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- (1) “Richard Upchurch I, who seems to have been the oldest son of Michael and Frances, apparently married and lived elsewhere than Surry County, VA. He appeared back on the home scene as living with Michael II, probably on the property of their father, according to the *Tithe List of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jun 1694*. Richard was listed again on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1699, as living with Robert Reynolds, who was probably his mother’s half-brother (*Surry Co. VA Wills & Deeds, No. 5, 1694 – 1701, Part 1*). There is no further record of Richard Upchurch. Circumstances and dates of the appearance of John and James Upchurch, of whom later lead us to believe they were sons of Richard” (28)

“On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1739, James Upchurch I, who seems to have been the son of Richard I of Surry County VA and therefore a grandson of Michael I, was granted 117 acres of land for 15 shillings on the S side of Fountain’s Creek (later called Rattlesnake Creek) in Brunswick County. This creek lies just north of the North Carolina line almost all the way across Brunswick County, (*VA Land Grants, Archives in Richmond VA*)”

- (2) See notes of RPU, 31 Dec 1978 – Visit to William Kendrick Upchurch Sr. His notes show Richard Upchurch I (son of Michael Upchurch I) b 1654, d 1700.
- (3) See 20 Jul 1979 letter from Julia Frances Upchurch to RPU. She shows Richard Upchurch I as b 1658, d 1700.
- (4) See letter 5 Jul 1990, Eileen Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU – This reference shows the wife of Richard Upchurch I as Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Items 5, 6, 7 in Section D of Martha Lucy Upchurch – her records – 18 May 1968, regarding the sons of Michael Upchurch I.

## SON(S) OF MICHAEL UPCHURCH

- 1684, 5 June – Widow Upchurch for Michael Upchurch. A List of Tithables belonging to Lawnes Creek Church taken ye 5th day of June 1684. ①
- 1687, Militia, Surry County, Va.
- 1691, 19 January. Robert Reynolds and Roger Delk entering security of Michael Upchurch's due performance of his administration on the estate of Frances Upchurch, his mother. A certificate of administration was granted. ②
- 1691, 1 March. Appeared in Court this day Michael Upchurch and made Oath that the within specified contents is a true and perfect inventory of the estate of Frances Upchurch, deceased. Book 4. page 248. W. Edwards, Clerk of Court.
- 1694, 10 June – Michael Upchurch and Ri. Upchurch on the Tithing List for Surry County, Va. ③
- After this Michael disappears, but no death, settlement of estate or anything more concerning him has ever been found. ④
- 1694, 10 June – Richard Upchurch on the Tithing List with Michael. → ⑤

Michael may have had another son, John, as a John Jr. has been found in New Kent County in 1701. This John Jr. died in 1713. He may have been a son of John and a grandson of Michael I. His father may have been dead and he was called junior because John, the son of Richard was living. ⑥

JOHN U, I RICHARD UPCHURCH (1660 - 1696)  
probably son of Michael (1620-1681) } x

- 1694, Ri. Upchurch listed on the Tithable List of Surry County with Michael. ⑦
- 1699, 9 June – Richard Upchurch is listed with Robert Reynolds on the Tithable List. ⑧
- When Michael I died in 1681 Robert Reynolds assisted the widow Frances in the settlement of the estate. When Frances died in 1690 Robert Reynolds assisted Michael II in the settlement of Frances's estate. ⑨

After 1699 Richard is no longer found on the Tithable List. Did Richard marry a Reynolds or was Frances a Reynolds? ⑩

Richard must have died shortly after the 1699 list. He seems to have left three sons – James, John and William. → RPU RECORDS AGREE

RPU shows: (XID's)

Supported By

## I. Michael Upchurch I

- |                              |                  |                     |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| a. Richard Upchurch I (149)  | 3, 5, 7, 8, 10   |                     |
| b. Michael Upchurch II (148) | 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 |                     |
| c. John Upchurch II (2062)   | 6                | cont'd on next page |

[RPU records carry this John Upchurch II as a son of John Upchurch I and a grandson of Richard Upchurch I. More analysis is needed. The logic of 6 above carries some insight – RPU 27 Feb 2004]

( ) See email 26 Jan 2010 Mae Frances Davenport to Ray NMN White, in her Biofile and his response of 26 Jan 2010 in his biofile regarding the following array of people

- I. Michael Upchurch I (1624 – 1681)
  - a. Michael Upchurch II (1667 – 1697)
  - b. Richard Upchurch I (1658 - <1700)
    - i. John Upchurch I (1678 – 1758)
    - ii. William Upchurch I
    - iii. James Upchurch I (1685 – 1765)

Mae has paragraphs A – G in her email, some of which are produced on the next page. In paragraphs D, E, F shown below she reports that new evidence shows Michael Upchurch II was born between 10 Jun 1662 and 10 Jun 1663 – earlier than West reported. Based on this she asks if Michael Upchurch II could be the father of John I, William I, and James I. (see G). In C Mae shows that West thought Michael II b about 1667. Roy's response is given in X.

[RPU comments: I will agree that the dates for the first four generation need to be revisited and any new data analyzed with changes in parentage, if needed. However, I do agree with Roy that even if Michael Upchurch II was born 1662, he would have been only about 16 when John Upchurch I was born in 1776 – hence not likely father and son. NOTE: Mae is writing a book on Michael Upchurch I.

- D Now comes the interesting info.... on the 1679 Tithable record for Lawne's Creek Parish of Surry County, Virginia, Michael Upchurch is listed.... and SO IS HIS SON, MICHAEL. I have a copy of the actual record in my hand as I speak... and it's quite clear and easy to read: "Michael Upchurch & Michael his Son..... 2"
- E This really excites me. Now we can see that he'd reached 16 by 1679, making him born after June 10th, 1662 and before June 10th, 1663.
- F Could it possibly be that since Michael II was born earlier than thought, that he might be the father of John, William, and James, instead of Richard (abt. 1658-1700)? When we thought he wasn't old enough to have fathered John (born 1678), it made sense that Richard was the father. But now we can see that Michael II would have been abt 17 years of age.
- G I've never really studied the two sons of Michael (1624-1681) so I'm not sure of the validity of whether Richard Upchurch (1658-1700) or now this son Michael would have been the father of John, William, and James.
- What do you think?
- C First though, let me give you this from Belle Lewter West's book:
- Michael Upchurch II, in Surry Co., Va., seems to have been the youngest son of Michael and Frances UPCHURCH. He was first mentioned in records as a tithable at Lawne's Creek Parish Church by his mother, FRANCES, on the 12th of June 1683, indicating that he had just reached the age of sixteen....
- So we've all used that information about Michael II as nothing else had ever surfaced to make us think differently. Ms. West's findings suggested that Michael II was born about 1667.
- X. This is absolutely fascinating, and you could be onto something really significant. It will need to be thought out, but Michael II would've been really young, still. I notice that John apparently had a daughter, Elizabeth, born 25 Dec 1701 - which (usually) would mean having been born ca 1670-1675, and there were at least two boys, John Jr. and James, for whom I do not have a birthdate, and if they were before Elizabeth, then John's marriage might have been a little earlier (or not). In any event, this would imply that Michael II would need to have been born not much later than 1650ish.



Excerpt from the book "The Upchurches" by Mae D. Cox, Apr 2008

Item: Richard Upchurch II – pp 75 – 6

## Second Generation

# Richard Upchurch, I

Pgs 75 & 76  
TO HIS  
BIOFILE

- 1 Michael Upchurch I 1620 - 1681
  - .... +Frances? 1630 - 1690/91
  - ..... 2 Baby Upchurch 1654 -
  - ..... 2 Baby Upchurch 1656 -
  - ..... 2 Richard Upchurch 1658 - 1700
    - ..... +Spouse Unknown 1658 -
    - ..... 3 John Upchurch I 1678 - 1758
    - ..... 3 William Upchurch I 1680 -
    - ..... 3 James Upchurch I 1685 - 1765
  - ..... 2 Michael Unchurch abt 1667- 1697

COPY TO HIS BIO FILE

**Michael and Frances' other son, Michael II**

Michael II was most likely the youngest child of Michael Upchurch, I, and his wife, Frances. Little is known about Michael II and he may have died quite young. He shows up in the June 12, 1683 tithe record at Lawne's Creek Parish Church indicating he has reached his sixteenth birthday.

In 1685 and 1688 he is also listed as a tithable. He was in the Militia of Surry County in 1749. <sup>R06098a</sup> The last time he appears in any record is a listing with his brother, Richard, on the 1694 tithe list. <sup>R06110b</sup>

No records or documents have been found to indicate he married or had children.

NO TIMELINE is being given for Richard, I, as this page contains all that has been found on him.

The most elusive  
of all the  
Upchurch  
ancestors

## Richard Upchurch, I

### RICHARD UPCHURCH I

BORN 1658 LAWNES CREEK, SURRY COUNTY VA  
DIED CA 1700 VIRGINIA

### (SPOUSE UNKNOWN)

BORN  
MARRIED ABT 1677 VIRGINIA

Richard is believed to be the oldest son of Michael and Francis Upchurch, and is thought to be the only son to have children to carry on the Upchurch name.

### Where did Richard Live?

By 1678, Richard had reached about twenty years of age, and wasn't listed in records of Lawnes Creek Parish where his parents and siblings lived. He is thought to have left Surry County at this point. At some point he married and they had children. Nothing has been found to tell us who he married, nor where they married.

When his mother died in 1691, Richard's younger brother, Michael, II, was appointed administrator of her estate. That's puzzling since the oldest son usually handled those chores. It also supports the theory that Richard had left Lawne's Creek Parish, and perhaps even Surry County.

### Return to Surry County

Tithe records dated June 10, 1694, show Richard back in Surry County, Virginia, living with Michael II, his brother, who is thought to have made his home on their father's property. Possibly his wife and children were with him at this time. <sup>R06135g</sup>

Again in 1699 he is listed once more as living in Lawnes Creek Parish as a member of the household of the Robert Reynolds family. <sup>R06134e</sup>

After that entry, there is no further trace of Richard.

### Children of Richard

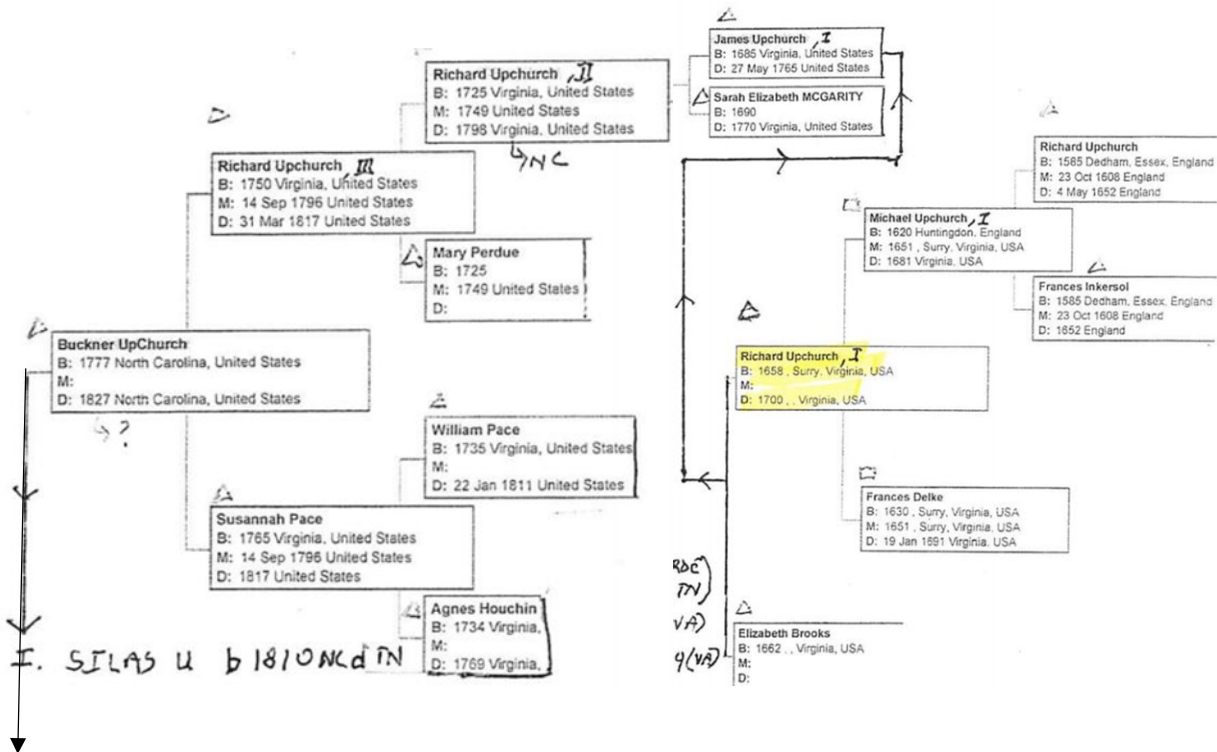
Earlier researchers proposed that Richard married and had children prior to his return to Surry County, and so we continue with information they produced:

- |                |            |                         |
|----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 1) John, I     | b. 1678 VA | d. 1758 VA              |
| 2) William, I* | b. 1680    |                         |
| 3) James, I    | b. 1685 VA | d. 1765 Brunswick Co VA |

\* William may or may not be a son of Richard. Author Belle West named two sons, but not William. Other researchers have speculated there was a third son. <sup>R06102a</sup> Since there is a possibility that William was a son of Richard, his name is being included as such.

## Richard Upchurch I

Ancestral line of Barbara Ellen Church – Per her email to RPU f 11 Feb 2014 (with RPU notations early generations.



- I. Silas Upchurch b. 1810 NC d. TN
  - a. Richardson U, II – CSA b 1831 (Randolph County, NC) d 1910 (Monroe County, IN)
    - i. William Jasper U - b 1871 (VA) d 1930 (VA)
      1. Samuel Morgan Church - b1910 (TN) d 1984 (VA)
        - a. Samuel Morgan Church
        - b. Barbara Ellen Church b. 1952
- II. Richardson U, I b 1777 (NC) d c. 1855 (Brown County IL)

## RPU Comments

1. Upchurch Bulletin search – There is no evidence the mother of Michael U, I was Frances Inkersol.
2. The father of Michael U, I was Richard U – but specifics here = ?
3. I have no evidence Richard U, I married Elizabeth Brooks.
4. Regarding James U, I – need proof of Death Date; need Proof his wife was Sarah Elizabeth McGarity – Probably not.
5. Richard U, II – need proof of marriage date = that wife = Mary Perdue – probably not.



## **Richard Upchurch I (Son of Michael Upchurch I)      XID 149**

6. Richard U, III – need proof of marriage date and of exact death date. He married Susannah, but was she nee Pace and are her Parents correctly listed – Wm Pace and Agnes Houchin?
7. Regarding Buckner Upchurch – death date wrong.