

experience in Feb 1826. They were active members of the church during their lifetimes. Buried at the church cemetery. The couple had ten known children. (29, Page 162)

(6) See letter 10 Aug 1990 Bettye Joyce Maynard to RPU
John Upchurch married 14 Aug 1821 (Lebanon Co, TN) **Caty Johnson** Marriage Book 458

(7) See attachment 18 to 2 Feb 1978 letter Elna Era Burkhalter to RPU
A. Marriage Bonds – Lebanon, Wilson Co, TN.
John Upchurch married Caty Johnson on 14 Aug 1821.

(no number) See Deed File Re: sale of 80-acre tract by the heirs of Samuel Upchurch (Head of the John Upchurch, III/ Samuel Upchurch Sub-clan) in Gallatin co, IL on 30 Sep 1842. The land was being sold by the heirs to Thomas L Upchurch, one of the sons of Samuel Upchurch and it was necessary for all heirs and spouses to concur.

- Conventional List of the
children of Samuel Upchurch
1. Sally Upchurch died before 1806
married () Valentine VanHooser
 2. Rebecca Upchurch died before 1835
no marriage located
 3. **David Upchurch** married (2nd) 1824
Elizabeth Orr
 4. **John Upchurch** married Catharine
Johnson*
 5. **William L Upchurch** married ()
--- Moberly, married () Amanda --- ---
 6. Mary Rebecca **Upchurch** "Polly"*
married () **Nathan Bramlet**
 7. **Susannah Upchurch*** married **Coleman B
Bramlet**
 8. **Nancy Upchurch*** married Isaac **Cantrell**
 9. **Thomas L Upchurch** married Mary Davis
 10. **Jonathan A Upchurch** married **Nancy
Brown***
 11. **Elizabeth Upchurch*** married Joseph
Thompson
 12. James Upchurch
- * = used mark "x" for signature

Learned from the Deed
Children #1, 2, 12 not mentioned – hence
presumed deceased with no heirs.
 = Names confirmed by
the deed
For John Upchurch #4, his wife is listed
(twice) as Katharine Upchurch, hence
nee **Katharine Johnson***
For William L Upchurch (#5) – no wife
is listed so he may have been
between wives
For Nancy Upchurch (#8) she appears as
Nancy Cantrell but no husband is listed;
presume he is deceased (He is.)

For Thomas L Upchurch - no wife listed -
presumably because he is buying the
property

For Elizabeth Upchurch (#11) – her husband
is shown clearly as Charles Thompson (not
Joseph Thompson)

(10) See Bible File – Bible of John Upchurch Family (XID – 4320)

A. Life of Catherine Johnson from a printed article found in the Bible of Edmund and Mary Jane (Upchurch) Read – Bible in possession of Arthur Read, Raleigh, IL

(see below)

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B. Details in the Bible proper

State of Illinois, Saline County April 10, A. D. 1858. The following tell the date of birth and date of marriage and age at marriage of our father's family.

John UPCHURCH b. October 18, 1798

Catharine UPCHURCH b. May 7, 1803 [CJ↑]

Married August 16, 1821 - John's age 22y 9m 2d

Catharine's age - 18y 3m 9d [CJ↑]

difference in age 5y 6m 20d

Father died 1844, February 2, aged 45y 3m 15d [FAT = John U b 1798]

(11) See letter 10 Oct 1997 Melinda Westbrook Berg to RPU

CJ was the daughter of Jordan Johnson {Note – another source speculates that **CJ** and Jordan Johnson are brother and sister – need more evidence for either case – RPU}

(12) Page 6 of letter 25 Apr 1981 Mary Afton Irvin to Richard Dean Upchurch

STATE OF TENNESSEE, *Wilson* COUNTY, ss.
 To any regular Minister of the Gospel, having the care of souls, or
 _____ any Justice of the Peace.
 THE Clerk do authorize you or either of you, to solemnize the rites of Matrimony be-
 tween *John Upchurch* and *Cathy Johnson*
 of your county, according to the direction of an act of Assembly in such case made and
 provided, provided that the said *Cathy Johnson* be an
 actual resident in this county—otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall not be
 accounted any license or authority to you, or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid, more
 than though the same had never been prayed or granted, &c. Given at the clerk's office
 of said county court, this *14th* day of *August* 18*81*
14 Aug 1881
John Allcorn cl

Copies made for biofiles of:

Catharine Johnson XID – 10406

John Upchurch XID – 4320

(13) See letter 6 Sep 1991 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

I ran across this somewhere:

John Upchurch

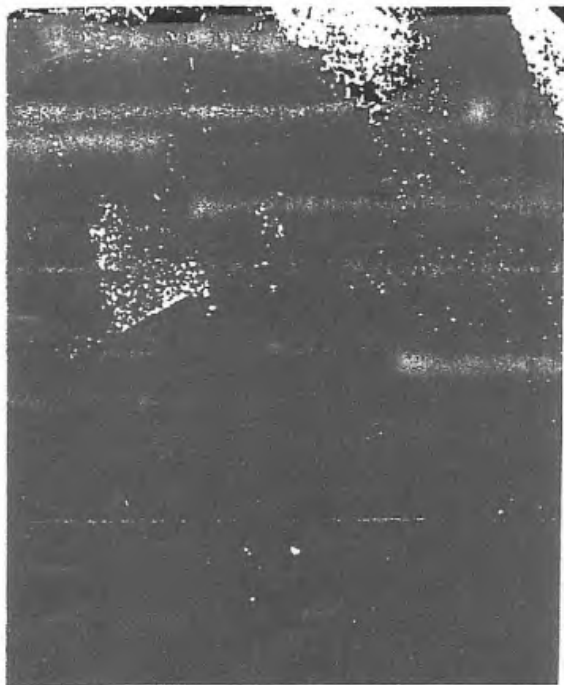
born 1798 (Nash Co, NC)

married **Catharine Johnson**

They moved to Wilson Co, TN and then to Galatin Co, IL.

(biofile continues below)

(14) Page 5 from letter 25 Apr 1981 Mary Afton Irvin to Richard Dean Upchurch



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 Caswell Bluford Upchurch XID - 5488

(15) Wife of John Upchurch (born 12 Oct 1798). John Upchurch was son of Samuel Upchurch (born 11 Sep 1772) whom see. John and Catherine (Johnson) Upchurch had 2 daughters:

- Mary Jane Upchurch married Edmund Read - MJU great grandmother of Eugene H Read, cooperator
- Lavina Upchurch married Joseph Read - brother of Edmund

(16) From: Letter 6 Oct 2011 – Martha Susan Searles to RPU

I. John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Samuel Upchurch

1. John Upchurch born 1798 (NC) married Aug 1821 () ***Catherine Johnson**

a. Thomas J Upchurch

i. Edward Richelers Upchurch born 7 Mar 1865 (Lusk/Raum, Pope Co, IL) died 12 Dec 1865 (Lusk/Raum, Pope Co, IL) (Buried ---)

ii. Jonathan Berry Upchurch born Lusk (near Raum), Pope Co, IL
[“Dad” always said Luck – Martha guesses the family lived between Luck + Raum] died Eldorado, Saline Co, IL

married () Mary Elizabeth Moore died in Eldorado, Saline Co, IL.
She lived with daughter Mayme Estella Upchurch on her farm in Galatia but as she became more ill she moved to home of daughter Ethel Susan Catala Upchurch in Eldorado, IL.

Note: Mayme and Ethel were definitely born in Herrin, Williamson Co, IL

(I) Effie May Upchurch

(A) Jewell Aileen Mathieu

married (2nd) () Harrel Baldwin

(B) Madeline Sue Mathieu died last week of Sep 2011

(I) Mayme Estella Upchurch

(A) Mary Louise Brown died of polio 11 Dec 1929
(North Fork, Saline Co, IL) born North Fork, Saline Co, IL born same place

(B) Pauline Brown born North Fork, Saline Co, IL

(C) Robert Eugene Brown – lives in FL -----

b. Caswell Bluford Upchurch

*Note: MSS provides a copy of 1850 Census for Raleigh, Saline Co, IL showing widow **Catherine** Upchurch with 5 young children (5 older ones gone) – with son David Macklin Upchurch next door = RPU 25 Nov 2011

What are your thoughts on this ---

Evidence shows John Upchurch (born 1798) married **Catherine Johnson** in Aug 1821.

Evidence also shows **their** first-born child Caswell Bluford was **born one year before** this.

In those day, the **woman** would have been disgraced if **she** didn't marry immediately upon finding **herself** with child. I see no reference that he could have been adopted. The surname “Bluford” was rare in Ill, although more common in England.