

Commentary: Gilly Ann Upchurch, born about 1798 in Franklin County, NC and died after 1860 in Wake County, NC, was the daughter of James Upchurch VII and the granddaughter of Richard Upchurch III, head of Upchurch clan # 4. She married James Ray also of the Wake/Franklin County border region in NC. This Ray connection lends hope that one might connect the Rays of Franklin County, NC to the Rays of northern Wake County, NC. The descendants of Gilly and James loom large on the Wake/Franklin border in the area of Hopkins Chapel Baptist Church where many of them lay in repose. Descendant Lucille Inez (Hodge) Brown has spent many years collecting details on her heritage and still lives in the area. The records for the James Upchurch VII family in Franklin County, NC are rich in detail and his daughter Gilly and her descendants add luster to the mix.

RPU – 7 Feb 2017

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(1) From Ancestry.com 29 May 2007- Family of James Ray and **Gilly Upchurch**

A. 1860 United States Federal Census

Name: Thomas Ray

Age in 1860: 22

Birth Year: abt 1838

Home in 1860: North Eastern Division, Wake, North Carolina

Gender: Male

Post Office: Rolesville

Household members:	Name	Born about	Age
	James Ray	1785	75
	<u>Gilly Ray</u>	1795	65
	Norman Ray	1842	18
	Bryant Ray	1834	26
	Thomas Ray	1838	22

B. 1870- Little River Township, Wake Co, NC- Forestville PO

Dwelling #220 Family #220 Ray, Thomas age 31 male white Farmer
born abt 1839

Ray, Martha age 34 female white keeping house
born about 1836

C. 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Thomas C. Ray

Home in 1880: Little River, Wake, North Carolina

Age: 42

Estimated birth year: about 1838

Birthplace: North Carolina

Relation to head of household: Self (head)

Household members:	Name	Born about	Age
	Thomas C. Ray	1838	42
	Martha A. Ray	1837	43
	William Perry	1863	17
	William Barham	1961	19

(2) RPU input using above and other info- 29 May 2007

I. Richard Upchurch, III- Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VII

1. **Gilly Upchurch** married James Ray

a. Bryant Ray b. about 1834

b. Thomas Crudup Ray b. about 1838; married () Martha A Stallings b. about 1837 – note: no children in 1870 or 1880 - RPU

c. Norman Ray born about 1842

The relationship of William Perry born about 1863 and William Barham born about 1861 to the family of **Gilly Upchurch** and James Ray is not clear.

(3) Per Attach #27 West Letter 18 May 1975- Will Extract- Franklin Co NC

“James Upchurch [XID-67-Head of Richard Upchurch III/James Upchurch Subclan] in 1 May 1863 will names wife Thaney, sons Kearney and Jamison and 3 daughters including **Gilly**, wife of James Ray”.

See James Upchurch for details. [See Will File for full copy]

(4) From Packet handed to RPU by Lucille Inez Hodge- 10 Jun 2010

I. Richard Upchurch, III-Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VIII born about 1775 (Wake Co, NC) married () Elizabeth Thaney Butler

1. **Gilly Ann Upchurch**, born about 1798 (had 10 children, first 4 were girls and Last 6 were boys)

Gilly Ann Upchurch married (unknown, but 4th child born 1826) James “Jimmy” Ray born 1785 (Moccasin Creek Area of Wake Co, NC/Franklin Co, NC). S/O Daniel Ray believed to be in NC before 1785. Came from VA or PA? Maybe a Quaker- died before 1834- maybe in 1833 based on tax records.

a. Thaney Ray married () Israel Privette

i. Penina Privette

ii. Dale Privette

b. Lizzie Ray married () Fernie Wiggs

i. Lucy Wiggs

ii. Lee Wiggs

iii. John Wiggs

e. Henderson Ray born about 1828 married () Annie AKA Amelia Privette (Emma) They married 7 Feb 1849.

h. Burwell J. Ray born about 1835 (Wake Co, NC)

- i. "Sis" Ray (could be one of four named daughters- RPU) married () Gus Hicks
- ii. Frances Ray married () Abe Hicks
- iii. Penina Ray (Caroline Mary Ray- RPU) married Walter Bunn
- iv. Berry Thomas Ray born 29 Jul 1888, from second marriage of Burwell

(I) Lola Ray

(II) Laura Lynn Ray

f. Albert Haywood Ray- see separate extract. He lived about one mile from Hopkins Chapel Church, His brothers Henderson and Burwell lived between his house and the church.

(5) See 1850 Census- Wake Co, NC, Little River District

Gilly Ray age 52, female is listed as wife of James Ray age 65, male, [XID-997], whom see for list of children, etc.- nee **Gilly Upchurch**

(6) Received in letter from Lucie Inez Hodge to RPU 7 May 1989

Family Group Record Chart

Husband: James (Jimmy) Ray; born 1785, husband's father: Daniel Ray

Wife: Elizabeth (?) **Gilly Upchurch**, born 1798; wife's father: James Upchurch; wife's mother: Thaney

Children	when born	Town	County	Date of Marriage	When died and to whom
Albert Haywood Ray	6 June 1830		Franklin ? NC	6 Nov 1853	29 Mar 1888 m. Jackie Summerlin Bryant
Thomas Crudup Ray					m. Martha Stallings
Burl Ray	(Burwell Ray)				m.1 Jane Jeans m.2 Piety Hicks
Norman Ray					m. Nancy Powell
Henderson Ray					m. Annie Privette
Thaney Ray					m. Dale Privette
Lizzie Ray					m. Fernie Wiggs
Candace Ray					m. --- Denton

Note by Lucie Inez Hodge: All information given to me by my mother, Lucie Ray Hodge.

(1) A. H. R. from family Bible (LMRH was granddaughter of AHR) LMRH born 10 Sep 1889 and knew some of these people. Inez H Brown

RPU's Original Family Group Sheet follows on next page.

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 XID-991
 MAY 1989
 GILLY ANN U
 REC'D IN
 LTR May 1989
 FAMILY GROUP
 RECORD

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
 PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, VT
 DATES: 14 APR 1794 Hodge to Ray
 To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

HUSBAND James (Jimmy) Ray
 Born 1785 Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Daniel Ray
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Elizabeth (?) Gilly Upchurch
 Born 1798 Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER James Upchurch
 WIFE'S MOTHER Thaneey
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE			WHEN CED		
	Given Names	Surname	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Albert Haywood	Ray	6	June	1830		Franklin	NC	6 Nov 1853	29	March	1858		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas	Cnudup Ray							Jackie Summerlin Bryant					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burl	Ray				[BURWELL RAY]			Martha Stallings					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norman	Ray							Jane Jeans					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Henderson	Ray							Nancy Powell					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thaneey	Ray							Annie Privette					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lizzie	Ray							Bela Privette					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candace	Ray							Fernie Wiggs					
									Benton					

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
 All information given to me by my mother, Lucie Marion Ray Hodge
 ① A.H.R. from Family Bible - (LMRH was grand daughter of A.H.R.) LMRH born 10 Sept 1889
 & knew some of them personally
 Mrs J. Brown

OTHER MARRIAGES
 ② m. Picty Hicks

(7) Will of James Upchurch XID-67- Head of Richard Upchurch, III/James Upchurch Subclan
Published Upchurch Bulletin Vol 2 No 3 July 1981 Franklin Co, NC- Book IV- Page 318-319

400 acres- for life to wife Thany Upchurch (where I now live)

278 acres to Kearney Upchurch, son (where Kearney Upchurch now lives) on waters of
Moccasin Creek

Adjoining: Burkley Upchurch
Larkin Upchurch
John Pearce

To son Jimmison Upchurch- the 400 acres where I now live

Residue to children and GD

Gilly Ray [**Gilly Upchurch**] wife of James Ray
Elizabeth (Upchurch) Phillips wife of John Phillips
Cleo (Upchurch) Cooley wife of John Cooley, Jr.
Kearney Upchurch
Jimmerson Upchurch
Lecy Upchurch [GD]

Executor: Kearney Upchurch

Witness: Matthew Strickland
Cornwell Strickland
Samuel Harris
Moses Harris
AV L. Harris

(8) See Letter 12 Feb 1989 Willis Alton Reid, Jr. to RPU

Gilly Upchurch d. after 1860

(9) Franklin Go, NC Wills- Bradley Volume 1 Entry 356

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

To my wife Thany- 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 Mocason 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, Sam'l Harris, Moses Harris, N. L. Harris

James Upchurch, VIII

Kearney Upchurch

James Ray

Gilly Upchurch

Elizabeth Thaney Upchurch

John Phillips

Cloa Upchurch= Cloe Jane Upchurch

John Cooley, Jr

Cornwell P Strickland

Moses Harris

Will File

Thany Upchurch= nee Elizabeth Thaney

Butler

Burkley Upchurch

John Pearce

Stream file:

Moccasin Creek

Thomas Upchurch

[Cross list under UFU ≤ 1850 NC,
Wake/Franklin Border]

Jimmison Upchurch = Jamison Upchurch

Lecy Upchurch

Matthew Strickland

Samuel Harris

N. L. Harris

Larkin Upchurch

[Note: This is the family of James Upchurch, VII, Head of the Richard Upchurch, III/James Upchurch VII Subclan. Since the 1833 will of James Upchurch, VII, does not mention a son Williford Upchurch, it is presumed that Williford Upchurch died before 1833, but a best guess is that GD Lecy Upchurch is the daughter of Williford Upchurch. The son Thomas Upchurch, alive in 1833 is yet to be identified otherwise in the records. RPU]

(10) Record for Albert Haywood Ray, born 6 Jun 1830; s/o **Gilly Upchurch** Ray- RPU
download 4 Jul 2008

A. 1870 Census- Little River Township,
Wake Co, NC

Name	Born About	Age
Albert Ray	1822	48
Jackey Ray	1822	48
Monre ¹ Ray	1856	14
John ² Ray	1858	12
Ann ³ Ray	1860	10
Joseph ⁴ Ray	1862	8
George ⁵ Ray	1864	6
Mary ⁶ Ray	1867	3
Elizabeth ⁷ Ray	1869	1

(relationships not stated)

B. 1880 Census, Little River Township,
Wake Co, NC

Name	Born About	Age
Albert H Ray	1828	52
Jackey L Ray (wife)	1829	51
Bryant W Ray son	1855	25
Monroe T ¹ Ray son	1857	23
John D ² Ray son	1859	21
Temperance A ³ Ray	1862	18
Joseph H ⁴ Ray son	1863	17
George W ⁵ Ray son	1865	15
Mary S ⁶ Ray dau	1867	13
Elizabeth J ⁷ Ray dau	1869	11
Marthia E ⁸ Ray dau	1872	8
Simon Alfard lab	1858	22
Janatus Styles lab	1859	21

C. 1900 Census Dunn Township,
Franklin Co, NC

Name	Born	Age
Joseph F Ray head	Dec 1861	38
Hettie Ray dau	Jan 1886	14
Bertie R ⁹ Ray dau	Nov 1887	12
John D Ray son	Oct 1889	10
Martha V Ray dau	Aug 1891	8
Frederick N Ray son	Sep 1893	6
James A Ray son	Oct 1897	4
Charlot Pearce GGM	Mar 1815	85

[nee Charlotte Perry]

Note: Charlotte (Perry) Pearce is the GGM
of the children in this home- RPU

D. 1910 Census Dunn Township,
Franklin Co, NC

Name	Born About	Age
Joseph H Ray head*	1862	48
Mary A Ray wife*	1872	38
Frederick N Ray son	1894	16
James A Ray son	1896	14

* married 2 years; Mary had no children

¹ Monroe Thomas Ray

² John Daniel Ray

³ Temperance Ann Ray

⁴ Joseph Haywood Ray

⁵ George Washington Ray

⁶ Mary Susan Ray

⁷ Elizabeth Jackie Ray

⁸ Martha E Ray

⁹ See Bertie R Johnson in 1930 Census below

E. 1930 Census, Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC

Name	Born About	Age	
Charles D Johnson married at age 24	1882	48	(owns home)
Bertie R Johnson married at age 18	1888	42	
Rosa I Johnson	1909	21	
William S Johnson son	1911	19	
Lucile N Johnson dau	1912	18	
Joseph B Johnson son	1914	16	
Charles A Johnson son	1916	14	
Wesley L Johnson son	1918	12	
Bettie L Johnson dau	1921	9	
Carmelo H Johnson son	1924	6	
Eulyses R Johnson son	1926	4 ½	
Sarah Johnson	1929	8/12	

Lived on Griffin Mill Rd.

I. Richard Upchurch, III- Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VII

1. **Gilly Upchurch** born about 1798

a. Albert Haywood Ray married () Jacqueline Summerlin Bryant

i. See above for 8 children

ii. including Joseph Haywood Ray born 12 Dec 1861

married (1st) 20 Nov 1884 () Rosa Pearce¹⁰

married (2nd) () Mary Horton

(I) Bertie R⁹ Ray b. Nov 1887 (see footnote above)

married () Charlie David Johnson¹¹

I. Jubal Upchurch, I- Head of Clan

A. Littleberry Upchurch

1. Rowena Upchurch

a. William LaFayette Johnson

i. Charles David Johnson¹¹ b. 30 Apr 1882

¹⁰Presume Rosa Virginia Pearce born about 1969, Franklin Co, NC; died before 1900.

Rosa Pearce's Ancestry:

I. Nathan Pearce b. 23 May 1783; married () Susan Upchurch

A. Seth Thomas Pearce married 23 Dec 1833 Charlotte Perry b Mar 1815

1. Mary Jane Pearce b. 9 Aug 1840; married James Pearce (below) 13 Sep 1866,
Franklin Co, NC

i. Rosa Virginia Pearce

B. Acrel N. Pearce

1. James Pearce b. about 1845 to Mary Jane Pearce

¹¹ Note Upchurch family connection

I. Jubal Upchurch, I; Head of Clan

A. Little Berry Upchurch

1. Roena Upchurch

a. William Lafayette Johnson

i. Charles David Johnson, b. 30 Apr 1882

See RPU's original chart on next page..

⑩ RECORDS FOR ALBERT HAYWOOD RAY b 6 JUN 1830 S/O GILLY (U) RAY
- RPU DOWNLOAD 4 JUL 2008

A. 1870 CENSUS - LITTLE RIVER TWP B. 1880 CENSUS - LITTLE RIVER TWP

WAKE CO, NC

Name	B AOT	Age
Albert Ray	1822	48
Jackey Ray	1822	48
Δ Monroe Ray	1856	14 ← MONROE THOMAS RAY
Δ John Ray	1858	12 ← JOHN DANIEL RAY
Δ Ann Ray	1860	10 ← TEMPERANCE RAY
Δ Joseph Ray	1862	8 ← ANN RAY
Δ George Ray	1864	6 ← JOSEPH HAYWOOD RAY
Δ Mary Ray	1867	3 ← GEO. WASH. FREEMAN
Δ Elizabeth Ray	1869	1 ← MARY SUSAN RAY

RELATIONSHIPS NOT STATED

WAKE CO, NC

Name	B AOT	Age
Albert H. Ray	1828	52
Jackey L. Ray WIF	1829	51
Bryant W. Ray SON	1835	25
Monroe T. Ray SON	1837	23
John D. Ray SON	1839	21
Temperance A. Ray Dm	1842	18
Joseph H. Ray SON	1863	17
George W. Ray SON	1865	15
Mary S. Ray DAU	1867	13
Elizabeth J. Ray Dm	1869	11
Martha E. Ray DAU	1872	8 → MARTHA E. RAY Δ
Simon Alford LABORER	1858	22
Janatus Styles LABORER	1859	21

I. RICHARD A. III - HEAD of Fam

A. JAMES U. VII

Δ I. GILLY U. b AOT 1798

Δ II. ALBERT HAYWOOD RAY MD (C)

Δ JACQUELINE SUMMERLEN BRYANT

I. SEE

ABOVE

Δ CHARLOTTE (PERRY) PEARCE

IS GGM OF THE CHILDREN IN THIS HOME - RPU

II. JOSEPH HAYWOOD RAY b 12 DEC 1861

Δ MD (1ST) LONOV 1884 (?) ROSA PEARCE *

Δ MD (2ND) (?) MARY NORTON

Δ MD (C) CHARLIE DAVID JOHNSON

I. JUDAL U. I - HEAD OF CLAN

A. LITTLE BERRY U.

I. ROSA U.

Δ G. WM LAFAYETTE JOHNSON

I. CHARLES DAVID JOHNSON

b 30 APR 1882

Δ SETH THOMAS PEARCE

I. NATHAN PEARCE b 23 MAY 1783

MD (?) SUSAN UPCHURCH

Δ I. Mary Anne Pearce

Δ b 9 AUG 1840

Δ ACREL N. PEARCE

Δ I. James Pearce

b ABOUT 1845

D. 1910 CENSUS - DUNN TWP

FRANKLIN CO, NC

Name	MD 24R3	B AOT	Age
Joseph H Ray HEAD		1862	48
Mary A Ray WIF [O, O]		1872	38
Frederick N Ray SON		1894	16
James A Ray SON		1896	14

E. 1930 CENSUS - DUNN TWP

FRANKLIN CO, NC

Household Members:	Name	OWNERS	BORN	Age
Neighbors:	Charles D Johnson		1832	48
24	Bertie R Johnson		1888	42
18	Rosa I Johnson		1909	21
	William S Johnson	SON	1911	19
	Lucile N Johnson	DAU	1912	18
	Joseph B Johnson	SON	1914	16
	Charles A Johnson	SON	1916	14
	Wesley L Johnson	SON	1918	12
	Bertie L Johnson	DAU	1921	9
	Carmelo H Johnson	SON	1924	6
	Eulyses R Johnson	SON	1926	4 1/2
	Sarah Johnson	DAU	1929	8 1/2

* PRESUME ROSA VIRGINIA PEARCE

b AOT 1867 (FC, NC) d BEFORE 1900

NEX ANCESTRY:

MD 23 DEC 1803 (C)

CHARLOTTE PERRY

b MAR 1815

ROSA VIRGINIA

PEARCE

(11) Re Cindy Mize input to RPU 26 May 2007 re: Ray History. Her 10 page report concerns 4 early Rays of Wake Co, NC; Joseph Ray, b 1754; John C Ray, b 1759; Luke Ray, b 1760; Nathan Ray b 1765. Re: Luke Ray b 1760:

4. Luke² Ray (Ray¹) was born 1760, and died 1818 in Wake Cty, NC. He married (1) Unknown. He married (2) Ruthy Cape January 09, 1804 in Wake Cty, NC, daughter of William W. Cape. Luke Ray is first mentioned in Wake Cty Court records when he purchased land on Feb 3, 1779 so he was born prior to 1757.

Although this is the earliest surviving record of our Ray ancestor owning property in Wake Cty, NC< there were probably earlier deeds that were destroyed by the 1832 fire in the Register's office. The 1781 Wake County Tax list (Captain Robert High's District) shows Luke Rake Ray as the owner of 100 acres, 4 hours and 12 cattle valued at 116 pds. On March 4, 1783, Luke acquire by grant 158 acres on the north side of the Neuse River. On November 16, 1791 by State Grant #1102 Like Ray acquired 150 acres on the north side of the Neuse River and on both sides of Horse Creek adjacent to Stafford's Corner, Cedar Hill and a small path. The 1799 Wake Cty, NC Tax list shows Luke Ray as the owner of 300 acres and 4 slaves.

More about Luke Ray and Ruthy Cape are:

Burial: Wake Cty, NC

7. i. James Ray, b 1785, d 1819, Wake Cty, NC
8. ii. Polly Ray, b 1796 NC
- iii. John Ray b 1787, m. Fanny Little, February 15, 1813, Wake Cty, NC, b. 1788, NC
- iv. Rachael Ray, b 1788
9. v. Biddy Ray, b 1800, NC
- vi. Winnafred Ray, b 1790, m. Joseph Davis, 01 Nov 1825
- vii. Charles Ray, b 1791

7, James³ Ray (Luke², Ray¹) was born 1785, and died 1819 in Wake Cty, NC. He married (1) **Gilly Upchurch**. She was born 1798. He married (2) Rachel. She died 1826 in Wake Co, NC.

[Both James and Rachel buried Wake Co, NC –RPU]

[RPU Note 18 Sep 2009- The James Ray that married **Gilly Ann Upchurch** was s/o Daniel Ray, not Luke Ray. Gilly Ann Upchurch was his only wife.]

Children of James Ray and **Gilly Upchurch** are:

- i. Bryant Ray, b. 1832
- 14.¹ ii. Thomas Ray, b. 1839, NC
- iii. Alvin Ray, b. 1830
- 15.² iv. Burnell Ray, b. 1836
- 16.³ v. Norman Ray, b. 1841

Children of James Ray and Rachel are:

- vi. Zadoc Ray, b. 1800
- vii. Elizabeth Ray, m. High

¹14. Thomas Ray (James, Luke, Ray) was born 1839 in NC.

He married Martha Liney "Lina" Harrison Nov 21, 1857 in Wake Cty, NC. She was born 1837 in NC.

Children of Thomas Ray and Martha Harrison are:

- i. Cordelia Ray, b. 1859, NC
- ii. Joseph M. Ray, b. 1862, NC
- iii. James I. Ray, b. 1865, NC
- iv. Jessie Ray, b. 1870, NC
- v. Lathy A Ray, b. 1873, NC
- vi. Alpheous S. Ray, b. 1877, NC; m. Lona, b. 1875

²15. Burnell Ray (James, Luke, Ray) was born 1836. He married Elizabeth J. Gean February 06, 1856 in Wake Cty, NC. She was born 1836.

Children of Burnell Ray and Elizabeth Gean are:

- i. William M. Ray, b. March 20, 1853; d. September 30, 1932, Tulsa, OK.
married Rebeca Lue Harrison, b. Dec 29, 1859, Ark; d. September 1896, Yell Co, Ark.
Buried Moores Chapel Cemetery, Havana AR
Rebeca buried as hus & Yell Co, AR
- ii. Robert Ray, b. 1860
- iii. Gilly Ray, b. 1861
- iv. Mary Ray, b. 1862
- v. Francis Ray, b. 1864
- vi. Pennie Ray, b. 1866

³16. Norman Ray (James, Luke, Ray) was born 1841. He married Nancy A. Powell 1865.

Notes for Norman Ray:

1880 Census, 1880 Wake Cty, NC Forestville, NC P. O.; Little River Township

Children of Norman Ray and Nancy Powell are:

- i. Alhous Ray, b. 1873
- ii. Riley or Wiley Ray, b. 1877
- iii. Edward H. Ray, b. 1879, m Bessie V, b. 1884

(12) Excerpt from: Franklin County Heritage NC, Volume II, 2011- Item excerpted and disposition- 24 Dec 2011- RPU: Article 670, page 224- to Biofile of James Upchurch, VIII

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 1775.

James Upchurch married Elizabeth Thaney Butler, daughter of James and Thaney Butler. They had six children. Elizabeth Thaney married Francis Phillips; 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, 1871; 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 his 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. Laily). 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 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 4/16/1916; 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 Superintendant and Deacon. The children attended the Ray School. The youngest one 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 generation 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 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

A copy of the entire Article 670 placed in these Biofiles- RPU 27 Dec 2011

I. Richard Upchurch, III, Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VII; b. about 1775, Wake Co, NC; md. () Elizabeth Thaney Butler

1. Gilly Ann Upchurch; b. about 1798

a. Albert Haywood Ray; married 6 Nov 1853, Franklin Co, NC to
Jacqueline Summerlin Bryant

i. George Washington Ray; md. 4 Jan 1887, Wake Co, NC to Joe
Ella Ferrell

(I) Lucie Marion Ray

(A) Lucie Inez Hodge

(1) Steven Milton Brown

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(13) From Letter 23 Aug 2009 Lucie Inez Hodge to RPU

I. Richard Upchurch, III- Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VII

1. Gilly Ann Upchurch, b. Wake Co, NC or franklin Co, NC; married () James Ray, b. Wake Co or Franklin Co, NC. Married only once- s/o Daniel Ray.

a. Henderson Ray

i¹. Green Ray, 1864-1954; m. Mittie Ann Walker, 1873-1960

4. William Spurgeon Ray, Jan 15, 1892 - Aug 14, 1958
married Ella Harris Apr 11, 1894 – Mar 28, 1958

4. Eva Ray Duke, Dec 24, 1896 – Sep 10, 1967
married Clarence Duke, Jul 13, 1893-1966

4. Millard Ray, May 31, 1912 – Oct 11, 1996
married Beatrice Denton, Apr 26, 1916 – Mar 3, 1994

4. Lessie Ray Hopkins Taylor, May 15, 1895 –
Oct 20, 1990

married 1st Dose Hopkins, 2nd a Taylor

4. David Ray; married Margie Phillips. They are buried at
Gethesemane. Get dates later.

¹Note: All buried at Hopkins Chapel Baptist church, Wake County, NC. Dates from there.

(14) See Mar 1984- Wake Co, NC Genealogical Newsletter

Elizabeth **Gilly Upchurch** [D/O James Upchurch, VII; GD of Richard Upchurch, III-RPU]
married James Ray, son of Daniel Ray who lived in Augusta, Co, VA in 1745-1800.

[Note: The Gilly Upchurch part of this is correct but she may not have had the 1st name Elizabeth
as she had a sister named Elizabeth- RPU]

(15) See Wake Co, N C Genealogical Society Newsletter, Volume 6 #2, May 1987

On 14 Jun 1987 there will be a reunion in Zebulon, NC.

A. Descendants of James Ray, b ca. 1785 and **Gilly Upchurch** Ray, b in 1798

B. Descendants of Thomas Ray and Elizabeth Pearce Ray who married 29 Mar 1783.