

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	Little Berry Johnson	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	F		1089	5:57	
		Sarah	5	F				
		Wm	4	M				
		John Upchurch	48	M				

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

(7) From: Ancestry.com – 19 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**. (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?)

1850 Census Jackson Co Florida,

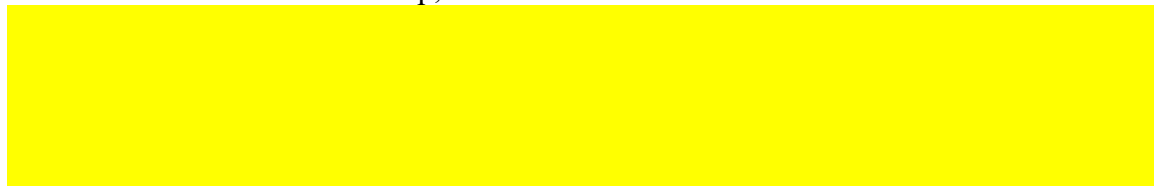
It is reasonable to presume that Berry Johnson, Laborer, age 30 born NC in the Household 158 is the **Little Berry Johnson** who married Roena Upchurch in 1851 in Franklin Co. NC. There is no reason to believe he (Berry Johnson, 30) is related to others in Household 158. Apparently he, **Little Berry Johnson** was just trying his wings in Florida.

1860 Census – Bakers Cross Roads, Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co, NC Bakers Cross Roads P. O.

Name	Born About	Age	
Roena Johnson	1824	36	RE = \$1089 PP = 557
Sarah Johnson	1855	5	
Wm Johnson	1856	4	[William Lafayette Johnson]
John Upchurch	1812	48	Farm Laborer XID-13983

Little Berry Johnson not present He may have died. Note wealth in hands of Roena and 2. John Upchurch presumably uncle of Roena – son of Jubal Upchurch.

1870 Census – Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co NC – PO Pacific NC



1880 Census – Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co, NC

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

