

**Commentary:** Duncan Lemuel Upchurch was born about 1824 in Wake County, NC and died there around 1901 at the age of 75. He was the son of Whitney Upchurch and grandson of Moses Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan # 1. DLU married Elizabeth Ellen Edwards and so far as is known they had one child, Virginia Edwards. Duncan, like most of his siblings, was born in the Holly Springs (Buckhorn Township) of Wake County, NC where his father, Whitney, had settled. It appears that Duncan lived out his entire life in this area, farming and being a bother to no one.

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- (1)** Per attach #34 West letter 18 May 1975. Wake County NC Marriage Records. "M.J.U. married William Stephens 12 Feb 1866-witness = D.L.U."
- (2)** See records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 trip to National Society Colonial Dames XVII century office.

**(A)** Page 11 gives 1850 Census for Wake County NC (Western Division) and lists Whitney Upchurch 58 male, farmer, born NC and wife Elizabeth Upchurch 55 female born NC and 5 children including a **D.L.U.** age 35 born NC (hence born about 1815). [Note- I am guessing that D.L.U. in (1) and (2) are same- RPU

Note: My 1850 census record show D.L.U. to be age 25 which also fits with 1860 and 1870. Presume the "35" in error- RPU.
- (3)** There is a Duncan Lemuel Upchurch who willed stuff to Elizabeth (E. Upchurch 23 Nov 1903) who could be in the DL Upchurch in (1) and (2) above. RPU
- (4)** Per attachment #24 West Letter 18 May 1975 - Upchurch wills- Wake County, NC Court House. "**Duncan Lemuel** to Elizabeth E. U. et al- 23 Nov 1903 Record E, Page 244, File 2313"
- (5)** See 1850 census Wake County, NC Western Division.  
**Duncan Lemuel Upchurch** age 25, male, born in NC is listed in home of father Whitney Upchurch age 58, farmer.
- (6)** See 1860 Wake county NC Census Southern Division PO Morrisville  
**Duncan Lemuel Upchurch** age 34 farmer tenant- \$0 RE, \$100 PR, cannot Read or Write, is head of household. Wife= Ellen Upchurch age 26. Note: this may be in error as other responses show "Elizabeth" or could be Elizabeth Ellen- RPU. Also in home: Virginia Edwards age 3.

- (7) See 1870 census – Wake County NC Buckhorn Township.  
**Duncan Lemuel Upchurch** age 46 male, white farmer  
Elizabeth E. Upchurch age 36 female, keeping house RE \$1100, PP \$700, cannot read or write  
Virginia Upchurch age 13 at home, white,  
Joseph Hunnecutt age 13 male, white domestic servant,  
Anderson Hunnecutt, age 6 male, white
- (8) Note: Assumption is being made that **Duncan Lemuel Upchurch's** wife was Elizabeth Edwards-circumstantial evidence her middle initial "E" and the Edwards child in the family.
- (9) Partial extract No. 2 from 26 page document Rebecca Lynn McLean to RPU – 18 Oct 2009 daughter of Beulah Maybelle Mann, Moses Upchurch/ Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan – Candis Upchurch line

42. Whitney Upchurch was born on 1792 in Moccasin Creek, Franklin County, N. C. He was the son of 84. Moses Upchurch and 85. Mary Simms. He died on 1863 in Green Level, Wake Co, NC. He married Elizabeth Goodwin on 03 Jan 1811 in Wake Co, NC.

43. Elizabeth Goodwin, born 1795 in Wake Co, NC, married 03 Jan 1811 in Wake Co, NC.

Children of Whitney Upchurch and Elizabeth Goodwin are:

+21

- i. Candace Upchurch [on partial extract 3 – RPU] born 1818 in Wake Co, NC, died about 1889 in Chatham County, North Carolina, United States, married John Mann 19 Dec 1847 in Wake County, North Carolina; married John Mann 19 Dec 1847 in Wake County , NC.
- ii. Richard Dillard Upchurch, born 1820 in Wake, NC, died 1906, married Jane Phelps 1848.
- iii. **Duncan Lemuel Upchurch**, born 1825 in Wake, NC, died after 1900 in Wake County, NC.
- iv. Hesper Ann Upchurch, born about 1829 in Wake, NC, married Alfred Daughtry 02 Aug 1856 in Wake County, NC.
- v. James M. Upchurch, born 1830 in Wake, NC, married Isabel Thomas 18 Jan 1859 in Chatham county, NC; married Kattie L Keith 23 Dec 1890.
- vi. Martha Jane Upchurch, born 1832 in Wake, NC, died after 1910 in Chatham County, NC, married William Stephen 12 Dec 1866 in Wake County, NC.
- vii. Bennett A Upchurch, born 10 May 1834 in Wake, NC, died 28 Mar 1872 in Wake County, NC, married Sarah A Lawrence 31 Jan 1858 in Chatham County, NC.
- viii. Lane Upchurch. born 1842 in Wake, NC

- ix. (female) Upchurch, born about 1813 in Wake Co., NC.
- x. (female) Upchurch, born about 1822 in Wake Co., NC.

**(10)** From Letter 17 Nov 1993 Robert Oliver Edwards to RPU

Family 86 on 1850 Census Wake County, NC St Mary's District Larkins Busbee 24 Male Farmer \$920 born NC cannot read or write; Mary Busbee (wife) 24 female born NC nee Mary Smith married 26 Apr 1846; Betsey Edwards 20 f born NC probably the Elizabeth Ellen Edwards who married **Duncan Lemuel Upchurch**. Fabius Poole 15 male farmer born Georgia

**(11)** Book: "The Upchurch Family of High Falls NC (Moore County)

I. Moses Upchurch, Head of Clan - page 63

A. Whitney Upchurch

6. Whitney Upchurch b: 1793 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 1863 in Wake County, North Carolina  
+ Elizabeth Goodwin b: 1795 in Wake, NC, USA m: 03 Jan 1811 in Chatham, NC, USA d: in Unknown

7. Candace Upchurch

7. Richard Dillard Upchurch b: May 1820 in Rogers Crossroads, Nash County, North Carolina [RPU questions Rogers Crossroads birth location - MB 01 Sep 2017] d: 1906 in Redlands, San Bernardino, California  
+Mary b: 1831 in Michigan d: Bef. 1880 in San Luis Obispo, California

8. Nora Upchurch b: 1863 in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California

8. Dillard Upchurch b: 1864 in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California d: Bef. 1874

8. Emma J. Upchurch b: 1865 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Robert L. Upchurch b: 1868 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Ella Upchurch b: 1870 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Louise Upchurch b: Oct 1873 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Dillard Upchurch b: 1874 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Wife of Richard Dillard Upchurch:

+Malinda Jane Phelps b: 1826 in Missouri m: 1848 d: Bef. 1870 in California

8. William H. Upchurch b: 1847 in Schuyler County, Missouri

8. James E. Upchurch b: Jul 1850 in Schuyler County, Missouri d. Bef. 1860

- 8. Eliza A. Upchurch b: 1851 in Schuyler County, Missouri
- 8. Citina H. Kittie Upchurch b: Aug 1853 in Nevada City, California d: 1944 in California  
+ Nathan Johnson b: Mar 1845 in New York
- 9. Nathan R. Johnson b: Sep 1875 in California
- 8. Susan E. Upchurch b: 1856 in Yount Township, Napa County, California
- 8. Frank Upchurch b: 1857 in Yount Township, Napa County, California

- 7. **Duncan L Upchurch** b: 1825 in North Carolina  
+Elizabeth Ellen Edwards b: 1834 in North Carolina
  - 8. Virginia Edwards Upchurch b: 1857 in North Carolina
- 7. Hesper A Upchurch b: 1828 in Wake County, North Carolina
  - 8. Lucetta Upchurch b: 1858 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 7. James M Upchurch b: 1830
- 7. Martha Upchurch b: 1832
- 7. Bennett A Upchurch b: 10 May 1834 in Wake County, North Carolina d: 28 Mar 1872 in Wake County, North Carolina  
+Maiden  
\*2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Bennett A Upchurch:  
+Sarah A Lawrence b: 04 Oct 1836 in Chatham, NC, USA m: 31 Jan 1858 in Chatham, NC, USA d: 05 Feb 1897 in Chatham, NC USA
  - 8. Thomas Benton Upchurch b: 30 Jul 1864 in Wake, NC, USA d: 10 Aug 1946 in Raeford, NC, USA
  - 8. James Curtis Upchurch b: 17 May 1870 in Raleigh, Wake, NC, USA d: 05 Nov 1942 in Jacksonville, Duval, FL, USA
  - 8. William Joseph Upchurch b: 25 Sep 1869 in Harnett, NC, USA d: 03 Jul 1933 in Thomasville, Thomas, GA, USA
  - 8. Lucy J Upchurch b: 30 Oct 1861 in NC, USA d: 25 Jan 1934 in Holly Springs, Wake, NC, USA
  - 8. Missouri Hinton Upchurch b: 24 Nov 1860 d: 15 Apr 1912 in Holly Springs, Wake, NC, USA

**(12)** EXTRACT FROM: WAKE TREASURES Vol.20 No. 2 Summer/Fall 2010 by RPU 4 Apr 2011 - Branson's N.C. Business Directory 1884- Wake Co, NC Section.

Farmers:

Apex: JRU (John Rice Upchurch I)  
WBU

Banks: Banks, T.L.  
Bunting, J.N.  
Myatt, W.  
Stephenson, H.A.  
Penney, J.J.

Young, J.J.  
 Stephenson, L.D.  
 Gower, James  
 Banks, Geo.  
 Turner, Wm.  
 Crowder, Thos, A.  
 Crowder, W. D.  
 Rand, Wm H.  
 Rand, John  
 Jewell, Manless  
 Partin, Geo.  
 Partin, Marion  
 Rhodes, James, A.  
 Utley, Samuel  
 Harris, Aaron  
 Jones, W. J.  
 Jones, Miss Penny  
 Rand, Oscar  
 Green Level: GAU  
 Hayes Store: DLU  
 OJU  
 Morrisville: JRU (John Rice Upchurch, I)  
 WBU  
 Gilbert Upchurch  
 Jack Upchurch (son of John Rice Upchurch, I)  
 Bartlett Upchurch  
 Raleigh: B.P. Williamson  
 G. T. Cooke  
 W. G. U.  
 B. J. U. (Bryant Smith)  
 Rogers Store: Buckner Ray  
 Eagle Rock: T. H. Avera  
 Upchurch Smith

**(13)** Excerpt from: "The Goodwin Family of Central North Carolina" by Thomas

**(Jerry)** Goodwin, Sr. 2009 - RPU 29 Sep 2012

I. William Goodwin, Sr., page 60, (AKA William Kendrick Goodwin, born 2 Jan 1748 (NC), died 1837 (Chatham County NC), married 1770 (Wake Co, NC)

Winifred Thrailkill

G. Elizabeth Goodwin, page 102, born 1794 (Wake County NC) died ---  
 - married 3 Jan 1811 ( ) Whitney Upchurch, born 1793 (Franklin County NC)

1. Candis Upchurch, page 183
2. Richard Dillard Upchurch, page 184
3. **Duncan Lemuel Upchurch**
4. Hesper Ann Upchurch

5. James M. Upchurch
6. Martha Jane Upchurch
7. Bennett A. Upchurch, page 184

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