

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch

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Commentary: Nathaniel S. Upchurch was born approximately 1825 near Raleigh NC. He was the son of Gilbert Upchurch and the grandson of Nathan Upchurch head of Upchurch Clan # 3. He left North Carolina and went to Georgia. In 1858 he made his way to Nassau County, Florida where he married Sarah Elizabeth Parker that same year. The union would produce 10 children.

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(1) Nathaniel Upchurch [**Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**] was the son of Gilbert Upchurch and Lucretia (Mills) Upchurch. Nathan Upchurch, I/ Gilbert Upchurch Sub-clan

(2) Notes from Gettys Upchurch [uncle of RPU] shows [Gettis Henderson Upchurch → RPU 1955]

Nathaniel [uncle of Gettis Henderson Upchurch] was son of Gilbert Upchurch, grandson of Nathan Upchurch.

Nathaniel (called Nat) -married a French girl
 -learned to be a surveyor
 -ran away at 20 years (1843)

Children of Nathaniel:

(A note indicates a move to FL. Not clear whether this applies to entire family, to ---only or to sons and daughter – RPU)

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| 1. John | 6. Ponder |
| 2. George | 7. Walter |
| 3. Swan | 8. Eleanor |
| 4. Noble | 9. Lizzy [I will assume Elizabeth – RPU] |
| 5. Fred | |

[Note: Uncle Gettys missed one child – James Benjamin Upchurch – RPU]

(3) See notes of RPU 24 Feb 179 visit to Edna Lois Upchurch [1st cousin of RPU]

“**Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**, older than Grandpa, left home – went to Florida and stayed 28 years without letting anyone hear from him.”

(4) See letter 30 Aug 1984 Ray White Jr to RPU

1890 – Census records for FL are lost

1900 – Census FL – no members of the Nathaniel Smith Upchurch family appear on Soundex records – perhaps temporarily out of state?

(5) See 1900 Census for Charlton Co, GA – Dwelling 121, Family 121

Name	born	age		
Nathaniel Upchurch	Aug 1824	75	married	born NC, as was M&F owns house free & clear
Sarah A Upchurch	Mar 1840	60	married	born FL, M born FL [Sarah Ann E Parker]
Swan Upchurch	Aug 1871	28	single	born FL, F born NC, M born FL at school [Nathaniel Swann Upchurch]
Fred B Upchurch	Dec 1882	17	single	born NC, F born NC, M born FL salesman/ general store

(6) See notes of phone call 15 Apr 1979 Francis Norris to RPU

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch was the first Upchurch to move to FL. He came to FL in 1858 and settled in Nassau Co (Fernandina) just north of Jacksonville. He bought worlds of land in Northern FL and Southern GA for lumber. See John Jones Upchurch, Sr, son of Nathaniel Smith Upchurch, for story of how the FL and NC Upchurches reestablished contact. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch children:

John Upchurch (John Jones Upchurch, Sr)	Ben Upchurch
Walter Upchurch	Fred Upchurch
Noble Upchurch	Ponder Upchurch
Swan Upchurch	George Upchurch

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch lived in the “Noble House” in Jacksonville FL for the last five years of his life. This house was owned by his son John Jones Upchurch, Sr. whom see. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch died 15 Jul 1913. He married Sarah Elizabeth Parker. Marian Florine Upchurch has 2 letters over 100 years old written by Sarah Elizabeth (Parker) Upchurch to her son John Jones Upchurch, Sr.

(7) Nathaniel S Upchurch born approximately 1822, died approximately 1912, married approximately 1859. From Family Chart received 24 Nov 1980 from Frank D Upchurch, Sr.

(8) See letter 16 Dec 1980 John Jones Upchurch IV to RPU

In effect John Jones Upchurch IV says he is great-grandson of John Jones Upchurch, I who was born at Callahan FL 16 Mar 1861, the son of **Nathaniel S Upchurch** and Sarah Parker Upchurch. Nathaniel S Upchurch was born near Raleigh, NC in 1825, the son of Gilbert and Lucretia (Mills) Upchurch.

(9) See letter 8 Dec 1980 Frank Drew Upchurch Sr to RPU

“**Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** came to FL from NC in 1848 according to my information. He had a store in Callahan, FL where he had established his residence. He was a land surveyor. He later moved to Moniac, GA where my father [John Jones Upchurch Sr] had a sawmill and from there

he moved to Jacksonville, FL where he died. He was married to Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker and had nine children, viz:

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| 1. Benjamin Upchurch – NMN | 6. Nathaniel Swan Upchurch – NMN |
| 2. John Jones Upchurch | 7/ Walter D Upchurch |
| 3. Ella Upchurch – married --- Bell & died with 1 st child who also died | 8. Noble Upchurch – married Sue Culpepper & had child – a dtr Sue Upchurch |
| 4. George Upchurch – NMN – died of typhoid | 9. Fred B Upchurch – NMN |
| 5. Elizabeth Upchurch – married W E Bennett | |

(10) See John Jones Upchurch I for article “Makers of America’ published 1911.

Article state **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** moved to Nassau Co, FL in 1858. States that John Jones Upchurch I (son of Nathaniel Smith and Sarah Elizabeth Ann (Parker) Upchurch was of French-Huguenot descent) – [Note this is consistent with Uncle Gettys statement that Nathaniel Smith Upchurch married a French girl – RPU]

(11) See letter 4 Nov 1981 Susan Katherine Upchurch to RPU – Quote from Frank Drew Upchurch, Sr

“Cousin Phil’s statement about my grandfather [Nathaniel Smith Upchurch] marrying a French girl and disappearing for 20 years is news to me. His wife was well known to me. She was a Florida Cracker girl who was born near or at Callahan, FL and was reared by her guardian Mr Jack Jones. I do believe the story of him not being heard from for a long time is correct. I recall a story about him selling a slave to a man who did not pay for her. He was said to have come to FL to try to find the man and collect his money.”

(12) See Census records – Florida

1860 Nassau Co, Callahan PO; Page 431, D211; Family 200; Taken 20 Sep 1860

Name	Age	Sex	Born	
N S Upchurch	25 [1835]	M	NC	RE \$500, PP \$6000
[Nathaniel Smith Upchurch]				
Sarah A E Upchurch	21 [1837]	F	FL	[Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker]
James B Upchurch	1	M	NC	[James Benjamin Upchurch]

1870 Nassau Co, Fernandina PO; Page 60/433 D503; Family 486; Taken 16 Aug 1870

Name	Age	Sex	Born	
Nathan Upchurch	46 [1824]	M	NC	white, farming, RE \$800, PP \$300
[Nathaniel Smith Upchurch]				
Sarah A E Upchurch	27 [1843, 1841]	F	FL	white, keeping house
[Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker]				
[probably age 29]				

James B Upchurch	11	M	FL	insane; [James Benjamin Upchurch]
John J Upchurch	9	M	FL	[John Jones Upchurch, I]
Ella A Upchurch	6	F	FL	[Eleanor Agnes Upchurch]
George W Upchurch	5	M	FL	[George W Upchurch]
Elizabeth Upchurch	1	F	FL	[Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch]
Surena Nettles	35	F	FL	white; domestic servant

1910 Duval Co; 93/24

Name	Age	Sex	Born	
Nathaniel R Upchurch	86	-	NC	white
[Nathaniel Smith Upchurch]				
Sarah A E Upchurch	72	-	FL	white
[Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker]				
Nathaniel Upchurch, Jr	38	-	FL	son
[Nathaniel Swan Upchurch]				

[Note: A more detailed extraction of the 1910 Census for Duval Co, FL provides the following additional information on Nathaniel Smith Upchurch:

Nathaniel Upchurch [**Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**], 86, married once. Married for 50 years born NC as was mother and father. **NSU** can read and write. In home is his wife, Sarah A Upchurch age 72 married 50 years, born FL. Her father born France. Her mother born FL. Also in home is their son Nathaniel Upchurch, Jr [Nathaniel Swan Upchurch] age 38, single, born FL. Can read, cannot write and one servant.

(13) The attached document entitled “Nathaniel S Upchurch” was received by RPU from John Jones Upchurch IV in his letter dated 20 Jan 81. (He forgot to include it in his 16 Dec 80 letter). In his 16 Dec 80 letter John Jones Upchurch IV states:

“also enclosed is an excerpt from “Florida 1513 – 1913 Past, Present, and Future” by George M Chapin, published by S J Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago (1914) describing Nathaniel S Upchurch, my great-great-grandfather. Nathaniel S Upchurch is obviously the “Daniel J Upchurch” described at page 450 of the first clipping [see “Makers of America” article filed with John Jones Upchurch Sr] as the father of John “James” Upchurch [should be John Jones Upchurch Sr (I).] I’ve learned their earlier publishers did not have a penchant for accuracy.”

Extracts from the attached

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch’s paternal and maternal grandfathers were in the Revolutionary War – hence Gilbert Upchurch’s father, Nathan Upchurch was in Revolutionary War. Lucretia Mills’ father was in Revolutionary War [Naaman Mills].

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch’s children:

Benjamin F Upchurch	d< 1914
John J Upchurch = John Jones Upchurch, Sr (I)	d> 1914
Ella Agnes Upchurch – elsewhere = Eleanor Upchurch	d< 1914

George W Upchurch	d< 1914
Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch	d> 1914
Nathaniel S Upchurch, Jr- elsewhere = Nathaniel Swan Upchurch	d> 1914
Walter D Upchurch	d> 1914
Noble A Upchurch	d> 1914
Edward P Upchurch – elsewhere – Ponder Upchurch	d> 1914
Frederick B Upchurch = Fred B Upchurch	d> 1914

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Florida 1513 – 1913 Past, Present, and Future by George M Chapin
S J Clarke Publishing Co, Chicago (1914)

NATHANIEL S. UPCHURCH.

Nathaniel S. Upchurch, who is living retired in Jacksonville, was born near Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1825. He is a son of Gilbert and Lucretia (Mills) Upchurch and is a representative of old colonial families, both his paternal and maternal grandfathers having served in the Revolutionary war.

Nathaniel S. Upchurch acquired his education through his own efforts and in early life left North Carolina and went to Georgia, coming from that state to Callahan, Florida, where he engaged for some time in the general merchandise business. At the outbreak of the Civil war he accepted a contract to maintain the Cuba telegraph line and built the first line from Doctor Town, Georgia, to Live Oak, Florida. As quickly as the wires were torn down by the federal troops Mr. Upchurch and his helpers rebuilt them and continued to do so until the close of the war. When Lee surrendered it was he who announced the great news at Lake City. After peace was declared Mr. Upchurch was put in charge of the land department as protection agent for the old Florida Railroad lines and for twenty years continued to serve in that capacity, doing straightforward, beneficial and far-sighted work. At the end of that time he came to Jacksonville, where he has since resided. He retired from active life about 1900, having earned leisure and rest by many years of straightforward, honorable and well directed labor.

Mr. Upchurch married, in 1858, Miss Sarah Eliza Parker, of Florida, and they became the parents of eight sons and two daughters, as follows: Benjamin F., John J., Ella Agnes, George W., Sarah Elizabeth, Nathaniel S., Jr., Walter D., Noble A., Edward P. and Frederick B. Of these children Benjamin F.,

Ella Agnes and George W. are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside, having ever more played those sterling traits of character which everywhere gain confidence and regard.

(14) See letter Frank Drew Upchurch, Sr to RPU 12 Jan 81

“I have your letter of January 1, 1981 asking for further information concerning my grandfather **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**. I do not recall the exact date of my grandfather’s death, but I get the impression that I was somewhat younger than 19 at the time. He was 90 years old (when he died) and left North Carolina in 1848 and, so far as I know, never returned although his wife visited her brother -in-law W G Upchurch in Raleigh, He married only once. As I recall, he told me his grandfather was named Gilbert [wrong – it was Nathan- RPU] and his mother was Lucretia Mills and that he had a blind sister whose name I do not recall but I believe she was the oldest in the family. He was a Confederate veteran and had certain special duties, namely the maintenance of telegraph lines in Florida. He assisted numerous Confederate veterans in obtaining the usual Confederate pension, but never applied for one himself. With reference to Bartley Jefferson Upchurch, my grandfather told me he was the youngest in the family.”

(15) See Geographical File – Jacksonville, FL City Directories 103 – 1942

1903 – 1907 No **Nathaniel S Upchurch**

1908 **Nathaniel S Upchurch** (Sarah E), home – 32 Mabry

1909 No **Nathaniel S Upchurch**

1910 **Nathaniel S Upchurch** (Sarah E), home – 32 Mallory

1911 **Nathaniel S Upchurch** (Sarah) Gardner, home – 32 Mallory

1912 **Nathaniel Upchurch**, home – 32 Mallory

(16) See letter Margaret Louise Harris to RPU 23 May 2003

NSU married 1858 (Callahan, Nassay Co, FL) Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker. The source of their information is not stated.

(17) **The Naaman Mills Family** by W A Mills; Pages 92 – 93

I. Abraham Mills

A. Naaman Mills

1. Lucretia Mills

married () Gilbert Upchurch → great-grandparent of RPU

a. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch – see below

1. **NATHANIEL SMITH UPCHURCH**, son of Gilbert Upchurch and Lucretia Mills, was born Aug 1824 in NC, and died 15 Jul 1913. He married 1858 Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker (b Mar 1840, d ca 1912).

Nathaniel left NC during the 1840s and moved to GA and FL. During the Civil War, he maintained telegraph lines which were torn down by Union soldiers. He was a farmer and also in the general merchandise business. After the Civil War, Nathaniel worked for the Florida Railroad as a protection agent in the land department.

Nathaniel resided in Nassau Co., FL on FC/1860-1870; Charlton Co., GA on FC/1900; and Duval Co., FL on FC/1910. He spent his later years in the Jacksonville, FL area. Nathaniel lived to age 88.

Their children:

1. James Benjamin Upchurch (b ca 1859, d aft 1880). Buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL.
2. John Jones Upchurch (b 18 Mar 1862, d 16 Feb 1933) m 7 Apr 1890 Susan Katherine Hawkins (b 28 Mar 1867, d 3 Jan 1896). He m 2ndly 13 Feb 1897 Belle Williamson Upchurch (b 22 Jun 1875, d 21 Mar 1968). JOHN & SUSAN'S CHILDREN: George Hawkins, John Jones Jr., Frank Drew, and William Brantley Upchurch. JOHN & BELLE'S CHILDREN: Susie Eleanor, Garland Lang, Eulah Belle, Northern Felder, and Marian Florine Upchurch.
3. Eleanor Agnes Upchurch (b 1864, d aft 1887) m 16 Oct 1887 William E. Bell. She is buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL.
4. George W. Upchurch (b ca 1866, d bef 1914). Buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL.
5. Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch (b 1869, d 19__) m 20 Sep 1891 Wilkie E. Bennett. She is buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL. Their children: Eugene, Bessie, Ray, and Robert Bennett.
6. Nathaniel Swan Upchurch (b Aug. 1871, d 19__). Buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL.
7. Walter Draughan Upchurch (b ca 1875, d 19__). Buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL.
8. Noble Alvin Upchurch (b 31 May 1877, d Dec 1948) m 19__ Susan Belle Culpepper (b 7 Oct 1886, d 1961). Their child: Susanne Alvin Upchurch.
9. Edward Ponder Upchurch (b ca 1880, d 19__) m 19__ _____. Their child: Teresa Upchurch.
10. Frederick Bradford Upchurch (b Dec 1882, d 19__). Buried at Jones Cem., Callahan, FL.

(18) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU – from Florida Times – Union 18 Jul 1913, Page 15, Col 2

NATHANIEL S. UPCHURCH

Nathaniel S. Upchurch, aged 88 years, died at the residence of his son, John J. Upchurch, 3531 St. Johns avenue, Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock.

The funeral party will leave this morning at 8:15 o'clock for Callahan, the former home of the deceased.

Funeral services will be held at Callahan and interment will be made in the family lot by Moulton & Kyle, funeral directors.

(19) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU

[Reference on John M Dyal on next page placed in his Biofile. Did he and the Upchurches later do business?? – RPU]

Biographical Rosters of Florida's Confederate & Union Soldiers 1861 – 1865, VI VI, page 1556.
Compiled by: David W Hartman & David Coles (Wilmington NC: Broadfoot Publishing Co, 1995)

Second Florida Calvary, Company K

Columbia Co., and received a Florida pension. ⁶⁸

Turknett, Lawrence (b. 7/10/38 Richmond Co. GA) lived in Bradford Co. He may have been a member of Captain Brady's Bartow Cavalry in 1861 and served during that unit's brief history. He enlisted 10/12/61 as 1st Sgt in Pickett's Independent Company A at Jacksonville and was mustered out 3/31/62. He enlisted 8/29/63 in this company at Lake City. He was captured 2/9/64 at Camp Finegan and released on oath 6/10/65 at Fort Delaware prison. He was 6', grey eyes, ruddy skin, dark hair. His wife received a Florida pension after the war. ⁶⁹

Turner, A. W. (b. 1839) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida and died 9/5/62 at a Lake City hospital. ⁷⁰

Turner, B. H. (b. 1844 FL) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida and died 11/25/62 at or near his home.

Turner, Edwin (b. 11/25/42 Duval Co.; m. Ella Elizabeth Osteen 1/22/78; d. 1/12/1910 buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando) lived in Nassau Co. He enlisted 10/12/61 in Pickett's Independent Company A at Jacksonville and was mustered out 3/31/62. He enlisted 5/16/62 in this company in East Florida. He was absent on scout on the last roll and was listed as AWOL in May 1865. He received a Florida pension after the war. ⁷¹

Turner, R. (b. 1824) enlisted 2/19/63 at Camp Cooper and was discharged 6/1/63 after substituting J. Haddock.

Turner, W. W. (b. 1831; m. Elizabeth J.) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida. He was captured 8/20/63 while on detached service with the Signal Corps at the St. John's Mill "Signal Station" and sent to Fort Norfolk VA. He refused to take the oath of allegiance and was exchanged at Point Lookout 12/24/63. He returned to his unit and was captured then brutally murdered by deserters at Broward's Neck 7/13/64. ⁷²

Underhill, James M., See Company I, 2nd Florida Cavalry.

Underhill, William (b. 1823) lived in Bradford and enlisted 3/12/63 at Camp Cooper. He was on detached service with Major Baldwin since late 1863 and was paroled at Baldwin 5/17/65.

Upchurch, Nathaniel Smith (b. 1836 or 1825 Raleigh NC or 8/27/22 Wake Co, NC; married Sarah Eliza Parker 1858; died 7/16/1913 Jacksonville, buried in Jones Cemetery, Callahan, Nassau Co) came to Nassau Co as a merchant in 1858. He lived in Callahan and enlisted 7/28/63 at Lake City. He was on detached service as a telegraph line repairman since enlisting and was paroled at Lake City 5/18/65. He was believed to have been the first at Lake City to announce the news of Lee's surrender. He pursued land and railroad interests after the war, eventually retiring in Jacksonville. Father: Gilbert; Mother: Lucretia. ⁷³

Vanzant, D. J. (b. 1831 GA) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida and was killed 11/5/62 on picket by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Vanzant, William M. (b. 9/19/37; d. 8/6/99 buried in Brickyard Cemetery, King's Ferry, Nassau Co.) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida and was absent "at home sick" on the last roll. ⁷⁴

Warren, John Joseph (b. 1828; m. Ophelia Carr 5/29/59; d. 11/13/71 FL) enlisted 5/16/62 at Callahan and transferred to Company G, 5th Florida Cavalry 5/1/63. He was paroled at Lake City 5/18/65. Residence:

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Second Florida Cavalry, Company K

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Cone, Daniel Newman, Jr., See Company C, 2nd Florida Infantry.

Cone, Peter (b. 11/6/27 Columbia Co.; m. Mary Eubank 2/17/53; d. 3/25/83 Nassau Co.) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida. He was promoted 2nd Cpl 7/1/62 then 3rd Lt 12/15/62 then 2nd Lt in early 1863 then 1st Lt in late 1863. He was absent with leave on the last roll. ¹⁶

Conway, James enlisted 9/17/62 at Callahan as a substitute for F. Roux. He was absent on detached service as a teamster on the last roll. He received a Florida pension after the war and stated: "During the last two years of the war I was mostly on scout or outpost duty." ¹⁷

Conway, William (b. 1834) lived in Clay Co. and enlisted 5/16/62 at East Florida. He was paroled at Baldwin 5/17/65.

Cooper, Merian R., See Company K, 2nd Florida Infantry.

Crosby, Andrew (b. 1830 Columbia Co. or 1834; m. Isabel Addison 5/1/88; d. 10/22/1907 Bradford Co., buried in Bradford Co.) enlisted 5/16/62 at Callahan. He was paroled at Baldwin 5/17/65. ¹⁸

Davis, Z. enlisted 1/20/64 at Camp Finegan and was absent. He was still absent on the last roll.

Dowling, Isaac W. (b. 8/2/35 Thomas Co. GA) was transferred from the 4th Georgia Cavalry, Company E 8/1/64 at Wainessville GA and was on detached service making shoes in early 1865. He was paroled at Baldwin 5/17/65. He received a Florida pension after the war. ¹⁹

Drew, Kenneth Brazil (b. 1822) enlisted 8/31/63 at Camp Finegan. He was present on the last roll and was listed as absent sick when the company was paroled at Baldwin 5/17/65.

DuBose, Thomas J. (b. 1831) enlisted 10/1/62 at Camp Cooper and transferred to Company B, Milton Light Artillery 8/20/63. He was present on the last roll and was paroled at Greensboro NC in April 1865.

Dyal, John M. (b. 1839; m. Ava 1/3/60; d. 5/19/1901 Bradford Co., buried in Bradford Co.) enlisted 5/16/62 in East Florida and was exchanged to Company H, 2nd Florida Cavalry for J. F. Brown in early 1863. He was under arrest in Lake City in late 1863. He was AWOL in late 1864 and his presence was not stated on the last roll.²⁰

Dyess, William R., See Company G, 5th Florida Cavalry.

Fourakers, Nathan, See Company G, 5th Florida Cavalry.


Franzot, A. G. lived in Nassau Co. He enlisted 8/5/63 at Camp Finegan and was transferred to the 4th 4/1/64. He was paroled at Baldwin 5/17/65.

Futch, Charles Bishop (b. 12/28/38 New Hanover Co. NC; m. Mary L. Braddock 5/2/66; d. 11/19/1913 buried in Volusia Co.) served in Captain Call's Company in 1861 at Fernandina. He enlisted 6/62 in East Florida and was promoted 4th Sgt 11/11/62 then 3rd Sgt then 2nd Sgt 6/1/63. He was paroled Baldwin 5/17/65 as a member of Company I.²¹

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(20) Input in email 9 Oct 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU – responding to RPU questions.

1. I have no proof that the John M. Dyal who served in the same Confederate unit as Nathaniel Smith Upchurch was the same man as the partner with JJU who constructed the Jacksonville building in 1901, but I would bet money that either he or another family member (a son?) was the one. I've not taken the time to look up obits or other documents for any Dyal, but when this one jumped out at me in the same Florida Confederate Service book in which I found NSU, it screamed to be copied. On page 16 of the Klutho Architecture book, there is mention that the Dyal-Upchurch Company was previously based in Moniac, GA (where JJ lived for a time). It was in May 1901 that a great fire totally destroyed downtown Jacksonville. In July 1901, the D-U company purchased the site for its new headquarters in Jax and immediately contracted for construction. The same page reports that "Frank" Upchurch ordered this building from Klutho, but that may be an error, for the only Frank down there seems to have been JJ's son, but if he was actually born in 1894, as in my records, he would not have been ready in 1901 to work for his father. Maybe Frank became spokesman for the company in later years.

11. Circumstantial evidence points to this Frederick R. Upchurch being the son of David Reed U. The birth dates and birth place match up to the Jax obit. You are probably right that he had a first wife named Nannie. I would guess that he moved to FL to work for his cousin JJU, and after JJ died in 1933, Frederick worked briefly for the steamship company, as noted in the obit. 

The home and business locations for NSU and JJ Upchurch, et al, in FL and GA are all close to the state border. I expect they owned large expanses of lumber (and turpentine, according to Frances Register) operations that crossed the borders in the neighborhood of Callahan, FL and Moniac, GA. The turpentine business during those years was pretty ugly, and I notice that obituaries do not mention that part of the career history. But if they owned lots of pine trees, it would have been tempting to utilize the resource. It is only speculation, but it may be that the St. Augustine location came about after the family had accumulated some wealth. It was (and is) a beautiful resort area (near the beach), and I can readily understand why someone who could transport his working talents might want to move there from the swampy, mosquito-laden northern state border area. Fernandina Beach is between Jax Beach and St. Augustine, and that may have been a vacation property. Fernandina is junky now, but back then it was likely more secluded. JJU owned a huge home in the city of Jacksonville, but Frances Register told me she remembered the day it burned to the ground (1930 or so?). After that he lived in a smaller house in the same neighborhood and may have also kept a "main" address in the little town of Williston. These are just speculative thoughts.....

Crossfile:	John M Dyal	John Jones Upchurch, Sr
	Nathaniel Smith Upchurch	Frank Upchurch
	Frederick R Upchurch	David Reed Upchurch

(21) See biofile of Bette Jo Wilson – entry 23 Jun 2009

NSU born 27 Aug 1923 [error in the original – CJM 7 Sep 2020] married Mar 1858 Sarah Anne Elizabeth Parker. Note Anne with an "e".

(22) 1900 Census – Charlton Co, GA – Willisville District

Name		Age	Born		Born
Nathaniel Upchurch	head	75	1825	Aug 1829	NC
[Nathaniel Smith Upchurch]					
Sarah Upchurch	wife	61	1839	Mar	FL
[Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker]					
Swann Upchurch	son	28	1872	Aug 1871	FL
[Nathaniel Swan Upchurch]					
Fred B Upchurch	son	17	1883	Dec 1882	NC

[Fred Bradford Upchurch]

(23) The Jones Cemetery, Callahan, Nassau Co, FL – In letter 21 Jul 2009 Elizabeth Johanna Wilson to RPU

BURIELS AT CALLAHAN, FLORIDA

UPCHURCH PLOT

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1. WALTER D. UPCHURCH--April 10, 1873-March 17, 1929 [D= DRAUGHAN]
2. S. ELIZABETH UPCHURCH--Wife of W. E. Bennett "Aunt Lizzie" [S= SARAH]
June 23, 1869-October 14, 1925 [S= SMITH]
3. NATHANIEL S. UPCHURCH--Born August 27, 1823-Died July 15, 1913
4. SARAH ELIZABETH UPCHURCH--March 18, 1840-April 16, 1911 [S. ANNE E. PARKER]
5. JOHN J. UPCHURCH--March 18, 1861-February 16, 1933 [J. J. U, SA]
6. NATHANIEL SWAN UPCHURCH--August 6, 1870-Dec. 25, 1931
7. GEORGE W.--son of N. S. and S. A. E. Upchurch-May 24, 1890 (age 24 year)
8. ELLA--Daughter of N. S. And S.A.E. February 10, 1888 age 25 years.
9. JAMES B.--Son of N. S. and S.A.E. Upchurch June 24, 1880--age 21 year:
[BENJAMIN] 11 days
10. CASEY MAY BENNETT--1910--age 3 days
11. W. EUGENE BENNETT--October 10, 1893-Dec. 3, 1908 [ELLA AGNES U]
12. THELMA L. BENNETT--1898--aged 6 months
13. NOBLE B. BENNETT--1895-1896

DIRECTIONS TO JONES CEMETERY

Paved road North past railroad--take paved road to the left.
Jones Cemetery on the river about 4 miles.

Last house on the left was home of Nathaniel S. Upchurch house.

6-14-1953
Δ Jones Cemetery--Callahan, Fla.



General View



Δ John J. Upchurch



Δ Nathaniel Smith Upchurch
Δ Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch

(24) New inputs about RPU ancestors from cousin William Alan Mills. In a 25 Jul 2009 email WAM repeats to RPU that there is lots of circumstantial evidence to show that our mutual ancestor Naaman Mills married Penelope Lassiter on 26 Jul 2009. Cousin Billy Mills followed up with more details. See below:

Subject: Penelope Lassiter & Naaman Mills.
 From: "William A. Mills" <wa-mills@juno.com>
 Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2009 10:34 am
 To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Cousin Phil,
 Consider the following:
 The Will (prior to 1820) of James Lassiter (Northampton or Edgecombe Co., NC), lists among his heirs, "Penelope Mills".

Penelope Lassiter had brothers, such as Elijah, Shadrack, Green Lassiter, and others ... all names that Naaman Mills' children had.

Elijah Lassiter was the witness on Naaman Mills' Revolutionary War pension application in the 1830s.

Matthew Mills named one of his sons, Elijah Lassiter Mills. James Lassiter's ancestors were from Nansemond Co., VA.

There is a Lassiter Road in the same vicinity of the property that Naaman Mills owned in Northampton Co., NC.

I am reciting this from memory only, but there are many other gleanings of circumstantial evidence to add meat to the bare bones of this potential Lassiter tree.

I have surmised much of this online since 1999, and a search online thru google or various genealogical data bases may provide many other variations by now.

Take care,
 Cousin Billy

I. James Lassiter (originally of Nansemond Co, VA) of Northampton & Edgecombe Counties, NC wrote his will prior to 1820 and listed Penelope Mills as an heir – presumably his daughter. Billy provides names of sons of James Lassiter. S0:

*A. Elijah Lassiter – signed Revolutionary War Pension application for his brother-in-law Naaman Mills in 1830s.

*B. Shadrack Lassiter

*C. Green Lassiter

D. Penelope Lassiter

married () Naaman Mills whose mother was reputedly nee Smith → (Naaman Mills owned land in Northampton Co, NC near which is a Lassiter Road.

1. Matthew Mills

a. Elijah Lassiter Mills

2. Lucretia Mills

married () Gilbert Upchurch

a. Bartley Jefferson Upchurch

i. Robert Jefferson Upchurch

(I) Robert Phillip Upchurch

b. Lamberth Lassiter Upchurch

c. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch

 = Names that came from earlier generations

* These names used for sons of Naaman Mills

From book: *The Naaman Mills Family of North Carolina 1757 – 1996* by Williams A Mills on page 16 and beyond the author implies that Richard Smith might have been the grandfather of Naaman Mills which presumably implies that the mother of Naaman Mills was nee --- --- Smith.

(25) Item No. 5 in letter 29 Aug 2010 Kay Slappey to RPU

From: The Nassau County Genealogist (FL) Spring 2001, pages 42, 43

S. Goffin moved from Brunswick to Jacksonville where he commuted to his new business in Nassauville. He updated the cannery and established a post office and a commissary in the small community. Homes were built and so was a church for Blacks.

With the enlargement of the area came a name change. Although the citizens call the town "Goffinsville," the name was never changed in the post office registry.

After the death of Goffin in the 1950s, the factory was eased to several parties, but eventually fell into obscurity. Any signs of the business are nearly washed away because of erosion by the swiftly moving river.

NATHANIEL S. UPCHURCH

and

JOHN JAMES UPCHURCH (JOHN JONES U, SR)

Excerpted from *Florida - 1513-1913 - Past, Present and Future*
by George M. Chapin, 1914

Nathaniel S. Upchurch was born near Raleigh, North Carolina in 1825. He was the son of Gilbert Upchurch and Lucretia Mills. Sources indicate that both his paternal and maternal grandfathers served in the Revolutionary war.

The family had moved to Florida in 1858, settling in Nassau county where he ran a general merchandising business. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he accepted a contract to maintain the Cuba telegraph line and built the first line from Doctor Town, Georgia, to Live Oak, Florida. As quickly as the wires were torn down by the federal troops, they were rebuilt by Mr. Upchurch's team which they continued to do until the end of the conflict. When Lee surrendered, it was he who announced the news in Lake City. Following the Civil War, Mr. Upchurch was made the protection agent for the old Florida Railroad lines and continued to serve in that capacity for twenty years. He retired in 1900 and moved to Jacksonville.

In 1858, Nathaniel Upchurch married Sarah Eliza Parker and they became the parents of eight sons and two daughters: } □

Names: Nathaniel S Upchurch, John James Upchurch, John Jones Upchurch, Sr, Gilbert Upchurch, Lucretia Mills, Sarah Eliza Parker

James Berry
 Benjamin F. Upchurch, John J. Upchurch, Ella Agnes Upchurch,
 George W. Upchurch, Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch, Nathaniel S.
 Upchurch, Jr., Walter D. Upchurch, Noble A. Upchurch, Edward
 P. Upchurch and Frederick B. Upchurch. Benjamin, Ella Agnes
 and George died prior to 1914.

[JOHN JONES U, SR]
 John James Upchurch was born in Callahan on March 10,
 1861, the son of Nathaniel S. Upchurch and Sarah A. Parker.
 Realizing the importance of education, Nathaniel Upchurch sent
 his son to public schools in Callahan and then sent him for a
 preparatory course at the Bingham school in Mebane, North
 Carolina. Later, John attended the University of the South at
 Sewanee, Tennessee, one of the noted educational institutions in
 that part of the country at that time. In 1882 at the age of 21,
 John Upchurch entered the business world. He owned and
 operated a logging business in Callahan and later established
 another lumber manufacturing plant at Race Pond, Georgia. He
 became a partner in the Dyal-Upchurch Company in 1895, a
 company which was successful in the lumber trade. Because of
 expanding business interests, Mr. Upchurch moved his residence
 to Jacksonville in 1907, so that he might establish an office and
 headquarters there.

The citizens of Nassau County elected him as their
 representative to the State legislature in 1886.

John Upchurch married Susie Hawkins on April 7, 1890.
 She was the daughter of Dr. T. D. Hawkins of Kings Ferry,
 Florida. She died after a brief married life. Three children resulted
 from this marriage: George H. Upchurch, John J. Upchurch, Jr.,
 and Frank D. Upchurch. Some years later he married Belle W.
 Upchurch, the daughter of W. G. Upchurch of Raleigh, North
 Carolina. The children from this marriage were Susie E.
 Upchurch, Garland L. Upchurch and Marion F. Upchurch.

It was said of Mr. Upchurch: "High principles have ever
 guided him in his relations with his fellowmen and in the conduct
 of his business affairs and it is well known that he holds to a high
 standard of business ethics."

(26) Re: Part (2) of letter 29 Aug 2010 Kay Slappey to RPU re: the Florida Upchurches and
 especially **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** and his wife Sarah Anne Elizabeth Partker. [Note: Pages
 17 to 27 only sent on special request – RPU]
 Note of Kay re: Part (2) → + see her narrative below.

“These documents are from the Indian War Service Pension application file for Martha Lucretia (Geiger) Parker, widow of Benjamin C Parker (brother of SAE Parker Upchurch).

The 10 documents appear in RPU files in the Biofile of Nathaniel Smith Upchurch.

Added snippets from the 10 documents:

- a. NSU and SAEP were present when on 29 Dec 1859 (Nassau Co, FL) Benjamin C Parker and Martha Lucretia Geiger married in home of father Jacob Geiger, Edward King, JP. NSU and SAEP had known the couple for 2 years before their marriage on 29 Dec 1859.
 - b. Benjamin C Parker died 22 Nov 189
 - c. BCP left home with 1/2 brother William Stafford or later wrote home from Tampa, FL that they had joined the FL Indian War. [Seminole Indian War]
 - d. NSU says he will be 85 on 27 Aug 1908.
2. Copies of correspondence, affidavits, etc., from the Indian War service pension application file for Martha Lucretia Geiger Parker, widow of Benjamin C. Parker. Benjamin was the brother of Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker, wife of N.S. Upchurch. The pension file was obtained from the National Archives. Lucretia Parker first applied in 1905, and was denied a widow's pension because her husband's service record could not be located. It was later realized that the names of Benjamin's service units were incorrect in the original application, and in 1908, another application was submitted. In both applications, N.S. and Sarah Upchurch submitted testimony on behalf of Lucretia's application. Note that in 1905, the Upchurches lived in Moniac, Georgia, but that by 1908, they were living in Jacksonville. Particularly valuable to me is the statement from Sarah that Benjamin left home with their half brother, William Stafford. I suspected there was a least one half sibling, and her statement confirmed it for me. Also valuable to my search is the statement from Nathaniel describing his conversations with Benjamin's former military commander. Also note that in 1908, correspondence is addressed to N.S. at the Dyal-Upchurch Building in Jacksonville. I am sure you know the history of the building. It is clear that N.S. played a large part in Lucretia eventually receiving her widow's pension, even enlisting the assistance of US Senator Talliaferro from Florida. Also noteworthy is the fact that in an affidavit dated April 27, 1908, Sarah gives her age as 68, but by June 20, 1908, she gives her age as 69, indicating she had a birthday since the first statement. However, other records (headstone, death certificate) give her birthday as March, so the ages in the affidavit may be incorrect.

Names in above passage: Martha Lucretia Geiger Parker, Benjamin C Parker, Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker, N S Upchurch, Indian War, Moniac, GA, Jacksonville

State of Georgia, County of Charlton, SS:

In the Pension Claim of Martha L. Parker, widow of Benjamin C. Parker, late of Captain Kendrick's Regiment of Florida Volunteers.

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared N. S. Upchurch and Sarah A. E. Upchurch, whose residence and Post Office address is Moultrie, Georgia, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That they were present at and witnessed the marriage ceremony of Benjamin C. Parker and Martha L. Geiger, which occurred at the residence of Jacob Geiger, father of the said Martha L. Geiger, in Nassau County Florida, on the 29th day of December, 1859, that said ceremony was performed by one Edward King, Justice of the Peace.

They further declare that they have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.

N. S. Upchurch
Sarah A. E. Upchurch

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of October, 1905. I hereby certify that I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.

Edw. King
N.P. Charlton County, Ga.,



Indian War. Affidavit.

State of Georgia, County of Charlton ss:
In the claim of Martha L. Parker widow
of Benjamin C. Parker husband deceased
ON THIS 12th day of December, A. D. 1905
before me, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County,
duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared N. D. Upchurch
aged 82 years, a resident of Moniac, in the County of
Charlton, and State of Georgia, whose Post Office address is
Moniac Ga and Sarah H. Upchurch
aged 69 years, a resident of Moniac, in the County of
Charlton, and State of Georgia, whose Post Office address is
Moniac Ga, well known to me to be respectable
and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

*That they were present at and witnessed
the marriage ceremony of Benjamin C. Parker
and Martha L. Gager in Nassau County
Florida on Dec 29th 1859 that they had
known both parties Benjamin C. Parker and
Martha L. Gager for two years previous
to their marriage. That neither party
Benjamin C. Parker & Martha L. Gager were
then married before they were married
to each other. That they both lived
together as man & wife until the death
of Benjamin C. Parker and that the said
Martha L. Parker has not since remarried*



We further declare that we have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.

N. D. Upchurch
Sarah H. Upchurch
Signature of affiant

If other affiant signs by mark, the persons who can write sign here.

Benjamin C. Parker
Affidavit.

State of Georgia County of Charlton ss:
On the Claim of Martha L. Parker widow of
Benjamin C. Parker Benjamin C. Parker Benjamin C. Parker
ON THIS 19 day of December, A. D. 1905
before me, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County,
duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared N. S. Upchurch
and 14 years, a resident of Moniac, in the County of
Charlton, and State of Georgia, whose Post Office address is
Moniac, Ga. and Anna B. Upchurch
and 61 years, a resident of Moniac, in the County of
Charlton, and State of Georgia, whose Post Office address is
Moniac, Ga., well known to me to be respectable
and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:
We are advised that in a
A claimant should here state all the facts material to the case known to them, and how their knowledge thereof has been acquired.
former affidavit relating to
the matter we stated that
the deceased soldier, Benjamin C.
Parker, and Martha L. Upchurch, were
married Dec. 9, 1859, which we
can only attribute to clerical error
as the correct date of the performance
of the ceremony, is December 29,
1859, as heretofore stated

PENSION
OFFICE
U. S. DEPT. OF WAR
U. S. OFFICE

We further declare that we have no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of said claim.

N. S. Upchurch
Anna B. Upchurch
Signature of affiant

If either affiant signs by mark, two persons who can write sign here.

In 1905, NS Upchurch lived in Moniac.

State of Georgia, County of Charlton.

In the Pension claim of Martha L. Parker, on the death of her husband Benjamin C. Parker, late of Captain Kendricks Company of Florida Volunteers in the Florida Indian Wars, On this 30th day of December 1905, before the undersigned, a notary public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared N. S. Upchurch, aged 82 years and whose Post Office address is Moniac, Georgia, and Sarah A. E. Upchurch, aged 68 years and whose Post Office address is Moniac, Ga., who being duly sworn says on oath that they have known both Benjamin C. Parker and Martha L. Parker, his wife, previous to their marriage to each other and that they were never married previously to their marriage to each other and that they lived together as man and wife until the death of the said Benjamin C. Parker which occurred on November 22nd, 1899, and that the said Martha L. Parker has not since remarried, and that she is now the widow of the said Benjamin C. Parker, deceased. They swear further they have no interest in the above claim either direct or indirect.

N. S. Upchurch
Sarah A. E. Upchurch

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Moniac, Georgia, the day and year first above written.

J. L. Whiddon
 Notary Public Charlton Co. Ga.,

For per mgs
Col. A. E. Upchurch
ad. 1/1



State of Florida,
County of Duval.

Before me, A Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large personally on this day appeared N. S. Upchurch, who being by me first duly sworn says: Affiant is 84 years of age; his post office is Jacksonville, Florida, Dyal-Upchurch Building; affiant is personally acquainted with Martha Lucretia Parker and has known her for over fifty years; affiant knew Benjamin Parker during said Parker's lifetime, and knows that Martha Lucretia Parker is the widow of Benjamin Parker; affiant was present and saw Benjamin Parker and Martha Lucretia Parker married to each other; affiant knows that Benjamin Parker is now deceased; affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that Martha Lucretia Parker has not remarried since the death of said Benjamin Parker her husband; affiant knows that Benjamin Parker the former husband of Lucretia Parker was the identical soldier who rendered the service for which Martha Lucretia Parker widow of said Benjamin Parker claims pension and this affidavit is made in regard to her claim for pension.

N. S. Upchurch
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th day of April,
A.D. 1908. *Wiles McCreis*

Notary Public State of Florida at Large.

by 1908, NS Upchurch is living in Jax

By 1908, NS Upchurch living in Jax [Jacksonville, FL – CJM 7 Sep 2020]

State of Florida,
County of Duval.

Before me, Miles W. Lewis, a Notary Public
in and for the State of Florida at Large, personally appeared
Sarah E. Upchurch; who being first duly sworn says: Affiant
is the wife of N. S. Upchurch, that she is 68
years of age; that she is a sister of Benjamin Parker;
that Benjamin Parker is dead; that Benjamin Parker
was the husband of Martha L. Parker; that affiant and
Benjamin Parker lived in Nassau County; that when said Benjamin
Parker was a young man he left his home with a man named
William Stafford, and William Stafford was a half
brother of affiant and said Benjamin Parker; that
said Parker wrote to affiant from near Tampa Bay and
told her that he had joined the service and was in the Indian
War. That affiant was present at the time that said
Benjamin Parker and said Martha L. Parker were married.

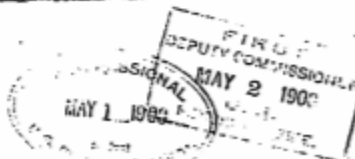
Sarah E. Upchurch
Subscribed and sworn to before me

this the 27 day of April, A.D., 1908.

Miles W. Lewis
Notary Public State of Florida at Large.

My commission expires Dec 5 1908

death



State of Florida,
County of Duval.

Before me, Miles W. Lewis, a Notary Public
in and for the State of Florida at large, personally on
this day appeared N. S. Upchurch, who being by me first duly
sworn says:

Affiant says he will be eightyfive (85) years the
of age on the 27th day of August, A.D., 1908; affiant
has known Martha L. Parker, the widow of Benjamin Parker
for more than fifty years last passed; affiant has known
Benjamin Parker the former husband of Martha L. Parker for
more than fifty years last passed; affiant knows that
Benjamin Parker the former husband of Martha L. Parker
was the Benjamin Parker who rendered the service
in the Seminole Indian War for which Martha L. Parker
claims pension, and the following facts show
how affiant knows the identity of Benjamin Parker and
how affiant knows that said Benjamin Parker rendered said
service: affiant became acquainted with Captain Wright —
in who's company Benjamin Parker served during said
Indian War, sometime during the year s between 1860 and
1865; affiant had many conversations with said
Captain Wright; that said Captain Wright told affiant that
Benjamin Parker had served with him in said war; that
said Wright told affiant that said Parker had been a brave
soldier; that among other instances that said Wright related to
affiant was this: that said Wright on one occasion when
said Parker was sick procured a buggy and conveyed said
Parker to the House of a man named Tucker so that said
Parker could be cared for; that said Wright often spoke to
affiant concerning said Parker and told affiant that Parker

IN CAPT WRIGHT
SERVED IN CSA
W/ N S Upchurch?

→ someone named
Tucker in Tampa Bay,
area

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was a brave soldier and that said Wright thought well of
said Parker and liked him; that said Wright at one time
lived at a place called Alligator and said place is now
Lake City, Columbia County, Florida;

A. J. Whokum

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this the 27th day of April, A.D., 1908.

Miles W Lewis

Notary Public State of Florida at Large.

*my commission
expires Dec. 5 1908*

Jacksonville, Fla., May 28th, 1908.

Hon. V. Warner,
Department of Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith certificate of Clerk of Court of Charlton County, Georgia, showing that Tracy Stewart was on October 24th, 1905, a Notary Public and ex officio Justice of the Peace for the 32nd Militia District of Georgia. This is in re Indian War 10059, application for pension for Martha L. Parker, widow of Benjamin ~~Ch~~ Parker. I note that instructions sent April 16th, 1908, with certificate in blank to be signed by Clerk, recite said Tracy Stewart as being a Notary Public ex off. Justice of the Peace for Nassau County, Florida. This particular kind of office only exists in the State of Georgia. Tracy Stewart was an officer in Charlton County Georgia. I am very sorry that I did not get the certificate made on the blank sent to me, or handed me and as soon as I hear from you with instructions will follow same implicitly next time.

I return the original blank and if it is necessary to have the clerk's certificate of Tracy Stewart's being Notary Public and ex officio Justice of the Peace on that Blank I will have such certificate signed and sent to you at once.

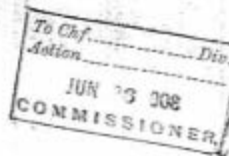
There has been unavoidable delay.

You will note ~~the~~ blank enclosed recites "Nassau" and Stewart was really an officer of Charlton County, Georgia. I am grateful for your attention. I write to you as I think Senator Taliaferro may leave Washington before you get this letter.

Respectfully,

N. D. Upchurch.
N. D. Upchurch Sec. Dy.





State of Florida,
County of Duval,

Before the undersigned, a notary public in and for the state of Florida at large, personally appeared Sarah E. UPCHURCH who being duly sworn said and deposed as follows:

Affiant is 49 years of age; affiant is the wife of M.S. Upchurch; affiant knew Benjamin Parker; Benjamin Parker was affiant's brother; affiant was present when Benjamin Parker was married to Martha L. Geiger; affiant's brother said Benjamin Parker, when he was a young man, left home and affiant received letters from said Parker saying he had enlisted and was in the army fighting Indians, and said letters were sent to affiant from about Tampa Bay in the State of Florida; affiant does not know what Company Benjamin Parker was in in said Seminole Indian war, and said Parker never wrote that fact to affiant as to the name of the Company he was in so far as affiant can recall; affiant knows that Benjamin Parker, her brother who affiant knows as aforesaid was in the Seminole Indian war, was the husband of Martha L. Parker; Martha L. Parker has not remarried since the death of her husband said Benjamin Parker, now deceased; that Benjamin Parker is dead and died several years ago. affiant has heard her brother say many times that he was in said Indian war, and he told her of his experiences in said war, and knows that Benjamin Parker the former husband of Martha L. Parker was the same Benjamin Parker who served in said war.

Sarah E. Upchurch

Subscribed and sworn to before
me a Notary Public this 6th
20th day of June A.D. 1908.
Wiles C. Lewis
Notary Public State of Florida
at large.



- Identity
- married
- understood

State of Florida,

County of Duval.

Before the undersigned, a notary public in and for the state of Florida at large, personally this day appeared N. S. UPCHURCH who being first duly sworn says; affiant is 55 years of age; affiant was well acquainted with Benjamin Parker; Benjamin Parker is now dead, and died November 24, 1900; affiant is well acquainted with Martha L. Parker, widow of Benjamin Parker; Martha L. Parker was formerly named Martha L. Geiger; affiant was present at the ceremony when Benjamin Parker was married to Martha L. Geiger; said ceremony was performed December 29th, 1859 by Edward King, a magistrate at the house of Jacob Geiger, the father of Martha L. Parker; affiant was well acquainted with Captain Wright, and affiant knows that Benjamin Parker the former husband of Martha L. Parker was the identical soldier who performed service in Captain Wright's company in the Seminole Indian war in the State of Florida, because Captain Wright often spoke to affiant in regard to Benjamin Parker and told affiant that Benjamin Parker had been a good soldier, and a brave soldier, and that he (Captain Wright) carried said Parker, on one occasion, when said Parker was sick with fever, during said war, to a place where Parker could be cared for being sick; said Parker told affiant that he served in said Seminole Indian war; said Parker was the brother of affiant's wife. *Said Martha L. Parker has not remarried since the death of Benjamin Parker.*

N. S. Upchurch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th day of June A.D. 1908.

Miles W. Lewis
Notary Public State of Florida
at Large.



- Identity
- death soldier
- marriage

(27) Recap of prenuptial agreement between Nathaniel Smith Upchurch and Sarah Anne Elizabeth Parker – by RPU 21 Sep 2010

[Note: pages 29 to 33 sent only on special request – RPU]

The transcribed version of the prenup was emailed to RPY by Kay Slappy on 8 May 2010 and a copy of the original was included as Item #1 in a letter 29 Aug 2010 from Kay to RPU. Kay is a descendant of Benjamin Parker, a brother of SAE Parker. The prenup was recorded in Nassau Co, FL on 4 or 14 Jul 1858 and the marriage presumably took place later although some sources place the marriage date in Mar 1858.

My interpretation is that the assets referred to in the prenup concern only 5 slaves which in 1858 would have represented wealth but not large wealth. At the close of the Civil War in 1865 the value would be 0. One might surmise that the groom, NSU, had debts or was know to incur same. The Jones Family that raised SAEP were wise to care for her assets. As to the initial source of Upchurch wealth among the FL Upchurches it seems unlikely that it came from NSU or his wife SAEP and more likely that it came from the effort of John Jones Upchurch, Sr.

The recap is being placed as indicated by Δ .

The transcription and the original copy are preserved in the biofile of Nathaniel Smith Upchurch.

From email 8 May 2010 Kay Slappey to Bette Upchurch + 6 Aug 2010 to RPU.

I. --- --- Parker

Δ A. William Parker born about 1800 (possibly FL)

married Sarah Green born about 1800 (possibly FL)

- * {
 1. Benjamin G Parker → Booth → Slappy → Kay Slappy
 2. SAE Parker married 1858 (FL) **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**
 Δ { 3. Francis M Parker (M)

* In 1850 census Nassau Co, FL, are in home of John Jones and wife nee Ann Hagin.

RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA (Book ___, Pages 122-124)

This indenture made and entered into this the fourth Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight between Nathaniel S. Upchurch party of the first part and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker party of the second part both of the County of Nassau and State of Florida witnesses

Whereas a marriage is intended to be hereafter solemnized between the said parties hereunto of the first and Second Part and whereas the said party of the Second part is possessed in her own right and of her own property certain personal estate to be hereinafter more fully at Large set fourth (sic) which it is desirable should be second to the sole and separate use benefit and behalf of the said party of the Second part in such manner as exempt the said property from any and all liability as on account of the Debts or Contracts of the said party of the first part and to preclude the possibility of the alienation of the same or any part thereof without consent of the said party of the Second part.

Now therefore in consideration of the said pre(?) and of the solemnization of the said intended marriage it is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the following described negro slaves that is to say Joe a man of Brown Complexion of about thirty five years Rose a woman Black Complexion aged about twenty years with two children Thomas three years a mulatto and Robert also a mulatto of about one year and Miley a girl aged about six years now the property and estate of the said party of the second part shall notwithstanding the contemplated marriage of the said party of the second part continues to be and remains the separate property and estate of said party of the second part during the said coverture the period of her natural life in the same manner as if the said party of the second part had continued and remained a feme sol, saving always to the said party of the first part after the said marriage is solemnized and as long as the parties hereto shall reside together as man and wife, the right to manage and control the said negro slaves in the same manner as if this settlement had not been executed and to receive the rents, issues, and benefits arising from the employment of the said slaves and them to apply in his discretion to the proper maintenance (sic) support and sustenance of the said part of the second part and the children of this marriage if any there be Provided always that the said party of the first part shall not be at Liberty to Sell Mortgage Pledge a lien or in any other way convey any of the negro slaves before mentioned to any person whatsoever upon any pretext whatsoever (except to hire for a term of not more than one year) except by the joint deed of the parties hereto of the first and second part made and executed in the presence of some Judicial officer of the State wherein the said parties shall reside, which said judicial officer shall at the same time ascertain that the deed is freely and solemnly executed by the said party of the second without any constraint or apprehension or fear by of or from the said party of the first part, and shall so certify upon the said deed other wise the same shall be wholly word and it is hereby further covenanted and agreed that if the said party of the second part should die during the continuancy of the said coverture bearing children of this marriage surviving her, then the said party of the first part shall still continue to use possess and enjoy the above described property untill such child or children as the case may be shall respectively arrive at the (age) of twenty one years applying the proceeds of said property to the proper

maintenance and education of the said children as he in his discretion may see proper, and when any such child shall arrive at the age of twenty one years then if there be but one the said child shall be entitled to the whole of said property to the exclusion of the said party of the first part and if there be more than one child then such child so arriving at the age of twenty one years shall be entitled to a full prorata share of said property in like manner to the exclusion of the said party of the first part but if the said party of the second part should die during this coverture leaving no children surviving her or if none of the children so surviveing should arrive at the age of twenty one years the(n) the whole of the above described property to become the absolute property of the said party of the first part any Law usage or custom in this or any other State to the contrary notwithstanding. Provide however that if any child of this marriage should die under the age of twenty one years leaving lawful issue surviving him or her such issue shall at once be entitled to the full share of the above mentioned property to which his or her Father or Mother would have been entitled had he or she lived to attain the age of twenty one years.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees to cause this Indenture to be duly recorded in the proper offices in this and every other State to which he may hereafter remove with the said property according to the Laws in force in said state respectively for recording deeds of Marriage Settlement

In witness whereof the said parties hereunto respectively set their hands and on this the day and year above written.

(signed) N. S. Upchurch

(signed) S. A. E. Parker

In Presence of W. H. Speight, D. H. Higginbotham

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This Indenture Made and entered into this the four
Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty eight between Nathaniel S
Lepchurck party of the first part and Sarah Ann C
a Lett Parker party of the Second part both of the co
of Napan and State of Florida Witnesses

Whereas a Marriage is intended to be hereafter Sole
nized between the said parties hereunto of the first
Second Part and whereas the said party of Second
is possessed in her own right and of her own property
certain personal estate to be hereinafter more fully
at Large set forth which it is desirable should be
Second to the sole and separate use benefit and beho
of the said party of the Second part in such manner as
exempt the said property from any and all Liability
on account of the Debts or Contracts of the said party
of the first part and to preclude the possibility of
Alienation of the same or any part thereof without
consent of the said party of the Second part

Now therefore in Consideration of the said premises
and of the Solemnization of the said intended Marriage
is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed by and between
the parties hereto that the following described Move
ables that is to say Lee a man of Brown Complexion
about thirty five years Rose a woman Black Complexion
aged about twenty years with two children Thomas
three years a Mulatto and Robert also a Mulatto
about one year and Miley a girl aged about six years
Now the property and estate of the said party of the
Second part shall notwithstanding the contemplated
Marriage of the said party of the Second part continue
to be and remain the Separate property and estate of the
said party of the Second part during the said Coverture and
the period of her Natural Life in the same manner as
as if the said party of the Second part had continued

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and remained a feme sole, saving always to the said party of the first part after the said marriage is solemnized and being as the parties hereto shall reside together as man and wife, the right to manage and control the said negro slaves in the same manner as if this settlement had not been executed and to receive the rents issues and benefits arising from the employment of the said slaves and them to apply in his discretion to the proper maintenance support and sustenance of the said party of the second part and the children of this marriage if any there be provided always that the said party of the first part shall not be at liberty to sell mortgage pledge alien or in any other way convey any of the negro slaves herein mentioned to any person whatsoever upon any pretext whatsoever (except to hire for a term of not more than one year) except by the joint deed of the parties hereto of the first and second part made and executed in the presence of some judicial officers of the State wherein the said parties shall reside, which said judicial officer shall at the same time ascertain that the deed is freely and solemnly executed by the said party of the second without any constraint or apprehension or fear by or from the said party of the first part, and shall so certify upon the said deed other wise the same shall be wholly void and it is hereby further covenanted and agreed that if the said party of the second part should die during the continuance of the said coverture leaving behind children of this marriage surviving her, then the said party of the first part shall still continue to use possess and enjoy the above described property untill such child or children as the case may be shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years applying the proceeds of said property to the proper maintenance and education of the said children as he in his discretion may see proper, and when any such child shall arrive at the age of twenty one years then if there be but one the said child shall be entitled

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To the whole of said property to the exclusion of said party of the first part and if there be more than one child then such child so arriving at the age of twenty one years shall be entitled to a full pro rata share of said property in like manner to the exclusion of said party of the first part But if the said party of the second part should die during this Coverture leaving no children surviving her or if none of the children so surviving should arrive at the age of twenty one years then the whole of the above described property to become the absolute property of the said party of the first part any Law usage or Custom in or any other State to the contrary notwithstanding Provide however that if any child of this Marriage should die under the age of twenty one years leaving any issue surviving him or her such issue shall at once be entitled to the full share of the above mentioned property to which his or her father or mother would have been entitled had he or she lived to attain the age of twenty one years

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees to cause this indenture to be duly recorded in the proper offices in this and every State to which he may hereafter remove with the said property according to the Laws in force in said States respectively for recording deeds of Marriage Settlement

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto respectively set their hands and seals this the day and year above written

In Presence of
W H Spright
D H Higginbotham

N S Upchurch
S A C Parker

(28) Re: Part (3) of letter 29 Aug 2010 Kay Slappy to RPU. Re: the FL Upchurches starting with **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**.

Note attached by Kay:

These documents are from the CSA pension application file for Martha Lucretia (Geiger) Parker, widow of Benjamin C Parker.

There are 2 documents:

#1 a letter 24 Apr 1905 from FL State Legislator B G Dyal to **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** – transcribed below – original placed in biofile of **NSU**.

Document #2 – A 2-page letter of support for Martha Lucretia Parker to get a pension based on service of her husband BSP in Civil War – signed 20 Sep 1907 by **NSU** and WCJ [Wiley C Jones] [17 Jul 1837 – 25 Aug 1911, died Duval Co, GA].

BCP, WLJ, and **NSU** served in the Civil War together. On 20 Sep 1909 NSU lived in Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL & WLJ lived in Duval Co, FL. BCP & MLG married Nassau Co, FL. He died 24 Nov 1900 (Nassau Co, FL). All 3 served in Company of Capt. William Cone, 2nd Regiment of Cavalry (or Battalion) of FL.

Document #2 placed in biofile of **NSU**.

3. Copies of correspondence from the CSA service widow's pension application for Lucretia Parker from 1907. Again, **N.S.** and Sarah apparently played a large part in securing the pension. As in the case with the Indian pension, the CSA pension process was first begun in 1905, but was rejected, and was resubmitted successfully in 1907. Note the letter from B.G. Dyal to **N.S. Upchurch** dated April 24, 1905. B.G. was the sawmill owner and the Dyal of the Dyal-Upchurch building. He was serving in the legislature in 1905, and **N.S.** had obviously asked for his assistance in obtaining the pension (which was granted at the state level, as opposed to the Indian pensions, which were handled through Washington, D.C.). Unfortunately, B.G. died May 30, 1905, shortly after this letter. Translation of letter: "Mr. **N.S. Upchurch, Moniac, Ga.** Dear Sir your letter to hand I reply will say the papers received from Hon. Walker and turned over to the secretary of the pension board he will give it his consideration as a friend of mine. So you may rest easy about the matter till we hear from him it in good hands it will be considered all OK when the time come up he tells me he will look after it for me so it is all OK love to all tell my folks I am well. Your truly, B. G. Dyal. PS the governor will let me no just as soon as he can about your business. B.G.D." I wonder what the business B.G. referred to in the postscript was about?

Names: Lucretia Parker, **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**, Sarah, B G Dyal, Moniac, GA



The Legislature of the State of Florida.
House of Representatives.

Tallahassee, April 24 1905

Mr W S McChesnut

Monroe Ga

Dear Sir your letter to hand.
I Reply will say the Papers Received
from Hon Walker and turned over
to the Secretary of the Pension Board
he will give it his consideration also
being so mine. So you may rest
easy a bout the matter till we
hear from him it in good hands
it will be considered all C R when
the time come up he tells me
he will look after it for me
So it is all C R love to all
tell my Folks I am well

Yours truly

B G Pugh

P.S. the Governor will let me
no just as soon as he can a
bout your Business

B G P

Questions for Witnesses

(FORM C.)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

County of Duval

Before me, a Notary Public
Clerk of the Circuit
 in and for the State of Florida at Large
 Court in and for said county and State, personally came N. S. Upchurch and
 and M. L. Jones
 who appeared as witnesses in support of the application of Mrs. Martha Lucinda Parker
 for an annuity under the laws of the
 State of Florida providing for annuities for widows of deceased Confederate soldiers and sailors of the State
 of Florida, and said witnesses, after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, each for
 himself deposes and says:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? (1) N. S. Upchurch Reside
at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, & (2) M. L. Jones, reside
in said Duval County, Florida.

2. How long have you known the applicant? Since 1858, both of us have
so known him.

3. Where does she reside and how long has she been a resident of this State? Nassau County,
Florida. She has been a resident of State of Florida ever since
we have known her. Mrs. Jones knows she is the aged, feeble, and
and care for herself and she visits among her children, but Nassau
County, Florida, is her home.

4. Were you acquainted with her husband? Yes, about same length of time
we have known him and had known him for about the same length of time.

5. Where and to whom was she married? She was married to Benjamin C.
Parker in Nassau County, Florida.

6. Is he dead? If so, when and where did he die? Yes. He died on the 24th day of
November, 1900, in Nassau County, we both know this.

7. Was he a soldier or sailor in the State or Confederate service during the war between the States?

(1) Yes. (2) Yes. We both know he was a soldier.

8. When did he enlist, and in what organization? In Captain William Cook's
Company, Second Regiment, Cavalry of the State of Florida.
His organization continued until he was paroled at Holden,
Duval County, Florida, May 17th, 1865. We were all
three in same regiment, and part of the time in
same Company. We both know these facts of our own
personal knowledge.

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9. When was he discharged, and for what cause? (1) 12. He was discharged at
Bardonia, Duval County, Florida, May 17th 1865, by the
United States officer in charge for the reason that the
war had terminated. We both know these facts are true.
10. Where and in what campaigns did he perform regular military duty? In Florida in
Captain Wm. Conner's Company, Second Florida Cavalry, in South Florida.
He was transferred to Company K, Capt. James A. Conner's Company, in
Second Regiment. We both know these facts are true.
11. Were either or both of you members of the same Company or Regiment with him? (1) & (2) Yes
Both of us served in the same Company with him
at times.
12. Did he desert the Confederate or State service? (1) No (2) No
13. Were either of you with the command when it surrendered? Yes both of us were.
14. Was Benjamin C. Parker, the husband of the applicant,
present when the command surrendered? (1) Yes (2) Yes
15. If not, where was he?
16. When did he leave his command? May 17th 1865 - when the war
terminated. We both know these facts in this answer are true.
17. Have you any personal or financial interest in the granting of this annuity to the applicant?
(1) No (2) No.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Twentieth day of
September, A. D. 1907Wiley Jones
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
(The above questions must be answered by each witness, and the answers must so state.)

W. L. Jones

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch
died 16 July 1913 in Gay
buried Jones Cemetery, CallahanWiley Jones
b. 17 July 1837
d. 15 Aug 1911 Brumley

(29) RPU Ancestry.com search 21 Mar 2008 re: the Florida Upchurches.

1880 Census, Precinct 8 Nassau Co, FL

Name		Age	
N S Upchurch		53 [58?]	Land Agent
Sarah Upchurch	wife	40	
Berry Upchurch	son	21	James Benjamin Upchurch
John J Upchurch	son	18	
Ella Upchurch	dau	16	Eleanor Agnes Upchurch
George Upchurch	son	14	George W Upchurch
Elizabeth Upchurch	dau	10	Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch
Swann Upchurch	son	8	Nathaniel Swann Upchurch
Walter Upchurch	son	5	W Draughan Upchurch
Noble Upchurch	son	3	N Alvin Upchurch
Edmond P Upchurch	son	9 mos	born Sep; Edward Ponder Upchurch

In 1880, all 9 children born to NSU as alive and still in the home.

1900 Census – Willisville, Charlton Co, GA

Household Name

Members:

Nathaniel Upchurch	75	born Aug 1824	
Sarah A E Upchurch	61		wife [10, 7]
Swann Upchurch	28	born Aug 1871	son
Fred B Upchurch	17	born Dec 1882	son

By 1900 one more child has been born to NSU completing his batch of 10. Seven are still living but only two in the home.

Continue search for Edward Ponder Upchurch – not found on 1900 Census.

1910 Census – Militia District 661, Lowndes Co, GA

Household Name

Members:		Age	
Leward R Upchurch		27	[Edward P Upchurch]
Retta Upchurch	wife	24	married 5 years
John W Upchurch	son	4	
Therisa Upchurch	dau	2	
John Eastus	fat	74	[Eustis?]

1920 Census – Edward Ponder Upchurch not found

1930 Census – Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL

Household Name

Members:		Age		Born (self, ftr, mtr)
Ray Touchstone	head	29	married age 26	
Teresa Touchstone	wife	22	married age 18	(GA, FL, GA)
Gloria Touchstone	dau	1		FL
Edward Touchstone	f-i-l	51		(FL, NC, FL)
Rhetta Upchurch	m-i-l	44		(GA, FL, FL)
Montine Upchurch	sis	13		(GA, FL, GA)

(30) 1920 Census – Jackson Co, GL Friendship Precinct – Malone Town

Fred B Upchurch head of household “D” 32 single born about 1888 (NC)
[B = Bradford]

(31) 1910 Census – Jackson Co, FL Friendship Precinct

Fred B Upchurch head of household 24 single born about 1888 (NC)
[B = Bradford]
Walter D Upchurch brother 34 single born about 1876 (FL)
[D = Draughan]

(32) From letter 29 Aug 2010 Kay Slappey to RPU

Kay raises the question as to whether insanity ran in the Upchurch family. Presumably in the Gilbert Upchurch Sub-clan & especially among descendants of his son Nathaniel Smith Upchurch:

Concerning the first child of N. S. and Sarah: sò his middle name really was Benjamin? I had him listed as James Berry, as the 1880 census appeared to say Berry. But perhaps that was really Benny, suggesting Benjamin, the name of his uncle, Sarah’s brother. I note he was listed as insane on the 1870 census. I have to ask: does mental illness run through this line of the family? Besides James Benjamin, two other brothers seemed have been mentally ill: Nathaniel Swan and Fred Bradford. Both of them apparently died at the State Mental Hospital in Chattahoochee (River Junction), Florida. Additionally, Susan Eleanor, daughter of John Jones and Belle, died in the same mental hospital. (Another relative also spent time there: Rebecca Hankins Upchurch, wife of William G. Upchurch, was there the same time as Susie and died there in 1932, but she is obviously not blood related).

[GASTON] s/o WGA

[HANKINS]

I. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch

- A. James Benjamin Upchurch – insane
- B. Nathaniel Swann Upchurch – insane – died in Shots Mental Hospital, Chattahoochee (River Junction) FL
- C. Fred Bradford Upchurch – ditto

(33) Excerpt from the Book “In the Shade of Oaks” by Margaret Louise Harris “Peggy” 2009. The book treats the various ancestral lines of the aughor one of whom was William George

Upchurch, the brother of Nathaniel Smith Upchurch and of Bartley Jefferson Upchurch [grandfather of RPU] they being sons of Gilbert Upchurch and grandsons of Nathan Upchurch, I Revolutionary War soldier and Head of Upchurch Clan 3. The following item on **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** appears on page 321 of the book.

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch, the eldest son of Gilbert, enlisted on 28 July 1863 as a private in Company K, 2nd Florida Cavalry. He spent his service on detachment detail, repairing and maintaining Confederate telegraph lines. He surrendered with his unit on 18 May 1865 at Lake City, Florida, and was paroled under terms made between Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston and U.S.A. Major General William T. Sherman at their 26 April meeting in North Carolina.⁶⁸⁹

(34) Reflections on the life of **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** by RPU, grand-nephew of “NSU” – 24 Sep 2010.

The father of NSU was Gilbert Upchurch, born 1792 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1845 (Green Level, Wake Co, NC), Head of the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Gilbert Upchurch Sub-Clan. Gilbert was about 10 years old when his father moved his family to Green Level. There on 1 Apr 1819 Gilbert married Elizabeth Upchurch, arguably daughter of John Upchurch, III, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 14. This marriage produced one child Mariah Elizabeth Upchurch 1820 – 1900. Mariah was blind, never married and lived always with her brother Bartley Jefferson Upchurch (my grandfather) and is buried at Inwood Church, Wake Co, NC. Another sibling Lamberth Lassiter Upchurch 1830 – 1905 likewise was blind and lived with BJU and is also buried at Inwood. I grew up hearing my Aunts and Uncles tell of Aunt Mariah and Uncle Lass.

Gilbert's wife Elizabeth apparently died soon after the birth of Great Aunt Mariah as records from the early 1820s onward show him with spouse nee Lucretia Mills 1802 – 1877. She also always lived with BJU and she was the first person buried at Inwood which was founded by our Upchurch relatives and their neighbors. A marriage record for Gilbert and Lucretia has never been found so we can speculate that it was lost or that their long life together established a marriage in common law.

NSU born 27 Aug 1823 (Green Level, NC), died 15 Jul 1913 (Jacksonville, FL) (Buried Jones Family Cemetery, Callahan, FL) was among the early children born to Gilbert and Lucretia. Other children born to them were: Nathan Upchurch 1827 – 1855 (blind per 1850 census, never married), Marie Upchurch (NFI), a daughter (NFI), William George Upchurch (2 Dec 1837), (Green Level, NC), died 13 Oct 1895 (Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, NC). Haseltine Upchurch 183 – 1862 (never married, died of TB), Bartley Jefferson Upchurch, the youngest child born 11 May 1841 (Green Level, NC), died 23 Jan 1929 (Wake Co, NC), buried Inwood Cemetery).

In 1955 my Uncle Gettis Henderson Upchurch 1882 – 1957, with whom I was close, engaged me to transport him to the area of Green Level to find an appropriate place for him to

install a Grave Monument for his grandfather Gilbert Upchurch. No suitable place was found so the monument now rests at Inwood possibly causing some to think Gilbert is interred there.

A by-product of the monument exercise was that Uncle Gettis told me from memory his recollection of our Upchurch heritage. My notes of that conversations are preserved. Of the five daughters of Gilbert he said only one male offspring was produced and he died in combat serving the Confederacy. Of NSU, Gettis said he was known as “Nat”, that he left home at age 20, learned to be a surveyor, married a French girl and was not heard from for 20 years.

Many years later, I had delightful exchange in writing from Frank Drew Upchurch, Sr 1894 – 1986, a son of John Jones Upchurch, Sr and a grandson of NSU. In relating my input from Uncle Gettis he conceded all of the report except the revelation that his grandfather married a “French girl”. He described his grandmother’s background denying that Sarah Anne Elizabeth Parker was French. With apologies to my late 2nd cousin Frank I have to report that his grandmother did indeed have a heritage going back to France.

The records do seem to support the livelihood that NSU left Green Level sometime after his youngest sibling, BJU, was born in 1841 and before the time their father Gilbert died in 1845. It has come down to us that Gilbert was noted more for enjoying life than he was in accumulating wealth – to put the best face on the matter. With three blind siblings in the household we can readily visualize that NSU wished to look for opportunities in other climes.

When it is said that NSU left home at age 20 and was not heard from for 20 years. I take that to mean that contact between the FL and NC branches of the family was re-established soon after the conclusion of the Civil War – perhaps in the late 1860s or early 1870s. This reconnection led to a rich tapestry of relationships the details of which are beyond this telling.

The broad outline of the lifetime movements of NSU is known but more details are desired. In the mid to late 1840s it seems he was perhaps first in GA and then in FL. His first residence in FL seems to have been in Callahan where he seems to have been a merchant. It was there that he met and married Sarah presumably getting well acquainted with her guardians, the Jones Family in the few years prior to his marriage to Sarah in 1858. I am told there is a NSU house still standing in Callahan and would like to know more about it and the Upchurch, Parker and Jones connections to Callahan. The Jones Family Cemetery there seemed to have great meaning for the NSU family. We know that NSU continued to serve as a surveyor and that his service in the Civil War demonstrated certain skills, initiative, and leadership. How did that morph into him being a “protection agent” for the railroad and what is a “protection agent”?

At some point NSU moved from Callahan, FL to GA and then back to Jacksonville, FL where he died. In these travels I am left to wonder how much NSU had to do with starting the family on the road to financial stability – or was this left to his son J J Upchurch, Sr?

One does grasp that NSU and Sarah promoted their children to become educated especially J J U, Sr and Noble Alvin Upchurch. Again, one is left to wonder how much of the wealth and the bent to succeed came from NSU and how much from Sarah – or did JJU, Sr himself play one or both of these roles in part or in whole. A pointed question in all of this is - did NSU become involved in the timber business in FL or GA. My sense is that JJU, Sr got a leg up financially when he bought land for the timber and then held on to the level which became valuable – especially in the Jacksonville, FL area – right?

One takes note of serious health issues among some of the descendants of Gilbert Upchurch and ins caused to wonder if this is genetic in origin. First we can take eyesight noting that one child by wife one was blind as were two by wife two. If genetic in origin this would trace to Gilbert and not his wives. A great-great-granddaughter (still living) is blind and she tells me she believes it traces genetically to Gilbert. However, other than the individuals already mentioned I know of no other descendants of Gilbert who are/ were blind.

The issue of mental health among the descendants of Gilbert Upchurch has also been raised. As far as I know the issue has been limited to descendants of NSU and more particularly to descendants of his son JJU, Sr where more than one example has been cited. In one case, if not more, it was said that an exceedingly high temperature during an illness brought on brain damage. This is a delicate issue but perhaps more can be learned. I will note that even where the issue of mental health has been mentioned the individuals involved seemed to be meaningfully employed at some point in their lives. I think we must treat the issue of the second marriage of JJU, Sr as a special case given that first cousins married. In some cases, this works out OK but often not. Such ill advised marriages are even more problematic as regards offspring when those have been marriages of close kin in earlier generations. This was in fact the case for Belle. Her father and mother were first cousins once removed.

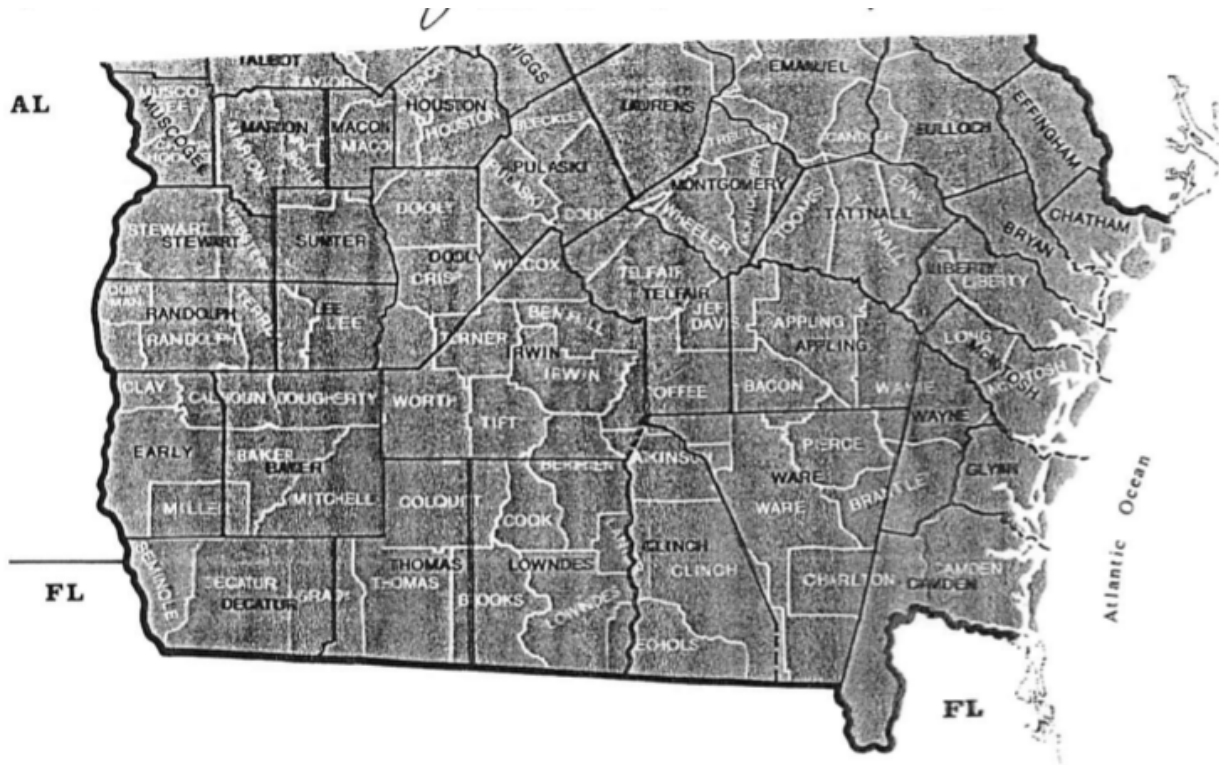
We members of the Nathan Upchurch, I Clan (Clan #3) recognize that we resemble other typical extended families in America. Some of us are fortunate to have parents who have and practice good parenting skills and who have material assets to give a child a good start in life and some of us are not so fortunate. Some of us are fortunate to be born with strong traits and some not. Some embellish their traits and some do not. Thus come varying degrees of success and failure.

Among the descendants of Gilbert Upchurch we can cite two who seemed to have a golden touch in creating wealth. One was his son William George Upchurch. The other was his grandson John Jones Upchurch, Sr. As to Gilbert's sons, NSU and my grandfather BJU I continue to seek the holy grail of understanding their lives. It seems that neither would shine as bright as did their brother Bill and yet both were solid citizens. We honor their memory as we strive to learn more about them.

Irrespective of how much each of us had going for us early in life, we have been fortunate to have been born in American where success is in reach for all. In my case a little love early on and a lovely, competent, caring wife of 62 years and counting has carried the day.

(35) Pages 1 – 44 mailed to Margaret Louise Harris, John Jones Upchurch IV and Kay Slappey

(36) The map of SE GA is show below based on the 1850 Census – at some point this map may help to locate the whereabouts of **NMU** or his son John J Upchurch IV – RPU



(36) In post from Cooperator Kay Lind Slappey to RPU via email 27 Sep 2010
While I have it on my mind, I wanted to let you know how I came across a couple of old newspaper items that mentioned N S Upchurch. These are in the University of Florida's digital newspaper collection. I know there is a way to email the actual copy of the paper, but I am going to have to study on how to do it. In the meantime, here is a transcription of each.

Fernandina Express, March 4, 1882: "Mr N S Upchurch, who, as was announced in these columns some weeks ago, visited his old home in North Carolina for the first time in a number of years, has returned much pleased with his visit. He informs us that our prediction relative to the "fatted calf" was literally fulfilled."

Florida Mirror, April 14, 1883: Mr N S Upchurch, this week, purchased the store and good will of Mr P Kelly at Callahan."

(37) Item 10 in letter Kay Lind Slappey to RPU 6 Nov 2010



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THE FLORIDA MIRROR.
Published Weekly.
Subscription Price, \$1.00 per Annum in Advance.

Reflections.

The Hotel Egmont will be open till May 15th.

The pleasure yacht *Jatrigud* was in our harbor this week.

Mr. E. H. Howard and wife, of Buffalo, N. Y., left for the North Thursday.

Mr. O. W. McKinney and wife, of Rochester, N. Y., are guests at the Egmont.

Rev. J. H. Ley, formerly pastor of the Methodist Church, is visiting Fernandina.

Mr. Leonard Scott and wife, of New York, arrived at the Egmont Wednesday.

Mr. N. S. Upchurch, this week, purchased the stone and good will of Mr. P. Kelly at Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard, of Boston, arrived at the Egmont Tuesday, and will remain several days.

Rev. H. S. Yinger, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, expects to preach in St. Marys tomorrow.

Mrs. Maria Wood Alden, daughter of the late Thurlow Wood, of New York, and daughter are at the Egmont.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, of Jacksonville, have moved their school for young ladies to this city for the present.

Hon. Edward Pierrepont, of New York, late minister to England, and son arrived at the Egmont Thursday morning.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Chambers, of New York, having made his second visit this season to Fernandina, left for home this week.

Mr. George P. Whitelaw and Mr. C. B. Burnside, of St. Louis, Mo., are sojourning

Mr. J. E. Wandell left on the steamship *Crescent* last week for a short visit to Massachusetts.

Mr. George Burnside, now a resident on St. Johns river, has been spending a few days in our city.

Amelia Lodge, No. 47, F. & A. M., meets Monday evening next. All Masons in good standing are invited to be present.

General R. E. Clay and wife, of Washington, are again guests at the Egmont, which they visit regularly every season. The general has seen over forty years of active service. He is now retired. His accomplished wife is a general favorite.

Mr. J. A. Ebermann, who was appointed by Governor Blaxham sheriff of Nassau county, vice P. Cone, deceased, this week forwarded his bond to Tallahassee. The bond is one of the best ever given by any officer in this county.

Mr. William Wilkins Warren and wife, of Boston, have been spending some days at the Egmont. Mr. Warren has been an extensive traveler in his own and other countries, and his description of his travels have been eagerly sought; especially his journey on the Nile.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Robert S. Schuyler, our excellent architect, is recovering slowly from the effects of the severe accident he met with by falling from the tower of the new Episcopal Church. His many friends have felt great sympathy for him, and will rejoice to learn that he is convalescent.

The steamship *Waters Texas*, which sailed from this port Thursday evening for New York, had on board 85 passengers and the following cargo: 314 cases cedar, 540 logs cedar, 150 white boards, 1,002 packages vegetables, 207 barrels rosin, 40 barrels spirits, 20

(no number) Was blindness among the descendants of Nathan Upchurch, I related to the cases of insanity in the family (See RPU extract 29 Nov 2011) – RPU 30 Nov 2011

By reference to the 29 Nov 2011 extract sheet it will be seen that the insanity/ blindness cases all involved descendants of Nathan's son Gilbert Upchurch.

Gilbert's son Nathaniel Smith Upchurch had two sons and one granddaughter declared insane (Susie).

Susie was also a granddaughter of Gilbert's son William George Upchurch (due to intermarriages in the family).

[In the extract I explain how those cases of insanity could have been the "luck of the draw" and how modern medicine might have made unnecessary the pejorative term "insanity". However, in the case of Susie one cannot overlook the two close and her full siblings did not show robust health records.]

The blindness involved the other sons of Gilbert – Bartley, Lamberth and Mariah. The latter two were blind (completely or partially?) (from birth?). My unsubstantiated guess has always been that the blindness of these two could have traced to venereal disease introduced by Gilbert as he had some known weakness of character. These two children had different mothers.

Bartley had a great granddaughter, Frances Holt Tilley, who developed complete blindness as an adult. Her years of explaining her condition led her to believe that her blindness was hereditary and thus connected to that of Lamberth and Mariah.

In conclusion, I have developed no connection that the insanity or blindness cases are genetic in nature or that they are related. Others with more expertise may show genetic causes.

(no number) From email 8 Sep 2011 Kay Lind Slappey to RPU – 22 Dec 2011

Another tidbit: I read a book recently on early Cedar Key, Florida. A big deal back then was the railroad from Nassau County to Cedar Key, constructed by the rail company, owned by David L Yulee, later a US Senator. Yulee's head railroad man in Florida was Samuel Swann, who resided in Nassau County and handled all the business dealings of the railroad and its construction. Some of the legal documents I obtained from the Nassau courthouse records lists **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** as agent for the railroad company (as in agent that could transact business for the RR, not like a ticket agent). Obviously **NSU** and Samuel Swann would have been well acquainted. I'm guessing **NSU**'s son was named after Samuel Swann. But that's just me.

RPU review of spelling of middle name of NSU – Swan versus Swann. The above input on the name Swann, the likely namesake of NSU plus that fact that the 1880 and 1900 census records use the version Swann convinces me that the correct spelling for NSU is Swann, not Swan. The family were careless in using the spelling Swan from time-to-time. – 22 Dec 2011
[**Nathaniel Smith Upchurch** = Head of a line in the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Gilbert Upchurch Sub-clan.]

(no number) Rough extract of letter 9 Feb 2011 Kay Lind Slappey to RPU

The email letter provided 9 images Kay captured on a visit to the Court House Nassau Co, FL. These images A – I are preserved with the letter in the biofile of KLS. They concern activities of my Great Uncle Nathaniel Smith Upchurch and his family. To fully grasp all the actions I need better copies. Rough extracts appear below.

Re: A: Photo of Kay and her daughter on a NY trip.

Re: C: (#334) – Description by Kay:

Picture #334 - "N.S. Upchurch, Commissioner, to Jeff. Murhee": Date: October 1875. The story: NSU had been appointed by the probate court to appraise and sell the land of Jacob Geiger, deceased. Here he is selling 120 acres to Jefferson Murhee for \$50 - what a deal! The story behind the story: Jacob Geiger is my great-great-great grandfather. It was his daughter, Martha Lucretia Geiger, that married B.C. Parker, brother to SAE Upchurch. And Jefferson Murhee was married to Sarah Geiger, another of Jacob's daughters. So I guess Jeff got the family deal.

Re: B, H, I (339, 340, 341)

Pictures #339, 340, 341: This document is for the sale of land by NS Upchurch to Jehu Boothe for a parcel of land along the rail line at Callahan Station. The document also has SAE Upchurch signing away her dower right. This was in June 1860, not long after their 1858 marriage. And guess who Jehu Boothe is? My great-great grandfather on the other side! And check out the witnesses - Jacob Geiger and his sons. All these folks seemed to run in the same circles.

SAE U = nee Sarah Anne Elizabeth Parker wife of **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**

D, E, F, G

Pictures #352,353,354,355: These are the indexes to the deeds, both reverse and direct, for the Upchurch name. You can see that the Upchurch family was quite involved in property transactions from way back. Maybe NSU did plant the seed for the family wealth.

(Covers Deeds 1840 – 1 Jan 1934)

D & E = Direct Deeds – From Upchurch to X – 45 entried

F & G = Reverse Deeds – To Upchurch from X – 41 entried

Names often found in D, E, F, G

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch Frank Drew Upchurch

John Jones Upchurch, Sr

Organization of some of the above input

1860: **NSU** sells land in Callahan, FL to John Booth – great great grandfather of Kay

SAEP signs away her rights

1875: **NSU** as appointed commissioner sells land of Jacob Geiger, dec'd to Jefferson Murkee

I. Jacob Geiger – great great great grandfather of Kay

A. Martha Lucretia Geiger

married () B C Parker, brother of SAEP who married **NSU**

B. Sarah Geiger

married () Jefferson Murkee

(no number) Item in letter 6 Nov 2010 Kay Lind Slappey to RPU

Crossfile: Callahan, Nassau Co, FL

Callahan Lodge #32, F&AM Charter Members

Callahan Lodge received permission from Grand Lodge of Florida on July 4th, 1868 to begin working “UD or under dispensation”. Grand Lodge of Florida formally chartered Callahan Lodge #32 on January 14, 1870 to meet at Callahan in Nassau County, Florida.

Callahan Lodge No 32 was chartered with twenty charter members. The following are those charter officers and members:

William J Dopson, WM

James Fabius Clark, Sr Warden

James Geiger, Jr Warden

John Price, Jr, Treasurer

John C C Jones, Secretary

Josiah Benjamin Little, Sr Deacon

Henry Camille Tison, Jr Deacon

Jehu Booth, Tyler

Owen S Albritton

Jesse J Edmondson

James W Geiger

John Jefferson Higginbotham

John Hampton Jones

Leton Uriah Morgan

Talbert S Morgan

Benjamin C Parker [brother in law of NSU]

R R Ratcliff

Golphin Nowling Tison

Redden Turner

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch [NSU]

In Kays tree -
directly or
indirectly

James F Clark
James Geiger Jr NS4,
John Booth
Owen Abbotton
James W Geiger
Benjamin Parker
Leighton Morgan Talbot
Morgan

I wonder if
John C. C. Jones was
"our" John Jones.
John Hampton Jones
was definitely the
son of "our" John Jones.

RJ

(no number) Upchurch Postmaster Appointments – RPU 19 Aug 2013 [Guidance from Gerald Thorp Leonard 29 Jul 2013]

All US Appointments of US Postmasters, 1832, 1971 results for Upchurch
[Note: Names highlighted by RPU include **Nathaniel Smith Upchurch**, Golden Almon Upchurch, Sr, Albert Doctor Upchurch, Benjamin Washington Upchurch, Robert E Lee Upchurch, I, John Jones Upchurch, I – CJM 13 Sep 2020]

1	David Upchurch	Gallatin, Gallatin, Illinois	15 May 1838	30	Phoebe L Upchurch	Mosley, Yell, Arkansas	8 Sep 1899
2	Bartley Upchurch	Benevola, Pickens, Alabama	29 Jan 1842	31	Thos R Upchurch	Cedarhill, Jackson, Louisiana	1 Aug 1899
3	David Upchurch	Gallatin, Gallatin, Illinois	3 Jun 1847	32	Charlie M Upchurch	Upchurch, Ware, Georgia	5 Mar 1900
4	Golden A Upchurch	Green Level, Wake, North Carolina	26 Aug 1850	33	Leonides M Upchurch	Bardin, Putnam, Florida	10 Jan 1902
5	N S Upchurch	Callahan, Nassau, Florida	27 Jul 1858	34	John W Upchurch	Stilson, Bulloch, Georgia	4 Apr 1904
6	James H Upchurch	Green Level, Wake, North Carolina	5 Apr 1859	35	John W Upchurch	Benevola, Pickens, Alabama	16 Aug 1906
7	G A Upchurch	Green Level, Wake, North Carolina	22 Jan 1861	36	Silas Upchurch	Glencak, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory	13 Feb 1906
8	Miss A D Upchurch	Green Level, Wake, North Carolina	24 Apr 1866	37	Silas Upchurch	Glencak, Nowata, Oklahoma	13 Feb 1906
9	Sam'l Upchurch	Gallatia, Saline, Illinois	10 Dec 1873	38	Walter D Upchurch	Neals Landing, Jackson, Florida	20 Feb 1906
10	Sam'l R Upchurch	Gallatia, Saline, Illinois	30 Jan 1877	39	Mrs Thissell Upchurch	Stilson, Bulloch, Georgia	19 Sep 1907
11	T G Upchurch	Francisville, Lickett, Tennessee	25 Jun 1877	40	Wm P Upchurch	Oz, Wayne, Kentucky	7 Aug 1907
12	Thomas W Upchurch	Travisville, Fentress, Tennessee	25 Jun 1877	41	James C Upchurch	Capitola, Leon, Florida	9 Feb 1909
13	John R Upchurch	Milbernie, Wake, North Carolina	3 Jul 1878	42	Wm D Upchurch	Centreville, Franklin, North Carolina	25 May 1909
14	Willm M Upchurch	Sandy Point, Douglas, Missouri	18 Sep 1878	43	John F Upchurch	Stop, Wayne, Kentucky	17 Dec 1910
15	William A Upchurch	Arthur, Conway, Arkansas	24 Mar 1882				
16	Melissa Upchurch	Benevola, Pickens, Alabama	9 Feb 1885				
17	B W Upchurch	Pineview, Nash, North Carolina	5 Sep 1887				
18	John Upchurch	Benevola, Pickens, Alabama	21 Apr 1888				
19	Claudia B Upchurch	Gallatia, Saline, Illinois	29 Apr 1889				
20	Claudia B Upchurch	Gallatia, Saline, Illinois	20 Jun 1892				
21	Robt E L Upchurch	Pankey, Grimes, Texas	14 Sep 1894				
22	Wm L Upchurch	City, Alleghany, North Carolina	3 May 1894				
23	Mrs Claudia R Upchurch	Gallatia, Saline, Illinois	25 Sep 1897				
24	David H Upchurch	Arapaho, Custer, Oklahoma	1897				
25	James A Upchurch	Centreville, Franklin, North Carolina	19 May 1898				
26	John J Upchurch	Moniac, Charlton, Georgia	16 Feb 1898				
27	Margaret A Upchurch	Alpine, Washington, Idaho	9 Sep 1898				
28	Allie J Upchurch	Hickmans, Tuscaloosa, Alabama	22 Nov 1899				
29	Harvey B Upchurch	Carrollton, Pickens, Alabama	1 Dec 1899				

REAPPOINTMENTS:

1 & 3; 4 & 7; 9 & 10; 19 & 20

SAME INDIVIDUAL = 36 & 37

43 - 5 = 38 INDIVIDUAL

UPCHURCH POSTMASTERS

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Cc: phil@upchurchstory.com

Thanks Peggy for the information. There seems to be a gap in time where the family lost all contact with Nathaniel and we have zero documentation about his whereabouts until about 1858, except for this trip to Richmond in 1853. I was thinking maybe he didn't go to Georgia when he first left home and 1853 found him elsewhere. We only have speculation about this time period. Please don't worry about digging any deeper. I do feel like he had a strong relationship with W.G. with numerous visits to Raleigh as reported in the papers. We have nothing about any visits to the Rhamkette crowd. Monk Perry does have a walking cane (carved with alligators), that was passed down to him. He feels like Nathaniel brought it with him on a visit to Raleigh.

I did become friends with Hamilton Upchurch of St. Augustine, Florida after we met at a skeet tournament. Hamilton was a member of St. Augustine Rod and Gun Club and the president of the club (Fred Bozard) was his best friend. Mr. Bozard and I were friends and he knew Hamilton's family was from Raleigh and did a little research on his own. When I arrived at the gun club, Mr. Bozard said, "I have someone I would like for you to meet, your cousin." Hamilton was an attorney in St. Augustine and one of the influential Upchurches of the Jacksonville area. When Hamilton was the district attorney for St. Augustine, he arrested Mr. Bozard for cock fighting, but they became best friends afterwards. The building where the cock fights were held is a National Historic Registered site and on the grounds of the gun club. When Mr. Bozard was about 85 years young, he told me that "He was somebody when he could buy a politician." Hamilton and Mr. Bozard have both passed on. There is a park in St. Augustine named for Hamilton. Too much information again!

Thanks for your time and information about Nathaniel.

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