

Nancy Upchurch XID-55845

Commentary: Nancy Upchurch was born in 1817 in Chatham County, NC and died there in 1885. She was the daughter of Whitney Upchurch and the granddaughter of Moses Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan #1. She married William James Hobby/Hobbie and their daughter Araminta married David Burns, the son of Silas Burns.

This Biofile begs for amplification. It should lead to more details for the Moses/Whitney Upchurch Tree. For this we are thankful for cooperator Billie Rita Adams. More research is needed for the clarification of the Hobby/Hobbie surname.

There is a hint here of a broader story to tell concerning Silas Burns. He was the father-in-law of Araminta, the daughter of Nancy and William. This Silas was notable as the founder of Peden Steel in Raleigh, NC. He was also an absentee owner of 50 acre tract on Tryon Road in Rhamkette which has a little known, yet important history, the telling of which is planned.

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(1) Per Attachment #34-West Letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co NC Marriage Records
“Nancy Upchurch married William Hobby 19 Dec 1845 – Witness = M.D. Crocker”

(2) Wake Co NC Marriage Bonds
Nancy Upchurch married William Hobby 19 Dec 1845

(3) Cross List as UFU – NC General

(4) NC Marriages – 5 Sep 05 – Peterson - Wake CO

Mary Upchurch	Odom Barns	3 Feb 1806	Wake
Mary Upchurch	Odam Bunn	5 Feb 1806	Wake
Whiting Upchurch	Elizabeth Goodwin	3 Jan 1811	Wake
Mackey Upchurch	Edmund Cole	9 Aug 1816	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Elizabeth Upchurch	20 Mar 1819	Wake
Murray Upchurch	Nancy Scott	23 Aug 1820	Wake
Hubbard Upchurch	Esther Bird	24 Oct 1822	Wake
Frances Upchurch	Blake Baker	18 Nov 1829	Wake
John Upchurch	Angelina G. Green	29 May 1830	Wake
Kerney Upchurch	Emila Perry	22 Nov 1830	Wake
Sims Upchurch	Abigail Olive	11 Dec 1832	Wake
Ariel Upchurch	Mary Olive	30 Mar 1833	Wake
Quilla Upchurch	Nathaniel Mitchell	2 Dec 1833	Wake
Abel Upchurch	Nancy Sorrell	27 Nov 1839	Wake
Eliza Upchurch	William Beddingfield	2 Dec 1839	Wake
William C. Upchurch	Adline Royster	15 Dec 1840	Wake

Stephen Upchurch	Ann Medlin	16 Mar 1841	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Margaret Bird	23 Sep 1842	Wake
Bartley Upchurch	Jane Whitaker	27 Dec 1842	Wake
Clargy Upchurch	William Wilson	24 Feb 1842	Wake
Betsey Upchurch	Haywood Laurence	2 Dec 1844	Wake
<u>Nancy Upchurch</u>	William Hobby	19 Dec 1845	Wake
Clargy Ann Upchurch	Wesley M. Odaniel	11 Mar 1846	Wake
Candis Upchurch	John Mann	19 Dec 1847	Wake
Mariah Upchurch	Robert Rollins	13 Oct 1849	Wake
Alferd Upchurch	Adelia M. Crowder	23 Dec 1850	Wake
Armelia Upchurch	Hinton Hudson	31 Dec 1850	Wake

(5) Input from Letter 24 Jul 2008 Billie Rita Adams to RPU

Araminta Hobbie

Born December 18, 1850 (Date is hard to read on tombstone, could be Dec. 16)

Died August 5, 1876

Wake County

Buried in Apex Baptist Cemetery, Apex, NC, on road toward Sanford

Her tombstone says:

“Wife of D.S. Burns” and “Gone but not forgotten”

Married David S. Burns

Her grave is near that of several Upchurch family members, including her mother, Nancy Upchurch Hobbie

I really am fascinated with your census data! I’ve learned from this that my great great grandmother **Nancy Upchurch** Hobbie not only raised her own 5 children as a single parent, but also must have cared for her granddaughter W. Ethel Burns after the child’s mother, Araminta Hobbie Burns died at age 25. Ethel’s father David Burns remarried (Dora Boykin), but I have no info about them except the names of their 2 sons, Owen Parker Burns (b 23 Aug 1884 and died 1928 Charleston, SC) and Paul Burns. I’m curious who raised Ethel’s older sister Nina Burns (who died of diphtheria while a student at Peace College). This Burns line has eluded me for years! David’s parents, Silas and Lydia Dunn Burns, came to Raleigh, in 1834 from Massachusetts, for Silas to do iron work on the capitol that was under construction. They are both buried in the old City Cemetery, and the Iron fence that surrounds that cemetery is the one that once surrounded Union Square...Burns manufactured it in the foundry he established. I’ll send you my profiles for these folks along with copies of photos of Araminta and David Burns.

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **Nancy A. Upchurch**

a. Araminta Hobbie born 16 or 18 Dec 1850

Married () David S. Burns
 i. Nina Burns
 ii. Willie Ethel Burns

(6) Family of Nancy A. Upchurch daughter of Whitney Upchurch & granddaughter of Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan - RPU 18 Jul 2008

[A] 1850 Census Lower Regiment, Chatham County, NC

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William Hobby	34	M [34]
Nancy Hobby	35	F [35]
Baxter Hobby	4	M [4]
Arreminto Hobby	1	F [1]

[B] 1860 Census – Harnett Co, NC – Summerville Post Office

		Born About	Age
N.D. Hobby	F	1817	43
E.B. Hobby	M	1848	12
L.V.R. Hobby	F	1849	11
J.A. Hobby	F	1851	9
A.M. Hobby	F	1853	7
L.D. Hobby	F	1855	5

Next door is family of Benjamin Upchurch

[C] 1870 Census Grove Township, Harnett Co, NC – Post Office Harnett Court House

			Born About	
J.S. Hobby	Farm Laborer	M	1827	43
S.A. Hobby	House Keeper	F	1847	23
S. Hobby		F	1850	20

[D] 1870 Census – Cape Fear Township – Chatham Co., NC, Post Office Grove

			Born About	
Nancy Hobby	House Keeper	F	1825	45
Antonett Hobby	No Occupation	F	1950	20
Dexter Hobby	At Home	M	1856	14

[E] 1870 Census Buckhorn Township, Harnett Co., NC

		Born About	
William Hobby	Farmer	1816	54
Leasy Hobby		1834	36

Arch Hobby		1857	13
Casandra Hobbs		1865	5
Claudy Hobbs		1867	3
Clarice Hobbs		1868	2
Hepsy A Baker	Keep House	1836	34
Henry A. Baker		1861	9
Martha Baker		1867	3

Note: Benjamin Upchurch next door as in 1860

[F] 1870 Census Cape Fear Township, Chatham, Co. NC

		Born About		
Paertan Parson	Farmer \$400	1814	56	[Preston Parson]
Haney Parson		1814	56	[Nancy Parson]
Sarah Parson		1868	2	
Wesley Parson	Farmhand	1853	17	
Capanera Parson	Attending School	1855	15	
Dexter Hobby	Attending School	1856	14	

[G] 1880 Census Buckhorn Township, Wake Co, NC

		Born About	
Albert Pope	Farmer	1840	40
Nancy Hobby	Servant Cook Divorced	1816	64
Ethel Burns	Boarder	1876	4
Thaddeus Betts	Boarder Merchant	1854	26

[H] 1900 Census Middle Creek Township, Wake Co. NC

		Born About		
James Adams	Married 4 years	Jan 1872	28	Sawyer
Ethel Adams	[1,1]	Jun 1875	24	
Leary Adams		Oct 1897	2	

[I] 1910 Census Holly Springs, Wake Co. NC

		Born About	
James C. Adams	Sawmill Overseer	1874	36

Ethel B. Adams	Wife	[2,2]	1877	33
Leary W. Adams	Son		1898	12
Nina B. Adams	Daughter		1901	9

[J] 1920 Census – Not Found

[K] 1930 Census – Mecklenburg Co. NC – Charlotte

		Born	About	
Leary W. Adams	[Married 28, 23		About 1926]	
		1897		32
Willo Mae Adams	Wife	1903		27
Billie R. Adams	Daughter	1928		2
W. Colleon Gattys	Boarder	1907		23

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch

1. **Nancy A. Upchurch** born about 1817
 married 1845 William James Hobby born about 1816.
 He married 1st ?
 He married 2nd Nancy
 He married 3rd Leasy (see [E])
 - a. E. Baxter Hobby born about 1846/1848
 - b. Araminta Hobby born 8 Dec 1890
 married David S. Burns
 - i. Willie Ethel Burns born Jun 1875
 married () James Clovis Adams born Jan 1872
 (I) Leary Warren Adams born 6 Oct 1897
 married () Will O'Mae Gettys
 (A) Billie Rita Adams
 (II) Nina B. Adams born 27 Sep 1900
 - c. J.A. Hussy born about 1851
 - d. Antoinette Amanda Hobby born about 1853
 - e. Jason Dexter Hobby born 19 Apr 1856

(7) Input from Billie Rita Adams – 9-14 Feb 2008- See her biofile [] = from RPU Records

I. Silas Burns 17Jun1804 - 20 Oct 1867 – Married () Lydia P. Dunn 5 May 1818 – 5 Jun 1907
 to Raleigh, NC from Massachusetts in 1834 – Was Blacksmith & Foundary – Peden Steel –
 worked on the State Capital

A. David S. Burns 1845 – 1896 and lived in Wake County NC
 married () Araminta Hobbie 6 Dec 1857 – 5 Aug 1876 ←

1. Ethel Burns 1 Jan 1875 – 4 Jul 1918

- married () James Clovis Adams 7 Jan 1872 – 22 Mar 1944
 - a. Leary Warren Adams born 6 Oct 1897 (Wake County NC)
 - married () --- --- Gettys of Cleveland County, NC
 - i. Billie Rita Adams born Jan 1928

I. James Adams 23 Jan 1805 – 6 Nov 1885

lived and died near Holly Springs, Wake County, NC. Buried Adams Cemetery on Highway 55.

married Elizabeth Avery 1807 – 1885. Home in Kelly Book

A. James Theophilus Adams, Lt. Col. CSA 7 Sep 1839 – 19 Feb 1918

married () Lucy Ann Beckwith 30 Oct 1844 – 3 Feb 1928 ←

- 1. James Clovis Adams
- 2. Annie Lee Adams (after daughter of relative who died young) 6 Jul 1866 – 16 Mar 1940

→ married Richard Leonidos Adams “Lon”

B. David Columbus Adams 16 Nov 1829 – 15 Jun 1899 [Built in Holly Springs home now owned by David Carlyle Adams, Jr. born about 1940 (never married) owns Lon Adams house]

- 1. Richard Leonidos Adams “Lon” (10 children to adulthood plus 4 died young)

→ married Annie Lee Adams

- a. Clarence Adams 17 Jun 1893 – 6 May 1956
 - i. David Massey Adams born 23 Feb 1929
 - (1) David Patrick Adams b 5 May 1965

C. Amy Ann Adams

married Jesse Allen Norris – Had a large tobacco farm near Apex, NC

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch born 1792

1. **Nancy A. Upchurch** 1817 – 18 Aug 1888 (buried Apex Cemetery, Wake Co, NC)

married 19 Dec 1845 (Wake County NC) William James Hobbie “Buck”
(He married 1st --- --- ---)

- a. Araminta Hobbie ←
- b. Antoinette Hobbie] were visited in Wake County, NC by brother Dexter”
- c. Jason Dexter Hobbie 19 Apr 1856 – 9 Oct 1938 of Roanoke, VA
 - i. Wellford Hobbie Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR in 1960s – later taught at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA
 - (I) Wellford Hobbie, Minister of the Gospel Now member First Presbyterian, Concord, NC
 - (II) Peter Hobbie (Dr.) Professor of Religion, Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

I. Green Beckwith 7 Mar 1800 - 19 Jul 1880 – 19 Jul 1880 – buried State Road 1152 New Hill – Holly Springs across from Shady Grove Baptist Church

A. Calvin Holland Beckwith 29 Jul 1832 – 28 May 1915

Married () Ann Hasseltine Holleman 17 Jun 1832 – 30 Apr 1919

1. Ellie Beckwith 2 May 1856 – 7 Dec 1950

married () Oliver Stringfield

a. Lamar S.

Never Married

B. Lucy Ann Beckwith ←

(8) Input from Letter 15 Feb 2008 Billie Rita Adams to Phil Upchurch C23, 46

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Whitney Upchurch born 1792 (Franklin Co, NC) – Rita's sheet on Whitney placed in his Biofile for study / reference

1. Nancy A. Upchurch born 1817 (Wake Co, NC) died 18 Aug 1888 (Wake Co, NC) (Buried – Apex Baptist Cemetery, Apex, Wake County, NC)

Married 19 Dec 1845 (Wake County, NC) William James Hobbie “Buck” witness & Bondsman M.D. Crocker & W.N. High

This was his 2nd marriage.

He married (1st) --- ---

(3rd) --- ---

a – d see below

This is the inscription on her tombstone in memory of our Mother **N. A. Hobbie**, daughter of the late Whitney Upchurch Died April 13, 1888. In the 71st year of her age. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Nancy Upchurch Hobbie is buried near several Upchurch graves including Adelaide Jenks Upchurch (2/20/1858 – 2/14/1936); Martha A. Upchurch (11/12/1832 – 1915); William A. Upchurch (5/4/1858 – 2/5/1889) and Carell Upchurch (9/30/1884 – 11/19/188-?)

(I had some correspondence in 1957 with the D.A.R. and with Etta Belle Lewter West in Detroit, Michigan concerning the Upchurch line. Several women had joined the D.A.R. on the Moses Upchurch record/line. His wife was Mary Simms. According to the D.A.R. records, Moses Upchurch had a son, Whitney Upchurch (his wife was Elizabeth Goodwin), born in 1793. The Wake County census for 1830 shows Whitney Upchurch and in his household there is one male between 30 and 40 years old; thus it is possible this is the Whitney who was born in 1793.)

a. Araminta Hobbie born December 18, 1850 (C22) v born 16 Dec 1857 (C22 versus born 16 Dec 1857 (C11)

married () David S. Burns born about 1848

see added extract for issue

b. Antoinette Hobbie born 1850 and died 1921
married George Utley and lived in Holly Springs, NC
buried in City Cemetery, Raleigh, NC

c. Jason Dexter Hobbie born April 19, 1856 died October 9, 1938
married Emma Norvell Wellford (30 Dec 1863 – 1 Aug 1944)

i. Jason Dexter Hobbie Jr., born October 26, 1885, died 1965; married
Beverly _____ & lived in Roanoke VA. He owned and operated a
music store for many years.

ii. Annie Hobbie, born February 1887; died in young adulthood

iii. Corbin Hobbie born October 14, 1888; died December 31, 1988;
married Stuart Royer & divorced in early 1940's

iv. William Nelson Hobbie, born Jul 17 1890; died Dec 23, 1967;
married Elizabeth Hairston.

Children:

(I) Wellford Hobbie – Presbyterian minister-served First
Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AK was later professor of
homiletics, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA

Children:

(A) Peter Hobbie – religion professor, Presbyterian
College, Clinton, SC

(B) Todd Hobbie- Presbyterian minister-served First
Presbyterian Church, Concord, NC

Children:

(1) Matthew Hobbie

(2) Elizabeth “Betsy” Hobbie

(II) “Nick” Hobbie – lived in Charlotte, NC

Children:

(A) Brown Hobbie, nurse in Charlotte

v. Warren Hobbie – born Jun 1895, died in early 1970s – lived in
Avondale, VA

d. Baxter Hobbie

Our records say he “went west” and died childless.

Some of this information has come from Peter Hobbie in Clinton, SC. He is Dr. Peter H.
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29325. His e-mail address is phhobb@cs1.presby.edu

(9) RPU comments on census records assembled for **Nancy A. Upchurch** born about 1817 by
RPU on 18 Jul 2008

1. I have labeled the numerous census records [A] – [K]
2. [A] Shows William and Nancy with 2 young children in 1850

3. [B] Shows Nancy as Head of Household in 1860 with 5 small children ages 5 – 12. The “N. D.” is probably a misprint and should be “N.A.”. “E.B.” = Baxter; L.V.R. = Araminta; J.A = a new female of the family; A.M.= Antoinette; L.D = Jason Dexter.
4. William and Nancy presumably separated after the birth of Dexter in 1856. They eventually divorced – See [G] re: “divorced”
5. I have been unable to locate William in the 1860 census
6. [E] Shows William has married “Leasy” his 3rd wife. Presumably the children 2-5 are of this 3rd marriage.
7. [D] Shows Nancy as head of household in 1870 with two of her 5 children present. Note that Dexter is in the home.
8. [F] Is a puzzle. Here we see Dexter listed for the 2nd time on the 1870 census (this sometimes happens). He is in school. The head of the household on the original census seems to be clearly Preston Parson and his wife is clearly Nancy – not Haney. The fact that she was born almost makes her a fit to be Nancy A. [Upchurch] Hobby in a 2nd marriage – but on balance I think not. In 1880 Nancy appears as Nancy Hobby – See [G].
9. [C] I brought this 1870 census record forward thinking it might bear upon the family of William and Nancy – if so it is indirect.
10. The records for [B] and [E] interestingly are right next door to Benjamin Upchurch. This Benjamin Upchurch descended from Calvin Upchurch of Franklin County, NC, son of Jubal Upchurch, I. Calvin and Nancy’s father Whitney were 1st cousins. Thus Benjamin and Nancy were 2nd cousins – but their ancestors had parted ways in 1802. If they knew they were 2nd cousins, it was not a big deal. A puzzle is how Nancy headed a household in 1860 next to Benjamin and William headed a household in 1870 next to Benjamin. It could have been the same home with Nancy leaving between 1860 and 1870 – while William returned with his new wife and family.