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FROM THE EDITOR



I am honored to be able to write you another newsletter and on behalf of Upchurch & Allied Families we wish you all a blessed holiday season!

My email last month contained a wonderful message from a UAFA subscriber/member/author! I received permission to print her story—of her husbands UPCHURCH ancestors from Tennessee. The 3 women she writes about are connected to UAFA Clan 9—William Upchurch IV. I am very happy to be able to share it with you! Thank you Dixie Gill Hickey.

These 3 women are also part of the genealogy line of our UAFA President Dr. Tom Upchurch.

If you have the privilege of speaking with older relatives this holiday season, please consider some suggestions: 1) Write down family stories so they are not lost. 2) Record your thoughts and experiences for future generations. 3) Interview a relative or grandparent via phone, FaceTime or Skype.



The following information was written and published in *Legacies of Our Great Grand Mothers – Early Tennessee Women*, Volume I by Dixie Gill Hickey. Elizabeth “Betsy” Hawkins Upchurch was the fourth great-grandmother of her husband, Robert Franklin Hickey.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Hawkins

1772-1852

Jennetta House

1807-1877

Celia Elizabeth Upchurch

1833-1886

Named in honor of American Patriot Patrick Henry, Henry County, Tennessee, was created by the Tennessee General assembly on 07 November 1821 from Chickasaw Indian Lands. It lies in west Tennessee on the Kentucky border. Soon after its formation Henry County became a gateway for pioneer settlers of west Tennessee and beyond.^{1,2}

The Upchurch family is first located in Henry County, Tennessee, when John Upchurch and his wife Elizabeth “Betsy” Hawkins moved from North Carolina prior to 1830. John Upchurch was married to Elizabeth “Betsy” Hawkins in 1800 in South Carolina.³ John is listed on the 1800⁴ and 1810⁵ Granville County, North Carolina census records and in the 1830⁶ and 1840⁷ Henry County, Tennessee census as Head of Household.

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WELCOME NOVEMBER

New month, new chapter,
new page & new wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self love and inner peace. May everyday of November fill your days with Hope, Love, Sunshine and New Energy. Let there be Joy, Fun, Peace and Laughter.

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Three Upchurch Women from *Legacies of Our Great Grand Mothers...*

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John Upchurch was born in 1776 in North Carolina⁸ and died 27 Oct 1854 in Henry County, Tennessee.^{8, 23} His wife Elizabeth Hawkins was born in 1772 in South Carolina⁸ and died 19 Dec 1852 in Henry County, Tennessee,^{8, 21} and was the daughter of William and Sarah Hawkins.¹³ Both John and Elizabeth Upchurch are found in the 1850 Federal Census of Henry County, Tennessee,¹⁰ where John lists his occupation as farmer. Neither he nor Elizabeth could read or write, but they managed quite well because in 1850 their real estate amounted to \$1250.¹⁰ The will of John Upchurch was written 30 Apr 1853 and probated during the 1864 November Term.^{9, 10} It names sons Jesse,⁹ Joshua (who married Jennetta House),^{9, 13} David (who married Marina Tayloe),^{9, 13} James Jackson⁹; daughter Catherine⁹; and Upchurch grandsons Jesse,⁹ and John,⁹ Bayliss,⁹ George,⁹ Eli⁹ (three sons of Celia Elizabeth Wyns); Darnell grandsons William,⁹ Jesse,⁹ and Thomas L⁹; and granddaughter Sarah Jane Yancey.

John and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Upchurch's son Joshua was born 28 Jul 1800 in Granville County, North Carolina,^{8, 11} and died 11 Nov 1844 in Henry County, Tennessee.^{8, 11} Joshua Upchurch is listed as Head of Household in both the 1830 Henry County, Tennessee census²⁵ with a combined household of six free white persons and two slaves, and the 1840 Henry County, Tennessee census²⁶ with a combined household of ten free white persons and fourteen slaves. With such an increase in family and slaves over a ten year period, obviously Joshua was a successful farmer. He was married before 1830⁶ in Tennessee to Jennetta House, who was born 29 Jan 1807 and died 22 May 1877.¹³ Joshua and Jennetta Upchurch had eight children, seven of whom who are documented on the Celia Elizabeth Upchurch's genealogy chart.

Following Joshua's untimely death, his widow Jennetta (House) Upchurch married Thomas L. Darnell (Darnall) on 08 Mar 1848 in Henry County, Tennessee.¹² Thomas, born 1797 in Kentucky,²⁷ was the son of Nicholas (died before 1850⁹) and Celia Darnell (Darnall).¹³ The Thomas Darnell family, with Upchurch children, are enumerated in the 1850

Henry County, Tennessee census.²⁷

When Nicholas Darnell died, his widow Celia Darnell (Darnall) moved in with son Thomas and wife Jennetta (House Upchurch) Darnell (Darnall).²⁷ The two ladies became quite close as evidenced by the fact that Jennetta named one of her daughters Celia and that Celia Darnell's (Darnall) will left everything to Jennetta and the Upchurch children. Celia Darnell (Darnall) died on 27 Apr 1852.¹³

Thomas Darnell died in 1858 and is buried in the Harrison Cemetery in Greystone, Greene County, Tennessee.²³ As a widow Jennetta Darnell is enumerated on the 1860 Henry County, Tennessee census²⁸ with one unmarried child, George Upchurch. Jennetta (House Upchurch) Darnell (Darnall) and Celia Darnell are buried near each other in the Upchurch Cemetery in Henry County, Tennessee.¹³

Joshua and Jennetta (House) Upchurch had ten children.²⁶ One daughter, Frances J. Upchurch, was born 25/26 Sep 1845, died 04 May 1869, buried in the Upchurch Cemetery, and was married to John S. Gamlin.¹³ Their fifth child was daughter Celia Elizabeth Upchurch.

Celia Elizabeth Upchurch



Celia Elizabeth Upchurch was born 13 May 1833 in Tennessee¹³,^{10, 14, 15, 16} probably in Henry County. She died there 20 Aug 1886¹³ and was buried in the Upchurch Cemetery near Nobles, Henry County, Tennessee.¹³ Celia is referenced in the 1840⁷ Henry County Federal census records where her father's entry includes two females in the age 5 to 10 year category, her sister Mary Jane (born 1832) and Celia (born 1833). She is listed by her married name, Winn/Wynns, in the 1850,²⁹ 1860,¹⁴ 1870,¹⁵ and 1880¹⁶ Henry County Federal census records.

Celia Elizabeth Upchurch and Thomas Jefferson Winn were married by Z. H. Williams, Justice of the Peace, on the 29th day of February 1848 in Henry County, Tennessee.^{12, 18} Thomas Winn was born 12 May 1825 in Tennessee^{13, 18} and died 31 Jan 1873 in Henry County, Tennessee.^{13, 18} He was the son of Samuel

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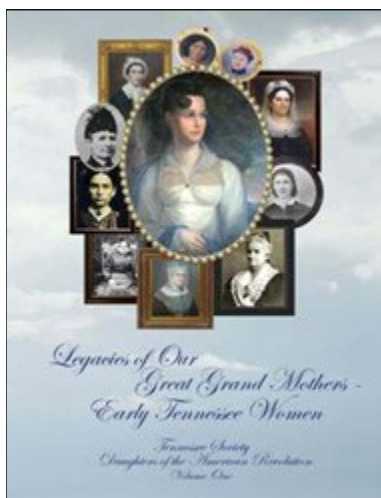
Wynns¹⁸ and Marina Barnhill.¹⁸

Sometime between the 1850²⁹ and the 1860¹⁴ census, the spelling of the name Winn changed to Wynns.^{14,29} All of Celia's and Thomas' children spelled their name Wynns, a spelling that continues today. One of their daughters, Mattie E. Wynns, was born 21 Mar 1870, died 05 Dec 1900. Mattie married Joseph Louis Clendenin,¹³ and buried in the Upchurch Cemetery. Another daughter, Jane M. (M. Jane) Wynns was born 04 Jan 1859, died 21 Oct 1903. She is buried in the Upchurch Cemetery, and was married to J. W. Gibson.¹³

Thomas Winn was a farmer.¹⁰ He and Celia were literate and valued education. All of their children attended school where they learned to read and write.¹⁰

Like many women of this time, Celia became the head of the household when Thomas went to serve in the 5th Tennessee Infantry, CSA, organized at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee, in May, 1861 under the command of Captain B.B. Burch, Jr.¹⁸ With five children under the age of ten, Celia maintained the home and worked the family farm. Fortunately for her and her children, Thomas was soon discharged, and returned home.¹⁸ Thomas and Celia lived a comfortable and simple life on their farm, raising nine children: Jennette, John Henry, James Balus, Margaret Jane, George Samuel, Marina Elizabeth, William Joshua, Winnie, and Martha Elizabeth.^{10, 14, 15}

Once again in 1873 Celia, with five minor children still at home, was forced to assume the head of household duties when Thomas died on the 31st of January.¹⁹ Her son James Wynns,¹⁶ who was seventeen years old at the time, took over the responsibility of working the farm.¹⁶ Celia worked keeping house for others in the community until shortly before her death 13 May 1886 at age 53.^{13, 20}



Author, Dixie Gill Hickey

While not an actual descendant of the Upchurch lineage, her husband is. She submitted a story of his three Upchurch women: Elizabeth Hawkins Upchurch (1772-1852), Jennetta House Upchurch Darnell 1807-1877), and Celia Elizabeth Upchurch Wynns (1833-1886).

Her story was accepted and published.

During the administration of Susan Rogers Thomas, TN State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution, the State Regent's Project was the publication of a book titled *Legacies of our Great Grand Mothers – Early Tennessee*. It was published in two volumes in 2015. Members of the TN Society were asked to submit stories about women in their lineage who were residents of Tennessee (and the State of Franklin) prior to the 1850 every name census. These stories were required to accompany the complete research documentation.

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