

Sarah "Sally" Roberts

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Commentary: Sarah Roberts married Wesley Upchurch, a grandson of John III, head of Upchurch Clan 14.

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(1) Census – 1850 – Surry Co, NC – Thompson District

789 – 789	Wesley Upchurch	31	M
	Sally	21	F
	John	3	M
	James	1	M

Received 6 Dec 1980 – RPU

Note:

I. John Upchurch, III

A. John Upchurch, VII

1. John Wesley Upchurch born 15 Feb 1819 (Wilkes Co, NC)

married () **Sarah Roberts** "Sally" born 20 Apr 1830

a. John Franklin Upchurch born 15 Sep 1846

b. George Washington Upchurch born 31 Jan 1849

[Note: The above Census shows a son James Upchurch, born 1849?? – RPU 3 Dec 2003]

(no number) The Gill Family - #303 – Wake Co, NC Heritage Book – see David Gill, Sr for copy of article.

I. David Gill, Sr of Warren Co, NC bought Wake co, NC Land 1784

A. David Gill, Jr – had 10 children of whom 7 listed 1850 Wake co, NC Census

1. Jesse Gill, II married 26 Oct 1792 (Wake Co, NC) Tabitha Pace, daughter of Buckner Pace who was possibly the son of Joh Pace and Ann Russell of Brunswick Co. VA. Jesse left a large estate in Wake Co, NC which was contested for years.

a. Nancy Ann Gill

married (1st) 24 Dec 1813 (Wake Co, NC) Rose Wormly Ray

married (2nd) Edward A Parkam [my guess = Edward A Parham – RPU]

i. Buckner Ray

ii. Henry C Ray

married 1839 () Cynthia G Bailey

(I) Mary Eliza Ray married () James A Allen

(II) Cynthia Paridadi Ray

(III) Sarah Anderson Ray married () William D Ray

iii. Edward Amacy Parkam

iv. Caroline Parkam

v. Avery Parkam

vi. John Parkam

- vii. Emeline Parkam
- viii. William W parkam
- ix. Buckner Parkam
- x. Obedience Parkam “Bidy”
- b. Elizabeth Gill “Betsy”
married 27 Oct 1814 (Wake Co, NC) William Shipp
- c. Agnes Gill married 29 Jan 1822 () James Jones
- d. Buckner Gill married 19 Aug 1832 (Wake Co, NC) **Sarah Roberts**
 - i. James Gill
 - ii. Elizabeth Gill
 - iii. Sarah Gill married () --- --- Andrews
 - iv. Thomas Gill

All 4 (I → iv) in TN by 1860
- e. John Gill married 2 May 1827 (Wake Co, NC) Mary Reves
 - i. William Gill born 1844
 - ii. Elizabeth Gill born 1846
- f. Burton Gill (died before his father) married Barbara Ann ---
 - i. Burton J Gill
 - ii. Thomas Gill
 - iii. Lewis Turner Gill
 - iv. Americus Gill
 - v. Caroline Gill married () Peter C Puplee
 - vi. David Gill
 - vii. Susan Gill
 - viii. Joseph Gill
 - ix. Duncan Gill
- g. Terrell Gill born 1814 (Wake co, NC)
married (1st) 29 Jan 1842 () Elizabeth Perry¹
married (2nd) 24 Mar 1852 (Wake co, NC) Caroline Franks
 - i. Eliza M Gill
 - ii. Nicholas L Gill
 - iii. Andrew J Gill
 - iv. Elizabeth Gill
- h. Mahaly Gill
married 17 Aug 1835 () Joseph Bailey – They went to TN
 - i. Payton Gill
married 5 Oct 1838 (Wake co, NC) Sarah Hollingsworth – went to TN
- j. William Gill – appears to have left home quite young
- k. [The article shows 11 children for Jesse and Tabitha but Article 303 lists only 10 – RPU]

(1) See letter 16 Jun 1980 Dema Elizabeth Allen to RPU – Page 8
Sarah (Sallie) Roberts born 20 Apr 1830 died 27 Dec 1897, buried Cranberry Cemetery, Furches Community. She was daughter of James Roberts and Nancy Willcoxson. Sarah married John

Wesley Upchurch born 15 Feb 1819 of the John Upchurch, III/John Upchurch Sub-clan – John Wesley Upchurch Line.

(2) See Photo File 82-5. The old lady sitting is Sarah Roberts.

(3) See letter 14 Aug 1981 Dema Elizabeth Allen to RPU

I think John Wesley Upchurch and his wife Sarah Roberts were Methodists. Sarah had a brother Daniel Roberts that was a Methodist minister. Later Daniel joined the Baptist (missionary or Union Church) and preached for many years. Sarah Roberts is buried at Cranberry Primitive Baptist Church.

(4) See letter 12 Sep 1993 David Kent Vickerman to RPU

This letter gives a full name Sarah Sally Roberts for **Sarah Roberts** [I suspect “Sally” is a nickname for Sarah – RPU]

(5) See letter 19 Aug 1995 Don L Ford to RPU

John Wesley Upchurch married Sarah Ellen Taylor “Sallie” [vs. **Sarah Roberts?** – RPU]

(6) See letter 8 Apr 1997 Louis Timothy Ferrier to PRU

Tim shows the wife of John Wesley Upchurch “Wesley” as Emily Hoppers [vs. Sarah Roberts, vs. Sarah Ellen Taylor? – RPU]

(7) See Death Certificate of nee Sarah Evelyn Upchurch (died 6 Mar 1948) daughter of Wesley Upchurch [John Wesley Upchurch] born TN and Sallie Roberts [**Sarah Roberts**] born Alleghany Co, NC.

(8) From letter 8 Sep 1997 Louis Timothy Ferrier to RPU

On Book: “Gravestone of Sallie Upchurch [**SR**] wife of J W Upchurch, Cranberry Cemetery, Alleghany County, NC. Taken by Tim Ferrier, July 1997.



(9) See letter 17 Jun 1997 Lorene M Sturgill to Louis Timothy Ferrier

I. Malicha Roberts married Francis Simmons

A. James Franklin Roberts, Sr born 1799 married 31 Dec 1827 Nancy Wilcoxson born 1803

1. James Franklin Roberts, Jr born 1832 married Adeline Sales
2. Daniel Roberts, Methodist Minister born 12 May 1846, married 24 Feb 1866 () Jane Bryant
3. Columbus Roberts "Lummie" born 1844 married Nancy Taylor
4. Bettie Roberts married George W Brown
5. Peggie Roberts married Elder William Miles "Bill"
6. Sallie Roberts [**Sarah Roberts**] born 20 Apr 1830 died 27 Dec 1897 married John Wesley Upchurch
7. Robert Roberts
8. Fannie Roberts married Osborne Bauguss

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A. John Upchurch, VII

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(10) See letter 20 Sep 1997 Louis Timothy Ferrier to RPU

There seems to be no doubt that **Sarah "Sallie" Roberts** was the wife of John Wesley Upchurch. They're buried next to each other in Cranberry Cemetery and their daughter's death certificate (my Sarah Upchurch Osborne) clearly indicates that they were her parents. I have no proof that Emily Hoppers was Sarah's mother except for what I was told by my grandfather Morgan Osborne. There's an outside chance that a married Wesley got Emily pregnant at the age

of about 15, had Sarah, with Sarah being raised by Wesley and Wesley's wife. Quite a long shot I would think.

Linkage for above (RPU)

I. John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch, VII

1. John Wesley Upchurch married **Sarah Robers**

a. Sarah Evelyn Upchurch* married Alexander Osborne

i. Morgan Bryant Osborne

*Reported to be daughter of Emily Hoppers by Morgan Bryant Osborne