

Commentary: Sara Melisa Hanson was born in 1847 and died in 1888. She was the wife of John Upchurch who was the grandson of Bartley and grandson of Abel Upchurch SR, head of Upchurch clan #8. Our tracking of the movements of Abel Upchurch SR show him migrating from NC to Greene County, AL. Later, with his son Bartley, he would move on to Pickens County, AL. As of 1888, family members were still being buried in Pickens County.

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1. See letter 22 May 1987 Eleanor HMN Upchurch to RPU

Sara Melissa Hanson b. 3 Feb 1847 d. 9 Apr 1888 (bur – Bethesda Cem, Benevola Rd, Pickens County, AL) md 28 Apr 1867 John “Jack” Upchurch b. 10 Jul 1835 (AL) d. 7 Jul 1906 (bur – as wife), son of Bartley U of the William U IV [error RPU 1 Aug 2016]/Abel U Sr.

On stones in Bethesda Cem. “John U 10 Jul 1835 – 7 Jul 1906, **Sara Melissa Upchurch** 3 Feb 1847 – 9 Apr 1888” [Headstone of her plot] (10 Apr 1888) on head of the set

2. See Cemetery Records – Bethesda Cem., Benevola, Pickens County, AL for picture of tombstone of **SMH** shown as S. Melissa Upchurch.