

**Sarah Ann Ragin****XID – 1035**

**Commentary:** Sarah Ann Ragin married Orlando J. Upchurch, son of Ruffin and grandson of Moses, head of Upchurch clan 1.

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**(1)** Per attachment #34 West letter 18 May 1854 – Wake Co, NC Marriage Records  
“21 Dec 1854 – Orlando Upchurch married Sarah Ann Ragin – Witness John Crocker and Thomas Utley”

**(2)** Sarah Ann Ragan born 3 Jul 1831 died 6 Feb 1916 – married Orlando J Upchurch 18 Dec 1854. See Orlando J Upchurch for details (32, Page 8, 33)

**(3)** Sarah Upchurch was listed as age 27 in 1860 Wake Co, NC Census and in home of husband Orlando J Upchurch.

**(4)** Details from letter 21 May 2002 Charles Brent Jarrell to RPU  
I have found what might be additional info on Ortney’s mother **Sarah Ann Ragin**. (You may already have this!)

I have that **Sarah Ann Ragin** (buried in Moore County, NC) was the daughter of William Ragin (b Jul 23, 1797 died (?)) & Sarah Womble Ragin (b --- 1797 (in Virginia) died --- 1848)  
[RPU records show **Sarah Ann Ragan** buried Olive Chapel Church Cemetery, Wake co, NC]

William’s father was James Ragin (from Shenandoah County, VA)  
[RPU records show the father of William Ragin was Willie Ragan – need to resolve – RPU 30 May 2002]

Also I have the names of people from \*Grandma’s Family Bible I can’t identify.  
\*Grandma = Enna Wilson

A S Kennett born Aug 8, 1838

M A Kennett born Apr 30, 1859

~~L J Kennett — born May 7, 1861~~

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**(5)** See letter 24 May 2000 Mary Urban to clyde Charles Upchurch, JR (who sent same on to RPU) Mary is researching the Ragan Family and noted **Sarah Ann Ragin** married Orlando Jackson Upchurch. Details from her letter:

I. David Strait

married ( ) Nancy Ann Briggs

A. Amy Strait (AKA Ann Strait)

married ( ) Willis Ragan

1. William Ragan

married ( ) Sarah --- ---

a. **Sarah Ann Ragin**

married ( ) Orlando Jackson Upchurch, head of a line in the Moses Upchurch/Ruffin Upchurch Sub-clan

**(6)** Sarah Upchurch was listed as age 48 in 1880 Wake Co, NC and in home of husband Orlando J Upchurch.

**(7)** See Wake Co, NC Marriage Bonds

Orlando Upchurch married Sarah Ann Ragin 18 Dec 1854 – Bond date. Bondsman = John Crocker; Witness = Thomas J Utley. Married 21 Dec 1854 by Johnson Olive.

**(8)** Wake Co Census – 1870 – Buckhorn Township

Sarah Upchurch age 38 is keeping house for husband Orlando Upchurch age 37.

**(9)** See Olive Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery Records – Wake Co, NC

OJU 26 Dec 1833 – 16 Aug 1906 (3' high stone)

Sarah A, wife of OJU 3 Jul 1831 – 6 Feb 1916 (4' high stone)

**(10)** From: Wake Co, NC Heritage Book 1983 – Family 678, Page 422, 423

I. James Ragan – on 1790 Census – Wake Co, NC – in Shenandoah Co, VA 1792

A. Annie M Ragan – never married

B. William Ragan “Bill” born 23 Jul 1797 ( ) died Dec 1848 → bought land 1826 from Burwell Bell and wife Priscilla; bought land 1829 from Elisha Stuart, witness: Jess Howell and Willie Ragan; bought land 1816 (Raleigh) from John Miller married ( ) Sarah Womble “Sallie” born 1795 – Charter Members of the Olive Chapel Baptist Church, Wake Co, NC

1. Mary Jane Ragan born 4 Jul 1824 died 2 Jan 1882

married 31 Feb 1824 [1844??] Morel Olive born 31 Jan 1824 died Aug 1888 → granddaughter = Mrs Ernie Utley Horton

a. Ardelia Elizabeth Olive, William Gaston Olive, Neeley Olive, Jane Olive, Temple Adner Olive, Christopher Columbus Olive, Charles Sidney Olive, Isham Henry Olive, Cornelia Hastletine Olive, Laura Jane Olive

2. James Calvin Ragan born 4 Jun 1827 died 4 Dec 1875

married 8 Mar 1844 Caroline Hastletine Council born 8 Mar 1860 died 9 Jun 1927

a. William Kimbrell Ragan “Billy”, Texanna Ragan, Dora Ragan

3. Marth Jane Ragan born 28 Oct 1827 died 12 Jan 1892

married Henderson Olive born 28 Jun 1816 died 21 Jul 1865 (Civil War)

a. Andrew Jackson Olive, Julia Ann Olive, Mary Jane Olive, William Johnson Olive “Johnny”

4. Narcissa Temperance Ragan “Tempie” born 23 Apr 1828 died 22 Feb 1917

married 22 Jan 1855 ( ) Thomas Ruffin Lawrence “Tom” born 1828 died 23 Feb 1873

a. Callie Wray Lawrence, Henry Thomas Lawrence, Andrew Jackson Lawrence, Stella Serena Lawrence “Rena”, Sexton Lawrence

5. **Sarah Ann Ragan** born 31 Jul 1831 died 6 Feb 1916

married 18 Dec 1854 ( ) Orlando Jackson Upchurch [son of Ruffin Upchurch]  
born 26 Dec 1833 ( ) died 16 Aug 1906

a. Ortney Ann Upchurch, Lourena Upchurch “Rennie”, Lougenie Ann Upchurch, Zora A Upchurch, Maggie Jackson Upchurch “Jackie”

6. William Jefferson Ragan born 22 Aug 1835 died 9 Apr 1896

married ( ) Caroline (Council) Ragan (previously married to #2 above)

a. Alsey Harney Ragan – see her biofile for siblings & details

7. Eliza Jane Ragan born 9 May 1839 died 23 Apr 1896

married 11 Aug 1857 ( ) Burrell Temple Hunter born 20 Oct 1832 died 25 May 1904

a. Robert Foshee Hunter “Bob”, Cornelia Judson Hunter “Neely”, Claude Alonzo Hunter, William Jacob Hunter “Will”, Rufus Clarence Hunter “Ruff”, Lousettia Ann Hunter “Settie”

**(14)** Index to Deeds, Mortgages and Real Estate Conveyances

Chatham Co, NC 1787 – 1935 – Upchurch – Date filed, Book, Page

U Grantees(s) [bought]		Grantor(s) [sold]			
Apr 4 1891	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	Wilson Robert H etal	Deed	C-H	177
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Sep 20 1897	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	William W O	Mtge	D-A	312
Nov 22 1897	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	Beavers J W etal	Mtge	C-Z	436
Mar 28 1899	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	Yates L B etal	Mtge	D-E	210
Jan 20 1900	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	Williams J M etal	Mtge	D-H	342
Aug 4 1904	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	Goodwin W H etal	Mtge	D-R	313
Jul 4 1905	DO [Orlando Jackson U]	Yates George T etal	Mtge	D-R	430

U Grantors(s) [sold]		Grantee(s) [bought]			
Feb 15 1907	DO Sara Ann Upchurch <b><u>[Sarah Ann Ragin]</u></b> + Orlando Jackson Upchurch	Wilson Baxter	Deed	E-B	505

**(no number)** Excerpt from index of book “The Goodwin Family of Central NC” by Thomas Jerry Goodwin, Sr – 2009 – RPU 24 Nov 2012

Note: Individuals listed as members of the ----- Family – [Wake/Chatham Counties]

Ragin

Sarah 273

# (16) History of Olive Chapel Baptist Church – Wake Co, NC

Reprinted in James Olive Family from News & Observer 7 Jan 1940 by Anne (Jackson) Williams, wife of T Lacy Williams – Raleigh Attorney who grew up in Olive Chapel Area. References made to New Ruin Founding in 1850 promoted by 3 ministers Jesse Howell, John C Wilson & Johnson Olive. Building Committee: Willis Ragan & Kader Olive.

<u>First Male Members</u>	<u>First Female Members</u>	<u>Initial Baptisms</u>
Wesley Goodwin	Anna Lawrence	John W Johnson
Needham Beckwith	Jane Goodwin	Elizabeth Olive
James Mills	Sara Ragan	<b><u>Sarah Ragan</u></b> (md
Willis Ragan	Elizabeth Willis	Orlando Jackson U)
Ensley Council	Fenaker Moore	Tempy Ragan (md
Wesley O'Daniels		Thomas Lawrence)
		Martha Johnson

While the first sanctuary was being built the church met nearby in home of Henry Cotton (where John Mills Home now stands on HWY 64), father of D A T Cotton and grandfather of Earl Cotton (of a famous murder case).

1890 – New Sanctuary built – W S Olive (grew up in the church) new young minister served til his death 1926 (1931) – promoted rapid growth

Ministers: John C Wilson, Jesse Howell, Johnson Olive, O Upchurch, W S Olive, (W C Howard & Dr J H Gorrell as supply for illness), Dr C R Pittard, Rev W W Hutchins, Rev William H Corbutt

Church produced ministers: G T Mills (Pastor of Green Level 1940), Dr Kyle M Yates & T S Lawrence

Married ministers: Lula Olive (Rev Jeter Rogers); Grace Olive (Rev Lester Lane)

Religious workers: Miss Grace Lawrence, Miss Ruth Yates, Miss Alma Lawrence (married Earl James)

Rev L Bunn Olive became a missionary – in China 1940

S S Superintendents: Charles F Williams 1906 – 1915, Sexton Lawrence, J B Mills, J L Swain, J C Olive, A C Lawrence

Clerks (in order): W J Goodwin, T R Lawrence, J C Ragan, C L Jenks, D T Johnson, J H Barber, H T Barker, T L Booth, J M Lutter, L J Mills, K Johnson, L J Mills, A H Ragan, L H Lutter, B C Poole.

Church burned Oct 1939 – Building Committee: Deacons: W H Kelly, Paul Mills, E E Olive, Freeland Goodman, Hollie Barker, A C Lawrence, T E Goodwin, W A Hinton (TTE & Chair Building Committee) TTES W H Goodman, R E Morris, E Judd Goodwin, H M Olive