

**Martha Jane Upchurch****XID – 757**

**Commentary:** Martha Jane Upchurch (1820 – 1892) lived her entire life in Wake County, NC. She married Merrill Olive in 1855. This union would produce five children. Martha Jane was the daughter of Tabitha Upchurch and the granddaughter of Nathan, head of Upchurch Clan #3.

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**(no number)** Olive – Upchurch Connections – Based on book, James Olive Family of Wake County, NC 1965; Third reprinting, 1997. [Page numbers from this book are quoted in individual listings below. NS 20 Dec 2016]

I. James Olive, Sr. “Old James” to Wake County, NC 1840 (Craven County until 1746, then Johnston County until 1771, then Wake County) Lived on Crabtree Creek. [B, C, D below] are 3 of 7 sons settled in Southwestern Wake County, NC. Page Numbers from this book follow each name.

A. James Olive, Feb 1748 or before-married Elizabeth Burt, pages 9-14. No known Upchurch connections

B. William Olive, Sr. “Billie Olive”, born 1746, died 1827 (Wake County, North Carolina) 10 children, pages 16 and 17

1. William Olive, Jr., died 1827- 7 children, page 17

a. Merrill Olive, born 1816, died 1883, married **Martha Jane Upchurch** [daughter of Tabitha Upchurch; granddaughter of Nathan Upchurch, I], page 18

2. James Olive, born 1773, married ( ) Waitley Straight, page 21

a. Abigail Olive, born about 1810, page 23 married ( ) Sims Upchurch [son of Moses Upchurch].

b. Cader Olive [He was GGFather of Irene (Olive) Kittinger], page 25

3. Howell Olive, died 1837- 5 children including 3 unnamed daughters, page 20

a. Mary Olive [Daughter proposed by RPU-Good Evidence] married ( ) Acriel Upchurch [Son of Nathan Upchurch, I]

C. Southwood Olive born about 1775- 6 children, pages 47-62.

1. Asa Olive, born about 1790 (Wake County, NC), page 52.

a. Mary Ann Olive born 1826 Married ( ) Isham Henry Collins, page 53. Their grandson, Robert Allen Collins married Sarah Mabel Norris. A granddaughter of Bennett A. Upchurch [son of Whitney Upchurch; Grandson of Moses Upchurch]

b. Eli Olive, married 1849 Sarah Watson, page 59. Bondsman Alf Upchurch [Alfred Upchurch] [ son of Burtis Upchurch; grandson of Nathan Upchurch, I]

c. Tabitha Olive, twin of Lydia Olive married ( ) Paschal R (B) Upchurch. Page 67 Bondsman Sims Upchurch. Paschal and Sims are brothers –son of Murray Upchurch; grandson/o Moses Upchurch. Page 67

d. Lydia Olive, twin of Tabitha Olive born 1837 Married ( ) Thomas Upchurch [son of Ruffin Upchurch; Grandson of Moses Upchurch]. Page 67

D. John Olive Sr., pages 63-95 His great grandson Hallie Olive Kelly married Adelia

1. Burrell Olive. Jane Upchurch, [of the Moses Upchurch/Murray Upchurch Subclan] whose son Hunter Ligett Kelly married ( ) Margaret Lee Upchurch [of the Nathan Upchurch, I /Burtis Upchurch subclan]

E. Anthony Olive, pages 104-122 sold 160 acres to Moses Upchurch, head of the Moses Upchurch clan, in 1780.

F. Jesse Olive born about 1762, pages 123-186. No known Upchurch connection

G. Abel Olive, Sr. born 1765, pages 187-208. No known Upchurch connection

**(no number)** Descendants of **Martha Jane Upchurch**, daughter of Tabitha Upchurch and granddaughter of Nathan Upchurch, I. MJU married Merrell Olive born 1816, son of William Olive, Jr died 1827. From Pages 18 – 20, James Olive Family published 1965

[Surnames listed: Olive, Upchurch, Barbee, Howell, Johnson, Williams, Beavers, Chapman, Mills, Reynolds, Hancock, Brass, Smith, Wilson – CJM 4 Oct 2020]

- 214 Merrill Olive b. June 23, 1816 d. Oct. 21, 1883 (his death date on his tombstone is July 21, 1883). This is the Merrill Olive said to be a first cousin to Cader Olive which would make Cader's father, James Olive, a brother to William, Jr. Merrell's wife was Martha Jane Upchurch, b. 10-28-1820, d. 1-12-1892. Both are buried in Olive Chapel Cemetery in Wake County. Also buried here is Martha, dau. of above, wife of I. S. Barbee, b. 11-8-1860, d. 8-27-1914.
- 1829 and 1831 Howell paid taxes for Merrell on 200 acres in White Oak District.
- 1832 Merrell is listed as orphan of Wm. Olive along with Polly and Betsey. Merrell was only 16 years old then.
- 1837 Merrell paid his own taxes on 200 acres in White Oak.
- 1839 and 1840 Merrell paid his taxes on 200 acres and also paid taxes for Elizabeth Olive on 276 acres in same dist. These were evidently his mother's taxes.
- 1841 Merrell paid taxes on 396 acres in White Oak.
- 1850 Census lists Merrell as 34, farming and living with him are Elizabeth Olive 65 and Clarinda Olive 21. We do not place Clarinda unless the census age is wrong because his sister, Clary was married in 1820. Of course, census ages are often wrong and this could be his sister, perhaps a widow. Her married name was Wilson but the census taker could have misunderstood that.
- 1860 Census for Wake Co. lists Maril 44, farming, Jane 39, William 4, James 2, Abitha 1 and Elizabeth 75.
- 1880 Census lists him Merrill 65, farmer, All family born in North Carolina. Martha J. 59, Wm. S. 22, Talby E. 21, Martha J. 19 and F. D. (dau.) 18.
- 2141 James H. Olive b. 1-25-1856, d. 5-6-1910 m. Georgetta F. Johnson b. 1-9-1853, d. 2-29-1892—dates from their tombstones. He was a farmer.
- 1880 census lists him as 24, farmer, all family born in North Carolina, Georgetta F. 28, wife; Percy W. 1, son (born in October) and Joseph Johnson 26, brother-in-law living with them.
- 2141-1 Dr. Percy Wingate Olive b. Apex, 10-14-1879, m. on June 15, 1909 Sally McDonald Williams, dau. of Owen and Margaret (McDonald) Williams.
- 2141-11 P. W. Olive, Jr. b. Apr. 21, 1910
- 2141-12 Orion Florence Olive b. Sept. 3, 1911
- 2141-13 Margaret Elizabeth Olive b. Jan. 7, 1913
- 2141-14 Mary Williams Olive b. Feb. 23, 1917
- 2141-15 Sarah Owens Olive b. Nov. 16, 1919
- 2141-16 William Sydney Olive b. Jan. 26, 1925.
- 2141-2 Jamie Olive
- 2141-3 Daisy Olive m. George Beavers. Mrs. Beavers sent the record of her family. She lives at 1108 Sunset Dr., Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 2141-31 Dr. James Beavers m. Pearl Smith
- 2141-311 Barbara Beavers m. Bill Chapman
- 2141-3111 Melissa Chapman
- 2141-312 Walter Lee Beavers
- 2141-313 Olive Beavers
- 2141-32 George Beavers, Jr. m. Wilba Mills
- 2141-321 Paul Beavers
- 2141-322 Wayne Beavers
- 2141-323 Carl Beavers
- 2141-324 Susan Beavers
- 2141-33 Dr. Charles Beavers m. Nell Reynolds
- 2141-331 Beverly Beavers
- 2141-332 Charlotte Beavers
- 2141-333 Elaine Beavers
- 2141-334 Marilyn Beavers
- 2141-335 Harold Beavers
- 2141-34 Dr. David Beavers m. Elizabeth Hancock
- 2141-341 David Beavers, Jr.
- 2141-342 Philip Beavers
- 2141-343 Janet Beavers
- 2141-344 Gail Beavers
- 2141-345 Judith Beavers
- 2141-346 William (Bill) Beavers
- 2141-35 Dr. William Olive Beavers m. Eunice Brass
- 2141-351 Richard Beavers
- 2141-352 Carolyn Beavers
- 2141-353 Clyde Beavers
- 2141-354 Dwight Beavers
- 2141-355 Gary Beavers
- 2141-36 Dr. Franklin Beavers m. Margery Smith
- 2141-361 Christine Beavers
- 2141-362 Linda Beavers
- 2141-363 Gregg Beavers
- 2141-364 Scott Beavers
- 2141-365 Yvonne Beavers
- 2141-37 John R. Beavers m. Bette Wilson
- 2141-371 Mary Margaret Beavers
- 2141-372 Bobby Beavers
- 2141-38 Jamie Beavers m. Ed Banks
- 2141-381 Everett Banks m. Joyce Tunstall
- 2141-382 Martha Banks m. John Colson, Jr.
- 2141-39 Lydia Beavers
- 2141-31 Alice Beavers
- 2141-4 Foy Olive m. Mr. Ballentine
- 2141-5 Pauline Olive m. Mr. Hamrick
- 2142 Rev. William Sydney Olive b. 8-12-1857 d. 9-9-1931 m. Annie Carlton who was b. 11-24-1868 (Cem. Record says 1869), d. Oct. 5-1947.
- 2142-1 Lida Olive b. 7-24-1892, died May 1962 unmarried.
- 2142-2 Grace Olive b. 7-14-1896 m. June 6, 1922 Rev. James Lester Lane b. 6-25-1895
- 2142-21 Lost 1 month old infant
- 2142-22 Wm. Thomas Lane b. 10-17-1927 m. & has children.
- 2142-23 James Lester Lane, Jr. b. 2-18-1930 m. & has ch.
- 2142-24 Joan Olive Lane b. 11-11-1935, m. and has children.
- 2142-3 Kemp Walt Olive b. 2-5-1903, d. 9-15-1903
- 2142-4 Minnie Susie Olive (twin) b. 2-5-1903, d. 9-16-1903. Death notice of these twins in Biblical Recorder for Oct. 7, 1903.
- 2143 Tabitha Olive m. Mr. Page, has one child. She was living with her parents in 1880—listed in census as Talby E. 21.
- 2144 Martha Olive b. 11-8-1860 d. 8-27-1914 m. I. S. Barbee, has no children. Living at home in 1880—listed as Martha J. 19. Mrs. Grace Lane wrote "Aunt Dee had two children. She died the year I was born so must have been older than Tabby and Martha." She may have just died younger than her sisters.
- 2145 F. Diana Olive (Aunt Dee) m. Mr. Lawrence. Her death notice is in the Biblical Recorder for Oct. 21, 1896, lists her as Mrs. F. Diana (Olive) Lawrence. She is in the 1880 census as F. D., 18. Mrs. Lawrence had two children. Is one of them Mrs. Clara Goodwin who was born a Lawrence?

[Surnames listed: Olive, Banks, Beavers, Tunstall, Colson, Ballentine, Hamrick, Carlton, Lane, Page, Barbee, Lawrence, Goodwin – CJM 4 Oct 3030]

**(1)** In will dated 26 Feb 1835 Nathan Upchurch I listed 4 living sons and 1 deceased and 3 daughters one of which was Tabitha. Listed also 2 children of Tabitha.

1. Golden Almon Upchurch (why Upchurch name?)
2. Martha Jane (28)

**(2)** Per attachment #21 West letter 18 May 1975 – Nathan Upchurch will 26 Feb 1835  
 “10. Granddaughter **Martha Jane Upchurch**, daughter of my daughter Tabitha –1 feather bed and furniture”

**(3)** Per attachment #35 West letter 18 May 1975 – Abstract of Upchurch Wills – Wake County, NC Court House  
 “Tabitha to Golden Amon Upchurch, **Mary Jane Upchurch**.” 1855 Book Rec 29, Page 230.

**(4)** Per attachment #24 West letter 18 May 1975 – Upchurch Wills – Wake Co, NC  
 “Tabitha Upchurch to **Martha Jane Upchurch** 1 Feb 1855 Rec 29 Page 230 File 957”

**(5)** Nathan Upchurch, father of Tabitha Upchurch, wrote will 6 Feb 1835 – see Will File

**(6)** See 1850 Census – Wake Co, NC – Western Division

<b><u>Martha J Upchurch</u></b>	age 29 female	born in NC in home of her brother:
Golden A Upchurch	age 35 male	Farmer, \$225 RE, born in NC
Nancy Upchurch	age 38 female	wife of Golden A Upchurch
Tabitha Upchurch	age 59	mother of Golden A and Martha J Upchurch

**(7)** See NC Marriage Records – Upchurches

Jane Upchurch [**Martha Jane Upchurch**] married 29 Mar 1855 (Chatham Co, NC) Mesel Olif [Merrill Olive]

**(8)** See Chatham Co, NC Cemetery Book Vol II Pages 86 – 87

Olive Chapel Cemetery – Wake co, NC

HEW {	Merrell Olive	28 Jun 1818 – 21 Jul 1883
	Martha Jane Olive [ <b><u>MJU</u></b> ]	28 Oct 1820 – 12 Jan 1892

A number of their children are buried in this cemetery – extracted separately.

**(9)** Lawrence Family of Western Wake Co, NC – From Wake Co, NC Heritage Book – Families 460 – 467; Note: [ ] = Family history filed with principals

I. William Lawrence  
 married ( ) Lucy --- ---

I. James Ragan  
 A. William Ragan married ( )

A. Thomas Ruffin Lawrence [467] married ( ) Temperance Ragan “Tempie” [467] ← Sarah Womble “Sallie” → 1. Tempie Ragan

1. Calvin Lawrence “Callie”
2. Sexton Lawrence
3. Serena Lawrence “Rena”

married ( ) Asa Goodwin

4. Henry Thomas Lawrence, Sr [461], [463], [464]  
 born 19 Jun 1863 (Wake Co, NC); died 24 Mar 1941  
 married (1<sup>st</sup>) 28 Oct 1886 ( ) Frances Deanna Olive<sup>1</sup> [463]  
 born 6 Apr 1862 (Wake Co, NC) daughter of Merrill Olive\* and **Jane Upchurch**  
 [Martha Jane Upchurch], daughter of Tabitha Upchurch  
 married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 18 Jun 1899 ( ) Mary Katherine Bland<sup>2\*\*</sup> “Katy” [464], [465]  
 born 24 Apr 1875, died 11 May 1944

- a.<sup>1</sup> Roger Glenn Lawrence [466]
- b.<sup>1</sup> Clara Louise Lawrence
- c.<sup>1</sup> --- --- Lawrence – died at birth as did mother
- d.<sup>2</sup> Henry Thomas Lawrence, Jr born 11 Feb 1901 [462]
- e.<sup>2</sup> Mary Lois Lawrence
- f.<sup>2</sup> Arthur Craig Lawrence [460]
- g.<sup>2</sup> Alice Belle Lawrence
- h.<sup>2</sup> Dorothy Miriam Lawrence

#### I. William Olive, Sr

A. William Olive, Jr  
 married ( ) Elizabeth Barker

1. William S Olive, MOG
2. James H Olive
3. Martha Olive
4. Tabitha Olive

married ( ) --- --- Page

5. Merrill Olive\*

#### I. James Bland

married ( ) Catherine Lasater

A. James Sextus Bland  
 married ( ) Isabella Cameron, daughter of Lemuel Cameron

1. Mary K Bland\*\*
2. Isabella Bland
3. Evelyn Bland
4. Johnnie Bland
5. Rachel Bland + James Sexton Bland raised cousins Robert Olive and Eugene Olive

**(no number)** See notes of visit 18 Nov 1978 RPU to Adelia Jane Upchurch

I. **Martha Jane Upchurch** (daughter of Tabitha Upchurch)

married Merrell Olive

A. William S Olive – minister of Olive Chapel Church for 30 years

married Annie Carlton

1. Lydia Olive – never married – Home Economics teacher
2. A twin – died young
3. A twin – died young
4. Grace Olive

married Lester Lane, a minister from GA. Grace still lives in Ashville, NC

a. William (Billy) Thomas Lane – lives in Franklin, NC

B. James Olive

married Georgetta Johnson

1. Pauline Olive  
married F B Hamerick
2. Daisey Olive  
married George Beavers
3. Foy Olive (female)  
married --- --- Valentine
4. Wingate Olive  
married --- --- in Fayetteville, NC
5. James Olive, Jr (Jamie)

C. Tabitha Olive

married --- --- Page

D. Martha Olive

married Solomon Busbee

**(no number)** From: Wake Treasures Vol 3 No. 3 Fall 1993 Page 29 – 33

Bastardy Bonds and Records (Part 10)

Continued from Vol III, No. 2

abstracted by Madlyn Jamison

From CR099.102.1, Folder: 1823 – 1826. [*Note: Three 1818 Bastardy Records were found in this file and are presented first.*]

6. Tabitha Upchurch/ ----- Agaws/ Agers?

Receipt. Mr Benjamin D King Sir please to pay Nathan Upchurch Ten Dollars that Agaws? pade in the office for me for begattin **one Child** on my boddey and this order shall be your recpt? for the Sam- this 21 of April 1823 signed: Tabitha (mark) Upchurch, Gilbard Upchurch

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Gilbert Upchurch

B. Tabitha Upchurch

1. **Martha Jane Upchurch** born about 1821

Note: Tabitha Upchurch had 2 children out of wedlock – one in 1815 and one about 1821. The above \$10 has to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> child and could have been one of several ongoing payments by the father of Martha Jane Upchurch. More clarity/ detail is desired on Agaws/ Agers?? - RPU