

**Malinda Denton****XID – 2974**

**Commentary:** Malinda Denton was the third wife of Benjamin Pearce. Benjamin, in turn, was the son of John and Frances Upchurch Pearce. Benjamin was perhaps named for his grandfather who was the head of Upchurch Clan 13.

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**(no number)** 1860 Census – Dunn’s Township – Franklin Co, NC – Ancestry.com

1860 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Benj Pearce	1817	43	farmer, \$1500/ \$519
<b><u>Linda Pearce</u></b>	1839	21	
Jane Pearce	1842	18	
William Pearce	1851	9	
Frances Pearce	1855	5	
John H Pearce	1857	3	
Burrel Pearce	1858	2	
Fenner Denton	1846	14	

Name: John H Pearce

Age in 1860: 3

Birth Year: about 1857

Birthplace: North Carolina

Home in 1860: Dunn, Franklin, North Carolina

Gender; Male

Post Office: Bakers Cross Roads

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan	XID
A. Frances Upchurch married John Pearce born 1787	
1. Benjamin Pearce born 11 Nov 1816	2801
married (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 7 Jan 1856 ( ) <b><u>Malinda Denton</u></b> <sup>1</sup>	2974
a. Lenora Jane Pearce	4457
b. Frances Pearce	33896
c. <sup>1</sup> John H Pearce	33886
d. <sup>1</sup> Burrell Pearce	33887
e. Fenner Denton (brother of Malinda)	
f. William Pearce	28453

**(no number)** See Pearce Family – compiled 1967

I. Nathan Pearce married Nancy Wester

    A. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754 married Nancy Bunn

        1. John Pearce born 10 Nov 1781 married Frankie Upchurch

- a. Benjamin Pearce lived to 88  
 married 1<sup>st</sup> Leesie Upchurch  
 married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Linda Denton** died age 47  
 married 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Fason
  - i. Jane Pearce married John Ake Pearce
  - ii. Bill Pearce
  - iii. John Pearce
  - iv. Burrell Pearce
  - v. Cherrie Pearce [daughter of Steve Pearce lived to be 86]
  - vi. Nancy Arch Pearce [Nance]
  - vii. Sherman Pearce
  - viii. Gus Pearce
  - ix. Calvin Pearce
  - x. Mariah Pearce
  - xi. Alison Pearce [Allison]
  - xii. Pettie Grew Pearce
  - xiii. Joe Turner Pearce
  - xiv. Francis Pearce
  - xv. Mary Bell Pearce
  - xvi. Arch Pearce

**(no number)** Note: Benjamin Pearce (who married Malinda Denton “Linda”) is carried as the head of the Benjamin Upchurch Line in the Benjamin Upchurch/ Frances Upchurch, II Sub-clan in RPU records – 17 Apr 2009]

**(no number)** Internet download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU 44. Benjamin<sup>7</sup> Pearce, CSA (*John<sup>6</sup>, Phillip<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Phillip<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 11, 1816 in Franklin Co, NC, and died August 30, 1904 in Franklin Co, NC. He married (1) Elizabeth Upchurch November 17, 1836 in Franklin Co, NC. She was born abt. 1823. He married (2) Malinda Denton January 7, 1856 in Franklin Co, NC, daughter of Redin Richards and Nancy Denton. She was born about 1839 in Franklin Co, NC. He married (3) Betty Fason about 1886, daughter of Benjamin Fason. She was born December 1847.

Notes for Benjamin Pearce, CSA:

Enlisted in Co I, 55<sup>th</sup> Regt on February 19, 1863 at the age of 39 as a Pt. Captured at Gettysburg, PA July 1 – 3, 1863. Confined at Fort Delaware and Point Lookout, MD.

More about Benjamin Pearce, CSA:

Burial: Nannie Orchard Cemetery, SR 1745, 1.1 miles W Hwy 39, Franklin Co, NC

Children of Benjamin Pearce and Elizabeth Upchurch are: [daughter of Burkely Upchurch]

- 111 i Lenore Jane<sup>8</sup> Pearce, born January 15, 1842, Franklin Co, NC; died October 9, 1927, Franklin Co, NC.
- 112 ii William Pearce, born February 1850, Franklin Co, NC, died January 26, 1917, Franklin Co, NC

iii Francis Pearce, born about 1855, Franklin Co, NC

Children of Benjamin Pearce and Malinda Denton are:

- 113 iv John H<sup>8</sup> Pearce born about 1853, Franklin Co, NC  
 v Burrell Pearce born about 1858, Franklin Co, NC; married Orah Poole; born unknown
- 114 vi James E Pearce born 1860, Franklin Co, NC; died December 23, 1929
- 115 vii Nancy Ellen Pearce born about 1862, Franklin Co, NC
- 116 viii Cherrie Pearce born about 1862, Franklin Co, NC; died Jun 8, 1903, Franklin Co, NC
- ix Archibald C Pearce born May 31, 1863, Franklin Co, NC, died January 11, 1925, Franklin Co, NC, married Leah Lancaster, August 20, 1881, Franklin Co, NC; born about 1862  
 More about Archibald C Pearce:  
 Burial: Nannie Orchard Cemetery, 1.1 mile west Hwy 39, Franklin Co, NC
- x Thomas Sherman Pearce, born about 1866, Franklin Co, NC
- 117 xi Augustus Fenner Pearce, born April 27, 1867, Franklin Co, NC; died February 28, 1942, Franklin Co, NC
- 118 xii Benjamin Calvin Pearce born March 12, 1869 Franklin Co, NC; died November 1, 1952, Franklin Co, NC
- xiii Pettigrew Pearce, born after 1871, Franklin Co, NC; died Franklin Co, NC
- xiv Mary Bell Pearce born after 1873, Franklin Co, NC
- xv Joseph Turner Pearce, born February 1874, Franklin Co, NC
- 119 xvi Mariah Pearce, born Mary 1875, Franklin Co, NC
- xvii Allison P Pearce born 1879, Franklin Co, NC

**(1)** See Page 10 of 4 Jun 1978 letter Edythe M Tippett to RPU

Linda Denton was 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Benjamin Pearce. His first wife was Leacy Upchurch (XID – 2795). Edythe says “I visited with three of Benjamin Pearce’s granddaughters one night in June. The oldest Mammie Bunn remembers her grandfather and says all of his children but two were by his second wife Linda Denton. I have some doubts about this since Benjamin married Leacy in 1836 and Linda 20 years later.”

**(no number)** See Pearce Family – compiled 1967

I. Nathan Pearce married Nancy Wester

A. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754 married Nancy Bunn

1. John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 married Frankie Upchurch died at age 80 – was daughter of Benjamin Upchurch and Nancy Ledbetter (lived to age 85). Benjamin Upchurch had sisters Frankie Upchurch, Betty Upchurch and Nancy Upchurch. Frankie’s brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

a. Benjamin Pearce [lived to be 88]

Married 1<sup>st</sup> Leesie Upchurch

Married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Linda Denton** died age 47; **Linda Denton** was daughter of Berk Perry and of Nancy Denton (daughter of Drew Denton) died age 45 & granddaughter of Bennett Perry

Married 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Fason

11 children

b. Jack Pearce married Jane Alford

i. Bryant Pearce – went to AL

(I) J J Pearce

(II) J A Pearce

(III) M E Pearce

(IV) Swanson Pearce

c. Cal Pearce lived to be 85 married Ruthy Baker

d. Clear Pearce [Clara Pearce] married William Osburn Gay

e. Sidney Pearce lived to be 70 married Pam Mitchell

f. Prissy Pearce lived to be 73 married Baldy Alford

g. Harriet Pearce lived to be 70 married Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos Upchurch]

h. Jane Pearce lived to be 75 married Clim Alford

i. Fan Pearce lived to be 70 married Jo Pulley

**(no number)** See Page 57 download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

107. Robert Burrell<sup>8</sup> Pearce (Solomon<sup>7</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Phillip<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Phillip<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) was born November 24, 1852 in Franklin Co, NC. He married Nancy Ellen Pearce, daughter of Benjamin Pearce and **Malinda Denton**. She was born about 1862 in Franklin Co, NC.

Children of Robert Pearce and Nancy Pearce are:

- i. William Pearce born about 1882
- ii. Arthur Pearce born about 1885
- iii. Otha Pearce born unknown
- iv. Arter Pearce born unknown
- v. Nannie Pearce born unknown, married Orville Grant, born unknown
- vi. Bessie Pearce born unknown

[\*Note: Prior input has this couple but lists the husband as Wm Burrell Pearce and the list of the children is different from I → vi – need to resolve – RPU]

I. Nathan Pearce, II born 23 May 1783

married ( ) Susan Upchurch

A. Solomon Pearce

1. Robert Burrell Pearce

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Frances Upchurch, II

1. Benjamin Pearce

a. Nancy Ellen Pearce  
aka Nancy Arch Pearce

← married\* →

\*Note: Prior input shows this couple but lists the husband as William Burrell Pearce and the list of their children is different from above – RPU – Need to resolve.

**(no number)** See Pearce Family – Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages – page 3 – The passage below provides critical information on the Upchurch Family but raises questions. See passage below and the following interpretation.

Fill Pearce, 80<sup>3</sup>, his children were: Halley, 70; Nathan, 86; Eley, 80; Hardy went to Alabama. Fill's wife was Nancey.

Benjamin Pearce's mother was Frankie Upchurch, 82, and Frankie Upchurch's mother was Nancey Ledbetter, 85. Nancey Ledbetter married Ben Upchurch.

Ben Upchurch's sisters – Frankie, Bettie, Nancey. Frankie Upchurch's brothers: Juble Upchurch, 80; Frankie's sister Winnie Upchurch.

Benjamin Pearce's wife was **Linda Denton**, 47; **Linda Denton**'s mother was Nancey Denton, 45; Nancy's mother was Cherry Denton, 75. Drew Denton was the father of Nancy Denton.

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

- A. Philip Pearce "Fill" 80<sup>3</sup>  
 married ( ) Nancy --- ---  
 1. Halley Pearce 70  
 2. Nathan Pearce 86  
 3. Eley Pearce 80 [Eli]  
 4. Hardy Pearce → AL  
 5. John Pearce, II 80

- Married ( ) Frankie Upchurch 82 ←  
 a. Benjamin Pearce born 11 Nov 1816  
 married Linda Denton<sup>2</sup> 47  
 14 children of this marriage;  
 11 reached adulthood

I. Drew Denton

- Married ( ) Cherry --- --- 75  
 A. Nancy Denton<sup>2</sup>  
 1. **Linda Denton**<sup>2</sup> 47

same

I. Richard Upchurch, II

- A. Frankie Upchurch (female)  
 B. Bettie Upchurch  
 C. Nancy Upchurch  
 D. Juble Upchurch 80 [Jubal Upchurch]  
 E. Winnie Upchurch<sup>1</sup>  
 F. Benjamin Upchurch  
 Married ( ) Nancy Ledbetter 85  
 1. Frankie Upchurch 82 ←  
 2. Winnie Upchurch<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The reference that Frankie had a sister Winnie could mean Winnie was a daughter of Richard Upchurch, II or of Benjamin Upchurch. Cross-file under Winnifred Upchurch

<sup>2</sup> It would appear Nancy Denton married ( ) --- --- Denton – OR had Linda out of wedlock

<sup>3</sup> Presume these ages show the lifespan of these individuals – RPU

**(no number)** See Pearce Family – Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages, Pages 3, 4, 5

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

A. Philip Pearce

1. John Pearce, II

a. Benjamin Pearce age 88 still living

married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Linda Denton** – 14 children – 11 to adults

i. Jane Pearce married ( ) John Pearce, son of Ake Pearce

ii. Bill Pearce married ( ) Frances Privett

iii. John Pearce married (TX) Norah Anderson

(I) Ophelia Pearce married Floyd Harris

(A) Franklin Sears Harris

(B) Oneida Nell Harris

(II) George Pearce

(III) Jones Pearce

(IV) Gurtie Pearce married ( ) Hascal Williams

(A) J D Williams

(B) Infant son

(V) Lee Pearce

(VI) Rondal Pearce

(VII) Johnnie Pearce

iv. Burrell Pearce married Orah Poole

(I) William Pearce died about age 21 (TN)

(II) James Madison Pearce died at birth

[Needs clarification – RPU]

v. Cherrie Pearce married ( ) John Alford – offspring listed separately

vi. Nancy Pearce married ( ) Bob Pearce → Texas – offspring listed separately

vii. Arch Pearce – never married born 31 Mar 1865

viii. Sherman Pearce – never married born 19 Apr 1867 died 28 Feb 1942

ix. Gus Pearce married ( ) Geneva Denton

(A) Mamie Pearce married ( ) Troy Bunn

(B) Earl Pearce

(C) Alton Pearce

(D) Ray Davis Pearce

(E) Crama Pearce

(F) Aleene Pearce

(G) Anna Burrell Pearce

x. Calvin Pearce married (1<sup>st</sup>) Lucy Williams – one child

(a) Bennie Pearce married ( ) Meta Poole

xi. Mariah Pearce married ( ) Joe Pearce – 4 children → 3 names known

- (A) Edgar Pearce
- (B) Joe Turner Pearce
- (C) Benjamin Pearce

**(no number)** See Pearce Family, Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages – Page 3

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

A. Philip Pearce

1. John Pearce, II lived to be 80

married Frankie Upchurch died age 82

a. Benjamin Pearce age 88 – still living married (2<sup>nd</sup>) **Linda Denton** 47

b. Jack Pearce 80 married ( ) Jane Alford

i. Bryant Pearce → AL died age 22 (TX) (Buried – Bonham, TX)

(I) J J Pearce (m)

(II) J A Pearce (m)

(III) W E Pearce (m)

(IV) Susan Pearce

c. Cal Pearce 85 married ( ) Ruthy Baker

d. Clear Pearce still living married ( ) William Gay

e. Sidney Pearce 70 “Sinda” married ( ) Penn (Palum) Mitchell  
married ( ) Susan Brown

f. Prissy Pearce 73 married ( ) Boldy Alfon

g. Harriet Pearce 78 married ( ) Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos  
Upchurch]

h. Jane Pearce 75 married ( ) Clem Alford

i. Fan Pearce 70 married ( ) Joe Pulley

**(no number)** See Page 77 download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

148. Malinda<sup>8</sup> Denton (Nancy H<sup>7</sup>, Cherry<sup>6</sup> Pearce, Stephan<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Phillip<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1839 in Franklin Co, NC. She married Benjamin Pearce, CSA January 7, 1856 in Franklin Co, NC, son of John Pearce and Frances Upchurch. He was born November 11, 1816 in Franklin Co, NC, and died August 30, 1904 in Franklin Co, NC.

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Stephen Pearce – 1 of 4 brothers

1. Cherry Pearce

a. Nancy H Denton

married ( ) Redin Richards

i. Malinda Denton