

Harriet Pearce**XID – 2800****Commentary:** Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Burkely Upchurch

1. Ambrose Amos Upchurch married **Harriet Pearce**Acknowledgements: The following Biofile was transcribed by Carla J. Michaels, a volunteer and tireless contributor, who administers the UAFA center in Cary, NC**(no number)** Extract of Mrs Frances A Pearce court action Mar 1863 Franklin Co, NC to obtain dower rights in property of her late husband John Pearce, II – Item in letter 14 May 1984 Eleanor Grace Williamson to RPU – Filed in biofile of nee Frances A Upchurch (XID – 2814)

John Pearce, II died intestate leaving children as follows:

Benjamin Pearce

Calvin Pearce

John Pearce [“Jack”]

Lucinda Mitchel [Lucinda Pearce]

Priscilla Alford [Priscilla Pearce]

Harriet Upchurch [**Harriet Pearce**]

Jane Alford [Jane Pearce]

Clara Gay [Clara Ann Pearce]

Fannie Pulley [Fannie Pearce]

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

Re 1803 Upchurch → Carpenter name change

Franklin Co, NC Estates Records – Pace – Pearce, Acriel; 1781 – 1934; C. R. 039.508.56Franklin Co, NC Estates Records – Pearce, Archibald – Pernell; 1781 – 1934; C. R. 039.508.57(1) Calvin Pearce – 1868 – Heirs **Harriett Upchurch**, wife of A Upchurch – More sheets in folder – copy of one enclosed.

(2) James Pearce – 1792 – Sale of Est – Buyers: Benjamin Upchurch & others

Bond: Children of James Pierce bound to Thomas Ray: Beedy or Bud, Betsey, Penny, Pattie & Willis Pierce. Bondsman: Thomas Ray, Richard Upchurch & Benjamin Wheler

(3) John Pearce – 1865 – Division of Land of John Pearce, 18 Oct 1865. Children & heirs at law of John: Calvin Pearce, Pemberton Mitchell & wife Lucinda, Clem Alford & wife Jane, Priscilla Alford, Joseph Pully & wife Fannie, Clara Ann Gay & Ambrose Upchurch & wife **Harriet**.

(4) Martha Pearce – Ambrose Upchurch owed estate – 1846

Franklin Co, NC – Estates Records – Gay, Sherrod – Gill, John N – 1781 – 1934. C. R. 039.508.25

(1) Nothing of interest

Franklin Co, NC Estate Records – Person, Thomas – Pinnell; C. R. 039.508.62

(1) Checked for Pierce – Nothing of interest

Franklin Co, NC Estate Records – Hobbs – Hopkins, 1781 – 1934; C. R. 039.508.36

(1) Calvin Hopkins – 1864. Sale – Buyers R (R) Upchurch & others.

(39) Census Records for Ambrose Amos Upchurch – RPU – 29 Aug 2008

Census – 1850 – Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Aggy Upchurch	1846	4	
Ambrose Upchurch	1820	30	
Calvin Upchurch	1848	2	
Franke Upchurch	1842	8	boy
Harriet Upchurch	1820	30	
John Upchurch	1844	6	
Mary Upchurch	1849	0	8/12

Census – 1860 – Dunn’s Township, Baker’s X Roads PO, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Ambrose Upchurch	1818	42	farmer, \$1800/ 857
Harriet Upchurch	1818	42	
Frances Upchurch	1842	18	
John Upchurch	1844	16	
Agnis Upchurch	1846	14	
Calvin Upchurch	1848	12	
**Fannie Upchurch	1850	10	
**James Upchurch*	1852	8	
William Upchurch	1856	4	
Infant Upchurch	1859	1	
Clarkie Sanderford	1804	56	

Census – 1870 – Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Ambus Upchurch	1818	52	farmer, \$1000/ 300
Harriet Upchurch	1818	52	
*Frances Upchurch	1852	18	
*Jane Upchurch	1854	16	
William Upchurch	1856	14	
Martha Upchurch	1858	12	
Penina Upchurch	1860	10	
James Upchurch	1867	3	

*This child not named James Upchurch (see ** below). There was a later child born 1867 names James W Upchurch. – RPU 29 Aug 2008

** The listing of Fannie and James in 1860 and of Frances and Jane in 1870 has led to some confusion. Here is my analysis as of 29 Aug 2008 – RPU

- Fannie Upchurch shown as born about 1850 is the same as Frances Upchurch shown as born about 1852 in 1870. I carry her as Fannie Ann Upchurch born 1851 taking note that she had a sister Frances Ann Upchurch born about 1842.

- James Upchurch born 1853 per 1860 Census is same as Jane* shown born 1852 per 1870 Census = actually Elizabeth Jane Ann Upchurch born Jan 1852.

Census – 1880 – Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Ambroes Upchurch	1818	62	head
Harriet Upchurch	1818	52	wife
James Upchurch	1867	13	son
Aggie A Denton	1854	26	daughter
Rovey [v = x] J Denton	1873	7	granddaughter
James C Denton	1875	5	grandson
Alison O Denton	1877	3	grandson

I. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Burkely Upchurch

1. Ambrose Amos Upchurch

married () **Harriet Pearce**

a. Frances Ann Upchurch born about 1842

b. John W Upchurch born about 1844

c. Agnes Ann Upchurch born about 1846

married Fenner Denton

i. Roxie J Denton

ii. James Charles Denton

iii. Allison Pettigrew Denton

d. Calvin Bryant Upchurch born about 1848

e. Mary Ann Upchurch born about 1849

f. Fannie Ann Upchurch born 1851

g. Elizabeth Jane Ann Upchurch born Jan 1852

h. [RPU note: no child listed between the birth of Jane in 1852 and William in 1856. Thus presume it likely a child was born about 1854 and died at birth or as an infant before the 1860 census]

i. William Gaston Upchurch born about 1856

j. Martha Ann Upchurch born about 1858

k. Elsa Ann Penina Upchurch born 1 Sep 1859

l. James W Upchurch born about 1867 (child #12)

(no number) Ambrose Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 175 – 1979

marriage: 01 Jan 1840

Franklin, North Carolina

spouse: Harriet Pearce

(no number) Jan 1864 Survey to allocate lands of John Pearce, II born 10 Nov 1787, son of Philip, grandson of Nathan. Widow – nee Frances A Upchurch gets 623 acres – daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

Six Children each get 187A

1. Clara Ann (Pearce) Gay – husband deceased
2. Fannie (Pearce) Pulley – husband = Joseph
3. Jane (Pearce) Alford – husband = Clem
4. **Harriet (Pearce)** Upchurch – Husband = Ambrose
5. Priscilla (Pearce) Alford – husband = Archibald
6. Lucinda (Pearce) Mitchell – husband = Pemberton

Child 7 Calvin Pearce got a remote 22A

#8 – Benjamin – 300A

#9 – John??

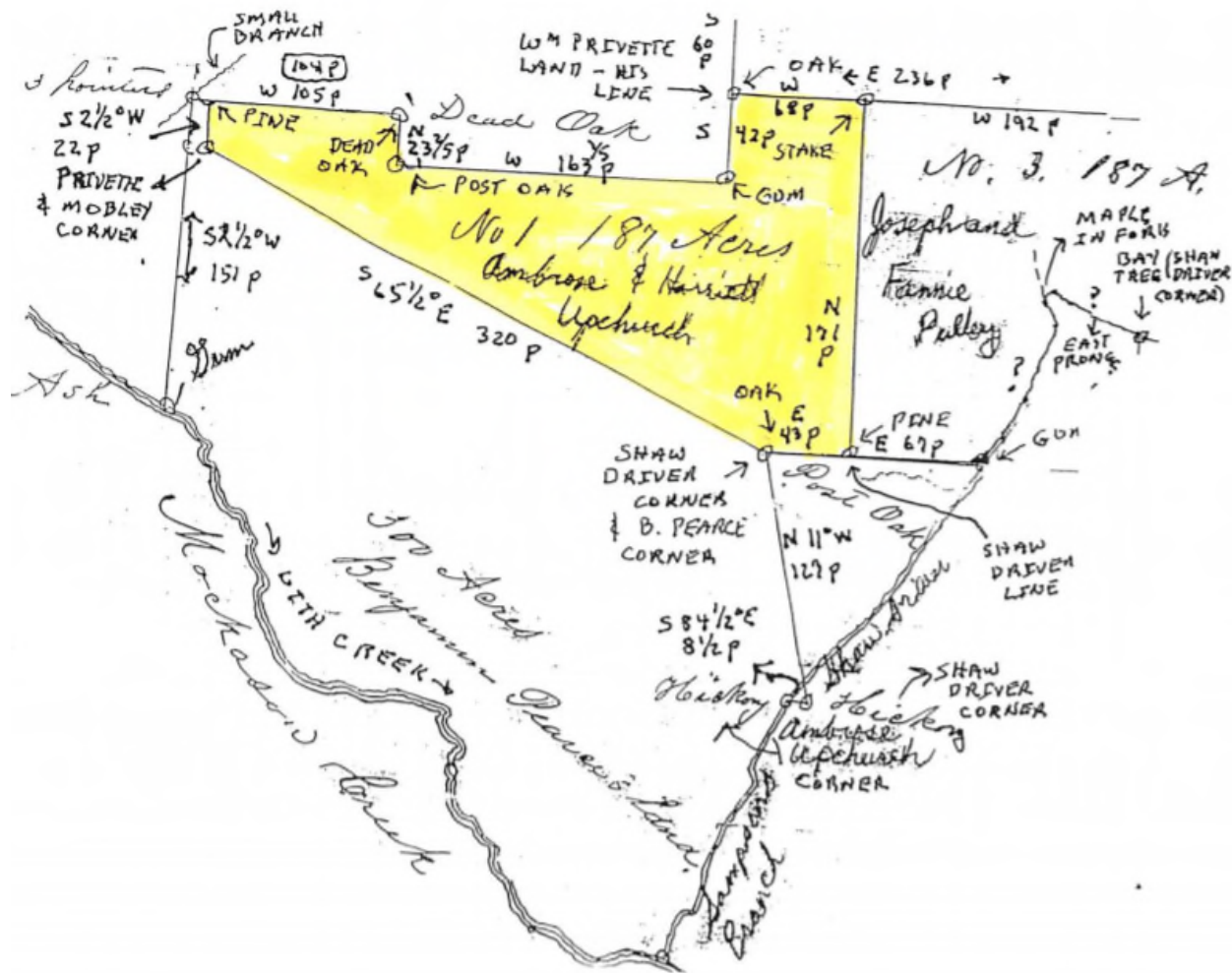
[Names included: Acrel Pearce, John Jeffreys, Privette, William Privette, Mobley, Shaw Driver, Bryant Stallings, Strickland, Burkely Upchurch, Bartlett Medlin, John Griffin, B Medlin, Griffon, Bell, Gaston, Johnson, Pace, W K Hopkins

(no number) From Estate File of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC

Six of the heirs of John Pearce, II received contiguous 187 acre tracts near Moccasin Creek.

Tract No 1 was allocated to daughter Harried Pearce) Upchurch and her husband Ambrose Amos Upchurch – see below. Harriet's brother Benjamin Pearce got an adjoining 300 acres.

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(no number) From Estate File of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] See his biofile – 29 Oct 2006, Franklin Co, NC

Page 46 = The heirs of John Pearce, Sr petition to divide his 1125 acres, December Term 1863.

For the petitioners: B W Spivey

Petitioners (Heirs) – 9:

- Benjamin Pearce
- John Pearce, Jr
- Calvin Pearce
- Pemberton Mitchell & wife nee Lucinda Pearce
- Clem Alford & wife nee Jane Pearce
- Baldy Alford & wife nee Priscilla Pearce
- Joseph Pulley “Joe” & wife nee Frances Perce “Fannie”
- William Gay & wife nee Clara Ann Pearce “Clary”
- Ambrose Upchurch & wife nee **Harriett Pearce**

Land bounded by:

William Privette Benjamin Pearce Shaw Driver

Commissioners appointed:

Thomas Williams John Griffin W T Minga
W S Cheves W S Harris

Registered: 16 Jul 1866, T C Horton Clerk of Court

(1) Harriett Pearce was wife of Ambrose (Ambrose) Upchurch, whom see

(2) Attachment #28 West letter 18 May 1975 – Franklin Co, NC Marriage Bonds
“Ambrose Upchurch married Harriett Pearce 1 Jan 1840 – Bondsman and witness = Kisar Alford, S Patterson.”

(3) Per 3 Jul 77 letter Edythe Tippet to RPU
Harriet Pearce was daughter of John Pearce born 1787 and wife Frances Upchurch (Married 1 Dec 1808). Harriet Pearce married 1 Jan 1840 Ambrose Upchurch and they had daughter E Jane Upchurch (1851 – 1919), great grandmother of Edythe Tippet.

(4) See attachment 2 Feb 1978 letter Elna E Burkhalter to RPU
A. Page 14 Marriage and Death Notices in Raleigh Register and NC State Gazette 1826 – 1845. “Harriet Pearce married 7 Jan 1841 Ambrose Upchurch per Raleigh Register 19 Jan 1841 – Location cited = Franklin Co, NC

(5) Harriet Pearce married Ambrose Upchurch 7 Jan 1841 per Raleigh Register Newspaper 19 Jan 1841 (1).

(6) Attachment #16 West letter 18 May 1975 – confirm above and shows Franklin Co, NC

(7) Ben Upchurch married Nancy Ledbetter. They had a daughter Frankie Upchurch who married John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787. John was son of Phillip and Nancy (Bunn) Pearce who lived to be 78. She married Amos Upchurch (33, Page 21). [Note: It appears that Amos = Ambrose – RPU]

(8) See 1850 Census – Franklin Co, NC
Harriet Upchurch age 30 F is listed as wife of Ambrose Upchurch age 30 M farmer \$400 RE.

(9) See Franklin Co, NC Census – extracted by RPU

1870	Harriet Upchurch	52*	F	keep house	wife of Ambrose Upchurch
1880	Harriet Upchurch	62*	F	keep house	wife of Ambrose Upchurch

*hence born circa 1818

(10) Obituary – Biblical Recorder – Raleigh, NC
Mrs Harriet Upchurch, wife of A A Upchurch, Esq, Peach Tree Grove, 1 May 1867

(11) Marriages in Granville Co, NC [I think this may be Franklin Co, NC – RPU]
Ambrose A Upchurch married 19 Jan 1841 Harriet Pearce (29, Page 44)

(12) Ambrose A Upchurch born circa 1820 married 19 Jan 1841 Harriet Pearce. Obituary Wake Co, NC. Harriet, wife of A A Upchurch, Esq died 1 May 1867 Burial Peach Tree Grove
[Note: Ambrose A Upchurch was son of Ambrose Upchurch of John/ Ambrose Upchurch Clan – RPU] (29, Page 44).

[Note: There are 2 Harriet Pearces and 2 Ambrose Upchurches – or are there?? – RPU]

(13) 11 Oct 87 – Conclude that the two **Harriet Pearces** and the two Ambrose Upchurches are one and the same and that Ambrose A Upchurch is son of Burkely Upchurch of the Richard Upchurch, III/ Burkely Upchurch Sub-clan

(36) See biofile of Tom V Poole – entry 15 Nov 1992

TVP born 1919 is son of Bessie Jane Green, grandson of Elsa Penina --- Upchurch and great grandson of Ambrose Amos Upchurch.

Ambrose Amos Upchurch inherited 120 acres from Burkely Upchurch and got 520 acres from his father in law John Pearce. Ambrose willed their land to two of his sons “Bill” [William Gaston Upchurch] and James Upchurch [James W Upchurch] and they managed it (farmed?) for a couple of years knowing there was a mortgage but then learned there was actually a 2nd mortgage They lost the property.

Ambrose Amos Upchurch did have two sons named James Upchurch. The first-born James [born 1852, XID – 647] died at age 19. The second born James [born 1867; XID – 2914] lived to have a family.

Ambrose Amos Upchurch married Harriet Pearce who was the daughter of John Pearce. John Pearce was extremely wealthy and owned 40,000 acres of land and many slaves. He had 6 girls and settled 500 – 600 acres of land on each plus a house and outbuildings and 8 slaves. He had 4 boys and settled about 2,000 acres on each. John Pearce had a large black carriage with servants fore and aft. He and his wife were poisoned by slaves who cooked their food in 1863 at the time Lincoln free the slaves. His grave is in the Moccasin Creek area.

Ambrose Amos Upchurch died Feb 1894, not Jul 1894. He had a fight with his wife and at age 50 went into service in the Civil War.

Ambrose Amos Upchurch named all of his daughters “Ann” hence.

(15) See letter 18 Jan 1994 Cramer Lee Smith to RPU

In 1863 the heirs of the late John Pearce petitioned to have his 1125 acres in Franklin Co, NC divided among 9 children. In 1866 the commissioner awarded 187 acres to his daughter **Harriet (Pearce)** Upchurch and his son in law Ambrose Upchurch.

(16) See Pearce Family – compiled 1967

I. Nathan Pearce married Nancy Wester

A. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1753 married Nancy Bunn

1. John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787

married Frankie Upchurch died at age 80 – was the daughter of Benjamin Upchurch and Nancy Ledbetter (lived to age 85) Benjamin Upchurch had sisters Frankie Upchurch, Betty Upchurch and Nancy Upchurch. Frankie's brothers Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

a. **Harriet Pearce** lived be 70, married Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos Upchurch]

(no number) See Page 25 Download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

45. **HARRIET⁷ PEARCE** (**JOHN⁶ PHILLIP⁵, NATHAN⁴, NATHAN³, PHILLIP², GEORGE¹**) was born Abt. 1818 in Franklin Co., NC. She married **AMBROSE UPCHURCH, CSA** January 1, 1840 in Franklin Co., NC, son of **BURKLEY UPCHURCH** and **ALSEY PACE**. He was born Abt. 1818 in Franklin Co., NC.

Notes for **AMBROSE UPCHURCH, CSA**:

Confederate Home Guard, Oct. 16, 1863, Capt R. S. Harriss Co C

Children of **HARRIET PEARCE** and **AMBROSE UPCHURCH** are:

- i. **FRANCES A.⁸ UPCHURCH**, b. Abt. 1842.
- ii. **JOHN UPCHURCH**, b. 1844; m. **CANDICE STALLINGS**, January 23, 1862, Franklin Co., NC; b. Abt. 1844.
- iii. **AGNES ANN UPCHURCH**, b. Abt. 1846; d. December 29, 1921, Franklin Co., NC; m. (1) **FENNER DENTON, CSA**; b. Abt. 1846, Franklin Co., NC; d. Bef. 1887; m. (2) **LEVIN PHILLIPS, CSA**, 1887; b. September 1845, Franklin Co., NC; d. Franklin Co., NC;

Notes for **FENNER DENTON, CSA**:

Enlisted in Co. B, 47th Regt. February 26, 1862 at the age of 16 as a Pvt..

Notes for **LEVIN PHILLIPS, CSA**:

Enlisted in Co. B, 47th Regt. on January 13, 1864 at the age of 18 as a Pvt. Reported present in January-June and September-October, 1864.

More About **LEVIN PHILLIPS, CSA**:

Burial: Carlyle-Upchurch Cem., Old Hwy.64, Franklin Co., NC

Fact 2: CSA Tombstone

- iv. **CALVIN UPCHURCH**, b. Abt. 1848.
- v. **ELIZA JANE UPCHURCH**, b. 1851, Franklin Co., NC; d. November 22, 1919, Franklin Co., NC.
- vi. **JAMES UPCHURCH**, b. Abt. 1852.
- vii. **WILLIAM UPCHURCH**, b. Abt. 1856.
- viii. **UNNAMED UPCHURCH**, b. Abt. 1859.

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Philip Pearce – one of the 4 brothers

1. John Pearce, II

married Frances Upchurch

a. **Harriet Pearce**

(no number) See Pearce Family, Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages – Page 3

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

A. Philip Pearce

1. John Pearce, II lived to be 80

married Frankie Upchurch died age 82

a. Benjamin Pearce age 88 – still living married (2nd) Linda Denton 47

b. Jack Pearce 80 married () Jane Alford

i. Bryant Pearce → AL died age 22 (TX) (Buried – Bonham, TX)

(I) J J Pearce (m)

(II) J A Pearce (m)

(III) W E Pearce (m)

(IV) Susan Pearce

c. Cal Pearce 85 married () Ruthy Baker

d. Clear Pearce still living married () William Gay

e. Sidney Pearce 70 “Sinda” married () Penn (Palum) Mitchell
married () Susan Brown

f. Prisy Pearce 73 married () Boldy Alfon

g. **Harriet Pearce** 78 married () Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos
Upchurch]

h. Jane Pearce 75 married () Clem Alford

i. Fan Pearce 70 married () Joe Pulley

(no number) Input from emails 24 & 25 Aug 2008 Susan Alyce Lampe to RPU

I. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Burkely Upchurch, Sr

1. Ambrose Upchurch [Ambrose A Upchurch] 1818 – 1894

married () **Harriet Pearce** 1818 – 1867

a. John Upchurch [John W Upchurch] 1843 – 1865

married () Candis Stallings [Candace Stallings] born 1843 died about
1901

lived next to each other Dunn’s Township, Franklin Co, NC

i. Ardella Frances Upchurch [Ardella Virginia Upchurch] born
1864 – died 1951. She was named as an heir in the will of her
grandfather Ambrose Upchurch as her father had been killed in the
Civil War.

married () William Eaton Gay 1861 – 1938

a. Ann Frances Gay born 1896 – died 1987

married () George Fen Poole 1891 – 1943

i. Ann Frances Poole born 1930

still living 24 Aug 2000

married () Lampe

(I) Susan Alyce Lampe born 30 Dec 1952

(Milledgeville, Baldwin Co, GA)

married () --- --- Davis.

