

**Catherine D Gill      XID –16693**

**Commentary:** Catherine D Gill married David PHILLIP Upchurch in 1832 in Franklin County, Illinois. Phillip was the son of David and the grandson of William IV, head of Upchurch clan #9. There has been some confusion over Catherine which is examined in this biofile.

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**(1)** See letter 16 Mar 1982 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

[Donald first cites records showing that David Phillip Upchurch married Catherine Craig born in 1813 in Wilson Co., TN, daughter of Hugh Craig and Mary Billingsley.]

“I have records showing **Catherine Gill** (also called Kitty) born 1813 (NC) married Phillip Upchurch born 1811 (TN) (David Phillip Upchurch) both buried in Drake Cemetery, IL. The 1850 Census shows that Kitty (Wife of David Phillip Upchurch) was born in NC in 1811. I have now the copy of an application of Mary “Polly” Gill for a pension in which she states that her daughter married Phillip Upchurch. The names and dates of the children (of David Phillip Upchurch and the two females) are the same. David Phillip Upchurch and Kitty D. Upchurch are buried very close to Benozah Gill in the Drake Cemetery. Both Catherine’s have a mother Mary!

The Southern Illinois Genealogical Society SAGA Vol. I page 50-54 is on the Gill Family and mentions an application 4 Mar 1853 that Catherine Gill about 38 years old is entered in marriage with Phillip Upchurch. It lists three Gill children.

Steven Gill born 1810 (NC) married Agnes Dawson born 1811

James Gill

Kitty Gill married Phillip Upchurch

These Gills lived in Burnside Township, Johnson Co., IL 1830

Benozah Gill is father.

I know that Kitty Gill moved to IL about 1822 at age of about 10 years and lived in Williamson Co., IL.

**(2)** David Phillip Upchurch born 18 Aug 1811 (TN) died 10 Sep 1852 (New Burnside, IL). (Buried – Drake Cemetery, Williamson Co., IL) married 1832 (Franklin Co., IL)

**Catherine D Gill** born 25 Jan 1813 (Cumberland Co., NC) died 20 Aug 1895 (New Burnside, IL) (buried as husband) (39)

**(3)** See letter 5 Jun 1982 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

See Death Certificate for David Crockett Upchurch which shows he was the son of Catherine Gill [not Catherine Craig].

On 8 Nov 1850 Census for North half of Johnson Co., IL

David Phillip Upchurch	38	M	Farmer	Born TN	Neither can read or write
Kitty D. Upchurch	38	F		Born NC	

Nine of their children are listed in the home – all born in IL. See David Phillip Upchurch for the census record.

The tombstone for the wife of David Phillip Upchurch located in Drake Cemetery, IL reads “Kitty D. Upchurch”

See Benozah Gill for article which shows his daughter Catherine Gill (age about 38 in 1853) married Phillip Upchurch (David Phillip Upchurch]

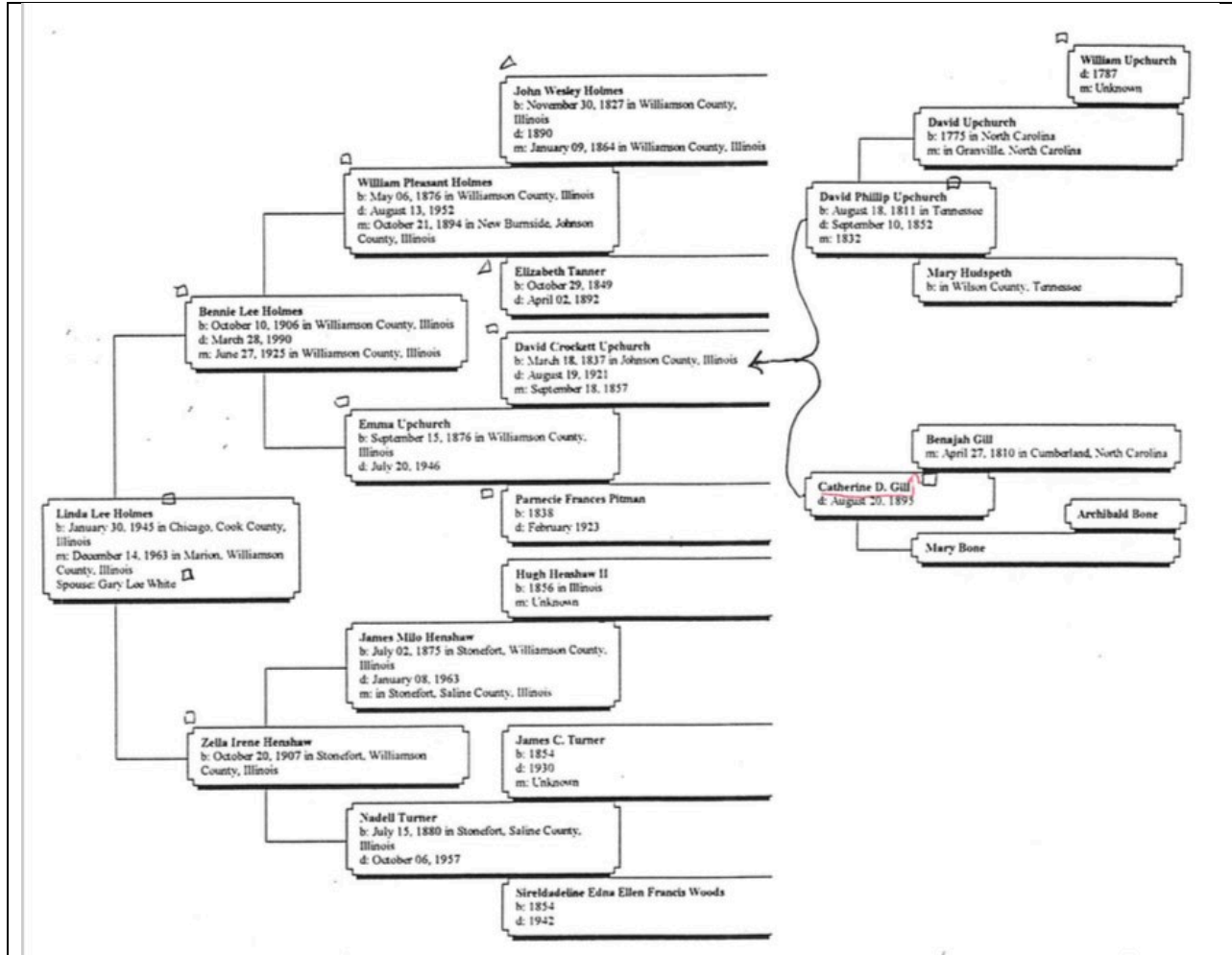
**(4)** See letter 24 Dec 1982 Donald Eugene Upchurch

“The Kitty D. Gill who married David Phillip Upchurch in 1832 in Franklin Co, IL was Catherine in a letter written by her mother and dated 8 Nar 1853. However, the 1850 census, 1860 census, her tombstone, and the death certificate of David Crockett Upchurch all have her as Kitty.

**(5)** See letter 4 Nov 1982 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Benozah Gill born 1761 (NJ) is the age 70-80 entry in the David Upchurch family on the 1830 Census of Franklin Co., IL. In the house also is his wife Mary (Boon) Gill and his son Steven Gill and his daughter Catherine (Gill) Upchurch born 1813 (NC) – wife of David Phillip Upchurch born about 1811 (TN).

**(6)** From letter 6 Dec 1997 Linda Lee Holmes to RPU (next page)



(7) See letter 9 Nov 1999 Clyde Charles Upchurch to RPU (Information from Carol Gammon Kamp) for **Catherine D Gill** Carol uses the version MARY CATHERINE GILL born 1811 ( ) died 1892 ( ) married 1833. David Patterson Upchurch (as opposed to David Phillip Upchurch found in RPU records. No evidence given for her use of Patterson.

(8) From letter 27 Dec 1985 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan

A. David Upchurch

1. David Phillip Upchurch married **Catherine D Gill** “Kitty”

A new piece of information was found in the library at Jonesboro Ark. on Kitty D. Gill Upchurch. All those I have met and talked to in Ill. had said that Kitty U. died on the homeplace in Burnside Ill. However I ran across a Book on Johnson Co. Ill. published 1893 it was a Review of Johnson County. One of those telling thier story was Steven Gill. He told about his famiby coming from N.C. to Ill. in a two wheel cart. He tells the names of his father, grandparents, uncles and aunt. He goes on to say that of those that made the trip all are dead except one, his aunt Kitty Upchurch who is in her 80's and living with her daughter in Saline Co. Now we know Kitty U. died 1895 at age 83. I feel like she lived with her daughter untill her death. (I can't picture the daughter sending her 83 year old mother back to the homeplace) I think Kitty died in Saline Co. instead of Johnson Co. most likely Stonefort, we know that two daughters lived in Stonefort, Mary Jane and Caroline. My gr grandfather Ira U. also lived there but the town of 65 houses is in four counties. Mary died in Stonefort in 1906, her house was on the Wmson Co. Saline Co. line. I'd almost bet Kitty died in Mary's home.

(9) From "Upchurches from England to Illinois" (63, page 9)

DAVID PHILLIP UPCHURCH

David Phillip Upchurch, father of David Crockett Upchurch, was born August 18, 1811 in Tennessee. He was one of eight children, of which two have been identified. William Upchurch is the known brother of David Phillip Upchurch. On the 1830 census we find David Phillip living on the family farm near New Burnside, Il. Th head of household is a David Upchurch 60 to 70 years of age. This could be the father or the grandfather of David Phillip. (There is some speculation thd David Phillip's father was killed in the war of 1812.)

In 1832 David Phillip married Catherine D. Gill, the daughter of Benizah Gill and Mary Bone. They settled on the family farm having 10 children.

James born 1834

Caroline born 1836

David Crockett born 1837

Mary J. born 1840

John born 1843

Stephen born 1844

Patsy born 1845

Amristy born 1847

Ira W. born 1849

Melvine born 1853

David Phillip Upchurch died September 10, 1852. Catherine died August 20, 1895. They are buried in Drake Cemetary in Williamson Co. Illinois.

Catherine's father Benizah Gill served in the American Revolution in Lee's Legion. Cont. Drag. N.J. 1780 to 1782. Her grandfather Archibald Bone served in the 1st. N.C. Reg. 1776 to 1779.

**(10)** Upchurch citations found on Internet by Charles John Peterson, Jr. and sent to RPU in letter 22 Mar 2004. A copy of this article appears as page 153 with the letter and in extract form below. Further identified as: “The Billingsley Family in America” by Harry Alexander Davis, 1936. [Note: Assume 3, 4, 5 listed below are siblings – RPU]  
This reference is linked to the Upchurch Family as follows:

- I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan
  - A. David Upchurch, born 1765 (Brunswick Co., VA) died 1835 (Franklin Co., IL)
    1. David Phillip Upchurch, born 18 Aug 1811 (Stewart Co., TN)

However, the reference shows he married Catherine Craig whereas previous reference shows he married **Catherine D Gill** (need to resolve this discrepancy – RPU 13 Oct 2004). There are obvious differences in dates. RPU prior info on dates is believed to be superior. The prospect that the entry for Edna Upchurch born 1860 died 1864 is correct rather than previous listing as Edney Upchurch should be considered.

Crossfile:

Craig Family  
Billingsley Family  
Harry Alexander Davis

- 3 Elizabeth Craig: b Oct. 1808 Wilson Co., Tenn. She m 1826 George Henson, b Tenn. 1796, moved to Ky. for some years then settled in Johnson Co., Ill. both living in 1850. They had:
- a Frederick Henson: b 1828 Tenn.
  - b Elizabeth Henson: b 1832, d inf.
- 4 Hugh Smith Craig: b Sept. 1811 Tenn. Moved to Johnson Co., Ill. with his parents. He m prior to 1832 Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, b Tenn. 1813. He was a farmer, both living in 1870, res. Johnson Co., Ill. They had:
- a Martha Craig: b 1832.
  - b Sarah Craig: b 1837.
  - c Sciotha Craig: b 1839.
  - d Susannah Craig: b 1840.
  - e John Craig: b 1841, m prior to 1865 Jane \_\_\_\_\_, b Ill. 1843. Res. Johnson Co., Ill. They had:
    - e1 Sarah Craig: b 1865.
    - e2 Mary Craig: b 1866.
    - e3 Annie Craig: b 1869.
  - f Louisa Jane Craig: b 1843.
  - g William J. Craig: b 1845.
  - h Hugh N. Craig: b 1851.
- 5 Catherine Craig: b 1813 Tenn. She m prior to 1834 David Upchurch, b Tenn. 1812. He died 1855, she was living in 1870, res. Johnson Co., Ill. They had:
- a James Upchurch: b 1834.
  - b Caroline Upchurch: b 1836.
  - c David Upchurch: b 1838, m 1857 Frances Pernicia \_\_\_\_\_, b Ky. 1841, res. Johnson Co., Ill. They had:
    - c1 Sarah Upchurch: b 1858.
    - c2 Edna Upchurch: b 1860, d 1864.
    - c3 John Upchurch: b 1864.
    - c4 Charles Upchurch: b 1867.
    - c5 Lucinda J. Upchurch: b Feb. 1870.
  - d Mary J. Upchurch: b 1840.
  - e John Upchurch: b 1843.
  - f Stephen Upchurch: b 1845.
  - g Patsey Upchurch: b 1846, d 1854.
  - h Arminta Upchurch: b 1848.
  - i Ira Upchurch: b 1849.
  - j Melvina Upchurch: b 1853.