

Commentary: Hesper Ann Upchurch was born about 1828 in Wake County, NC and passed away after 1880, probably in Wake County. She was the daughter of Whitney Upchurch and the granddaughter of Moses Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan # 1. She was found in various records as “Esperann” and “Essie”. Circumstances reveal that she had a daughter Lucetta Upchurch born about 1858. Hesper is recorded as marrying Alfred Daughtry in Wake County on August 2, 1856. More clarity is needed to be brought these records.

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(1) See Records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 visit to National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Office.

A. Page 11. Gives 1850 Census Wake County NC – Western Division
Whitney Upchurch, 58, male, farmer, born NC and wife, Elizabeth, 55, born NC, and 5 children including Hessie A. Upchurch, age 22.

(2) See 1850 Census - Wake County NC
Hesper A. Upchurch, age 22, female, born in NC is listed in home of parents Whitney and Elizabeth Upchurch.

(3) See 1860 Census Wake County NC
Espes (?) Ann (Presumably Hesper Ann – RPM), age 30, female, born in NC is listed in home of parents Whitney and Elizabeth Upchurch.

(4) See 1870 Wake County NC Census – Buckhorn Township
Esperan Upchurch (Presumably Hesper Ann – RPU), age 44, female, is listed as keeping house. One other person is listed in household – Setty Upchurch, age 12. [Note that 1860 Census lists Hesper Ann Upchurch and Lusetty Upchurch in same household with parents Elizabeth and Whitney Upchurch. Lusetty could have been a sister of Hesper except that Whitney was 67 and Elizabeth 62 at time Lusetty was born. Note that 1880 Census shows Lucetta as daughter of Hesper and this appears more likely (hense Lucetta probably illegitimate daughter of Hesper) - RPU]

(5) See 1880 Census Wake County NC – Buckhorn Township
Hesper Upchurch, white, female, age 45, single, keeping house, born in NC as was Mother and Father. Also in home Lucetta Upchurch, white, female, age 22, daughter, single, born in NC as was Mother and Father.

(6) Note: According to above Census Hesper was born 1828, 1830, 1826, 1835.

Note: Lucetta could have been daughter of Alfred Daugtry and Hesper Ann Upchurch, but why did Lucetta never carry Daughtry name? – RPU

(7) Excerpt from: “The Goodwin Family of Central North Carolina” by Thomas (Jerry) Goodwin, Sr. 2009 - RPU 29 Sep 2012

I. William Goodwin, Sr., page 60, (AKA William Kendrick Goodwin, born 2 Jan 1748 (NC), died 1837 (Chatham County NC), married 1770 (Wake Co, NC)

Winifred Thrailkill

G. Elizabeth Goodwin, page 102, born 1794 (Wake County NC) died ---- married 3 Jan 1811 () Whitney Upchurch, born 1793 (Franklin County NC)

1. Candis Upchurch, page 183
2. Richard Dillard Upchurch, page 184
3. Duncan Lemuel Upchurch
4. Hesper Ann Upchurch
5. James M. Upchurch
6. Martha Jane Upchurch
7. Bennett A. Upchurch, page 184

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(8) Wake County NC Marriage Bonds – Esperan Upchurch and Alfred Daughtry, 2 Aug. 1856.

(9) Per Attach #34 West Letter 18 May 1975 Wake County NC Marriage Records
“Esperan Upchurch married Alfred Daughtry 2 Aug 1856 – Witness Jospeh F. Bennett.”

(10) See Biodata for Faye Mitchell who lists Esperann Upchurch (Hesper Ann Upchurch) as her great-great-grandmother and as the mother of Lucetta Upchurch who married William Womble. Faye raises the question of the father of Lucetta Upchurch.

(11) Book: "The Upchurch Family of High Falls NC (Moore County)

I. Moses Upchurch, Head of Clan - page 63

A. Whitney Upchurch

6. Whitney Upchurch b: 1793 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 1863 in Wake County, North Carolina

+ Elizabeth Goodwin b: 1795 in Wake, NC, USA m: 03 Jan 1811 in Chatham, NC, USA d: in Unknown

7. Candace Upchurch

7. Richard Dillard Upchurch b: May 1820 in Rogers Crossroads, Nash County, North Carolina [RPU questions Rogers Crossroads birth location – MB 01 Sep 2017] d: 1906 in Redlands, San Bernardino, California

+Mary b: 1831 in Michigan d: Bef. 1880 in San Luis Obispo, California

8. Nora Upchurch b: 1863 in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California

8. Dillard Upchurch b: 1864 in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California d: Bef. 1874

8. Emma J. Upchurch b: 1865 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Robert L. Upchurch b: 1868 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Ella Upchurch b: 1870 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Louise Upchurch b: Oct 1873 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

8. Dillard Upchurch b: 1874 in San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo, California

*2nd Wife of Richard Dillard Upchurch:

+Malinda Jane Phelps b: 1826 in Missouri m: 1848 d: Bef. 1870 in California

8. William H. Upchurch b: 1847 in Schuyler County, Missouri

8. James E. Upchurch b: Jul 1850 in Schuyler County, Missouri d. Bef. 1860

8. Eliza A. Upchurch b: 1851 in Schuyler County, Missouri

8. Citina H. Kittie Upchurch b: Aug 1853 in Nevada City, California d: 1944 in California

+ Nathan Johnson b: Mar 1845 in New York

9. Nathan R. Johnson b: Sep 1875 in California

8. Susan E. Upchurch b: 1856 in Yount Township, Napa County, California

8. Frank Upchurch b: 1857 in Yount Township, Napa County, California

7. Duncan L Upchurch b: 1825 in North Carolina

+Elizabeth Ellen Edwards b: 1834 in North Carolina
 8. Virginia Edwards Upchurch b: 1857 in North Carolina
 7. **Hesper A Upchurch** b: 1828 in Wake County, North Carolina
 8. Lucetta Upchurch b: 1858 in Wake County, North Carolina
 7. James M Upchurch b: 1830
 7. Martha Upchurch b: 1832
 7. Bennett A Upchurch b: 10 May 1834 in Wake County, North Carolina d: 28 Mar 1872 in Wake County, North Carolina
 +Maiden
 *2nd wife of Bennett A Upchurch:
 +Sarah A Lawrence b: 04 Oct 1836 in Chatham, NC, USA m: 31 Jan 1858 in Chatham, NC, USA d: 05 Feb 1897 in Chatham, NC USA
 8. Thomas Benton Upchurch b: 30 Jul 1864 in Wake, NC, USA d: 10 Aug 1946 in Raeford, NC, USA
 8. James Curtis Upchurch b: 17 May 1870 in Raleigh, Wake, NC, USA d: 05 Nov 1942 in Jacksonville, Duval, FL, USA
 8. William Joseph Upchurch b: 25 Sep 1869 in Harnett, NC, USA d: 03 Jul 1933 in Thomasville, Thomas, GA, USA
 8. Lucy J Upchurch b: 30 Oct 1861 in NC, USA d: 25 Jan 1934 in Holly Springs, Wake, NC, USA
 8. Missouri Hinton Upchurch b: 24 Nov 1860 d: 15 Apr 1912 in Holly Springs, Wake, NC, USA

(12) See Wake County NC 1870 Census Buckhorn Township
 Esperan Upchurch age 44, female, keeping house, born in NC is listed as head of household. Also present is Setty Upchurch age 12 female. [Note – a quick search of my 1850 Census Wake County (complete) records no Esperan Upchurch nor did my 1860 Census Wake County (incomplete). A guess – Alfred Daughtry was killed in Civil War and Esperan resumed her maiden name??? – RPU]