

## James Monroe Upchurch XID – 2717

**Commentary:** James Monroe Upchurch (XID 2717) was born in 1830 in Wake County, North Carolina. However the time and place of his death is not known. He was the son of Whitney Upchurch and a grandson of Moses Upchurch head of Upchurch Clan # 1. He married for the first time in 1859 to Isabella Catherine (McFarland) Thomas. They married in Chatham County, North Carolina. He married a second time in 1890 in Moore County North Carolina to Katie Keith. This 1898 married citation is currently the last known reference to James Monroe Upchurch. Members of the Moses Upchurch and Whitney Upchurch sub clans were important in North Carolina. Here we began to get a better understanding of James Monroe Upchurch, the son of Whitney. There were several Upchurches with this same name, so care must be taken to keep these cousins correctly identified.

Phil Upchurch August 10, 2017

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**(1)** See records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 trip to National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century office.

A. 1850 Census of Wake Co NC lists Whitney Upchurch 58, male, farmer, born in NC and wife Elizabeth Upchurch, 55, born NC and 5 children including **James Upchurch**, age 20. [Moses Upchurch/ Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan **James M. Upchurch** line]

**(2)** See Census 1850 – NC – Wake Co  
confirms (1) above

**(3)** See Census 1870 – NC – Buckhorn Township – Wake Co.

A. James M. Upchurch	age 40	male	farm laborer	\$0 RE/ \$100 PP
B. Isabell Upchurch	39		keeping house	[Isabela Catharine McFarland]
C. James Upchurch	11		at home	[James R. Upchurch]
D. Nancy Upchurch	10	female	at home	
E. Charles Upchurch	6	male		[Charles McFarland Upchurch]
F. William Upchurch	4	male		
G. Dellar Upchurch	2	female		

**(4)** RPU records for Wake Co NC for year 1880 and, presumed complete for Upchurches does not show **James M. Upchurch** and family - ???

**(5)** See Charles Clyde Upchurch Jr. (XID – 3088) as a source – 4 Oct 1978

Charles Clyde Upchurch Jr. is son of Charles Clyde Upchurch Sr. and grandson of Charles McFarland Upchurch born circa 1864 (3, A above); and great-grandson of James M. Upchurch. Source indicates **James M. Upchurch** was listed in Harnett Co, NC in 1880 Census.

[Note: Not on RPU copies of 1880 Harnett Co, NC Census]

**(6)** See 1860 Census – Chatham Co, NC – extracted by RPU

Residence 187 – Pittsboro, NC Post Office

<b><u>James M. Upchurch</u></b>	24		Farmer	\$600
Isabella (?) Upchurch	30	F	[Isabela Catharine McFarland]	
Frank Thomas Upchurch	9	M		
--- --- Upchurch	5	M		
Benjamin Upchurch	4	M		
James (?) K. Upchurch	3/12	M	[James R. Upchurch]	

**(7)** Records for **James Monroe Upchurch**, Head of a line in the Moses Upchurch/Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 11 Jan 2015

1860 Census – NC Chatham Co. Middle Division Post Office Pittsboro

Name	born about	age
<b><u>James M Upchurch</u></b>	1836	24
Isabella C Upchurch	1830	30
a. John L Thomas	1853	7
b. Wm A Thomas	1855	5
c. Benjamine F Thomas	1856	4
d. James R Thomas	1860	5/12

1870 Census – Family not found

1880 Census – NC Harnett Co. Upper Little River

Name		born about	age
<b><u>J. M. Upchurch</u></b>	head	1831	49
Isabella C. Upchurch	wife	1838	42
J. R. Upchurch	son	1860	20
N. E. Upchurch	dau	1861	19
C. M. Upchurch	son	1864	16
W. J. Upchurch	son	1866	14
D. R. Upchurch	dau	1868	12

1900 Census – GA Appling Co. Militia District 1563

Name		born about	age	born in
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Jas Upchurch	head	1860	40	NC	married 4 years [5, 4]
Addie Upchurch	wife	1862	28	GA	
Adolph Deen	stepson	1889	11	GA	
Downie Deen	stepson	1891	9	GA	
Ruth Deen	stepdaughter	1894	6	GA	
Alma Upchurch	daughter	1898	2	GA	
Sellers Regan	boarder	1865	35	NC	
Elizabeth Maloy	boarder	1885	15	NC	

#### 1910 Census – GA Wayne Co Jessup

Name		born about	age	born in
James R Upchurch	head	1860	50	NC
Addie Upchurch	wife	1877	33	GA
Ruth Upchurch	dau	1893	17	GA
Alma Upchurch	dau	1898	12	GA
John Upchurch	son	1900	10	GA

#### 1850 Census – NC Chatham Co Lower Regiment

Name		born about	age	
Benjamin W Thomas		1826	24	[Probably brother of James
Isabella Thomas		1828	22	] husband and wife
James Thomas		1828	22	

Find A Grave [See James R Thomas in 1860  
Census above, J. R. Upchurch in 1880  
Census above, Jas Upchurch in 1900 Census  
above, and James R. Upchurch in 1910  
Census above – CJM 17 Jul 2017]

J. R. Upchurch

Birth: Jan. 15, 1860

Death: Mar. 18, 1919

Burial: Jesup City Cemetery

Jesup

Wayne County

Georgia, USA

Created by: JoAnn Hagans Harris

Record added: Oct 24, 2008

Find A Grave Memorial #30818125

Inscription:

I have fought a good fight. I have finished  
my course.

I have kept the faith.

Added by: Jerry Van Herrin



Added by: Jerry Van Herrin

Find A Grave  
John Richard Upchurch  
Burial Jesup City Cemetery  
Jesup  
Wayne County  
Georgia,USA  
Birth: Jun. 18, 1900  
Death: Feb 7, 1973

Family Links:  
Children:  
Eddie Ray Upchurch (1924 - 2013)  
Cemetery Photo: added by JoAnn Hagans Harris  
Created by: JoAnn Hagans Harris  
Record added: Oct 24, 2008  
Find A Grave Memorial #30818096



I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **James Monroe Upchurch**

married (1<sup>st</sup>) 18 Jan 1859 (Chatham Co, NC) Isabella Catharine (McFarland) Thomas – She married (1<sup>st</sup>) James R. Thomas 1827 – 1898 and they had a, b, c [See above 1860 Census of Chatham Co, NC for a, b, c – CJM 17 Jul 2017]  
married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 23 Dec 1890 (Moore Co, NC) Katie L Keith – no issue

- d. James R. Upchurch born 15 Jan 1860 ( ) died 18 Mar 1919  
married ( ) Addie --- ---. She married (1<sup>st</sup>) --- --- Deen – 3 children
  - i. Adolph Deen
  - ii. Downie Deen
  - iii. Ruth Deen – went by Deen. In 1900 – By Upchurch in 1910
  - iv. Alma Upchurch born 1898
  - v. John Richard Upchurch 1900 – 1973

(I) Eddie Ray Upchurch 1924 – 2013

- e. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch
- f. Charles McFarland Upchurch
- g. William J. Upchurch
- h. Della R. Upchurch

[Note: James R. Upchurch born 1860 is listed as Thomas in 1860 – probably an error – RPU]

## Whitney Upchurch Family

1793 – 1863 (son of Moses Upchurch)

## Elizabeth Goodwin Upchurch Family

1794 – (Daughter of William Goodwin Sr.)

*Whitney Upchurch was born in 1793 at Franklin County, North Carolina the son of Moses Upchurch and Mary Simms. He died in 1863 at Wake County. He married Elizabeth Goodwin.*

*Elizabeth Goodwin was born at Wake County, North Carolina in 1794 the daughter of William and Winifred Goodwin. She married Whitney Upchurch on January 3, 1811. They had seven known children born of this marriage. (1) Candis Upchurch was born in 1818 at Chatham County. (2) Richard Dillard Upchurch was born in May 1820 at Chatham County. He married Jane Phelps in 1848. They had a daughter named Kittie Upchurch born in 1852 at Nevada City, California. (3) Duncan Lemuel Upchurch (untraced) was born in November 1824 at Wake County, N. C. (4) Hesper Ann Upchurch (untraced) was born in 1828 at Wake County. (5) James M. Upchurch (untraced) was born in 1830 at Wake County. (6) Martha Jane Upchurch (untraced) was born in 1832 at Wake County. She married William Stephens on February 22, 1866. He was born in 1825 and died after 1910. (7) Bennet A. Upchurch was born on May 10, 1834 at Wake County.*

(8) Excerpts from emails 8 Jan – 22 Feb 2015 Jeffrey Vann Brown to RPU – 23 Feb 2015

My baby albums list my paternal great-grandmother as Betty Upchurch. She was the first wife of my great-grandfather, William Solomon Brown who was born in 1862 in the Christian Light region north of Lillington, NC. There is a record in the Cumberland County Upper Little River records of the marriage of W S Brown and Betty Upchurch between Nov, 1883 and Feb, 1885 – likely in early 1884 based on the position of the record on the page. William and Betty had 6 children. Of the 4 death certificates I have located for these children (my grandfather, Charles Clinton Brown and 3 of his 5 sisters), the mother is listed as Betty Upchurch. The other death certificate lists the mother as Nannie Upchurch. This leads me to believe that her full name is possibly Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch with various family members knowing her by different nicknames. The family was living in the Harnett County area in 1899 when a daughter was born. The 1900 census shows the family in Ware County, GA. They were living in Waycross, GA (Ware County) in 1903 when another daughter was born. By the 1910 census the family minus one daughter and Betty are living in the Cape Fear district of Chatham County, NC and William is listed as a widow. Dian's brother had a note saying that William's wife, Betty, died in 1908 but with no location. It could be GA or NC. All this information lines up to a pretty consistent story. A very important piece of documentation is a letter from **J M Upchurch** to his daughter, Betty Brown that we believe is in the archive at East Carolina University. The postmark, date and content should better solidify the family connection of **James Monroe Upchurch** to my great-grandmother.

This is a long shot, but did you know my wife's father, Dr. Albert Clawson, who was a professor of Animal Science at N C State from 1956 – 1993? He was pretty well known around Polk Hall in his time.

As far as my familiarity with NC – I spent most of my childhood years around the town of Kinston in the eastern part of the state (south and east of Nash County). Five years of my college life was in Greenville, NC at East Carolina University so I know a fair amount about Pitt County from the early 70's period. In 1978 I moved to the Raleigh area and lived in several locations in western Wake county, North Raleigh and northern Wake County. I attended NCSU from 1978 – 1985. I worked my way through ECU & NCSU taking evening classes for 12 years to get my BS degree in Computer Science with majors in Physics and Mathematics along the way – a tough road but it worked out in the end!

My best familiarity is with the western part of Wake County as that is where my father's family lived and I have been involved in extensive research of the King and McGhee families (my Dad's mother was from a King/McGhee marriage) who arrived in the area that is now Umstead Park and RDU airport in the early-mid 1800's.

I am the grandson of Nancy Elizabeth's only son, Charles Clinton Brown. My Dad was Jimmie Lee Brown, youngest son of Charles, Was the brother of Nancy Elizabeth perhaps Charles?



Apparently Charles went to GA in the same timeframe as Betty but he stayed there. I saw in the 1900 census they live near each other.

First of all, please convey my best wishes to your wife on her birthday. I know you both must enjoy your granddaughter. I am retired from the pharmaceutical industry (Pfizer, Glaxo, others) where I worked in IT for many years. I now live with my wife of 30 years in Wake Forest NC. We have 2 grown children who live in Virginia and NC. I took up genealogy about 2 years ago as a retirement hobby, which has caused many sleepless nights chasing up leads!

I'm thrilled to connect with you to learn about the Upchurch line about which I know so little. Do you know if there is an American Indian connection to the Upchurches? My Dad told me that there was Indian blood from either his grandmother or great-grandmother and he himself had strong Native American facial features.

It's great to hear from you. I have also been diverted to chase up some new connections on my King line through the historic Umstead families. There are a number of mysteries to solve there but I am turning up several new cousins with supporting information.

I recently, visited with John Higgins who was best friends with my Dad and also childhood friends with Joe Grissom. John and his wife Suzanne, kept contact with Joe for many years and we also discussed their memories of the events from the "Stories in Stone" book.

On my Upchurch roots, my next move is to have the genetic testing performed and see what connections turn up. This is still my weakest ancestral link and I am anxious to resolve it if possible.

I. Charles Clinton Brown, Sr. son of Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch of the Moses Upchurch/Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan – James Monroe Upchurch Line – Continuation Section 54

A. Jimmy Lee Brown 1927 – 1993

1. Jeffrey Vann Brown

(9) Outline from emails 8 Jan – 22 Feb 2015 Jeffrey Vann Brown to RPU – 23 Feb 2015

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **James Monroe Upchurch**

a. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch died 1908 (GA or NC) "Bettie" "Nannie"  
1<sup>st</sup> wife of William Soloman Brown born 1862 (Christian Light region north of Lillington, Harnett Co, NC). They married between Nov 1883 and Feb 1885 in Upper Little River, Cumberland Co, NC – had 6 children.

ii. Charles Clinton Brown – an only son born 1889 (Chatham Co, NC)

(I) Jimmie Lee Brown – youngest son born 23 Jul 1955 (Lenoir Co, NC) [Jimmie Lee a friend of Joe Grissom and John Higgins married ( ) Susanne --- ---]

married ( ) Helen Evelyn Burgess

(A) Jeffrey Vann Brown

married about 1985 ( ) --- --- Clawson – daughter of Albert Clawson, PhD – Professor of Animal Science - NCSU

(1) Two grown children

v. Katie Velma Brown born 1899 (Harnett Co, NC) – in Ware Co, GA on 1900 census\

vi. Hattie M. Brown born 1903 (Waycross, Ware Co, GA)

I. John Sidney King

married (1<sup>st</sup>) --- --- <sup>1</sup>

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) ( ) Matilda McGhee <sup>2</sup>

A. <sup>1</sup> Al King

B. <sup>2</sup> Moses Green King 1855 – 1899 } ½ siblings

married ( ) Virginia Magnolia McGhee 1862 – 1899

1. Bertie Frances King born 5 Oct 1894

a. Jimmie Lee Brown

i. Jeffrey Vann Brown

Wow, I just had to write back on this new connection! I have been using the “Stories in Stone” book as my bible in exploring my King ancestry. The Kings in the book are all children from the first marriage of my great-great-grandfather John Sidney King. Al King was his oldest child and was the half-brother of my great-grandfather, Moses Green King. My grandparents and several great-uncles and aunts are in the 1923 photo of the King family reunion in the book. I also have a copy of the deed from John Sidney King and his second wife (my great-great-grandmother, Matilda McGhee King) granting the 1-acre plot for Ebenezer Church in 1883. I connected with Joe Grissom a couple of months ago and we realized that he knew my father, Jimmie Lee Brown, and rode the same bus to Cary High School in the early 1940’s! John Higgins was my Dad’s best friend growing up in Cary in the 1930’s and Joe still knows him after all these years.

[Ebenezer Church – Wake Co, NC]



(10) Records for Catherine L. Keith, the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of **James Monroe Upchurch**, head of a line in the Moses Upchurch/ Whitney Upchurch sub-clan – RPU 11 Jan 2015

Keith – Bynum Family Tree

Catharine L. Keith

Birth Apr 23, 1840 in Moore County, NC

Death Oct 02, 1907

Parents

William Keith 1810 – 1901

Sarah Jane Matthews 1817 – 1887

Spouse & Children

J M Upchurch 1838 –

1840 23 Apr Birth Moore County, NC Birth noted in family bible, pages in my possession

1850 Age: 10 Residence Moore County, North Carolina Age: 10

1890 19 Dec Marriage to **J. M. Upchurch** Moore County, North Carolina Residence of

William Keith Age: 50 (error see next)

Actual Record shows marriage license issued 19 Dec 1890 with marriage occurring on 23 Dec

1890 (JB – 24 Jul 2017)

55.

## MARRIAGE

Date of Issue.	Name and Residence of Man.	Age.	Color.	Name and Residence of Woman.	Age.	Color.
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> 1890	Upchurch J. M. Moore Co	52	White	Kate Keith Moore Co	50	White
Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> 1891	Wiley John	22	Black	Lida Heath	18	Black
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1891	Upchurch Edmund	21	"	Celia Cameron	21	"
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1900	Wiley Arthur	22	White	Lillie Stewart	18	White
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1900	Wiley Utley	42	B.	Ellen Bland	22	B.
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> 11	J. A. Underwood	20	White	Jamesie Underwood	17	White

## REGISTER.

Name and Title of Minister or Officer Celebrating Marriage.	Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Names of Witnesses Present at Marriage. (Names of three Witnesses at least must be given.)
Rev J. A. Hornad	Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1890	Greenwood Township	A. L. Wickett, J. H. G. as brought by Upchurch
Geo. A. Mills J. P.	Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1891	My Residence	Hugh Wood of R. Ennis & S. Portland
Rev W. B. Portland	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1891	St. L. Greenwood	W. H. Wickett, W. H. Wickett, W. H. Wickett
Harrie Jackson J. P.	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1900	Elizabeth Stuart	H. V. Arnold & M. A. Jackson
E. H. Mues J. P.	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lyser NC	Sam M. Morrison, Abe Conalson
J. A. Underwood J. P.	Oct 14	Capetown Township	W. H. Wickett, J. C. Kelly, W. C. Thomas

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,** } **OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS.**  
*Moore* COUNTY. } *December 9<sup>th</sup>* 189*0*

To any Ordained Minister of any Religious Denomination, or any Justice of the Peace of said County:


*Geo. J. Hornaday* having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage of  
*J. M. Upchurch* of *Moore County* age *22*  
 years, color *white*, the son of *Abraham Upchurch* and *Elizabeth Upchurch*,  
 the father now *living*, the mother *living* resident  
 of *Moore County* age *36* years, color *white*, daughter of *Wm. Keith*  
 the father *living*, the mother *dead* resident of *Moore County*  
 \*And the written consent of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
 of the said \_\_\_\_\_ to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.  
 And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said County.  
 You are required, within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage, to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License and with blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

*W. M. L. Keith*  
 Register of Deeds.

1. Name of person applying for license.	7. Mother of man to be married.	12. Residence.	18. Living or dead.
2. Name of man to be married, in full.	8. Living or dead.	13. Age.	19. Residence, if known, if not state unknown.
3. Residence.	9. Living or dead.	14. White or colored.	* If both parties are over 18 years of age strike out.
4. Age.	10. Residence, if known; if not state unknown.	15. Father's name.	
5. White or colored.	11. Name of woman to be married in full.	16. Mother's name.	
6. Father of man to be married.		17. Living or dead.	

being duly sworn, says: That the parties applying for License are of lawful age, and as far as he is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause or impediment forbidding said marriage.

WITNESS

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,** }   
 \_\_\_\_\_ County. }

I, *Geo. J. Hornaday*, a Minister of the Gospel, do hereby certify that *J. M. Upchurch* and *Elizabeth Keith* the parties licensed above, on the *9<sup>th</sup>* day of *Dec.* 189*0*, at *Moore County* in *Greensboro* Township, in said County, according to law.

\*WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE:

*A. J. Wickel* of *Edmore* *Rich*  
*J. A. Lambrough* of *Gulf* *M. R.*  
*J. M. Upchurch* of *Williamson* *M. R.*  
*Geo. J. Hornaday*

1. Name of person officiating.	2. If Minister, of what denomination; if Justice of the Peace, so state.	3. Name of man married.
4. Name of woman married.	5. Place of marriage.	6. Township.

\* At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.

1907 2 Oct    Death. Death noted in family bible Age: 67  
Burial Cameron, Moore County, North Carolina, USA Cameron Presbyterian Church –  
Cameron, NC  
Residence Lexington, Davidson, North Carolina  
Also Known As Katie

Find A Grave  
Catharine Keith Upchurch  
Birth: Apr. 23, 1840  
Death: Oct. 2, 1907  
Burial: Cameron Presbyterian Church Cemetery  
Cameron  
Moore County  
North Carolina, USA  
Edit Virtual Cemetery info (?)  
Created by: gleebigg (inactive)  
Record added: Jun 24, 2009  
Find A Grave Memorial #38697761



I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **James Monroe Upchurch**

married (1<sup>st</sup>) 18 Jan 1859 (Chatham Co, NC) Isabella Catherine (McFarland)

Thomas – There were Thomas children and **JMU** & Isabella had children.

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 19 Dec 1890 (Moore Co, NC) Catherine L Keith when she was age 50 – presume she and **JMU** had no issue. It appears this was the first marriage for Catherine – RPU

**(11)** Addition to CSA Record in (8) above – From letter 15 Sep 2000 Louis Timothy Ferrier to RPU [(8) above does not reference CSA – CJM 18 Jul 2017]



**James M Upchurch** was a Private Co D, 35 NC State Troops – also had previous service in Co C, 41 NC State Troops. He was captured. This input from Clare Moore, Associate Member Col. John Randolph Lane Camp 1570.

**(12)** Background of Isabella Catherine McFarland whose 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage was to **James Monroe Upchurch** – Head of a line in the Moses Upchurch/Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 11 Jan 2015

Bryant Johnson Family Tree

James R. Thomas

Parents:

No Father

No Mother

Birth 9 Oct 1827 in Chatham, North Carolina, USA

Death 23 Aug 1896 in Chatham, North Carolina

1851 12 Jun Marriage to Catherine McFarland Moore, North Carolina, USA Age: 23

Spouse & Children

Catherine McFarland 1822 – 1885

Cornelia Francis Thomas

Nancy Catherine Thomas

Sarah Ellen Thomas

Note: In 1859 Isabella Catherine (McFarland) Thomas married **James Monroe Upchurch**. They appear on the 1860 census of Chatham Co, NC showing 4 Thomas children. None of the four names match the three provided here by the Bryant Johnson family tree

John Alexander Hawley 1835 – 1908

Mary Ann Hawley 1836 –

Barbara Hawley 1838 –

Jemima E Hawley 1844 – 1888

David M. Hawley 1846 – 1926

Nancy A Hawley 1849 –

Hawley family presumably of Chatham County, NC

**(13)** See Biofile of Clyde Charles Upchurch, Jr. – Descendancy Chart 4 May 1994

**James M Upchurch** married 1<sup>st</sup> Kattie L. Keith. [Note: this record shows she was born 1854 and they had no children? More likely they were married 1854 – RPU]

**(14)** See Biofile of Isabela Catharine McFarland

Records for her show she married 1<sup>st</sup> James R. Thomas and that she married 2<sup>nd</sup> **James M. Upchurch**, who himself had been married before. It is not clear if Isabela had children from her first marriage.

**(15)** Partial extract No. 2 from 26 page document Rebecca Lynn McLean to RPU – 18 Oct 2009 daughter of Beulah Maybelle Mann, Moses Upchurch/ Whitney Upchurch Sub-clan – Candis Upchurch line

42. Whitney Upchurch was born on 1792 in Moccasin Creek, Franklin County, N. C. He was the son of 84. Moses Upchurch and 85. Mary Simms. He died on 1863 in Green Level, Wake Co, NC. He married Elizabeth Goodwin on 03 Jan 1811 in Wake Co, NC.

43. Elizabeth Goodwin, born 1795 in Wake Co, NC, married 03 Jan 1811 in Wake Co, NC.

Children of Whitney Upchurch and Elizabeth Goodwin are:

- +21. i. Candace Upchurch [on partial extract 3 – RPU] born 1818 in Wake Co, NC, died about 1889 in Chatham County, North Carolina, United States, married John Mann 19 Dec 1847 in Wake County, North Carolina; married John Mann 19 Dec 1847 in Wake County , NC.
- ii. Richard Dillard Upchurch, born 1820 in Wake, NC, died 1906, married Jane Phelps 1848.
- iii. Duncan Lemuel Upchurch, born 1825 in Wake, NC, died after 1900 in Wake County, NC.
- iv. Hesper Ann Upchurch, born about 1829 in Wake, NC, married Alfred Daughtry 02 Aug 1856 in Wake County, NC.
- v. **James M. Upchurch**, born 1830 in Wake, NC, married Isabel Thomas 18 Jan 1859 in Chatham county, NC; married Kattie L Keith 23 Dec 1890.
- vi. Martha Jane Upchurch, born 1832 in Wake, NC, died after 1910 in Chatham County, NC, married William Stephen 12 Dec 1866 in Wake County, NC.
- vii. Bennett A Upchurch, born 10 May 1834 in Wake, NC, died 28 Mar 1872 in Wake County, NC, married Sarah A Lawrence 31 Jan 1858 in Chatham County, NC.
- viii. Lane Upchurch. born 1842 in Wake, NC
- ix. (female) Upchurch, born about 1813 in Wake Co., NC. } reference under
- x. (female) Upchurch, born about 1822 in Wake Co., NC. } Whitney Upchurch

**(16)** See letter 4 Dec 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

J. M. U. [**James M. Upchurch**? – RPU] – enlisted 11 Feb 1863 in Raleigh, NC; Transferred on 31 Oct 1864 to Co D of 35<sup>th</sup> N. C. Troops. Co I, 3 N C. (as Pvt/Pvt)

**(17)** See letter 23 Apr 1994 Clyde Charles Upchurch, Jr. to RPU

**J. M. U.** born 1830 (Wake Co, NC)

**(18)** From email 2 Mar 2015 Jeffrey Vann Brown to RPU

William Solomon Brown and Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch

William Solomon (Will) Brown was the husband of Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of **James Monroe Upchurch**. Upon his death in 1948, his son Bryant (from William's 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to Nonnie Mann Holt Brown) mistakenly listed his middle name as Simon on the death certificate.

B: 4/22/1862 Buckhorn District of Harnett County

D: 5/21/1948 Durham, NC (Watts Hospital)

The Harnett County clerk records indicate the marriage of W S Brown and Betty Upchurch sometime in the period of 11/25/1882 and 10/10/1883. Based on the position of the marriage record in these pages, the best guess of the marriage date is around July of 1883. It is not known where William and Betty lived immediately after they married. William's father, Thomas Ruffin Brown was struck by lightning and died in 1884 at the family homeplace in the Christian Light area of Harnett County (near the intersection of modern Cokesbury Rd. and Christian Light Rd.) and it appears that William did not inherit any family lands (William was the 5<sup>th</sup> of 9 original children; He was the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest child and 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest son at the time of his father's death). It is likely that William and Betty moved several miles west to the area of eastern or southeastern Chatham County (based on the locations of the births of several of their older children).

William was a farmer and also in the lumbering business. Sometime in the 7 months between the birth of their daughter, Katie on 9/25/1899 and the 1900 census in June, 1900 the family moved to Ware county, GA to pursue the farming and lumbering business, possibly with other family members.

1900 Census (6/1/1900) Waltertown, Ware County, GA. William and Bettie Brown are shown as having 6 children, 5 living. Mary B – 1885 NC, Charlie C – 1887 NC, Eva M – 1892 NC, Della A – 1895 NC, Katie V – 1898 NC. These births are very close (1 – 2 years) to the actual births. Bettie's birth is listed as June, 1862 and William's is listed as April, 1860 (correct month, wrong year). Bettie's younger brother, Charles McFarland Upchurch is also listed as a boarder with a close-by family in the Waltertown District of Ware County in this census.

Sometime between 4/17/1903 (birth of their daughter Hattie) and the 1910 census on 4/25/1910 the family moved back to NC in the Merry Oaks community (Cape Fear District) in northeastern Chatham County near the Wake County line. Della (Alma) and Bettie are missing from this census and William is listed as a widower. According to the notes of Samuel Alexander Brown (William's great-great-nephew) Bettie died in 1908 but no location is noted. Extensive searches of local NC cemeteries, research of county records of Chatham and adjacent counties, and general sleuthing has turned up no trace of Nancy (Nannie) Elizabeth (Betty or Bettie) Upchurch Brown or the child, Della Alma Brown. It seems likely, therefore, that they both died in Ware County, GA. A research trip to Waycross, GA is planned for the Spring of 2015.



On 11/30/1913, William married a neighbor (determined from the 1910 census – 10 pages separated). Nonnie Lorinda Mann Holt, widow of Alfonza Marcilius Holt who had died in 1907. Witnesses to the marriage in Chatham County were 3 of William's daughters, Mamie Brown, Katie Brown, and Hattie Brown. Three of Nonnie Holt's young children lived with them for several years. William and Nonnie also had 3 children of their own, Bryant, William Thomas, and Dixie.

A family mystery and an inconsistency – The handwritten notes of 3 separate Brown family relatives, including one of Williams's grandsons from his marriage to Nonnie record that William's first wife was named Betty Foushee and that she died in Georgia. No official documentation has been found to corroborate this interesting conflict.

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **James Monroe Upchurch**

a. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch

married William Solomon Brown. Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch and William Solomon Brown had 6 children. After Nancy Elizabeth Upchurch died William Solomon Brown married ( ) Nonnie Lorinda Mann widow of Alfonza Marcilius Holt died 1907. (There was issue of the Mann/Holt marriage.) William Soloman Brown & Lorinda had 3 children:

Bryant Brown

William Thomas Brown

Dixie Brown

**(19)** See letter 24 Feb 1984 B. Fay Byington to RPU  
Chatham Co, NC **James M Upchurch** married 18 Jan 1859 Isabel Thomas.

**(20)** Excerpt From: "The Goodwin Family of Central NC" by Thomas Jerry Goodwin, Sr. 2009.  
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I. William Goodwin, Sr. (page 60) (AKA William Kendrick Goodwin, born 2 Jan 1748 (NC) died 1837 (Chatham County, NC) married 1770 (Wake County NC) Winifred Thrailkill.

G. Elizabeth Goodwin born 1794 (page 102) (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)

Whitney Upchurch Family  
1793 – 1863 (son of Moses Upchurch)

Elizabeth Goodwin Upchurch Family  
1794 - (Daughter of William Goodwin Sr.)

Whitney Upchurch was born in 1793 at Franklin County, North Carolina the son of Moses Upchurch and Mary Simms. He died in 1863 at Wake County. He married Elizabeth Goodwin.

Elizabeth Goodwin was born at Wake County, North Carolina in 1794 the daughter of William and Winifred Goodwin. She married Whitney Upchurch on January 3, 1811. They had seven known children born of this marriage. (1) Candis Upchurch was born in 1818 at Chatham County. (2) Richard Dillard Upchurch was born in May 1820 at Chatham County. He married Jane Phelps in 1848. They had a daughter named Kittie Upchurch born in 1852 at Nevada City, California. (3) Duncan Lemuel Upchurch (untraced) was born in November 1824 at Wake County, NC (4) Hesper Ann Upchurch (untraced) was born in 1828 at Wake County. (5) **James M. Upchurch** (untraced) was born in 1830 at Wake County. (6) Martha Jane Upchurch (untraced) was born in 1832 at Wake County. She married William Stephens on February 22, 1866. He was born in 1825 and died after 1910. (7) Bennet A. Upchurch was born on May 10, 1834 at Wake County.