

Almeda (James) Johnson**XID – 10465**

Commentary: Almeda was the second wife of Benjamin Newton Upchurch. Benjamin was a son of another Benjamin and a grandson of Abel Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan 8.

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(no number) Records for two sons of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of the Abel Upchurch, Sr/Benjamin Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 2 Sep 2011

| 1880 Census – MS, Clarke Co, Enterprise | | | |
|---|------|------|-----|
| Name | | | Age |
| William Upchurch | head | 1830 | 50 |
| Mary Upchurch | wife | 1835 | 45 |
| John B Upchurch | son | 1866 | 14 |
| George Upchurch | son | 1870 | 10 |
| Richrd Upchurch | son | 1875 | 5 |
| Lonney Upchurch | son | 1878 | 2 |
| Betsie McGaw | mil | 1840 | 40 |

| 1880 Census – MS, Clarke Co, Enterprise | | | |
|---|-------|------|-----|
| Name | | | Age |
| Benja Upchurch | head | 1845 | 35 |
| Almita Upchurch | wife | 1850 | 30 |
| Lucinda Upchurch | dau | 1866 | 14 |
| Eddie Upchurch | son | 1877 | 3 |
| Lizzie McGaw | sd | 1861 | 19 |
| Lottie Upchurch | sis | 1840 | 40 |
| Alla Upchurch | niece | 1862 | 18 |
| Martha Johnson | sd | 1869 | 11 |
| Alonzo Obey | ss | 1872 | 8 |

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. Benjamin Upchurch 1805 – 1880 (Clarke Co, MS)

1. William Edward Upchurch, I born about 1830 (Marengo Co, AL) died 1880 (Quitman, Clarke Co, MS)

married 1864 (MS) Mary McGraw 1835 – 1873 (after 1880?)

a. John Benjamin Upchurch born 8 Jul 1865 (Clarke Co, MS)

b. George Edward Upchurch born 1870 (Clarke Co, MS)

c. Richard Upchurch born 1875 (Clarke Co, MS)

d. Lonnie Upchurch born 1878 (Clarke Co, MS)

2. Benjamin Newton Upchurch born 1845

married (1st) 6 Feb 1862 (Lauderdale Co, MS) Hannah J McGraw born () died probably 1873?

married (2nd) 22 Nov 1874 (Clarke Co, MS) **Almedia (James) Johnson** born 1 Jul 1841 (MS) died 8 Apr 1906

a. Lizzie McGraw born 1861 (stepdau of BNU)

(family outline continues below)

b. Lucinda Upchurch born 1866

c. Martha Johnson born Jan 1870 (stepdaughter of BNU)

d. Alonzo Obey born 1872 (stepson of BNU)

e. William Edward Upchurch, II (Sr) "Eddie"

f. [Alla Upchurch – niece of BNU – born 1862]

3. Lottie Upchurch born 1840 [sister of BNU] [Anna Charlotte Upchurch – "Lottie"]

(1) See letter 6 Apr 1983 Genevieve Ellen Upchurch to RPU

I. William Upchurch, IV – wrong – delete – RPU – should be Richard Upchurch, III

A. Abel Upchurch, Sr

1. Benjamin Upchurch

a. Benjamin N Upchurch born 1841 (MS) (Civil War Deserter)
married 22 Nov 1874 **Almita Johnson** born 1841 (MS)

(2) See Census – 1880 – Clarke Co, MS

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|---|---------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| Benjamin Upchurch | W,M | age 35 | born MS | |
| Almita Upchurch | wife | age 30 | born MS | |
| <u>Almita Johnson</u> [nee Almita James] | | | | |
| Lucinda Upchurch | dau | age 14 | born MS | |
| Eddie Upchurch | son | age 3 | born MS | [Edwin H Upchurch] |
| Lizzie McGaw | stepdau | age 19 | born MS | |
| Lottie Upchurch | sister | age 40 | born MS | |
| Alla Upchurch | niece | age 18 | born MS | |
| Martha Johnson | stepdau | age 11 | born MS | |
| Alonzo Obey | stepson | age 8 | born MS | |

(3) Benjamin Newton Upchurch born 1841 (MS) (possibly Lauderdale Co, MS) died 1883 – 1900

married 1st 6 Feb 1862 (Lauderdale Co, MS) Hannah J McGraw probably died 1873

married 2nd 22 Nov 1874 Almeita (James) Johnson born 1 Jul 1841 (MS) died 8 Apr 1906 ()

(Buried – Oak Grove Cemetery, Bonita, Lauderdale Co, MS). They married in Clarke Co, MS)

Almeita had a daughter Martha Johnson by her first husband. She also appears to have had a son Alonzo Obey possibly between her 1st husband (--- Johnson) and her 2nd – Benjamin Newton Upchurch. Benjamin Newton Upchurch had one child by each of his two wives. **Almeita** had three children, one of which had died by 1900, possibly Alonzo Obey. (42, Page 28)

(4) MS – 1880 Census – Clarke Co, MS

(see chart below)

| 1880 United States National Census | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------------|-----|------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|--------|
| Census Place: | Enterprise, Clarke, Mississippi | | | | | | | | | |
| Source: | FHL Film 1254644 | | | National Archives Film T9-0644 | | | Page 89C | | | |
| Name | Relation | Sex | Marr | Race | Age | Birthplace | Occ: | Fa: | Mo: | |
| <u>Benja UPCHURCH</u> ¹ | 1 | Self | M | M | W | 35 | MS | Occ: Farmer | Fa: NC | Mo: NC |
| Almita UPCHURCH | 2 | Wife | F | M | W | 30 | MS | Occ: Keeping House | Fa: SC | Mo: MS |
| Lucinda UPCHURCH | 3 | Dau | F | S | W | 14 | MS | Occ: Operative | Fa: MS | Mo: MS |
| Eddie UPCHURCH | 4 | Son | M | S | W | 3 | MS | | Fa: MS | Mo: MS |
| Lizzie MC GAW | 5 | SDau | F | S | W | 19 | MS | Occ: Operative | Fa: AL | Mo: MS |
| Lottie UPCHURCH | 6 | Sister | F | W | W | 40 | MS | Occ: At Home | Fa: NC | Mo: NC |
| Alla UPCHURCH | 7 | Niece | F | S | W | 18 | MS | Occ: Operative | Fa: MS | Mo: MS |
| Martha JOHNSON | 8 | SDau | F | S | W | 11 | MS | Occ: Operative | Fa: SCOTLAND | Mo: |
| MS | - | | | | | | | | | |
| Alonzo OBEY | 9 | SSon | M | S | W | 8 | MS | | Fa: MS | Mo: MS |

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. Benjamin Upchurch

1. Benjamin Newton Upchurch = #1

#2 = Almedia (James) Johnson

#4 = William Edward Upchurch, Sr “Eddie”

#5 = Lizzie McGraw

#6 = Anna Charlotte Upchurch

(5) See letter 20 Mar 1991 Hazel Ruth Bullabaugh to RPU

re: nee Almedia James

Our trip to Meridian was as unproductive as I had expected it to be...but I had to try. The only information we obtained is that Alimetia James Upchurch's name is not spelled correctly in the present records. Her name was Almedia. She was the wife of Benjamin Newton and was Uppie's grandmother. We learned this at the Oak Grove Cemetary at Bonita (Meridian). We found the plot where she is buried and that is the name on the stone. I am sure it is correct because her daughter, Martha Wheeler Johnson, her husband, and others are buried on the same plot and I am sure that Martha had the correct spelling of the name on her mother's stone. We also feel sure that the plot just behind the Wheeler plot is where William Edward, Sr., Carrie James Upchurch and Zella Upchurch are buried. It is the only vacant looking lot in the entire cemetary and since no stones were erected, we cannot be sure until we get back down and try to find out where we can find the map of the cemetary and the names of those who owned the plots. If we can find this information and the name in which the deed is recorded is Bates, then we know for sure and if we can somehow locate the exact spots of burial, I will have stones put up. Uppie is not feeling very well these days so I don't know exactly when I can get away to drive down again. All the people with whom we came in contact at Meridian (Lauderdale County) and also at Decatur (Newton County) were as helpful as could be.

(6) See letter 14 Nov 1964 Mrs Lois Taylor to William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr in biofile of Lois Taylor

Lois reports that **Almedia James** married twice before she married Benjamin Newton Upchurch to --- --- Johnson and to --- --- William McGaw [Uncle of Lois] who died in the Civil War. [I am not sure of the order of the first two marriages – RPU]