still unknown. A very good possibility is that her maiden name was UPCHURCH, but so far this is only speculation." No basis for this speculation is given.

Land acquisitions by Elisha Strickland were as follows:

1. 700 acres - Patented 22 JUL 1761 in Johnston Co., NC (Grant #19) on the south side of Magazine Creek, a Branch of Little River. (NOTE: Magazine Creek could have been Moccasin Creek. The Moccasin Creek area was a part of Johnston Co., NC from 1746 until 1770. - RPU).
2. 73 acres - Patented 9 AUG 1779 in Wake Co., NC (Grant #117) adjoining his land and lying on both sides of Mocason Swamp. (NOTE: Between 1770 and 1786 the Moccasin Creek area was a part of Wake Co., NC. - RPU).
3. 638 acres - Patented 9 AUG 1779 in Wake Co., NC (Grant #109) on Mocason Swamp.
4. 640 acres - Patented 29 MAR 1780 county unstated (Grant #363) on Turkey Creek bordering the county line.
5. 50 acres - Patented 6 JAN 1781 in Nash Co., NC on the county line near Bryant's Spring Branch.

Land sales by Elisha Strickland were as follows:

1. 117 acres - 5 MAR 1785 (from purchases 3 and 4) south of Rocky Mockerson (Wake Co. Deed Bk G, p. 89) to Jesse Bunn. Witnesses Abel Strickland, Patty Strickland.
2. 85 acres - 3 MAR 1786 (from purchases 3 and 4) adjoining Elisha, Thomas Gay, Joseph Norris (Wake Co. Deed Bk H, p. 45) to Thomas Gay. Witnesses Mathew Strickland, Richard Upchurch, Charles Upchurch.
3. 160 acres 1791 (possibly from purchases 3 and 4) in Wake and Franklin Cos. adjoining Natthaw Strickland, South Prong of Mockerson Creek, the Great Branch, Jesse Bunn, Stephen Pearce and Grave Rock Branch (Franklin Co. Deed Bk 7, p. 64) to Stephen Pearce. Witnesses James Pearce, Richard Upchurch.
4. 300 acres 15 MAR 1794 (from purchases 4 and 5) on Turkey Creek adjoining county line and Bryant (Franklin Co. Deed Bk A, p. 272) to William Morgan of Nash Co., NC. Witnesses Jesse Pearce, Richard Upchurch and Kinchen Upchurch.
5. 300 acres 15 MAR 1794 (from purchases 4 and 5) on Turkey Creek adjoining county line and Bryant (Franklin Co. Deed Bk A, p. 272) to William Morgan of Nash Co., NC. Witnesses Jesse Pearce, Richard Upchurch and Kinchen Upchurch.
6. 42 acres 18 NOV 1794 in the fork of Mockerson Creek adjoining James Pearce, Thomas Gay, Thomas Ray (Franklin Co. Deed Bk 10, p. 255) to Thomas Ray.
7. 40 acres 2 MAY 1795 part of a 240 acre tract adjoining Morgan, Hardy Griffin, Wolf Harbor Branch, Spring Branch, the Piney Prong and Massey (Franklin Co. Deed Bk 8, p. 201) to William Seagraves. Witnesses Benjamin Wheeler, William Wray.

The Charles U. and the Richard U. mentioned above are, no doubt, 2,63
brothers and sons of Richard U. II. The name Kinchen U. is entirely new 152
to us and we are very anxious to have this Colonial Upchurch identified.
We have no idea as to his age except that in 1794 when he witnessed the
deeds mentioned above he must have been of legal age (21 years old?)
which would mean he was born in 1773 or before. Since he was in the midst
of the spot where Richard U. II settled in 1755 it is likely that Kinchen U. 152
was a descendant of Richard U. II, possibly his son, but more likely a 152
grandson.

One guess as to why the Strickland researcher speculated that Elisha Strickland's wife was an Upchurch is the fact that Elisha had a son named Kinchen Strickland. Perhaps Elisha Strickland's wife was a dau of Kinchen U. and Elisha named his son after his wife's father. Another possibility is that Elisha's wife and Kinchen U. were sister and brother and that Elisha and wife named their son after an uncle. Certainly, the coincidence of the unusual name Kinchen appearing in the Strickland and Upchurch families in the same community warrants speculation.

If anyone has a single bit of information on the name Kinchen, please let us hear from you.

Missing Link # 39 - Father of Hawaiian Upchurch Entry A

The power of census records in advancing our understanding of the Upchurch Family of America continues to be recognized. Cousin Roy White jump started our use of these records when he provided a set for all states for the 1880 census some two decades ago. Over the years researchers have been hired to produce more census records and cooperators have sent in increments. Over the last two years Cousin Charles J. Peterson has probed the Internet to create a very comprehensive set of Upchurch census records. It is an ongoing project to coordinate the duplications and to fit each name into the overall Upchurch family. Along the way we find solutions, puzzles, conflicts, and challenges. Here we say thanks to all who have participated in gathering the Upchurch census records. We will report one specific advance.

A letter dated 26 JAN 2004 from Cousin Charles included some census downloads including one for the 1920 entries for a James Upchurch family in Hawaii. As background, we know he fits into an Upchurch family, headed by his father whom we originally called "Hawaiian Upchurch". Over time we learned that his name was William U. and that he was likely born on the mainland USA between 1840 and 1860. More and more members of this family have been identified but the heritage of William U. has remained elusive. Now the 1920 census tells us a bit more. It shows that James U. was born about 1878 in Hawaii (which we knew) and that his father (whose name we know to be William) was born in Georgia and that his mother was born in Hawaii. Thus, we now have evidence that William U. arrived in Hawaii as a single person and there married a local person. The 1920 census record for the James U. family bears the designation "Chinese" so we are left to confirm that James U. married a person of Chinese descent as opposed to a native of Hawaii.

More importantly we now know that William U. was born in Georgia. This narrows our search for his identity considerably. So far we have not spotted or proposed a specific male on the Georgia census records of 1840, 1850, 1860 or 1870 to be the William U. who found his way to Hawaii before the mid- 1870s. Hopefully, the breakthrough is just around the corner.

Entry B – May 3, 2019

Jay Buck, Office Manager for UAFA, discovered this article from Newspapers.com

A BELATED CONFEDERATE.

The romantic side of the late war is just beginning to show itself. Every day some little scrap of history comes to light, rivaling in dramatic interest anything to be found in the pages of Scott, Dumas or Cooper.

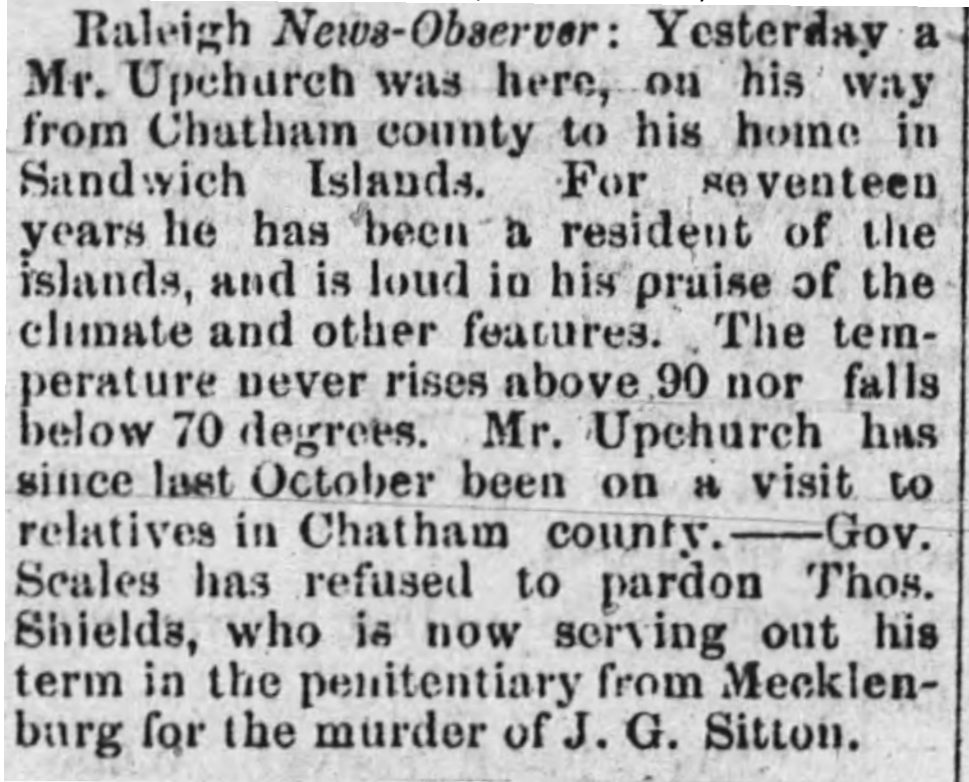
Shortly after the confederates began their struggle for independence, Winship Upchurch, of Chatham county, N. C., joined a volunteer company and went to the front. He made a good soldier, and fought on until the last year of the conflict. The federals captured him in one of the bloody battles in Virginia, and he was sent to one of the prisons in the northwest. At the close of the war he was discharged. He was without money and had heard nothing from home in many months. His relatives, he knew, had good reason to believe him dead. Despondent and poverty-stricken, the poor fellow drifted about from place to place wherever he could obtain work. His wanderings carried him all the time westward, and when he found himself in San Francisco he yielded to a temptation to visit the Sandwich Islands.

The voluntary exile intended some day to return home, but many things interfered. He also intended to write and notify his people of his whereabouts, but from time to time he delayed. Almost before he knew it twenty years flitted by. A few weeks ago he felt an uncontrollable desire to see the old north state again. He arranged his business, packed his trunk and started on his long journey. Last week he turned up in Chatham county with the announcement that he had come to pay a short visit to his old friends.

It is easy to imagine the astonishment created by the reappearance of the belated confederate. The intelligence of his return spread like wildfire, and hundreds of farmers who were total strangers to him rode many miles to interview him. The Sandwich Islander will be the lien of the hour and a nine-days wonder. Unfortunately for the symmetrical rounding off of the story, the adventurous soldier does not propose to settle down in his old home. He has prospered among his beathen friends and will go back to spend his days among them. Perhaps all the points in the story have not been made public. There may be a woman in the case. Upchurch may have been drawn to North Carolina by a sneaking desire to again look upon the face of the girl he left behind him when he went to the tented field. He may find her, not the buxam lassie of twenty years ago, but a faded matron, happy in the ceaseless duties and cares of wifehood and motherhood. This may be the end of the little romance. Who knows?

This article, and variations of the same, appeared in several newspapers around the South as well as in other parts of the US in the fall of 1885.

In February 1886, The Raleigh News and Observer caught up with a "Mr. Upchurch", who appeared to be heading back to the Sandwich (Hawaiian Islands).



Raleigh News-Observer: Yesterday a Mr. Upchurch was here, on his way from Chatham county to his home in Sandwich Islands. For seventeen years he has been a resident of the islands, and is loud in his praise of the climate and other features. The temperature never rises above 90 nor falls below 70 degrees. Mr. Upchurch has since last October been on a visit to relatives in Chatham county. —Gov. Scales has refused to pardon Thos. Shields, who is now serving out his term in the penitentiary from Mecklenburg for the murder of J. G. Sitton.

Is the Hawaiian Upchurch William or Winship? Or are William and Winship the same individual? And whatever became of them? Contact Jay @ jay.buck@alliedfamilies.org with any info or questions.