

Bartley Upchurch (XID 590)

Commentary - Bartley Upchurch, (1800 – 1879), was the son of Abel Upchurch, Sr., head of the Upchurch Clan #8. Bartley is said to have been born in Wake County, NC. More appropriately it should be said that he was born in the Upchurch enclave established in 1770 by his Grandfather Richard Upchurch, II. This enclave lay on both sides of Moccasin Creek, which today is the boundary of Wake and Franklin Counties in North Carolina. Bartley grew to adulthood here before moving to Pickens County, AL, along with his father, around 1825. Whether Bartley married in NC or AL is yet to be determined. The descendants of Bartley unfolded as a productive component of the Upchurch family.

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(1) FROM: UPCHURCH FAMILY BY BELLE WEST

Bartley U (b 19 DEC 1800, Wake Co NC - d 24 OCT 1879 in Pickens Co AL) m 23 JAN 1823 Penelope Williams (b 22 APR 1802, d 24 NOV 1863). **Bartley** was the first child of Abel U [whose father William U resided in Wilkes Co NC - Incorrect - RPU 24 MAY 2005] having come there from Va. Abel married Bethania in Wake Co NC and was buying land in Wake Co in 1803 and 1809. Abel migrated to Green Co. AL about 1818 - 1820. His will was probated in JAN 1841.

Capt Burt U, C.S.A. (b 31 JUL 1838 - d 8 JUN 1895 in Pickens Co AL) was 6th child of **Bartley U**. Burt U m 15 JAN 1858 Emily Teresa Hanson (3 AUG 1845 - d 5 JUL 1885 in Pickens Co AL).

(2) See Attach to 2 FEB 1978 Ltr Elva E. Burkhalter to RPU

A. Pg 12 Records of Pickens Co AL assembled by Mrs Charles Polk McGuire -

“Mrs P. A. Upchurch, dau of Joel and Penelope Williams married to Bartlett U 23 JAN 1823, d 24 NOV 1863

“Stone in Unity Cemetery: Penelope, wife of B. Upchurch 22 APR 180x [1800, 1802, 1808?] - 24 NOV 1863

“Stone in Unity Cem - **Bartley U** b in Wake Co, NC 19 DEC 1800 d Green Co AL 24 OCT 1879

[Note: Does Bartlett = **Bartley**? - RPU]

B. Pg 16 - 1830 Census Schedule shows **Bartley U** as Head of Household in Green Co AL.

- (3) See 12 JUN 1979 Ltr (Pg 20) Julia Elizabeth U to RPU
Bartley U is the only U mentioned in 1830 Greene Co, AL.
In 1850 **he** appears in Pickens Co, AL Census.
- (4) See Ltr 19 MAR 1950 Fred Upton U Sr
He shows **Bartley U** b 18 DEC 1800 d 2 OCT 1879 - [conflicts with (2) A above - RPU]
- (5) See Chart Rec'd 17 JUL 1981 by RPU from Fred Upton U Sr
Bartley U is bur in Unity Cem in Pickens Co, AL. He md Penelope A. Williams. He d 24 OCT 1879 Greene Co, AL (Pickens).
- (6) See Ltr 6 APR 1983 Geneviene Ellen Tharp to RPU
Bartley U died in Greene Co, AL not Pickens Co, AL - per: Deaths Abstracted from Newspaper Files of West Alabamian As found at the Courthouse at Carrollton Pickens Co, AL 1865 - 1881 by Nina Pepper 1977 Pg 50. "Died in Green Co, Oct 24, 1879 **Bartley Upchurch** formerly of here."
- (7) See Will of Abel U, Sr
Abel U Sr wrote his will 12 SEP 1846 & it was probated 11 JAN 1847 in Greene Co, AL.
Abel U Sr names his son Bartlet U and gives him \$5. Main estate left to Abel U, Jr. Note use of the spelling Bartlet & not Bartley - RPU.
- (8) See Ltr 22 MAY 1987 Eleanor NMN U to RPU
Bartley U bur Bethesda Cem on Benevola Rd in Pickens Co, AL as is his wife Penelope Williams. She d in Pickens Co, AL. They are not bur in Unity Cem. On the stone of **Bartley U** one finds "**Bartley Upchurch** born in Wake Co, NC 19 DEC 1800, Died in Greene Co, AL 24 OCT 1879". On the stone for his wife "Penelope - Wife of **B. Upchurch** 22 APR 1802 - 21 NOV 1863 - + a saying"
- (9) See Ltr 28 JAN 1991 Eleanor NMN U to RPU
Bartley U was Post Master at Benevola, AL in 1845, 1851 and 1854/55 (two quarters). This taken from "Early Post Offices and Postmasters" from "Ala Postal History" compiled by J. H. Scruggs, Jr - Courtesy Dept of Archives & Manuscripts, Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, AL
- (10) See Biofile of Alison Calvin U for Obituary -
He d 18 JUN 1891 and was a son of **Bartley U**. The obit reported that **Bartley U** moved to Pickens Co, AL when his son Alison C. U was five years old. [Since Alison was b 19 MAR 1831 (Greene Co, AL) this means the move of **Bartley U** from Greene to Pickens Co, AL took place between 19 MAR 1836 and 19 MAR 1837 - RPU]
- (11) See Photo File 92 - 2 for picture of **Bartley U** and Photo File 92 - 3 for picture of his wife Penelope.
- (12) See Ltr 4 APR 1992 William C. Daniel to RPU
Refers to **Bartley U** as J. BARTLEY U - [Source of "J." unknown - RPU]

(13) Outline Per **U B** VOL 13 No 1 JAN 1992

I. Richard U, II

A. Abel U, Sr - Head of Clan

1. **Bartley U**

(14) See Ltr 24 APR 1992 William C. Daniel to RPU

“According to the Pickens Co, AL Cemetery Book, the tombstone of Penelope [Penelope A. Williams] reads ‘Penelope Upchurch, wife of J. B. Upchurch’ [hence J. Bartley U - RPU]. All Upchurches are buried at Bethesda, not Unity”. [Note: This is the only evidence so far that **Bartley U** is J. Bartley U - RPU]

(15) See Cemetery File 24 MAY 1992 for picture of Bethesda Presbyterian Church Cem in Benevola, Pickens Co, AL and for picture of the tombstone of **Bartley U**. Confirms total stone inscriptions as recorded in **(8)**. Picture shows also the tombstone of his wife Penelope.

(16) See Ltr 2 JUN 1992 William C. Daniel to RPU

[Re Item **(12)**]. “The stone of Penelope U is broken in several places and now on the ground. It reads on the first line “Penelope” and on the second line “wife” and on the third “of B. Upchurch”. The stone is broken along the third line and in the cemetery book, it was taken to read “J. B. Upchurch” rather than “of B. Upchurch”. I am convinced now there is no “J”.

(17) From Geographical File - Pickens Co, AL

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH - PICKENS CO, AL

The attached copy of minutes shows that the Liberty Primitive Baptist Church in Pickens Co, AL was formed 28 OCT 1837 with **Bartley Upchurch** and his wife Penelope as founding members. Other family members named (Strickland, etc) may have a relationship to the Upchurch Family. This article to RPU in a 22 JUL 1996 Letter from Carla Sue Jones. She got it from Mrs GUESNER PATE of Pickens Co, AL.

NAMES EXTRACTED AS FOLLOWS:

BARTLY U [**BARTLEY U**] - Excluded 15 DEC 1856. He served as a delegate to the convention meeting.

PENELOPE U [PENELOPE A. WILLIAMS]

LITTLE BERRY KING

*ABEL STRICKLAND

*BRINKLEY STRICKLAND

*OBADIAH STRICKLAND, SR

*OBADIAH P. STRICKLAND

HENRY PETTY

JEREMIAH PEARSELL

JOHN CARVER

CLEMMONS MARTIN

*SARAH GAY

*RUTHA BOLTON

*EPHRAIM BOLTON

*RICMOND MASSEY

Added Note - RPU 24 MAY 2016

This list has powerful implications for Upchurch family history. This list of 1837 neighbors in Pickens Co, AL almost certainly allows one to conclude that at least those marked * moved in a stream in the 1820 - 1830 era from the border of Wake & Franklin Counties in NC to AL as a group - over time.

(18) LAND PATENTS

UPCHURCH, BARTLEY AL 06/01/1858 33398 AL2860_.043

(19) From Land Records File - to RPU from Gilbert Kendrick Alford, JR 11 NOV 1998
1 ALABAMA ENTRY FOR BARTLEY U

ACCESS_NR	AL2860_.043	WARR_L_NAM	
IMAGE_NAME	00001400	WARR_F_NAM	
VOL_ID	066	CANCEL_DOC	N
DESCRIP_NR	1	MULT_PATEN	N
ALIQUOT_PT	NENW	MULT_WARR	N
SECTION_NR	27	REMARKS	
TOWNSHIP	22S		
RANGE	14W		
BLOCK_NR			
MERIDIAN_CD	HUNTSVILLE		
TOTAL_ACRE	39.9750		
FRAC_SEC	N		
PATENT_L_N	UPCHURCH		
PATENT_F_N	BARTLEY		
PATENT_M_I			
L_O_CODE	TUSCALOOSA		
DOCUMENT_N	33398		
MISC_DOC_N			
TITLE_AUTH	CASH ENTRY SALE		
SIGNATURE	Y		
SIGN_DATE	1858/06/01		
SUBSU_RESV	N		
METES_BOUN	N		
SURVY_DATE			

(20) Per Attach #24 West Ltr 18 MAY 1975 - Conveyances - Franklin Co NC

“1835 Abel U from R. U - no book or Pg listed - B. West adds note - One Abel U died in GA in 1846 - he had a son Barlett U.”

(21) See Pg 12 and 13 Attach to 2 FEB 1978 Ltr Elva E. Burkhalter to RPU

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A subsequent entry for Unity Cemetery shows “Penelope, wife of B. Upchurch 22 APR 180x [not clear 1800, 1802, 1808??] - 24 NOV 1863

(22) [Note: Item (2) entered under Bartley U as Bartley may = Bartlett – RPU]