

## **PARKER UPCHURCH**

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**Commentary:** Parker Upchurch was the son of Hubbard Upchurch and the grandson of Nathan Upchurch I, head of Upchurch Clan Number 3. His biofile reveals he owned land near Upchurch Station in western Wake Co., NC that his father had acquired, as the other sons of Nathan moved three miles east of Green Level. Here we learn of the existence of an Upchurch graveyard not yet located. Note Upchurch connection to the local pioneer families of Holleman and Hudson. Parker was a member of Salem Baptist Church. He died in CSA service having no issue.

**Acknowledgements:** This biofile was transcribed by Nancy Saul, a volunteer at the Cary facility in NC.

- (1) Per attachment #34 West Letter 18 MAY 1975- Wake County, NC Marriage Records  
“8 MAY 1861 **PARKER UPCHURCH** married Hawkins Broadwell - witness = Hinton Judson and Thomas Utley”
- (2) See Wake County, NC Marriage Bonds with 31 OCT 1977 Letter Mrs. L.W. Priest to RPU.  
**PARKER UPCHURCH** married Hawkins Broadwell – Date of Bond 8 MAY 1861. Bondsman – H(inton) Hudson. Witness Thomas J. Utley, Clerk Married 9 MAY 1861 by R. H. Jones, J. P.
- (3) Per Attachment #35 West Letter 18 MAY 1975 Wake County, NC Court House-Wills  
“**PARKER UPCHURCH** to Harriet H. Upchurch 1 AUG 1864 Book Record 33, Page 282, file 1139” (Confirmed by attachment #24- RPU)
- (4) See Will File-will of **PARKER UPCHURCH** written 13 SEP 1861, probated Aug 1864 Wake County, NC **PARKER UPCHURCH** names wife Harriet H. Upchurch as sole legatee and names her as executrix. Mention his estate includes his part in his mother’s dowry- gives her first name but not clearly written “GOSTHER” maybe [note other information indicates ESTHER-RPU]
- (5) See 1860 Census Wake County, NC Morrisville PO Household 866, Family 874
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| <b><u>PARKER UPCHURCH</u></b> | 31 Male Farmer \$300 RE, \$376 PP, born in NC |
| Esther Upchurch               | 63 Female \$0RE, \$1000 PP, born in NC        |
| Lorena Upchurch               | 36 Female \$0RE, \$180 PP, born in NC         |
- (6) See 1850 Census-Wake County, NC Western Division
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| <b><u>PARKER UPCHURCH</u></b> | age 21 Male Farmer born in NC; listed in home of: |
| Jesse Bird (Byrd)             | age 72 Male Farmer \$262 RE born in NC            |
| Edith Bird                    | age 72 Female born in NC                          |
| Franklin Evans                | age 25 Female                                     |
- [Note: I assume Jesse Byrd is Parker’s maternal grandfather-RPU]
- (7) See notes of RPU 18 NOV 1978 Visit to Adelia Jane Upchurch.  
**PARKER UPCHURCH**, called “Doc”, owned land now joining Billy Upchurch (William Burtis Upchurch). Parker’s wife (Harriet Hawkins Broadwell) married Joe Mills after Doc died. Doc and Harriet had no issue, but Joe and Harriett did.
- (8) Information on CSA service of **PARKER UPCHURCH** from Letter 9 Aug 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU.

**PARKER UPCHURCH** Co H 47 INF enlisted 11 Feb 1863 [1862] in Wake County, NC Age 34, Volunteer  
 May and Jun 1863 Present  
 Jan and Feb 1864 Absent on furlough of indulgence  
 Mar and Apr 1864 Absent on furlough of indulgence  
 May and Jun 1864 Absent sick in hospital  
 Admitted to hospital in Richmond, VA on 1 May 1864  
 Admitted to same hospital 10 Jun 1864

- (9) Note: **PARKER UPCHURCH** is son of Hubbard Upchurch of the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Hubbard Upchurch subclan-RPU
- (10) See Letter 16 SEP 1990 Jessie Ruth Baucom to RPU  
 Col. Charles T. Haughton [Horton] died 12 Jun 1862. His widow petitioned for dower rights in 156 acres in Wake County, NC adjoining lands of **PARKER UPCHURCH** and GBU [Gilbert Burtis Upchurch]. She later married and William Burtis Upchurch, I. The 156 acres also joined lands of R.W. Jones and Haywood Haughton
- (11) 3 SEP 2012—Three emails to RPU regarding Upchurch records in the North Carolina State Archives---per the online inventory—MARS

Subject: NCSA Court Records in MARS for UPCHURCH  
 From: Hope BlackfordWCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com> INTERNET  
 Date: Mon, Sep 03, 2012 3:56 pm SOURCES:  
 To: "Upchurch, Phil" [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com) MARS

MARS ID	Class	Title	Years	Container Type	Call Number	Child Count	I
5200.99.2079	CR	Upchurch, Benton A.	1872	Folder	RB-35/19	0	
5200.99.2080	CR	Upchurch, Esther	1864	Folder	RB-33/284	0	
5200.99.2081	CR	Upchurch, Gilbert	1895	Folder	WB-C/464	0	
5200.99.2082	CR	Upchurch, Golden A.	1893	Folder	WB-C/182	0	
5200.99.2083	CR	Upchurch, Hubbard	1859	Folder	RB-31/223	0	
5200.99.2084	CR	Upchurch, Kearney	1882	Folder	WB-A/342	0	
5200.99.2085	CR	Upchurch, Lindemond	1866	Folder	RB-34/286	0	
5200.99.2086	CR	Upchurch, Nathan	1825	Folder	RB-23/323	0	
5200.99.2087	CR	<b><u>Upchurch, Parker</u></b>	1864	Folder	RB-33/282	0	
5200.99.2088	CR	Upchurch, Ruffin	1866	Folder	RB-34/160	0	
5200.99.2089	CR	Upchurch, Tabitha	1855	Folder	RB-29/230	0	
5200.99.2090	CR	Upchurch, William G	1895	Folder	WB-C/458	0	

Subject: Wake County—Personal Correspondence and Papers—Upchurch Store Records

From: Hope BlackfordWCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com  
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To: "Upchurch, Phil" [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)

<u>Class</u>	<u>MARS ID</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Container Type</u>	<u>Call #</u>
PC	2571	UPCHURCH [Store] Account Book	1827-1829 1845-1850	Record Group	MfP 61

Subject: State Auditor Record Group-Pension Bureau: Act of 1885 Pension Applications

From: Hope BlackfordWCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com  
Date: Mon, Sep 03, 2012 9:24 pm  
To: "Upchurch, Phil" [phil@upchurchstory.com](mailto:phil@upchurchstory.com)

MARS ID	Class	Title	Years	Container Type	Call
5.22.437.62	SR	B.J. Upchurch (Wake County)	1923	Folder Box	6.612
5.22.437.65	SR	C.W. Upchurch (Wake County)	1904	Folder Box	6.612
5.22.437.66	SR	Courtney Upchurch (Wake County)	1904, 1910, 1921	Folder Box	6.612
5.22.437.71	SR	James W. Upchurch (Wake County)	1907, 1910	Folder Box	6.612
5.22.437.72	SR	Jubal Upchurch (Wake County)	1907	Folder Box	6.612
5.22.437.73	SR	Nathan Upchurch (Wake County)	1901	Folder Box	6.612
5.22.437.74	SR	Paschal B. Upchurch (Wake County)	1901	Folder Box	6.612

**(12)** Comments on the family of Hubbard Upchurch 1800-1859 RPU 25 FEB 2011  
These comments are derived largely from the will of Hubbard written 31 AUG 1858, probated MAY 1859 and from a deed made by the heirs of Hubbard on 22 NOV 1859 both preserved in the Biofile of Hubbard, the deed to RPU by Kenn L. Hicks on 11 FEB 2011 in an email.  
The will gives all of his land to son Green Berry Upchurch on condition that he care for his parents for their lives.  
Daughter Lorena given non-real estate items to equal gifts already given to his other children not named.  
The NOV 1859 deed is not exactly in sync with the will in that it indicates a dower of land has already been set aside by the widow nee Esther Byrd (she died in 1864 leaving a will) and the remainder of the property is in the hands of Hubbard's children who sell their undivided shares to their brother **PARKER UPCHURCH**.

The sellers are styled as follows:

1. Armeally ( X Her mark) Hudson [Armelia Upchurch] and husband Hinton Hudson.
2. Tabbitha ( X Her mark) Holleman [Tabitha Esther Upchurch] and husband shown as Willie Holleman but signed as [Wiley W Holleman]
3. G.B.U. [Green Berry Upchurch]
4. Lindermon (X His mark) Upchurch
5. Lorena (X Her mark) Upchurch [Note: Born 1824, still single 1859 Age 35]

Note that the deed does not mention a daughter of Hubbard named Otela Upchurch [Born 1840 presumed died <1859. Note that the deed in the first paragraph mistakenly lists Wiley W. Holleman as W. W. Upchurch.

Note that the deed reserves a one acre cemetery where Hubbard rests. Deed land adjoins Levi Baucom, Hinton Hudson, et al, witness George L. Barbee.

Hubbard purchased land in 1823, 1834, 1837- how the three tracts relate to the NOV 1859 deed is unknown. It is presumed to lay just SW of Upchurch Station and is probably what is now Upchurch Farms Subdivision. On 18 JUL 1983 RPU and John Lee Upchurch, Jr. walked the tract looking for the cemetery without success.

Proof that Tabitha Esther Upchurch had the middle name "Esther" is lacking. Hubbard had a sister Tabitha and his wife was Esther.

- (13)** Item in Letter 7 SEP 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU, NC CSA Soldiers and Sailors. Her list from <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> included:

**PARKER UPCHURCH.**

Soldier Details

**Upchurch , Parker**

BATTLE UNIT NAME:

47th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry

SIDE:

Confederacy

COMPANY:

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SOLDIER'S RANK IN:

Private

SOLDIER'S RANK OUT:

Private

[http://www.censusdiggins.com/nc\\_civil\\_war\\_u.html](http://www.censusdiggins.com/nc_civil_war_u.html) had this info:

**UPCHURCH, Parker** Co H, 47th NC Infantry  
Enlisted 3-11-62 at Wake Co, NC. Private, age 34.

**(14)** See page 44 of RPU visit 10 DEC 2001(Mon) to the Superior Court of Wake County, NC. There are 48 volumes on Records of Estates (Distinct from wills) Two illustrative cases were taken from Vol. 33- one of which was :  
Vol. 33 1863-1866 1-274 index 275-572

**PARKER UPCHURCH** died in Civil War. Pages 282-283 Son of Hubbard Upchurch, grandson of Nathan Upchurch, I Head of. clan  
Esther Upchurch Pages 284, 390-393 nee Esther Byrd, Mother of **PARKER UPCHURCH**

Mrs. H.H. Upchurch Page 343. Nee Harriet Hawkins Broadwell, widow of **PARKER UPCHURCH**. She got 214 acres from **PARKER UPCHURCH**.

**(15)** Will: **PARKER UPCHURCH**-Wake County, NC  
Probated: AUG 1864 Record 33, Page 282, File 1139  
Written: 13 SEP 1861

I, **PARKER UPCHURCH** of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say

First, That my executrix (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into her hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>, That I give my soul to God hoping that he will bless and save it for Christ sake.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>, That I give and bequest to my beloved wife, **Harriett H. Upchurch** and to her heirs to have and to hold in fee simple forever the following property, to wit, the land upon which I live together with my right in my mother Esther Upchurch's Dower, as also all other lands that may be acquired by me that may be apart or parcel of my estate at my death.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>, I further say that this will shall not be altered by me or any other person without the consent of my beloved wife during my life time.

Finally, and lastly I appoint my beloved wife **Harriett H. Upchurch**, my executrix.

Signed, sealed September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1861  
By me **PARKER UPCHURCH**  
(LS)



I Parker Upchurch of the County of  
Wake & State of North Carolina being of sound mind &  
memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly  
existence do make & declare this my last will  
& testament in manner & form following

that is to say

Item 1<sup>st</sup> That <sup>my</sup> executrix (hereinafter named) shall  
provide for my body a decent burial & pay all  
funeral expenses together with my just debts  
to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that  
may first come in her hands as apart or  
parcel of my estate

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> That I give my soule to God hoping  
that he will bless & save it for Christ sake

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> That I give & bequeath to my beloved  
wife Harriett H. Upchurch <sup>& to her heirs</sup> to hold & to have  
in fee simple forever the following property  
to wit the land upon which I now live together  
with my right in my Mother Esters Upchurch  
dower as also all other lands that may be  
acquired ~~that~~ by me that may be apart & parcel  
of my estate at my death

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I also give to my beloved wife Harriett  
H. Upchurch & <sup>to her heirs</sup> all of my stock of  
horses cattle hogs & sheep together with all  
of my house hold & Kitchen furniture also  
all of my crop of Corn wheat oats potatoes  
& fodder with every thing that belong to my  
estate at my death

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I further will & say that this will  
shall not be altered by me or any other  
person with out the Consent of my beloved  
wife during my life time

Finally & lastly I appoint my beloved  
wife Harriett H. Upchurch my executrix  
Signed and sealed September the 13 - 1861  
by me Parker Upchurch LS

Signed & sealed in the presents  
of us LS Sept. the 13 - 1861.

A B Babb  
Lucy Mitchell

Parker Upchurch  
last will & testament  
Recorded in Book  
J. J. page 282 D 283  
August Term 1864

**(16) Will of PARKER UPCHURCH**

Supplied to RPU by Ervin Upchurch in his letter to RPU of 27 FEB 1980 as Item #8 on the back of the sheet there appeared a stamp "xerographic copy by: North Carolina State Archives Nov. 6, 1976".

" I **PARKER UPCHURCH** of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, that my executrix (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into her hands as a part or parcel of my estate.



Item 2<sup>nd</sup>, that I give my soul to God hoping that he will bless and save it for Christ sake.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>, that I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Harriett H. Upchurch and to her heirs to hold and to have in fee simple forever the following property to wit the land upon which I now live together with my right in my mother Esther Upchurch's dower as also all other lands that may be acquired by me that may be a part or parcel of my estate at my death.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>, I also give to my beloved wife Harriett H. Upchurch and to her heirs all of my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep together with all of my household and kitchen furniture also all of my crop of corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, and fodder with everything that belongs to my estate at my death.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>, I further will and say that this will shall not be altered by me or any other person without the consent of my beloved wife during my lifetime.

[Note: It appears that there could have been a little more to this will but the above is all Erwin Upchurch sent-RPU]