

**Abby Upchurch****XID – 2818**

**Commentary:** Abby was one of numerous children born to Ruffin Upchurch, son of Moses, head of Upchurch Clan 1.

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**(1)** Per West letter 18 May 1975 attachment #35– Wake Co, NC – Abstracts Wills – Court House Ruffin Upchurch to Martha, Wesley, Gaston, Margaret, Anny, Franklin, Aby [**Abby Upchurch**], Eliza Jane – 1 Aug 1866 – Book Rec 34, Page 160, File 1197.”

**(2)** See Will of Ruffin Upchurch – Will File – Wake Co, NC – Written 31 May 1858 Probated Aug T 1866 – Ruffin Upchurch names Aby Upchurch [**Abby Upchurch**] as his daughter.

**(3)** See 1870 Census Wake Co, NC – White Oak Township  
**Abby Upchurch** age 19, female, white, at home, cannot write is listed in home with her mother Patsey Upchurch who is age 50. (Ruffin had presumably deserted the family, remarried and died by this time.

**(4)** See 1860 Census Wake Co, NC – Morrisville PO, Household 764, Family 772  
Ruffus (Ruffin) Upchurch, 74, M, Farmer, \$825 RE, \$1155 PP, born in NC  
Martha Upchurch 50  
Wesley 21 M  
Augusta 19 F  
Anne 15 F  
Franklin 13 M  
Abba 11 F [**Abby Upchurch**]  
Eliza 9 F  
[Note Aby Upchurch = Ably Upchurch = Abba Upchurch = XID – 2818 – RPU]  
[Preferred for now = **Abby Upchurch** – RPU]

**(5)** See 1850 Census Wake Co, NC – Western Division  
Abba Upchurch [**Abby Upchurch**] age 6/12, female, born in NC, is in home of Ruffin Upchurch, 35, male, farmer, \$100 RE, born in NC. [Note – it appears that Ruffin Upchurch born circa 1815 + Abba (Aby) Upchurch are brother and sister + children of Ruffin Upchurch born circa 1787 but by different mothers – RPU]

**(6)** See 1880 Census Wake Co, NC – White Oak Township  
Abby Jenkins [**Abby Upchurch**] age 27, white, female, cannot read or write, is listed as wife of John Jenkins, white, male, age 38, farmer. In home is daughter Letty Upchurch age 9/12 and Margaret Upchurch, white, female, age 66, the mother of Abby.

**(7)** See 1880 Census Wake Co, NC – White Oak Township

John Jenkins WM 38 Farmer born in NC as was father and mother  
 Abby Jenkins WF 27 wife born in NC as was father and mother; cannot R or W

Letty Jenkins WF 9/12 dau born in NC as was father and mother

Margaret U WF 66 mil born in NC as was father and mother

[Note: assume Abby Jenkins = Abby Upchurch – this may be Aby Upchurch (XID – 2818) who was daughter of Ruffin Upchurch – RPU]

**(8)** See biofile of Ruffin Upchurch died 1866. The executor is looking for children of Ruffin Upchurch, including **Abby Upchurch**. The documents reveal:

Doc A: **Abby Upchurch**

Doc B: ---

Doc C: **Abby Upchurch**

Doc D: **Abby Upchurch**

**(9)** Book: The Upchurch Family of High Falls, NC (Moore Co, NC)

I. Moses U. – Head of Clan

A. Ruffin U.

6 Ruffin Upchurch b: 1787 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 14 Mar 1866 in Newhill, North Carolina, USA

+ Mary Barbee

7 Henderson Upchurch b: 03 Dec 1812 in Chatham Co, NC, USA d: 17 Oct 1892 in Williamson, TX, USA

\*2nd Wife of Ruffin Upchurch:

+ Martha Patsey Goodwin b: 1812 in North Carolina m: 1828 in Chatham, NC, USA d: 1879

7 Rufus Upchurch b: 1831 in North Carolina d: Bef. 1900 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina

+Emily Hudson b: 1833 in North Carolina

8 Christopher Upchurch b: Aug 1855 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina [Wm C U]

+Closyan Closa A. b: Dec 1855 [Anne L Lewter]

9 Lona Jackson Leonie Upchurch b: 26 Nov 1874 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina d: 05 Dec 1963 [Leonie Jackson U]  
 +William Avent m:26 Nov 1906 [Wm Alfred Avent]

9 Aidie F. Upchurch b: 1878 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina

9 Hettie Upchurch b: 1879 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina [Heddie U.]

9 Ean Upchurch b: Apr 1882 [Eva U]

9 Banney Upchurch b: Mar 1885 [Blannie U]

9 Cassey Upchurch b: Jul 1887

9 Gertrude Upchurch b: Apr 1894

8 Rufus Kerry Upchurch b: 1862 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina d: 20 Nov 1935 in Hyde, North Carolina  
 8 Leavon Upchurch b: 1865 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina  
 → [Fidelia U?]  
 8 Effie Upchurch b: 1868 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina  
 8 Albert S. Upchurch b: Dec 1869 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina [Albert G U, Sr]

\*2nd Wife of Rufus Upchurch:

+Ann M. b: 1835 in North Carolina [Ann M Luter]  
 8 Ester Ann Upchurch b: 1878 in White Oak, Wake County, North Carolina  
 7 Clauder Upchurch b: 1832 in North Carolina [Orlando Jackson U]  
 7 Thomas Upchurch b: 1834 in North Carolina  
 7 Catherine Upchurch b: 1838 in North Carolina  
 7 James Wesley Upchurch b: 1839 in North Carolina  
 7 Augusta "Gushern" Upchurch b: 1841 in North Carolina [Augusta Ann U]  
 7 Margaret Upchurch b: 1843 in North Carolina  
 7 Anna Upchurch b: 1845 in North Carolina  
 7 B. Franklin "Frank" Upchurch b: 1847 in North Carolina  
 +Mary b: 1847 in North Carolina [Mary Jane Goodwin]  
 8 Willie C. Upchurch b: 1874 in New Hope, Chatham County, North Carolina [Willis C U.]  
 8 Elora Upchurch b: 1879 in New Hope, Chatham County, North Carolina [Ella O U.]  
 7 Abba Abby Upchurch b: 1849 in North Carolina [**Abby U**]  
 7 Eliza Upchurch b: 1851 in Wake County, NC [Eliza Jane U]  
 \*3rd Wife of Ruffin Upchurch: [1st Wife not 3rd]  
 +Elizabeth O'Kelly b: 1791 in North Carolina m: 1806 d: 1820 in Chatham County, North Carolina [Elizabeth Kelly] \*\*  
 7 Martha Upchurch b: Bet. 1810 – 1820 in Chatham County, North Carolina [Martha U - new to RPU] \*\*  
 7 Unknown Upchurch b: Bet. 1806 – 1810 in Chatham County, North Carolina \*\*  
 7 Unknown Upchurch b: Bet. 1810 – 1820 in Chatham County, North Carolina \*\*  
 7 Unknown Upchurch b: Bet. 1810 – 1820 in Chatham County, North Carolina [Sarah U] [1815 – 1820]

RPU NOTE: This book mentions 17 children of Ruffin U (16 above and Kelly Franklin U extracted separately). They missed John R U born 1826; Mariah U born 1828; and Elizabeth U born 1822 ± 3.

\*\* Re: These 4 slots RPU assigns 1 to Sarah U 1815 – 1820; The Book assigns 1 to Martha leaving 2 unassigned – Book = 1806 – 1810 and 1810 – 1820; RPU = 1815 – 1820 and 1815 – 1820.

The Book adopts the earlier theory that Henderson U. of Texas fits in this line, his mother being Mary Barbee.