

① "James U II (XID-154) - bought 100 acres for £10,  
from Bowler Dobbins, part of patent to said  
Dobbins dated 15 AUG 1774" recorded 24 JUN 1775  
(Brunswick Co VA Deed Bk 10 page 114 or 164).  
(28, pg 22)

## BOWLER DOBBINS

- ① See Pg 37 of 2 FEB 1978 Jt. Elva E. Buckhalter to R.P.H.  
A. "The farmer I called J1 (XFD-154) in the records was  
the one who purchased land in 1771 from Bowler  
Dobbin, Brunswick Co VA 100 or so and the land  
taxes prove he lived on this land until his death.  
The land went to John N. Smith 1791 (N for Nance).  
This farmer who died in 1783 had children, they  
may have been daughters who mtd Nance and  
Smith."

① See Lt 16 FEB 1986 Clayton Philip Mann A R P 4  
Jackie Dobbins is dau of Vera Leye Mann  
b 26 MAR 1913 & gd of Samuel Chester Mann Sr  
of the Merrill/Whitney II subclass.

JAMES C

DOBBINS

○ INPUT IN LTR 15 FEB 2008 Billie Rita Adams ARFU C17, 34, 35

I. <sup>1</sup> RICHARD AVERY b 1 FEB 1778 ( ) d 15 MAR 1844

△ md (1st) 1799 ( ) MARY RYALS <sup>1</sup> b ( ) d 26 SEP 1819 (Cumberland Co, NC)

△ md (2nd) 1 DEC 1822 ( ) CHARLOTTE JONES b ( ) d 27 AUG 1836

△△ Following the death of her husband, Richard Avery, March 15, 1844 (he had married a second time, Charlotte Jones), the Secretary of Navy, James C. Dobbins, commented on Avery's death and said his first wife, Mary Ryals, was "said to be the most beautiful woman in Cumberland County... She was the daughter of Richard Ryals and Milly Baggett." JCD ALSO SAID OF RICHARD AVERY IN 1844 "A GOOD AND GREAT MAN HAS GONE".

△ All of this information is from the records of Cornelia Norris Norris, and it is confirmed in a letter dated June 2, 1955, from Malcolm Fowler of Lillington, NC, president of the North Carolina Society of County Historians.

△△ A. <sup>1</sup> Allen Avery b 4 OCT 1800 ; B. <sup>1</sup> Bryant AVERY b 29 DEC 1802

△ \* C. <sup>1</sup> ELIZABETH AVERY b 7 OCT 1807 (CUMBERLAND (OR HARNETT?) CO, NC (Mormon Records show to Cape Fear River, Cumberland Co, NC)

d 7 AUG 1885 (Wake Co, NC) (Bur Adams Cem., RWB) 55, Wake Co, NC  
 △ MA 3 APR 1828 (Cumberland Co, NC) James Adams b 23 JAN 1805 ( )  
 d 6 NOV 1885 (Wake Co, NC) (BUR-AS WOFFE) - See separate extract for the 7 children of this couple - one of whom James Theophilus Adams had a son James Clavin Adams who married into the Moss U/Whitney U Sublan - Nancy A. U Line.

△△ D. <sup>1</sup> DAVID AVERY b 4 JUN 1813 E. <sup>1</sup> MARY ANN AVERY b 14 AUG 1819

△△ F. <sup>1</sup> WINIFRED AVERY b 9 APR 1810 G. <sup>1</sup> CALVIN AVERY b 19 MAR 1805

△ □ H. <sup>2</sup> CHARLOTTE AVERY b 23 OCT 1824 ( ) MD ( ) DEU —

△ I. <sup>3</sup> RICHARD AVERY b 10 AUG 1828 ( ) d 15 MAR 1844 ( ) (BUR-IN CEM.

1/2 MILE WEST OF LINDEN NEW LOWER LITTLE RIVER - CUMBERLAND

△ CO, NC MD 11 MAR 1840 ( ) CIVIL ANN GULLEY, WIDOW

△ □ OF JESSE GULLY. SUBSEQUENTLY CIVIL MD 23 OCT 1845

△ STEPHEN PEARSON

\* C17 shows "Her name is spelled AVERA in the Mormon records of her marriage to James Adams - hence crossfile: ELIZABETH AVERA (Could the rest of the family - some or all have also been known as AVERA family members? - RTU)

JAMES CRAYTON DOBBINS

① See Family Chart in ltr 23 JUL 1981 Wm Crayton Dobbin  
to RPH

James Crayton Dobbin ("Crayt") b 27 SEP 1874 d  
5 FEB 1942 m 17 OCT 1897 Matilda Luinda Kay  
b 7 OCT 1874 d 22 NOV 1951. Their son  
Milledge Bonam Dobbin m Dora Joyce Mann.  
Dora m luv of Jennel Chester Mann, gd  
of Lindsay Sunder Mann + ggd of Lander  
b ca 1818.

LUKE

DOBBINS



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① see Family Chart Reid in letter dated 23 JUL 1981  
from Norry Clayton Dobbin to RPH

Milledge Bonham Dobbin b 6 MAY 1907 d  
1 JUN 1979 md 24 DEC 1934 Nora Loyce Mann  
b 26 MAR 1913, still living 1981. Their dau  
= Norry Clayton Dobbin.

~~Milledge was~~ Nora was dau of Samuel Chester  
Mann, ggd of Kindsey Sanders Mann +  
ggd of Candice U. ca 1818.

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19 JUL 2002

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Dear Cousin Nancy,

It has been nearly twenty years since we were last in touch about our mutual interest in the families of Central North Carolina. A lot of water has gone over the dam since that time. My interest in family history has continued all this time and does even now. My records have been greatly improved. If you have a current interest I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch



{ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH}



NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS

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2707 Spindle Lane  
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August 8, 1981

REC'D 11 AUG 1981

\*Copy put in Rudo file

Dr. R. Phillip Upchurch  
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Dear Cousin Phil,

Just received all the issues of the UPCHURCH BULLETIN and I just had to let you know that I am about to wear them out! There is so much information in them and so well put together. You are doing a fantastic job and I am sure all the Upchurches out there really appreciate it. I will look forward to the next issue. I immediately had to order Mrs. West's book that you recommend.

I noticed in one of the issues that you were still looking for the homeplace of Whitney Upchurch. I am enclosing a copy of a deed involving John Mann, Anderson Holt, and Whitney Upchurch 14 January, 1854. Perhaps you can get some information from it. I believe it states that Whitney was from Wake County.

Also, Clayton Mann of Chapel Hill (I just sent you his address) has located the homeplace of John Mann in Brickhaven, 3 or 4 miles north of Corinth, Chatham County, N.C. It is still standing. I assume from that deed that John Mann and Whitney Upchurch were close. Anderson Holt's homeplace is also still standing and is located in Merry Oaks, Chatham Co. - just a few miles down the road from Christian Chapel Church.

Perhaps we can get Clayton to check about a bit more for Whitney's homesite. Hope you've made contact with him by now; I'm sure that he can be of benefit to your research.

Cordially,

Cousin Nancy

Nancy D. Griffith  
(Mrs K. M. Griffith)

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○ See Brief of Whitney U for Deed-of-Trust dated 14 JAN 1854 and Recorded Book AI Pg 187 Chatham Co, NC - TB RPA in the 8 AUG 1981 - from Nancy Clayton Robinson. EXTRACT:

Details not 100% clear - but John Mann appears to be indebted to WILLIAM BLXXX for \$100 with WHITNEY U of Wake Co as security and somehow to Anderson Holt of Chatham Co, NC. John Mann of Chatham Co, NC Grants to Anderson Holt a Deed of Trust on a tract of land in Chatham Co, NC on Shadowz Creek & on the Wake Co, NC line - Richard Cotton line

WITNESS - W. G. WOMACK [NOTE: This tract is the same as close to Chatham Co, NC land owned by John U, III Family abt 1800-RPA] [JOHN MANN homeplace, house standing, is 3-4 mi N of County. Anderson Holt homeplace, house standing, is in Merry Oaks a few mi from Christian Chapel Co.]

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NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS X10 - 8997

24 JUL 1983

MRS NANCY D. GRIFFITH#  
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Dear Cousin Nancy,

I have just found time to admit your letter of May 29, 1983 and want to thank you for it. The information on the death of J. Henderson U is new for my files. In fact my records show him as O. Henderson U and the "O" should no doubt be "J" based on the obituary. This has led me to a possible error in my records. The 1850 Chatham Co, NC census for the home of Sims U does not show a Henderson U who would have been age 11-13 at the time. It does show a James (T?) U age 11. I now suspect that the illegible "T" was really an "H" and that James (T?) U (X10-4113) and J. Henderson U (X10-2039) are one and the same. I have never since found a reference to a James T. U who could have been a son of Sims. Thanks for helping me this - would be happy to know more.

Please let me hear from you again. It is good to know there is someone out there.

Sincerely yours  
Phil Edmunds  
[ROBERT PHILIP EDWARDS]

REC 10  
4 JUN 1983

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2707 Spindle Lane  
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May 29, 1983

- Dear Phillip,

- I was down at the Library of Congress today reading
- some old newspapers I had ordered and came across
- △ an obituary for J. H. Upchurch that I thought you would
- △ be interested in. I am sure this is the Henderson Upchurch,
- son of Sims, grandson of Moses (see Belle West's Upchurch
- Family of England, Virginia, and North Carolina, pp 80-81.)

The Daily Confederate, Raleigh, N.C., Tuesday 12/6/1864.

- Obituary

- △ Sergt. J. H. Upchurch, Co. I, 6th N.C. Regt., died at
- Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 13th, 1864, from a wound in the left arm,
- received at the battle of Belle Grove, Va., 19th Oct. 1864, in the
- 26th year of his age.

How true it is that

"Death loves a shining mark!"

Why should the grim monster select one who, as a Christian,

illustrated his profession by an upright walk; as a Mason,

carried his gavel and square in his heart; as a neighbor, kind and

obliging; as a friend, true as steel; as a husband, affectionate and

kind; as a father, provident and indulgent; as a son, obedient with

- △ filial reverence? He was the eldest son of Sims, Esq. of
- Chatham county, who has given five sons and four son-in-
- 14 law to the army. He married Delia, daughter of M. D.

Williams, Esq. who, with one child, mourns an irreparable loss.

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Amid the jewels that have been sacrificed upon our country's altar, there was none brighter than Sgt. Upchurch; no libation upon Liberty's shrine, was purer or holier than his, for it came from a heart that beat only for his country's independence, his country's rights, and his country's glory. His gallantry had been witnessed upon Virginia's fields and Pennsylvania's mountains. In the long and dreary march, in the hour of defeat, and amid the shouts of triumph, he was the same, cool, calm, and collected. Had his life been spared, the future was bright before him and pregnant with the honors a victor wears — But, alas! he sleeps at home amid his friends, and has found his resting place near that holy spot of earth, from which, for nearly four years, he had helped to keep the invader; there —

"He sleeps his last sleep; he has fought his last battle, no sound shall wake him to glory again."

May the guardian angel of our country's cause guard his hallowed resting place, and may his soul forever rest

"In the bosom of his Father and his God."

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Observer and Recorder please copy.

Best to you,

Nancy Griffith (MRS. K. M. GRIFFITH)

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July 23, 1981

Mr. Robert Phillip Upchurch  
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Dear Mr. Upchurch:

I received your nice, long letter today and appreciate all of the information that you sent to me. I am confident that one day that we will determine exactly who Candis Upchurch was. I feel that she was probably related closely to Whitney Upchurch either as a daughter or as a niece.

I do not know what the middle initial "A" stands for in Edry A. Upchurch. I did not have her listed among Merritt's children and appreciate your placing her for me.

- △ I can straighten out the confusion in Merritt's name on his tombstone.  
 △ His tombstone reads S. M. Urch. It's broken but put back together. I'll send a photo; it's easier to understand. Merritt's wife, Annie Mann, is buried beside him and between him and Edry A. Upchurch. Her tombstone reads A. M. UPCHURCH. BOR SEP, 25, 1842 DIED Jan 9, 1919 ATT REST
- SILAS MERRITT U
- I don't know what S. stand for in Merritt's name. I will try to check his Civil War Records out at the Archives in the fall if not before.

△ John Mann posted a 500 dollar bond on the 19th of Dec. 1847 to marry Candis Upchurch, Jesse Penny, Bondsman and James T. Marriot, Witness. This was in Wake County. I will xerox you a copy and send it along.

△ I'll also send a copy of the marriage license of Merritt Upchurch and Annie Mann, 2 June 1861, Chatham County.

→ FILED SILAS MERRITT U → FILED CANDIS U

△ I know that Merritt was the son of Candis. I located John Mann and his wife Candis in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 census records, Chatham Co. The 1860 is a little hard to read but the copy I got was much clearer than the one you evidently saw. That's John Mann up there and not Jake Reaniz. Merritt Upchurch was 18.

△ I cannot locate a previous marriage of Candis's. The family story is that Merritt was illegitimate. My grandmother is still alive and is 93; her husband's half brother is up in his 80's and also confirms this story.

I would like to subscribe to your Upchurch Bulletin, especially so that I can keep up and add to what I've learned about the Upchurch lines so far. I'll stay in touch and would appreciate it very much if you ever do locate the father of either Merritt or of his mother Candis, I would love to hear from you.

Cordially,  
*Nancy Griffith*  
 Mrs. Nancy D. Griffith

① NANCY CRAYTON DOBBIUS

1850 census - Chatham Co. N.C.

- △ John Mann - 25 M
- △ Candis " 32 F [CANDIS U]
- △ Malvinia " 2 F
- △ Mariah Upchurch 8 F *this is Merritt*  
 ↳ [SILAS MERRITT U] *Melissa below*

1860 census - Daves P.O. Chatham Co. N.C.

- △ John Mann - 38 or 39 M
- △ Candis " 40 F [CANDIS U]
- △ Melissa 12 F
- △ Jane 9 F - This is James Frederick (M)
- △ Leinsy 4 M - This is Lindsay Sanders
- △ Merritt Upchurch 18 M [SILAS MERRITT U]

1870 census - Cape Fear Township Chatham Co. N.C.

- △ John Mann 67 M *?*
- △ Candise 55 F Candis [CANDIS U]
- △ James 19 M
- △ Linsey 15 M (Lindsay)

*Merritt has left home  
lvs close by.*

1880 Cape Fear Township Chatham Co. N.C.

- △ John Mann 62 M
- △ Candis 70 F Candis [CANDIS U]
- △ Lindsay 25 M
- △ Rebecca 18 F *wife of Lindsay*
- △ Lemuel 1 M *their son, Lemuel Chester (my gf.)*

↳ [REBECCA CATHERINE HOLT]

NANCY CRAIGTON DOBBINS XFD-8797

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1 AUG 1981

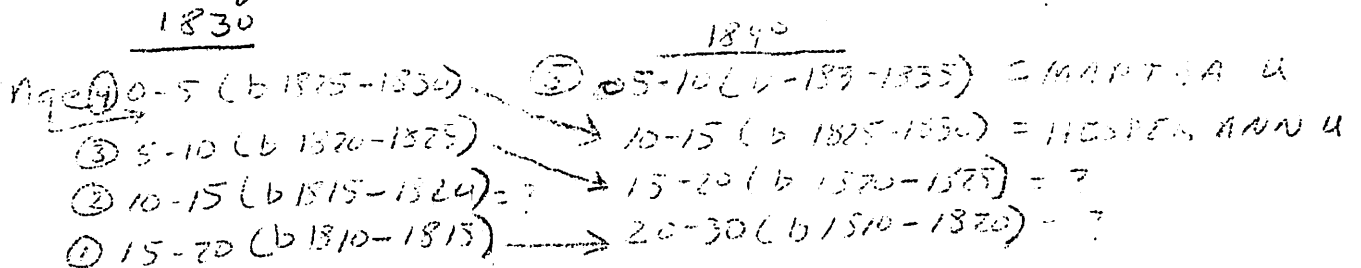
MRS NANCY D. GRIFFITH  
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Dear Cousin Nancy,

How wonderful to have your letter of July 23, 1981 which opens up some new horizons for both of us. The UPPERMOUTH BULLETIN is on its way to you. In the 3rd issue of Vol 2 I will have an entry regarding our correspondence on Casdis U.

There is so much to say I hardly know where to start. Every detail in your letter has been extracted and cross-referenced.

In my 1950-1981 letter to you I failed to check the census on Whitney U. Yes he could have had a dau Casdis U. b. ca 1818. See below. Whitney U was md 3500 1811 and appeared on the Wake Co. NC census in 1830 + 1840. I think 1820 is missing. Females in his household other than his wife:





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From this I see 5 daughters. (4) and (5) are known (1), (2) and (3) are not. (2) was b 1815-1820, was in the home in 1830 but not in 1840 and was <sup>in</sup> the right age bracket to have been Candice U b ca 1818. By golly I think Candice U was a dau of Whitney U - lets keep searching for evidence even if circumstantial.

Thanks for helping w. the inscriptions for the Merritt U stones. My notes were somehow backwards. There is a Clayton Mann in Chapel Hill, NC who is kin to Merritt U. Do you know him? I do not have his address. From him indirectly I have now that Merritt U was Silas Merritt U.

Since I am keeping records on all Upchurch descendants, I am anxious to have more details on the descendants of Candice U. Do you have more I could have? If you want to loan a package to me I'll be glad to xerox (costs me 3¢/sheet) & return as I'll be happy to pay for your reproduction costs. Anything else on Merritt U will be appreciated also. I have some more details on his descendants if you would like to have such.

You and I could have another point of reference through your middle name CRAYTON. Can you tell me whether or not this relates to a family connection. My mother's stepfather was a Crayton. I know where my parents were buried in Wake County and have some dates.

Do you know how the Annie Mann who had Selma Merritt U related to your John Mann?

Can you help me with Fannie Mann. There was a LINNIE Mann who was raised with the children of Leanza C Upchurch. Leanza was a son of Selma Merritt U. I was told that Linnie Mann, who died in Cherry Point, NC, could have been the son of Carrie U, a daughter of Leanza C. U.

I am really excited about the advance we have been able to make through our correspondence and hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

sent my  
card

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 July 14, 1981

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Dear Mr. Upchurch:

Your name has been referred to me by a Mrs. Faye Dasen of Raleigh, N. C., as possibly being able to answer a question for me.

I came across some land records of my 2 great grandfather, JOHN MANN  
 of Chatham County, N. C., in which ANDERSON HOLT and a WHITNEY UPCHURCH  
 were involved - Book A-I, p. 187 Grantor Book, January 28, 1854.

This John Mann was married to CANDIS UPCHURCH. I am trying to find  
 the relation if any of WHITNEY UPCHURCH above and this CANDIS UPCHURCH.  
 I understand Whitney Upchurch was the son of Moses Upchurch.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you if you can clear this up for me.

Also, in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merry Oaks, Chatham County, N. C., there are three graves near the back left that are Merritt Upchurch, his wife, and a EDRY A. UPCHURCH, born May 5, 1886, died July 11, 1904. Do you know of this person and his or her relation to Merritt Upchurch?

I will enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience in replying and will appreciate the time and trouble for you to do so.

Cordially,

*Nancy D. Griffith*  
 Mrs. Nancy D. Griffith

(16)

NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS

XFD-8797

19 JUL 1981

MRS NANCY D. GRIFFITH  
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Dear Mrs Griffith

I am really delighted to have your letter of July 14, 1981 and will do all I can to help. As you will see from the enclosed flyer on UPCHURCH BULLETIN I am trying to organize all of the Upchurches and their descendants. We are making wonderful progress helped a great deal by fact that all white Upchurches in America trace ~~back~~ back to Michael U who came from England in 1649. It happens that Candis U is so far one of the loose ends but there are many records yet left to search. I hope that you and I can work together on this matter and in due course we will have you and Candis tucked into the Upchurch family.

Let me give you a little background and then I'll deal with your specific questions.

About 1805<sup>+</sup> my grandfather Nathaniel and his brother Moses U moved from the eastern

most part of Wake Co, NC to the western-most part. Nathan settled just on the Wake Co side of the line (Green Seal Area) whereas Moser settled just over the line in Chatham Co, NC. ~~As they are the~~ We know the children of Nathan and Moser rather well and there is no Candice U among them and even if one has escaped our notice she would have been much older than the Candice U who sold your John Mann. Now it is quite possible that a granddaun of Nathan or Moser U could have sold John Mann. We have not identified a Candice U as a gd but it is possible. It is fairly unlikely that Candice U would be a gd of Nathan U. I know the records on her grandchildren rather well and it does not seem to fit (still lets leave a 5% chance!). Now on the Moser side the probatellers are somewhat higher. More some are: Puffer, Whitney, Murray, Clegg, Sims and Courtney. Puffer was b in 1787 and had 22 children and so could have had a dau of marriageable age in 1847. I know of 14 of her children and so far a Candice has not surfaced.

Whitney was b in 1793. I know of 6 children and presume that is all but can't be sure.

Murray was b in 1797 and has 10 children all well documented. I doubt there is a Candice.

Clegg - I don't know anything about him - no birth date - no wife - no children

Simon U - b 1808 - 11 children - all fairly well documented - Probably no room for a Candice U here  
 Courtney U b 1794 - 7 children. Courtney moved from NC to Dallas Co AL about 1835 and presumably took all her children with her - No Candice U

During the period 1780 - 1840 several sets of Upchurches were moving into and through NC. We have varying degrees of documentation on who moved where & when and who was left behind at each step. There are perhaps 1-2 dozen key Upchurch names in the 1780 - 1840 period in NC we have to identify. After studying the records I believe one 5th generation Upchurch (John U III, XFD-151) in particular may be worth more study relative to your Candice U and relative to some of the key unattached names.  
 John U III (XFD-151), a second cousin of Moses & Nathan, sold his land in Brunswick Co, VA and moved to Chatham Co, NC (about 1780 ± 10 yrs) where he died intestate in 1795. He is known to have had sons Samuel U & John U. Samuel U moved on to IL and we have his records in good shape. It is quite possible he had other sons and daughters who stayed behind in Chatham Co, NC. Your Candice U could easily be a gd of John U III.

Among the unidentified U's in Chatham Co, NC there is a Kelly U (male) in 1840 and a Jussell U age 100 (Female)

subson in the name of Eugene Holt. In 1860 there is Merritt U, for whom we do not know the father.

There were other butchers of Upchurch setting in other nearby counties and it is always possible that one could have slipped over into Chatham Co (with the possibility that Candor could have come from a line other than Nathan, Moses or John U III).

I have been trying to identify the father of Merritt U but so far no luck. I have contact with several of his grandchildren and am gradually getting his chart pulled out against the day when we identify his father. Actually it was only last Feb when I found the three graneston mentioned in your letter. The Edry U was a dau of Merritt U. Earlard Worth U, a gr of Merritt U, told me that "Merritt U had a dau Edry who was deformed and had epilepsy and that she drowned." ~~Her~~ Her granestone bears the inscription "Got Drown in Mill Pond". Incidentally you show Edry A. Upchurch. Can you confirm to me the middle initial "A"? I did not get it into my records.

Can you help confirm or correct my records:

(A) I show "CANDES UPCHURCH MD 19 DEC 1847 JOHN MANN in Wake Co, NC, witness = Jesse R. Person." Is this correct?

(13) I presume the reason you are interested in Merritt U is that he appeared on the 1860 Census (Grone PO) in a home of non-Byrnhurche where the wife of the head of the household was called "Candis". I had noted this coincidence and in my files had cross-referenced the supervision and raised the question as to whether the Candis — in the 1860 census with Merritt U could be the Candis U who married John Mann in 1847. However, the microfilm I looked at for the 1860 census was hard to read and I recorded as follows:

Grone, PO					
Jake Reavis(?)	33	M	Farmer	\$100 RE,	\$60 PP
Candis	"	40	F	Housewife	
Mabella	"	12(?)	F		
Jane	"	9	F		
Louis(?)	"	4	F		
Merritt (?)	Byrnhurche	48 or 63	M		

From your letter I presume the correct translation is "MANN" and not "REAVIS". Can you confirm? If so then Jake Mann could be John Mann. I have since determined that Merritt U was 18 yrs old in 1860. Can you offer any other correction for the above block. If Candis was an Byrnhurche and age 40 with Merritt U being age 18 they could have been B & S — or Candis could be the Mother??



There is some confusion about the first name of Merritt U. The tombstone reads "A. ~~W. M. U.~~ M. U." One of his grandsons recalls that someone told him it was William Merritt U. Merritt U. was in the Civil War and some of the records there might help. I don't know his unit but presume he enlisted from Chatham Co, NC

I have analyzed your questions from the Western Wake Co / Eastern Chatham Co aspect or that is where the action center. However, Candie U. was and is Wake Co, NC so she could have come from some other part of Wake Co. However, I know the whole Wake Co story pretty well and do not think of any good prospects.

I would very much appreciate a response from you and would dearly love to have what you have accumulated on the descendants of Candie U. I'll be happy to share anything I have with you.

P.S. Perhaps you will want to subscribe to Upchurch Bulletin

Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

P.P.S. - on census records William U. was always shown on the Wake Co side (1850, 60, 70, 80) - in 1890 he was 2d on census from nr. 9th Collier U.

NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS

XFD-8797

(22)

MRS NANCY D. GRIFFITH  
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20 JUN 1982

Dear Cousin Nancy,

I have your letter of 15 JUN 82 about U B Vol 3 No 2. No doubt you have received it now as it was mailed on 11 JUN 82 - although bulk mail can take up to 3 weeks. If you do not get it by 2 JUL 82 let me know and I will send another copy. Usually we mail the bulletins in the 3rd month of the quarter. If you will check the arrival dates you will see that the schedule is reasonably regular.

Your great interest is appreciated. I will be cycling back to your line in due course and will have some questions for you at that time. In the meantime please continue to collect information and send it in. Also any comments will be welcome. Some flyers are enclosed in case you have a chance to spread them around. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely yours  
Phil Uchensky  
[ROBERT PHILIP UCHENSKY]

NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS

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June 15, 1982

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Dear Mr. Upchurch,

It has just registered with me that I have not received the April 1982 Vol. 3, No. II issue of the Upchurch Bulletin and here it is almost time for the July issue to come out.

Could you please check on this for me. I hate to miss an issue as I enjoy all the work that you and others have put into them. I go back to them every so often. I would appreciate it very much.

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Cordially,

Mrs. Nancy D. Griffith

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Dear Cousin Phil,

It certainly was nice receiving your letter of August 1st. I must apologize for addressing you as Mr. I did not know your title Dr. and I think that anyone who earns that title should be addressed as such. But then Cousin Phil sounds so much warmer!

I wish that I could xerox you a bunch of stuff but I'm afraid that I really don't have anything else but notes here and there. At this time anyway - I don't intend to give up yet and plan to uncover all kinds of things here and there.

I'm certainly looking forward to receiving the UPCHURCH BULLETIN, especially the 3rd issue of Vol. 2.

△ Before I go further, I do know Clayton Mann in Chapel Hill, N. C. Well, we are distant cousins again and have been writing to each other recently. He is really moving along and has quite a bit of information on the Holts, Manns, and Upchurches in Chatham Co. He's given me some good tips to follow up on and I like the way he works. His address is: Rt. 6, Box 72-A, Farrington Road, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514. I am really interested in how he determined that the S. in S. Merritt's (Upchurch) name was Silas. I haven't seen that before.

I got to the National Archives this week and made a point of looking for Merritt Upchurch's Civil War records. Oh boy, nothing's easy. Going by your saying that Merritt was possibly William Merritt, I checked there also. There was a William Upchurch, Co.D, 35 N.C. Inf., age 40 fr. △ Newbern. Ruled him out. Also was a William, Co. J, 50 N.C. Inf. but from △ Rutherford Co. Then I got to SINON, also spelled SION M. UPCHURCH, Co.A, 55 N. C, Inf. Pvt. Corp. (that's promoted to Corporal.)

△ This Sion M. Upchurch was born in Franklin ( didn't say Co. but probably was) N.C. He was a farmer, 5'10" age 28 when he enrolled May 12, 1862 at Wilson. Ages were frequently wrong although our Merritt should be about 21. It's listed twice and looks like an 8 both times. My guess is Merritt didn't even know his age. Anyway, he was wounded twice and sent to Winder Hospital (Richmond) Oct. 9, 1863 and again in May 5, 1864. I don't know if he's our man or not frankly. But not to give up here ----

△ The man who enrolled the Sion M. Upchurch in Company A, 55 N. C. Infantry was Albert E. Upchurch, Jr. 2 Lieut. /Captain. Albert was born in Nash County, N. C. or Wilson County as it says on another of his sheets. He was age 26, 5'9" and was a merchant.

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△ Albert was captured at Gettysburg July 3, 1863, and sent to Johnson Island where he died and was buried there 9 Nov. 1863.

Do you know of this Albert E. Upchurch? Nash, Franklin, and Wilson Counties are all right there at Chatham County. I'm really curious if these families are related. Since I know that Merritt was illegitimate, I can almost see Candis, his mother, going to visit relatives to have him. All guessing, right.

I made copies of Sion M. Upchurch's war records. They are terribly light though. I'll send copies if you think he might be our man. You'll need rested eyes.

□+△ I would like to know more about the descendants of Merritt. Besides the daughter Edry A. we have previously talked about, I know one daughter married a Champion below Fuquay and one married Herbert Carroll. And the son, Leonza C. (Lee) married cousin Pearlie. I don't know of the Linnie Mann raised with Leonza's children. My mother is here visiting and I asked her also. She doesn't remember him but will ask my grandmother when she goes home next week. I would think that Faye Dasen from Raleigh will know of him.

△ FOR SILAS MERRITT  
My mother's uncle Buck Mann from Greensboro, N. C. told me that Merritt's wife Annie had a hairlip. I don't know how she is related to my Manns although she probably is. I also heard that one of Merritt's daughters fathered had a child fathered by him. I don't know which one and I'm sure that the descendants are too anxious to talk about this. My grandmother gets upset if I even mention Merritt's name to her and she does not even know Uncle Buck mentioned this last bit to me. She also wouldn't tell me Merritt was illegitimate and has had a "talk" with me since I found out.

My name Crayton comes from my grandfather from South Carolina. He was named for some prominent South Carolinian family in Anderson. So I don't have any N. C. roots there.

That's about it for now. Let me know if you do know of the Albert E. Upchurch above and if he is related, perhaps we can find a way to determine if Sion M. and Merritt are the same. It's an interesting theory anyway.

Cordially,

Cousin Nancy  
Nancy Griffith

NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS

XIN-8797

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16 AUG 1981

MRS. NANCY GRIFFITH

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Dear Cousin Nancy,

Just a note to acknowledge your letter of 6/4/81 and to thank you in print as I was before getting back to processing UB vol 2<sup>#</sup>3 which is now pressing.

Sorry your trip to the Archives did not reveal more about Silas Merritt U. I know the Silas M. U. you encountered. He is of the Richard VIII class and therefore is not Silas M. U. I don't know how the Albert U. fits in but was pleased to have the details you supplied. I doubt that any of the people you mentioned in New York, Tennessee or other countries hold a clue to Silas Merritt U. since as I told you should find the Civil War records for Merritt.

I have written to Clayton Mann and offered to exchange information. Hope he responds. Thanks for the lead re Whitney U. I need to study it some more as all of my information (based on my memory)

places Whitney U so the land where his father  
 Moses U settled which is several miles  
 north of the county/Brockton/Merry Oak  
 community. However, Bennett A U, a son of  
 Whitney U, is thought to have been born  
 on the southern section of the boundary  
 between Chatham & Wake Counties so maybe  
 we have a new lead on where Whitney  
~~land~~ land!

With your Uncle Buck Mann and other  
 you have contacts that are extremely  
 valuable. I urge you to get all the comments  
 possible and to record them. They have  
 information which is available nowhere  
 else. I appreciate that there may be some  
 reservations about some irregularities in  
 our backgrounds and we should do our  
 best to respect such. However, facts are  
 facts and we have to proceed on the  
 basis that they should be reflected  
 in our recorded history.

I am anxious to have some description  
 of ~~the~~ the descendants of Corder U. I will  
 get info on children of Merritt U to you in  
 due course.

Sincerely yours  
 Phil D. Church  
 [ROBERT PHILIP UPHURCH]

**FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CHART**

**YOUR GRANDPARENTS**

**YOUR PARENTS**

**PARENTS OF SPOUSE**

**GRANDPARENTS OF SPOUSE**

△  
N James Crayton Dobbins "Crayt" -

B 27 Sept. 1874

D 5 Feb. 1942

M 17 Oct. 1897

△  
N Milledge Bonham Dobbins

B 6 May 1907

D 1 June 1979

M 24 Dec. 1934

△  
N Matilda Lucinda Kay "Mattie"

B 7 Oct. 1874

D 22 Nov. 1951

□  
N Nancy Crayton Dobbins  
B 15 Feb. 1944  
M 24 Aug. 1963

△  
N Kenneth Morgan Griffith  
B 1 May 1942  
D - lvg.

△  
N Albert Tyman Griffith "Al"

B 23 Apr. 1 1903

D - lvg.

M 14 Sept. 1940

△  
N William Anthony Griffiths

B 3 Nov. 1864

D 1930

M 18 Dec. 1886

△  
N Lily Belle Morgan

B 1866

D Nov. 1939

△  
N Jacob Louis Bixler "Low"

B 25 Feb. 1879

D 22 March 1951

M 2 Sept. 1907

△  
N Evelyn Truth Bixler

B 3 July 1908

D - lvg.

△  
N Rosa Mabel Wickey "Rosie"

B 17 Jan. 1884

D 24 Apr. 1959

NANCY CRAYTON DOBBINS X10-8797

(N=Name (Give Full Name)  
(B=Date of Birth)  
(D=Date of Death)  
(M=Date of Marriage)

**INFORMATION FOR:**

**YOU**

**YOUR SPOUSE**

**NOTE: INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE ON THIS FORM IS TO BE REARRANGED AND PUBLISHED IN UPCHURCH BULLETIN.**

*Rec'd in ltr dated 23 JUL 1981 from Nancy Crayton Dobbins - RPH*

**RETURN TO:**

**Robert Phillip Upchurch  
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Tucson, AZ 85740**

*My Upchurch line is through this connection - See back*

△  
N Dora Loyce Mann

B 26 March 1913

D - lvg.

△  
N Mamie Jane Holland

B 25 Jan. 1888

D - lvg.



"Lemmie"  
□ Lemuel Chester Mann (fr. other side)

△ his father - Lindsay Sanders Mann

b. 25 May 1855 Chatham Co. N.C.

△ m. (1) Rebecca Catherine Holt on 2 Jan. 1878

b. 1 March 1861

d. 21 Oct. 1899

△ (2) Mattie Irene O'Connell on 19 Dec. 1900

b. 12 Dec. 1874

d. 3 Nov. 1929

d. 21 Dec. 1936 Fuquay-Varina, Wake Co. N.C.

↓  
△ his gr. f - John Mann

b. c. 1825 Chatham Co. N.C.

△ m. Candis Upchurch 19 Dec. 1847 Wake Co. N.C.

b. c. 1818

d. ?

d. ?

(31) NANCY CRAYTON DOBBIENS

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Friday, June 25th

Dear Cousin Phil,

Thanks for your note. I'll wait  
patiently for my next journal.

This obituary was in my morning paper  
and I remembered that you once asked the  
rest of us to send in any Upchurch news.  
I don't know this man who died but maybe  
you do or will be interested.

Cardially,

Nancy Griffith

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○ FROM: WAKE CAPITAL COUNTY OF NORTH CAROLINA - VOLT  
PRE HISTORY THROUGH CENTENNIAL - ELIZABETH REID MURRAY  
1983

On pages 269 & 270 the Author describes the antebellum situation with regard to Raleigh merchants. In 1851 owners were concerned with being open too long - from sunrise until dark 5-7 in summer - a 14 hour day. The 1851 movement came to naught. In 1858 the merchants were concerned about the practice of extending 12 months credit. These interests did not lead to a formal merchants association until years later. Those signing a document in January 1858 as representatives at a Commercial Convention in Richmond are listed below.

<sup>57</sup> *Standard* (s-w), May 31, 1851; *Register* (s-w), Jan. 9, 26, Feb. 9, 1856, Jan. 2, 1858. Lacking Raleigh business directories for the 1850s, the list of more than 70 merchants and tradesmen signing the resolutions at the Jan. 1858 meeting presents an informative cross-section of late antebellum businessmen (and one businesswoman): A. Adams, Linn Adams, W. M. Adams, J. G. Bromell, J. Brown, H. H. Brown, Silas Burns & Co., A. Creech, A. J. Crocker, H. Depkin, R. Dobbin, H. L. Evans, T. R. Fentress, J. J. Ferrell, P. Ferrall, W. J. Griffice, E. Burke Haywood, R. W. Haywood, Heartt & Iredell, C. W. D. Hutchings, C. Jordan, R. B. Jordan, H. Keim, C. Keuster, Josiah King, N. Kramer, T. & E. Ligon, J. J. Litchford, W. J. Lougee, McGee & Williams, James McKimmon, Louisa Marling, D. C. Murray, J. J. Overby, John C. Palmer, L. W. Peck, Antonio Pizzinni, Pescud & Gatling, W. L. Pomeroy, H. Porter, Pullen & Belvin, C. B. Root, E. Rosenthal, Schloss & Bro., Tant & Rogers, C. H. Thompson, William Thompson, James M. Towles, W. H. & R. S. Tucker, H. D. Turner, Upchurch & Royster, W. C. Upchurch, W. Watson, K. R. Weathers, J. R. Whitaker, J. W. Wiggins, Williams & Haywood, W. H. Williams & Co., Jordan Womble, W. W. Woodell, Samuel H. Young. *Register* (s-w), Jan. 2, 1858. See below, chap. 12 at n. 64, for summary of a special Raleigh census tabulated in June 1858.