

Arabella Medlin**XID – 14649**

Commentary: Arabella Medlin was the wife of Benjamin Upchurch, who was the son of Calvin and the grandson of Jubal, head of Upchurch clan 6.

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Benjamin Upchurch
North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979
marriage: 10 Nov 1850
Cumberland County, North Carolina
spouse: **Anabell Medlin**

(no number) From letter 12 Jul 2007 Gwen NMN Stevens to RPU

I Jubal Upchurch

A. Calvin Upchurch

1. Benjamin Upchurch

married (1st) 10 Nov 1850 (Cumberland Co, NC) **Arabella Medlin**

Arabell Medlin Upchurch

Now, to give you some information...a couple yours ago, a lady by the name of Julia Meldrim Gambrell walked several cemeteries in Harnett Co and placed this information online. I went back to the site and it was no longer up and running. To make a long story short, after weeks and weeks of searching, I was able to contact her and get the exact location of the small cemetery where Arabell/ Arabella Upchurch is buried. The directions are as follows:

Follow Harnett Central Road past the high school toward Mathews Mill Pond Road, the cemetery is before the last house on the right. There is a clump of trees not far from the road and the very small cemetery is located there. It is covered with brambles and advises that a woman not to go there alone because of snakes, etc.

Those buried there are:

Gaddie, Della born 1868 died Oct 1, 1935 (no pictures – info from Hugh Williams)

Matthews, Emily born Feb 27, 1837 died Jul 3, 1922

Matthews, George W born 1840 died Oct 26, 1913

Upchurch, Arabell born Oct 19, 1827 died Jul 9, 1857 – now this year is not correct, but the picture does appear to show 1857 on the very worn and broken stone. Would love to see for myself as a 5 & 6 (1867 death date) could look alike on a worn stone. The stone goes on to say that Arabell was the wife of Bengeman Upchurch, a loving wife and mother. I can offer a copy of these pictures, if you'd like.

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: Emily J Matthews

Age in 1910: 79

Estimated birth year: abt 1831

Birthplace: North Carolina

Relation to Head of House: Daughter

Father's name: James A

Father's birth Place: North Carolina

Mother's name: Rose E

Mother's Birth Place: North Carolina

Home in 1910: Neills Creek, Harnett, North Carolina

Marital Status: Widowed

Race: White

Gender: Female

Neighbors:

Household Members:

Name	Born about	Age	
James A Matthews	1873	37	
Rose E Matthews	1888	22	[2, 2], wife
James Matthews	1907	3	
Mary A Matthews	1909	1	1 6/12
Emily J Matthews	1831	79	widow, mother

Note: On 19 Jul 2007 I searched ancestry.com for this Matthews Family 1850 – 1910 and this report above is all I found. There is a good chance the Emily age 79 in 1910 is the same on the Emily in the cemetery – RPU

(1) See letter 30 Oct 1975 Jefferson Woodrow Upchurch, Jr to Etta Belle Lewter filed with the former:

I. Benjamin Upchurch born circa 1830

married circa 1851 **Areabell Medlin** who died before 1870

A. Jefferson Davis Upchurch born 1861

1. Jefferson Woodrow Upchurch, Sr

a. Jefferson Woodrow Upchurch, Jr

“We found Benjamin as a 20 year old in the 1850 Census [of Cumberland Co, NC – this area later to be Harnett Co, NC] living in a house with all young me. Listed next on the census were Temperance Medlin, 42, and Arabell Medlin, 22. Benjamin married Areabell soon after the census was taken in 1850, and the 1860 Census shows them in the same household with four

sons and Areabell's mother. Areabell bore a fifth son in 1861, my grandfather. Apparently, she died because she is not shown in the 1870 Census."

[Note: Letter 23 Mar 1992 Paul T Upchurch to RPU adds Alsa Medlin, 32, F, to the Temperance Medlin household and for 1850 and uses Arabella Medlin spelling – RPU]

(2) See Marriage Records – NC – Upchurches

Benjamin Upchurch married 10 Nov 1850 (Cumberland Co, NC) Areabell Medling

(3) See 1860 Census – Harnett Co, NC #220, Summerville Township

Arabell Medlin is listed as A B Upchurch, age 30, F, Domestic (wife) in home of her husband Ben [Benjamin Upchurch] farmer, RE \$700, PP \$700. There are 4 children in the home ages 9 – 1.

[Letter 23 Mar 1992 Paul T Upchurch to RPU add Temp Medlin, 53, F – RPU]

[Benjamin Upchurch is son of Calvin Upchurch and grandson of Jubal Upchurch – Head of Clan]

(4) See letter 9 Apr 1992 Paul T Upchurch to RPU

When **Arabella Medlin** was 22 she married Benjamin Upchurch in Cumberland Co, NC and had five children: James (Jim) born 1851, John K born 1856; Calvin born 1858, Jeff born 1861 and Charlie born 1867.

(5) See letter 30 Apr 1994 David Cameron Mangum to RPU

Arbella (Arabella) Medlin (Medlin) [**AM**] born 19 Oct 1827 died 5 Jul 1867 married 10 Nov 1850 (Cumberland Co, NC) Benjamin Upchurch born 1830 died 1910.

(no number) Item in letter 4 May 199 Gloria Jean Bayles to RPU

[From 1850 Census – Cumberland Co, NC]

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in *Northwestern Division* in the County of *Cumberland* State of *Virginia* enumerated by me, on the *23^d* day of *June* 1850. *W. J. Marshall* Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	8	9	10 11 12			13
			Age	Sex	Color, or Mark, or Infirmity				Married within the year.	Attending School	Persons over 15 years of age who cannot read & write.	
		<i>Elizabeth Sparker</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>VA</i>				
<i>24</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>William Matthews</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>Farmer</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>VA</i>				
		<i>Nancy</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>Scotland</i>				
		<i>Nancy</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>VA</i>				
		<i>David</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>Labourer</i>		<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>Emily</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>VA</i>				
		<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>Margt</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>Scotland</i>		<i>1</i>		
<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Martha M. Medling</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>Copper</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>Lyathia</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>Buffum Horton</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>Labourer</i>		<i>VA</i>				
		<i>Julia</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>John Bell</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>Benj. Church</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Temperance Medling</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>58</i>	<i>VA</i>				
		<i>Abigail</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		
		<i>Alva</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>VA</i>		<i>1</i>		

18	27	27	Bennet Hockaday	32	M	Farmers	200	ml		
19			Harry	26	F			ml		
20			Fanny W	7	F			ml	1	
21			Charles A	6	F			ml		
22			Christiana	9	F			ml		
23			Virginia	7 1/2	F			ml		
24	28	28	John McArthur	20	M	Farmers	200	ml		1
25			Eliza	20	F			Scotland		
26			Norman	24	M		150	ml		
27			Christiana	24	F			ml		
28			Edie A	18	F			ml		
29			John A	17	M			ml	1	
30			Melvin M	16	M			ml	1	
31			Katie	10	F			ml	1	
32			Effie M	8	F			ml	1	
33	29	29	Barbara Latta	25	F		200	Scotland		
34			John A	23	M	Lumber		ml		
35			David	22	M			ml		
36	30	30	Henry Parikh	25	M	Hardware				
37			Deland	28	F					
38			Arden	7	M					
39			Clara	9	F					
40			Christen	1	F					
41	31	31	Backson Milham	31	M	Farmers				
42			Eliza J	23	F					
				18						
				24						

Line #14
Ben Upchurch

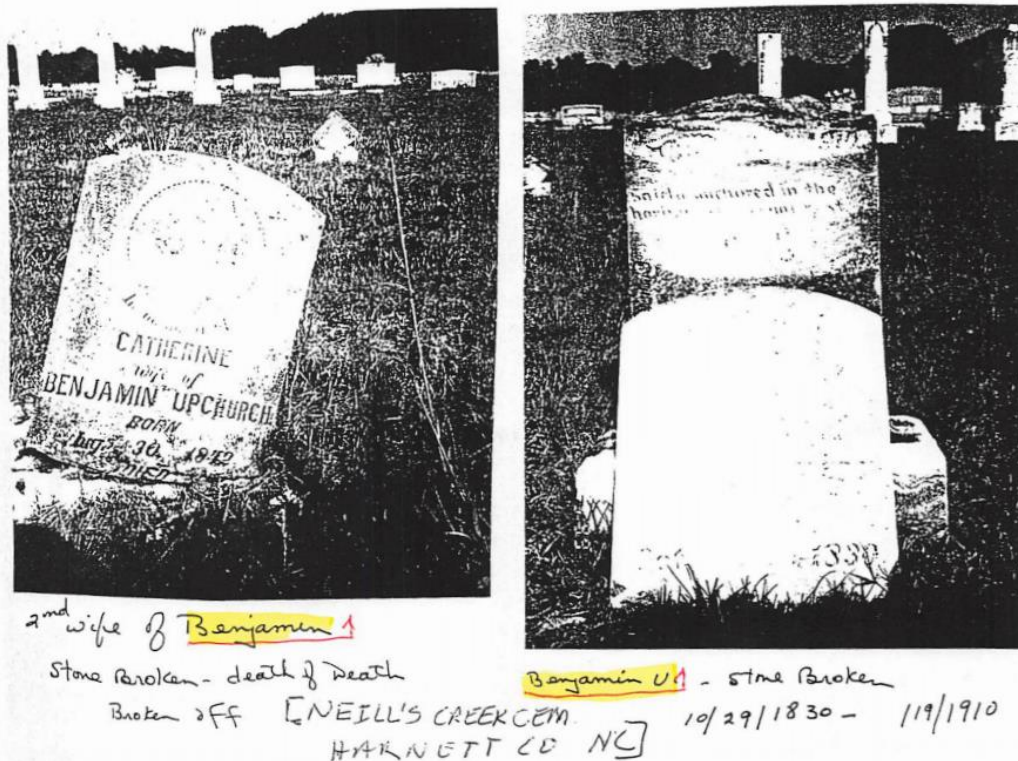
Line #16
Arabella
medlin

om Family Tree Maker, CD306 Census Microfilm Records: NC, 1850, Disk 2, Cumberland
April 24 1000

(no number) See letter 23 Sep 1999 Gloria Jean Bayles to RPU

I made a trip to Harnett County, NC in August as I mentioned in my last letter. Most of the gravestone photos enclosed were taken at Neill's Creek Cemetery. The stones of Great Great Grandfather Benjamin Upchurch and his 2nd wife Catherine were in sad shape. Benjamin's could barely be read. I did not see a gravestone for Arabella, his 1st wife and my ancestor. Some of the other photos I am still trying to identify. The Church was easy to find – right on Hwy 210 out of Lillington. Sorry about the shadows on some of the photos, we got there at the wrong time of day.

(see photos below)



- I. Jubal Upchurch – Head of Clan
 A. Calvin Upchurch
 1. Benjamin Upchurch
 married (1st) **Arabella Medlin**
 married (2nd) Catherine W Johnson

(no number) NC Marriages – 5 Sep 05 – Peterson – Cumberland Co
 Benjamin Upchurch **Arabella Medlin** 10 Nov 1850 Cumberland

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(no number) To RPU from Michael Ray Upchurch 17 Oct 2015:

From: irshgentry@softcom.net
 Subject: Arabella's burial
 Date: October 5, 2015 at 1:49 PM
 To: Mike Upchurch mikerupchurch@gmail.com

CC - ARABELLA MEDLIN
 Δ Δ BENJAMIN U, MICHAEL (RM) U
 Δ GWEN NMN STEVENS



These are the directions to the small family cemetery where Arabella (Medlin) Upchurch, Benjamin's 1st wife & our 2x great grandmother is buried. I need to warn you that the people that found this sight are not "locals" and I have tried to get more exact directions from contacts in and around the area, but they don't seem to be sure, either.

Located on Harnett Central Road
 Angier, NC

This is from an email of June 21, 2007: "We had heard about the cemetery and persevered until we found it. If you follow Harnett Central Road past the high school toward Mathews Mill Pond Road. It is before the last house on the right. There is copse of trees not far from the road and the very small cemetery is located there. My husband crawled in through some brambles and took the pictures. It is harder to find during the summer when vegetation hides it. It is in very poor condition and I don't really recommend a woman going in there and definitely not alone. The Upchurch marker is in two pieces. The one with the main information is lying on the ground"

This information as well as a picture was taken in March, 2003, so I'm not sure what condition the sight would be in today. I tried to get some interest in trying to clear the area to better preserve it, but those I contacted had other more pressing issues to deal with.

If you or anyone you know happens to venture out to locate this sight, please go prepared to do a "rubbing" of the tomb stone and share it with me. Arabella's date of death appears to be 1857 on the picture I have, but she must have died in 1867, as she appears on census records as "A. B. age 30 in 1860 and she had her last child about that same time. I feel sure that she died from childbirth complications. Arabella's mother moved into Benjamin's home after Arabella's death - I am sure to help care for 5 sons. In fact, Tempy Medlin, mother in law of Benjamin's continued to live in his household after Benjamin married his 2nd wife.

Please, if you find that Tempy Medlin/Medling is buried at the Neills Creek Cemetery, please, please take down the info and pass it on to me.

Happy hunting,
 Gwen

TO RPU FROM MICHAEL RAY U 17 OCT 2015