

John Pearce born 1766**no XID****Commentary:** Richard Upchurch, III – Head of ClanA. Clara Upchurch married **John Pearce**

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(no number) Upchurch – Ray – Pearce Relationships – From Pages 926, 927, Nail & Ray Families, 2nd Edition, 1997 by RPU 26 Jul 2010 [] = per RPU

[X. Nathan Pearce born 9 Jul 1735 (VA) He and wife and children to Moccasin Creel area of NC 1771)

P111 Nathan Pearce

D before 26 March 1796 (when Nancy Peirce, widow of Nathan Peirce, was granted her 62 and 1/2 acres of the land to be decided [Franklin Co, NC Will Book B, page 36 (ref 3)])

M to Nancy --- (maybe Weston) [Nancy Sarah Wester]

Parents of ?, record of 6 children

P1111 Stephen Pearce

B 1756 – 1765 (less than 45 in 1800 Census and more than 45 in 1810 Census for Franklin Co, NC)

D in Wake Co, NC

M to Elizabeth ---

Parents of 4 children

P11111 Charlotte Pearce

M to --- Upchurch [Jubal Upchurch, I]

P11112 Elizabeth Pearce

M 19 March 1808 Franklin Co, NC

To Simion Carpenter

P11113 Mary Pearce

M to --- Perry [James Perry, Jr]

P11114 Cherry Pearce

M 09 October 1815 Franklin Co, NC

To Drewry Denton

P1112 Arthur Pearce

D before 26 March 1796 (when Nancy Peirce, widow of Arthur Peirce, was granted 41 acres for her dower land [Franklin Co, NC Will Book B, page 36 (ref 3)])

M to Nancy --- (see above)

Parents of 2 children (Philip Pearce was named guardian for these children after Arthur's death)

P11121 Cordy Pearce

P11122 Willie Pearce

[Moses Upchurch took over as guardian 179]

P1113 Phillip Pearce (fought in the American Revolutionary War) ^{2,3}

B 1756 – 1765 (younger than 45 in 1800 Census and more than 45 in 1810 Census for Franklin Co, NC)
 D ? buried old Bryant Stallings Graveyard, near Moccasin Creek in Franklin Co, NC
 M 1778
 To Nancy Bunn
 Parents of 6 children

P1114 Elizabeth Pearce [Elizabeth Pearce and her husband Thomas Ray had a Moccasin Creek, NC heritage but no Upchurch ancestors but her brother married an Upchurch]

B ca 1766 North Carolina
 D 13 November 1844 Shelby Co, IN buried Ray/ Center Cemetery, Shelby Co, IN
 M Bond dated 29 March 1783 Franklin Co, NC (Bondsman, Charles Upchurch; Witness, J Rice)
 To Thomas Ray [R12] (son of William Ray, Sr)
 Parents of 7 children
 For record, see Thomas Ray [R12]

P1115 **John Pearce**

B ca 1768
 D 03 January 1845 (age 77) buried Brandywine Center/ Ray Cemetery, Shelby Co, IN
 M to Clarissa [tentatively Clara, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III]
 Parents of ?, record of 1 child

P11151 Martha Pierce

B 27 Feb 1812 North Carolina
 D 30 January 1896
 M 25 Dec 1832 (Bible record) Shelby Co, IN
 To Zebedee Ray [R1213] [Son of Hutson [R121] and Margaret (Byerly) Ray]
 Parents of 12 children
 For records, see Zebedee Ray [R1213]¹

P1116 James Pearce [born about 1758]

D before 1795 Franklin Co, NC (Guardian account for his children was assumed by Phillip Pearce from the former guardian John Martin [Franklin Co, NC Will Book C, Page 40] Thomas Ray [R12] was the administrator for James Pearce's estate [Franklin Co, NC Will Book B, Page 19])
 M to Mary --- (because she received one third of the estate of James Pearce)
 Parents of 5 children (named as orphans, would have been minors in 1795 when their father died)

P11161 Willie (Willis) Pearce

M 12 November 1823 Wake Co, NC
 To Sally Hoggwood (Bondsman, **John Pierce**)

P11162 Beedy Pearce

M 27 Aug 1816 Wake Co, NC
 To George Bell (Bondsman, Littleberry Horton)
 P11163 Betsy Pearce
 P11164 Penny Pearce
 M 21 March 1811 Wake Co, NC
 To Littleberry Horton (Bondsman, William Horton)
 P11165 Patsy Pearce [RPU shows she married 10 Sep 1816 (Franklin Co, NC)
 Haley Pearce]
 M 19 December 1821 Wake Co, NC
 To Calvin Nowell (Bondsman, John Nowell)

¹I. William Ray, Sr – had Moccasin Creek land in mid-1700s

A. William Ray, Jr

1. John Ray – lived in Chatham Co, NC then in Randolph Co.

B. Hudson Ray – died in Revolutionary War

1. Zebedee Ray

married () Martha Pearce, granddaughter of Richard Upchurch, III

C. Charles Ray died in Revolutionary War

D. Thomas Ray – Revolutionary War

²His son Nathan Pearce, II born 23 May 1787 married (2nd) Susan Upchurch, possible daughter of Benjamin Upchurch.

³His son John Pearce, II born 10 Nov 1787 could be the one who married 1 Dec 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) Frances Upchurch.

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RPU Note: Here John Pearce is supporting the petition of his sister Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray, widow of Thomas Ray for a Revolutionary War pension. RPU 27 Jul 2010

I. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan


A. Clara Upchurch

married () **John Pearce**

These two couples married in the Moccasin Creek Area of NC and then moved together to Randolph Co, NC before 1820 and then to Shelby Co, IN.

Deposition of John Pierce

State of Indiana Hancock county Be it known on this the 18th day of May in the year 1842 Before me Andrew F. Hatfield a Justice of the Peace of Said county of Hancock personally appeared John Pierce a resident of Said county aged 76 years of Sound mind and memory who being by me duly Sworn on his oath Saith that he is the brother of Elizabeth Ray of Shelby county Indiana who is the widow of Thomas Ray deceased who died in Said county of Shelby Twelve years ago last fall during the revolutionary war and from the earliest recollection of this deponent he resided in the county of Franklin near the line of Wake county in the State of North Carolina with his fathers family and a near neighbour to the father and family of Said Thomas Ray while the Said war was raging in Carolina and other Southern States about the fall of the year 1779 and when this deponent was a lad he thinks about 13 or 14 years of age the Said Thomas Ray being thereabout two years or upwards older than this deponent he the Said Thomas was drafted to Serve in the army for 3 months it was understood at that time among the family and neighbours that Said Thomas was not quite of Sufficient age to be drafted but his father did not go to prove his age and he Thomas went with Several others of the neighbours and Served and when his term expired he hired as a Substitute for one of the neighbours Jacob Wheeler for 3 months and after that time was out he returned home but was very Soon called out again and went Still on from one campaign to another till the war was about threew in that part of the country I think he must have served in all near two years from the ganeral conversation and report in the neighbourhood he was in the battle at Eutaw Springs he came home Soon after that battle with a Slight wound on his neck and another on his foot he brought home one of the red coats of the british there were Several persons who I know out in the Service at the Same time to wit—John Segraves Sen John Segraves Jun Charles Ray hudson Ray Jefse buh John Pierce Richard Pierce William Wheeler Shadrach Medlin Philbert Peirce John Rainwater Anderson Nunery James Peirce Joseph Pery Roger Craig andrew Jackson John Martin Starling Cooper Tanner alford who was a Mager in the Service I do not know where any of these persons are or wheather any of then are living Except I have had a late account from Andrew Jackson he was yet alive at that time Hudson Ray was wounded in battle and died in the hospital and Charles Ray died a prisoner with the British they were both Brothers to Said Thomas the next winter after the war was over in those parts the Said Thomas Ray and my Sister Elizabeth was Married at my fathers residence in franklin county by Tanner Alford a Magistrate I was present and Saw them Married they lived Together until the death of Said Thomas Ray as above mentioned they had Several children to wit—Hudson Ray James Ray Gilley Ray Sarah Ray Susana Ray Martha Ray and Chamey Ray this deponent cannot State positively that he is ecactly correct as to the dates or as to his own age or the age of said Thomas Ray the family Records of this deponents father and family was given up in the time of the war to be Sold to pay expences of the war this deponent remembers that Some man came to his fathers house for money or property for that purpose and his father had nothing for them but the Bible which he Gave up and that had the record of their ages in it Elizabeth the widow of Said Thomas is about Two years older than this deponent

his
(Signed) John  Pierce
mark

Witnesses---

Wiley Wray

James M. McCorkhill (?)

Sworn to and Subscribd the day and year first above written-----Andrew F. Hatfield
Justice of the Peace

(1) Use of the given name John in the Pearce Family of Wake & Franklin Cos, NC 1750 – 1900 & Upchurch connections.

I. Nathan Pearce born 1735 () died 1821 (Franklin Co, NC)

married 1756 () Nancy Wester

A. Phillip Pearce [one of 4 brothers] born 1787 () died 1812/1834 (Franklin Co, NC)

XID married Nancy Bunn

4203 1. *John Pearce born 1787 () died (Franklin Co, NC) (buried Franklin Co, NC)
married (Franklin Co, NC) Frances Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch

33869 a. John Pearce "Jack" born about 1810

b. Benjamin Pearce

33886 i. John H Pearce born about 1853/ 1857 (Franklin Co, NC)

2. Nathan Pearce born 1783 () died 1867 (Franklin Co, NC) (buried Nathan Pearce Cemetery, Franklin Co, NC)

married (1st) Susan Upchruurch¹ born 1790 (Franklin Co, NC) died (Franklin Co, NC) – possibly daughter of Benjamin Upchurch

married (2nd) 1867 (Franklin Co, NC) Mary A Tippet born 1834

a. Acrel N Pearce born 1814 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1880 (Franklin Co, NC)

4460 i. John Calvin/Clifton Pearce born 1838 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1924 (Franklin Co, NC) (buried Pearce Church)
married 1861 (Franklin Co, NC) Lenora Jane Pearce – an Upchurch descendant

ii. Bryant Pearce born 1849 (Franklin Co, NC)

(I) John Robin Pearce born 1875 () died 1948 ()

iii. Doctor Wiley Pearce born 1848 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1930 (Franklin Co, NC)

(I) John Walter Pearce born 1876 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1941 (Franklin Co, NC)

b. Solomon Pearce, CSA born 1831 (Franklin Co, NC)

i. William Burrell Pearce/ Robert Burrell Pearce

(I) John B Pearce born 1887 (Franklin Co, NC)

married () --- --- Sanford

c. Burrell Pearce

i. Robert Pearce born about 1850

(I) John Valentine Pearce born 1874 (Franklin Co, NC)
died 1957 (Franklin Co, NC)

B. ***John Pearce** [1 of 4 brothers] born about 1766 () died () Shelby Co, IN married () Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III

*[John Pearce born 1787 married Frances Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch & John Pearce born 1766 married Frances Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III BUT to which of these 2 marriages does the 1 Dec 1808 marriage of Joh Pearce to Frances Upchurch apply – RPU 20 Jul 2007]

Other Johns in Pearce Family born about:

John Pearce	1812	Wake Co, NC
John J Pearce	1837	(Franklin Co, NC), son of Archibald Pearce 1804
John Pearce	1840	Wake Co, NC, son of John 1812
John A Pearce	1849	Wake Co, NC
John H Pearce	1847	Wake Co, NC, son of Berry Pearce 1818
John Pearce	1858	Wake Co, NC, son of Wesley Pearce 1828
John A Pearce	1858	Franklin Co, NC, son of Archibald Pearce 1831
John Pearce	1860	Franklin Co, NC, son of Margaret Pearce 1831
John Walter Pearce		

(2) Introduction: John Pearce born about 1766 married Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III

This biofile is designed to accumulate data on John Pearce born about 1766 who was one of four sons of Nathan Pearce born 1735. [A] John Pearce 1766 is clearly the John Pearce who married Clara Upchurch the only daughter of Richard Upchurch, III. This couple moved to Randolph Co, NC and then on to Shelby Co, IN [Clara = Clara Frances?]

Care must be taken to avoid confusing John Pearce born 1766 with others in Franklin Co, NC by the name of John Pearce – especially [B] John Pearce born 1787 who married Frances Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch.

[Note: It is unclear if the 1 Dec 1808 marriage of Frances Upchurch to John Pearce is for [A] or [B].]

(3) Letter 18 May 1975 West to RPU - #27 – Conveyances – Franklin Co, NC

A. 1801 Moses Upchurch from Phillip, Steven, **John** and Arther Pearce – for £100 – 300 acres beginning Oak Mock Branch, up said Branch to a Spanish Oak, west to the Gay's & Daddock Bell's corner – north to John Perry's line – east along line to Perry Bass line.

Witness: Thomas Gay, Jurat: Ann X Pearce, signed – Phillip, Stephen, **John** X, Arter X Pierce– December Session – Oath Thomas Gay Book 3 Page 164

B. 1796 Moses Upchurch from **John Pearce** for £48 – 160 acres bounded Spanish Oak, Moses Upchurch line – south – Pine Thomas Gay line – west along Gay line to Moses Upchurch corner.

Witness: Phillip Pearce, Jurat, Thomas Pearce – signed **John X Pearce** December Session s 1801 Book 3 Page 173

Note: It appears Moses Upchurch had land in Dunn's Township Franklin Co, NC and that in 1796 he added 160 acres and in 1801 300 acres both from Pearce land – so Moses had 460+ acres of as 1801.

(4) See Page 7 Download in letter 7 Mar 2008 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

6. Nathan⁴ Pearce (*Nathan³, Phillip², George¹*) was born Jul 9, 1735 in VA, and died February 26, 1821 in Franklin Co, NC. He married Sarah Wester June 24, 1756.

Notes for Nathan Pearce:

1st of 12 children – moved to Northampton Co, NC

Nathan and Sarah had 7 children 5 sons. These 5

sons in 1771 moved to what was then Bute Co, later Franklin Co, NC and settled on the east side of Moccasin Creek.

Nathan Pearce was No 80 on the Muster Role of Captain James Fason of North Hampton Co, NC 1721 – 1774 in Colonial Soldiers of the South.

Children of Nathan Pearce and Sarah Wester are:

- i. Arthur⁵ Pearce died about 1795, Franklin Co, NC
- ii. Phillip Pearce born July 24, 1758; died Franklin Co, NC

(family outline continues below)

- iii. Stephan Pearce born before 1756
- iv. James Pearce born about 1758; died Franklin Co, NC
- v. **John Pearce** born about 1766; died Shelby County, Ind
- vi. Elizabeth Pearce, born about 1767 Franklin Co, NC; died November 13, 1844, Shelby County, Indiana

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

(5) Per letter 23 Aug 1977 Edythe Tippet to RPU (attachment 9 Mar 77)

John Pearce was in Randolph Co, NC and gave power of attorney to William Rhea to collect from him from estate of Richard Upchurch, Jr [Note: presumption is that John Pearce married a daughter of Richard Upchurch, Jr; Buckner Upchurch, son of Richard Upchurch, Jr had moved to Randolph Co, NC about that time – RPU]

See Will File – Franklin Co, NC 1818 Book F

Division of Land of Richard Upchurch, Jr. John Pearce appears to have married only daughter of Richard Upchurch, Jr as John Pearce and wife are listed as receiving a 1/8th share from the estate – 28 acres in Franklin Co, NC. No name given for Pearce's wife.

[Note that this distribution list gives on Pace person whereas original petition to divide listed a John Pace and wife Clara but no Pearce – maybe original Pace name was intended to be Pearce – RPU]

(6) Items from biofile of Patsy Pace – entry 6 Nov 1987

A. Franklin Co, NC Will Book F, Page 24, 1817

At the sale of the estate of Richard Upchurch, III, 6 of his 8 children were present and bought items. There is no evidence in this listing that the daughter who married **John Pearce** was present. However, the records do show that **John Pearce** and wife got land from the estate.

(7) See Page 26 of 2 Feb 1978 letter Elna E Burkhalter to RPU

A. Brinkley Upchurch – 1815 – 1817, Page 120. Division of Lands of Richard Upchurch to John Pearce and wife, Sion (M), Barkley, Larkins, Briton, James, Clabon, Buckner, Page 23 – Sales of Richard's estate to Sooky, Buckner, Briton, Berkley, Sion, (Adm), Jubal, Clabon, Abel, James, Brinkly (believe Brinkley to be a misspelling of the name Berkeley or Berkly) A M.

(8) See Will File for petition Dec 1817 Franklin Co, NC to divide land of late Richard Upchurch, Jr. Names Clara or daughter of Richard Upchurch, Jr and her husband, John Pearce. The 350 acres are to be divided or said to be next to lands of John Pace.
(John Pace = John Pearce).

(9) Franklin Co, NC – Will Book F – Bradley Page 55

445-(120) Division of lands of Richd Upchurch, dec'd. Legatees were **John Pearce** & wife, Sion Upchurch, Berkly Upchurch, Larkin Upchurch, Briton Upchurch, James Upchurch, Buckner Upchurch, Clabon Upchurch. Commissioners: Wm. Harrison, J. Perry, Thos Dunn. June Court 1818.

(10)

Deed:

Franklin Co, NC

15 Jan 1794

Deed Book 10 Page 164 [not found in Reference 41]

obtained by RPU and

John Lee Upchurch, Jr on

15 Oct 1990

Philip Pearce [Phillip]	}	to	Arther
Steven [Stephen] Pearce			[Arthur]
<u>John Pearce</u>			Pearce

47 Acres – Spring Branch

Adjoins: Moses Upchurch

John Pearce

Witness: Moses Upchurch, Thomas Gay

June Court 1795

[Note: The dates would fit for this John Pearce to be John Pearce born about 1766 – RPU 30 Jul 2007]

(11) **John Pearce** of Randolph Co, NC appointed William Rhea of Wake Co, NC as his attorney to recover from the estate of Richard Upchurch [III], deceased, for whom Sion Upchurch, is administrator 8 Sep 1818. Franklin Co, NC Deed Book 17 Page 360 (41, Page 112).

(12) Franklin Co, NC – Will Book F – Bradley – Page 59

479-(140) Inventory of property of Richard Upchurch dec'd. sold by Sion Upchurch admr 12 Dec 1817. Legatees were **John Pearce**, Buckner Upchurch, Sion Upchurch, Briton Upchurch, Clabourn Upchurch, Burkly Upchurch. Buyers were Green L. Perry, Benjamin Bolten, John Carpenter, Merritt Ingram, Ky Massey, Nathan Pearce, Jesse Denkins, Sherrod B. Martin, John Bolton.

(13) Re: The marriage on 1 Dec 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) of Frances Upchurch to John Pearce

As of 30 Jul 2007 I am unable to determine to which of the two following marriages this record applies (RPU).

Nephew: John Pearce born 1787 married () Frances Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch

Uncle: **John Pearce** born 1766 married () Clara Upchurch [AKA Clara Frances Upchurch], daughter of Richard Upchurch, III.

If the 1808 marriage was for John Pearce born 1787 he would have been marrying at age 21 which is OK for a first marriage.

If the 1808 marriage was for John Pearce born 1766 he would have been marrying at age 42 which makes it likely that it was a 2nd marriage for him.

More research on the children of the two marriages may shed some light on the matter.

Unrelated to the above issue is a 3rd Frances Upchurch born about 1807 who married (Wake Co, NC) Blake Baker. There is conflicting evidence as to whether she was Frances Upchurch, daughter of Jubal Upchurch or Mrs Frances Upchurch, widow of Williford Upchurch, son of James Upchurch, VII and grandson of Richard Upchurch, III.

Per attachment #29 West letter 18 May 1975 – Franklin Co, NC Marriage Bonds

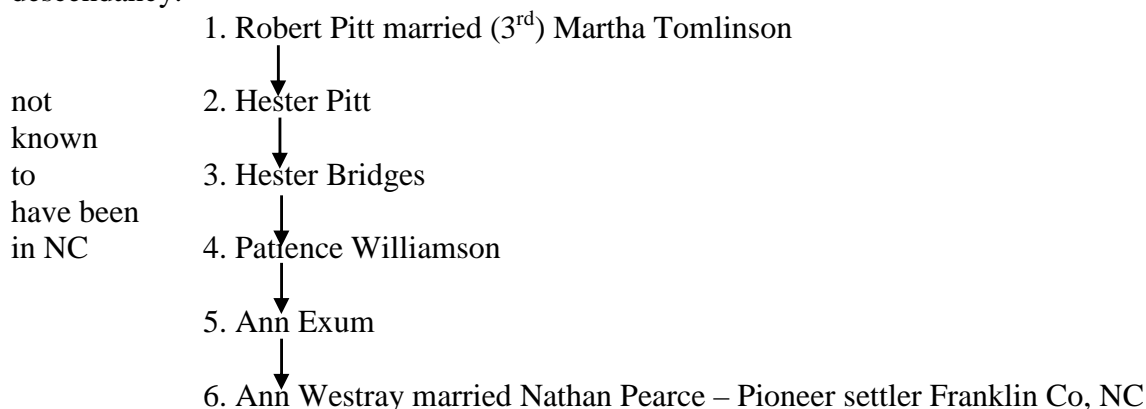
Frances Upchurch married John Pearce 1 Dec 1808 – Bondsman and Witness = Nathan Pearce.

See letter 10 Jul 1980 Elna Era Burkhalter to RPU

Page 14 – Clara Frances Upchurch born 1795, daughter of Richard Upchurch, Jr [III] married 1 Dec 1808 John Pearce. Witness = Nathan Pearce.

(no number) Relevance of attached article “Genealogy: New Ancestors for Elizabeth Pearce, wife of Thomas Ray” – from Nail – Ray Newsletter, February, 2018: Notes of RPU 25 Mar 2018: [Document filed with biofile of Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray

This excellent research gives new evidence re” the third wife of Robert Pitt whom he married in England on 2 Jun 1928 – Her name Elizabeth Tomlinson – the 3rd of his 3 wives. A sketch of the descendancy:



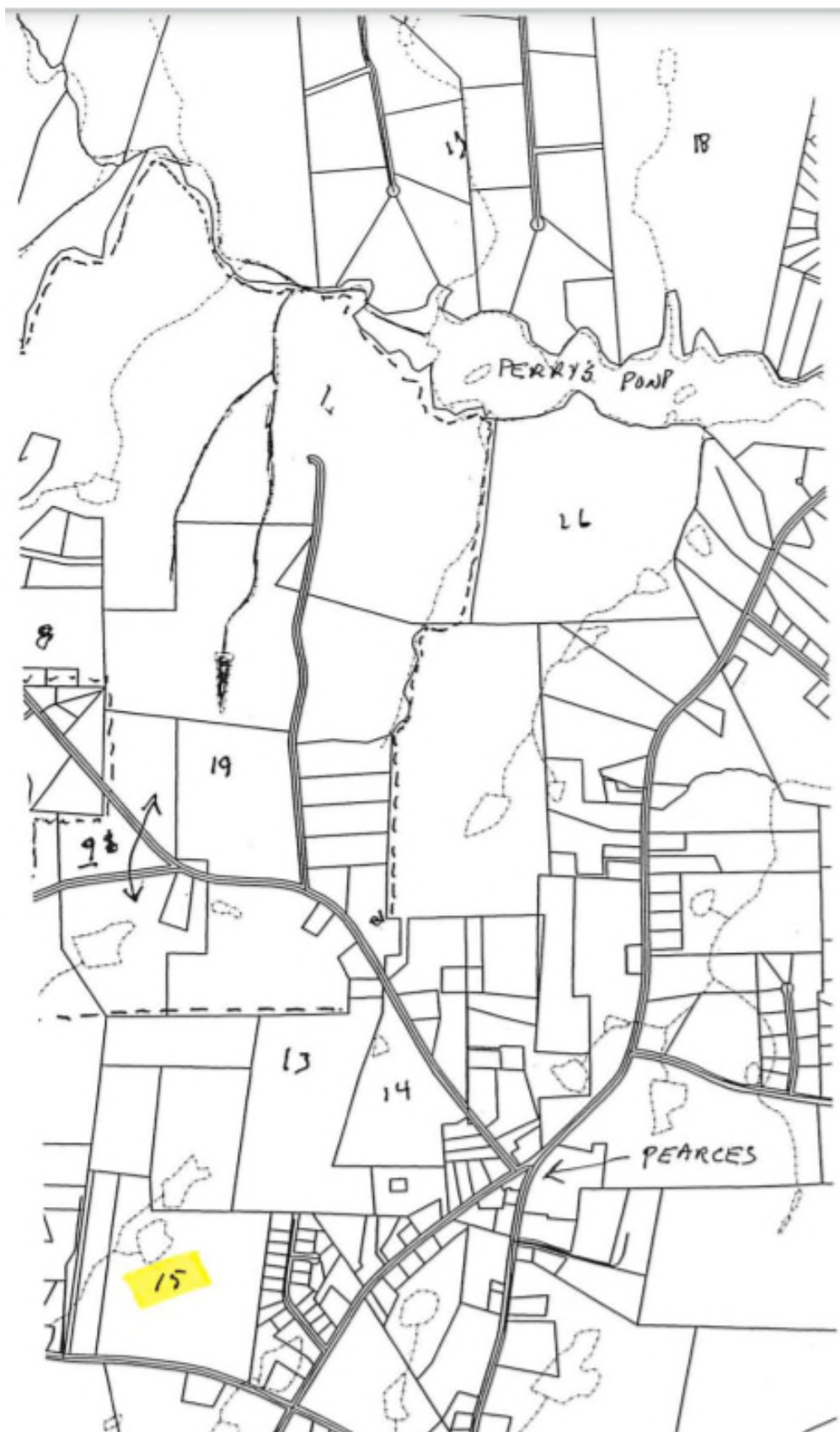
The heritage of these 2 shown as 1 → 6 has Upchurch relevance in that the line established is pertinent to the heritage of the children of **John** and Clara.

[a. Elizabeth Pearce married () Thomas Ray b. John Pearce married () Clara Upchurch daughter of Richard Upchurch, III]
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These two couples moved to Shelby Co, IN

(no number) Excerpt from notes of RPU NC visit 9-23 Oct 2007 – Page 27 Visit to Benny Laster Perry on 17 Oct 2007 – input from him.

- 13. Gay land – landlocked but always had access
- 14. Privette land – owner of 13 and 15 married sister Minta & Nettie
- 15. Land of John Pearce
- 16. Land of Jacob Pearce and before him Acril Pearce
- 17. Old Baker Farm → James Perdue and then divided
- 18. Arnold land – owned by the widow and 2 children
- 19. Wesley B Perry Cemetery (died in Civil War – VA)



(no number) Item on an attachment to an email 30 Apr 2010 Janet Lynn Morgan to RPU – Descendancy Chart for John Pearce born 1766 (NC) who married (2nd) about 1790 to Clara Upchurch presumed, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III. The children born to Clara 1796, 1812, 1816 all belong to the Robert Upchurch, III Clara Upchurch Sub-clan – These sheets yet to be extracted as of 1 Aug 2010.

P1115 John Pearce

We are certain that John Pearce/ Pierce was Elizabeth Pearce Ray's brother because John gave testimony for her in court for her application for a Revolutionary War Pension, as the widow of Thomas Ray. What is more difficult to document is the path that John Pearce/ Pierce took from Wake and Franklin Counties in North Carolina to Shelby Co, IN. In addition, his daughter Martha married Zebedee Ray [R1213, as son of Huston Ray [R121]. There was a John Pearce in Rowan Co, NC, in the 1820 and 1830 Censuses, but he appears to have been born in about 1790, which would make him too young. The John Pearce in Randolph Co, NC, appears to be part of another Pearce, Pierce family. So, I'm not sure we have located him.

P1115 **John Pearce**

- B 1766 North Carolina
- D 03 January 1845 (age 77) buried Brandywine Center/ Ray Cemetery, Shelby Co, IN (beside his sister Elizabeth Pearce Ray)
- M1 (?) 06 March 1786, Wake Co, NC (bondsman, Isom Sims)
- To Saleh Sims
- M2 about 1790 (?Clara Francis Upchurch, 01 December 1808, Franklin Co, NC)
- To Clarissa (Clara) ---
Parents of ?, record of 1 child
- B 14 Oct 1764
- D 04 November 1869 Poweshiek Co, IA
Parents of ?, record of three
- P11151 Sarah Pierce (Data from Bev Knoll-Hegstrom, Perry, IA, June 2001 email: BevHegt@aol.com. In the 1850 Census for Jackson, Johnson Co, MO, Sally and Samuel had at least 5 children: Francis A, age 20, born Tennessee; Jacob L or S, age 20, born Tennessee; Charles and Pleasant R, both male, age 15, and born Missouri; Mary E, age 12, born Missouri; perhaps two more daughters, the wife of A G Beard, who was not in the Ferguson household, with children Sarah C Beard, age 7, born Missouri, and Wm P beard, age 2 born Missouri; also the wife of Samuel Castles, age 33, born Pennsylvania, who was not in the Ferguson household, with children Mary L Castles, age 6, born Missouri, and Francis, age 1, male, born Missouri)
- B circa 1796 in Franklin or Randolph Co, NC (1850 Census, Jackson, Johnson Co, MO)
- D 06 March 1861 Eliza, Mercer Co, IL
- M to Samuel Ferguson
B circa 1792 Randolph Co, NC
D 24 Dec 1855 Eliza, Mercer Co, IL

P11152 Martha Pierce

B 27 Feb 1812 North Carolina
 D 30 January 1896
 M 25 Dec 1832 (Bible record) Shelby Co, IN
 To Zebedee Ray [R1213] [Son of Hutson [R121] and Margaret
 (Byerly) Ray]

Parents of 12 children

For records, see Zebedee Ray [R1213]

P11153 Sion Pierce (Data from Bev Knoll-Hegstrom, Perry, IA, June 2001 email:
BevHegt@aol.com)

B 25 February 1812 North Carolina
 D 4 December 1902 Seely Township, Guthrie Co, IA
 M 06 January 1841 Hancock Co, IM

To Sarah Elin or Ellen Jackson

B 24 August 1816 in NC
 D 27 December 1900 Seely Township, Guthrie Co, IA

Parents of 5 children

Record follows [for child of Sion Pierce, third child of John and Clara Upchurch
 Pierce – CJM 26 Nov 2020]

Jay, please insert pages 13 through 18 of John Pearce biofile. Thank you much!!

Sion Pierce

Sion was the third child of John Pearce [P1115] and Clarissa _____. He was born in Randolph Co., NC, and was in Indiana by the 1840s. Later in his life he moved to Iowa.

P11153 Sion Pierce (Data from Bev Knoll-Hagstrom, Perry, IA, June 2001 e-mail:

BevHegt@aol.com)

B. 25 February 1816 Randolph Co., NC

D. 04 December 1902 Seely Twp., Guthrie Co., IA

M. 06 January 1841 Hancock Co., IN

To Sarah Elia Jackson

B. 24 August 1816 in NC

D. 27 December 1900 Seely Twp., Guthrie Co., IA

Parents of 5 children

P11153-1 James Albert Pierce

B. 04 December 1842 Hancock Co., IN

D. 02 October 1920 Coon Rapids, Guthrie Co., IA

M. 12 December 1863 Poweshiek Co., IA

To Lavina Marion Brown

B. 28 September 1845 in NY

D. 21 August 1912 Guthrie Co., IA

Parents of 5 children

P11153-11 Ethzelda Pierce (aka Ethie)

D. A.R. 1931 in OK

M. 07 December 1890 Guthrie Co., IA

To John Oscar (Rukes) Rukes

Parents of 1 child

P11153-111 Sylvia Rukes

P11153-12 Emma May Pierce

D. 01 August 1901 in OK

M. 25 December 1890 Guthrie Co., IA

To William Luckinbill

Parents of 1 child

P11153-121 Arley Luckinbill

P11153-13 Henry Oscar Pierce

B. 1869

D. 1950

M. 25 November 1900

To Lydia L. Kester

P11153-14 Ray Clark Pierce

B. 10 February 1873 Guthrie Co., IA

D. 11 August 1953 in Carroll, Carroll Co., IA

M. 25 December 1895 Panora, Guthrie Co., IA

To Maude Amelia Holroyd

B. 26 June 1879 Glidden, Guthrie Co., IA

D. 04 February 1920 Guthrie Co., IA

Parents of 7 children

P11153-141 Perle Bryan Pierce

B. 04 June 1897 Guthrie Co., IA

D. 23 April 1953 Guthrie Co., IA

M. 27 July 1916 Guthrie Co., IA

To Velma Irene Scott

B. 3 March 1899 in IA

D. 27 May 1962 Guthrie Center, Guthrie Co., IA

Parents of 4 children

P11153-1411 Ivan Ray Pierce

B. 02 January 1917 Guthrie Co., IA
 M. 14 February 1939
 To Ruby Maxine Bull
 b. 23 May 1919
 Parents of 5 children
 P11153-14111 Allen Ray Pierce
 B. 10 August 1940
 P11153-14112 Bryan Lee Pierce
 B. 20 September 1941
 P11153-14113 Jerry Dennis Pierce
 B. 16 May 1945
 P11153-14114 Danny Lynn Pierce
 B. 3 December 1948
 P11153-14115 Leslie Ivan Pierce
 B. 29 November 1955
 P11153-1412 Ila May Pierce
 B. 26 October 1918 Guthrie Co., IA
 M. 20 June 1937 Coon Rapids, Carroll Co. IA
 To Charles Tremain Robinson
 B. 19 August 1914 Detroit, MI
 Parents of 3 children
 P11153-14121 Charles Scott Robinson
 B. 13 April 1938 Guthrie Co., IA
 P11153-14122 Perle Ray Robinson
 B. 10 October 1940 Guthrie Co., IA
 P11153-14123 Ila Jeannette Robinson
 B. 5 June 1941 in Guthrie Co., IA
 P11153-1413 Nyal Franklin Pierce
 B. 06 April 1920 Guthrie Co., IA
 M. 4 June 1944 Guthrie Co., IA
 To Beth May Robinson
 B. 20 April 1926 Auburn, NY
 Parents of 4 children
 P11153-14131 Gregory Nyal Pierce
 B. 06 November 1944 Jefferson, Greene Co., IA
 P11153-14132 Mary Elizabeth Pierce
 B. 14 December 1946 Manning, Carroll Co., IA
 P11153-14133 Roger Charles Pierce
 B. 30 October 1950 Manning, Carroll Co., IA
 P11153-14134 Janice Joy Pierce
 B. 01 March 1959 Guthrie Center, Guthrie Co., IA
 P11153-1414 Hazel Irene Pierce
 B. 19 August 1924
 P11153-142 Clarence William Pierce
 B. 03 March 1899 Guthrie Co., IA
 D. 11 August 1962 Des Moines, Polk Co., IA
 M. 30 October 1918 Coon Rapids, Carroll Co., IA
 To Eve Smouse
 B. 09 December 1896 Coon Rapids, Carroll Co., IA/Coon
 Rapids, Greene Co., IA
 D. 05 January 1962 Indianola, Warren Co., IA
 Parents of 6 children
 P11153-1421 Warren R Pierce
 P11153-1422 Clark A Pierce
 P11153-1423 Eugene Pierce
 P11153-1424 Leon Pierce

P11153-1425 Lee Pierce
 P11153-1426 Evelyn Mae Pierce
 B. 20 April 1924 Guthrie Co., IA
 D. 11 August 1980
 M. to ?? Kenyon
 P11153-143 William Lester Pierce
 B. 21 February 1902 Guthrie Co., IA
 D. 11 June 1989 Stratford, IA
 M. 29 August 1929 Guthrie Co., IA
 To Cecile Wanita Scott
 B. 2 May 1905 Guthrie Co., IA
 D. 14 October 1989 Story Co., IA
 Parents of 2 children
 P11153-1431 Donna Louis Pierce
 P11153-1432 Lester Dean Pierce
 P11153-144 Daisy Irene Pierce
 B. 19 May 1903
 M1 to Raymond D. Monroe
 Parents of 1 child
 P11153-1441 Clarence Leonard Holmes
 B. 30 August 1925
 D. 17 March 1964
 M. to Jeanette ??
 M2 16 August 1931 Jefferson, Greene Co., IA
 To Chas Holmes
 Parents of 1 child
 P11153-1442 Clarence Leonard Holmes
 B. 30 August 1925
 D. 17 March 1964
 M. to Jeanette ??
 P11153-145 Ethel May Pierce
 B. 17 January 1905 Guthrie Co., IA
 D. 13 February 1996 Grinnell, Poweshiek Co., IA
 M. 30 January 1923 Carroll Co., IA
 To Francis Lott Smouse
 B. 14 September 1893 Carroll Co., IA
 D. 18 April 1967 Des Moines, Polk Co., IA
 Parents of 4 children
 P11153-1451 Helen Maude Smouse
 B. 22 October 1923 Carroll Co., IA
 D. 23 February 1999
 M1 to Walter C. Crouch
 M2 to William H. Knight
 P11153-1452 Madeline Smouse
 B. 22 March 1926
 M. to Richard P. Kemp
 P11153-1453 Marvin Lott Smouse
 B. 10 December 1929 Audubon Co., IA
 M. to Margaret Devilbiss
 P11153-1454 Karen Mae Smouse
 B. 27 September 1942
 M. to Jasper Belcher
 P11153-146 Helen Elizabeth Pierce
 B. 06 January 1907
 M. 17 June 1925 Coon Rapids, IA
 To Hans Kallisen

B. 9 February 1896 Guthrie Co., IA
D. 12 July 1960 Audubon Co., IA
Parents of 6 children
P11153-1461 Anna Rosetta Kallesen
B. 14 November 1928 Guthrie Co., IA
M. to Earl Hansen
P11153-1462 Majorie Darlene Kallesen
B. 05 July 1930 Guthrie Co., IA
To Ralph Peterson
P11153-1463 Ethel Delores Kallesen
B. 8 August 1932
M. to Jerry Foster
P11153-1464 Helen Violet Kallesen
B. 16 September 1934 Guthrie Co., IA
M. to Jerry Richards
P11153-1465 Maude Eloise Kallesen
B. 23 May 1938 Iowa City, IA
M. to Wayne Wilson
P11153-1466 Darryl Hans Kallesen
B. 23 October 1945 Iowa City, IA
M. to Ann Shlensky
P11153-147 Velma Grace Pierce
B. 18 July 1915 Guthrie Co, IA
M. 04 November 1933 Jefferson, Greene Co., IA
To Albert Wesley Palmer
B. 21 November 1911 Guthrie Co., IA
D. 31 July 1989 Des Moines, Polk Co., IA
Parents of 3 children
P11153-1471 Donald Albert Palmer
B. 30 August 1935 Guthrie Co., IA
M. 13 October 1956 Auburn, Sac Co., IA
To Janice Rose Hill
B. 01 December 1938 Whittemore, Kossuth Co., IA
D. 12 January 2001 Souix Falls, SD
Parents of 6 children
P11153-14711 Donald Alan Palmer
B. 2 March 1957 Lake City, Calhoun Co., IA
M. 13 January 1976 LeMars, IA
To Cheryl ReNee Thelen
B. 11 September 1958 Le Mars, Plymouth Co., IA
P11153-14712 David Ray Palmer
B. 29 March 1958 Belmont, Wright Co., IA
M. 08 January 1977 LeMars, IA
To Marilyn Kilker
B. 2 July 1957 Le Mars, Plymouth Co., IA;
P11153-14713 Terri Ann Palmer
B. 18 September 1959 Le Mars, Plymouth Co., IA
D. 18 September 1959 Le Mars, IA
P11153-14714 Gerri Ann Palmer
B. 18 September 1959 Le Mars, Plymouth Co., IA
D. 18 September 1959 Le Mars, IA
P11153-14715 Deborah Jeanne Palmer
B. 29 September 1960 LeMars, Plymouth Co., IA
M1 11 August 1979 LeMars, Plymouth Co., IA
To Allen Joseph Kellen

B. 25 December 1957
 M2 09 January 1992 Las Vegas, NV
 To David Luverne Helmrichs
 B. 17 September 1959
 M3 07 August 1998
 To Duane Sheets
 P11153-14716 Dale Edward Palmer
 B. 04 January 1963 Le Mars, Plymouth Co., IA
 D. 08 November 1969 LeMars, Plymouth Co., IA
 P11153-14717 Dean Wesley James Palmer
 B. 12 February 1964 LeMars, Plymouth Co., IA
 M. 12 March 1983 LeMars, Plymouth Co., IA
 To Gail Leslie Koopman
 B. 02 October 1964 Hawarden, IA
 P11153-1472 Gerald Ray Palmer
 B. 07 June 1939 Iowa City, Johnson Co., IA
 M. 27 January 1962 Kandiyohi, Kandiyohi Co., MN
 To Arlene Frances Terlisner
 B. 01 September 1942 Carroll, Carroll Co., IA
 Parents of 5 children
 P11153-14721 Cheryl Kay Palmer
 B. 22 April 1963 Willmar, Kandiyohi Co., MN
 M. 03 March 1984 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 To Delbert Dean Moore
 B. 18 September 1961 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 P11153-14722 Steven Douglas Palmer
 B. 23 May 1964 Willmar, Kandiyohi Co., MN
 M. 16 August 1986 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 To Shelley Rae Klug
 B. 27 March 1964 Independence, IA
 P11153-14723 Patricia Elizabeth Palmer
 B. 29 September 1965 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 M. 30 April 1988 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 To Michael Craig Van Cleave
 B. December 1959
 P11153-14724 Sandra Christina Palmer
 B. 18 April 1967 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 M. 25 October 1986 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 To Douglas Duane Stone
 B. 23 March 1963 Des Moines, Polk Co., IA
 P11153-14725 Brian Ray Palmer
 B. 29 August 1968 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 P11153-1473 Risa Manda Palmer
 B. 4 June 1942 Guthrie Co., IA
 M. 26 June 1960 Greene Co., IA
 To Ernest Irving Knoll
 B. 4 September 1937 Willow Twp., Greene Co., IA
 Parents of 5 children
 P11153-14731 Beverly Elaine Knoll
 B. 02 May 1961 Manning, Carroll Co., IA
 M. 30 May 1981 Dawson, Dallas Co., IA
 To Brent Dean Hegstrom
 B. 02 May 1957 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 P11153-14732 Phillip Eugene Knoll
 B. 06 May 1962 Carroll, Carroll Co., IA
 M. 22 February 1984 Perry, Dallas Co., IA

To Debra Lynn Eades
 B. 18 January 1960
 P11153-14733 Connie Marie Knoll
 B. 26 July 1965 Jefferson, Greene Co., IA
 M. 13 August 1986 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 To Micheal Joe Smothers
 P11153-14734 Keith Allen Knoll
 B. 14 November 1967 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 P11153-14735 Annette Denise Knoll
 B. 03 March 1970 Perry, Dallas Co., IA
 P11153-15 James Emmett Pierce
 B. 09 February 1878 Wichita Twp, Guthrie Co., IA
 D. 02 June 1942 Wichita Twp, Guthrie Co., IA
 P11153-2 Elizabeth Pierce
 B. 1845 Hancock Co., IN
 M. to Thomas Johnson
 P11153-3 Tilman Howard Pierce
 B. 1848 in Indiana
 D. 26 February 1936 Guthrie Co., IA
 M. to Elizabeth Ann Dowdell
 P11153-4 John Franklin Pierce
 B. 14 March 1854 (?) Mercer Co., IL
 D. 11 March 1867 Jefferson Twp., Poweshiek Co., IA
 P11153-5 Anna (Arcena) Pierce
 B. 1857
 M. to ?? Lookhart

(no number) From Book: Nail & Ray Families 2nd Ed – 1997 – Abstracts of Ray & Pearce
 Records examined by Authors Franklin Co, NC Pages 948, 949, 950, 951

[John Pearce married () Clara Upchurch daughter of Richard Upchurch, III

The Ray part of the book is about Elizabeth Pearce (sister of John) who married Thomas Ray – Revolutionary Soldier. The two couples left the Moccasin Creek area of NC & moved to Rutherford Co, NC → Rowan Co, NC → Shelley Co, IN]

1794 March 15, Deed Book 1, page 272. (repeated) Elisha Strickland of Wake Co., NC, sold 300 acres on Turkey Creek to William Morgan of Nash Co., NC, for 30 pounds. Bounded: Bryant's corner. Signed Elisha Strickland. Witnesses: Richard Upchurch, **John (x) Pearce**, and Jonathan (x) Upchurch. Proved March Term 1797. (1)

[RPU Note: This seems to be my first encounter with Jonathan Upchurch. – If he had to be 18 to be a witness he would have been born 1776 or earlier – hence possibly a grandson of Richard Upchurch, II. – 27 Jul 2010]

(no number) From Book: Nail and Ray Families 2nd edition – 1997 – Abstracts of Ray and Pearce Records examined by Authors, Franklin Co, NC pages 948, 949, 50, 951

[John Pearce married () Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch III. The Ray part of the book is about Elizabeth Pearce (sister of John) who married () Thomas Ray – Rev Soldier. The two couples left the Moccasin Creek Area of NC and moved to Rutherford Co, NC → Rowan Co, NC → Shelby Co, IN.

1794 January 15, Deed Book 10, pg 164. Philip Pearce, Stephen Pearce and **John Pearce** of Franklin Co, NC sold 47a on Spring Branch to Arter Pearce of Franklin Co, NC for 10 pounds. Bounded: Moses Upchurch and John Pearce. Signed Phillip Pearce, Stephen Perce, and **John Pearce**. Witnesses: Moses Upchurch and Thomas Gay. (2)

RPU Note: 27 Jul 2010 – The four Pearce men are presumably brothers. Siblings James Pearce and Elizabeth Pearce not mentioned. All children of Nathan Pearce born 1735 – to Franklin County, NC 1771.

1794 February 14, Deed Book 10, p. 165. Deed 134 Philip Pearce, Steven Pearce, and Arthur Pearce of Franklin Co, NC sold 160a to **John Pearce** of same for 50 pounds. Bounded: Thomas Gay and Moses Upchurch. Witnesses: Moses Upchurch and Thomas Gay. (2)

(no number) From Book: Nail and Ray Families 2nd edition – 1997 – Abstracts of Ray and Pearce Records examined by Authors, Randolph Co, NC pages 960 & 962.

1802 1(?) October, Deed Book 8, Page 344. Deed (Indenture). John Ray bought 91a from Jacob Hoover of Randolph Co, NC for \$395/00 (?). The land is part of Philip Byerly's old survey on a branch of the Unasee (?). Registered August Term 1803.

1815 Tax Lists. In Capt Rush's District Thomas Pierce, Ansel Pierce, John Pierce, (A P and J F listed together), John Wray, Thomas Wray, Hutson Wray, IJ W, T W, and H W listed together) and James Wray (J W on same page as other Wrays. Pierces are one page earlier). (7)

(no number) From Book: Nail and Ray Families 2nd edition – 1997 – Abstracts of Ray and Pearce Records examined by Authors, Franklin Co, NC pages 948, 949, 50, 951

[**John Pearce** married () Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch III. The Ray part of the book is about Elizabeth Pearce (sister of John) who married () Thomas Ray – Rev Soldier. The two couples left the Moccasin Creek Area of NC and moved to Rutherford Co, NC → Rowan Co, NC → Shelby Co, IN.

1795 November 15, Deed Book 1, Page 233. **John Peirce** sold 50a on Morris Branch to Jubel Upchurch (both of Franklin Co, NC) for £30. Bounded: on Benjamin Arnals' (sic) line where **John Peirce** formerly lived. Signed **John (X) Pierce**. Witnesses: John Carpenter, Jurat, and Charity (X) Macey. Proved December Term 1795. (1)

(no records) From Book: Nail and Ray Families 2nd edition – 1997 – Abstracts of Ray and Pearce Records examined by Authors, Franklin Co, NC pages 948, 949, 50, 951

[**John Pearce** married () Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch III. The Ray part of the book is about Elizabeth Pearce (sister of John) who married () Thomas Ray – Rev Soldier. The two couples left the Moccasin Creek Area of NC and moved to Rutherford Co, NC → Rowan Co, NC → Shelby Co, IN.

1794 March Term, County Court Minutes (original), Page 398(?). The Last Will and Testament of James Peirce was exhibited and proved by Benjamin Wheeler and Moses Upchurch, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on MOR and at the same time Thomas Ray qualified as executor thereto and returned an inventory of the estate of oath (?work) MOR. Ordered that the executor of James Pierce sell such part of the parishable estate as he thinks necessary and make report to the next court.

1794 March 24, Will Book A, Page 174. Sale of estate of James Pirce, dec'd. Buyers on 24 March 1794 were Mary Pirce, James Sanders, Dread Jones, James Butler, Richard Pirce, and John Crawley. Buyers on 20 December 1794 were Mary Pirce, William Parish, Elisha Strickland, Adam Barn, **John Pirce**, James Bud Lee, Benjamin Upchurch, Wille Garris, Daniel Bagwell, Joshua Cane, John Martin, Dred Wheeler, Jacob Strickland, Hardy, Griffin, William Dunn, James Bolton, Benjamin Wheeler, Philip Pirce, and Charles Upchurch, Thomas (R) Ray, Admr. (7)

1794 March, term, County Court Minutes (original), Page 399(?). Thomas Ray was appointed guardian to Beedy Pierce, Betsy Pierce, Penny Pierce, Patsy Pierce, and Willie Pierce, orphans of James Pierce, dec'd. Bond was 500 pounds with Richard Upchurch and Benjamin Wheeler, his securities.

(no number) Deed

Obtained by RPU & John Lee Upchurch, Jr. on 15 Oct 1990

Franklin Co, NC 15 Mar 1794

Deed Book 8 page 216 [mentioned in Reference 41 page 23]

Elisha Strickland	to	William Morgan
(of Wake Co, NC)		(of Nash Co, NC)
		[William Morgin]

300 acres on Turkey Creek in Franklin Co, NC

Adjoins: County Line

--- Bryant

Witness: Richard Upchurch

John Pearce

Kinchen Upchurch

[Note: The dates would fit for this John Pearce to be John Pearce born about 1766 – RPU 30 Jul 2007]

(biofile continues below)

(no number) RPU thoughts about tricky Upchurch – Pearce – Ray relations – reference Nail & Ray Families 2nd edition and RPU records – by RPU 26 Jul 2010

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735 – He and 5 sons and 1 daughter to Franklin Co, NC – Moccasin Creek Area 1775±

A. Elizabeth Pearce born about 1767

Married Thomas Ray born about 1762

To Randolph Co, NC and then to Shelby Co, IN – Noll Heritage

B. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754

1. John Pearce, II born 12 Nov 1789 () died () (Buried Family Cemetery 3 miles southwest of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Franklin Co, NC

Married () --- --- Upchurch – Possibly the Frances Upchurch who married 1 Dec 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) John Pearce – She is possibly daughter of Benjamin Upchurch.

C. **John Pearce**, I born about 1766 () died (Shelby Co, IN)

Married () Clara Upchurch (Clarice) daughter Richard Upchurch, III

There seems to be little doubt that John Pearce who lived close to his sister Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray in Randolph Co, NC was the John who married the only daughter of Richard Upchurch, III who died intestate in Franklin Co, NC in 1816. His son-in-law John Pearce and his wife drew lot #1 of 28 acres (need to find where John sold this.) A clincher is that John Pearce in Randolph Co, NC appointed William Rhea in Franklin Co, NC to recover his right to a portion of the estate of Richard Upchurch, III.

The records from IN show the wife of John Pearce born 1766 was “Clarise” hence Clara.

The children of Richard Upchurch, III were born from 1774 to 1795 with a daughter born in 1793. Richard Upchurch, III married 2nd 14 Sep 1796 (Franklin Co, NC). His young sons show up in his home on the 1800 census but no young daughter born 1793. Perhaps she was staying with relatives.??

In the 1790 – 1810 era it is unlikely you would find a female with the name Clara & Frances.

On balance, I am inclined to say that the 1808 marriage was for John Pearce born 1787 and Frances Upchurch possible daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – not for John Pearce born 1766 and Clara Upchurch.

(no number) Deed:

Franklin Co, NC

24 Oct 1799

Deed Book 3 page 82

Obtained by RPU & John Lee Upchurch, Jr. on 15 Oct 1990

(deed description below)

William Martin to Robert Parish [Robert Parrish]

255 acres (355?)

South side of Tar River & on Waters of

*Turkey Creek

*Wolf Harbor Branch

*Piney Prong

*Spring Branch

* - 4 copies made & placed in Stream File for each stream named

Adjoining:

John Pearce --- --- Morgan County Line --- --- Massey

Witnesses: John Carpenter

Benjamin Upchurch

March Term 1807 = proved oath – John Carpenter

[Note: The dates would fit for this John Pearce to be John Pearce born about 1766 – RPU 30 Jul 2007]

(no number) For addition to biofiles of **John Pearce** born 1766 and Clara Frances Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III – presumed husband and wife

A. In letter 23 Apr 2010 RPU wrote to Janet Ross

“John Pearce born about 1766 married 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) Clara Frances Upchurch. They moved to IN. Clara is thought to have been a granddaughter of Richard Upchurch, II.”

B. Email 26 Apr 2010 = Janet Ross to RPU

Dear Phil,

I had one of those “ah-ha” moments when I read your letter dated 23 April 2010. Your Upchurch/Nail-Ray collaboration is paying off for Nail-Ray.

So, my John Pearce/Pierce married Clara Frances Upchurch in 1808 in Franklin Co., NC! I had not made the connection because ~~we~~ had initially assumed that John went to Randolph Co., NC, shortly after he married Selah Simson 06 March 1786 in Wake Co., NC, but when John showed up in Indiana he was married to Clara/Claissa (last name unknown). Clara Francis Upchurch would fit though because his two youngest children were born after 1808—Martha in 1812 and Sion in 1816. The birth date that her family has for Clara is 14 October 1764 and the 1850 Census in Shelby Co., IN, has that she was born in Virginia and the 1860 Census in Jefferson, Poweshiek Co., IA, has North Carolina. She died 04 November 1869 and was buried in Poweshiek Co., IA. She was 50-ish when she had her two youngest children—which might/would/could be explained by her being married in only 1808. (John's oldest daughter, Sarah who was born about 1792 in North Carolina, would then have been his child with his first wife Selah Sims.) Okay, that works for me!

Phil, Bev Knoll-Hegstrom, Bethany Roberts, and Carol Masse are descendants of Clara's daughter Martha Peirce who married Zebedee Ray (grandson of Thomas Ray of Franklin and Wake Co., NC). Please fill us in on Clara's Upchurch ancestors!

Janet

Best regards,

[Names included: John Pearce, John Pierce, Clara Frances Upchurch, Selah Sims, Clara Upchurch, Clarissa Upchurch, Martha Pearce, Sion Pearce, Sarah Pearce, Bev Knoll-Hegstrom, Bethany Roberts, Carol Masse, Martha Peirce, Zebedee Ray, Thomas Ray – CJM 26 Nov 2020]

C. Email 30 Apr 2010 – RPU to Janet

Hi Janet---

With your message in hand it appears we may have the option of doing some digging to get a few things straight. Note that the attachment to my 23 APR 2010 letter to you states that the 1808 marriage of John Pearce b. 1766 was to an Upchurch lady presumed to be the GD/O Richard Upchurch, II, called by various names-Clara Frances U., Frances A. U, and Frances U. My feeling is that there are two ladies here, one a daughter of Benjamin U and one a daughter of Richard U., III. Both of these first cousin females married a Pearce. As I study the matter I am now unsure which Frances married which Pearce. One of the husbands was John Pearce b. 1766 he being the son of Nathan Pearce, I b. 1735 and being the brother of the Elizabeth Pearce who married your Thomas Ray. The other husband was John Pearce, II b. 1787, son of Phillip Pearce b. 1754.

One of the couples stayed in NC and I have a large collection of descendants of this couple the uncertainty of the parentage of both husband and wife notwithstanding.

The other couple moved to IN and it is from this couple that a daughter Martha Pierce appeared and for whom you have contact with living descendants. I am assuming that you or they have good records for this family. If I can be provided with an outline of this family I will study it going backwards to see if I can get to the point where we begin to learn more about the two couples and their parentage. If you have all ready sent what I request just give me a clue and I will go over the data.

I feel we may be close to peeling back a few pages of history. If my comments above need to be set straight in any way please let me know.

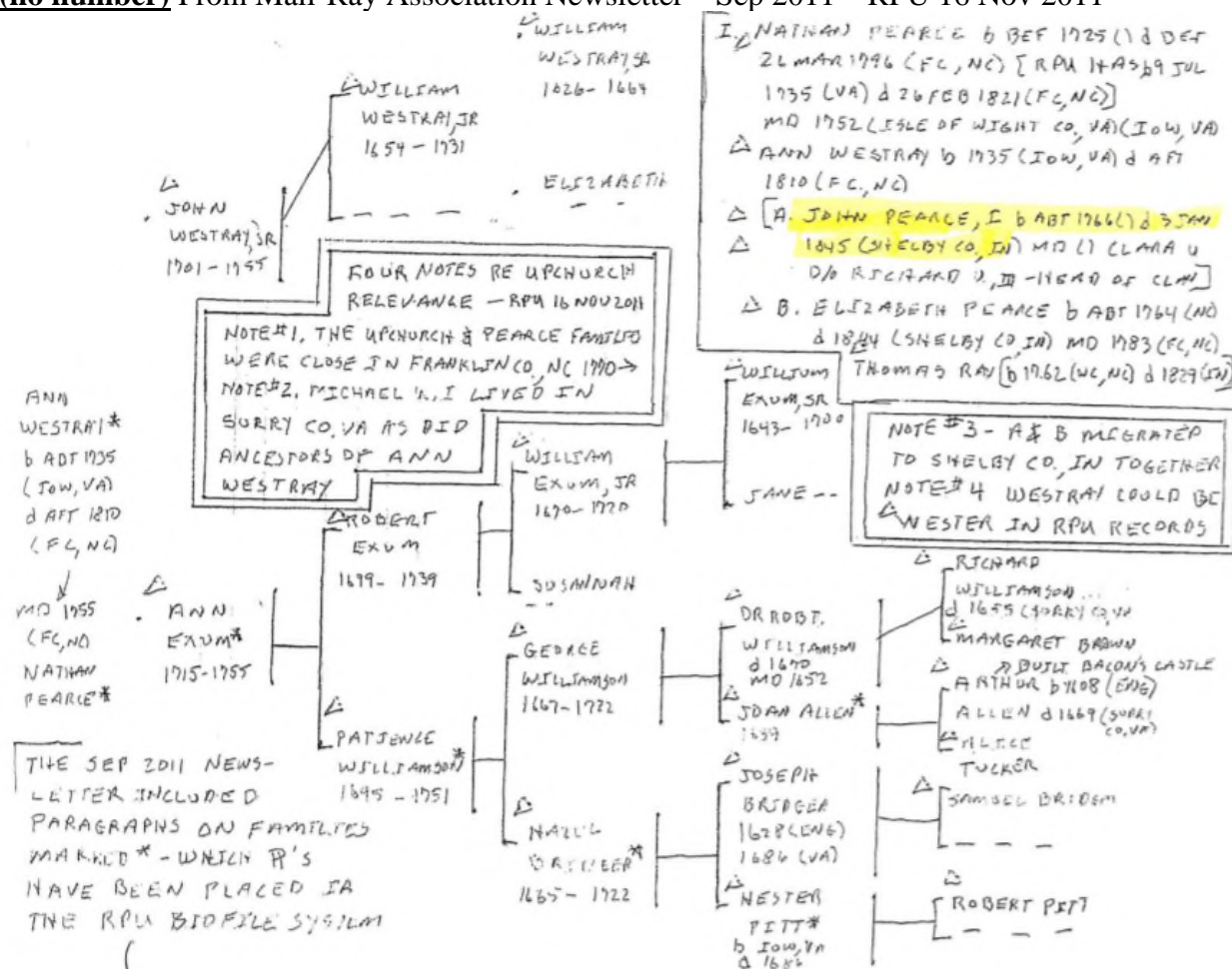
Please be patient with me as I have two major out-of-state trips planned between now and June 15 and that always clutters mind and desk.

Phil Upchurch

[Names included: John Pearce, Richard Upchurch, II, Clara Frances Upchurch, Frances A Upchurch, Frances Upchurch, Benjamin Upchurch, Richard Upchurch, III, Nathan Pearce, Elizabeth Pearce, Thomas Ray, John Pearce, II, Phillip Pearce – CJM 26 Nov 2020]

(biofile continues below)

(no number) From Mail-Ray Association Newsletter – Sep 2011 – RPU 16 Nov 2011



Pearce Family. Elizabeth Pearce and Thomas Ray were married in 1783, Franklin Co, NC. Elizabeth was born about 1764 NC, died 1844 Shelby Co, IN. She was the mother of seven children: Hutson, James, Gilly, Susannah, Martha, Sarah, Chaney. Elizabeth was a daughter of Nathan Pearce and Ann Westray, who were married about 1752, Isle of Wight Co, VA (IoW, VA). Nathan was born before 1725 (21 years before 1746 first land record) died before 26 Mar 1796, Franklin Co, NC. Nathan was a son of Phillip Pearce and Sarah (---). Phillip was born before 1663 (21 years before 1684 first record; gift of land from father: died 1728 IoW, VA). Phillip was a son of George Pearce and Anne (---). George was born before 1648 (21 years before first record as Nansemond Smith, 1669) died before 09 Apr 1795 IoW, VA. George was possibly a son or brother of John Pearce born before 1645 (21 years before 1666 records). George Pearce received four patents, totaling 3100 acres; one in 1674 for 2100 acres, one in 1681 for 2500 acres (including the 2100 acres in the 1674 patent plus an additional 400 acres), another one in 1681 for another 400 acres, and one in 1701 for 200 acres.

(1) Per attachment #27B West Letter 18 May 1975 – Conveyances – Franklin Co, NC
 “1795 Jubal Upchurch from John Pierce – £30 – 50 acres – lying Manwie’s branch on Bridger Arnals line, plantation on which John Pierce formerly lived. Witness – John Carpenter, Jurat Charley X Mosey – signed John Pierce – Dec Ct 1795 Book 8 Page 176.”

(2) Per Attachment #24 West Letter 18 May 1975 – Conveyances – Franklin Co, NC

A. “1795 Jubal Upchurch from John Pierce Book A Page 233”

B. “1799 Richard Upchurch from John Pierce Book 9 Page 104”

(no number) Extract of Elizabeth Pearce born about 1767 (Franklin Co, NC) Application for Pension based on service of husband, Thomas Ray born about 1762 (Wake Co, NC) service in Revolution. Copy of 4-page application placed in biofiles of Elizabeth & Thomas in Ray Family File – Revolution.

On 9 May 1842 Elizabeth at age 75 or 76 living in Addickes Township, Shelby Co, In with son James and Hudson gives testimony to support her application. In 1842 6 of 7 children living. She married Tomas early 1782 at age 16 by Tanner Alford. They moved to Randolph Co, NC then to Rowan Co, NC then in 1822 to Indiana.

Thomas lived on his father’s (William Ray, Sr) large farm in Wake Co, NC on Moccasin Creek. Elizabeth lived just across creek with her father [Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735].

Starting in 1799 Thomas served 5 three -month enlistments one of which was as a substitute for Jacob Wheeler. Charles and Hudson, brothers of Thomas, died in service. Others who served:

John Segraves Sr	John Seagraves, Jr	Daniel Ray
Jesse Bun [Bunn]	John Pearce	William Wheeler
Philbert Pearce	John Sanders	Thomas Sanders
Alexander Tomblin	Anderson Nunnery	Richard Pearce
James Place	Joseph Parr [Perry]	

On 18 May 1842 John Pierce, brother of Elizabeth added more names of those who served:

Shadrack Medlin	John Rainwater	Roger Craig
Anderson Jackson	John Martin	Starling Cooper

(no number) Added inputs from Janet (Morgan)Ross re: the Franklin Co, NC couples who moved from Franklin Co, NC to Indiana – email to RPU 14 Mar 2017 – A = 8:55 am; B = 10:39 am.

A.

The mystery of John Pearce is still fairly unsolved. We know that Elizabeth had a brother John, who is buried next to her in Indiana (and so we know his death date). We know his approximate birth date from his deposition for Elizabeth’s Revolutionary War Pension Application, and we know he had a daughter Martha who married Zebedee Ray, son of Hutson Ray and grandson of Elizabeth Pearce and Thomas Ray. Other information is softer.

B.

As for John Pearce, there is a possibly good candidate for a or the son of John Pearce who lived in a nearby county to Shelby Co., IN. One problem with that that man is that Y-DNA from one of his descendants does not match that of men from the Phillip Pearce family. Also, his mother was named Clarissa and a Find-A-Grave post says her maiden name was Jones. So, more work needs to be done there to connect dots, and I’ve not been interested in researching that family. I’ve tried to get descendants of Zebedee Ray and Martha Pearce to take the Family Finder test and will keep nudging them. If they have more matches with Upchurch families than others in the Nail-Ray family have, I think that would be supportive evidence that Martha’s mother was an Upchurch. Sigh.

I. Nathan Pearce 1725 – 1796

A. Elizabeth Pearce married Thomas Ray

1. Hudson Ray

a. Zebedee Ray

B. John Pearce

married () Clara/ Clarissa Upchurch – presumed daughter of Richard Upchurch, III

1. Martha Pearce

married () Zebedee Ray

a. A candidate son lived near Shelby Co, IN and his mother was Clarissa and she was nee Jones.