

Jubal Upchurch and His Family UAFA Enrolled Family AFEF No. 9

I. Introduction

This compendium for the descendants of Jubal Upchurch is being created, maintained, and updated by the Upchurch and Allied Families Association and cooperators with the purpose of having at one online site details about this UAFA “enrolled” family. Today, thousands can trace their heritage back to Jubal Upchurch.

Each UAFA enrolled family is served by a coordinator. Initially, the default coordinator of all enrolled families is Phil Upchurch, the founder of UAFA. Financial support is required to enroll and augment records for an enrolled family and to keep it online for the long term. The financial co-sponsors of the Jubal Upchurch Upchurch family and active supporters will be reported in periodic e-newsletters to the Jubal Upchurch Upchurch Sr. family. The ultimate goal is to have a minimal endowment of \$10,000 for this family, the earnings of which will support the records of this particular family and UAFA.

Historically, the records for the Jubal Upchurch Upchurch family have been found in a great many places. By “enrolling” this family under the auspices of UAFA, the intent is to have a central portal which will readily allow a member of this family to see and understand reference materials about their heritage. Much of this material exists in the Allied Family Archives amassed by Phil Upchurch over a forty year period. This and other resources will set the stage for further research, or for the creation of a comprehensive family history. Progress will depend on collaboration.

Readers are aware of the large amount of conflicting data for any given family on Ancestry.com and other sites. It is difficult and essentially impossible to get these conflicts resolved online. Furthermore, some of these sites fade from view over time. The plan and intent of UAFA is to resolve both of those issues. It is our intent that content portrayed by UAFA for an enrolled family will be factual and subject to ongoing validation and that the content will remain online for the long term under the auspices of UAFA. To make this a reality, UAFA must be sustained by an active volunteer Board of Directors, volunteer cooperators must be active participants, and some hired help must be available. Tax-deductible financial contributions will be important to allow all of this to happen. You may go to the [Home Page](#) of this website to find a membership/contribution form.

JUBAL U., I AND HIS FAMILY

Jubal U., I, b. abt. 1776, at age 14, fills a 0-16 slot in the home of his father Richard U., II on the 1790 census of Franklin Co., NC. By 1800 Jubal U., I had married and heads his own household. It contains his 3-year old son Little Berry U., and a 1-year old daughter, name not learned. Also in the home in 1800 is a male, age 16-26, who is probably his brother Thomas U., b. abt. 1780.

The 1810 census of Franklin Co., NC shows Jubal U., I has added to his family sons Calvin and Stephen and daughter Frances. Jubal's presumed brother is no longer in the household. The 1830 census reveals three more children, making 8 altogether. The three include a son, name not learned, b. abt. 1810, daughter Charlotte, b. abt. 1812 and son John, b. abt. 1814. Jubal U., I died in Franklin Co., abt. 1836. His widow Charlotte (Pearce) U. appears on the 1840 and 1850 census records of Franklin Co., NC. At one time Jubal U., I owned over 2,000 acres of land in Franklin Co., NC.

The children and grandchildren of Jubal U., I played out their lives in central NC for the most part and substantial records are available for them. We are yet to identify the daughter, b. 1799, who appears in the home in 1800 and 1810. Son Calvin U. died in 1844 at age 41. His widow remarried promptly and in 1850 we find his three sons just to the south in Cumberland Co., NC. Daughter Frances U., b. 1807, is a challenge. The question is whether or not she is the Frances U. who md. in 1829 Blake Baker or did he marry a different Frances - namely Frances (Gay) U., the widow of Williford U., s/o James U., VII. The path of son John U., b. abt. 1814, has been difficult to document as we have yet much to do to sort out records for the several males by this name for the places and times under consideration.

Jubal U. I, b. abt. 1776.

- 1. Little Berry U., b. abt. 1797.**
 - a. Roena U., b. abt. 1827.**
 - b. Martha M U., b. abt. 1829.**
 - c. Mary A. U., b. abt. 1835.**
 - d. Elizabeth U., b. abt. 1839.**
- 2. John U., b. abt. 1804.**
- 3. Stephen U., b. abt. 1804.**
 - a. Benjamin U., b. abt. 1829.**
 - b. Jack U.**
 - c. Calvin U.**
 - d. Lucinda U., b. abt. 1837.**
 - e. Charlotte U., b. abt. 1837.**
 - f. Geneva Ann U., b. abt. 1844.**
 - g. Joseph Henry U., b. abt. 1846.**
 - h. Sallie Jane U., b. 4 NOV 1855.**
 - i. Rebecca U., b. abt. 1859.**
 - j. William U., b. abt. 1869.**
 - k. Byrant U., b. MAY 1860 (vs 1853).**
 - l. John H. U., b. abt. 1879 (Stepson?).**
- 4. Calvin U., b. abt. 1805.**
 - a. Benjamin U., b. 29 OCT 1830.**
 - b. John U., b. abt. 1831.**
 - c. Nathan E. U., b. abt. 1832.**
- 5. Frances U., b. abt. 1807 (This person may not be daughter of Jubal U. but possibly was the widow of Williford U. who died before 16 NOV 1829 on which date his widow "Fances U." md. Blake Baker).**
- 6. Charlotte U., b. abt. 1813 - Married.**
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EXCERPTS FROM THE UPCHURCH BULLETIN

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CLAN 6 (JUBAL UPCHURCH)

Jubal Upchurch lived all of his adult life in the Moccasin Creek 158 area of NC where he appears to have died between 1830 and 1840. There were seven members in his family according to the Franklin Co., NC census of 1810. In 1809 he had 765 acres on the tax rolls and 2165 acres in 1820. His descendants remain to be documented.

INTRODUCTION AND OUTLINE OF THE JUBAL UPCHURCH CLAN
(CLAN NO. 6)

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For several years information has been accumulating on what seemed to be three isolated and seemingly unrelated Upchurch groups. Through continued research and some fortunate developments we are now able to link these circumstances by revealing for the first time an outline of the Jubal U. Clan. The three seemingly unrelated circumstances were as follows: 158

- . Jubal U. (known to be a son of Richard U. II, gs of James U. I, ggs of Richard U. I, and gggs of Michael U. I) accumulated a large tract of land in the early 1800's in Franklin Co., NC but the names of his descendants were unknown. 158,152 151,149,146
- . A group of six Upchurch children and some of their descendants came to be known as brothers and sisters with a mother named Charlotte (Pearce) Upchurch but the name of her Upchurch husband was unknown.
- . Three young males, b. ca 1830, appeared in separate households on the 1850 census of Johnston Co., NC and extensive details have been collected on some descendants but the father of the three males was unknown.

The six Upchurch children, as shown in the outline which follows, were Littleberry U., Calvin U., John U., Stephen U. 14637,14646,13983,13984 Charlotte U., and a female, name unknown. Our breakthrough on linking these children to their father, Jubal U., came as a result of an entry in the book Kinfolds of Franklin County, NC 1793-1844, by Joseph W. Watson. This book was purchased with money from the Upchurch Research Fund. On page 134 of the book there is the entry "Jubal Upchurch deed of gift to his son Littleberry Upchurch 23 JUN 1821 Deed Book 20 Pg 38 Franklin Co., NC". We already knew that Littleberry U. was a brother of Calvin U. as Calvin in his 1844 Franklin Co., NC WILL named his three brothers and his one sister. We picked up from the census records that there was another daughter of Jubal U., but her name has not been learned. We speculate that she married as a young woman and probably lived in the Franklin Co., NC area and had children. 158 14637 14637,14646

The linking of the three males on the 1850 census of Johnston Co., NC is somewhat more speculative. However, we are convinced from the circumstances that these three males, Benjamin U., John U., and Nathan U. are the sons of Calvin U. and the grandsons of Jubal U. The principal circumstantial evidence is that there were three males age 5-10 years in the Calvin U. household on the 1840 census of Franklin Co., NC. Calvin U. died in 1844 and the household appears to have dispersed. His widow, Agnes (Young) U. remarried before the end of 1844 to Young A Winston. Calvin U. 14648,14893 14894,14646 158 14646 14646 14647

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left money to his mother and to his siblings and all of his land to his widow but made no mention of his children. This is a peculiar situation. Nevertheless, the three young males were present in the home of Calvin and Agnes (Young) U. in 1840 and one presumes they had to go somewhere. The only names and ages that would fit as reported from central NC counties on the 1850 census are the three mentioned in the Johnston Co., NC census. We will continue to seek additional confirming information but will proceed on the basis that the three males are sons of Calvin U. as shown in the outline below. 14646

It appears that Jubal U. was born about 1775 in Franklin Co., NC and that he was possibly the youngest child of Richard U. II. Jubal U. was too young to have served in the Revolution. He married fairly young as his first child, Littleberry U., appears to have been born about 1797. Jubal started accumulating land early and appears to have made his first purchase in 1795 from John Pearce of Franklin Co., NC. He subsequently made many purchases and eventually accumulated over 2000 acres in his home county. One reference shows that he lost or mortgaged his land in 1827 but this reference needs to be verified. In the 1830's and early 1840's, Jubal's son Calvin became a large land holder in Franklin Co., NC in the same area where his father lived. It seems likely that some or perhaps most of Jubal's land found its way into Calvin's hands but that needs more documentation. 158, 152, 158, 14637, 158, 14646, 158, 14646

While the name of Jubal U. is prominent in Franklin Co., NC as to land transactions we know surprisingly little about him otherwise. Presumably he died about 1836 as he had a land transaction in 1832 and he does not appear on the 1840 census. As far as we know he left no WILL and no record of the disposition of his estate has been encountered. We do not know the name of his wife. In 1822 he was said to be holding 500 acres of land for Nancy. This could have been his wife but we speculate it was for his sister, Nancy U., about whom we know almost nothing. 158, 2817

A quick glance at the records below will show that we have much work to do in adding to the outline for Jubal U. and his descendants. Many of these appear to reside today in southern Franklin Co., NC (Moccasin Creek Area, Pilot Area, Zebulon Area) and in nearby areas. Jubal's son Stephen is known to have moved to Wake Co., NC. For son, John U., we have no record of a marriage but he bears another distinction. As far as we know John U. is the only member of our extended family sentenced to be hung. His sentence was given in 1849 in Franklin Co., NC and was for the burning of a neighbor's mill house. The sentence was appealed to the N. C. Supreme Court and we have yet to learn if he was actually executed. Until we gather more evidence let us take the charitable position that Cousin John U. had a justifiable grievance against the owner of the mill house and that he simply showed bad taste in taking the law in his own hands. 158, 13984, 13983, 13983, 13983

We will welcome more information on the Jubal U. Clan. An outline for this 5th generation descendant of Michael U. I and the following 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th generations is provided below. 158, 146

Note that each child of Jubal U. is the head of a Subclan in the Jubal U. Clan.

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OUTLINE

Jubal U., b. ca 1775 (p. Franklin Co., NC), d. ca 1836 (p. Franklin Co., NC)(Bur. p. Franklin Co., NC) md. unknown. His descendants:	158
I. Littleberry U., b. ca 1797, d. after 1880, md. 1 OCT 1824 (Franklin Co., NC) Elizabeth Williams, b. ca 1806, d. ca 1875.	14637 14638
A. Rowena U., b. ca 1827, d. after 1880, md. _____ Johnson.	14639
1. John S. Johnson, b. ca 1865.	14640
B. Martha U., b. ca 1830.	14641
C. Mary U., b. ca 1835.	14642
D. Elizabeth U., b. ca 1839, md. 28(20) AUG 1863 James Bolton.	14643 14644
1. Anne Bolton, b. ca 1864.	14645
II. Calvin U., b. ca 1805 (p. Franklin Co., NC), d. 1844 (p. Franklin Co., NC)(Bur. p. same), md. 14 DEC 1826 (Franklin Co., NC) Agnes Young, b. ca 1805.	14646 14647
A. Benjamin U., b. 28(29) OCT 1830 (p. Franklin Co., NC), d. 1910 (Bur Harnett Co., NC), md. (1st) 10 NOV 1850 (Cumberland Co., NC) Areabell (Isabella) Medlin ¹ /. b/ ca 1828, d. before 1870, md. (2nd) Catherine Johnson ² /, AUG 1842 (NC), d. 16 JUN 1913 (Bur Harnett Co., NC).	14648 14649 14650
1. ¹ / James B. U., b. AUG 1851 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. (Bur. Buies Creek, NC), md. ca 1874 Mary E. Wilson, b. AUG 1855 (NC).	14651 14652
a. Lonnie U., b. ca 1875 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14719
b. Lenora U., b. ca 1877 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. (Bur. -) md. Levander Denning.	14709 14710
c. Lillie B. U., b. MAY 1879 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. ca 1804 (of TB)(Bur. Buies Creek, NC) died young. Never married.	14653
d. Charles Herbert U., b. JUN 1882 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. 1954 (Bur Buies Creek, NC), md. Mary Etta Stewart, b.-, d. 1957 (Bur. AS HUS).	14654 14655
e. James Bernard U., b. OCT 1884 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. 1926 (Bur. Buies Creek, NC), md. Ophelia Mitchell b. ca 1896, d. 28 MAR 1982 (Erwin, NC)(Bur. Buies Creek, NC).	14670 14671
f. Eva U., b. SEP 1887 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. ca 1912 (of TB)(Bur. Buies Creek, NC).	14703
g. Maude U., b. JUL 1893 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. (Bur. Fayetteville, NC), md. Cooper Hall, Sr.	14704 14705
2. John C. U., b. FEB 1855 (p. Harnett Co., NC), md. Annie _____.	14720
a. Elizabeth U., b. 1880 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14721
b. Mary B. U., b. JUN 1884 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14722
c. Addison U., b. APR 1886 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14723
d. Grover C. U., b. SEP 1892 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14724
e. William F. U., b. MAR 1894 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14725
f. Elizabeth U., b. MAR 1896 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14726
g. Eddie C. U., b. AUG 1898 (p. Harnett Co., NC).	14727

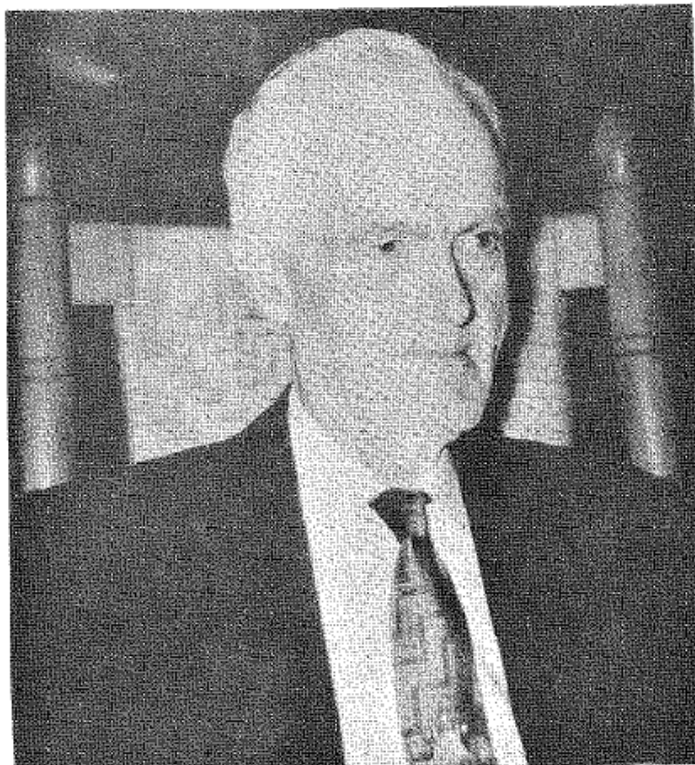
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3. Edgar U., "Kitt", b. ca 1857 (p. Harnett Co., NC), md.-. 14728
 - a. William U., md. _____. 14729
 - b. Sim U., b. -, d. ca 1975, md. Iola Meriam _____, 14732
 - b. ca 1904, d. SEP 1983.
 4. Joseph Calvin U., b. 7 MAR 1858 (p. Harnett Co., NC), 14733
 - d. 22 FEB 1923 (Bur. Harnett Co., NC), md. ca 1884
 - Jennett Cofield, b. 7 MAR 1869, d. 14 JAN 1925 (Bur. 14734
 - Harnett Co., NC).
 - a. Iola U., b. 25 JUL 1886 (NC). Never married. 14735
 - b. Malcolm Calvin U., b. 22(24) Aug 1888 (NC), 14736
 - d. 17 NOV 1954, md. 23 DEC 1915 Mary Electa Johnson, 14737
 - b. 3 OCT 1892, d. 20 NOV 1968.
 - c. Joseph Baxton U., Sr., b. 2 SEP 1890 (NC), md.____. 14745
 - d. Walter "Phonie" U., b. 7 NOV 1892 (NC), md. 14774
 - e. Call U., b. 10 FEB 1895 (NC), md. Mamie_____. 14779
 - f. Jannie U., b. 27 DEC 1899 (NC). 14784
 5. Jefferson Davis U., b. 10 SEP 1861 (p. Harnett Co., NC), 14785
 - d. 1933 (Bur. Buies Creek, NC), md. Virginia Horton, 14786
 - b. 16 DEC 1869 (NC).
 - a. John Cleveland U., b. 5 JUL 1887 (1886)(NC), d. 14787
 - 4 JUN 1959, md. 13 OCT 1907 Lutha Almira Stewart, 14788
 - b. 10 DEC 1890, d. 28 FEB 1976.
 - b. Bennie U., b. 22 APR 1891 (NC). 14793
 - c. Lessie U., b. 22 OCT 1893 (NC). 14794
 - d. Ezra U., b. 6 JAN 1896 (NC). 14795
 - e. Bessie U., b. 14 DEC 1897 (NC). 14796
 - f. Jefferson Woodrow U., Sr., b. 13 APR 1912 (p. 14797
 - Harnett Co., NC).
 - g. Annabelle U., md. Levi McCleod. 14802,14803
 - h. Lala U., md. Herbert Betts. 14808,14809
 - i. Ben U. 14812
 - j. John David U. 14813
 - k.
 - l.
 - m. (13 childred per Jefferson Woodrow U., Jr. - 11 lived to be adults).
 6. Charlie H. U., b. APR 1865(22 AUG 1867)(p. Harnett Co., 14814
 - NC), d. (Harnett Co., NC)(Bur. Harnett Co., NC), md.
 - Joanne McKey, b. 1871 (JAN 1869), d. 1939 (Harnett Co., NC).
 - a. Alonzo Malcolm U., "Lonnie", b. 13 MAR 1889, d. 196-,14816
 - md. Rachel Sauls, b. 1889, d. 1958. 14817
 - b. Edward D. U., b. OCT 1893, d. JUL 1981, md. 14827
 - Lena Hurst. 14828
 - c. Ada U., b. 5 MAR 1896 (NC), d. 15 DEC 1917. 14834
 - d. Mayton Charles U., Sr., b. SEP 1897 (NC), md. (2nd) 14835
 - Connie Mae Pleasant, b. ca 1912, d. 22 FEB 1985 14836
 - (Bur. Angier, NC).
 - e. Vada U., b. OCT 1899 (NC). 14840
 - f. Frank C. U., b. 18 JUL 1901 (Wake Co., NC), d. 14841
 - 22 JUL 1976 (Harnett Co., NC)(Bur. Harnett Co., NC),
 - md. Alberta Collins, b. 1900. 14845
 - g. Ben J. U., b. md. Alpha Stephens Sears. 14842,14846
 - h. Lucy U., b. 17 JUL 1911, d. 12 NOV 1944 (Bur. 14843
 - AS FAT), md. _____ Arrington.
 - i. Clarence L. U., Sr., b. 1913, d. 14 JAN 1966, md.____. 14844

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7.	Mary Elizabeth U., b. 3 APR 1875 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. 26 OCT 1948 (Bur. Harnett Co., NC), md. Bill Babb.	14866 14867
	a. Carlie Babb.	14868
	b. Mae Babb.	14869
	c. Pearl Babb.	14870
	d. Son.	
	e. Daughter.	
8.	Benjamin Franklin U., b. JUN 1880 (p. Harnett Co., NC), d. 1901 (Bur. Harnett Co., NC). Never married.	14871
9.	William Franklin U., b. 1873, d. MAR 1969, md. Alice Hockaday.	14872 14873
	a. James Monroe U., b. 18 JUL 1899, d. 28 MAR 1948, md. Rosalie Coats, b. 14 MAR 1910 (Wake Co., NC), d. 16 NOV 1977 (Raleigh, NC)(Bur. AS HUS).	14874 14875
	b. Leonard Lee U., b. 24 APR 1901, d. 22 APR 1971, md. 13 MAR 1920 (Harnett Co., NC) Nancy Catherine McCleod, b. 7 JAN 1902.	14878 14879
	c. Bertie U., b. 7 NOV 1905, d. 15 JUN 1980, md. Swannie W. Dupree.	14880 14888
	d. Glenn U., b. 20 MAR 1906, md. ____.	14890
	e. Daughter, md. T. G. Bashford.	
	B. John U., b. ca 1831.	14893
	C. Nathan E. U., b. ca 1832.	14894
III.	John U., b. ca 1805.	13983
IV.	Stephen U., b. ca 1805, d. ca 1885, md. (1st) 20 JUL 1828 (Franklin Co., NC) Rebecca Chamblee1/, b. ca 1805.	13984 13985
	md. (2nd) 16 MAR 1841 (Wake Co., NC) Ann Medlin, b. ca 1827.	13986
	A. 1/Probable son on 1830 census as less than 5 years old.	
	B. Geneva Ann U., b. ca 1844.	13987
	C. Joseph Henry U. I, b. ca 1849.	14628
	D. Sallie U., b. ca 1851.	14629
	E. Bryant U., b. ca 1853, d. -, md. 10 OCT 1877 (Wake Co., NC) Sarah Florence Kirk, b. ca 1855, d. - before 1900.	14631 14631
	1. Sarah (Rebecca A. U.) U., b. JUL 1878 (NC).	14632
	2. Minnie U., b. JUL 1881 (NC).	14633
	3. J. A. U., b. MAR 1885 (NC).	14634
	4. Joseph Henry U., II, b. SEP 1892 (NC).	14635
	F. Rebecca U., b. ca 1859.	14636
	G. William U., b. ca 1869.	
	H. John H. U., b. ca 1879 (Probable son of Geneva Ann U.).	
V.	Charlotte U., b. ca 1810, md. 11 JUN 1833 (Franklin Co., NC) John Sanders.	13981 13982
VI.	Unknown daughter.	

II. PHOTOGRAPH

Thomas Yates Baker, Sr., Grandson of
 Frances Upchurch of the
 Jubal U./Frances U. Subclan

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Thomas Yates Baker, Sr., b. 7 MAR 1880 (Wake Co., NC) 21797
 d. 5 April 1965 (Wake Co., NC) is the father of Mary 21973
 Margaret Baker, who married Dr. Willis Alton Reid, Sr. 21979
 and the gf of Dr. Willis Alton Reid, Jr., who kindly 21981
 supplied the above photograph. This one sentence could
 be expanded into a book on coincidences associated with
 the Upchurch Family. Some explanation is in order.

This saga started with a 4 JUN 1978 letter from
 Edythe Medlin Tippet of Zebulon, NC. She reported that 2811
 a friend, Willis Reid, Jr. had found a Frances U. who
 md. a Blake Baker in Wake Co., NC in 1829. She reported
 that Willis, Jr. was in Brazil and could do no more work

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until he returned in about five years. The next chapter in this saga was the presentation of the Jubal U. Clan in the January 1986 issue of the UB. Jubal U. was shown to have six children including an unnamed dau. Quoting from the UB "We picked up from the census records that there was another dau of Jubal U., but her name has not yet been learned. We speculate that she married as a young woman and probably lived in the Franklin Co., NC area and had children". The third chapter in the saga was when Willis Alton Reid, Jr. published details on the William Kearney Phillips I bible in the NOV 1988 issue of the N. C. Genealogical Society Bulletin. Chapter four in the saga was my letter to Willis, Jr. dated 7 JAN 1989 in which I reported our cousinship in view of the fact that we are both descended from Richard U. II. Chapter five came in the response of Willis, Jr. dated 11 FEB 1989 from which the following quote is taken: "Your letter of 7 January 1989 beat me to the draw. I had been informed of you and the UPCHURCH BULLETIN by our mutual cousin, Fritz McDuffie of Oak Ridge, TN, and have been meaning to write you ever since. Before doing that, however, I felt obliged to spend a few weekends in the Library of Congress reviewing past issues of the Bulletin. I had not heard of this publication before, but found it fascinating reading". Willis, Jr. goes on to confirm and amplify what was known, that Beatrice Gertrude Phillips (who md. Thomas Yates Baker), the gm of Willis, Jr., was descended from two gd of Richard U. III, namely, Elizabeth Thany U. and Gilly U. Further, Willis, Jr. reports, as we already knew, that another Upchurch connection exists in that William Kearney Phillips I, md. a Susan Pearce who was a dau of Susan U. We have yet to define the father of this Susan U. but she almost certainly was a gd of Richard U. II. But the greatest genealogical thrill was that Willis, Jr. proposed that the Frances U., who was his gggm and who md. his gggf Blake Baker, was none other than the as yet unidentified dau of Jubal U. referred to in the January 1986 issue of UB. Additional checking from several standpoints provided additional circumstantial evidence of the validity of this proposal. The evidence is sufficiently convincing that we have commenced assigning XID numbers and now have a new entry - the Jubal U./Frances U. Subclan. This Frances U. is the same as the one Edythe Tippet wrote about in 1978 but it took us until 1989 to figure out how she was connected. This shows that the "lost" females can be identified. There is no doubt that we have more wonderful discoveries in store for us in the Richard U. II Branch of the family

There is still a sixth chapter to this saga. Willis, Jr. reported that his father, Dr. Willis Alton Reid, Sr.,

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was Professor of Chemistry at N. C. State University from 1930 to his retirement in 1975. Only at this point did I realize that this very same Professor Reid had taught me Organic Chemistry in the mid-1940s and that he and I had served as fellow faculty members at N. C. State from 1953 - 1965. I recall him as a courtly southern gentleman, soft-spoken but highly respected. Willis, Jr. reports that his father is enjoying retirement and that - "If there's a good fishing hole in Wake County, he knows it!".

We are grateful to Dr. Willis Alton Reid, Jr. for his interest in the Upchurch Family and for his continuing productive research on it. 21981

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In the Jubal U./Calvin U. Subclan we are making spectacular progress on the Benjamin U. line. For this we owe an exceptional debt of gratitude to cousin Paul Turner U. "Chris" of Key Biscayne, FL. He has made several trips to NC to sort out family history.

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CLAN 6. (JUBAL UPCHURCH).

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We are anxious to have more cooperators for this clan. Jubal U. was a wealthy son of Richard U., II, judging from the amount of land he owned in the Moccasin Creek Area of Franklin Co., NC, during his lifetime (b. ca 1775, d. ca 1836). He, no doubt, inherited land from his father and his wife, nee: Charlotte Pearce, dau of Stephen Pearce and gd of Nathan Pearce, no doubt, also inherited land. We still need to locate his lands and especially the site of the mill he is reported to have owned. How about some help? 158,152

CLAN 6. (JUBAL UPCHURCH I)	XID 158
Jubal U. I, b. about 1775, d. about 1836, was one of eleven children of Richard U. II, who arrived in the Moccasin Creek area of present day Franklin Co., NC about 1755. Our best information is that Jubal U. I, md. Charlotte Pearce, daughter of Stephen Pearce and gd of Nathan Pearce, b. 9 JUL 1733. This couple had six children. We seem to be at a standstill in generating a better understanding of the family. Perhaps a few observations will help stimulate more interest. Comments on the six children are as follows:	158 152
Calvin U., b. about 1805, d. about 1844. He md. In 1826 (Franklin Co., NC) Agnes Young. She apparently died at an early age as their three known sons, Benjamin U., John U., and Nathan E. U. were found as young men in 1850 in Harnett Co., NC. Considerable information has surfaced for descendants of Benjamin U., but for the other two sons nothing has appeared. Perhaps they perished in the Civil War.	14646 14648,14893,14894 14648
Charlotte U., b. about 1810. She md. 11 JUN 1833 (Franklin Co., NC) John Sanders. Nothing more is known of this couple.	13981 13982
Little Berry U., b. about 1797, d. after 1880. He md. 1 OCT 1824 (Franklin Co., NC) Elizabeth Williams. Details on their four children are sparse. Rowena U. md. a Johnson and had a son, John S. Johnson. For two daughters, Martha U., b. about 1830 and Mary U., b. about 1835, no further details are available. For daughter, Elizabeth, b. about 1839, there was an 1863 marriage in Franklin Co., NC to James Bolton, with a daughter, Anne Bolton, b. about 1864. These are the limited details for the Little Berry U. family.	14637 14638 14639,14640 14641,14642 14643 14644 14645 14637
John U., b. about 1805. No record has been found for a marriage or children for this individual. We do find him on the records in Franklin Co., NC through 1850. His activities were somewhat incompatible with the expectation of society, as he was charged in 1849 in Franklin Co., NC with having burned the Mill House of a neighbor, one Malthus D. Freeman. He pleaded not guilty but was convicted by a jury and sentenced to be hung. He appealed to the State Supreme Court and the outcome of that appeal has not been learned. Let us be charitable and assume that Cousin John had a very good reason for burning the Mill House.	13983

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Stephen U., b. about 1805, d. about 1885. He md. in 1828 (Franklin Co., NC) Rebecca Chamblee by whom he appears to have had one son, name not learned. He md. 2nd, 1841 (Wake Co., NC) Ann Medlin by whom he had several children. For one of these, Bryant U., we have four named children. Details otherwise are sketchy.

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Frances U., b. about 1805, d. about 1843. She md. 1829 (Wake Co., NC) Blake Baker by whom she had five children. A fair outline of this family is available and especially for son, Richard Sanders Baker, who is the great grandfather of cooperator Dr. Willis Alton Reid, Jr., to whom we are indebted for considerable input. In another of those rare coincidences it so happens that Willis Alton Reid, Sr. taught your editor organic chemistry at NC State University in the 1940's. He was a wonderful teacher and a gentleman.

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Our plea is for more participation in the uncovering of details about the Jubal U. Clan. This individual cut a wide swath in Franklin Co., NC and on the 1822 Tax Rolls was shown as owning 2165 acres of land. By 18827 something had gone wrong as he had to assign over to William Harrison and others 1850 acres of land and all of his worldly goods. There must be more to this story.

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CLAN 6. (JUBAL UPCHURCH)

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Jubal U., the Head of Upchurch Clan No. 6, owned several thousand acres of land in the Moccasin Creek Area of Franklin Co., NC in the early 1800s. The odd piece of information continues to surface about him and we are in hopes of generating his full story in due course. In the meantime, details about some of his descendants are appearing. This is especially true for the Benjamin U. Line in the Jubal U./ Calvin U. Subclan. As an example, we received a 31 DEC 1998 letter from a descendant of Jubal U. by the name of Vivian Anne (Upchurch) Morrison of Lillington, NC. She wrote:

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"Dear Phil:

On the internet I learned you have a lot of information on the Upchurch family history. I am hoping you can help me. My father was an Upchurch. Our family comes from the Lillington area of Harnett Co., NC.".

Subsequent exchanges have helped Cousin Vivian understand her Upchurch heritage and has improved the Master Outline for the Benjamin U. Line. Exchanges with other members of the Jubal U. Clan are anticipated with pleasure.

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In recent months we have been joined in our Upchurch research efforts by Mrs. James L. Amspacher (nee: Gloria Jean Bayles) of Chesapeake, VA. Cousin 14680 Jean is of the Benjamin U. line in the Jubal U./Calvin U. Subclan. Sometime 158/14646 before 1850 Cousin Jean's GGGF Benjamin U. moved south from the Upchurch 14648 enclave in the Moccasin Creek area of Franklin Co., NC to Cumberland Co., NC. In 1855 the part of Cumberland Co., NC in which he lived became Harnett Co. NC. In the last 150 years a large amount of Upchurch history has unfolded from the Harnett Co., NC group of the Upchurch family. Cousin Jean is the latest of several cooperators who have helped understand more about this part of the family. Jean has sent us many photos of family members and of cemetery monuments. Using the resources of the Upchurch Research Fund, we have obtained a copy of the Heritage Book of Harnett Co., NC. Cousin Jean alerted us to the existence of this book which

is a valuable addition to the Upchurch Library. Jean continues to make trips back to Harnett Co., NC to pursue her Upchurch, Mitchell, Bayles and Stewart lines.

Jean tells us of the challenges that resulted when her GF James Bernard U. 14670 "Bun" in 1926 at the early age of 41 years died of TB leaving wife Ophelia (Mitchell) 14671 U. and six small children.

Our Upchurch cousins in eastern NC have had a love of baseball and Cousin Jean's package has reminded us of another example. Her GF "Bun" had a first cousin, Jefferson Woodrow U., Sr. who made it to the major leagues. He was a 14797 great left handed pitcher and played on Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics. In one game Cousin Woodrow struck out Babe Ruth three times.

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CLAN 6. Jubal Upchurch

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Our cup runneth over as regards the Jubal U./Calvin U. Subclan. 158/14646 Our exchanges with Gloria Jean (Bayles) Amspacher of Chesapeake, VA 14680 continues at a very productive pace. Jean and her cousin Gwen (Stevens) 14680,30052 O'Daniels of Rancho Cordova, CA have made contact via the Internet. This led to your editor and Gwen establishing contact by snail mail (i.e. - the U. S. Postal Service). In a letter dated 18 OCT 1999 Gwen wrote: "Dear Cousin,

You really have me curious ...Who gave you all the information on my family...in particular, Jerry, Teri and myself? I didn't realize that anyone back

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in NC knew that much about me since I haven't been back in over 36 years. (I hate to fly. If God had wanted me to fly, He would have given me wings) Aunt Ernie (Erna Mae Caudle) would have been the only person that I would have thought had this info, as she came out to California, twice before her stroke, but she died in 1993."

I was able to tell Gwen how so much had been learned about her family. In addition, I was able to send her the obituary for her Aunt Ernie which was provided by my late brother-in law, Col. James A. Arnold, Sr. of Raleigh, NC. We welcome this continued increase in our documentation base for the Jubal U. Clan. 158

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JAN – JUN 2017

CLAN 6. (JUBAL UPCHURCH) {Son of Richard U. I}. 158

Jubal U. was b. 1775 and died 1836 in Franklin Co., NC. He had wide swings in his assets, at one time owning 2200 acres and a mill site in Franklin Co., NC, both land and site remaining to be located. His children were Calvin, Charlotte, Little Berry, John, Stephen and Frances. All of these children stayed in central NC and their stories are known to varying degrees. John is especially notable as being the only Upchurch known to have been sentenced to be "hung by the neck until dead". We are yet to learn if the sentence was actually carried out. Calvin died in 1844 in Franklin Co., NC and his children Benjamin, John and Nathan are found on the 1850 census of that part of Cumberland Co., NC that would become Harnett Co., NC. Recent research has added much to our knowledge of Benjamin U. and his descendants.

Clan 6. Jubal Upchurch Clan.

Stephen U. Subclan. Our records on this Subclan are sketchy but details on Minnie U., a granddaughter of Stephen, has now surfaced in an unusual way and can be reported. Stephen was born about 1805 in Franklin Co., NC and there he married and had five children. In 1841 he married secondly Ann Medlin in Wake County and they had 6 or 7 children, one of whom was Bryant U., who md in 1877 in Wake County and had four children, one of whom was Minnie U., b. JUL 1881 in Wake County, the aforementioned granddaughter.

In April 2007 while visiting with newly discovered Cousin Johnny Rouse in Swift Creek Township, he mentioned that the Minnie Suggs buried in the Macedonia Cemetery on Mid Pines Road in Swift Creek TSP was in fact nee: Minnie U. I had long studied this poorly kept cemetery which is near where I was raised, but never had any idea that an Upchurch rested there. With this tip from Johnny and help from Ancestry.com the place of Minnie in the Upchurch Family was uncovered as reported above. Minnie who died 14 DEC 1935 had married Ransom E. Suggs, b. FEB 1890. He is buried as his wife. They had no children. He had only one leg and never remarried. He fits into the Suggs family which is being documented as a part of the Swift Creek TSP History Project. Information for the death certificate for Minnie was provided by Mrs. R. V. Buffaloe whose identity remains obscure.

Calvin U. Subclan. The prospect that Calvin U. had sons Benjamin, John, and Nathan who were found on the 1850 census of Cumberland (Now Harnett) County, NC has been repeatedly treated in past UB issues. Cousin Gwen (Stevens) O'Daniels of Rancho Cordova, CA is a descendant of Benjamin. While she urgently desires more concrete proof linking Jubal, Calvin, and Benjamin, she has become a prolific supplier of information for her line. In her transmittal received on 12 OCT 2007 she writes:

"Phil,

The following is additional information for your files as of this date: October 8, 2007. As we all know, with genealogy, information and updates will change as research continues. So please, if you use my name as a source, do include today's date. My sources were Harnett County, NC birth, death and marriage records found online, various cemetery records, as well as personal knowledge. I hope this will be of help to you and your ongoing research. Enjoy!"

Gwen has helped to greatly improve the Master Outline Section pertaining to two sons of Benjamin U. - namely James Benjamin U. and Jefferson Davis U. Gwen is a great granddaughter of Jefferson Davis U. Gwen followed up with an email on 14 NOV 2007 in which she provided an obituary of John Charles U. of Harnett Co., NC, who died 9 NOV 2007. Like Gwen, he is of the Benjamin U. Line. See XIDs assigned in this issue as a result of Gwen's input.

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JAN - JUL 2008

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Cousin Gwen O'Daniels who is a descendant of Benjamin U., s/o Calvin U. and gs/o Jubal U., I wishes to increase the strength of the evidence linking these three of her ancestors. To this end she has been sent a packet of information which she will check against other sources to arrive at the best evidence available for Jubal U., I and his family.

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JAN - DEC 2010

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73 members added in UB, Vol. 31.

Anyone who writes about family history should stand willing to eat humble pie. That time has now, once again, come for our editor.

Jubal U., I had several children, including sons Calvin U. and Stephen U. As early as 1982 we were writing in the UB (Vol. 3, No. 3, July 1982, pg. 109) lamenting about finding the father of three young Upchurch males who appeared on the 1850 census for Cumberland (later Harnett) Co., NC - Nathan, age 18, John, age 19 and Benjamin 20. Their father was listed as Missing Link 10.

As time went by and I got a fair grasp of where Upchurch families were located in NC in the 1800 - 1850 era, I concluded that the three had been born in Franklin Co., NC in the Upchurch enclave established there about 1755. The most likely candidate to be their father was Calvin U., son of Jubal U., I, and grandson of Richard U., II. My reasoning was that Calvin U. had died in 1844 and I assumed that he had children who had to go somewhere. I may or may not have been the first to suggest this scheme - but I will take the fall.

Over time dozens of individuals contributed data on the descendants of Benjamin U. but little was forthcoming on his presumed brothers Nathan and John, a situation that prevails to this day. It became convenient to organize all of these records under a Benjamin U. Line in the Jubal U., I/Calvin U. Subclan. Benjamin U. was assigned XID 14648 and in UB, Vol. 3, No. 1, January 1986 on page 18, I took the plunge and showed him as the son of Calvin U., XID 14646. It is this error we must now correct even as we recognize that we do not have uncontradictable evidence that our change is absolutely correct. Such are the uncertainties of family history with which we must live.

Along the way the idea filtered in that Chamblee researchers had access to an old family history written in 1899 that could be helpful. Researcher D'Ann Stoddard was involved but we were unable to sustain contact with her.

To provide a milestone in this journey there is provided below an entry dated 17 DEC 1999 from the Biofile of Benjamin U., XID 14648. This entry should have been enough to have launched a rigorous study of all related information. Only over time would

cooperator Gwen (Stevens) O'Daniels, a descendant of Benjamin, enter the fray and not give up until the correct path was taken (see below). Note that it was as late as 17 AUG 2002 when I got around to entering commentary on the Peterson contribution. We have many puzzles such as ML - 10 in the Upchurch family. I rotate from one to the other hoping for resolution. Often it is the stimulation of a cooperator that allows a joint crossing of the finish line. We need more Gwens.

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JAN – DEC 2012

Clan 6. Jubal U., I Clan

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20 members added in UB, Vol. 33

The name of Berry U. appears on an 1840 map of Franklin Co., NC. We take this to be Little Berry U., 1797-1880, s/o Jubal U., I. On our 14637 May/June 2012 trip to Franklin Co., NC an effort was made to get a sense of the location which is just north of Norris Creek. In spite of two visits we were not successful as we could not match present landmarks with those on the map. More research is required. We hope to clean up and annotate the map and publish it.

ABOUT THE JUBAL UPCHURCH I FAMILY



Pictured above is the Neills Creek Baptist Church of Harnett County, NC as it was found on October 13, 2015. Photo by Michael Ray Upchurch of Raleigh, NC.

The elegance of this church came as a surprise to Michael and Phil Upchurch as they spent a full day in search of anything that might relate to the Jubal Upchurch I family. This church and its cemetery has long been on a list of places to visit in relation to Jubal. Michael is a direct descendant of Jubal and had lived in the broader community that embraced the church and the town of Buies Creek, home of Campbell College (now University). Thus Mike's local knowledge blended with Phil's historic knowledge of the Upchurch family.

A brief recap of the relationship of the Neills Creek area to the Jubal Upchurch family is in order. It surfaced when three young Upchurch males about 20 years of age were found on the 1850 census of Cumberland (now Harnett) County. They were Benjamin, John and Calvin. While John and Calvin soon faded from the scene, Benjamin and his descendants populated the area and are in evidence even now. Over the years, we gradually came to believe circumstantial evidence that the three boys were sons of Stephen Upchurch and his first wife Rebecca Ann Chamblee. Stephen was a son of Jubal Upchurch I. We know that Rebecca died in 1839 and that Stephen remarried in 1841 and soon had more children. It is understandable that three teen-age sons of the first marriage might look for their fortunes in another North Carolina county. Family lore holds that they had moved to engage in the turpentine industry.

I had always imagined that the Neills Creek area and its church might be representative of a backwater rural area. It was therefore a great surprise to see the beautiful church emerge as we motored into the area. Additionally, the local area seemed to be a very productive farming community with easily tillable soils with an aspect of gentle slopes. Clearly the tobacco industry had fueled the economy in days gone by.

So we now have fixed in our minds that Benjamin Upchurch found himself in a very favorable farming environment in the last half of the 1800's. But there was more tangible evidence as we gazed upon the monument for Benjamin Upchurch in the church cemetery. Michael's photo of the stone shown here is barely readable. The stone for his second wife, nee Catherine W. Johnson (1842-1913), is nearby.



Benjamin Upchurch, October 29, 1830 - April 19, 1919

We are given to understand that Benjamin's first wife, nee Arabella Medlin (1827-1867), is buried not far away, but while we searched, our instructions were not adequate to bring success. More needs to be done.

Michael remembers the old church building, which apparently burned in the last few decades. However, he was comfortable serving as a guide over the local roads he came to know well after his father retired from service in the U.S. Navy and returned to the area of his nativity. So Michael, as a teenager and young man, was reintroduced to the Neills Creek – Buies Creek area in an up close and personal way. He came to know of his paternal and maternal heritage in the area and has interesting stories as to how the families played a strong role in the Buies Creek area where Campbell College unfolded. Our allied families will be well served if more of Michael's knowledge can be captured and made available. Our tour of sites familiar to Michael in Buies Creek was capped off by a tour of the city cemetery and by a visit to a place a few miles away where his parents were laid to rest.

Following our Harnett County visit, we traveled on to Dunn Township in Franklin County, NC, where I was able to show Michael locations which had meaning for our shared heritage in that area. Several of them involved sites for Jubal's brothers and for their father Richard Upchurch II, who arrived in the area about 1760. While Jubal Upchurch paid taxes on over 2,000 acres of land in Dunn Township at one time, we were not able to view any of those acres as they are yet to be located. We were able to visit the beautiful and iconic Perry's Mill Pond on Norris Creek, which we know Jubal leased at one point.

While much progress has been made in defining the Jubal Upchurch I family, much remains to be done. The descendants of his grandson Benjamin run into the hundreds. A reasonable Master Outline exists for them in the Allied Families Archives, but more descendants of Benjamin remain to be discovered. We have a good beginning.