

Nancy Ledbetter

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Commentary: Nancy Ledbetter married Benjamin Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan 13.

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(1) See Pearce Family – Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages – Page 3 – The passage

Fill Pearce, 80³, his children were: Halley, 70; Nathan, 86; Eley, 80; Hardy went to Alabama. Fill's wife was Nancey.

Benjamin Pearce's mother was Frankie Upchurch, 82, and Frankie Upchurch's mother was Nancey Ledbetter, 85. **Nancey Ledbetter** married Ben Upchurch.

Ben Upchurch's sisters – Frankie, Bettie, Nancey. Frankie Upchurch's brothers: Juble Upchurch, 80; Frankie's sister Winnie Upchurch.

Benjamin Pearce's wife was Linda Denton, 47; Linda Denton's mother was Nancey Denton, 45; Nancy's mother was Cherry Denton, 75. Drew Denton was the father of Nancy Denton.

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

A. Philip Pearce "Fill" 80³
 married () Nancy --- ---
 1. Halley Pearce 70
 2. Nathan Pearce 86
 3. Eley Pearce 80 [Eli]
 4. Hardy Pearce → AL
 5. John Pearce, II 80

Married () Frankie Upchurch 82 ←
 a. Benjamin Pearce born 11 Nov 1816
 married Linda Denton² 47
 14 children of this marriage;
 11 reached adulthood

I. Drew Denton

Married () Cherry --- --- 75
 A. Nancy Denton²
 1. Linda Denton² 47

same

I. Richard Upchurch, II

A. Frankie Upchurch (female)
 B. Bettie Upchurch
 C. Nancy Upchurch
 D. Juble Upchurch 80 [Jubal Upchurch]
 E. Winnie Upchurch¹
 F. Benjamin Upchurch

Married () **Nancy Ledbetter** 85

1. Frankie Upchurch 82 ←—————

2. Winnie Upchurch¹

¹ The reference that Frankie had a sister Winnie could mean Winnie was a daughter of Richard Upchurch, II or of Benjamin Upchurch. Cross-file under Winnifred Upchurch

² It would appear Nancy Denton married () --- --- Denton – OR had Linda out of wedlock

³ Presume these ages show the lifespan of these individuals – RPU

(2) Item in letter 14 Mar 1984 Eleanor Grace Williamson to RPU

[In search for info on 1803 Upchurch → Carpenter name change]

Franklin Co, NC Tax Records.

1833 Taylor's District John Pearce 450 0WP, 2BP

(for N Upchurch)

1828 Tax List Nancy Upchurch 500 0WP, 1BP

[Note: I assume N Upchurch & Nancy Upchurch are the same – RPU 18 May 2002]

[Note: It is reasonable to assume that the Nancy Upchurch above is nee **Nancy Ledbetter**, widow of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of Clan. John Pearce was her son-in-law – RPU 23 May 2002]

(3) Question: What happened to the 450/ 500A cited for Nancy Upchurch (nee Nancy Ledbetter) in above entry?

Will Book K Franklin Co, NC 1834 – 1840. Wills, Estates, Guardian Accounts – Bradley
Nancy Upchurch entered only once – Entry 35 (19) page 10. No info on disposition of her land.

Kinfolks of Franklin Co, NC 1793 – 1844 – Watson

No entry for Nancy Upchurch

Franklin Co, NC original wills Vol 1, 1780 - 1861 – Bradley

No entry for Nancy Upchurch

(4) Note: Dower land passes to heirs without a will – RPU

(5) Nancy Ledbetter was wife of Ben Upchurch. They had a daughter Frankie Upchurch who married John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787. John was son of Phillip and Nancy (Bunn) Pearce. John and Frankie had 9 children (Reference 33 Page 21 – see reference for descendants).

(6) See Pearce Family – compiled 1967

I. Nathan Pearce married Nancy Wester

A. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754 married Nancy Bunn

1. John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 married Frankie Upchurch died at age 80 – was daughter of Benjamin Upchurch and **Nancy Ledbetter** (lived to age 85).

Benjamin Upchurch had sisters Frankie Upchurch, Betty Upchurch and Nancy Upchurch. Frankie's brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

- a. Benjamin Pearce [lived to be 88]
 Married 1st Leesie Upchurch
 Married 2nd Linda Denton died age 47; Linda Denton was daughter of
 Berk Perry and of Nancy Denton (daughter of Drew Denton) died age 45
 & granddaughter of Bennett Perry
 Married 3rd Betty Fason
 11 children
- b. Jack Pearce married Jane Alford
 - i. Bryant Pearce – went to AL
 - (I) J J Pearce
 - (II) J A Pearce
 - (III) M E Pearce
 - (IV) Swanson Pearce
- c. Cal Pearce lived to be 85 married Ruthy Baker
- d. Clear Pearce [Clara Pearce] married William Osburn Gay
- e. Sidney Pearce lived to be 70 married Pam Mitchell
- f. Prissy Pearce lived to be 73 married Baldy Alford
- g. Harriet Pearce lived to be 70 married Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos
Upchurch]
- h. Jane Pearce lived to be 75 married Clim Alford
- i. Fan Pearce lived to be 70 married Jo Pulley

(7) See Pearce Family received by RPU 2 Mar 1985

Frankie Upchurch, wife of John Pearce, lived to be 81. His mother was Nancy Ledbetter who married Ben Upchurch. Nancy (Ledbetter) Upchurch lived to be 85. Ben's sisters were Frankie Upchurch, Betty Upchurch and Nancy Upchurch. Frankie's brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

1. Benjamin Pearce
2. Jack Pearce
3. Cal Pearce
4. Clear (Clare) Pearce
5. Sidney Pearce
6. Prissy
7. Harriet Pearce
8. Jane Pearce
9. Fan Pearce

(8) Input from Carla Sue Jones email to RPU 10 Aug 2008

Subject: Ledbetter

From: Carla Tate <tategenie@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, Aug 10, 2008 9:31 pm

To: Robert Phillip Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

(see text below)

Billy Key has sent me his timeline. I saw the below

1778 Wake County Land Warrant 640, 20 Oct 1778

John Ledbetter enters 600 acres of land in **Wake Co.** lying on the north side of Neuse river, and on **both sides of Rocky Branch joining the lines of Julius Johnston, Lodwick Alford, and Isreal Privitt,** including said Ledbetter improvements. 600:50/15ⁱ

i Wake County North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1778-1794 (Wake Co NC Land Warrant 640 20 Oct 1778)

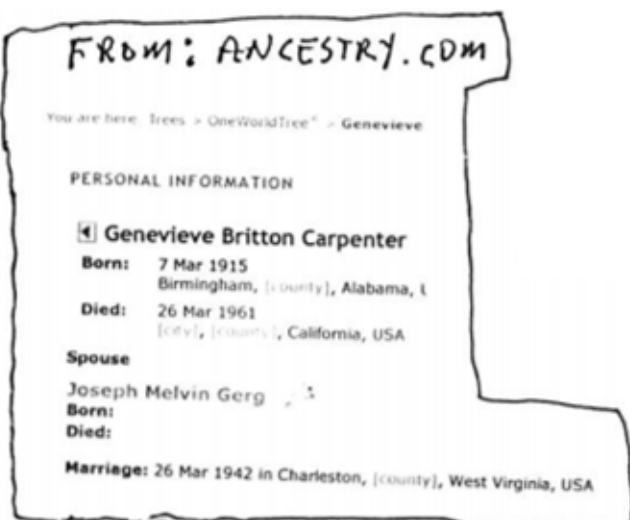
If Benjamin Upchurch's wife Nancy was indeed a Ledbetter, she probably connects to this John Ledbetter. What do you think?

Carla Tate

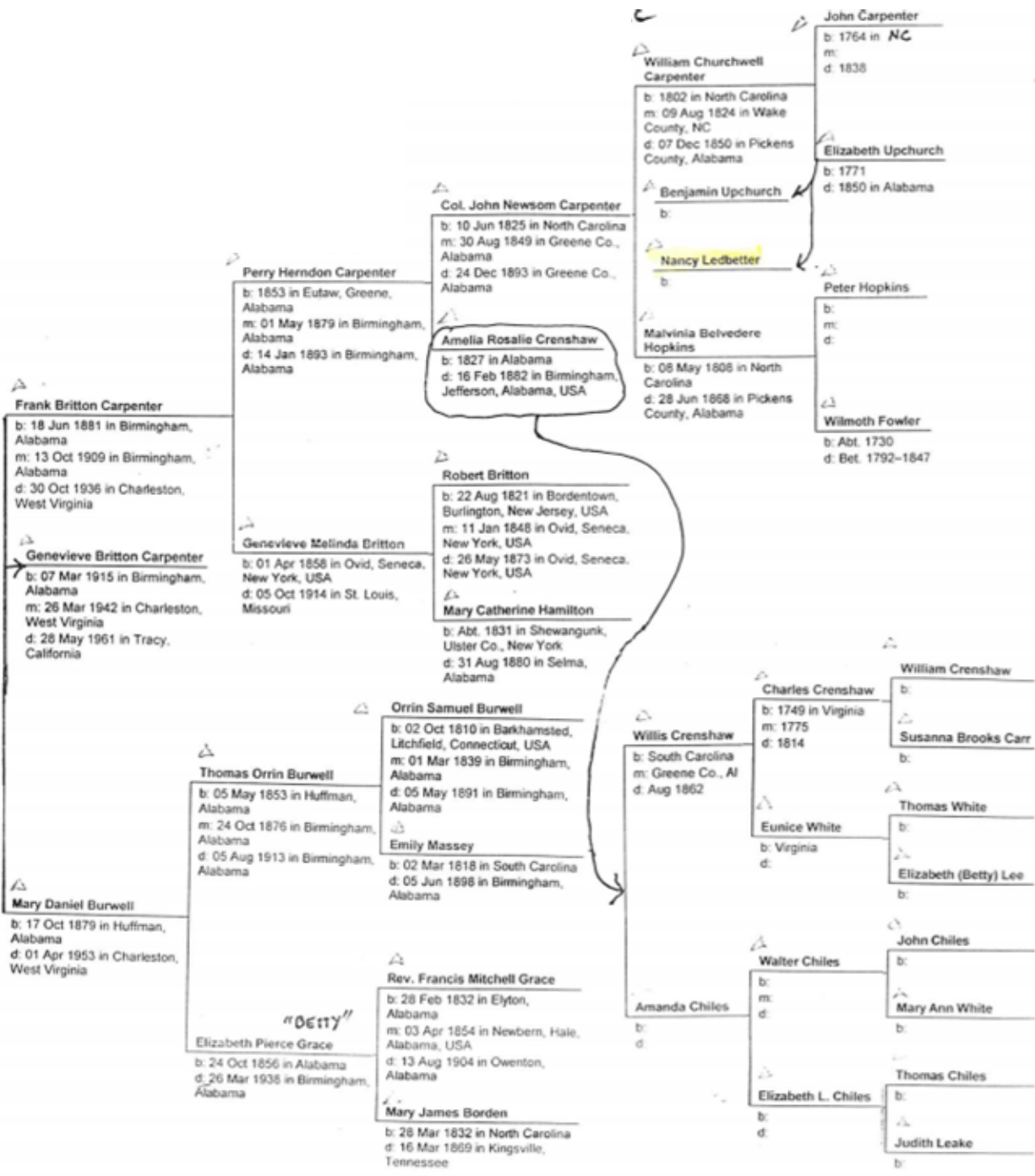
Names included: Billy Key, John Ledbetter, Julius Johnston, Lodwick Alford, Isreal Privitt, Benjamin Upchurch, Nancy Ledbetter, John Ledbetter, Carla Tate.

(9) Condensation of Pedigree Charts in letter 26 Feb 2010 Mary Jo Gerg to RPU

From email 2 Mar 2010 Mary Jo Tarrant to RPU. She confirms she is daughter of Genevieve Britton Carpenter and Joseph Melvin Gerg and hence is nee Mary Jo Gerg.



(see family tree below)



(10) Input from emails 18 & 24 Feb 2013 to RPU from Rachel Denise Reardon – RPU 24 Feb 2013

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

Married () **Nancy Ledbetter**

A. Elizabeth Upchurch born circa 1771 Wake Co, NC, died circa 1850 Greene Co, AL
Married circa 1790 NC John Carpenter born circa 1770 Edgecombe Co, NC, died Mar 1836 Greene Co AL

1. James Ludwell Carpenter born circa 1793 NC, died 19 May 1857 Stanly Co, NC

Married circa 1840 Obedience Broadway born circa 1776, died 7 Dec 1816 NC

a. Shelby Carpenter born circa 1815/16 NC, died 12 Feb 1895 Tyson, Stanly Co, NC

Married circa 1839 Mirah Woodruff born circa 1818 NC, died 15 Jan 1871 Tyson, Stanly Co, NC

i. Julius Bradford Carpenter born 18 Feb 1858 NC, died 26 May 1937 Norwood, Stanly Co, NC

Married 10 May 1882 Stanly Co, NC Mary Lucinda Harward born 20 Feb 1860 Stanly Co, NC, died 2 Aug 1944 Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC

(I) Arch Cornelius Carpenter born 28 Jan 1883 NC, died 5 Jul 1974 Norwood, Stanly Co, NC

Married 15 Oct 1915 Cottonville, Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC Minnie Bell Burris born 6 Nov 1899 Stanly Co, NC, died 23 Dec 1993 Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC

(A) Raymond Campbell Carpenter born 13 Dec 1916 Norwood, Stanly Co, NC, died 1 Apr 1996 Fayetteville, NC

Married 31 Dec 1940 Vertie Conra Lambert born 26 Nov 1915 Albemarle, Stanley Co, NC, died 6 Nov 1989 Fort Bragg, NC

[Note: to increase space – outline continues to the left below – CJM 5 Sep 2019]

(1) Connie Rayceine Carpenter born 5 Nov 1931 Fort Bragg, NC

Married 6 Jun 1962 Akin Co, SC Glenn Allen Reardon 20 Dec 1936 Natchez, Adams Co, MS

died 11 Nov 2003 Brookhaven, Lincoln Co, NC

(a) Rachel Denise Reardon born 4 Apr 1963 Prentiss, Jefferson Davis Co, MS

Married 1st Frank Joseph Stefanski; divorced¹

Married 2nd 1 Sep 1989 Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA Gary Drew Shaw born 17 Mar 1955 Ruston, Lincoln Parish, LA²

(i)¹ Rebekah Hope Stefanski born 3 Aug 1987 Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA

(ii)² Joshua Mathewes Shaw born 18 Jul 1990 Baton Rouge, EBR Parish, LA

(iii)² Sarah Lillian Shaw born 2 Nov 1992 Baton Rouge, EBR Parish, LA

(iv)² Timothy Reardon Shaw born 6 Apr 1994 Minden, Bienville Parish, LA

(11) Notes of RPU call to Carla (Jones) Tate on 15 Dec 2006

For a general chat and to clarify the reason she created the packet she gave to me on 29 Oct 2006.

She generated these mostly Franklin Co, NC records in an effort to show that one of her Strickland Family females was a wife of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of Clan.

She found no proof but circumstantial data leads her to believe that Benjamin Upchurch had two wives – speculative names given below – with some reasons given.

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

Married (1st) Mary Ann Strickland¹

Married (2nd) **Nancy Ledbetter**² (Ledbetter may have been a married name)

A. Elizabeth Upchurch – oldest child – married () John Carpenter – They moved to Pickens Co, AL before **Nancy** died (Elizabeth would not have left her elderly mother behind) (Elizabeth got nothing from the Benjamin Upchurch estate.) (Carla feels the Upchurches who changed their names to Carpenter were children of Elizabeth and John – born before they married.

B. Frances A Upchurch (got the entire estate)

Married John Pearce

Carla found no probate records for Benjamin Upchurch and concludes this may have been one of those cases where probate was unnecessary because the estate had funds to pay all debts.