

Elizabeth Rebecca Dudley**XID – 4414**

Commentary: Elizabeth Rebecca Dudley was the wife of Howell Upchurch, who was the son of Harmon, head of Upchurch Clan 16. This couple raised had seven children in the counties of Montgomery and Stanley in North Carolina.

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(no number) Excerpt from an email 29 May 2014 to RPU from Claudia Breland a professional genealogist who is researching for a descendant of the Martha Upchurch line in the Harmon Upchurch/ Howell Upchurch Sub-clan.

The puzzle I'm intent on solving right at the moment, is that the previous genealogist had Howell Upchurch married to Rebecca Swaringen. I can find no record of that online, except for a few undocumented family trees, and I have found a marriage record for Howell Upchurch and Elizabeth Dudley. Howell's brother Allen married Mary Dudley, and in fact their father John Dudley is listed on the 1810 census of Captain James Kendel, Montgomery County, with two teenage daughters who could be Mary and Elizabeth. Elizabeth could have gone by a middle name Rebecca, as there is a Rebecca Upchurch on the 1850 census of Centre, Stanly County, with a possible daughter Sarah. All of this is conjecture, which is what makes genealogy so fascinating!

I. John Dudley – on 1810 Census in Montgomery Co, MO

A. Mary Dudley

married () Allen Upchurch, son of Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

B. **Elizabeth Rebecca Dudley** [per RPU records]

married () Howell Upchurch – son of Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

(1) Elizabeth Dudley [Dudley], daughter of John Dudley [Dudley] married Howell Upchurch, son of Harwood Upchurch [Harmon Upchurch] – see John Dudley [Dudley].

(2) See page 7 of West 15 Mar 1979 letter to RPU

(Howell Upchurch will) on 23 Nov 1843 Howell Upchurch wrote his will in Stanly Co, NC – In it he names his children:

Sarah Upchurch, Celia Upchurch, William Riley Upchurch, Nancy Upchurch (married --- Rogers), Martha Upchurch

Also names his wife Rebecca.

(3) See Allen Upchurch (XID – 3564) of copy of deed 17 Sep 1835 (Montgomery Co, NC) in which **Elizabeth Dudley** is listed as daughter of John Dudley. **Elizabeth Dudley** married an Upchurch whose first name is not given in the deed.

(4) See letter 3 Feb 1985 Charles Edgar Crow to RPU

Elizabeth Rebecca Dudney born circa 1792 (NC) died circa 1850 (Stanly Co, NC) married Howell Upchurch born circa 1785 (NC) died circa 1846 (Stanly Co, NC)

(5) See census records Montgomery Co., NC

1830 – The older female in home of Howell Upchurch is age 30 – 40 hence correct for **Elizabeth Rebecca Dudney** born circa 1792 hence age 38 in 1830.

1840 – The older female in the home of Howell Upchurch is age 50 – 60 hence about right for **Elizabeth Rebecca Dudney** born circa 1792 hence age 48 in 1840.

(6) See letter 11 Feb 1985 Charles Edgar Crone to RPU

Vol 2 Stanly Co, NC Court Minutes Aug Session 1851 Page 276 William R Upchurch be appointed Administrator of Rebecca Upchurch [nee **Elizabeth Rebecca Dudney**] estate is mentioned again on page 192 Nov Session 1851