

**Cas Ray****no XIX**

**Commentary:** Cas Ray was the first husband of Geneva Ann “Annie” Upchurch, who was the daughter of Ann Medlin and Stephen Upchurch. In turn, Geneva was the granddaughter of Jubal, head of Upchurch Clan 6.

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**(1)** Death Certificate for John Calvin Upchurch – downloaded from Ancestry.com by RPU 24 Feb 2009

This record established firm birth and death dates for John C Upchurch and shows his mother as Geneva Upchurch [Geneva Ann Upchurch] and his father as **Cas** (?) **Ray**. The wife of John C Upchurch, Kate Upchurch [Catherine Hicks] is still alive. Note informant = J M Hicks.

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch

1. Geneva Ann Upchurch

a. John Calvin Upchurch married Catherine Hicks

(see next page)

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## STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 432

I. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Wake Registration District No. 92-17 Certificate No. 1  
 Township Wake Forest or Village \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its Name instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

2. FULL NAME John C Upchurch  
 (a) Residence: No. Wake Forest #3 St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Married</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Jan 20, 1932</u>	22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19__ to _____ 19__
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>May 8-1877</u>				I last saw him alive on _____ 19__ death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at <u>1:00 a.m.</u>	
7. AGE Years _____ Months _____ Days _____ If LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. _____ or _____ min.				The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of causality were as follows: <u>Pneumonia</u>	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, lawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Justice</u>				Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause: _____	
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>Wayne Cotton Mill</u>					
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>Jan 1-1932</u> 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>70</u>					
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Wake</u>					
13. NAME <u>Cas Ray</u>					
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Wake Va</u>					
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Geneva Upchurch</u>					
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>North Va</u>					
17. INFIRMANT <u>Fred Hicks</u> (Address) <u>Wake - 2702 Hill Road</u>					
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Wake, Va</u> Date <u>1-21-1932</u>					
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Walter Upchurch</u> (Address) <u>Wake Forest</u>					
20. FILED <u>2-5-1938</u> <u>ACBulla</u> REGISTRAR					
				24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? If so, specify _____ M. D. (Address) <u>Wayne, Va NC</u>	

(2) Note: In view of the project that cooperator Ola (Keith) Ray might know a Cas Ray if I had more detail on him and in view of the interest of cooperator Donna Maynard I met about on 23 Jun 2010 to learn more about him.

- If he did sire John Calvin Upchurch born 8 May 1877 he must have been 20 years old or older at the time. Geneva was 33.
- Tried to find a Cas Ray on Ancestry.com several ways – no luck. Not on NC Census 1870 or 1880. BUT there are many Ray men with first or second initial “C”.

**(no number)** RPU thoughts on the email below from Donna Maynard to RPU – 3 Mar 2010

Another thing I want to follow up with is that one of Roy's cousins said that she was told, that the father of John Calvin married Geneva's sister. I found a Rebecca Ray in the 1920 Census in Barton's Creek. Another one of Roy's Cousins told me he remembered as a little boy an "Uncle Dewey Ray" coming to visit. With that in mind and the 1920 Census with Rebecca Ray (56) and a Dewey Ray (19) I also found a death collection of a Zora Dewey Ray b.1899 and d.1979 (this is in Ancestry.com) and a Death Certificate of Rebecca Jane Ray of Barton Creek. The bad part is name of mother and father not given it also does not give the name of the husband. She died 17 Jan 1923 with bron. pneumonia (i think that is what it said) place of burial is Falls of Nuse. It does give you something to think about!

The family framework for comment is as follows:

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch – list of his 5 known daughter

1. Geneva Ann Upchurch born about 1844 may have married  
(1<sup>st</sup>) Cas Ray [presumably he married a sister of Geneva Ann Upchurch – RPU]  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) --- --- Utley
  - a. John Calvin Upchurch
    - i. Mary Doris Upchurch born 1910  
married ( ) W M Lyman  
(I) Roy Leon Lyman born 1943  
married ( ) Donna Maynard
2. Lucinda Upchurch born about 1835 [could the Ray have married Lucinda rather than Rebecca?? – RPU]
3. Charlotte Upchurch born about 1837 married ( ) Jack Barham Phillips
4. Sarah Jane Upchurch born about 1835 married ( ) Jephtha Lasater or Joseph A Lasater
5. Rebecca Upchurch born 1839

Donna sought for a sister of Geneva Ann Upchurch who might have married the father of John Calvin Upchurch. She settled on Rebecca Upchurch born 1859 (per RPU records) and found 2 Ancestry.com entries that might be relevant:

- #1 On 1920 Census of Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC: Rebecca Ray age 56 – hence born about 1864
- #2 Death Certificate: Rebecca Jane Ray of Barton's Creek Township died 17 Jan 1923 ( ) (Buried – Falls of Neuse)

Re the report of a cousin of Roy Leon Lynam remembers an Uncle Meney Ray coming to visit – Donna found:

- #1 Demey Ray age 19 on 1920 Census of Barton's Creek Township – hence born about 1901
- #2 Zora Demey Ray born 1899 died 1977 – per Ancestry.com

As of 14 Jul 2010 I am unable to shed more light. Biofiles marked \* now have a copy of this sheet - RPU