

Commentary: Happy Shaw was the wife of John Upchurch, VIII the son of John Upchurch, III, head of Upchurch clan # 14. These records provide the two slim threads of evidence that allow us to populate the John Upchurch III/John Upchurch VII sub-clan. First, the 1815 marriage of Happy and John in Chatham County, NC allows us to deduce that this John was in fact the son of John Upchurch, III simply because my knowledge of the Upchurch family at that time and place makes this the only plausible conclusion. Second, the later appearance of Happy Upchurch in Wilkes County, NC allowed us to attribute a set of descendants to John Upchurch, VII. Fortunately, an earlier batch of Upchurches of the William Upchurch, IV clan had already cleared out of the Wilkes County area.

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(AKA SARAH SHAW)

(1) Chatham Co NC Marriage Bonds

John Upchurch married **Happy Shaw** 28 MAR 1815

(2) See letter 14 AUG 1981 Dema Elizabeth Allen to RPU

Attachment from Page 7 of Wilkes Genealogical Society, Wilkes Co, NC Vol. 15 No. 2 Summer Issue 1981. School Census

“State of N. C. Wilkes County April 12th, 1841 Voters of District No. 27th met and held an election agreeable to the act of assembly for 3 committeeman Micajah Phillips, H. [HUGHY] Cocram and J. J. Fields”.

<u>Head of Household</u>	<u>Children</u>
1. Micajah Phillips	5
2. Linzy Phillips	3
3. Hannah Parks	2
4. Hughy Cockram	2
5. Izzair Fields, Jr.	3
6. Happy Upchurch	3 Wesley, James, Berry (m)
7. Kizziah Holbrook	3
8. J. J. Fields	3

[Note: regarding line 6

Happy Upchurch is presumed to be nee **Happy Shaw**
Wesley Upchurch = John Wesley Upchurch
James Upchurch = James Upchurch
Berry Upchurch (m) = Green Berry Upchurch (male)]

(3) 1830 census for NC shows no **Happy Upchurch**. Also only 1 John Upchurch and he is not the husband of Happy Upchurch.

(4) 1840 census for NC shows 1 **Happy Upchurch** as head of household in WKS County, NC (Wilkes Co., NC).

(5) See letter 6 AUG 1983 (Page 6) Ruth Alice Westley to RPU.

- A. Happy Shaw appeared in 1840 Wilkes Co. NC spicers (-?-RPU)
- B. Question about 1850 census—Wilkes Co., NC Household 508 Line 23 P 286 A
The Ann, [Is this Happy Shaw?] age 60, with Wm [William- TB 15 Dec 2016]
age 27?
- C. 1860 census Wilkes Co., NC Sarah Upchurch, page 51, Mulberry PO age 62
with Larkin Upchurch (age 46), brother of Wm [William- TB 15 Dec 2016] B.
Upchurch. Is this Sarah Upchurch the same as Happy Shaw?

(6) See letter 15 SEP 2000 Louis Timothy Ferrier to RPU

Re: HAPPY SHAW Tim reports that her family may have been Quakers and have lived in Guilford Co., NC. He thinks it is possible she was “disowned” by her Quaker faith for marrying John Upchurch, VII outside of her faith. Tim bases this on the fact that ELIZABETH SHAW, daughter of BENJAMIN SHAW and RHODA -----, was disowned about a month after the marriage of HAPPY SHAW and JOHN UPCHURCH VII. [Tim’s speculation is based on the Assumption that “HAPPY” may have been a nickname for ELIZABETH. However, Tim says he needs more information----RPU 13 NOV 2000].

(7) See letter 20 SEP 2001 Louis Timothy Ferrier to RPU from which the following paragraph is taken:

I was able to get some assistance from some people at Guilford College (NC) in my Quaker search for Happy Shaw. They finally told me that they do not believe Happy was a Quaker as they could not locate her in their records. Oh well—it was worth the effort.

(8) NC MARRIAGES 5 SEP 05 PETERSON CHATHAM

John Upchurch		<u>Happy Shaw</u>	28 Mar 1815	Chatham
Kelly Upchurch		Sarah Jane Eason	19 Sep 1837	Chatham
Martha Upchurch		Simeon Yates	28 Jan 1840	Chatham
Sidney Upchurch		Delia Williams	06 Oct 1841	Chatham
Isham Upchurch	Male	Delia Beavers	23 Dec 1851	Chatham
Quinnetta Upchurch	Female	J. Lasater	12 Jan 1852	Chatham
I S Upchurch	Male	Mrs. R A. Taylor	02 Feb 1903	Chatham
Lora Upchurch	Female	John Wilson	14 Apr 1915	Chatham
Laura E. Upchurch	Female	R G Beckwith	12 Dec 1917	Chatham
G Winston Upchurch	Male	Norvie Upchurch	14 Dec 1921	Chatham
Jasper Upchurch	Male	Lessie Pollard	05 Nov 1923	Chatham
Addie Ray Upchurch	Female	W Harrison Wadsworth	08 Dec 1936	Chatham
Junnie Upchurch	Male	Viola Bass	30 Nov 1937	Chatham
Mary Upchurch	Female	Jessie Ellis	04 Jun 1938	Chatham
Mary Gladys Upchurch	Female	Calvin C Hinton	03 Jul 1948	Chatham
Ethel Hazel Upchurch	Female	Newby Judson Dark Jr.	25 Feb 1949	Chatham
Geraldine Upchurch	Female	Roscoe Odell Walser	07 Feb 1960	Chatham
Terry Sue Upchurch	Female	Ronald Jerry White	01 Jun 1968	Chatham
Tommy McMillan Upchurch	Male	Margaret Doris Maness	08 Dec 1968	Chatham
William Franklin Upchurch	Male	Laura Andrews Joyce	04 Sep 1970	Chatham

(9) Records for the William Benton Upchurch Line- John Upchurch, III/John Upchurch VII Sub-clan- RPU 26 Feb 2012

1870 Census- NC Wilkes Co- Trap Hill

Wm B Upchurch	1817	53	NC
Emily Upchurch	1834	36	NC
Martha J Upchurch	1853	17	NC
Milly Upchurch	1856	14	NC
Ricy Upchurch	1860	10	NC
William A Upchurch	1864	6	NC
Nancy A Upchurch	1866	4	NC
Mary A Upchurch	1869	1	NC

1880 Census- N C Wilkes Co- Trap Hill

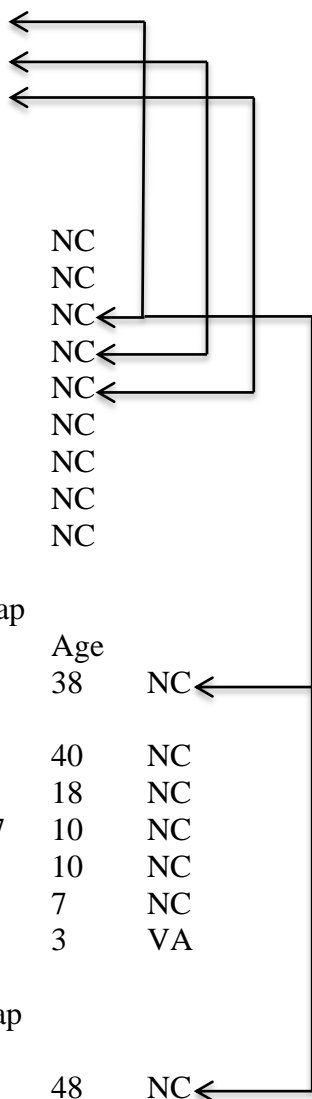
William Upchurch	HD	1819	61	NC
Emely Upchurch	wife	1840	40	NC
Sanford R. Upchurch	son	1863	17	NC
Green B Upchurch	son	1869	15	NC
Nancy A Upchurch	dau	1867	13	NC
Nevia J Upchurch	dau	1870	10	NC
Floyd Upchurch	son	1873	7	NC
Charles F Upchurch	son	1876	4	NC
James F Upchurch	son	1879	1	NC

1900 Census- VA- Carroll Co.- Fancy Gap

Name			Age	
Recia Upchurch	Hd	Jul 1861	38	NC
(married 19 yrs (1886))				
Julia F Upchurch	wife	May 1886	40	NC
*Cora M Upchurch	dau	Apr 1881	18	NC
*Cora E Upchurch	dau	*May 1887	10	NC
Dora C Upchurch	dau	Apr 1890	10	NC
William H Upchurch	son	Jan 1893	7	NC
Malinda Upchurch	dau	Feb 1897	3	VA

1910 Census- VA- Carroll Co., Fancy Gap

Name					
Samuel Upchurch	Hd	1862	48	NC	
(Sanford) (married 25 years)					
Phoebe F Upchurch	wife	1860	50	NC	8 Children, 6 living
Flora Upchurch	dau	1885	25	NC	
William Upchurch	son	1893	17	NC	
Lindy C Upchurch	dau	1895	15	VA	
Bertha Upchurch	dau	1903	7	VA	
Cora Golding	dau	1889	21	NC	
Effie Golding (I)	gdau	1908	2	NC	



1920 Census- N C- Surry Co. -Franklin

Ruphus Golden	head	1888	32	
Dora C Golden	wife	1889	31	
(I) Cleo Golden	dau	1908	12	←
(II) Lester Golden	son	1914	6	
(III) Nillie Golden	dau	1916	4	
(IV) Beatres Golden	dau	1918	1 [1 8/12]	

1930 Census NC Surry County Stewarts Creek

Name				
Rufus F. Golden	head	1886	44	NC
(O, md 20,16)				
Dora C Golden	wife	1890	40	NC
(II) Lester H Golden	son	1913	17	NC
(III) Nellie R Golen	dau	1916	14	NC
(IV) Beatrice H Golden	dau	1918	12	NC
(V) Clarlotte L Golden	dau	1921	9	NC
(VI) Pearl F Golden	dau	1924	6	NC
(VII) Allen H Golden	son	1926	4	NC

I. John Upchurch III Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch VII married () Sarah Shaw

1. William Benton Upchurch

married () Emily Caroline Caudill

[see Price Jr. Family Tree below- CJM 16 Dec 2016]

a. Martha Jane Upchurch b. 1853

b. Millie C. Upchurch b. 1854/1852

c. Sanford Riley Upchurch b. 1860

married () Nancy Bell Norman

married (2nd) Emily --- ---

married (3rd) Julia F. (Phoebe F. ---)

i. Clayton Upchurch b. 1882

ii. William Brady Ford Norman →

William Brady Ford Upchurch b. 1884

iii. Flora Upchurch b. 1885

iv. Dora C. Upchurch b. 1889 married () Rufus F. Golden

Children (I)-(VII) above in 1920 & 1930 Census Records

v. William H. Upchurch b. 1893

vi. Melinda Upchurch b. 1896

vii. Bertha Upchurch b. 1903

d. William Greenberry Upchurch b. 1865

e. Nancy Caroline Almeda Upchurch b. 1867

f. Nevia J. Upchurch (Mary) b. 1870

g. Floyd H. Upchurch b. 1873

h. Charles Frank Upchurch b. 1876

i. James F. Upchurch b. 1879

Price Jr. Family Tree

William Benton Upchurch

Birth about 1819 in North Carolina

Death 1880 in Wilkes, North Carolina

23 Nov 1851

Marriage to Emily Caroline Caudill

Wilkes, North Carolina, United States

Parents

John Upchurch

Sarah "Happy" Shaw 1795-

Spouse & Children

Emily Caroline Caudill 1835-

Martha Jane Upchurch 1850-1933

Martha Upchurch 1853-1933

Millie Mollie Upchurch 1854-

Sanford Riley Upchurch 1861-1911

William Greenberry Upchurch 1865-1945

Nancy A. Upchurch 1867-

Price Jr. Family Tree

Sanford Riley Upchurch
Born 1861 in North Carolina
Death 1911 in Lamsburg, Carroll, Virginia
Marriage to 14 Dec 1881
Nancy B. "Fanny" Norman

Parents

William Benton Upchurch 1819-1880
Emily Caroline Caudill 1835-

Spouse & Children

Nancy B "Fanny" Norman 1861-1933
 William Brady Ford Upchurch 1864-1963
 Clayton Norman Upchurch 1866-

Children of Unknown Spouse

No spouse
 Dora C. Upchurch 1888-1976

[*Still need to fit these 2 into the family- RPU]