

**Addison Council****XID – 29****Commentary:** See number one below

Acknowledgements: This biofile was transcribed by Carla J. Michaels of Cary NC. She is both a marvelous contributor to UAFA and a member of the UAFA board. She is also a noted local historian in the Cary area.

**(1)** Addison Council married Emmala Upchurch (born 7 Dec 1828). Emmala Upchurch was daughter of Murry and Nancy (Scott) Upchurch and granddaughter of Moses Upchurch. (28)

**(2)** Addison “Dock” Council born 14 Jan 1824 (Family Bible Record) died 19 Nov 1914. Mt Pisgah Cemetery. Residence was about 300 yards north of Green Level Baptist Church (35, Page 4, 122)

Married Emily C Upchurch (sister of Isom Upchurch) (30, Page 3)

Addison Council born 14 Jan 1824 died 8 Mar 1893 Family Bible Record.

Married Emily C Upchurch born 7 Dec 1828, died 9 Nov 1924 Mt Pisgah Cemetery.

His will shows heirs: Wife – Emily C Council, daughter Robena J Edwards, son A M Council, son J D Council and grandchildren Brontinous, Neroes, Eubert, and Boling. Her will made 18 Aug 1887. Book J, Page 420 Chatham County Courthouse. (35, Page 122)

**(3)** See notes of RPU 18 Nov 1978 visit to Adelia Jane Upchurch

We rode about. At Green Level Church, Adelia commented that the Addison Council house was just up the road (#1600) on east side. He married Emily Upchurch a daughter of Murray Upchurch.

**(4)** Addison Council “Dock” born 14 Jan 1824 died 8 Mar 1893. Buried Green Level Church Cemetery, Wake Co, NC married Emily “Emm” Catherine Upchurch, daughter of Murray and Nancy Scott Upchurch. Death date of Addison is from his mother’s Bible.

[Note – above is on Page 4 of 35. On Page 122 there is a note that Addison and Emily are buried at Mt Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery, Chatham Co, NC. Addison’s residence was 300 yards N of Green Level Baptist Church, Wake Co, NC. His will shows [Note: no further text on this item follows – CJM Sep 2021]

**(no number)** Item in letter 9 Oct 2007 Ann Poe to RPU

Margaret Travis is nee Margaret Farrar Mills born 10 Mar 1922

**Addison Council**

Matthew Ferrell

The wife of Addison Council was Emmala Upchurch (or Emily Upchurch), daughter of Murray Upchurch and granddaughter of Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

[Note: On 25 Oct 2007 I called Ann Poe and she agreed to find more information on Green Level. She says Lester Council and George Beavers (now 90+ and in Spring Arbor) would be good sources on Green Level.]

# OPINION<sup>4A</sup>

THE CARY NEWS

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## A brief history of the Green Level community

**M**argaret Travis was born and grew up in Green Level, the daughter of one of the first pastors of the Green Level Baptist Church. She shares the history of Green Level that has been passed down to her.

### CARY'S HERITAGE



PEGGY  
VAN SCOYOC

"It is legend that the Indians named Green Level. Their trails crossed at the bottom of a large hill. One [trail] went north and south and one east and west.

It's believed that, because it's a level area there, the chief would call his meetings where it was green and level.

"As North Carolina was settled, many families would come and buy large strips of land close together. A man built a

saw mill at the bottom of the hill where the roads crossed. As the people came, they'd cut the trees

from their land and would bring it to the saw mill. The lumber was sawn and they'd take it back to their land to build their homes and barns. So farms began in the Green Level area.

"A stagecoach line began at Durham and went to Pittsboro. They came through Green Level at the crossroads. It was a place that the stagecoach would stop. On the corner of where the roads crossed another man in the community built a tavern as a stop for the stagecoach lines. The tavern also had a post office. Then another man built a little country store at the crossroads. In the store he would sell shoes, a little bit of clothing and food, staple things. Now Green Level has a saw mill, a whisky tavern and a country store. The first farmers planted cotton. So next a cotton gin was built. The crossroads at Green Level became the hub of the community.

"When Green Level was settled in the 1700s and the farms were established at the foot of the hill, there was not a church at all in Green Level

Mr. Addison Council asked the people, 'Don't we need a church in our community?' They agreed they would like a church close by. For a place to meet they wanted to use the cotton gin, but some masons in the community asked for the cotton gin for their place to meet. Well, the whisky tavern was left. So he saw the owner and asked if they could have Sunday school in the whisky tavern. Mr. Addison Council began a Sunday school in the whisky tavern in 1870. Mr. Matthew Ferrell who lived in the community was a preacher. He agreed to be the pastor of the new church. They named it Providence Baptist Church. In September of 1870, he held a revival, and 36 people moved their letters from Mt. Pisgah in Salem, and 16 people came by baptism. All the church members went down to the stream called White Oak Branch and [those 16 people] were baptized in the branch. In the same year, they said, 'Let's change the name from Providence to Green Level,' so it became the Green Level Baptist

Church.

"They outgrew the whisky tavern and the members said, 'We need a church.' Mr. Addison Council's wife had inherited land from Mr. Upchurch up on the hill from the crossroads. So together they gave two acres of land at the top of the hill. They built a two-story building. It was in that old building in 1891 that my father, a 12-year-old child, became a Christian. He later became pastor of the [newer] Green Level Church."

*Cary's Heritage is taken from the book "Just a Horse-Stopping Place, an Oral History of Cary, North Carolina," which is on sale at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in downtown Cary. The book is a collection of oral history interviews conducted between local citizens and Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel. Proceeds from the sale of this book support the preservation of Cary's history through the Cary Heritage Museum.*

**(no number)** Wake Co, NC Heritage Cook

Copied for biofiles of:

Emily Catherine Upchurch

**Addison Council**

## THE COUNCILS

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Bobbie Council was born in 1768 and died in 1861. He was a man of small stature and had distinctive blue-violet eyes set deep in his brows, a characteristic which many of the later generations possess and readily identify them as members of the Council family. He lived in Wake County near the Chatham County line west of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. He married

Rebecca Weathers who was born in 1781 and was from Raleigh, North Carolina.

John Council who married Selah came from England and settled in the Isle of Wight, Virginia. His son, Hodges Council who married Lucy Hardy had a son, John. John Council, Sr. had a son John, Jr. who was Robert "Bobbie" Council's father. "Robert Council was appointed Ensign January 4, 1776 was promoted July 7, 1776. He resigned because of illness, September 10, 1776. He was reappointed Ensign in 1777 in Captain Bowman's Company, first Regiment under Col. Thomas Clarke and promoted to the North Carolina Dragoons on August 1, 1778 and served until the close of the war." — *State Records of North Carolina* by Clarke, Vol. 13, pages 474 and 475.

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Bobbie and Rebecca Weathers Council, Jr. had nine children. They were:

Kimbrell Council who was born December 8, 1801 and died April 17, 1857 and married Ada Yates on December 23, 1826. Ada was born in 1808 and died March 25, 1882.

R. Chesley Council was born January 9, 1804 and died 1861 before Bobbie Council made his will. He married Rosannah Sears.

Dilly Council was born February 20, 1806. She married John "Jack" Dowdy. She was "bequeath fifty dollars more than any of the others" in Bobbie Council's will.

Enfield "Ensley" Council was born November 19, 1808 and was married twice, first to Nancy and then to Elizabeth.

Lemuel Council was born February 7, 1810 and died before 1861 when Bobbie Council made his will.

Henderson "Hensey" Council born September 11, 1815 and died before the turn of the century. He married Katherine "Kiddie" Yates on December 22, 1838. She was the sister of Ada Yates who married Kimbrell Council.

Robert Caswell "Cas" Council was born February 9, 1818 and married Mariah J. Wilson on December 28, 1846.

Addison "Dock" Council was born January 14, 1824 and died March 8, 1893. He married Emily Catherine Upchurch who was born on December 7, 1828 and died on March 10, 1914.

and Dr. William Council born September 3, 1820. He married Annie Johnson first and Polly Williams in a second marriage. He was a physician in the Southern Army during the War Between the States. He died in Eudora, Mississippi.

Sources: Personal research.

— Irma Ragan Holland

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**(no number)** From Upchurch Story by Etta Belle West, Page 35

**Aderson Council** was designated lawful executor of the will of Murray Upchurch written 6 Apr 1870. Murray Upchurch died 19 Mar 1872. The witnesses were E H Fearington and C R Scott

**Addison Council** was the son-in-law of Murray Upchurch – RPU