

John David Smith**XID-13938**

Commentary: John David Smith, born 17 Feb 1776 died 15 Jul 1852 in North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Ann Upchurch about 1830. Elizabeth was the daughter of Allen and the granddaughter of Harmon Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan #16.

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(1) See letter 28 Aug 1985 David Joe Deese to RPU.

In my research, I discovered that the second wife of John David Smith (Feb 1776-15 Jun 1852) is said to have been an Upchurch. Mr. John Lilly confirmed this. The name was Elizabeth Upchurch and she was presumably another daughter of Allen Upchurch (head of the Harmon Upchurch/Allen Upchurch subclan – RPU)

The graves of John David Smith and his first wife, [Elizabeth ?] are located on land owned by our family. This graveyard is within one mile of the Allen Upchurch graveyard and within two miles of the Allen I and Catharine Upchurch Deese graveyard.

My former grade-school teacher, Mrs Carol Hartzell Hopkins, is a descendant of both Elizabeth Upchurch and her sister, Catharine Upchurch Deese. If you would like a copy of the John David Smith will, I can acquire one.

(2) See letter 17 Sep 1985 David Joe Deese to RPU

John David Smith married Elizabeth Upchurch after the death of his first wife on 14 Nov 1823 but before the 1840 census. He died 15 Jun 1852 at the age of 76 years 3 months 26 days. In the 1830 census there is only one female in his household and she is 15-20. In the 1840 census there is a female 30-40 and a female 1-5 and a female 5-10. John David Smith and Elizabeth Upchurch had at least 4 children- Elizabeth Smith, Caroline Smith, George Smith and Amanda H. Smith.

(3) See letter 1 Oct 1985 David Joe Deese to RPU.

A. See map of Stanly Co, NC – Upchurch Country – provided by David Joe Deese. He suggests David's Creek was named for John David Smith since the latter had land and lived along said creek before 1800. The map shows the burial place in Stanly Co, NC of John David Smith and his first wife Elizabeth.

B. Stanly Co, NC entry book Feb 1841. David Smith [John David Smith] enters for 13 acres of land on the waters of David's Creek adjoining his own lines to Robert S. Allen.

C. Stanly Co., NC – 8 Aug 1842 – Woodson Ross enters for 150 acres of land [on] David's Creek adjoining David [John David] Smith and Levi Shankle.

(no number) This sheet sent to RPU by David Joe Deese in his letter 1 Oct 1985

John David Smith

Born: Feb (1776)

Enlisted:

Married: (1st) (2nd)

Died: 15 Jun 1852 (age 76 years, 3 months, 26 days). Buried: Smith Family Cemetery

Father:

Mother:

(1st) Elizabeth

Born: Nov 1778

Died 14 Nov 1823 Buried: Smith Family Cemetery

Father:

Mother:

1. Mary "Polly" (circa 1795 – after 1860), married (circa 1826) Woodson Ross (1789 – 1854)
2. Matthias (circa 1800 –), married Jarutha
3. John H (circa 1802 – after 1870), married Susanna Shankle
4. Paul B C
5. Caswell (circa 1811 –) moved to Mt Pleasant, NC, married Margaret
6. Laura (- before 3 Feb 1852)
7. Simeon
8. Nancy
9. Christina (- before 3 Feb 1852)

(2nd) Elizabeth Upchurch

Born: circa 11805

Died circa 1884

Father: Allen Upchurch

Mother:

10. Elizabeth (circa 1831 –), married Martin Shofner
11. Caroline (), married 13 Dec 1855 D M Ross
12. George L (circa 1838 – 16 Aug 1862) died in hospital in Lovington, VA as a Private in CSA, Co K, 28th Regiment
13. Amanda H (15 Jul 1850 – 1 Oct 1918) buried Simpson Cemetery, Stanly Co, married (1st) 5 Oct 1856 Solomon Mabry (1835 – 18 Jan 1864), (2nd) Rev L A Whitlock (3 Jan 1826 – 12 Apr 1905) buried Silver Springs Baptist Church [where is this – RPU].