

Commentary: Rachael Lassiter married Upchurch Smith, a son of William Smith and Parthenia Upchurch. Rachael was the daughter of Moses, head of Upchurch Clan #1. For details on how we learned about the Smith – Upchurch connection of Marks Creek Township, Wake, NC, see the Biofile of either William Smith or his son, Upchurch.

Rachael and Upchurch had a daughter Barthenia Smith whose life story is quite charming. My guess is that she was named after her grandmother Parthenia Upchurch Smith and that her name could actually have been Parthenia rather than Barthenia. In any case there is the well documented story that a Dr. Thomas H. Avera saw her as a teenager and vowed to marry her, which he later did. Thus was enriched the history of the Eagle Rock Area of Marks Creek Township of Wake County, NC

RPU – 23 May 2018

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(1) See Biofile of Deborah Spencer – Entry 1 Nov 2008

She provided much detail on a John Smith who died 1860 (Wake Co, NC). Upchurch Smith was an heir but his relationship to John was not clarified.

On 2 Nov 2008 RPU located records (A), (B), (C), and (D) presented here.

I. Upchurch Smith born Wake Co, NC

married 28 Sep 1839 (Wake Co, NC) **Rachael Lassiter** with Charles L. Hinton as Bondsman.

A. Barthenia Smith born 26 Feb 1847 (Wake Co, NC) died 14 Dec 1913 (Wake Co, NC)
(Informant M. C. Winston) married () Thomas Henry Avera

(A)

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS.

PLACE OF DEATH. 92
County Water Co
City Water
No. 92-8036 Street 160 Ward 2

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH.
Registered No. 2

FULL NAME Barthemia Guerra

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED married
(If each occurred in a hospital or institution, give to NAME instead of street and number.)

DATE OF BIRTH July 26 1847
AGE 40 years 26 months 26 days or less than 1 year

OCCUPATION Cook
Trade, Profession or particular kind of work
General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Water

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER Upchurch Smith
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Water
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
(Intermar.) M. C. Winston
(Attorney) Selma 210
Filed 12/15 1913 Shelby Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
DATE OF DEATH Dec 5 1913 to Dec 14 1913
that I have seen the deceased on Dec 14 1913 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5 P. M.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Bronchitis and Indigestion
(90)
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Yes
(Signed) H. P. Upchurch M. D.
Dec 15 1913 (Address) Winston
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MANNER OF DEATH; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
At place of death yes yes no no no no
When was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Dec 15 1913
DATE OF BURIAL Dec 15 1913
UNDERTAKER J. W. Shaw ADDRESS Winston

(B)

Groom: Upchurch Smith
Bride: Rachael Lassiter
Bond Date: 28 Sep 1839
Bond #: 000158027
Level Info: North Carolina Marriage Bonds. 1741 – 1868
ImageNum: 004656
County: Wake
Record #: 03 485
Bondsman: Charles L Hinto

(C)

North Carolina Marriage Collection, 1741 – 2004

Name: Upchurch Smith
Spouse: Rachael Lassiter
Marriage Date: 28 Sep 1839
Marriage County: Wake
Marriage State: North Carolina
Source Vendor: County Court Records at Raleigh, NC and FHL# 0296867-0296870 and 0418152 item 2
Source: County Court Records at Raleigh, NC & Family Histo

(D)

1850 Census Cross Roads District Wake Co, NC

Possibly the John Smith who died 1860 (Wake County, North Carolina) – RPU

Name	Born About	Age	
Alfred Buffalow		33	} Black
Anna Dunston		0	
Harriett Dunstan		3	
Harriett Dunstan		45	
Rachel Dunstan		25	
Rose Dunstan		2	
Samantha Dunstan		8	} Black
Willie Dunstan		6	
John Smith	head 1785	65	NC