

**William Osburn Gay****XID – 12853**

**Commentary:** William Osburn Gay married Clara Ann Pearce, who was a granddaughter of Benjamin Upchurch head of Upchurch Clan 13.

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**(no number)** See Page 26 download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU 46. Clara Ann<sup>7</sup> Pearce, (*John<sup>6</sup>, Phillip<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Phillip<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 9, 1825 in Franklin Co, NC, and died September 8, 1912 in Franklin Co, NC. She married **William Osborn Gay**, CSA November 22, 1850 in Franklin Co, NC, son of Osborne Gay and Elizabeth Baker. He was born 1830 in Franklin Co, NC, and died July 4, 1863 in Gettysburg, PA.

Notes for **William Osborn Gay**, CSA:

Enlisted in Co B, 47<sup>th</sup> Regt May 13, 1862, for the war, at the age of 33 as a Pvt. Wounded in both legs and captured at Gettysburg, PA July 1 – 3, 1864. Died in the hands of the enemy on or about July 4, 1863, of wounds.

Children of Clara Pearce and **William Gay** are:

- i William Jasper<sup>8</sup> Gay, born October 24, 1853, Franklin Co, NC; died October 5, 1929, Franklin Co, NC.
- ii James T Osborn Gay, born June 4, 1861, Franklin Co, NC, died August 8, 1907, Franklin Co, NC
- iii Martha W Gay, born about 1863, Franklin Co, NC

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Phillip Pearce – 1 of 4 brothers

1. John Pearce, II married Frances Upchurch

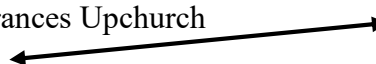
a. Clara Ann Pearce

married ( ) **William Osborn Gay**

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Frances Upchurch

1. Clara Ann Pearce



**(no number)** See Pearce Family – received by RPU 2 Mar 1985

I. Osburn Gay

A. William Osburn Gay (died in battle at Gettysburg (buried on battlefield – site unknown)

married Clara Pearce, daughter of Frances Upchurch, II and granddaughter of Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

William Osburn Gay owned slaves. His children

- 1. William Jasper Gay married Susan Pearce, daughter of Acrel Pearce and granddaughter of Susan Upchurch (ancestry unknown)
- 2. Jim Gay married Ruth --- ---
- 3. Martha Gay married --- ---

**(no number)** Baker Family of Franklin Co, NC – from Ancestry.com 28 Mar 09 – RPU  
Plus will of John Baker 4 Jul 1823

1850 Census – Franklin Co, NC – Harris Township			
Name	age	born abt	
Archibald Baker	30	1820	farmer
Harriet Baker	21	1829	
John Baker	64	1786	
Martha Baker	16	1834	
Ruth Baker	19	1831	

1880 Census – Wake Co, NC – Little River District			
Baldy Baker	66	1814	head
Mary S Baker	23	1857	daughter
John Perry Baker	21	1859	son
Routh L Baker	17	1863	daughter
Archibald Baker	15	1865	son
Charlie R Baker	11	1869	son

1900 Census – Franklin Co, NC – Dunn Township			
James Gay	38	Jun 1861	head
Rutha P Gay	39	Apr 1861	wife
William F Gay	13	Jul 1886	son
Etta H Gay	11	Jun 1888	daughter
Birtha L Gay	9	Oct 1890	daughter
Lissie M Gay	8	Mar 1892	daughter
Junie E Gay	5	May 1895	son

Rutha Baker	
Birth: 1832 – 03 Franklin, North Carolina, USA	
Death: 1913 – 05 – 09 Franklin, North Carolina, USA	
1832 Mar Birth	Birth Franklin, North Carolina, USA
1852 11 Jul Age: 30	Marriage to Calvin Pearce Franklin, North Carolina, USA
1860 Age: 28	Residence Dunn, Franklin, North Carolina
1900 Age: 68	Residence Dunn, Franklin, North Carolina
1913 9 May Age: 81	Death Franklin, North Carolina, USA
Parents	John Baker 1886 – 1855 Rutha Hopkins 1793 – 1850
Spouse & Children	Calvin Pearce 1833 – 1860 Charles A Pearce – 1922

Archibald Baker	
Birth: 1815 Franklin, North Carolina, USA	
Death: 1881 Baker, Franklin, North Carolina, USA	
Parents	John Baker 1886 – 1855 Rutha Hopkins 1793 – 1850
Spouse & Children	Calvin Pearce 1833 – 1860 Charles A Pearce – 1922

Harriet Baker	
Birth: About 1839 Franklin Co, NC	
1856 23 Oct Age:17	Marriage to Bryant Pearce Franklin Co, NC
Spouse & Children	Bryant Pearce 1832 – Swanson Pearce M E Pearce J A Pearce J J Pearce

Junie Eric Gay	
Born: 31 May 1895	
Died: 19 Mar 1967 (city) Franklin, North Carolina	

Hattie Blanche Duke	
Born: 2 Feb 1903	
Died: 7 Oct 1966 (city) Franklin, North Carolina	
Marriage: 23 Dec 1919 (city) Franklin, North Carolina	

Archibald L Baker	
Birth: 1865 Wake, North Carolina, USA	
Death: Mar 1893	
1856 23 Oct Age:17	Marriage to Bryant Pearce Franklin Co, NC
Children	Living Gay – M Living Gay – F Living Gay – F Living Gay – M Living Gay – F Living Gay – M born 14 Aug 1920 (Franklin Co, NC)

## I. --- --- Baker

A. John Baker 1786 - 1850

married ( ) Ruth Hopkins 1793 - 1850

1. Archibald H Baker born 1815/1820 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1881 (Franklin Co, NC)

married ( ) A Strickland

a. Mary S Baker born 1857

b. John Perry Baker born 1859

c. Ruth L/A Baker born 1861/1863

married ( ) James Osborn Gay, son of **William Osborn Gay** & Clara Ann Pearce

i. Junie Eric Gay born 31 May 1895 died 19 Mar 1967 (Franklin Co, NC)

married 23 Dec 1919 (Franklin Co, NC) Hattie Blanche Duke born 2 Feb 1903 ( ) died 7 Oct 1996 (Franklin Co, NC)

(I) → (V) 3 daughters and 2 sons

(VI) Junie Boradus Gay born 14 Aug 1920 (Franklin Co, NC)

d. Archibald L Baker born 1865 (Wake Co, NC) died Mar 1893

e. Charlie R Baker born 1869

2. Harriet Baker born 1829/1839 (Franklin Co, NC)

married 23 Oct 1856 (Franklin Co, NC) Bryant Pearce born 1832

a. Swanson Pearce

b. M E Pearce

c. J A Pearce

d. J J Pearce

3. Ruth Baker born 1831

4. Martha Baker born 1834

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Copy to: William Osborn Gay, 47<sup>th</sup> NC State Troops Regiment, Dale (Gay) Perry – linkage not established – RPU – 26 Dec 2011

### 207 WILLIAM OSBORN GAY

William Osborn Gay, father of Jasper Gay, on May 13, 1862, at age 33 enlisted in the 47<sup>th</sup> N. C. Company "B" Branch of the Confederate Army. He was wounded in both legs and captured at or near Gettysburg, PA between July 1st and the 4th, 1862. He presumably died in the hands of the enemy on or about July 4 1863, as a result of his wounds. The final resting place of his remains is unknown.

Submitted by: Dale Gay Perry, Zebulon, NC 27597

Source: Family History and They Fought by T. H. Pearce

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Frances Upchurch

1. Clara Ann Pearce  
married ( ) William Osborn Gay

**(no number)** See notes of RPU call 21 Jul 1991 to Ione NMN Minga  
Several years ago Jarvis W Gay escorted RPU to the cemetery of **William Osborn Gay** in the Moccasin Creek Area of Franklin Co, NC.

**(no number)** See Pearce Family – compiled 1967

I. Nathan Pearce married Nancy Wester

A. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754 married Nancy Bunn

1. John Pearce born 10 Nov 1788 married Frankie Upchurch died at age 80 –  
was daughter of Benjamin Upchurch and Nancy Ledbetter (lived to age 85)  
Benjamin Upchurch had sister Frankie Upchurch, Betty Upchurch and Nancy  
Upchurch. Frankie's brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

a. Benjamin Pearce [lived to 88]

married 1<sup>st</sup> Leesie Upchurch  
married 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Denton died age 47

Linda Denton was the daughter of Berk Perry (and of Nancy Denton,  
daughter of Drew Denton) and granddaughter of Bennett Perry  
married 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Fason

11 children

b. Jack Pearce married Jane Alford

i. Bryant Pearce – went to AL

(I) J J Pearce

(II) J A Pearce

(III) M E Pearce

(IV) Swanson Pearce)

c. Cal Pearce lived to be 85 married Ruth Baker

d. Clear Pearce [Clara Pearce] married William Osburn Gay

e. Sidney Pearce lived to be 70 married Pam Mitchell

f. Prissy Pearce lived to be 73 married Baldy Alford

g. Harriet Pearce lived to be 70 married Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos  
Upchurch]

h. Jane Pearce lived to be 75 married Clim Alford

i. Fan Pearce lived to be 70 married Jo Pulley