

Commentary: Silas Upchurch was born in 1806 most likely in Iredell County, NC. He died about 1874 in Wayne County, KY. He was the son of Shadrack and the grandson of George Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan #5. Presumably he moved, as a teenager, with the George Upchurch clan to Wayne County, KY. Up until about 1865 he lived on the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River, likely on land acquired by his father from George Upchurch. To resolved is the issue of whether he was the first Upchurch to move to the Otter Creek Community where his body lies in the Dishman Cemetery. During the life of Silas the Upchurch cousins in Wayne County grew to be large in numbers. A marriage among cousins was common and has challenged family historians to prepare family charts.

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(1) From Morgan Upchurch Book- Reference 29, Pg. 68, 69

I. George Upchurch- Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch

1. **Silas Upchurch**

Shadrack Upchurch Family (2)

7a **Silas Upchurch** b. 8-18-1806 NC died about 1874 bur Dishman Cem. md 1 Nancy Crouch, sister of Jane Crouch, wife of Joseph. Two sons were born to them. Nancy left her family while the boys were small, took passage with a caravan going west to Missouri. She was not heard from again. One of the boys was reared by his uncle Billy Crouch in Fentress Co. Silas m (2) Nancy Mason Upchurch, called Mason, born 4-20-1816 and died in 1863. Mason reared the first born son of Silas and Nancy with her own family. In their first years of marriage, Silas and Mason lived in a house on the ridge, above the Cumberland, near his father. Mason was able to cope with all the hazards of pioneer living. One day a panther chased the dog around the house. Mason was alone at the time, realized she must do something or the dog would be overtaken. She waited until the dog was coming around the house near the door and opened the door. The dog seeing the open door, dashed inside and Mason quickly slammed the door.

In 1865, they sold the land on the LSF. They were either in their new home on Otter Creek, or preparing to move. The deed, written November 28, 1865 read: Silas Upchurch and Nancy M. his wife, of Wayne County, sell to Richard Barrier in consideration of \$20 a parcel of land, 50 acres on LSF, bounded...Southeast 100 poles to the Chimney Rock...James Crabtree corner...Miles Keeton tract...including the Dobbs place. Signed Silas Upchurch his mark, Nancy M. Upchurch her mark. Reg. 27 Nov 1865 and afterward, on 15 June 1866 was fully acknowledged by Nancy M. Upchurch, his wife to be her will and deed. Mason quickly adapted to the new home. Her services were available as midwife when needed. At least one gentleman carried the middle name of Mason in her honor. Both Silas and Mason were called upon to testify at the trial of the Confederate Guerilla, Champ Ferguson. An account of the encounter with the men of Champ Ferguson is recalled vividly by their grandson as it was told to him. Silas and Mason were on the way across the hills to make soap. They were carrying the tubs and other utensils on their heads. With them were a son, Moses; his brother Joe, and a neighbor. A large group, on horseback, overtook them and called them to halt. Orpha Williams and a negro man called Granville was with Silas, they had been going in the same direction and just come along with them. That was when they shot and killed Orphe and stabbed Granville to death. (A full account of their testimony at the trial is in the book Champ Ferguson by Thurman Sensing.)

(2) See Letter 14 Apr 1975 Ada Morgan to RPU

Ada Morgan is daughter of Eliza (Upchurch) and William A. Stevens. Eliza Upchurch was daughter of Moses Upchurch, granddaughter of **Silas Upchurch**, and great granddaughter of Shadrack Upchurch.

(3) See letter 6 Sep 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Fentress Co, TN- 1833 Enumeration Index

XID-144 Joseph Upchurch=George Upchurch/Joseph Upchurch Subclan

XID-273 **Silas Upchurch**=George Upchurch/Shadrack Upchurch Subclan

XID-141 Moses Upchurch=George Upchurch/ Moses Upchurch Subclan

[Note: For the present assume Joseph and Moses are the heads of subclans and that Silas is son of Shadrack, head of another subclan- RPU]

(4) Silas Upchurch, son of Shadrack Upchurch and grandson of George Upchurch (Head of Clan) was a beneficiary in the will of his Uncle Thomas Upchurch who never married. Will written 18 May 1853 and prove 24 Oct 1855. Land on Little South Fork in Wayne Co, KY (29, Pg. 66)

(5) See letter 13 Feb 1996 Billie Jean Privett to RPU

Silas Upchurch died Wayne Co, KY

married (1st) about 1828 (KY) Nancy Crouch

married (2nd) about 1833 (KY) Nancy Mason Upchurch born 20 Apr 1816 NC

died about 1883 (KY)

(6) See letter 4 Aug 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU Pg. 39

Silas Upchurch born NC, p. Iredell Co, die about 1874 (Wayne Co, KY) [no stones or records found] married (2nd) about 1833 (Wayne co, KY) Nancy Mason Upchurch born 20 April 1816 (Wayne Co, KY) died Wayne Co, KY

(7) See letter 11 Nov 1999 Leslie Freeman Upchurch to RPU

Silas Upchurch died about 1874 Slickford, Wayne Co, KY married () Nancy Crouch born 1828 (KY). [Note: This reference shows Silas Upchurch married (1st) Nancy Mason and married (2nd) Nancy Crouch as opposed to vice versa in other references- RPU]

(8) Census-Record 1830 Census- Wayne Co, KY

The attached sheet from Melva Doris Upchurch is interpreted by RPU as follows:

Member of Household

#1	<u>Silas Upchurch</u> - son of Shadrack Upchurch & grandson of George Upchurch, Head of Clan
#2	(son) male 0-5= William Joseph Upchurch born 31 Oct 1829
#3	(wife) female 15-20=Nancy Crouch

(9) See letter 28 Feb 2000 William Humble to RPU

His wife nee Judy Beaty is descended from **Silas Upchurch** who was on Wayne Co, KY Census record in 1870 but not 1880- hence presumed died between these two dates. The 1870 Census

shows Silas Upchurch as head of house with wife Nancy, ages 63 and 54 respectively plus daughter Winney [Winifred] Upchurch. Silas and Nancy are shown as born in NC.

(10) Wayne Co, KY Census 1870

1. **Silas Upchurch** [Silas Upchurch age 64 born 1806 XID-273]
2. Nancy M. Upchurch [nee Nancy Mason age 54 born 1816 XID-284]
3. Joseph Upchurch [Joseph Wesley Upchurch age 20 born 1850 XID-292]
4. Lucinda Upchurch [Lucinda C. Upchurch age 16 born 1854 XID-293]
5. Dolly E. Upchurch [Dolly Elizabeth Upchurch 14 born 1856 XID-294]
6. Winney Upchurch [Winifred Upchurch age 10 born 1859 XID-295]
7. Rachel Upchurch [Rachel J Upchurch* age 30 born 1840 XID-289]
- [*Her 6 or 7 children may have been sired by James Matthews- RPU]
8. James W. Upchurch [?]
9. General W. Upchurch [?]

Note: Details in brackets added by RPU from various sources.

RPU Analysis of #7, #8, and #9 as of 6 Sep 2000. Rachel J. Upchurch age 30 is in the home of her father **Silas Upchurch** age 64. There is no evidence of a husband for her. She is thought to have had one or more illegitimate children although some propose a James Upchurch was the father of one or more of her children. I can find no real basis for this. Our total array of information show she had 6 children born 1865-1883- all with the last name of Upchurch- and no evidence of a husband. The youngest of these was James Washington Upchurch born 8 Oct 1865 (must be #8 above). Among the 6 children of Rachel there is no General W Upchurch. I suggest he was General Washington Upchurch, that he is the same as #9 above and that he died young. Note that James Washington Upchurch named a son General Francis Upchurch, possibly after his presumed brother General W. Upchurch. –RPU.

(11) See Document “Thomas Washington Crouch’s Family Journal” by Jo Nelda Upchurch Cole 10 Feb 1994, Pg. 21-24

I. James B. Crouch born 1763 (VA), son of Edward Crouch and Margaret --- married Patsy Evans born 1781 (VA), daughter of Thomas Evans and Jane Hower

A. William Crouch “Billy” born 14 Nov 1795 (TN), died 1868 (TN), married () Elizabeth ---

B. Martin Crouch born 1799 (TN), died 1812 (Fentress Co, TN), married () Oliva ---

C. John Wesley Crouch b 1803 (TN); died 1841 (MD), married 1823 () Rebecca Elizabeth Kidd

1. Elias Henderson Crouch born 1824 (Fentress Co, TN); died 1901 (Fentress Co, TN), married (1st) Sarah Jane Upchurch [Daughter of Joseph Upchurch and

granddaughter of George Upchurch- Head of Clan]; married (2nd) Nancy Hatfield “Nance”. Sarah born 29 Jun 1834 (Fentress Co, TN); died Fentress Co, TN.

[Note: See separate extract for descendants-RPU]

2. David Fulton Crouch born 29 Apr 1824 (Pickett Co, TN); died 17 May 1917 (Travisville, TN); married () --- --- Ferrell (Bell Buckle, TN); married () --- --- Courtney (IL).

3. Aaron Crouch born 1828 (Travisville, TN); died 1841 (MO).

4. Marta Crouch “Patsy” born 1828 (Travisville, TN); married () James Kidd

5. George Washington Crouch born 1833 (Travisville, TN); died 1915 (); married () Millie Dishman

6. Margaret Crouch born 1835 (Travisville, TN); married James Redman

7. Elizabeth Crouch “Eliza” born 1835 (Travisville, TN); married () Stokely Crabtree

8. Elvira Malenda Crouch born 1837 (Travisville, TN); married () John Morgan

9. Sarah Crouch “Sally” born 1839 (Travisville, TN); married () David Timothy Buck

10. Mary Crouch born 1840 (Travisville, TN); married Alfred Jones

11. Jennie Crouch born 1841 (MO); died 1842 (IL)

D. Jane Crouch born 29 Jun 1806 (TN); died (TN); married () Joseph Upchurch, son of George Upchurch- Head of Clan.

E. Nancy Crouch born 18 Aug 1810 (TN); died (TN); married () **Silas Upchurch**, son of Shadrack Upchurch, grandson of George Upchurch- Head of Clan.

F. Martha Crouch born 1813 (TN); died 1855; married () John Campbell

(12) Input from Anna Marie Crouch to RPU via email 13 Feb 2010

32. Shadrack Upchurch was born 1784 Brunswick County, Virginia and died ca. 1883 Wayne County, Kentucky. His wife was Ruth (Breshears) born 1784 Virginia and died 3-1860 Wayne County, Kentucky. Shadrack bought 50 acres for \$10 on 4-22-1822 on Muddy Fork of the South Fork in Wayne County, Kentucky. This area is now Mt. Pisgah. He also bought his father’s land in 1831.

Shadrack is listed in the census records of 1810 living in Iredell County, North Carolina. Shadrack was listed in the 1820 census of Wayne County, Kentucky living next door to Keeling Williams. Listed in his household were 3 males 0-9; 2 males 10-15; 1 male 26-44; females 0-9; and 1 female 26-44, he was engaged in agriculture in 1820. Shadrack and Ruth were living in Wayne County, Kentucky during the 1850 Census. Ruth is listed in the mortality schedule for Wayne County, Kentucky in 1860. She died of old age. Shadrack is listed in the census records of 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 living in Wayne County, Kentucky. His children

321. **Silas Upchurch** was born 8-18-1806 Iredell County, North Carolina died ca. 1874 Wayne County, Kentucky

322. George Upchurch born 1810 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Wayne County, Kentucky
323. Moses Upchurch born 7-4-1815 Iredell County, North Carolina died 10-10-1881 Wayne County, Kentucky
324. Preston Upchurch born 1817 Iredell County, North Carolina died by 1860 in Wayne County, Kentucky
325. Louisa Upchurch born 1818 Iredell County, North Carolina died Wayne County, Kentucky
326. Rebecca Upchurch born 1820 Wayne County, Kentucky
327. John Upchurch born 1823 Wayne County, Kentucky died during Civil War
328. Hiram Upchurch born 4-1824 Wayne County, Kentucky died 2-11-1906
329. Rachel Upchurch born 1826 Wayne County, Kentucky died late 1850s
20. Joseph Upchurch born 1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1983 Wayne County, Kentucky

321: **Silas Upchurch** was born 8-18-1806 Iredell County, North Carolina died ca. 1874 Wayne County, Kentucky. His first wife was Nancy Crouch who was born 1794-1804. She was the daughter of James Crouch and Elizabeth Smith. One day Nancy disappeared from the neighborhood. Silas filed for and receive a divorce. No one heard from Nancy again. The story that has survived is that Nancy ran off with another man.

His second wife was his first cousin Nancy Mason Upchurch (342) who was born 4-20-1816 North Carolina and died after 1880 in Wayne County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Moses Upchurch and Catherine Barker. Silas and Nancy were living in Division 1 of Wayne County, Kentucky in 1850. The 1860 Census found Silas and Nancy living in Division 3 of Wayne County, Kentucky. Silas and Nancy were listed in District 4 of Wayne County, Kentucky in 1870. Their daughter Rachel and her first two children were living with them in 1870. They were living next door to Moses Upchurch. In 1880 Nancy was living in Wayne County, Kentucky. Her daughter Winifred and granddaughter May were living with her in 1880. His children

3211. William J. Upchurch born 10-31-1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1865 Wayne County, Kentucky
3212. Shadrack Washington Upchurch born 11-29-1831 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1-28-1913 Mirabile, Missouri
3213. Milas Upchurch born 6-1834 Wayne County, Kentucky died before 1923 Wayne County, Kentucky
3214. Millie Upchurch born 1-14-1836 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1-19-1898 Tennessee
3215. Moses Upchurch born 10-28-1838 Wayne County, Kentucky died 3-1-1939 Wayne County, Kentucky
3216. Rachel J. Upchurch born 3-4-1840 Wayne County, Kentucky died 2-22-1915 Tennessee
3217. Thomas Upchurch born 1842 Wayne County, Kentucky died 4-2-1858 Wayne County, Kentucky

3218. Archibald Upchurch born 1844 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1900 Wayne County, Kentucky
 3219. Joseph Wesley Upchurch born 10-1-1850 Wayne County, Kentucky died 12-22-1908 Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma
 3210. Lucinda C. Upchurch born 4-29-1854 Wayne County, Kentucky died 11-24-1912 Wayne County, Kentucky
 321a. Dolley Elizabeth Upchurch born 6-1856 Wayne County, Kentucky died Wayne County, Kentucky
 3231b. Winifred Upchurch born 1860 Wayne county, Kentucky died 1888 Wayne County, Kentucky

(13) Records for Moses Upchurch 1838-1939 of Wayne Co, KY- RPU 12 Mar 2011

1850 Census- Wayne Co, KY Division 1

Name		Age	
Silas Upchurch	1807	43	NC
Nancy Upchurch	1820	30	NC
William Upchurch	1830	20	KY
Milon Upchurch	1834	16	KY
Milley Upchurch	1836	14	KY
Moss Upchurch	1838	12	KY
Rachel Upchurch	1840	10	KY
Thomas Upchurch	1842	8	KY
Archibald Upchurch	1844	6	KY

1860 Census- Wayne Co, KY PO=Monticello

Name		Age		
*John Upchurch	1833	27	KY	
Louisa Upchurch	1830	30	TN	(nee Woods)
Elizabeth C. Upchurch	1853	7	KY	(Catharene E. Upchurch)
William W Upchurch	1854	6	KY	
Tennessee Jane Upchurch	1859	1	KY	
Catharine Upchurch	1791	69	KY	
housewife (nee Catherine Barker m/o John H. Upchurch)				
Milton Shelby	1844	16	KY	

*I. George Upchurch- Head of Clan

A. Moses Upchurch born 1790

1. John H. Upchurch born about 1833

a. Tennessee Jane Upchurch born about 1859

This Jane is on the 1880 Missouri Census with her family hence not mother of Oda Martin Upchurch

[RPU Note: The family of Moses Upchurch born about 1838 not found on 1860 Census- but could the Mary Jane Upchurch in his home in 1870 (see below) be the Tennessee Jane Upchurch shown above?]

1870 Census- Wayne Co, KY District 4

Name	Age
Moses Upchurch	1840 30
Harriet Upchurch	1840 30
Mary J Upchurch	1859 11
Milly E Upchurch	1861 9
Martha E Upchurch	1863 7
Joseph O Upchurch	1867 3
Albert G Upchurch	1869 1

1880 Census- Wayne Co, KY Slickford

Name	Age
Moses Upchurch	hus 1841 39 KY
Harriet Upchurch	wif 1841 39 KY
Mary Jane Upchurch	dau 1860 20 KY
Mary E. Upchurch	dau 1862 18 KY
Martalley E. Upchurch	dau 1864 16 KY
Joseph O. Upchurch	son 1864 16 KY
A. G. Upchurch	son 1868 12 KY
Sam F. Upchurch	son 1871 9 KY
Ahial H. Upchurch	son 1874 6 KY
Elisa W. Upchurch	dau 1873 3 KY
Cannon M. Upchurch	son 1879 9m KY

I. George Upchurch- Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch 1784-1863

1. Silas Upchurch 1806-1871

married (1st) about 1828 () Nancy Crouch born 1810

married (2nd) about 1833 () Nancy Mason Upchurch 1816-1883 (First cousin of Silas)

a. William Joseph Upchurch born 31 Oct 1829

b. Shadrack Washington Upchurch born 29 Nov 1831

c. Milas Upchurch born 1 Jun 1834

- d. Millie Upchurch born 14 Jan 1836
- e. Moses Upchurch born 28 Oct 1838 () ; died 1 Mar 1939
married (1st) 1858 Mrs. Harriet Grimes 1840-1889
She married (1st) Joseph Grimes
married (2nd) 1895 () America Jane Piercy 1863-1944
This marriage produced 6 children born 1898-1906 not shown here.
 - i. Mary Jane Upchurch born 5 Nov 1859→mother of
granddaughter Martin Upchurch→ Carter
married 1883 () Edmund Grant Carter
 - ii. Millie Emmarine Upchurch “Emma” born 23 Jan 1862
 - iii. Martanna Elizabeth Upchurch born 13 Apr 1864
 - iv. Joseph Ozias Upchurch born Jul 1866
 - v. Albert Gallatin Upchurch born 1 Jun 1869
 - vi. San Francis Upchurch born 25 Dec 1871
 - vii. Ahile Harvey Upchurch born 17 Dec 1874
 - viii. Eliza Wayne Upchurch born 22 May 1877
 - ix. Marshal Canon Upchurch born 26 Feb 1880
 - x. Sherman Stanford Upchurch born 1 May 1883
- f. Rachel J. Upchurch born 4 Mar 1840
- g. Thomas Upchurch born 1842
- h. Archibald Upchurch born 1844
- i. Joseph Wesley Upchurch “Jode” born 10 Oct 1850
- j. Lucinda C. Upchurch born 29 Apr 1854
- k. Dolly Elizabeth Upchurch born Jun 1856
- l. Winifred Upchurch (F) born 1860

Note: Item (14) contained on following page. (Jay, I suggest some notation here in case your formatting causes #14 to be on its own separate page. Please redraw lines as you see fit. This was my best shot! If/when you do, we’ll use the same info for the Shadrack Upchurch Biofile, since I see that Phil used the same diagram in that one, too. Don’t want to have to reinvent the wheel on this one!)

(14) RPU Analysis of Upchurch-Crouch Intermarriages starting in the early 1800s

I. George Upchurch (Head of Clan)

b. 1757 (Brunswick Co, VA)

A. Lydia Upchurch b. 1782 (VA)

1. Archibald Dishman b. 1806

a. *Millie Ann Dishman
b. 1833 (Fentress Co, TN)

B. Shadrack Upchurch b. 1784
(Brunswick Co, VA)

1. Silas Upchurch b. 1806
(Iredell Co, NC)

C. Joseph Upchurch b. 1800
(Iredell Co, NC)

Joseph & Jane married 1823

1. Thomas Washington Upchurch
b. 1832 (TN)

a. **Cordelia Upchurch
b. 1863 (Fentress Co, TN)

2. ***Sarah Jane Upchurch
b. 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

I. James B. Crouch b. 1762 (VA)

A. John Wesley Crouch b. 1803
(TN)

1. ***Elias Henderson
Crouch b. 1824
(Fentress Co, TN)

2. ****George Washington
Crouch b. 1833
(Pickett Co, TN)

B. Jane Crouch b. 1806
(Fentress Co, TN)

1. ***Sarah Jane Upchurch
b. 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

C. Nancy Crouch b. 1810 (TN)
Nancy & Silas married ~1828

same person

Explanation of diagram:

*Millie Ann Dishman was 2nd marriage for George Washinton Crouch

**Cordelia Upchurch was 3rd marriage for George Washington Crouch

*** Sarah Jane Upchurch and Elias Henderson married about 1852 and were first cousins

**** George Washington Crouch married 3 times; #2 and #3 into the Upchurch family

Original chart by RPU follows on next page...

⑭ RPU Analysis of UPCHURCH-CROUCH INTERMARRIAGES
STARTING IN THE EARLY 1800's

I. GEORGE U (Head of Clan)
b 1757 (Brunswick Co, VA)

A. LYDIA U b 1782 (VA)

1. ARCHIBALD DISHMAN
b 1806

G. MILLIE ANN DISHMAN b 1833 (Fentress Co, TN)
2ND MG
3RD MG

B. SHADRACK U b 1784
(Brunswick Co, VA)

1. SILAS U b 1806
(Greene Co, NC)

C. JOSEPH U b 1800
(Greene Co, NC)

1. THOMAS WASHINGTON U b 1832 (TN)

G. CORDELLA U b 1863 (Fentress Co, TN)

2. SARAH JANE U b 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

I. JAMES B. CROUCH
b 1763 (VA)

A. JOHN WESLEY CROUCH
b 1803 CTN

1. ELIAS HENDERSON CROUCH b 1824
(Fentress Co, TN)

2. GEORGE WASHINGTON CROUCH b 1833 (Buchanan Co, TN)
[He m'd 3 times
#2 + #3 INTO
U FAMILY]

B. JANE CROUCH b 1806 (Fentress Co, TN)

1. SARAH JANE U b 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

C. NANCY CROUCH b 1810 (TN)

MD ABT 1852
(1ST COUSINS)

MD ABT 1828

1ST COUSINS

SAME PERSON