

Commentary: Little Berry Johnson was born about 1820 in Franklin County, NC. He has not been found on any census from 1860 on, leading us to speculate that he was killed in the Civil War. Strangely, he was found on the 1850 Florida census prior to his marriage in 1851 of Rowena Upchurch, Daughter of Little Berry Upchurch and the granddaughter of Jubal Upchurch I, head of Upchurch Clan # 6. On the 1880 census, Rowena is shown as a widow. The couple appears to have had three children, Sarah, William Lafayette, and John S. Johnson.

This Biofile presents a number of family relationships that deserve follow-ups. These relationships hold considerable potential for amplifying the broader family of Jubal Upchurch I, whose roots are firmly planted in the soil of Dunn Township. The Johnson Cemetery on Johnson Town Road accommodates many members of this family and is particularly attractive.

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(1) Franklin County, NC – Marriages

Littleberry Johnson to Roena Upchurch Bond 31 Dec 1851 (sic) [married 30 Dec 1851, married by A. A. Laneaston, J.P. (sic)]. Bondsman/Witness: Archibald Baker, Y. Patterson.

(2) Per Attachment #25 West Letter 18 May 1975 to RPU Upchurch
Grantors – Franklin Co NC

1855– Ambrose Upchurch to **Littleberry Johnson** Book 31, Page 517.

(3) Estate Inventory / Sale For Estate of James Upchurch, VII (s/o Richard Upchurch, III) who died in Wake Co NC – Items sold 17 Jan 1856 by Kearney Upchurch, Executor – from Carla Jones to RPU 29 October 2006 – copy in biofiles of Carla Jones and James Upchurch, VII – 32 lots sold – none of special significance – Purchasers – and Number of Items Purchased:

*Harry Baker	1	Presley I. Phillips	1
Churchwell Alford	1	James Redford	1
Sidney Perry	4	Acril Pearce	2
Alpheus Privette	6	<u>Little Berry Johnson</u>	1
Nathan Pearce	1	Crudup Mitchell	1
William Baker	1	Thomas G. Riley	1
Littleton Privette	2	Joseph Wall	3
Jefferson Richards	1	Samuel H. Hood	1
Robertson Strickland	1	Joseph Hicks	1
Williford Gay	1	Philip Pearce	1

*Note: The name is clearly written as Harry Baker – However, I will cross reference as Henry Baker as Henry was a favorite most used surname in the Baker Family - RPU

(4) See Page 29. Download in Letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

53. Little Berry⁷ Upchurch(*Charlotte⁶, Pearce, Stephan⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Philip², George¹*) was born about 1797 in Franklin County, NC. He married Elizabeth Williams October 1, 1824 in Franklin County. She was born 1807.

Children of Little Upchurch and Elizabeth Williams are:

- i. Roena⁸ Upchurch, born about 1828; Stepchild.
- ii. Martha M. Upchurch, born about 1830.
- iii. Mary A. Upchurch, born about 1835; married John Sidney Perry, December 12, 1854, Franklin Co, NC.
- iv. Elizabeth Upchurch, born about 1839, Franklin County NC

142. Rowena⁸ Upchurch (*Little Berry⁷, Charlotte⁶ Pearce, Stephan⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Phillip², George¹*) was born about 1828. She married **Little Berry Johnson** December 31, 1851 in Franklin County NC. More about Roena Upchurch:

Burial: William Johnson Cemetery SR 1729 & SR 1730

Children of Roena Upchurch and **Little Johnson** are:

- i. William Lafayette Johnson⁹, born 1853; died November 16, 1919, Franklin County NC
- ii. John S. Johnson, born about 1865.

143. Martha M.⁸ Upchurch (*Little Berry⁷, Charlotte⁶ Pearce, Stephan⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Phillip², George¹*) was born about 1830. She married Kisar Alford January 1, 1841 in Franklin County NC.

Children of Martha Upchurch and Kisar Alford are:

- i. Burkley Moses⁹ Alford, born January 10, 1845, Franklin County NC; died April 3, 1915, Wake County NC.
- ii. S. A. Alford, born November 11, 1858, Franklin County NC; died March 21, 1918.
More about S. A. Alford:
Burial: buried in family cemetery Stallings Road, Franklin County NC

144. Elizabeth⁸ Upchurch (*Little Berry⁷, Charlotte⁶ Pearce, Stephan⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Phillip², George¹*) was born about 1839 in Franklin County NC. She married (1) Albert Blalock November 30, 1854 in Franklin County NC. She married (2) James Bolton, CSA August 23, 1863 in Franklin County NC. He was born about 1837, and died December 7, 1863 in Richmond VA.

Notes for James Bolton, CSA:

Joined Company B, 47th Regiment May 13, 1862 at the age of 25. On detached service as a shoemaker. Died in hospital at Richmond, Virginia.

Child of Elizabeth Upchurch and James Bolton is:

- i. Anne⁹ Bolton, born about 1864.

(5) 1860 Census – Dunn’s District Franklin County NC – Baker’s Crossroads.

378	271	Roena Johnson	36	+			1089	5:57	
		Sarah	5	+					
		Wm	4	m					
		John Upchurch	48	m		James Bolton			

Roena Johnson 36 born about 1824

[Roena Upchurch, daughter of Little Berry Upchurch]

Sarah 5 born about 1855

William 4 born about 1856

[William Lafayette Johnson]

John Upchurch 48 born about 1812

[John Upchurch brother of Little Berry Upchurch]

RPU Note: **Little Berry Johnson**, husband of Roena, is not present here in 1860 but it appears they had a son John S. Johnson born 1865??

(6) Upchurch – Young – Wright – Johnson Connections in Franklin Co, NC. In an email to RPU 11 Jul 2008 researcher Gwen O’Daniels presents a theory that Agnes Young married (1) Calvin Upchurch; married (2) Young Winston; married (3) **Little Berry Johnson**. Data below assembled by RPU to consider the theory – 13 Jul 2008.

I. Joseph Young died < 1831

A. Agnes Young born about 1810 [see * below in 1850 Census]

Married (1st) Calvin Upchurch¹ born about 1805, son of Jubal Upchurch, I

Married (2nd) Young A. Winston²

Married (3rd) **Little Berry Johnson** (no known issue of this third marriage – RPU)

1. ¹ Benjamin Upchurch born 1830

2. ¹ John Upchurch born 1831

3. ¹ Nathan Upchurch born 1832

4. ² Fenner Winston** born about 1847

[see ** in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 Census records below]

5. ² Emma Winston

Little Berry Johnson born about 1820, married (2nd) 30 Dec 1951 (Franklin Co, NC)

Roena Upchurch born about 1827 (Franklin Co, NC) daughter of Little Berry Upchurch son of Jubal Upchurch, I.

1850 Census Dunn Township Franklin Co, NC

Name	born about	Age	
Littlbury Johnson	1822	28	Farmer
Wily Locust	1814	36	Black, Farmer

Ruffin Medlin	1830	20	Blacksmith
Allison Pippin	1826	24	Clerk
Agnus Winston*	1807	43	Head
Emma Winston	1849	1	
Fenner Winston**	1847	3	

1860 Census Franklinton, Franklin Co, NC – P. O. Franklinton

Name	born about	Age		
Isaac Winston	1795	65	\$1860/21144	} Presumed grandparents of Fenner & Emma & parents of Young A. Winston
Sarah Winston	1798	63		
James Winston	1840	20		
William M. Stone	1823	37	Cabinetmaker	
Ann Stone	1829	31		
Fenner Winston**	1848	12		
Emma Y. Winston	1850	10		

1870 Census Franklinton, Franklin Co, NC – P. O. Pacific

Name	Born About	Age	
Therna Conyers	1828	42	Farmer
Anne Conyers	1840	30	
James Conyers	1854	16	
Mary Conyers	1856	14	
Lucy Conyers	1862	8	
Anne Conyers	1865	5	
Robert Conyers	1866	4	
Lutah Conyers	1866	4	
William Conyers	1869	1	
Fenner Winstone**	1848	22	
Anthony Steed	1852	18	
Noton Thomas	1854	16	
Women Gonyeau	1854	16	
Julia Wilder	1820	50	
Ellen Wilder	1856	14	

1880 Census – Dresden, Weakley Co, TN

Name	Born About	Age	
Fenner S. Winston**	1847	33	
Mattie Winston	1855	25	wife
Lilly Winston	1877	3	daughter
William G. Winston	1879	6M	son

1. Roena Upchurch, married 30 Dec 1851 (Franklin Co. NC) **Little Berry Johnson**. (RPU Question: If the child John S. Johnson age about 4 on 1870 Census hence born about 1866 –was son of **Little Berry Johnson** – where was **Little Berry Johnson** on the 1860 Census?)

155	170	Thompson, John	100	W	Thompson	101	Georgia
		Michael	87	W			do
		March, Anne	17	W			Florida
		My, C. H. J.	13	W			do
		Lanning, E.	13	W			do
		Henry, W.	10	W			do
		James, S.	8	W			do
		Harvey, P.	5	W			do
		James, S.	3	W			do
		William, J.	11	W			do
		Benn, John	31	W	Leibel		W. Carolina

[illegible]

Name	Born About	Age	
Roena Johnson	1826	54	Head, widow [Roena Upchurch]
John S. Johnson	1865	15	son

S. B. Upchurch	1800	80	Father [L. B. U.] [Little Berry Upchurch]
Elizabeth Bolton	1840	40	sister [Elizabeth Upchurch]

Note re: Elizabeth Bolton, born about 1840, - her husband died Dec. 1863 in Civil War but they had a child (M or F?) James Anna Bolton born 1864 (posthumously). Where is the child on 1880 Census? RPU

(8) From: Ancestry.com – 21 Jan 2008

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Little Berry Upchurch

1. Roena Upchurch, married 30 Dec 1851 (Franklin Co NC) **Little Berry Johnson**

a. John S. Johnson (This son is shown as age 4 in a Dunn's Twp, Franklin Co, NC home headed by Roena Upchurch Johnson on 1870 Census. The father, **Little Berry Johnson** is not in the home in 1860 when Roena was also head of household. Did **Little Berry Johnson** just pay a conjugal visit to Roena in 1864?

1880 Census – Dunn's Township, Franklin County NC

Rowena Upchurch Johnson is again head of a household in which one finds her father Little Berry Upchurch; her sister Elizabeth Upchurch Bolton, and her son John S. Johnson age 15 (born about 1865).

1900 Census – Dunn's Township, Franklin County NC

Household members:	Name	Born About	Age	
married	John Johnson	Feb 1866	34	[J. S. J.]
about	Loucrecia Johnson	Nov 1873	26	wife (4,2)
1892	Adner Johnson	Aug 1893	6	daughter
	Edgar S. Johnson	Sep 1899	8.12	son

1910 Census – St. Matthews Township, Wake County NC

John S. Johnson, Farm Manager,	born about 1864	age 46
Greay Johnson (Lucreacy Johnson) (6, 3)	born about 1871	age 39
Adner Johnson, Daughter	born about 1884	age 16
Edgar Johnson, Son	born about 1900	age 10
James C. Johnson, Son	born about 1906	age 4

1930 Census – Dunn's Township, Franklin County, NC

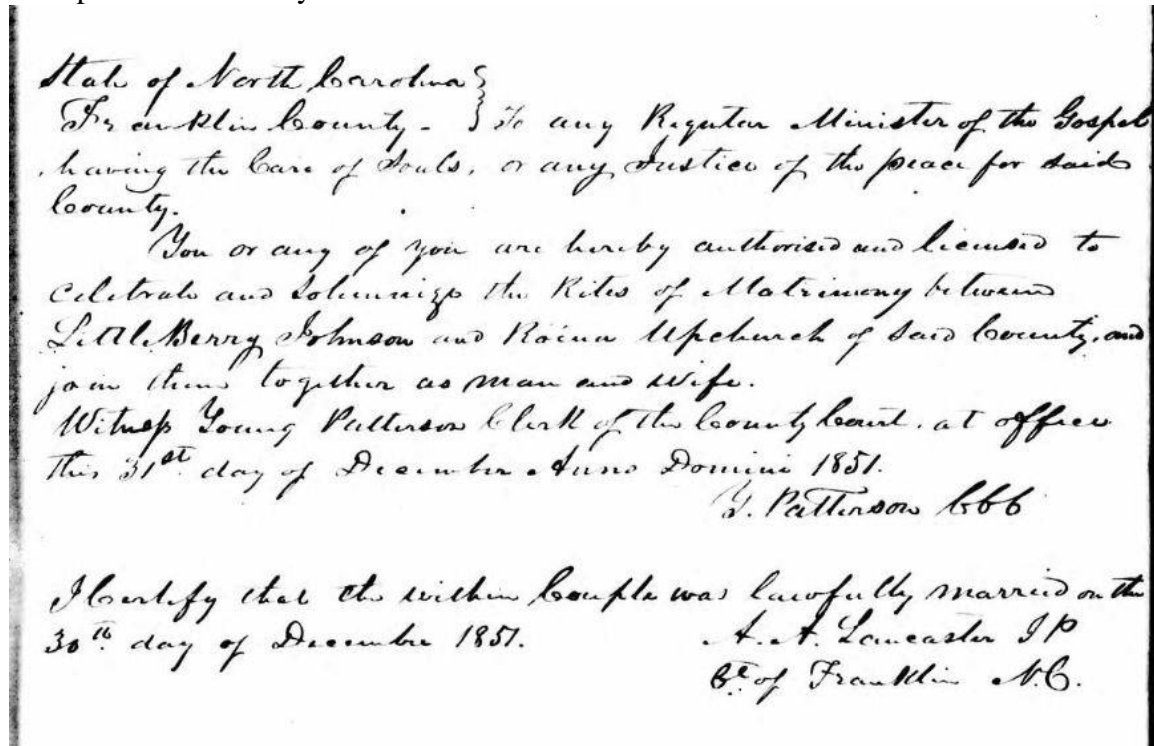
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Edgar Johnson	born about 1901	age 29, married about 1925
Edna M. Johnson, wife	born about 1905	age 25
Ramona Johnson, Daughter	born about 1928	age 2

(9) North Carolina Marriages 1759 - 1979

Roena Upchurch - marriage 30 December, 1851 Franklin, NC

Spouse: Littleberry Johnson



(10) Extract of Page 12 of Letter 14 June 2010 Gerald Thorp Leonard to RPU.

This page shows the outflow of Franklin County NC relationships starting with the family of JOSEPH YOUNG, died before 1831. Part A below shows a base and Part B shows follows on.

PART A

- I. Joseph Young – Estate settled 1831 (Franklin County NC) – land near Harris Crossroads and elsewhere. Married (1st) 1801 (Franklin County NC) MARY FERRELL “Polly”. The first marriage said to have produced 2 children, not listed.

Married (2nd) () ALSEY GAY daughter of Thomas Gay, Sr. This 2nd marriage produced 4 children:

A. BRYANT YOUNG

married (1st) 1824 () REPSIE SPIVEY

married (2nd) 18 May 1840 () WINEFRED PERRY.

B. WRIGHT F. YOUNG 1803-1843

MARRIED Jan 1834 () MARINA SPIVEY

C. FENNER YOUNG, died 1856

married 1840 () RUTH PERRY, daughter of JAMES PERRY.

Moved to Wake County NC

D. AGNES YOUNG

Married (1st) 1826 () CALVIN UPCHURCH, son of JUBAL UPCHURCH, I Head of Clan.

Married (2nd) 1844 () YOUNG A. WINSTON died 1848

1. FENNER WINSTON

2. EMMA WINSTON

Married (3rd) 1850 () **LITTLE BERRY JOHNSON**

PART B – Follow-on from PART A above.

(11) Input from 11 Jul 2008 email Gwen NMN Stevens to RPU

Subject: Upchurch family

From: "Gwen" <irishgentry@softcom.net>

Date: Friday July 11, 2008 11:46 a.m.

To: "Robert Phil Upchurch" phil@upchurchstory.com

You may have already discovered this but wanted to forward it on today....

It appears that AGNES YOUNG UPCHURCH WINSTON m. **LITTLEBERRY JOHNSON** on September 4, 1850 **LITTLE BERRY JOHNSON** is found living in the AGNES WINSTON household in the 1850 census. Up until this time, I thought that he was only a worker as he is some years younger than AGNES.

In checking further, I found that **LITTLE BERRY JOHNSON** married ROENA UPCHURCH on December 30, 1851. Could this ROENA be the daughter of **LITTLE BERRY UPCHURCH?**

At this point, I am going with this theory along with the possibility that AGNES, the widow of CALVIN UPCHURCH may have died prior to the 1851 wedding of ROENA & **LITTLE BERRY JOHNSON**, as I can't find her later. Am I on the correct track?

Also, I finally found the WRIGHT YOUNG family – minus WRIGHT YOUNG! As you recall, in CALVIN UPCHURCH's will, he left his estate to the legal heirs of WRIGHT YOUNG at the time of his wife, AGNES's death. WRIGHT YOUNG was appointed "administrator De Bon non, of the will annexed of CALVIN UPCHURCH, deceased" in the September 1844 Franklin County Court Minutes. The family appears in Franklin County, Harris Township on both the 1850 and the 1860 census with MORINA YOUNG head of household. She is also listed as having slaves on both the 1850 and 1860 Slave Schedule, so it appears that she and her oldest son were trying to continue farming. The 1860 census lists a surprisingly large dollar amount for the children's personal estate. I felt quite sure this was the correct family, however, I needed something to show Wright Young as the father. I traced one of the children found on the census and pulled up his death certificate and there it was - WRIGHT YOUNG WAS LISTED AS HIS FATHER. This group of YOUNG's were in an area called YOUNGSVILLE in Franklin County around 1935.

Will have the grandkids for several days starting tomorrow, so I will have to put this aside for a while.

[Morina Young = Mrs. Marina Young widow of Wright Young.]

From a very smoky CA
Gwen O'Daniels

- (12)** See Page 48 download in Letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU.
89. NANCY⁸ PEARCE (Acreal N.⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Phillip⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Phillip², George¹,) was born 1857 in Franklin County, NC, and died 1944 in Franklin County, NC. She married WILLIAM LAFAYETTE JOHNSON January 16, 1876, son of **LITTLE JOHNSON** AND Roena Upchurch. He was born 1853, and died November 16, 1919 in Franklin County NC.

Children of NANCY PEARCE and WILLIAM JOHNSON are:

- i. W. STANCY⁹ JOHNSON, born December 22, 1876; died September 28, 1878.
- ii. BERRY C. JOHNSON, born 1880; died 1956; married TRIBBIE YEARGIN, December 28, 1904; born June 3, 1882; died June 12, 1953.
- iii. CHARLIE DAVID JOHNSON, born April 30, 1882; died February 22, 1956.
- iv. W. CLEVELAND JOHNSON, born November 15, 1884; died June 3, 1887, Franklin County NC.
- v. ROENA FLORENCE JOHNSON, born August 16, 1888; died March 2, 1966.
- vi. ZOLLIE BRYAN JOHNSON, born March 1, 1892; died September 21, 1963.
- vii. ROCHER MAULTIS JOHNSON, born September 11, 1896; died January 20, 1984.
- viii. RUFUS HARRISON JOHNSON, born May 7, 1898; died September 2, 1986.

- I. NATHAN PEARCE, II, BORN 23 May 1703; married (2nd) Susan Upchurch
A. ACREL N. PEARCE

→ 1. NANCY PEARCE married a. WILLIAM LAFAYETTE JOHNSON

- I. JUBAL UPCHURCH – Head of Clan
A. **LITTLE BERRY UPCHURCH**

1. ROENA UPCHURCH

→ a. WILLIAM LAFAYETTE JOHNSON