

James Upchurch II

XID 154

- 1) James Upchurch, II is presumed to be the son of James U, I and the grandson of Richard Upchurch and great-grandson of Michael U, I. James U, II bought 100 acres for 10 pound on 15 Augh 1774, recorded 24 Jun 1775 in Brunswick Co. VA, Deed Book 10, p. 114 or 164. Will of James U, II was dated 15 Sep 1779 and probated 23 Aug 1783 naming his wife Elizabeth (28).
- 2) "Michael II and James U, Jr. were registered as voting for burgesses in Dec 1786 in Brunswick Co. VA (p. 26 in (28)).
- 3) See records obtained from RPU visit, 23 Feb 1978, to Nat'l Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Office – p.15. Note: A,B,C, and D below are assumed to relate to XID – 154. Need more study, verification. -RPU
 - A. Brunswick Co. Deed Book 5, p. 740, 27 May 1755, recorded 27 May 1755.
James Upchurch of Meherrin Parish, Brunswick Co. VA to Peter Hines of the same parish and county. 117 acres in Brunswick Co. on the South Side of Fontan's or Rattle Snake Creek. Said land was patented by the said Upchurch, signed **James (X) Upchurch**. (X) = his mark.
 - B. Brunswick Co. Deed Book 7, p. 61, 20 Feb 1762, Recorded 22 Feb 1762.
Abraham Jones of Halifax Co. NC to **James Upchurch** of Brunswick Co. VA, 200 acres in Brunswick Co. Bound: Benjamin Mosley, Thomas Bayns, Rihcard Bennett – Signed Abraham Jones. Wit: Banjamin Mosly, Thomas Mosley, Isaac Mosly.
 - C. Brunswick Co. Deed Book 9, p. 290, 25 Nov 1764, recorded 26 Nov 1764.
Thomas Gilliam and his wife of Southampton Co. VA to James Upchurch of Brunswick Co. VA, 310 acres in Brunswick Co. on the South Side of White Oake Creek. Said land was patented 13 Aug 1773 by Said Gilliam. Bound: Westward Road on White Oak Creek, Upchurch Ranloe (?) and Harrison. Signed Thomas (X) Gilliam, Amry Gilliam, Wit: John Robinson, Henry Edmunds, Lewis Williamson, John Tatum.
 - D. Brunswick Co. Dee Book 10, p.167 (or 114 or 164), ----1771, recorded 24 Jun 1775.
Bowler Dobins and Jemima, his wife of Meherrin Parish, Brunswick Co. VA to James Upchurch Jr (**James U, II**) of the same county and parish. 100 acres in Brunswick Co. Part of a patent to the said Dobins, 15 Aug 1774. Singed Bowler Dobins.
 - E. P. 12 – Brunswick County, VA – Wills
1783 – **James Upchurch**, will made 15 Sep 1779. Wife Elizabeth and Jess Brewer (Exec.?). Everything to wife during life or widowhood – then to John Nance, the son of Sally Smith. Witnesses: John Brewer, Lucas Revis, James Brewer.
Note: Will of William Nance, 17 Nov 1770, mention son John Nance, "tract where I now live – also 390 acres Mecklenber Co. – could **James Upchurch's** daughter Sally have married Nance first and then William Smith? And had s Nance son and a Smith son? -BW

- F. 1748 – **James Upchurch** was on poll list voting for representative to elect Burgess of Oct 1748 and Apr 1749 – p. 12.
- G. Deeds Brunswick Co. VA – 1755, **James Upchurch** sold land to peter Miner (James' wife = Elizabeth) book 5, p. 740, p.12.
- H. Dees Brunswick Co. VA – 1762 – **James Upchurch** bought land from Abraham Jones of Halifax Co. NC, bk 7, p. 61.
- 4) See p. 35 of 2 Feb 1978 letter, Elva E. Burkhalter to RPU.
- A. "Note: Jesse Brewer was named, with Elizabeth Upchurch, as executor of the will of James U (XID 154), who died in 1783. Was the said Elizabeth of Jesse?? I have done the Brewer line and I found no proof of such."
- B. "1771 – James Upchurch, Jr (XID 154) of Meherrin Parish, Brunswick lines (?) of Doblin and wife, 57 acres on Quarrel (squirrel) Swamp. These 157 acres described in the original patent granted to Doblin not given in this deed. Not sure this is the son of John Upchurch on the westward Road."
- C. P. 37
Brunswick Co. VA – Personal Property Tax, 5th District
1782 **James Upchurch Jr.**
1782 **James U Jr.**, - Squirrel Mouth, 1 lithe, 2 horses, 3 cattle
1783 **James U Jr.** – 1 poll, 1 lithe, 2 horses, 5 cattle
1783 **James U Jr.** deceased
Ben Ledbetter – 1 poll, 1 lithe, 3 horses, 13 cattle
(Entry of Ben Ledbetter her not understood – did he file for James U Jr.? – RPU)
- D. P. 37 "The James Upchurch called **Jr. (XID 154)** in the records was the one who purchased land in 1771 from Bowler Doblin, Brunswick Co. 100 acres and the land taxes, prove he lived on this land until his death. The land went to John N Smith in 1791 (N for Nance). This **James** who died in 1783 had children, they may have been daughters who married Nance and Smith.
- E. P. 37 "Brunswick Co. VA Land Tax, 1782 James Upchurch Sr (XID 154 or 151?). 110 acres both Dist.
1782 – James Upchurch, 100 acres (Alteration to books to 1787)
May 1 1783 to May 1 1784, James Upchurch SR. 710 acres altered to 767.
1787 – (Next Book) James Upchurch 100 acres – James Fletcher's District.
1788 – James Upchurch (deceased) 100 acres – 178 & 1790 = same.
Alterations for 1791 – 100 acres of land taken from James U and changed to John N. Smith. Comment: John, William and Michael seem to be the sons of James (XID 151) who married Elizabeth and die in Brunswick in 1765. [Note: I show no son John, but do show William and Michael – RPU]

NOTE: Should the above be XID 151?? – RPU

- 5) Copy to Roy White Jr. – Oct 1984

- 6) See letter, 29 Apr 1985, Charles E. Crow to RPU
James U, II Will 1783 – Brunswick Co. VA is cited in Virginia Wills and Administrations 1632 – 1800 by Clayton Torrence.
- 7) See letter, 22 May 1987, Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU – Coy Tillman Upchurch Section.
 Brunswick Co. VA Order Book 1 p. 475 – Will of James Upchurch (**James U, II**) of Brunswick Co. VA, 15 Sep 1779. Probated 24 Aug 1783. Wife Elizabeth. Legatees: John Nance, the son of Sally Smith. James Smith, the son of William Smith. Wife Elizabeth and Jesse Brewer, Executors. Signed: James Upchurch (**James U, II**).
 Note: A scenario could be:
1. James U, II, married Elizabeth ----
 - a. Daughter married -----Smith
 - i. Sally Smith married -----Nance
 1. John Nance
 - ii. William Smith married unknown
 1. James Smith

Just speculation, but it is consistent with the will above – RPU

- 8) From letter, 9 Sep 1990, Marie Elizabeth Isbell to RPU.

VIRGINIA MILITARY RECORDS

PAGE 329 MICHAEL VPCHURCH (INDEX HAS UPCHURCH) [MICHAEL U, III]

[BROTHERS - RPU] ← UNDER COL. THOMAS SWANN - SURRY CO, VA.

PAGE 88 UPCHURCH, JAMES COURT 5, JUNE, 1782

BRUNSWICK CO, PERSONS WHO GAVE AID TO THE AMERICAN
 REVOLUTION. ORDER BOOK NO 13, PG. 417, 425, 426, 437,
 468, 488, 527.

- 9) See letter, 26 Sep 1984, Roy White, Jr. to RPU
 From order book 11, 1768 – 1772, Brunswick Co. VA:
- p. 353, Apr 1771 – ordered that James Upchurch be summoned to appear at the next court to answer the complaint of Jonah Thompson.
- p. 365, Jun 1771 – The summons on the complaint of Jonah Thompson against James Upchurch is dismissed being agreed by the parties on the defendant saving harmless the parish of Meherrin from the infant in the said complaint mentioned becoming chargeable to the said parish.
- [Note: Roy and RP agree this involves an illegitimate child and that the presumed father, James Upchurch, was most likely one of the 4th or 5th generation known James Upchurch's of which there are 4: XID 153, 154, 155, 156. RPU tends to rule out XID 153

as he was presumed to have moved with his father to the Moccasin Creek area of NC C. 1755 or perhaps to have even been born after the move to the MC area – RPU].

10) From letter, 22 May 1987, Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU.

UPCHURCH, JAMES

v

Brunswick Co. created 1720 from Prince Geo. Co. with additions from Isle of Wight and Surry in 1732, Virginia Poll list of 1748 gives names of residents of Brunswick Co. voting for representatives in the House of Burgesses for session of Oct. 1748 and April 1749.

James Upchurch Burge of H
(col John wall)
(col Edwards)

Hezekiah Wassie---voted as above

11) See letter, 22 May 1987, Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU (Coy Tillman Upchurch Section).

Brunswick Co. VA Order Book 1, p. 475 – Will of James Upchurch of Brunswick County, VA. 15 Sep 1779, Probated 24 Aug 1783. Wife Elizabeth. Legatees: John Nance, the son of William Smith, wife Elizabeth and Jesse Brewer – Executors. Signed James Upchurch. Witnesses: John Brewer, Lucas Revis, James Brewer.

[Note: This is almost a fit for James U, III, but must be listed separately as there is another will which fits James U, III more precisely. – RPU].

12) See letter, 6 Oct 1990, Marie Elizabeth Isbell to RPU.

VA Wills and Administration, 1632 – 1800, Brunswick Co. VA

[I] James U – 1765 Will

James U – 1794 Will

[II] James U – 1783 Will

Michael U – 1796 Inventory

* 13) Below (same source) show 1784 – correct for James U III

13) From letter, 25 Jun 1994, Mae Jean McElroy to RPU

VA. Wills & Administrations
Upchurch, James 1765 W. [I]
✓ 1783 W. [II]
✓ 1784 W. [III]
✓ Michael 1796 I.
(all of Brunswick Co.)
Upchurch, Michael 1681 a. (Surry Co.)

- 14) Will of James Upchurch, II dated 15 Sep 1779 in Brunswick Co. VA. In letter, 21 Sep 2001, John Read Upchurch to RPU.

James Upchurch
will
 In the name of God amen the fifteenth day of September in the
 year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine I James
 Upchurch of Brunswick County sick and weak of body blessed blessed sound
 in memory calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty
 of the time and manner thereof do make this my Last will and
 Testament as follows: Viz In the first place I commend and recommend

476
 my soul unto God as unto a faithfull Creator, and my body to the earth
 to be buried at the discretion of my executor, in the hope of a
 resurrection to eternal life by the free grace and mercy of God
 through the merits and mediation of his dear son the Lord
 Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer, in the next place
 I nominate constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Upchurch
 and Jose Braver my Executors and Executor of this my last will
 and Testament and sale, and likewise my entire matters — with
 whole of my estate whither Land Trees Hogs Cattle money
 Gold or silver, Debts and others whatsoever, that shall be performing
 and owing to me at the time of my ~~decease~~ by whatsoever person
 or persons by bond account ~~or~~ any other way with full power
 to my said Estate, and to collect and grant receipts for any Debts
 that may be due to me and short to do in all points every thing
 that is known — to belong to the office, and at my decease give every
 thing that is called mine to my beloved wife Elizabeth

during his life or widowhood, and at her death her widowhood I leave
all my Land and plantation Trees hattle Hogs Sheep and all
my household furniture to be sold and equally divided between John Nance
the son of Sally Smith and James Smith the son of William Smith
and as I do appoint my wife Elizabeth Upchurch and James Brewer
Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby making void all
others by me before made and allowing this only last force in My
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day
and year above written.

Signed and sealed . . .

James Upchurch [S]

In the presence of us

John Brewer

Luce ^{his} ~~Rev~~ ^{mark}

James Brewer

Brunswick County Court 24th August 1783-

This Will was proved by the oaths of John
Brewer & James Brewer witnesses thereto and
ordered

477) ordered to be recorded And Elizabeth Upchurch his widow and executrix therein
named personally appeared and declared that she would not accept revive
or take the legacies devised her by the said Will and renounced all benefit or
advantage that she might claim therefrom, and upon the motion of Jeph
Brewer the Executor therein appointed and he having given bond with
security and taken the oath according to Law certificate is granted him
for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste
Lacy Smith & Co

- 15) See letter, 19 Oct 2001, John Read Upchurch to RPU regarding a 13 item report of Nancy Carter Moore, regarding Brunswick Co. VA Records possibly bearing upon Joseph Upchurch, b. 1175 (VA) – RPU Comments.

- 3 From wills and deeds, I know that Michael Upchurch lived on the south side of Eaton's Road in 1784, near Middle Run. His neighbors were Valentine White, Thomas Parham, Lewis Dupree, Thomas, Isaac, and Benjamin Mosely. **MICHAEL U, III XID-159 HIS LOCATION & NEIGHBORS 1784**
- 6 By 1777, Michael/Myal Upchurch's neighbors were BARTHOLOMEW UPCHURCH, Matthew Rainey, Thomas Bracy, and Allen Love. This deed is from "Daniel Burnet and his wife Elizabeth of CHATHAM Co. NORTH CAROLINA to Thomas Smith of Chatham County, N.C.," and it was land already lived on by Joyce Burnet, at the head of Poplar Creek. **MICHAEL U, III XID-159 BARTHOLOMEW U IS NEW!! NEED DEED TO VERIFY THIS NEW UPCHURCH FAMILY MEMBER - LOCATION 1777**
- 7 Another 1777 deed of gift from William Brewer and his wife Mary to John Brewer is for "518 acres which was William Brewer's dec'd plantation, on the south side of Rattle Snake Creek joining William Jones, Henry Ledbetter, UPCHURCH'S BRANCH, and James UPCHURCH." **JAMES U IS PROBABLY JAMES U, III AS HIS BIRTH HAS OTHER REFERENCES TO RATTLE SNAKE CREEK & RATTLE SNAKE CHURCH; HOWEVER CANNOT YET RULE OUT HIS 1ST COUSIN JAMES U, II↑ WHO LIVED IN THE SAME ERA & AREA**
- 9 There was also a THOMAS UPCHURCH in Brunswick in 1776, as he is a witness to the will of Thomas Lambert. **THIS THOMAS U IS NEW TO RPU RECORDS. NEED COPY OF WILL TO VERIFY DETAILS. BEING OLD ENOUGH TO WITNESS A WILL IN 1776 HE COULD HAVE BEEN THE FATHER OF JOSEPH U b 1775!! THOMAS PROBABLY AT LEAST 21 IN 1776 HENCE BORN 1754 OR BEFORE**
- 10 Everybody over 16 had to do road work in the 1700s in VA, or have a slave do it. Some of these records have survived, and on September 7, 1738, JAMES UPCHURCH and WILLIAM UPCHURCH were removed from Francis Wray's road crew and placed on William Mosely's road crew. So, WOW, these Upchurches were there early enough to be Joseph's father, that is for sure! In Brunswick County Court records, William was added to a list of tithables in 1736, SO THIS IS WHEN HE BECAME 21. **THIS INFO IS NEW TO RPU. BASED ON AGES THIS JAMES U IS ALMOST CERTAINLY JAMES U, I XID-151**
- ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME CHANCE IT COULD BE HIS SON JAMES U, II↑ XID-154. THIS WILLIAM U IS A GOOD FIT TO BE WILLIAM U, I XID-3343, A BROTHER OF JAMES U, I - XID-151**
- 12 In a November pre-election (of burgesses) in Brunswick, the only Upchurches on the list were JAMES UPCHURCH Sr. and MICHAEL UPCHURCH. **THIS REFERENCE IS NOT DATED BUT ANOTHER CITATION IN RPU SHOWS JAMES U REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR BURGESSES IN 1748 - PROBABLY ALL THE SAME HENCE JAMES U, SR = JAMES U, I (SR) XID-151 & MICHAEL U = MICHAEL U, III XID-159**

NOTE: NANCY WRITES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO FIND JOSEPH U b 1775 LISTED IN SOME OF THESE VA RECORDS - THIS IS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LIKELY AS HE LEFT VA AS A TEENAGER OR YOUNG MAN - RPU

16) Input from Ann Marie Crouch via Email, 13 Feb 2010, regarding the George Upchurch Clan.

1. Michael U, I
 - a. Richard U, I
 - i. James U, I
 1. James U, II
 2. Michael U, III
 - a. George, head of clan, married Rachel Bethshares

Fourth Generation in America

Since much research on the Upchurch Family of Virginia and North Carolina has been completed, I am starting with George and Rachel Upchurch. This is a listing of their descendents. George and Rachel moved from Virginia to North Carolina and then on to Wayne County, Kentucky. All of their children moved to Wayne County, Kentucky and several moved from Wayne County, Kentucky to Fentress County, Tennessee.

3. George Upchurch was born about 1757 in Brunswick County, Virginia and died 1830-31 in Wayne County, Kentucky. His wife was Rachel Bethshares who was born about 1759 Brunswick County, Virginia. Rachel was the daughter of Thomas and Ruth Bethshares. George and Rachel were listed in the tax list of Brunswick County, Virginia in 1782 & 1788. They were living near his father Michael and Uncle James Upchurch in 1782 and 1788.

George and Rachel moved to Salisbury district, Iredell County, North Carolina before 1790. They were listed in the 1790 census of Iredell County, North Carolina with 4 sons under 16 and 1 daughter. They were also listed in the census records of 1800 and 1810 living in Iredell County, North Carolina. George sold his land in North Carolina to his sons, Moses, Thomas and Shadrack and moved to Wayne County, Kentucky.

George received his land grant of 100 acres on Little South Fork, Kentucky on 10-12-1814. He was listed in the census records of 1820 Wayne County, Kentucky. Listed in his household were 2 males 18-25, 1 male 26-44, 1 male 45+, 1 female 45+, there were 4 individual engaged in agriculture. George and Rachel are buried at the Little South Fork Cemetery in Cumberland County, Kentucky. Their children:

- Δ 31. Lydia Upchurch born 1782 Virginia died ca 1845 Wayne County, Kentucky
- Δ 32. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784 Virginia died ca 1863 Wayne County, Kentucky
- Δ 33. Thomas Upchurch born 1788 Virginia died prior to 1855 Wayne County, Kentucky
- Δ 34. Moses Upchurch born 1790 North Carolina died ca 1859 Wayne County, Kentucky
- Δ 35. Miss Upchurch born ca 1792 North Carolina died by 1844 Wayne County, Kentucky → [RACHEL U]
- Δ 36. John Upchurch born ca 1799 North Carolina died prior to 6-23-1873 Wayne County, Kentucky
- Δ 37. Joseph Upchurch born 8-10-1800 North Carolina died 6-23-1873 Fentress County, Tennessee

17) Records for Upchurch Family members in Brunswick Co. VA in the 1700s, received from Margaret Louise Harris, without accompanying message. (She phone to say she was cleaning out her office). These records are placed in the Brunswick Co. VA File. The key points are summarized below:

1. 1786 – 27 Nov, date of marriage of Thomas Bethshurs and Eliza Upchurch – security and witness: Peter Read.
2. 2 May 1787 – Thoms Bethsheare married Elizabeth Upchurch. Minister = John King.
3. 19 marriages listed on 4 Feb 1790. Minister for all was John King, including William Brown and Elizabeth Upchurch.
4. Family History Library Microfilm #29809 – Public Service Claims – Brunswick Co. VA Court Booklet, p. 3. 18 Jun 1781: James Upchurch claim for one saddle and riddle take by Paschall Greenhill when impressing horses by order of General Lawson – allowed for ----- 2.0.0

RPU comments, 9 Sep 2009

1 and 2 above are already in RPU records. This Elizabeth Upchurch is Elizabeth U, II head of Upchurch Clan #17. She is the daughter of Michael U, III.

3 above also in RPU records – Elizabeth Upchurch is shown as an unidentified Upchurch.

4 above also in RPU records – somehow this James Upchurch was classed a James U, III XID 155 (4th generation). However, after this review, it seems the entry could equally apply to his 1st cousin **James U, II, XID 154**.

18) Marriage records for Brunswick Co. VA, in a letter 7 Sep 2007, Margaret Louise Harris to RPU. Documents extracted as below and placed in Geographical File.

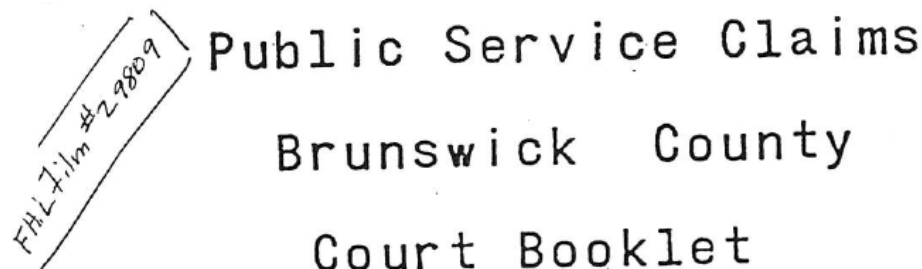
- a. Thomas Bethshears married 13 May 1787 (Brunswick Co. VA) Elizabeth Upchurch [She is head of Upchurch Clan #17 and daughter of Michael U, III] – date of marriage bond is 27 Nov 1786.
- b. Wiliam Brown married, 4 Feb 1790 (Brunswick Co. VA) Elizabeth U.

RPU Note: The above records are already in my Biofile system. However, there is no indication as to how the Elizabeth Upchurch, who married 4 Feb 1790, fits into the Upchurch family. My observations as of 19 Sep 2007.

1. I cannot identify a (nee) Elizabeth Upchurch in the 4th, 5th or 6th generations, who would be a fit. Thus, she could be a new addition.
2. She could be a widow of an Upchurch male – probably of the 4th or 5th generation. **James U, II** and John U, II of the 4th generation both had wives named Elizabeth and both males died before 4 Feb 1790. There could have been other Upchurch widows from the 4th generation and possibly some from the 5th generation.

3. Elizabeth Upchurch who married 4 Feb 1790, must be added to the list of Missing Links (UFU – [Unidentified Upchurches] – VA).

19) Item in letter, 7 Sep 2007, Margaret Louise Harris to RPU. (See her Biofile for full record – the relevant Upchurch segment has been reformatted as below):



1781 June 18

James Upchurch claims for one saddle and bridle taken by Paschall Greenhill when impressing horses by order of Genl Lawson allowed for 2.0.0

RPU Transcription:

18 Jun 1781: James Upchurch's claim for one saddle and riddle take by Paschall Greenhill when impressing horses by order of General Lawson – allowed for ----- 2.0.0 (pounds).

RPU interpretation:

- It appears that James Upchurch was required to, or willingly provided a saddle and bridle for government use, presumably during the Revolution. It appears his claim was approved, and he was paid 2 pounds.
- This James Upchurch could have been:
 - i. **James U, II** who died about 1783 (Brunswick Co. VA?) XID 154
 - ii. James U, III who died about 1784 (Brunswick Co. VA) XID 155

20) Input in letter, 7 Sep 2007, Margaret Louise Harris to RPU, regarding land in Brunswick Co. VA held by Upchurches in the 1700s.

Brunswick Co. Upchurch

James Upchurch ± owned land on so. side of
Rattlesnake Creek (then Brunswick Co. from
NC state line) (later thought to be
located in Greensville Co. (p 1780-81)
at extreme SW corner of Brunswick Co. —

Commentary by RPU, 18 Sep 2007:

My records do include a James U, I (XID 151) b. about 1685 (VA), d. abt. 1765 (Brunswick Co. VA). Note that the record above mentions the date 1780/81 at which time James U, I had been deceased 15 or more years. Still, the reference could be to him.

Alternatively, there were two other Upchurches by the name James who were in Brunswick Co. VA in the 1750 1800 era. They were:

- James U, III d. 1784 (Brunswick Co. VA) XID 155
- **James U, II d 1783** (Brunswick Co. VA) XID 154