

Jefferson Dishman**XID – 190**

Commentary: Jefferson Dishman was married to Lydia Upchurch (daughter of George Upchurch and Rachel “Bathshares” Bethshers). George was the head of Upchurch Clan 5.

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(no number) From book: “The Meal is Gave” by Riley Ray McGinnis [In letter 2 May 2003 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU] – Page 80

I. Daniel Dishman (In NY in 1687 – later in VA [AKA Duchemin or du Chemin]

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A. Thomas Dishman married () Kiziah --- --- “Kizzie”

1. Lewis Dishman

2. James Dishman

3. **Jefferson Dishman** – youngest

married () Lydia Upchurch, daughter of George Upchurch – Head of Clan

a. Joseph Dishman [owned land where Dishman Cemetery is located]

i. Elijah K Dishman

(I) Watt Dishman [See added extract for more details]

(A) Bonnie Dishman born 1923 ()

married () Shelby McGinnis

Bonnie's Family

The name "Dishman" is the Anglicization of the French name "Duchemin" or "du Chemin" in old French. It is generally accepted that Daniel Duchemin is the Dishman family line. He was in New York in 1687 and later in the Richmond, Virginia area. However, the line between Daniel and the first confirmed Dishman ancestors [Thomas and Kiziah{ Kizzie} Dishman in Iredell County, North Carolina {late 1700's}] is presently unsubstantiated.

Kiziah was listed as head of household in the Iredell County 1800 census, and the whereabouts of her husband, Thomas Dishman, was not mentioned. Possibly he was dead at the time. So the Dishman Family Story really begins with Kizzie, who by all accounts was a Cherokee Indian from western North Carolina. Kizzie had three sons by Thomas Dishman, Lewis, James, and Jefferson. Sometime after 1805 she moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina. And was listed as head of household there in the 1810 census. Dreams of a new life eventually led her, her youngest son, Jefferson Dishman and his family, west across The Appalachian Mountains to a new land, where she became the matriarch of the Dishman family in Wayne County, Kentucky.

The Dishmans settled on Otter Creek in the Slickford area, sometime between 1810 and 1820. They were subsistence farmers and raised large families on Otter Creek. Joseph Dishman once owned the land where the Dishman Cemetery is located. That is where Kizzie, Jefferson, and many of their descendants, including Joseph and Elijah are buried.

This is our lineage of the Dishman family, Thomas Dishman, Jefferson Dishman, Joseph Dishman, Elijah K. Dishman, Watt Dishman, and Bonnie Dishman McGinnis.

(no number) From Dishman Book by Betty D Gross, Page 6
Jefferson Dishman "Jeptha" born about 1784 (VA) died May 1843 (Wayne Co, KY)

(no number) From letter 14 May 1999 Betty Louise Dishman to RPU

I. Thomas Dishman "Tom" born about 1750
married () Kizian --- "Kizzie", possible daughter of Chuqualataque Doublehead born about 1740
died Aug 1807

A. Jefferson Dishman born about 1784 (possibly VA) died about 1847 (Wayne Co, KY)
married () Lydia Upchurch born about 1782 (possibly VA) died about 1847 (Wayne Co, KY), daughter of George Upchurch – Head of Clan

Does anyone know anything about the Kizziah Doublehead in the line that I have that follows? Was she an Indian? Perhaps this is where my family gets the Upchurch Indian relationship. Bob :)

First Generation

Descendants of Tom Dishman – Feb 2, 1998

1. Tom Dishman

Tom Dishman and Kiziah Doublehead had the following children:

+2 i. Jefferson Dishman

Second Generation

2. i. **Jefferson Dishman** was born in 1772 in Iredell, NC. **He** died about 1847 in Wayne County, Kentucky.

He was married to Lydia Upchurch (daughter of George Upchurch and Rachel “Bathshares” Bethshers) before 1803 in Long Island, NY> Lydia Upchurch was born in 1775 in Brunswick, VA. She died in 1848 in Wayne County, Kentucky. buried Upchurch Cemetery, Pickett Co, TN. **Jefferson Dishman** and Lydia Upchurch had the following children:

+3 1. Mary Polly Dishman

4 ii. Sinah Dishman was born in 1805 in Long Island, NY. buried Lowe Cemetery, Wayne Co, KY

+5 iii. Archibald Dishman

+6 iv. Asahel Dishman

+7 v. Thomas Jefferson Dishman

+8 vi. Milus Dishman

+9 vii. Marcus Dishman

+10 viii. Joseph Dishman

+11 ix. Elender Dishman

+12 x. Moses Dishman

+13 xi. Burrell Tremont Dishman

He was married to Peggy Spice on Oct 5, 1835.

I. Tom Dishman

married () Kiziah Doublehead

A. Jefferson Dishman born 1772 (Iredell Co, NC) died about 1847 (Wayne Co, KY) married before 1803 (Long Island, NY) Lydia Upchurch born 1775 (Brunswick Co, VA) died 1848 (Wayne Co, KY) (buried Upchurch Cemetery, Pickett Co, TN), daughter of George Upchurch – Head of Clan.

(1) Lydia Upchurch (daughter of George Upchurch – 1790 Progenitor) born circa 1782 in VA and died about 1848, married Jefferson Dishman who died about 1847. Jeffery Dishman was on census of Wayne Co, KY in 1829. (29, Page 65)

(2) See letter 25 Sep 1980 Nellie Mae Crouch to RPU

“The story which some of our KY relatives told us was that Jefferson Dishman was the illegitimate son of one Tommy Dishman and a full blooded Cherokee Indian girl named Kizzie. One lady said that this couple married when the boy was two years of age.”

“The beginning of our Dishman ancestors began with Lydia Upchurch (daughter of George and Rachel Bethshares Upchurch) marrying Jefferson Dishman about 1847. Lydia was born about 1775.”

(3) See letter 2 Mar 1987 Cyrena Kathryn Howard to RPU
Jefferson Dishman born circa 1772

(4) See letter 26 Jun 1987 Anna Marie Crouch to RPU
Lydia Upchurch born 1782 (VA) died circa 1848 (KY) married Jephtha Dishman (**Jefferson Dishman**) born circa 1770 – 1777 (VA) died circa 1847 (KY).

(5) See letter Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU 4 Aug 1995 – including a packet from Barbara Morris of Antioch, TN.
This packet tells the same story as in (2). The couple shortened the name of **Jefferson** to Jeffy.

(6) See biofile of Valerie Lynn Humphrey – 2 Dec 1998
Jefferson Dishman born about 1775 (Wilkes Co, NC) died 1847 (Slickford, Wayne Co, KY) [son of James Dishman born VA died Slickford, KY & Kizzie ---] married before 1806 () Lydia Upchurch born 1782 (Brunswick Co, VA) died 1848 (Slickford, KY)

(9) See letter 1 Dec 1998 Dennis Wayne Price to RPU

Dennis is descended from George Upchurch, Head of Clan through his daughter Lydia Upchurch born 1782 (Brunswick Co, VA) died 1847 (Wayne Co, KY) who married **Jefferson Dishman** “Jephtha” born 1784 (VA) died 1843 (Wayne Co, KY). Dennis lists 10 children of Lydia and **Jefferson** but not all records agree with this list. The children of Lydia & **Jefferson** or given by Love Morgan on Page 68 of Her Upchurch Story are as follows:

1. Sinah Dishman born 1805 (NC)
2. Archibald Dishman born 1806 ()
3. Mark Dishman born 1810 (NC)
4. Joseph Dishman born 1812 ()
5. Moses Dishman born 1817 ()
6. Burrell Tremont Dishman born 1829 ()

Dennis in his 1 Dec 1998 letter lists the above 6 plus 4 more as follow:

- I. Milus Dishman born 1811 (NC)
married 1836 () Susannah Rains “Susie” born 1816 (SC)
- II. Thomas Dishman born 1809
married Elizabeth Percy
- III. Ellender Dishman “Nelly” born 27 Sep 1814
- IV. Catherine Jane Dishman born 1813

married () David Craig

Dennis lists descendants of Milus Dishman in detail down to him.

Milus Dishman → Granville Slop Dishman “Grant” → Mattie Dell Dishman → Edith Marie Welch → Dennis Wayne Price

Note: Morgan reports on an 1847 (+) Land Deal in Wayne Co, NY where mention is made of her 3 minor children/ heirs. They are:

- A. Catherine Dishman
- B. Jane Dishman
- C. Jefferson T Dishman

Morgan concludes these three are NOT children of “**Jepha**” & Lydia but rather of their son Archibald Dishman – RPU

(no number) See letter 11 Nov 1999 Leslie Freeman Upchurch to RPU – Page 3

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Lydia Upchurch married about 1803 (Wayne Co, KY) **Jefferson Dishman** born 1772 (Iredell Co, NC) died about 1847 (Wayne Co, KY), son of Tom Dishman [Thomas Dishman] and Kizah Doublehead.

[Note: This is the first time a family maiden name has surfaced for Kizah in RPU records.

Question: Would Lydia Upchurch have been in Wayne Co, KY as early as 1803? – RPU]

[Note: This reference lists the 6 usual children of Lydia Upchurch and then adds 2 more:

- Catherine Dishman born 1822
- Jefferson T Dishman born 1826

Lydia Upchurch would have been young enough to have had children born as late as 1826 – but other records suggest these two are grandchildren of Lydia Upchurch – RPU]

(no number) See letter 19 Jun 1999 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 262, 261

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Lydia Upchurch

married () **Thomas “Jefferson” Dishman**

1. Sinah Dishman born about 1805 (NC)
2. Archibald Dishman born 18 Dec 1906 [1806? – CJM 13 Dec 2020] (NC)
3. Thomas Dishman born 1809 (NC) [AKA Jefferson Thomas Dishman and as Thomas Jefferson Dishman] married () Elizabeth Piercy
4. Mark Dishman born 1810 (NC)
5. Milus Dishman born 1811 (NC)
6. Joseph Dishman born 1812 (Wayne Co, NC) [Wayne Co, KY? – CJM 13 Dec 2020]
7. Catherine Jane Dishman born 1813 (possibly Wayne Co, KY) married David Craig
8. Ellender (Eleanor) Dishman “Nelly” born 27 Sep 1814 (possibly Wayne Co, KY)
9. Moses Dishman born about 1817 (NC) married about 1839 (Wayne Co, KY) died (Wayne Co, KY) married Millie Upchurch
10. Burrell Tremont Dishman born 27 Oct 1820 (Wayne Co, KY)

In listing the above Eleanor comments on the letter 1 Dec 1998 Dennis Wayne Price to RPU and reports that Catherine and Jane are not 2 people but one as shown in 7 above. Also that Jefferson T Dishman is the same as 3 above.