

**Commentary:** Alison Calvin Upchurch was born in 1831 in Greene County, AL. He died 1891 in Tuscaloosa, AL. He was the son of Bartley Upchurch and the grandson of Abel Upchurch, SR head of Clan #8. Alison was born in AL a few short years after his forbearers had moved from North Carolina to Alabama. Unlike some of his siblings who moved on to Mississippi, Alison remained in Alabama to help establish a large presence of Abel Upchurch SR descendants in Alabama who continue to enhance the prosperity of the state.

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**(1)** See Ltr 6 APR 1983 Genevieve Ellen Tharp to RPU

On 1880 Census Tuscaloosa Co, AL

1. **Alanson U** (?) md Mattie \_\_\_ she b 1835

a. Willie ♂ U b 1856 - 1860

b. George U b 1862

c. Allen U b 1867

d. Lula U b 1868

e. Hickmans U b 1871

f. Beaula U b 1876

[William U IV [SHOULD BE Richard U, II → Abel U, Sr → etc - RPU] → Abel U Sr → Bartley U → Alanson U]

**(2)** See 1850 Census Pickens Co, AL - Southern District

**Alanson U** age 19 Male, Farmer, b AL is in home of father Bartley U.

**(3)** See 1880 Census Tuscaloosa Co, AL Beat 17 Hickman E D 170 Sheet 2

ALERSON U W M 49 b AL [**ALISON CALVIN U**

Mattie U 45 b A [MATTIE HICKMAN]

Willie U 20 S b AL [WILLIAM C. U]

George U 18 S b AL

Lula U 12 D b AL

Allie U 13 S b AL

Hickman U 9 S b AL [ROBERT HICKMAN U]

Beulah U 4 D b AL

Laura Shackelford 48 b AL Cousin

Betsy Hickman 68 b AL Sister-in-law

**(4)** See Ltr 11 AUG 1986 Margaret Elizabeth May to RPU

My GF was Alison C. U (or Allison C. U) b 19 MAR 1831 d 18 JUN 1891 md 10 DEC 1857 (Tuscaloosa, AL) md Martha Elizabeth Hickman b 4 MAR 1835 (Hickman, AL) d 11 NOV 1902 (In my mother's home - Knoxville, AL). They md 10 DEC 1857 (Tuscaloosa, AL)

**(5)** REC'D IN LTR 11 AUG 1986 MARGARET ELIZABETH MAY TO RPU  
Clipping B

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TO THE MEMORY OF ALISON C. UPCHURCH  
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The subject of this notice was born in Greene County, Alabama, March 19th, 1831, and departed this life June 18th, 1891. Δ[Bartley U XID-590]

When he was five years old his parents moved to Pickens County, where he grew up to manhood. On the 10th of December, 1857, he was happily married to Martha Hickman, daughter of Mr. Wm. P. Hickman. He moved to this county in 1858 where he spent the balance of his life endearing himself to all who knew him best.

He was true honest and pure in his contact with the world. He joined the M. E. Church at Mt. Zion in 1860, giving himself fully and earnestly to the work of the church and consecrating his life to God; always expressing himself as enjoying a full consciousness of His saving grace. For fifteen years the writer has known him intimately; and he feels free to say that he was one of the best men he ever knew. In his death the community has lost one of its best citizens, the masonic fraternity a very bright and zealous mason, the church an earnest and devoted Christian, his family an affectionate husband and father. He almost idolized his wife and children who are now left heartbroken to mourn their loss, but "they sorrow not as those who have no hope." During his last illness of five weeks duration, although he suffered the most excruciating pain he did not murmur, but was fully resigned to the will of his Heavenly Father. His weary body is now at rest and we would not disturb that sweet repose.

"So Jesus slept; God's dying son,  
Passed, through the grave and blest the bed;  
Rest here dear saint, till from His throne.  
The morning break and pierce the shade."

A FRIEND

Clipping C

**Tribute of Respect**  
  
**To the Memory of Mr. A.C. Upchurch**

The following preamble sad resolutions were recently adopted by the Wesley Chapel Sabbath School.

Whereas God in his wisdom has seen fit to remove by death one of our members, A. C. Upchurch, the teacher of the Bible class. Therefore,

Resolved, 1<sup>st</sup> That we mourn his loss to the school, to the church of which he was a member, and to the community at large, that his place will be hard to fill, but we hope the mantle of an Elijah may fall on an Elizah to take his place.

2<sup>nd</sup> That while we mourn the loss to us, we hope it is gain to him, and adopt the language of scripture. "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works to follow them

3<sup>rd</sup> That we sympathize with the immediate family and friends of the deceased whose loss is irreparable, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them; and copy to the Tuscaloosa Gazette for publication.

Wesley Chapel Sabbath School  
Geo. P. Sealy?  
Superintendent

Clipping D

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

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LANDMARK LODGE, NO. 18  
A.F. & A.M.  
Knoxville, June 27th, 1891

Whereas, It has pleased our Supreme Grand Master on the 18th that, to call from labor to refreshment, our beloved brother, A. C. Upchurch, and while the stroke lays heavily upon us, and we but duly realize the workings of an Infinite Being, yet we bow submissive to His call, for we know "He doeth all things well."

*Resolved 1st*, That by the death of brother A.C. Upchurch, society has lost a valuable member, the Lodge a noble and zealous brother, the church a faithful, consistent and devoted follower, the State a valuable citizen, the country a true patriot, and his family a beloved husband and a kind and affectionate father.

*Resolved 2nd*, That we tender our sympathies to the bereaved family, and while we cannot offer them any comfort, we point them to the Supreme Grand Master, who tempers the wind to the xxxxxxxxxxxx and may He comfort their hearts with the sweet thought that those who sleep in Jesus are not lost to us. It is but a narrow sea that separates Him from us, when our feet touch the brim of its waters they will be parted for us as they were for him, and we shall find him standing on the other shore to grasp our hand in everlasting fellowship.

*Resolved 3d*, That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the Lodge, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that they be published in the county papers.

Fraternally,

THOS. W. PIERCE,  
JNO. S. COLVIN,  
PHIL. J. SULZBY,  
Committee

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(6) REC'D IN LTR 11 AUG 1986 MARGARET ELIZABETH MAY TO RPU  
Clipping A [See Clipping B above - WHG 4 JUL 2016]  
A & B = SAME

**(7)** See Ltr 22 MAY 1987 Eleanor NMN U to RPU

Re **Alison C. U** (Alanson) My grandfathers sister Hattie U Gable called him “Alvin”. [Note - Hattie was a niece of Alison C. U - RPU]

**(8)** See Ltr 23 MAR 1991 Comella Diane DaLee to RPU

**Alison C. U** md 18 DEC 1857 Martha Elizabeth Hickman. Their children:

1. William Calvin U
2. George Joseph U
3. Jim U
4. Lula U
5. Alison J U
6. Robert Hickman U
7. Beulah Jane U

**(9)** See Ltr 4 NOV 1991 Margaret Elizabeth May to RPU

**Alison Calvin U** md 10 DEC 1857 Martha Elizabeth Hickman

**(10)** From Ltr 18 NOV 1991 Comella Diane DaLee to RPU

Clipping A [See Clipping B above - WHG 4 JUL 2016]

Clipping B [See Clipping D above - WHG 4 JUL 2016]

**(11)** See Photo Files 92-4 and 92-5. These photos are of “Allie U” but whether of **Alison Calvin U** or his son Alison J. U is not clear.

**(12)** See Ltr 22 JUL 1995 Comella Dianne DaLee to RPU

**ACU** “Allie” bur Greenwood Cem, Tuscaloosa, AL md in home of William Hickman to Martha Elizabeth Hickman (Bur - AS HUS)