

**Commentary:** Martha Jane Upchurch was born about 1832 in Wake County, NC and died after 1910 in Chatham County, NC. She was the daughter of Whitney Upchurch and the granddaughter of Moses Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan # 1. Martha married William Stephens and they lived in Chatham County. More is needed on the Stephens family.

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- 1.) See Records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 visit to Colonial Dames XVII Century Office.
  - A. Page 11 Lists Wake County, North Carolina Census for 1850 and gives Whitney Upchurch 58 male, farmer, born North Carolina and wife Elizabeth Upchurch, born North Carolina, age 55. Plus 5 children including Martha Upchurch age 18 (born about 1832).
- 2.) See 1850 Census Wake County, North Carolina  
Martha Upchurch age 18, female, born in North Carolina is listed with name of parents Whitney Upchurch 55, male, farmer, \$100 Real Estate, born in North Carolina; and Elizabeth Upchurch 55, female, born in North Carolina. Plus 4 other children in the home.
- 3.) See 1860 Census Wake County, North Carolina.  
**Martha Upchurch** appears in home of her father Whitney Upchurch in Wake County, North Carolina. She is shown as Lane [Jane] age 26 Female (born about 1834)
- 4.) See North Carolina Upchurch Marriages  
Martha Jane Upchurch married 12 Feb 1866 (Wake County, North Carolina)  
William Stephens.
- 5.) Per attached #34 West Letter 18 May 1875 – Wake County North Carolina Marriage Records “Martha Jane Upchurch married William Stephens 12 Feb 1866 – Witness D. L. Upchurch”.  
[Note: Assume D.L.U. in #5 is Duncan Lemuel Upchurch (son of Whitney Upchurch and that M.J.U. is **MARTHA JANE UPCHURCH** [daughter of Whitney Upchurch. Whitney Upchurch died 1863 so his daughter, Martha Jane Upchurch had to get a husband at age 34 – RPU]
- 6.) See Letter 5 Aug 2002 Charles John Peterson, Jr. to RPU  
Charles did a census computer research on the following:
  - I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **Martha Jane Upchurch** born about 1832, married 12 Feb 1866 (Wake County, North Carolina) William Stephens (Stephen)

He Found:

- 1870 Census Chatham County, North Carolina – Cape Fear Twp, Page 33  
Dwelling, Page 224  
Family, Page 224  
William Stephens, 45 born NC, Farmer  
Jane Stephens, 24, born NC [nee **Martha Jane Upchurch**?] born about 1846  
Robert Stephens, 2, born NC  
Martin Stephens, 1, born NC  
Also in Household: Julia Stephens, 25  
Marshall Stephens, 21, (born about 1849)
  
  - 1880 Census Chatham County, North Carolina – Cape Fear Twp 228  
William, 55, born NC  
Jane Stephens, 40, born NC [nee **Martha Jane Upchurch**?], born about 1840  
Robert Stephens, 13, born NC  
Montie G. Stephens, 11 born NC [Martie?] [Martin Stephens]  
Minnie Stephens, 1, born NC
- 7.) Note #1 – The Chatham County NC Cemetery Book is unhelpful on the above except to reveal that Marshal H. Stephens born 1 Dec 1847 died 20 Dec 1886 (Buried Haywood Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Chatham County, NC ) He is likely the Marshal on 1870 Census.
- 8.) Note #2 – The “Jane” on the 1870 and 1880 Census may be **Martha Jane Upchurch** but the ages are too divergent to instill confidence – RPU – 10 Aug 2002.
- 9.) Excerpt From: “The Goodwin Family of Central NC” by Thomas **Jerry** Goodwin, Sr. 2009. RPU 29 Sep 2012
- I. William Goodwin, Sr (page 60) (AKA William Kendrick Goodwin, born 2 Jan 1748 (NC) died 1837 (Chatham County, NC) married 1770 (Wake County NC) Winifred Thrailkill.
- G. Elizabeth Goodwin born 1794 (page 102) (Wake County NC) died.....  
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    1. Candis Upchurch (Page 183)
    2. Richard Dillard Upchurch (Page 184)
    3. Duncan Lemuel Upchurch
    4. Hesper Ann Upchurch
    5. James M. Upchurch

- 6. **Martha Jane Upchurch**
- 7. Bennett A. Upchurch (Page 184)

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10.) Partial Extract No 2 from 26 page document Rebecca Lynn McLean to RPU 18 Oct 2009, daughter of Beulah Maybelle Mann Moses Upchurch / Whitney Upchurch sub-clan – Candis Upchurch Line

42. **Whitney Upchurch** was born on 1792 in Moccasin Creek, Franklin County, NC. He was the son of 84. Moses Upchurch and 85. Mary Simms. He died on 1863 in Green Level, Wake County NC. He married Elizabeth Goodwin on 03 Jan 1811 in Wake County NC.
43. **Elizabeth Goodwin**, born 1795 in Wake County NC, married 03 Jan 1811 in Wake County NC.

Children of Whitney Upchurch and Elizabeth Goodwin are:

- +21 i. Candace Upchurch [on partial Extract 3], born 1818 in Wake County, North Carolina, died about 1889 in Chatham County NC, US, married John Mann 19 Dec 1847 in Wake County NC
- ii. Richard Dillard UPCHURCH, born 1820 in Wake, NC, died 1906, married Jane PHELPS 1848.
- iii. Duncan Lemuel UPCHURCH, born 1825 in Wake, NC, died after 1900 in Wake County, NC.
- iv. Hesper Ann UPCHURCH, born about 1829 in Wake, NC, married Alfred DAUGHTRY 02 Aug 1856 in Wake County NC.
- v. James M. UPCHURCH, born 1830 in Wake, married Isabel THOMAS 18 Jan 1859 in Chatham County NC; married Kattie L. KEITH 23 Dec 1890.
- vi. **Martha Jane Upchurch**, born 1832 in Wake, NC died after 1910 in Chatham County, NC, married William STEPHEN 12 Feb 1866 in Wake County, NC.
- vii. Bennett A. UPCHURCH, born 10 May 1834 in Wake, NC, died 28 Mar 1872 in Wake County, NC, married Sarah A. LAWRENCE 31 Jan 1858 in Chatham County, NC.
- viii. Lane UPCHURCH, born 1842 in Wake, NC
- ix. (female) Upchurch, born about 1813 in Wake County NC
- x. (female) Upchurch, born abut 1822 in Wake County NC