

Elizabeth Thaney Butler

XID-994

Commentary: Elizabeth Thaney Butler was born in 1770 and died sometime shortly after 1850. She was the wife of James Upchurch VII who was the son of Richard Upchurch III, head of Upchurch clan # 4. These families lived in Dunn Township in Franklin County, NC. This Butler connection to the Upchurch family has come late to us and needs to be developed. Note that Elizabeth was the daughter of John Butler. He had another daughter, Agatha (Butler) Upchurch, who married Nathan Upchurch I, head of Upchurch clan # 3.

Elizabeth and James had a daughter, Elizabeth Thaney Upchurch, who married John Phillips. The home of this couple still stands in Franklin County, NC. Their children became famous in Hollywood as make-up artists. Our heritage is indeed rich.

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(1) RPU Conclusions:

- I. Richard U, III – Head of Clan
 - A. James U, VII (XID-67) b about 1775 (Franklin Co, NC) d about 1850 (Franklin Co, NC) (Bur?) md () **Elizabeth Thaney Butler** b about 1770 () d after 1850 () (Bur ?) , daughter of Jolin Butler

(2) Per Attached #27B West Ltr 18 May 1975-undated Deed Franklin Co NC "not dated but one above was 1794 (B West)-Book A Pg 158 John Butler-Legatees

Dau - Mache Lynch, Agathy U, Cleote Brasel, Elizabeth Thaney U. [nee

Elizabeth Thaney Butler]

Son - Michael Butler, Barnaba Butler

Land on Old Spring Branch, joining Robert Melton, Isaac Alford, Jurat, Robert Butler - signed John x Butler"

(3) See Census Records - Franklin Co NC

1810 - James U had a wife age 26-45 -hence fits **Elizabeth Thaney Butler**

Who was born about 1870

1820 - No Record

1830 - James U has a wife age 50-60 = ok for **Elizabeth Thaney Butler**

B circa 1870

1840 - No Record of James or Elizabeth in Franklin Co - presume James died
And she is around someplace

1850 - Thaney U age 80F appear as head of #143 household, \$500 Re
Present also = Elizabeth Denton (dau?) age 60F and Burton Hicky age

18M Farmer. [Thaney U = nee **Elizabeth Thaney Butler**]

[Next door is #143 is Charlotte U age 60 - I presume she is a dau of
James U (XID-67) or more likely a wife of a deceased son of James-RPU]

(4) From Article 670 pg 224 "Franklin Co, NC Heritage Vol II-2011
Elizabeth Thaney Butler is d/o James and Thaney - - (maiden name not given)

(5) Franklin Co, NC Wills-Bradley Vol 1 Entry 356

356. James Upchurch 1 May 1833 Mar Ct. 1850(Bk N, p. 318)

To my wife **THANEY** - Lend to her for life 400 acres where I now live; also negroes Esther, Richard, Rilly, Abram, Clary & Harriet; livestock, household & kitchen furniture, farming utensils, crops. To my son KEARNEY - 278 acres on Mocoso Creek joining Burkley Upchurch, Larkin Upchurch, John Pearce & others, where he now lives; at my wife's death, I also give him half the negroes I have lent her. To my son JIMMISON - 400 acres where I now live; the other half of my negroes that I have loaned my wife. At my wife's death, the residue of my estate to be sold & the money to be divided among my children & granddaughters as follows: GILLY RAY the wife of James Ray, ELIZABETH PHILLIPS the wife of John Phillips, CLOA COOLEY the wife of John Cooley Jr, THOMAS UPCHURCH, JIMMISON UPCHURCH & my granddaughter LECY UPCHURCH.

Ex. my son Kearney Upchurch

Wit. Matthew Strickland, Cornwell P. Strickland, Saml Harris, Moses Harris,
N.L. Harris

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| ● James U, VII | Stream File: |
| ● Kearney U | Moccasin Creek |
| ● James Ray | [cross list under UFU≤1850 |
| ● Gilly U | NC Wake/Franklin border] |
| ● Elizabeth Thaney U | Lecy U |
| ● John Phillips | Thomas U |
| ● Cloa U = Cloe Jame U | ● Jimmison U = Jamison U |
| ● John Cooley, JR | Matthew Strickland |
| Cornwell P. Strickland | Samuel Harris |
| ● Moses Harris | N.L. Harris |
| ● Will File | |
| ● Thany U = nee <u>Elizabeth Thaney Butler</u> | |
| Burkely U | Larkin U |
| John Pearce | |

[Note: This is the family of James U, VII - head of the Richard U, III James U VII subclan. Since the 1833 will of James U, VII does not mention a son Williford U, it is presumed that Williford U d before 1833 - but a better guess is that GD LECY U is the dau of Williford U. The son, Thomas U, alive in 1833 is yet to be identified otherwise in the records - RPU]

(6) Excerpt from: Franklin County Heritage N.C. Vol II 2011 - Item Excerpted and disposition - 24 Dec 2011 - RPU: Article 670 Pg 224 - To Biofile of James U, VII

670 JAMES UPCHURCH AND RAY
DESCENDANTS

James Upchurch, born in Franklin Co., NC about 1775, was the great, great, great grandson of Michael Upchurch, who came to America from England about 1638 and settled in Virginia. The Upchurches had arrived in Franklin County, NC by 1755.

James Upchurch married **Elizabeth Thaney Butler**, daughter of James and Thaney Butler. They had six children. Elizabeth Thaney married Francis Phillips; Williford married Frances Gay; Cloe Jane married John Cooley, Jr.; Kerney married Emily Perry; Jamison married Elizabeth Pearce; Gilly Ann married James Ray, son of Daniel Ray, about 1819.

James Ray, born about 1785, and Gilly Ann Upchurch Ray, born about 1798, settled in the Moccasin Creek area of Franklin and Wake Counties. They had four girls and six boys. Thaney married Israel Privette; Lizzie married Fernie Wiggs; Candace married a Denton; Nancy married a Carter; Henderson born 1828, married Amelia Privette February 7, 1849; Bryant born 1832; Burwell, born 1836 married 1st Elizabeth Jane Jeans February 6, 1856 and 2nd Piety Hicks; Thomas Crudup born 1839, married Martha Stallings October 29, 1872; Norman born 1841 married Nancy Powell; Albert Haywood, born June 6, 1830, married Jacqueline Summerlin Bryant November 6, 1853. James Ray made his will January 3, 1854, leaving property to his wife, Gilly, and 3 youngest sons.

Albert Haywood Ray and Jacqueline "Jacky" Summerlin Bryant, both of Franklin County, were married by William Stone, Justice of the Peace. Jacky, born June 22, 1828, was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Ross Bryant. They acquired land in Wake County near Moccasin Creek and built a three-story house (pictured in *The Historic Architecture of Wake County, North Carolina* by Kelly A. Lally). Although not lived in now, this house, located on Duke's Lake Road, is still owned by a direct descendant.

Albert served in the Civil War. They attended Hopkins Chapel Baptist Church. He built the Ray School House. His children were very well-educated for that day and time. They had nine children: Bryant Wesley 7/11/1854-3/10/1923, married Helen Betts 1888; Monroe Thomas 10/7/1856 - Nov 1944, married 1st Nora Weatherspoon 3/7/1886 and 2nd Betty Horton; John Daniel 3/30/1858 - 10/27/1882; Temperance Ann b. 9/26/1859, married John Gay 3/6/1881; Joseph Haywood 12/12/1861 - 2/26/1936, married Rosa Pearce 11/20/1884; George Washington 11/9/1864 - 10/3/1937, married Joe Ella Ferrell 1/4/1887; Mary Susan 6/22/1867 - 10/10/1954, married 1st William Kerney Phillips and 2nd Hugie Patterson; Elizabeth 9/26/1869 - 11/28/1954, married Daniel Hill Perry 12/20/1888; Martha b. 12/26/1871, married Arel Perry 1/1/1888 (they moved to Texas).

Albert's will, dated 1/9/1888, left everything to his wife, Jacky. He died 3/29/1888. Jacky died 6/29/1900. They are buried in the Ray Cemetery on Duke's Lake Road, Wake County.

George Washington Ray married Joe Ella Ferrell, b. 2/1/1869 daughter of William Branch and Virginia Ann Perry Ferrell, on 1/4/1887. (William B. Ferrell's house is also pictured in *The Historic Architecture of Wake County, North Carolina*.)

George and Joe Ella Ferrell Ray lived in the house with Jacky after Albert died. They had 10 children, 6 of whom lived past infancy. The four babies are buried in the Ray cemetery. Lucie Marion 9/10/1889 - 11/21/1982, married Charlie Bell Hodge 1/15/1927. Charlie, son of Frank and Jane (Jennie) Hopkins Hodge was b. 6/4/1883 and died 12/9/1964. Lula May 9/29/1892 - 12/11/1981, married Gertrude Ferrell 4/16/1897. Georgianna 4/18/1897 - 6/10/1987, married Walter Hobbs 11/28/1923; Willie 4/30/1898 - 10/20/1937; Luther 5/10/1900 - 2/20/1981, married Phyllis Case 3/6/1924; Virginia Ella 9/5/1901 - 2/23/1977, married Ruben Combs 12/21/1925.

They attended Hopkins Chapel Baptist Church where George served as Superintendent and Deacon. The children attended the Ray School. The youngest ones also attended Wakelon School. The girls had college educations. Two became teachers, one was talented in art and music, and one was interested in history and genealogy. Willie was a train conductor and Luther an electrician.

After his mother died, George moved his family to Zebulon for a few years where he built houses in Zebulon and Wakefield. He returned to the country in 1909, building a new house which is now owned and lived in by his descendants.

George bought land to add to what he had inherited. All the children inherited land from either George or Joe Ella Ferrell Ray. All of this land is still owned by several generations of their descendants.

George, Joe Ella, Lucie, Willie, Luther and Virginia are buried in Hopkins Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. Lula and Gertrude Ferrell are buried next to the Ray Cemetery. Georgianna and Walter Hobbs are buried in Delco, NC. Charlie Hodge is buried in Union Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with many of his family members.

Charlie and Lucie Ray Hodge had 2 children: Haywood 1/13/1928 - 10/3/2006, married Clarine Williams 2/12/1949. Inez b. 7/12/1930 married William M. Brown 6/4/1949. William M. Brown 12/31/1927 - 7/25/2007, is buried in the Hopkins Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. Haywood Hodge is buried in the Williams Cemetery near Rolesville, Wake Co., NC.

Charlie and Lucie Ray Hodge are my Maternal Grandparents.
Submitted by: Steven M. Brown, Zebulon, NC
Source: Family Records; Inez H. Brown

I. Richard U, III - Head of Clan

▲ A. James U, VII b about 1775 (Wake Co., NC) md **Elizabeth Thaney Butler**

▲ i. Gilly Ann U b abt 1798 md James Ray b 1785 s/o Daniel Ray

▲ a. Albert Haywood Ray md 6 Nov 1853 (FC, NC)

▲ i. George Washington Ray md 4 Jan 1887 (WC, NC)

▲ Joe Ella Ferrell

(I) Lucie Marion Ray

(A) Lucie Inez Hodge

▲ (I) Steven Milton Brown

A copy of the entire article 670 placed in the Biofile - RPU 27 Dec 2011

(7) Upchurch & related tax listings - Franklin Co., NC 1798-1864 to RPU from Carla Jones
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District	--	--	Upchurch Children
1855 Capt. Harris	404 A 3 BP		Listed by Thomas Williams for Upchurch Children

[RPU Note: I speculate that the 404 acres in the will is the same as the 400 acres James U, VII left on his death in 1833 to his wife nee **Elizabeth Thaney Butler** for life. She died in 1855 \pm 5 years so the land upon her death would have passed to her children per stirpes. Need to find records that support that this has happened. Also consider that this may be the 400 \pm acres that ended up in the hands of John Francis Phillips Sr, who md Elizabeth Thaney U, d/o James U, VII - 15 Sept 2008]