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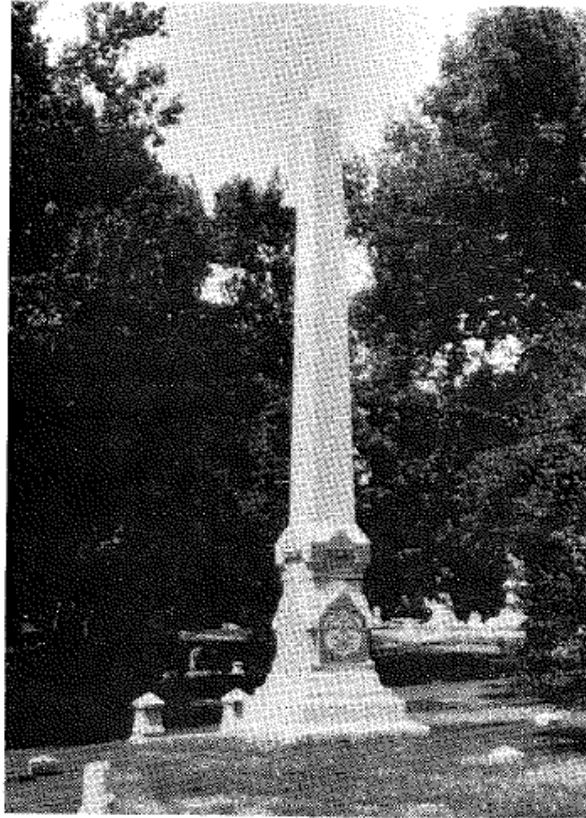
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CLAN 12 (JOHN UPCHURCH IV)

John Upchurch IV was probably born in Granville Co., NC or came 170  
there as a child with his father about 1755. John U. IV was the  
father of Ambrose U. (1792-1824) whose son John Jordan U. (26 MAR 2815, 4202  
1841 - 17 JAN 1887) became prominent by forming the unique labor  
organization the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

MONUMENT AT THE GRAVESITE OF JOHN JORDAN UPCHURCH  
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CEMETERY  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



The gravesite of John Jordan Upchurch is located on a beautiful plot in the immaculate Bellefontaine Cemetery. The imposing monument shown above is approximately thirty-six feet in height. It was donated by the AOUW Grand Lodge of Missouri to commemorate the role of Upchurch as the founder of the Ancient Order United Workmen. The monumental shaft with a 7 by 7 foot base is in the center of a circular 800 square foot plot with a diameter of 32 feet. The photo above is from the back side and reveals a step and two low matching pillars at the front of the plot, each of which bears the letters CHP. The front face of the shaft bears the inscription "UPCHURCH - Charity, Hope, Protection - Erected by the A.O.U.W. of Missouri" and this is embellished by a shield above bearing the letters A.O.U.W. in diagonal fashion. The back face bears the inscription "John Jordan Upchurch - Born March 26, 1820, Died January 18, 1887 - His Works Do Follow Him - Founder of the AOUW".

J. J. Upchurch is buried on this Plot No. 3104 in Block 165 in the front part on a center line between the step and the shaft. His wife, Angelina Z. U. who died April 30, 1896, is buried in the plot just to the south of her husband. The AOUW Grand Lodge of North Dakota paid for the upkeep of the plot from 1939-1960 and then paid a lump sum for perpetual care of the site.

On September 26, 1944 the Globe-Democrate Newspaper of St. Louis reported, "Memorial services were held at the grave of John Jordan Upchurch, founder of the fraternal benefit system, in Bellefontaine Cemetery yesterday by the Executive Committee of the National Fraternal Congress, Officers of the Missouri State Fraternal Congress and members of St. Louis fraternal organizations. Bradley C. Marks..... Past President of the National Fraternal Congress, declared in a memorial address that 'the great fraternal benefit societies of today are towers of strength to our nation'. Founded by Upchurch in 1868, Marks said there are now 103 fraternal benefit associations with a total membership of more than 8,000,000 in the United States and Canada".

This issue of UPCHURCH BULLETIN is dedicated to the Memory of JOHN JORDAN UPCHURCH.



## A. THE STORY OF JOHN JORDAN UPCHURCH

John Jordan Upchurch was a quiet, unassuming and unpretentious individual who successfully pursued a powerful idea which led to the initiation of fraternal benefit societies. Born in 1820 in Franklin Co., NC, he was the son of Ambrose U. who was the only son of John U. IV, the Head of Upchurch Clan No. 12. Ambrose U. was murdered when his son, John was about four years old. He was raised by his mother, the former Elizabeth Hill, with considerable help from her father the Honorable Henry Hill. John received a scant education but over the years trained himself in rudimentary English and became a master mechanic. As a young man in NC he clerked, farmed, ran a sawmill and worked in and around the railroad business.

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In 1841 John J. U. md. Angelina Green who had come south from PA with her Uncle John Zeigenfuss. The two John's operated a hotel in Raleigh, NC in the 1840's. In due course and after a variety of jobs he worked his way to his wife's home state of PA.

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In June 1864 John Jordan U. had an experience which had a profound influence on him. He was serving as master mechanic for the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad in PA. In this war-time setting the workers following union leadership struck for higher wages. The Secretary of War put a corps of engineers and firemen at the disposal of Upchurch and for two weeks he ran the railroad for the Government. During this period he reflected on the unfortunate loss of wages to the workers and on the loss to management during a strike. He also observed the hardships imposed by the lack of monetary resources available to widows and orphans when the male wage earner of the household died. In his own words, "I was convinced that something should be done to try to harmonize the two great interests of our country, capital and labor.....I went to work on the great task allotted to me, and when an idea struck me I would write it down."

While employed in the lathe shop of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad (later known as the Erie Railroad) in Meadville, PA in 1868, John Jordan U. became involved in a workers "League" which seemed to him not to have the workers interest at heart. He led a group of workers out of this League and they formed the Ancient Order United Workmen (AOUW). John J. U. was entrusted with the preparation of the Constitution and other documentation for the new organization. Singlehandedly he drafted the documentation. He saw this as a golden opportunity to embody the concepts he had long nurtured. The new organization had a fraternal aspect, a strong component designed to improve workers skills and minds and an insurance feature. The Constitution and rituals for the AOUW were accepted on October 27, 1868 in Meadville, PA and John J. U. was elected as Master Workman, the top office holder.

While the AOUW had some stormy days both immediately and over the next two decades, it became an astounding success. Chapters were formed in every region of the country and in 20 years there were about 200,000 members. Clearly the time for the fraternal benefit society had arrived.

Although John Jordan U. maintained a life-long association with the AOUW, he did not continue a dynamic role of leadership as the organization went through its grand period of growth in the 1870's and 1880's. He was made Past Supreme Master in 1873. Eventually in 1873 he settled in Steelville, MO where he tried several techniques for making a living. In due course he left Steelville but returned in 1881 and lived there until his death on January 18, 1887.

From 1873 to 1887 John J. U. was regularly recognized as the founder of the AOUW and he repeatedly had special invitations to attend state, regional and national meetings of the Order where he would be accorded due honor. The most significant of these sojourns was a trip he made to the west coast. On 10 APR 1885 he received the following telegram: "To J. J. Upchurch P.S.M.W. Steelville, MO: - The Grand Lodge of California has by resolution authorized our representative to invite you to come to California at our expense. Pack your trunk now and get ready, as we propose to bring you back with us from Des Moines next June.- William H. Jordan." John J. U. had some reservations about the trip because his business "was yielding but a mere living with all my attention." and his family felt he was...."not a public speaker.....". His son agreed to handle the business and he accepted the invitation.

On 23 JUN 1885 Upchurch reached CA traveling in the company of William H. Jordan, Supreme Overseer of AOUW. As they traveled westward from Des Moines, IA the word spread and there were many invitations for "Father J. J. Upchurch", as he was known by then, to stop at AOUW Lodges enroute. They did stop for formal receptions, dinners, speeches, tours, etc. in Denver, CO, in Canyon City, CO, in Salt Lake City, UT and in Ogden, UT. In Denver Jordan said, "We come here.....to pay our respects to that old hero, Father Upchurch, out of whose brain has come the aid which gave life to our Order. There is some satisfaction in looking into his face, and to know that we have the man with us who has done so much for us and for humanity generally.....Father Upchurch may well be called a hero.....From that small beginning has suddenly sprung into existence an organization which is rapidly spreading itself over the continent, and which now numbers more than one hundred and fifty-two thousand souls.....under this beneficiary system, since the Order was founded, there has been paid out in benefits the sum of thirteen million five hundred thousand dollars,....". Similar accolades attended Upchurch wherever he went on his 1885 trip. The pomp and circumstance attending the gatherings is almost unbelievable. At Oakland, CA, for example, he was met by a vast delegation of dignitaries. The procession moved up Market Street to California to Kearney to Market to Larkin and finally reached the Pavilion. Five Divisions were in the procession, each headed by a band. About 3000 people were involved. One record reports....."In hushed silence the enormous gathering waited the entrance of that procession, which would tell them the principal ceremonies of the evening had begun. .... the Pavilion gave forth its warning note, ...the huge doors were flung open. Then flowed in the sound of martial music. It was that of the Oakland Civic Band. In close array, with military bearing, with uniforms of black, and white accoutrements, and helmets with long red feathers, in marched the Select Knights (a unit of AOUW).....Following the Knights came Father Upchurch, a quiet looking old man, with gray hair, a gray goatee, and upon his dress all the stains of long travel. He wore a rough plum-colored great coat. In one hand he carried a fresh-cut bouquet, and in the other his hat. As he marched down the hallway his glances fell curiously upon the thick

lined sides. Anon the spectators would break into simultaneous applause, and the clap of hands sounded like the roar of breakers dashing against a bold face of rock....". The CA welcome of Upchurch continued at Fairfax, Ca on Thursday, June 25, 1885 where over 5000 people attended the Seventeenth Anniversary Picnic of the AOUW. A picture of our relative at this event exists. Father Upchurch continued his travels to AOUW Lodges in California and visited Stockton, Sacramento, Napa, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, San Jose, Livermore, Woodland, Colusa, Virginia City, Los Angeles, San Fernando, Santa Monica. On August 16, 1885 he departed San Francisco by the steamer, Columbia, for OE having been invited to come by AOUW Lodges there.

In Oregon Father Upchurch visited Roseburg, Eugene, Salem, Albany, Astoria, Portland, and McMinnville. He then went to British Columbia and to Washington Territory (Tacoma, Olympia). He left OE on September 6th and returned to his home in Steelville, MO on September 14th by way of Idaho, Montana, Utah. Thus for three months John J. U. was feted and honored at every turn. Considering the times and the circumstances this is probably the most glory that has yet come to any Upchurch.

After John returned home he was called upon to visit various other AOUW events. He visited St. Louis, Kansas, Minnesota, and Massachusetts. His last formal visit and speech was in Philadelphia, PA on November 16, 1886. He spent the next three months in his home town in normal health. About January 9, 1887 he was taken sick with pneumonia and in about a week he became much worse and on January 18, 1887 he died.

Messages of condolence and regard poured in to John's family from AOUW Lodges across the land. In California the House of the State Legislature adjourned out of respect to the Memory of Father J. J. Upchurch. After some debate it was decided that internment should be in St. Louis, MO, and that the AOUW Grand Lodge of Missouri should have the responsibility for arrangements. They procured a burial plot in Bellefontaine Neighbors Cemetery in the Greater St. Louis area. Funeral services were held in Steelville and in St. Louis. The body lay in repose in the Masonic Hall in St. Louis. It was estimated that 10,000 people passed by the coffin to pay their respect. In due course the AOUW erected an imposing monument at the grave of Father Upchurch which is there today in perpetual commemoration of his contributions to society.

In retrospect what can be said of John Jordan Upchurch and his accomplishments and what has transpired in the century which has followed his demise? In the middle of the 1800's there was an increasing movement of people from rural to urban settings especially in relationship to industrialization. Although the European Guilds established a basis for workmen to develop, guide and manage quality skills, this movement had not flourished in America. In the mid-1800's American Workmen were a growing class and they needed to enhance their fraternal relationships and to foster their work habits and skills and to embellish their pride in workmanship. John Jordan Upchurch perceived this need and he also recognized the need for an insurance feature. He also wanted to foster good relations between labor and capital. In 1868 his ideas fell on fertile ground and the AOUW program spread like wildfire. In retrospect, it is now clear that the fraternal aspects, including pride in workmanship, and the benefit or insurance aspects flourished most prominently. The matter of a direct interaction with management or capital played only a minor role in the movement. A literature

search shows clearly that the AOUW is recognized as the original American fraternal life insurance society. In Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia we read, "A notable fraternal organization of the time.....was the Jefferson Lodge No. 1 of the Ancient Order of United Workmen organized at Meadville, PA in 1868. Many other fraternal associations were modeled on the Jefferson Lodge....". In 1970 there were about ten million members in fraternal benefit organizations.

In due course the AOUW fell upon hard times for several reasons. Principle among these was the fact that membership payments and benefits were not soon enough put on a sound actuarial basis. With 2000 members in a Lodge, a single widow of a deceased member could be easily paid a proper insurance benefit. Only gradually did it occur to the leadership that steady payments were needed from all members in proportion to benefits that they would expect to receive. Complicating this issue was the fact that local Lodges were given exceptional autonomy once they reached a certain size. The national office had inadequate management authority and capability. Also unions began to play an effective role in negotiations and more opportunities for social interaction became available to workers or at least they felt less insecure in urban settings and thus less need for a fraternal organization. In due course the various state and regional AOUW Lodges began to fail due to financial or other reasons.

Today only one AOUW Lodge remains and that is the Supreme Lodge of the A.O.U.W. located in Seattle, WA. This Lodge extends its service to a several state area and continues in a rigorous program of promoting fraternalism through various types of activities. It also has a sound insurance feature. Many other Lodges exist today but in a changed form. One of the most prominent is the Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Company of Fargo, ND. It is the successor to the AOUW North Dakota Grand Lodge and it is an insurance company but with an AOUW heritage. A large portrait of John Jordan Upchurch hangs in the Pioneer Mutual Board Room in North Dakota.

Several documents are available to substantiate the story of John Jordan Upchurch. Foremost among these is the 264 page book "The Life, Labors and Travels of Father J. J. Upchurch" written by John Jordan U. himself. He had nearly finished this book at the time of his death and it was supplemented by A. T. Dewey and published under the authorship of Upchurch and Dewey. For the Upchurch family this record is a priceless document. The second and a most impressive book is entitled "The Fogarty Years - A History of the A.O.U.W.", by Keith L. Yates. This was published by the Evergreen Publishing Co. in Seattle, WA in 1972. It gives an excellent account of the role of Upchurch in starting the AOUW and traces the organization down to modern times. Yates has also written "A Brief History of the A.O.U.W. - America's First Fraternal Insurance Society".

Much more can be written about John Jordan Upchurch and the AOUW. For now we will rest his case. He was a plain, self-educated, self-skilled person. He saw a need in society and responded accordingly. Never was he successful on a materialistic scale. Never was he wont to push himself ahead of others. He was obviously a dreamer and did look constantly for the next opportunity which he always thought would provide a better life for his family. His dreaming succeeded not in bringing financial rewards but he lived to see his ideas on fraternalism unfold in magnificent style. When the time came he accepted accolades with dignity and aplomb. The extended Upchurch family justly takes pride in the accomplishments of our brightest star.



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Continued reinforcement is being received regarding the pre-eminent role of John Jordan Upchurch as the founder of the Ancient Order United Workmen and of the broader fraternal benefit system of America. The latest to come to our attention is an article in the November 1979 issue of Woodmen of the World magazine published in Omaha, Nebraska. The article appears on pages 6 and 7 and is entitled "John Jordan Upchurch - America's Father of Fraternalism". The article gives J.J.U. credit for originating the A.O.U.W. on October 27, 1868 and states "Most authorities credit a man named John Jordan Upchurch with originating the first fraternal benefit society in America". The article gives four photographs relating to J.J.U. and recounts his life history which has been given earlier in UB. The article is in error in saying that A.O.U.W. no longer exists for it is a fact that the A.O.U.W. Lodge in Seattle, Washington still exists and is doing well. There are said to be nine life insurance organizations which either evolved from or grew in size through mergers with A.O.U.W., Grand Lodges. The Woodmen of the World Society claims to trace its roots to the A.O.U.W. In 1941 the Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Grand Lodges of the A.O.U.W. merged with the New England Order of Protection. In July 1968 the New England Order of Protection merged with the Woodmen of the World Society. Thus WOW claims origins in the J.J.U. foundation of A.O.U.W. on October 27, 1868 rather than just tracing its history back to June 6, 1890, the date on which WOW Founder, Joseph Cullen Root, incorporated the WOW Society. As of 1979 there were about 200 fraternal benefit societies in America with over 11 million members who trace their organizational beginning to Father John Jordan Upchurch. We are grateful to Mrs. Mack P. U. of Tomball, TX for this clipping. 5746 Her husband, Mack U., is of the James U. IV/Burwell U. Subclan. 5745,156/2029 4806



## INTRODUCTION AND OUTLINE OF THE JOHN UPCHURCH IV (XID 170) CLAN

John U. IV, the Head of Upchurch Clan 12, was presumably born near Oxford in Granville Co., NC. His father, William U. II, had migrated from Virginia to the Oxford area and was on the tax rolls there in 1755 some 15 years before the birth in 1770 of his son, John U. IV. For purposes of communication we shall call William U. II and his descendants the Oxford, NC Branch of the Upchurch family to distinguish them from the branch arising from Richard U. II, a brother of William U. II, who also moved from Virginia and was found also on the Granville Co., NC tax rolls in 1755 but in the Moccasin Creek area. We shall call Richard U. II and his descendants the Moccasin Creek Branch of the Upchurch family. In the UPCHURCH BULLETIN we have repeatedly mentioned the various fifth generation Upchurches who are Heads of Clans and children of Richard U. II. Included are Richard U. III, Nathan U., Charles U., Moses U., etc. all of the Moccasin Creek Branch.

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The Oxford, NC Branch of the Upchurch family consists of two definite clans and one potential clan. The potential clan would be headed by a dau of William U. II whose name we do not know. This dau appears on the 1800 Census of Granville Co., NC as being 16 to 26 years old. Morgan on page 32 of her UPCHURCH STORY suggests that this dau may be the Frances U. who md. 1 DEC 1808 John Pearce. Other evidence tends to show that this Frances U. was instead the Frances U. who was a dau of Benjamin U. of the Moccasin Creek Branch of Upchurches. Further research is needed to identify the William U. II dau who would have been a sister of John U. IV, the subject of this article.

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One of the two known sons of William U. II was William U. III. William U. III (a brother of John U. IV) was b. 1774 (Granville Co., NC) and md. 2 MAR 1808 (Granville Co., NC) Henrietta Jenkins. This clan has not been well researched and some descendants of William U. III (Head of Clan 11) are almost certain to be found. A number of unconnected Upchurches born in the early and mid-1800's give tentative evidence of being associated with the Oxford, NC Branch of Upchurches and they most likely belong to Clan 11.

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John U. IV, the Head of Clan 12, is currently the centerpiece of the Oxford, NC Branch of Upchurches. This is because his grandson John Jordan U., is so well known and because the 6th and 7th generations of Upchurch descendants belonging to this clan have been clearly identified. Little is known of John U. IV from the time he was born in 1770 in Granville Co., NC until he married in the same county on 2 JUN 1790 Mary Ann Harris, b. ca 1770 (Granville Co., NC). William Currin served as Bondsman. This union produced a single child, Ambrose U., who was born about 1792. (This Ambrose U. should not be confused with his son, Ambrose A. U., b. ca 1820, nor with a distant cousin, Ambrose U., b. 1818 who was the son of Burkely U. of the Richard U. III Clan). It is somewhat unusual that a 1790 marriage would produce only one offspring but that is a fact as we now understand the records. In turn Ambrose U. had four children before he was killed in some kind

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of altercation in 1824 at age 32. The known details of this tragedy have been given in UB, Vol. 1, pages 149-155 where the details of the life of John Jordan U., a son of Ambrose U., are given.

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It is our hope that readers will come forth with more details on the Oxford, NC Branch of the Upchurch family. John U. IV was of the 5th generation of Upchurches in America. An outline of his Clan, to the extent that details are available, is provided below through the 9th generation.

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### OUTLINE

I. Ambrose U., b. ca 1792, d. 1824, md. 9 APR 1817 (Franklin Co., NC)	2815
Elizabeth Hill.	4807
A. Priscilla W. U., b. 1818, d. 1893, md. 14 FEB 1835 (Granville Co., NC)	4808
Turner Lawrence, CSA, b. 1818, d. 1881.	4809
1. Cornelia Lawrence, b. 1836, d. 1900, md. 1862	4810
John Landis Pleasants, b. 1826, d. 1879.	4815
a. Ava Pleasants.	4820
b. Mary Pleasants.	4821
c. Alice Pleasants.	4822
d. John Stephens Pleasants, b. 1872, d. 1973, md. 1902	4823
Lucile Rogers Randolph Gibson.	4825
e. Annie Lawrence Pleasants, b. 1874, md. 1905	4824
Mont Royal Farrar, b. 1872, d. 1925	4826
2. John Lawrence	4816
3. Samuel Lawrence	4817
4. Sylvesta Lawrence	4818
5. William Lawrence	4819
B. Ambrose A. U., b. ca 1820, md. 19 JAN 1841 Harriet Pearce,	4811
b. , d. 1 MAY 1867 (Bur. Peach Tree Grove).	
C. John Jordan U., b. 26 MAR 1820, d. 17 JAN 1887 (Steelville, MO)	4806
(Bur. Bellefontaine Cem., St. Louis, MO), md. 4 JUN 1841	
(Raleigh, NC) Angelina Green, b. 8 DEC 1825 (PA), d. 30 APR	4814
1896, (MO)(Bur. Bellefontaine Cem., St. Louis, MO).	
1. Theodore Fairfax U., b. 11 MAY 1844 (Raleigh, NC) GAR, d.	4830
8 MAY 1901 (Aurora, MO)(Bur. same), md. (1st) Sarah	4836
Millspaugh (Div.), md. (2nd) 30 MAR 1890 (Steelville, MO)	
Mary Carolyn Hogan 1/, b. 23 JUN 1871, (Lickcreek, MO),	4837
d. 13 DEC 1913 (Steelville, MO)(Bur. same).	
a. 1/Elmer Curtis U., b. 17 JUN 1891 (Steelville, MO)	4843
md. (Redfield, SD) Stella Kay.	4863
b. 1/Grace Loree U., b. 7 AUG 1893 (Steelville, MO), d.	4844
1952 (Grand Island, NE), md. (1st) John Small,	4864
md. (2nd) Loren Oliver.	4865
md. (3rd) Seth Gustres Hoover, b. IN, d. ca 1956	4866
(Hastings, NE).	
c. 1/Nellie Edwina U., b. 8 APR 1898 (Steelville, MO),	4845
d. 1916 (St. Louis, MO), md. Roland Waits.	6942
d. 1/Theora May U., b. 11 APR 1901 (Salem, MO), md. (1st)	4846
17 MAR 1921 (Aberdeen, SD) Charles Boyd Killinger,	4867
b. 27 FEB 1890 (PA), d. 10 JAN 1952 (Carlisle, PA)	
(Bur. same), md. (2nd) 31 JAN 1956 John Alm, b. 1907	6935
(Fairbanks, AK).	

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2. Rufus W. U., b. ca 1853 (PA), md.	4831
Susan Arabella Cook, b. 1860.	4838
a. Ruth Adele U., b. 1882, md. Rufus G. Beezley, b. 1880.	4847,4869
3. Charles F. U., b. ca 1856 (PA).	4832
4. Horace C. U., b. 4 AUG 1860 (PA), md. (1st) 14 NOV 1889	4833
Winnie E. Fox <u>1</u> /, b. 18 MAY 1872, d. 27 FEB 1902, md. (2nd)	4839
NOV 1908 Mary Carolyn (Hogan U., <u>2</u> / Widow of his BRO.	4837
a. <u>1</u> /Hubert Spencer U. (Booge), b. 26 DEC 1890, d. 19 MAR 1960 (Steelville, MO)(Bur. Steelville Cem.) NM.	4848
b. <u>2</u> /Oran Cotten U., b. 20 NOV 1908 (Steelville, MO), d. 1977 (Pekin, IL), md. 24 NOV 1937 (Shelby, SD) Otille Pauline Sherer, b. 30 MAY 1915.	4849 4872
c. <u>2</u> /Horace Glenn U., b. 12 AUG 1910 (Steelville, MO), d. APR 1968 (Richland, WA), md. (1st) Janet -- (Div.). md. (2nd) 30 DEC 1943 (Denver, CO) Eleanor Foster, d. 23 APR 1968.	4850 4873
5. John C. U., b. ca 1862 (PA), md. Emma Wheeling.	4834,4840
a. John (Jack) U.	4851
6. William A. U., b. ca 1865 (PA),	4835
md Olivia E. Adair, b. 18 AUG 1880.	4841
a. Charles U., b. 8 JUL 1885 (Steelville, MO),	4852
md. 2 OCT 1908 Lottie Hammar, b. 18 AUG 1889.	4874
7. Curtis L. U., b. ca 1870.	4842
D. Elizabeth U., b. ca 1823, md. 20 MAR 1838 (Granville Co., NC)	4812
William Johnson.	4813

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The famous John Jordan U. continues to be the centerpiece subject 4806  
for Clan No. 12. We have made great progress on the outline of the  
Clan. For this we are indebted to many people but especially to  
Mrs. Naomi (David) Upchurch of Washington State who has worked 5486  
diligently with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Theora May (Upchurch) Alm. 4846  
Theora is a granddaughter of the famous John Jordan U. We are also 4806  
grateful to Mrs. Ottilie Scherer U. of Pekin, IL who has been most 4872  
cooperative.

II. PHOTOGRAPHS

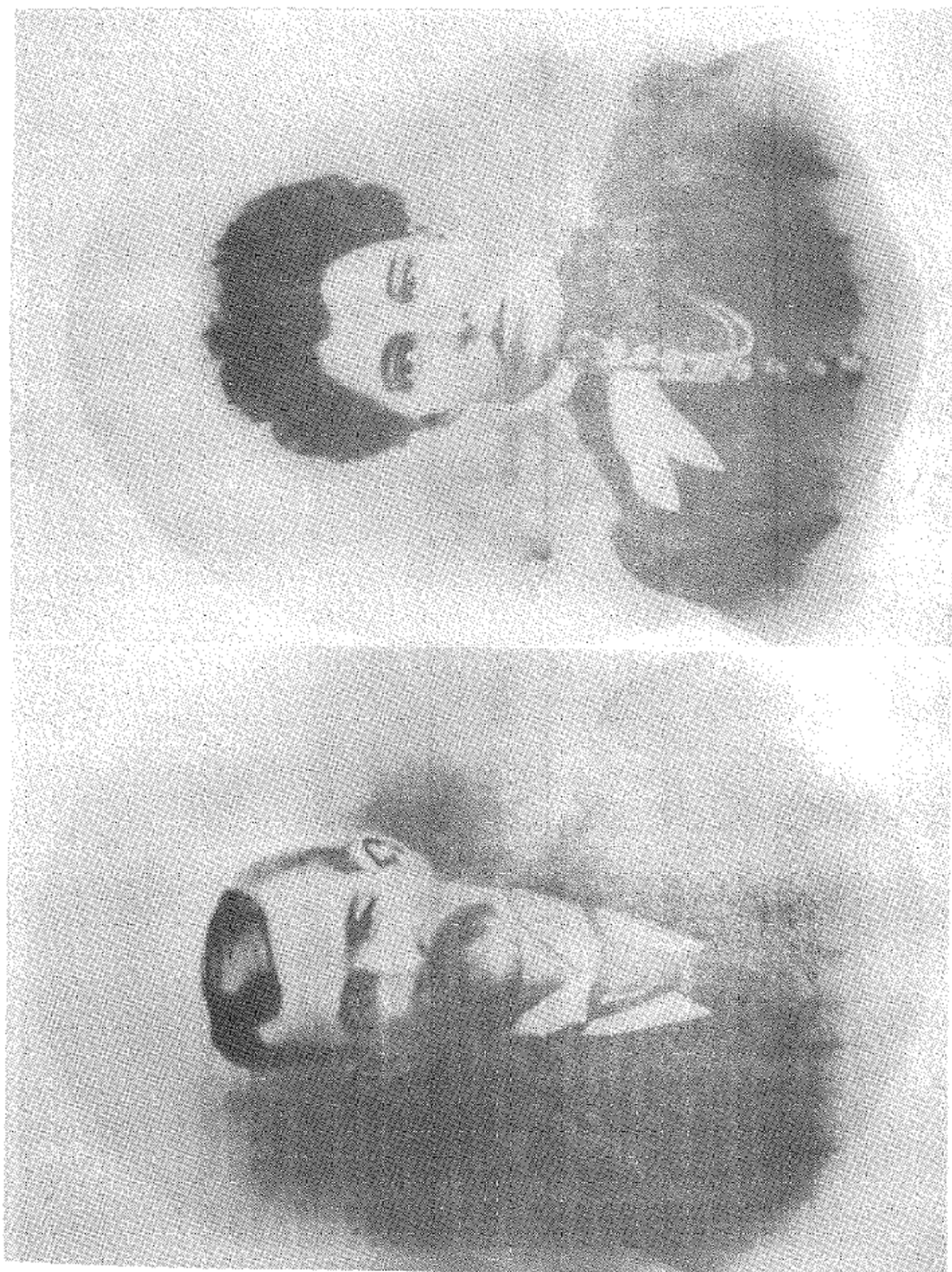
A. PICTURED BELOW ARE JOHN JORDAN U. (SON OF AMBROSE U. AND GS  
OF JOHN U. IV, HEAD OF CIAN 12) AND HIS WIFE, ANGELINA GREEN.

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B. PICTURED BELOW ARE THEODORE FAIRFAX U. (SON OF JOHN JORDAN U.)  
AND HIS SECOND WIFE, MARY CAROLINE HOGAN.

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C. COMMENTARY ON PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE JOHN JORDAN U. FAMILY.

For the first time the pages of the UPCHURCH BULLETIN are now graced with a likeness of John Jordan Upchurch, the most famous Upchurch of all times. In previous issues of UB we have detailed the story of how this individual formed the Ancient Order of United Workmen (AOUW) in 1868 in Meadville, PA and helped it grow within twenty years to a nationwide organization. For this effort he was deemed "Father J. J. Upchurch" and is today given credit for the origination of the concept of the fraternal benefit society, a unique American creation.

The picture shown appears to be the same one that is used in the book entitled "The Life, Labors and Travels of Father J. J. Upchurch", published in 1887. The date of the photograph is not known but appears as if it could have been taken within a year or so of his death in 1887. The photo of his wife may have been taken at the same time or possibly later. She died in 1896.

Theodore Fairfax U. is shown with his second wife, Mary Caroline Hogan. They married in 1890 and he died in 1901, so one presumes these photos were made between these two dates. 4830,4837

John Jordan U. was born in 1820 in the Franklin Co., NC area where his father, Ambrose U., was murdered in 1824. Young John Jordan U. gave himself a practical education, married a northern lady and was employed in Raleigh, NC when his first child, Theodore Fairfax U. was born. The family soon moved north and in due course Theodore became a member of the Union Army while his father served the Union as a civilian railway manager. The details of Theodore's Civil War service are unknown. However, there are abundant records to show that Theodore walked in his father's footsteps and was closely associated with him in the establishment and operation of various organizations designed for the good of society. Both father and son lived out their last days in the Steeleville-Aurora area of MO. While the father accumulated little wealth he combined his skilled craftsmanship as a mechanic with his dreams for society and a life of frequent movement. In the end he earned the recognition of society for his efforts. The son was not so recognized. It is with pleasure that we bring the profile of the son forward for better consideration. In due course we hope additional facts will allow a more thorough treatment of Theodore. 2815,4806 4830

We are grateful to Mrs. Theora May (Upchurch)(Killinger) Alm, dau. of Theodore Fairfax U., who has preserved these pictures for 10 these many years. Through the courtesy of her dau-in-law, Mrs. Naomi Gene (Davis) Killinger, we have the benefit of the photos shown herein. At age 82 Theora is still active and we express deep appreciation to both Theora and Naomi who have been most helpful in supplying details of the John U. IV/Ambrose U. Subclan. 4846 4830 5486 170/2815



## XI. MISCELLANEOUS

## A. In Honor of the John U. IV/Ambrose U. Subclan.

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Recently Mrs. John Boyd Killinger (nee: Naomi Gene Davis) sent me a poem by her mother, Irene Davis. The poem is so touching that we have decided to publish it as a tribute to the John U. IV/Ambrose U. Subclan and its most famous member John Jordan U., the GGF of John Boyd Killinger.

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## FRAGILITY

By Irene Davis

A child stood on the dampened sand,  
With arms stretched out with glee  
And stooped to fashion castles high  
Beside the tranquil sea.  
But sadness filled a father's heart  
To think it all in vain  
For soon the tide would wash away  
The silt, and naught remain.

How avidly man reaches out  
To grasp the gilded prize,  
But winds, and rain, and sun, and rust  
Compete for all he tries.  
Of all the bounteous gifts we use  
None really are our own,  
God leaves them with us for a while  
A brief requisite loan.

The sand is God's, the sea is His  
The wind belongs to Him  
Not ours to mourn a temporal loss  
Nor think their passing grim.  
The very child he loaned to us  
Is for so short a while,  
He reaches for his destiny  
And leaves us with a smile.

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We have been delighted with a recent visit from John Floyd Elmer Small, a ggs of the famous John Jordan U., founder of the A.O.U.W. John Small is proud of his Upchurch heritage. He is a retired newspaperman and has a keen eye for facts which is helpful in genealogy. He now spends his time prospecting for which he has long had an interest.

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Naomi Gene (Davis) Killinger and Phyllis (Hoover) Cimmiyotti 5486,4875  
both contacted me to report the death of Theora May (U.)(Killinger) 4846  
Alm on 4 NOV 1986. Theora was a granddaughter of John Jordan Upchurch, 4806  
the most famous Upchurch of all. She was proud of her Upchurch heritage  
and did everything possible to help preserve knowledge about her  
grandfather and his family. Our thoughts go especially to her husband,  
John Harold Alm, who sustained her as she became weary in recent years. 6935

## IX. REFERENCE MATERIALS

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A. UPCHURCH CENSUS RECORDS FOR GRANVILLE CO., NC.

## Entry

No.	1.1790 (Hillsboro District - Granville Co., NC).	
1	William U. Head of House	161
2	1800	
	William U. Head of House (William U. II)	161
2	1 Male under 10	
3	1 Male 16 - 26 (William U. III) b. 1774 age 26 - Son of XID 161	162
4	1 Male 45 plus (William U. II) b. 1735 age 65	161
5	1 Female under 10	
6	1 Female 10 - 16	
7	1 Female 16 - 26	
8	1 Female 26 - 45	
9	1 Female 45 plus - wife of XID 161	
	John U. Head of House (John U. IV)	170
10	1 Male under 10 (Ambrose U.)	2815
11	1 Male 16 - 26	?
12	1 Male 26 - 45 (John U. IV) b. 1770, age 30	170
13	1 Female 26 - 45 (Mary Ann Harris) b. ca 1770 age 30	999
3	1830	
	John U. Head of House	170
14	1 Male 5 - 10 (William H. U.) b. 29 OCT 1824 age 6	19230
15	1 Male 10 - 15 (John Jordan U.) b. 26 MAR 1820 age 10	4806
16	1 Male 60 - 70 (John U.) b. 1770 age 60	170
17	1 Female 5 - 10 (Mary Ann Elizabeth U.) b. 13 APR 1822 age 8	4812
18	1 Female 10 - 15 (Priscilla W. (M) U.) b. 2 APR 1818 age 12	4808
19	1 Female 60 - 70 (Mary Ann Harris) b. ca 1770 age 60	999
4	1840	
	John U. Head of House	170
20	1 Male 80 - 90 (John U.) b. 1770 age 70	170
21	1 Female 80 - 90 (Mary Ann Harris) b. ca 1770 age 70	999
5	1850	
	Tabbs Creek District 74-74	
22	William Johnson Head of House, 73 Male Farmer, b. NC	
23	Elizabeth Johnson 50 Female, b. NC (Elizabeth U.)	
24	Archibald U. 19 Male, Farmer, b. NC (Archibald H. U.)	
	Beaver Dam District 57-57	
25	William U. Head of House, 26, M, No occup., b. NC (William H. U.) b. 29 OCT 1824	19230
26	Mary U. 35, Female, b. NC (Wife of Entry 25)	
27	Mary Ann U. 9, Female, b. NC (Dau of Entries 25, 26)	
28	Ambrose U. 7, Male, b. NC (Son of Entries 25, 26)	
29	Alexander U. 5, Male, b. NC (son of Entries 25, 26)	
30	John U. 2, Male, b. NC (John G. U.) (Son of Entries 25, 26)	
31	Elizabeth U. 61, Female, b. NC (Elizabeth Hill) (Mother of Entry 25)	4807
6	1860	
	Tabbs Creek District 965-965	
32	W. (William) Johnson Head of House, 90 Male, Farmer, \$660 RE, \$100 PP, b. NC	
33	Elizabeth Johnson 60, Female (Elizabeth U.)	
34	Archibald U. 27, Male (Archibald H. U.)	

## Entry

No. 6.1860 continued

Tabbs Creek District 965-965 continued

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| 35 | Mary U. 20, Female (nee: Mary E. Dement)(Wife of Entry 34) |       |
| 36 | Wiley Falkner 50, Male, b. NC                              |       |
| 37 | Lively Falkner 26, Female, b. NC                           |       |
|    | District Not stated 987-987                                |       |
| 38 | W. A. U. Age ? (William H. U.)                             | 19230 |
| 39 | John U. 12, Male (John G. U.)(Son of Entry 25, 38)         |       |

B. UPCHURCH MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR GRANVILLE CO., NC.

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|-----|---|------|
| 1.  | 21 JUN 1790 John U.   | 170  |
|     | to Mary Ann (Annie) Harris                                  | 999  |
| 2.  | 23 MAY 1799 Caty U.   |      |
|     | to Jesse Huddleston   |      |
| 3.  | 2 MAR 1808 (3 MAR 1803) William U.                          | 162  |
|     | to Anrila (Henrietta) Jenkins                               | 4137 |
| 4.  | 14 FEB 1835 Pricilla U. (Priscilla W. (M) U.)               | 4808 |
|     | to Lawrence Turner  | 4809 |
| 5.  | 20 MAR 1838 Elizabeth U.                                    |      |
|     | to William Johnson  |      |
| 6.  | 17 SEP 1838 Mary Ann U. (Mary Ann Elizabeth U.)             |      |
|     | to Ralph Parrish  |      |
| 7.  | 14 DEC 1840 Henry U.  |      |
|     | to Mary Parrish   |      |
| 8.  | 17 JAN 1846 Martha U.                                       |      |
|     | to James D. Grisham   |      |
| 9.  | 2 JUL 1859 Mary A. M. U. (Census Entry 27)                  |      |
|     | to Samuel H. Parham   |      |
| 10. | 12 NOV 1859 A. H. U. (Archibald H. U.)(Census Entry 24, 34) |      |
|     | to Mary E. Dement   |      |
| 11. | 24 OCT 1866 John G. (J) U. (Census Entry 30, 39)            |      |
|     | to Rebecca Jane Barnett                                     |      |

C. UPCHURCH OUTLINE RELATED TO GRANVILLE CO., NC.

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| I. | Michael U. I (Original Immigrant)                        | 146  |
| A. | Richard U. I   | 149  |
|    | 1. James U. I  | 151  |
|    | a. William U. III, b. 1735                               | 161  |
|    | 1. William U. III, b. 1774, md. 2 MAR 1808 (3 MAR 1803)  | 162  |
|    | (Granville Co., NC) Henrietta Jenkins                    | 4137 |
|    | ii. John U. IV, b. 1770, md. 21 JUN 1790 (Granville Co., | 170  |
|    | NC) Mary Ann Harris, b. ca 1770 (Granville Co., NC)      | 999  |
|    | (I). Ambrose U., b. ca 1792                              | 2815 |

D. COMMENTARY.

The above census data, marriage records and related outline is being brought forward at this time for several reasons. We have long sought to link all the Upchurches from the 1700 and 1800 Granville Co., NC records



into the main body of the family. In this we have been only partially successful. Now is a good time to put the details on paper for consideration. Even more important and exciting is the fact that we have a new found Upchurch relative who has brought fresh information. This new information has allowed us to correct a longstanding error in our family tree.

Our new found relative is Mrs. Jack H. Taylor, nee: Amelia May Parham of Wichita Falls, TX. Amelia was searching for her Parham roots on a visit to Granville Co., NC, and ran across your editor's name on a visitor's register in a library in the county seat where it had been entered on a visit about ten years ago. Since she had Upchurch roots too, she called your editor on 26 SEP 1987 and a rapid exchange of letters was initiated. She is a descendant of Mary Ann U., age 9, on the 1850 census of Granville Co., NC (Entry 27 above).

The especially exciting information is that Amelia has access to a Bible held by her brother which was once owned by her ancestor Mary Ann U., b. 1841 (Granville Co., NC). There are five names in this Bible with corresponding birth dates. They are:

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|---|-------|
| 1. Martha Alice U., b. 4 OCT 1858 (?) (Hard to read date) |       |
| 2. Procilla M. U., b. 2 APR 1818 (Priscilla W. (M) U.)    | 4808  |
| 3. John U., b. 26 MAR 1820 (John Jordan U.)               | 4806  |
| 4. Mary Ann Elizabeth U., b. 13 APR 1822                  | 4812  |
| 5. William H. U., b. 29 OCT 1824                          | 19230 |

To any student of Upchurch history it is immediately clear that entries 2, 3, and 4 in this Bible represent three of the four children of Ambrose U., Head of the John U. IV/Ambrose U. Subclan. According 2815,170/2815 to Olive Ada Morgan's book the fourth child was Ambrose A. U. In this Ada drew a wrong conclusion although several circumstantial bits of information led her astray. We now know that the Ambrose A. U., whom she thought to be of the John U. IV/ Ambrose U. Subclan was 170/2815 in fact the son of Burkely U., Head of the Richard U. III/Burkely 65,63/65 U. Subclan. We had previously used XID 4811 to designate Ambrose A. U. as a son of Ambrose U. and XID 545 to designate Ambrose A. U. 2815 as a son of Burkely U. We now know that there is only one Ambrose 65,545 A. U. and he is XID 545, the son of Burkely U. The use of XID 4811 65 will be discontinued.

On the basis of Amelia's Bible Records and other circumstantial evidence we know now that the fourth child of Ambrose U. was 2815 William H. U., b. 29 OCT 1824. The Bible has also brought us 19230 additional exact birth dates we had never expected to obtain.

A comparison of the Related Outline in IX. C. above with the census and marriage records will show a logical correlation of data up to a point. WilliamU. II was on the 1790 census of Granville Co., NC, and 161 was the only Upchurch in the county. His two sons may have been located elsewhere for the moment as they were not shown with him on the 1790 census or more likely they were present and not recorded by the census taker. In any case, his two sons were there in 1800 with son John U. IV heading 170



his own household and son William U. III being in a home with his  
 father William U. II. We cannot, in fact, be sure whether William II  
 or III is the Head of the Household but we have assumed it was II  
 for sake of discussion.

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Let us continue with the John U. IV as it unfolds with considerable  
 clarity. One discordant note is the composition of the John U. IV  
 Household in 1800. Some have said that John U. IV had only one child,  
 Ambrose U., whom we do indeed find in the household in 1800. And, yet  
 we find another male in the home age 16 - 26. If our ages on John U.  
 IV and his wife are correct, the age 16 - 26 male is too old to have  
 been a son. This 16 - 26 male could have been a younger brother of  
 John U. IV. Also, there are other references in the records to a  
 John U., Jr. of Granville Co., NC, who had an illegitimate child.  
 The best we can say is that we need an identity for the age 16 - 26  
 male in the 1800 home of John U. IV. For the rest of the John U. IV  
 story, his son Ambrose U. married, had four children and was murdered  
 in 1824. We find these four children in the home of their gf John  
 U. IV in 1830. John U. IV and his wife are shown alone in their home in  
 1840, and do not appear on the 1850 census, presumably having died  
 in old age.

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After some debate we have concluded that the William H. U. on the  
 1850 and 1860 census records (Entries 25 and 38) is the fourth child  
 of Ambrose U. and that inspite of the age difference, is the husband  
 of Mary U. (Entry 26).

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Turning to the 1800 household for William U. II we have considerable  
 work left to identify the four females and the one male for which we  
 have no name. Our current assumption is that William U. III was  
 married in Granville Co., NC, in 1808. If this is the case, he would  
 have been a 26 year old single man in 1800 presumably without children.  
 It is possible that the 5 unidentified children ages under 10 to 26-45  
 could have been the children of William U. II, but not likely.

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There are many different possibilities to account for the unidentified  
 Upchurches on the 1800 census of Granville Co., NC, but to create  
 reasonable speculations we need a few more bits of data.

We know that the Elizabeth Johnson on the 1850 and 1860 census records  
 was an Upchurch as she md. William Johnson in 1838. At that time the  
 bride would have been 38 and the groom 61. The big question is - was she  
 a widow? It seems likely that Archibald H. U., b. 1831 was her son.  
 This Elizabeth (U.) Johnson could easily have been the widow of a son  
 of John U. IV or more likely of William U. II or III.

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Among the marriages for Granville Co., NC., there are several that  
 could help with some of the unidentified Upchurches. Caty (Catherine)  
 U. who md. in 1799 was probably b. ca 1779 and would fit the unidentified  
 female age 16 - 26 in the William U. II household in 1800.

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This presentation has been made in hopes that it will show where  
 we stand to date and thus encourage others to help improve the record.

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In a recent letter from Naomi Gene (Davis) Killinger we learn 5486  
 that some personal effects of the late Theora May (U.)(Killinger) 4846  
 Alm have come into her possession. Reportedly, these effects  
 include materials dealing with the widow and children of the famous  
 John Jordan U., son of Ambrose U. of the John U. IV/ 4806,2815,170/  
 Ambrose U. Subclan. We are interested to learn more about 2815  
 these materials.

Sam Bradley Parham has recently purchased a full set of the UB. 20622  
 We hope his interest grows. His involvement in Upchurch affairs  
 may be credited to his sister, Mrs. Jack Haskell Taylor, Jr., nee: 20628  
 Amelia Mae Parham II. They are descendants of William Henry U. I, 19230  
 a brother of the above mentioned John Jordan U. 4806

MARY ANN W. UPCHURCH OF THE  
JOHN UPCHURCH IV/AMBROSE UPCHURCH SUBCLAN

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Mary Ann W. Upchurch, b. 5 SEP 1841 (Granville Co., NC) 20594  
d. 4 DEC 1919 (Vera, TX)(Bur. Red Springs, TX), md. (1st)  
7 JUL 1859 (Granville Co., NC) Samuel A Parham, CSA, b. 20599  
1834 (Granville Co., NC) d. 30 MAR 1863 (Richmond, VA)

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(Bur. Tabbs Creek, Granville Co., NC), md. (2nd) 5 DEC 1865	
(Granville Co., NC) Tom Walker, md. 3rd	20600
William H. Mendenhall.	20601

Mary Ann W. U. is the dau of William Henry U. I,	20594,19230
b. 29 OCT 1824 (NC) and Mary Parrish, b. ca 1815 (NC), who	20593
md. 14 DEC 1840 (Granville Co., NC). This William Henry	19230
Upchurch I is a brother of the famous John Jordan Upchurch	4806
who organized the Ancient Order of United Workman (AOUW).	
These brothers are sons of Ambrose U. and gs. of	2815
John Upchurch IV, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 12.	170

We are especially pleased to publish this picture as it illustrates the breakthrough that has been made in this Granville Co., NC family over the last several years. The Granville Co., NC Upchurches have been difficult to resolve. Although progress continues to be made there are still a number of aspects that need attention.

Mary Ann W. U. was married three times but had only	20594
one child and that by her first husband who was killed	
in Confederate service. Her son Charles Huntley Parham,	20602
b. 24 NOV 1861 (Granville Co., NC), d. 14 APR 1917	
(Red Springs, TX)(Bur. Henson Cem., Red Springs, TX) is	
the grandfather of Amelia Mae (Parham II) Taylor of	20628
Wichita Falls, TX. We are indebted to Amelia for the	
above photograph and for her effective efforts in helping	
us to sort out the Granville Co., NC picture and for her	
help in organizing an outline for the family of	
Charles Huntley Parham.	20602