

Elizabeth Hill**XID – 4807**

Commentary: Elizabeth Hill married Ambrose Upchurch, only surviving son of John IV, head of Upchurch Clan 12. This couple would go on to have five children and would live out their days in Granville County, NC.

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(1) Elizabeth Hill, only child of Honorable Henry Hill, married 9 Apr 1817 Ambrose Upchurch born circa 1792 (NC) died 1824 (murdered). The early death of Ambrose Upchurch placed a heavy burden on Elizabeth (Hill) Upchurch in the rearing of their four children. John Jordan Upchurch, son of Ambrose, writes: “In 1824 father was shot and killed by a man by name of Wright, who married the half-sister of my mother. In 1835 Grandfather Hill purchased a small farm and gave it to my mother at which time we went to live with her.” In 1800 [1830? – RPU] Census of Granville Co, Oxford District, NC John Upchurch is listed with his wife (nee Mary Ann Harris) and his grandchildren. In 1840 John is alone so Mary Ann must have died. (29, Page 93)

(2) See letter 29 Jun 1992 Shirley Marie Lamb to RPU

“We had always been told that the Upchurches were from Granville Co, NC. We had been told that one of our grandmothers was from a prominent family that did not want her to marry the Upchurch man.”

[Note: Assume the grandmother = **Elizabeth Hill**; and the Upchurch man = Ambrose Upchurch]

I. John Upchurch IV – Head of Clan

A. Ambrose Upchurch married **Elizabeth Hill**

1. William Henry Upchurch I

A. John G Upchurch Shirley Marie Lamb

1. Walter Montano Upchurch

a. Nancy Earnestine Upchurch

i. Shirley Marie Lamb

(3) See letter 27 Feb 1995 Shirley Marie Lamb to RPU

Elizabeth Hill was daughter of a prominent judge, Henry Hill, who served in the Senate 1780 – 1795. Henry = son of Green Hill, Sr and Grace Bennett.

(4) **Elizabeth Hill** married Ambrose Upchurch. They lived in Franklin Co, NC and had 4 children one of whom was John Jordan Upchurch 26 Mar 1820 – 18 Jan 1887.

(5) Per attachment #28 West letter 18 May 1975 – Franklin Co NC Marriage Bonds

“Ambrose Upchurch married **Elizabeth Hill** 9 Apr 1817 – Bondsman & witness = Nathaniel Nichols, Gl. Hill.”

(6) See letter 10 Jun 196 Janet Lee Lighthill to RPU

'Elizabeth (Hill) Upchurch --- was still alive and living on the farm that her father deeded to her in 1860. She had had tenants, the Linzee Pruitt family, living with her for the past 20 years. Still no death date, nor do I have a clue what happened to the farm when she died. I think her mother was Rebeckah Ransom as there is a marriage bond in Franklin Co, NC dated May 1790 between Henry Hill and Rebeckah Ransom.

(7) VA Upchurch Records – Packet – Ref Date 27 Mar 2003

I. American Genealogy 929.1 V5 pp427

Priscilla Upchurch 1818 – 1893

married 1835 Turner Pleasants

Granville Co, NC

Ambrose Upchurch

married **Elizabeth Hill**

Son of Michael Upchurch of Surry Co, VA

(8) Records for the Mary Ann Elizabeth (Upchurch) Parrish line of the John Upchurch, IV/
Ambrose Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 3 Sep 2012

1850 Census – NC, Franklin Co, Franklinton			
Name		Age	
Rafiel Parrish	1810	40	wheelwright
Mary Parrish	1815	35	
Lidia Parrish	1839	11	
Matilda Parrish	1841	9	
James Parrish	1842	8	
John Parrish	1846	4	
Cornelia Parrish	1850	0	

1870 Census – NC, Forsyth Co, Belews Creek Township, White Road			
Name		Age	
Ralph Parish	1811	59	farmer
Mary Parish	1825	45	
Matilda Parish	1842	28	
Cornelia Parish	1851	19	
Maria Parish	1855	15	
Charles Parish	1857	13	

1880 Census – NC, Forsyth Co, Belews Creek Township			
Name		Age	
Ralph Parirsh	1811	69	head
Mary A Parrish	1820	60	wife
Charles W Parrish	1858	22	son

Family not found on 1860 Census.

Morris Family Tree

Owner: kanebearecu

Mary Ann Elizabeth Upchurch

Birth 13 Apr 1822

Death

10 Sep 1838 Age: 16 Marriage to Ralph B Parrish Granville County, North Carolina, USA

Family Members

Parents

Ambrose Upchurch 1792 – 1824

Elizabeth Hill 1792 –

Spouse & Children

Ralph B Parrish 1811 – 1884

Cornelia Parrish 1851 – 1917

I. John Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan

A. Ambrose Upchurch 1792 – 1824

married **Elizabeth Hill** born 1792

1. Mary Ann Elizabeth Upchurch born 13 Apr 1822 (Granville Co, NC)

married 10 Sep 1838 (Granville Co, NC) Ralph B Parrish born 1811 – 1884

a. Lidia Parrish born 1839

b. Matilda Parrish born 1841

c. James Parrish born 1842

d. John Parrish born 1846

e. Cornelia Parrish born 1850 – 1917

f. Mary A Parrish born 1855

g. Charles W Parrish born 1857

(9) NC Marriages, North Carolina Marriage Collection

Name: Ralph Parrish

Spouse: Mary Ann Upchurch

Marriage Date: 10 Sep 1838

marriage County: Granville

Marriage State: North Carolina

Source: Family History Library, Salt Lake City UT

(10) NC Marriages

Ambrose Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

marriage: 09 Apr 1817

Franklin, North Carolina

spouse: **Elizabeth Hill****(no number)** From letter 4 Feb 197 Janet Lee Lighthill to RPU

BUT and this is my Big News...Having sifted through all the Franklin county records available to me, I can tell you that I'm pretty sure that our Henry Hill was the original Henry Hill, brother to Green Hill Jr. I have checked every reference mentioning the same Henry Hill at all, even just as a witness, for Franklin County, and there are only 5 different Henry Hill's there. Three of them, Henry son of Thomas, Henry son of Robert, and Henry son of Lewis, were already dead by 1808. That leaves us with just the original Henry son of Green and his son, Henry Jr. There is no record that Henry Jr was ever a magistrate of the court, and in fact, I find no reference at all to Henry Hill Jr after 1798, except for the 1805 record of Elizabeth Henry Martin and her husband John selling land that Elizabeth had inherited "including 3 tracts originally granted to Henry Hill Jr." (that record was among those I sent you last time.) I have a theory about what happened to him, but I need to check it out first, meanwhile, as far as available records go, Henry Hill Jr, just drops off the face of the earth after 1798. Henry Hill the elder, however, was sitting on the bench as a magistrate in Franklin County as early as 1783. Moreover, he is the ONLY Henry Hill, I can find any record of having ever been a magistrate. It has to be the original Henry. He was born in 1740, so he'd have been 43 years old in 1783. Given the law of averages, his oldest child was probably born about 1760, which would have made Henry Jr about 23 years old, much too young to sit as a magistrate in a county court, back in the days when gray hair and wisdom were supposed to go hand in hand. Besides, the court records distinguish between Henry and Henry Jr. So our Henry, has to be the original Henry son of Green and Grace. I cannot find anywhere even an approximate death date for either Henry Sr or Henry Jr. Surprisingly, while the Hill family appears to have been quite wealthy for the times, they weren't real big on making out wills. I hesitated to accept the idea that the original Henry was Elizabeth's father when everything started pointing that direction because somehow I had gotten the idea that Elizabeth was Henry Hill's only child. I went back to JJU's autobiography to check. That isn't what he says. What he says, is that Elizabeth was Henry Hill's only daughter. Still, the math of the whole thing kind of bothers me too. If our Henry Hill was the original Henry Hill, he's have been at least 50 when Elizabeth was born, and at least 93 when he deeded the farm over to her in 1834! But, if Elizabeth's father was a magistrate in the court of Franklin county, it can't have been anyone but the original Henry, son of Green and Grace. I still have a lot of the Bute county records to go through and almost all the records for both Granville and Halifax counties. And I intend to go through them as thoroughly as I have the Franklin county records, but I really think we have the answer.

In the above cousin Jan gives her reasoned judgement that John Jordan Upchurch fits into the Hill family of NC as follows:

I. Green Hill, Sr

A. Green Hill, Jr

1. Jordan Hill

B. Henry Hill

1. **Elizabeth Hill**

Married () Ambrose Upchurch

a. John Jordan Upchurch