Dallas H. Upchurch

XID 1122

Commentary: According to the Raleigh News Observer (Item 27), Dallas H. Upchurch was born on 23 November 1840 in the Cross Roads District of Wake County, NC. His father, Kearney Upchurch had recently moved to the area from Dunn Township in Franklin County, NC. Kearney was the son of James Upchurch VII and the grandson of Richard Upchurch III, head of Upchurch clan # 4. Dallas, as a young man, served the Confederacy in the Civil War. He married Tabitha Watson in 1865 in his home community. They had issue. In his later years he lived in Wilmington, NC. From that location in 1930, he applied for a Confederate pension and subsequently was admitted into the Soldier Home in Raleigh in 1933. There he died in 1936.

Phil Upchurch, 3 Sep 2018

<u>Acknowledgements:</u> This Biofile was transcribed by Sarah Watson, a volunteer at our Cary Facility in NC.

- (1) Per attach #34 West letter 18 May 1975 Wake Co, NC Marriage Records "23 Sep 1865 Dallas Upchurch married Tabitha Watson Witness = R. S. Perry and Thomas Utley" West note shows Dallas as son of Kearney Upchurch.
- (2) Per attach #35 West letter 18 May 1975 Wake Co, NC Court House Wills Abstracts "Kearney Upchurch to Allen P., James W., Dallas H, et al - -12 Jul 1882 Book Record A Page 342 File 1549."
- (3) See Will file Will of Kearney Upchurch (XID 989) Wake Co, NC written 6 May 1880, Probated 12 Jul 1882.

Kearney names Dallas H. Upchurch as his son Dallas H. Upchurch rec'd 100 acres near Neuse River.

- (4) See Correspondent file Mrs. G. H. West 20 & 30 Oct 1977 Lewis Upchurch named as son of Dallas Upchurch
- (5) Wake County marriage bonds listed in 31 Oct 1977 letter Mrs. L. W. Priest to RPU Dallas H. Upchurch married Tabitha Watson Bond 23 Sep 1865 Bondsman R.S. Perry; witness D.A. Wicker married 25 Sep 1865 by R.S. Perry, J.P.
- (6) See 1870 Wake Co NC Census In St Matthews Township Dallas Upchurch is listed age 30, male, white, Farm Laborer, as head of household but \$0 real or personal property listed also his wife Tabitha age 23 keeping house and son Amos age 2



(7) See 1880 Census Wake Co, NC – St Matthews Tsp Household 164 Family 169
Kerner (Kearney) Upchurch W, M,72 widowed / Divorced born NC as was M & F
Dalas (Dallas) Upchurch W, M,39 born NC as was M & F
Taabitha Upchurch W, F, 36, wife born NC as was M & F
Armer (?) (Amos) Upchurch W, M,12 son born NC as was M & F
Thsonor (?) Upchurch W, M, 9 son born NC as was M & F
Lola Upchurch W, F, 2 daughter born NC as was M & F
Wilofora Upchurch W, M, 1/12 daughter born NC as was M & F
Note discrepancy "M" but "daughter" - RPU

Emma Rogers W, F,18 niece born NC as was M & F

(8) See 1850 Census Wake Co NC – Cross Roads District

Dallas Upchurch age 10, make is listed in home of parents Kearney Upchurch 45 male Farmer \$1088 RE & Emily Upchurch 38 F plus seven other children

(9) See 1860 Census Wake Co NC – Rolesville District

Dallas Upchurch age 19 is listed as Clerk and in home of parents Kearney and Emily Upchurch

(10) See Letter Belle West 19 May 1979 to RPU

Shows Dallas H Upchurch married 23 Sep 1865 to Tabitha Watson

(11) Letter 13 Nov 1981 Mayfred Upchurch to RPU shows:

CSA – Dal H.U. Co H 31 NC Inf Corp-Priv

(12) From Ltr 30 Jul 1989

Dallas H. Upchurch Private in Union Army, Co H 31

Enlisted Oct 1862 [The Union Army seems wrong – RPU] See 1890 Census backup – CSA not GAR; no wounds, never captured

(13) CSA Records for Dallas H. Upchurch from Ltr 9 Aug 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

<u>Dallas H. Upchurch</u> Co H 31 NC Inf Corporal / Private, Enlisted 14 Oct 1861, Wake Co, NC and/or enlisted Sep 1861 in Forestville, NC

14 Oct - 31 Dec 1861 - Present

Jan & Feb 1862 – Deserted 3 Mar and joined Co I 1 Rgt NC, Co I 1 NC Inf.: Private/Private

Enlisted 24 Feb 1862 in Rolesville, NC age 17 volunteer Mar & Apr 1862 – "Absent on sick furlough [according to another note – "For disability. He was transferred from Co H, 31 Regt 10 Mar 1862 this company]

30 Jun – 31 Oct 1862 – "Discharged 5 Aug 1862 Richmond, VA. Bounty paid" Transferred from 1 Rgt NC Vols on 11 Mar 1862



Entered service 14 Oct 1862 Age 20

Entered service 26 Jun 1863 Age 21 – Volunteer

Mar and Apr 1864 – Present

20 Jun 1864 – hospital in Richmond, VA

To 30 Jun 1864 – Present

To 31 Aug 1864 – Present

27 Jul 1864 – admitted to hospital ibn Richmond, VA with "Debilitas" and returned to duty 14 Sep 1864

Deserted 27 Sep 1864

(14) [Note: Dallas H. Upchurch is son of Kearney Upchurch of the Richard Upchurch, III / James Upchurch Subclan – RPU]

(15) See Ltr 15 Apr 1990 Roy NMN White, Jr. to RPU

D.H.U [**Dallas H. Upchurch**] age 90 on 2 Apr 1930 applied for confederate pension from New Hanover Co, NC. He was a resident of Wilmington, NC. He entered the soldiers home Jan 1933 and died at the home Sept 1936.

(16) See Ltr 5 May 1990 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

<u>Dallas H. Upchurch</u> married Tabitha Watson whose father Henry Watson had a sister Nancy Watson who married Hanson Upchurch.

(17) See Wake Co, NC Genealogical Society Newsletter Vol 9 No 10 Jan 1991

Lists about 60 who enrolled in 1st Regt NCST Co I; The Wake Light Infantry including:

James W. Upchurch

Dallas H. Upchurch [Dallas H. Upchurch]

They received a bounty of \$35.00 for signing



<u>(18)</u>



SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF New Hanney
On this 2 day of , A. D. 1930, personally appeared before me,
who enlisted in Co. 26, 31 Reg., N. C., State Troops, on or about the 26 day of
186 1, to serve in the armies of the late Confederate States, and that while in said service at 186 1, in the State of, on or about the
day of, 186/, he received a wound or wounds, etc.
(Applicant will here state the nature and extent of his wound and disability, so that a proper classification can be made under the new Pension Law peased by the General Assembly of 1921. Read said section of said law carefully, and to accomplish the classification therein called for, let statement here as to nature and extent of wounds, disability, etc., be very full and explicit.)
Wounded levice first a flesh wound The second time shell snocked while fighting parter between the games and Appoindthis Rivers.
He further states that he is, and has been for twelve months immediately preceding this Application for Pension, a bona fide resident of North Carolina; That he holds no office under the United States, or under any State or County, for which he is receiving the sum of three hundred dollars as fees or as salary annually; That he is not worth in his own right, or the right of his wife, property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), nor has he disposed of property of such value by gift or voluntary conveyance since the 11th of March, 1885; And that he is not now receiving any aid from the State of North Carolina or under any other statute
Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 2 day of
Also personally appeared before me mo, o, lo hamilto, who
resides at
the applicant for pension, and has every reason to believe that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that the facts set forth in this affidavit are correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he has no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim.
Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 3
day of And 193? Mrs J. J. Chesnett Signature of Witness.
Signature of C. S. C.

(19) Came with Items (18)



State Auditors Office –
Confederate Soldiers Home Records
Record of Inmates
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Upchurch, D. H.
from Wilmington
d.o.b. Nov 23, 1840
Father – Kearney Upchurch
B. P. Wake Co.
Mother – Emily Perry
B.P. Wake Co.
Entered service 1861 age 20 Co H Reg 31 NC
admitted to home Jan 7, 1933
Wounded at Petersburg – shell shocked, between Appomatox and James

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(20) North Carolina Troops 1861 – 1865 – A Roster Vol III Infantry Compiled by: Louis H. Manarin - NC office of Archives & History Pages (s) 233-245
Unit: BJU In Co. G // of
1st Regiment NC State Troops organized 3 Jun 1861 at Warrenton, Warren Co., NC
1st, 2nd, 3rd Regts NC (Troops served together)
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THROWER, WESLEY P., Private

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted at age 23, August 6, 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. July 3, 1863. Confined at Fort Delaware. Delaware, until transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, on October 18, 1863. Died in hospital at Point Lookout, on November 17, 1863, of "diarrhoea chronic."

TIPPET, L. M., Private

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted at age 17, September 9, 1862 for the war as a substitute for William B. Fowler. Died in camp at Upperville, Virginia, November 2, 1862.

TRAWICK, JAMES M., Corporal

Born in Wake County where he resided as a farmer and enlisted at age 27, July 22, 1861, for the war. Mustered in as Corporal. "Died August 9, 1862, in camp near Richmond, Virginia from exhaustion in the Seven Days battles around the city."



UPCHURCH, CALVIN W., Corporal

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted at age 23, July 18, 1861, for the war. Mustered as Corporal. Present or accounted for until wounded in action at Payne's Farm, Virginia, November 27, 1863. Detailed in Captain Samuel B. Water's Company, Provost Guard, Raleigh, March 10, 1864. Absent on detail through December, 1864. Admitted to hospital at Richmond, Virginia, March 1, 1865.

UPCHURCH, DALLAS H., Private

Transferred from Company H, 31st Regiment NC Troops on March 10, 1862. Discharged on August 5, 1862, by reason of disability.

UPCHURCH, JAMES W., Sergeant

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted at age 22, July 16, 1862 for the war. Mustered in as Sergeant. Present or accounted for until captured at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia, May 12, 1864. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland until transferred to Elmira, NY, August 6, 1864. Paroled at Elmira and sent to James River, Virginia, for exchange on February 20, 1865. Admitted to hospital at Richmond, Virginia. February 27, 1865 and furloughed for 30 days on March 7, 1865.

WALKER, JESSE J., Private

Resided in Ashe County and enlisted in Wake County at age 28, July 15, 1862 for the war. Present or accounted for until sent home sick May-June, 1863. Reported as absent sick until September 6, 1963, when he was reported as absent without leave. Reported as absent without leave on company muster rolls through December, 1864. Roll of Honor states that he "went home on sick furlough and deserted to the enemy about March 1, 1864." Federal Provost Marshal records indicate that he "came into Federal Lines Plymouth, North Carolina" and took the Oath of Allegiance at Fort Monroe, Virginia, March 14, 1864.

WALL, JAMES, Private

Resided in Wake County where he listed as age 30. July 18, 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until wounded in action at Payne's Farm, Virginia, November 27, 1863. Died in hospital at Richmond, Virginia, December 10, 1863 of gunshot wound.

WALL, GEORGE F., Private

Paroled at Greensboro on May 22, 1865.

WATKINS, CLINTON, Private

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted at age 23, July 18, 1861 for the war. Wounded in action at Sharpsburg, Maryland, September 17, 1862 and captured and paroled in Keedysville, Maryland, September 20, 1862. Present or accounted for until captured at Spotsylania Court House, Virginia, May 12, 1864. Confined at Point



Lookout, Maryland, until transferred to Elmira New York August 6, 1864. Released at Elmira after taking the Oath of Allegiance on June 27, 1865.

WATKINS, GASTON, Private

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted at age 19, July 18, 1861 for the war. Died at Fredericksburg, Virginia, September 30, 1861

WATKINS, JAMES H., Private

Resided in Wake County and enlisted in Wayne County on May 3, 1862 for the war. Present or accounted for until transferred to Company K, 14th Regiment N. C. Troops (4th Regiment NC Volunteers). December 31, 1862.

WATKINS, KINCHEN B., Private

Resided in Wake Country when he enlisted at age 22, July 18, 1861 for the war. Deserted July 25, 1863 in Wake County.

WEATHERS, J.D., Private

Resided in Wake County where he enlisted on November 7, 1863 for the war. Present or accounted for until reported on February 29. August 31, 1864, muster roll with the remark that he was "absent prisoner of war since May 12, 1864." Reported as absent prisoner through December 1864. Roll of Honor states that he "died in prison at Elmira, New York." No Federal Provost Marshal records were found relative to his capture or confinement and death.

WHITFIELD, J.R., Private

Resided as a farmer in Ashe County prior to enlisting in Wake County at age 30, July 15, 1862, for the war. Discharged at Richmond, Virginia, September 3, 1862, by reason of "hernia and spinal irritation."

WHITFIELD, R.C., Private

Resided in Ashe County as a farmer prior to enlisting in Wake County at age 30, July 15, 1862 for the war. Discharged on September 3, 1862. by reason of "Hernia."

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Ray, M.T. v. Nora Ray

The marriage was dissolved the February Term of Superior Court, 1897. The Pl was a resident of the state more than two years before this action. The parties married 7 March 1888. The complaint alleges the Def committed adultery with Thomas WILLIS and Eldridge SMITH and others. The Pl alleges the Def committed adultery in April 1890 with unknown; in September and October of 1891 with said WILLIS; in July and August of 1892 with said WILLIS and SMITH in winter and spring of 1893 with other unknown men. Summons date November 1896 called Lula ROYALL and Alvarada



ADAMS. Summons dated March 1899 called Charles EDWARDS, Lucy EDWARDS, Sis DANIELS, Minnie BERRY, Mary JOHNSON, <u>D.H. UPCHURCH</u>, Pl to have custody of the two children, Hubert, now aged about nine, and Hal, now about four.

Crossfile: M.T. RAY, THOMAS WILLIS, ELDRIDGE SMITH, CHARLES EDWARD,

DALLAS H. UPCHURCH, HUBERT RAY, HAL RAY

Note: It would appear that D.H.U. was called as a witness but did not appear for

whatever my presumption is that D.H.U. = **Dallas H. Upchurch**

(RPU 22 Dec 2005)

(22) Data obtained by RPU/SSU on Apr 1996 Visit to Confederate Library – Hillsboro, TX

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Resident Wake County age 20, Oct 14, 1861 cpl. Transferred to Co I 3-10. Co I 1st Reg. N.C. State Troops Mar 10, 1862. Reenlisted as Pvt. 6.20.1863 Deserted Sept 27, 1864

(23) NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS 1861 – 1865 – A. Roster Vol III Infantry

compiled by: Louis H. Manarin – NC Office of Archives and History

Unit:

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Addendum Upchurch, Dallas H., Private

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Regiment N.C. troops

(24) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU

NC CSA Soldiers and Sailors

http://www.itd.nps.gov/Personz Results.cfm?maxcount=74&start=51&Per giv nam... 1/30/2005

No.	Soldier Name	Side	Function Regiment Name
1. U ₁	ochurch, A McD	Confederate	Infantry 5th Regiment, North Carolina
			Infantry
2. U ₁	ochurch, A A B	Confederate	Artillery 13th Battalion, North Carolina Light
			Artillery
3. U ₁	ochurch, A B	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina
			Infantry
4. U ₁	ochurch, A H	Confederate	Infantry 23rd Regiment, North Carolina
			Infantry
5. U ₁	ochurch, A J	Confederate	Cavalry 1st Regiment, North Carolina
			Cavalry
6. U ₁	ochurch, A J	Confederate	Infantry 43rd Regiment. North Carolina
			Cavalry



7. Upchurch, A J	Confederate	Clark's Special Battalion, North Carolina Militia
8. Upchurch, A N	Confederate	Infantry 39th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
9. Upchurch, Albert E	Confederate	Infantry 55th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
10. Upchurch, Allinder B	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
11. Upchurch, Ansel M	Confederate	Infantry 58 Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
12. Upchurch, Archibald M.D.	Confederate	Infantry 15 Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
13. Upchurch, B A	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
14. Upchurch, B A A B	Confederate	Artillery 13 Battalion, North Carolina Light Artillery
15. Upchurch, B A B	Confederate	Artillery 13 Battalion, North Carolina Light Artillery
16. Upchurch, B J	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
17. Upchurch, Ben	Confederate	6th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves
18. Upchurch, Benjamin	Confederate	Artillery 2nd Regiment, North Carolina Artillery
19. Upchurch, Benjamin	Confederate	Infantry 66th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
20. Upchurch, Benjamin W	Confederate	Infantry 13th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
21. Upchurch, Bennett A A B	Confederate	Artillery 2nd Regiment, North Carolina Artillery
22. Upchurch, Buckley	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
23. Upchurch, C	Confederate	1st Regiment, North Carolina Junior Reserves
24. Upchurch, Calvin W.	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
25. Upchurch, Charles D	Confederate	Snead's Company, North Carolina Local Defense
26. Upchurch, Charles P	Confederate	Snead's Company, North Carolina Local Defense
27. <u>Upchurch, Dal H</u>	Confederate	Infantry 31st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
28. Upchurch, Dallas H.	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
29. Upchurch, Daniel	Confederate	Infantry 34th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
30. Upchurch, Green Berry	Confederate	Infantry 33rd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
31. Upchurch, Hansel	Confederate	8th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves



32. Upchurch, I S	Confederate	Infantry 16th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
33. Upchurch, Isam	Confederate	Infantry Infantry 16th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
34. Upchurch, J B	Confederate	Infantry 47 Regiment, North Carolina
35. Upchurch, J F	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Junior Reserves
36. Upchurch, J F	Confederate	Cavalry 8 Battalion, North Carolina Cavalry (Partisan Rangers)
37. Upchurch, J H	Confederate	Infantry 6th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
38. Upchurch, J M	Confederate	Cavalry 3rd Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry
39. Upchurch, J M	Confederate	Infantry 35th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
40. Upchurch, J N	Confederate	Cavalry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
41. Upchurch, J W	Confederate	Infantry 32nd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry (Lenior Braves)
42. Upchurch, James	Confederate	Infantry 35th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
43. Upchurch, James W	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
44. Upchurch, Jasper W	Confederate	Cavalry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry
45. Upchurch, John W	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
46. Upchurch, Joseph	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
47. Upchurch, Jubal	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
48. Upchurch, Lindaman	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
49. Upchurch, M D	Confederate	Infantry 15th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
50. Upchurch, N B	Confederate	Infantry 33rd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
51. Upchurch, O H	Confederate	Infantry 1st Regiment, North Carolina Junior Reserves
52. Upchurch, Oliver	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
53. Upchurch, P B	Confederate	Infantry 15th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
54. Upchurch, Parker	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
55. Upchurch, Richard	Confederate	Infantry 26th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
56. Upchurch, Richard	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry



57. Upchurch, Sidney	Confederate	3rd Battalion, North Carolina Senior Reserves
58. Upchurch, Simon M	Confederate	Infantry 55th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
59. Upchurch, Sion M	Confederate	Infantry 55th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
60. Upchurch, Thomas	Confederate	Infantry 7th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
61. Upchurch, Thomas J	Confederate	Infantry 47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
62. Upchurch, W A	Confederate	Mallett's Battalion, North Carolina Camp Guards (Camp Holmes)
63. Upchurch, W M	Confederate	Infantry 35th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
64. Upchurch, Wesley	Confederate	5th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves
65. Upchurch, Wesley	Confederate	Infantry 7th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
66. Upchurch, Will H.	Confederate	Infantry 26th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
67. Upchurch, William	Confederate	Infantry 35th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
68. Upchurch, William	Confederate	Infantry 50th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
69. Upchurch, William H	Confederate	Infantry 15th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
70. Upchurch, William R	Confederate	Infantry 52nd Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
71. Upchurch, William S	Confederate	Infantry 58th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
72. Upchurch, Williford	Confederate	Infantry 6th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
73. Upchurch, Winship	Confederate	Infantry 6th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry
74. Upchurch, Winslow	Confederate	Infantry 6th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry

(25) Book: Strickland Records and Family Groups – Carla Tate 2007 Wake Co, NC Records – Pg. 26 – 397 – Items of Interest to RPU

Page 265: Charlie V. Strickland (27) of Durham Co, son of William D. and Indiana J. Strickland (father alive, mother dead of Durham Co.) to Metta Z. Upchurch (20) of Wake Co. daughter of James W. and Juane E. Upchurch (both alive of Wake County). The license was applied for by A.C. Strickland and was issued January 25, 1983 and they were married the same day by W.C. Tyree Baptist Minister at the residence of the bride's father in St. Matthews Township. N.W. Pool, **D.H. Upchurch** both of St. Matthews Township, and H.B. Patterson of Durham were witnesses at the wedding.

Notes - RPU



D.H. Upchurch = Dallas H. Upchurch, uncle of the bride Metta Z. Upchurch

(26) From biofile of John Aldred Perry – Entry 10 Aug 2009

I. Richard Upchurch, III

A. James Upchurch, VII

1. Kearney Upchurch 1808 – 1883

a. Dallas H. Upchurch born 1840

Dallas H. Upchurch-2 (Kearney Upchurch-1). He was born 1840 in Wake, North Carolina, USA. Military on 14 Oct 1861 (Co. I 31st Regiment NC Troops & Co. I 1st Regiment NC Troops).

Notes for Dallas H. Upchurch

General Notes:

Corporal

Enlisted 10/14/1861 at age 20.

Mustered in as corporal.

Transferred to Co. I 1st Regiment NC Troops 3/10/1862

Discharged 8/5/1862 by reason by disability.

Reenlisted in Co. I 31st Regiment on 6/20/1863

Deserted 9/27/1864.

Family stories abound about the Confederate Authorities looking for him. It seems his favorite hiding place was a rock down on the Neuse River that came to be known as Uncle Dal's rock.



 $(27)\ The\ Rocky\ Mount\ Herald\ (Rocky\ Mount,\ NC)\ 11\ Sep\ 1936$



Oldest Veteran Taken By Death

Dal H. Upchurch, 95, Passes At Old Soldiers Home After Three Week's Illness

Death visited the ranks of the "boys in gray" last night, still further thinning their ever-lessening files.

The name that now will have to be scratched from the roster is that of Dal H. Upchurch—"Uncle Dai" to those who knew him well—who died at the Old Soldiers Home last night following a critical illness of about three weeks. He was 95 and was the oldest veteran of the Civil War at the home.

A member of Company Eight, 31st North Carolina Regiment in the War Between the States, Mr. Upchurch was twice wounded at Gettysburg, and between Appomattox and the James River suffered shell shock, said Mrs. Maude Dowdee, clerk at the Old Soldiers Home.

His passing leaves only eight veterans at the Old Soldiers Home, though Mrs. Dowdee said there were three applicants who had not to be admitted.

yet been admitted.

said Mrs. Dowdee. False, hearful, talkative, he had been confined to his bed almost continuously since he came to the home from
Wilmington three years ago, she
added. However, he was a favorite
with the visitors, to whom he talked freely in relating his experiences
in the Civil War.

He carried his years well. He wore a gray moustache, and his hair—he wasn't bald—was of course also gray.

The oldest inmate of the home, Mr. Upchurch was sometimes effectionately called "Uncle Dal." He was the son of the late Emma Perry Upchurch and Kearney Upchurch, and was a native of the Neuse section of Wake County, where he was born November 23, 1840. He was 20 years old when he joined the Confederate forces in 1861, and he served four years.

He is survived by one brother,
A. P. Upchurch of Ralcigh, one
daughter, Mrs. Pat Massey of
Neuse, and one son, Thea Upchurch
of Neuse.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last nght.

