

Elizabeth Pearce**XID – XPEA**

Commentary: Elizabeth Pearce was the wife of Simeon Carpenter, who was in turn, the son of Elizabeth and the grandson of Benjamin Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan 13. In perusing this Biofile, one will notice that there is still much to be uncovered about this couple.

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(1) See will of Stephen Pearce – Wake Co, NC

Will written 7 Jun 1823 names daughter Elizabeth (name of husband not given) also names his wife Elizabeth Pearce (maiden name not given).

(2) See notes of RPU 3 Sep 1977 visit to Claude E Pearce, Sr – a clipping cared by him:

Nathan Pearce →	Stephen Pearce	(1) Cherry Pearce – female – md Denton
married Nancy	John Pearce	(2) Mary Pearce – female – md Perry
Wester	Artur Pearce	(3) <u>Elizabeth Pearce</u> – female – md Carpenter
	Phillip Pearce	(4) Charlotte Pearce married --- Upchurch

(3) See letter 26 Feb 1997 Catherine Lambert to RPU

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Elizabeth Upchurch married John Carpenter

1. **Simeon Carpenter, I** → 1803, Simeon Carpenter, I born about 1790 died about 1828 Greene Co, AL)
 married 19 Mar 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) Elizabeth Pierce [Elizabeth Pearce] born 29 Jan 1789 () died 14 Jun 1842 (Greene Co, AL). Seven children listed.

[Note: In this Item (3) nee **Elizabeth Pearce** is shown to have died 14 Jun 1842 whereas Item (1) shows she died 27 Mar 1855 – Need to resolve – RPU 18 Apr 2001]

(no number) Will:

Wake Co, NC

Deed Book “Rec 22” Page 121 File 612

Written 7 Jun 1823 – probate Aug 1831

Stephen Pearce (of Wake) to his heirs

Witness:

John P Strickland

Strickland Perry

William Hopkins

John C Marriott

300 acres for life to wife Elizabeth Pearce including Old Plantation in Franklin Com NC lying on North Side of Mockerson Creek and adjoining lands of:

Phillip Pearce

John Carpenter

310 acres lying on each side of the south prong of Mockerson Creek – a part in Wake and a part on Franklin and adjoining land of:

Jesse Bunn heirs (he deceased)

Nathan Pearce

The plantation where I now live

To: Calvin Stallings

Bryant Wester Stallings

To: Elizabeth Stallings – the plantation where I now live

Goods and assets to 4 daughters:

Charlotte (Pearce) Upchurch

Elizabeth (Pearce) Carpenter

Mary (Pearce) Perry

Cherry (Pearce) Denton

(no number) See Page 16 download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU 24. **Elizabeth⁶ Pearce** (Stephan⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Phillip², George¹) was born about 1791 in Franklin Co, NC. She married Simeon Carpenter March 19, 1808 in Franklin Co, NC. He was born in Wake Co, NC.

Child of **Elizabeth Pearce** and Simeon Carpenter is:

i. Frances Marion⁷ Carpenter, born 1814, died November 19, 1874, Wake Co, NC.

57. Frances Marion⁷ Carpenter (Elizabeth⁶ Pearce, Stephan⁵, Nathan⁴, Nathan³, Phillip², George¹) was born 1814, and died November 1, 1874 in Wake Co, NC. She married Henderson Allonza Hodge, son of William Hodge and Tempy Bell. He was born 1812 in Wake Co, NC, and died September 17, 1870 in Wake Co, NC.

Children of Frances Carpenter and Henderson Hodge are:

i. Francis H⁸ Hodge, born April 26, 1850, Wake Co, NC, died February 7, 1885, Wake Co, NC.

ii. Allonzo Ross Hodge

iii.. William Tompson Hodge

iv. Fannie B Hodge

v. Elizabeth H Hodge

vi. Henry C Hodge

vii. Ann Eliza Hodge

viii. Alice G Hodge

ix. Charles Hodge

x. Seaton Gale Hodge

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Stephen Pearce – 1 of 4 brothers

1. **Elizabeth Pearce**

married () Simeon Carpenter, I prior to 1803 known as Simeon Upchurch

(no number) In an email 20 Feb 2008 Richard Holt to RPU the 3 paragraphs below were provided re: two individuals by the name of Simeon Carpenter who lived in Greene Co, AL. The 3 paragraphs are here belatedly extracted – RPU 5 mar 2010.

A sketch to help:

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Elizabeth Upchurch

married () John Carpenter → had daughter Elizabeth & Harriet

1. Simeon Upchurch Carpenter, I [SAC, I] born about 1788

married 19 Mar 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) **Elizabeth Pearce**, daughter of Stephen Pearce (1 of 4 brothers)

a. Furney Lee Carpenter born about 1813 → Richard Holt is a descendant of FLC born 1813

i. Simeon Carpenter born about 1836

The three Simeon Carpenters mentioned here are referred to as

- SAC, I
- SC born 1836
- SC of Sardis

Note: If all this fits upon review I need to capture dates for my Master Outline – RPU

Paragraph 1 refers to SAC, I

John Carpenter (15712) and Elizabeth Upchurch Carpenter (15111) were the parents/adoptive parents of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter as known by the 1803 legislative action regarding the change in surnames of the five Upchurch children and the 25APR1836 Green Co., AL Orphan's Court record [Orphans Ct., Bk D, p205] naming Simeon as a heir of John Carpenter (15712). The age of Simeon Carpenter can be extrapolated by him being a witness to a 24OCT1809 Franklin Co., NC deed from Benjamin Upchurch (163) to John Carpenter (15712) [Deed Bk 15, p73]. Simeon being at least of legal age of 21 in 1809 would have him born circa 1788.

Paragraph 2 refers to SC of Sardis born 22 May 1800 died Aug 1860

Buried in Sardis Cemetery in Greene Co., AL is a Simeon Carpenter [22MAY1800/5AUG1860] and his wife Mary M. Carpenter [20CT1808/20AUG1881]. Recorded in Greene Co., AL is a marriage record between Simeon Carpenter and Polly M. Cherry on 1827. Other court records demonstrate that she was the daughter of Samuel T. Cherry, also buried at the Sardis Cemetery. Based on the dates from the tombstone, it can be shown that the Simeon Carpenter enumerated on the 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 censuses is in fact this Simeon Carpenter and not Simeon Upchurch Carpenter. On page 784/394B of the 1830 census he is enumerated on line #5, which is within several lines of other Carpenter associated families, namely Lawrence Williams [line #2] and James B. Tutt [line #6], both husbands of two of John Carpenter's (15712) daughters. Although this would suggest a family association with John Carpenter, I have not found him noted on other records with any known John Carpenter direct family or associated family members. This Simeon Carpenter is also not named as a heir of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter in the 9APR1838 settlement of John Carpenter's (15712) estate [Greene Co., AL Orphan's Ct, Bk D, p390].

Lawrence Williams [mentioned in above paragraph – CJM 5 Aug 2021] married () Elizabeth; James B Tutt married () Harriet

I. Samuel T Cherry

A. Mary M Cherry

married 1827 SC of Sardis; on 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 Census

Paragraph 3 refers to Elizabeth Pearce born 29 Jan 1879 () died 21 Mar 1855, wife of Simeon C, Sr

Elizabeth Pierce Carpenter is buried at Pleasant Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery in Green Co., AL. Her tombstone notes: "In Memory of Elizabeth wife of Simeon Carpenter Sen. who was born Jan 29, 1789 departed this life March 21, 1855 aged about 66 years. She was an affectionate mother leaving six children to mourn her loss." The "Simeon Carpenter Sen. [Senior]" from the tombstone is an interesting reference, but not to the Simeon Carpenter born in 1800, as Elizabeth would have been only 11 years old and Simeon Upchurch Carpenter only 12 years old (assuming the age extrapolation) when this Simeon Carpenter was born. A biological possibility, but highly unlikely from a social and cultural standpoint. This "Senior" reference could have been made only to differentiate the deceased Simeon Upchurch Carpenter from the other Simeon Upchurch still living at the time of Elizabeth Pierce Carpenter's death. It also could mean that one of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter's sons was a Simeon, although no record has been demonstrated to have used this name in association with one of the sons. Fumey Lee Carpenter, son of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter, is documented with two proper names, where as the other sons seem to only be documented with one proper name. The possibility exists and will require further research. Trying to sort this out and who this other Simeon Carpenter is and his connection to the John Carpenter (15712) family is not the focus of your Upchurch family research, but I just wanted to point him out.

Note: I conclude Simeon Carpenter, Sr is same as SAC, I – RPU

(no number) Item in letter 14 May 1984 Eleanor Grace Williamson to RPU

[Note; Grace was looking for evidence re the 1803 Upchurch → Carpenter name change.

NC Marriage Bonds [not all extracted]

1. Benjamin Carpenter and Nancy Hopson, 29 Nov 1828, Wake Co. Bondsman: Robert King and Witness B S King

2. Simeon Carpenter and **Elizabeth Pierce**- 19 Mar 1808
Franklin Co- Bondsman: J(ohn) Foster; Witness: G. Hill, Jr.

3. Simeon Carpenter and Martha Bunn- 10 January 1840
Nash Co- Bondsman: Berkley Cone; Witness: B. H. Blount

4. Churchill Carpenter and Belvey Hopkins- 9 Aug 1824
Wake Co- Peter K. Hopkins, Bondsman; Witness: B. S. King

5. Jubal Upchurch and Dicey Mainord- 8 Jan 1855
Wake Co- Bondsman: Josiah C. Mainor; Witness: Thomas J. Utley

6. Wiley Upchurch and Ailsey Adams- 4 Feb 1822
Franklin Co- Bondsman: Jacob H. Cooley; Witness: S. Patterson

7. Williford Upchurch and Frances Gay- 19 Dec. 1820
Franklin Co. Simeon Carpenter bondsman; S. Patterson witness

8. Williford Upchurch and Frances Royster- 6 Dec 1854
Wake Co, NC- Bondsman Benjamin J. Perk; Witness: Thomas J. Utley

(no number) Will of Stephen Pearce of Wake – repeat of Will entry (no number above) – CJM 5
Aug 2021

(no number) See will of Stephen Pearce – Wake Co, NC

Will written 7 Jun 1823 names wife Elizabeth Pearce (maiden name not mentioned) also
daughter **Elizabeth** Carpenter.

Will written 7 Jun 1823 (Wake co, NC) probated Aug 1837.

Stephen Pearce leaves to his “dear wife” Elizabeth Pearce:

(1) 300 acres of land including the “Old Plantation” in Franklin Co, NC for her lifetime then to
be sold and given to 4 daughters.

(2) 3 negroes – Michael, Quash and Nelly (presumed Pearce – RPU)

(3) some stock