

Bryant Upchurch**XID – 14360**

Commentary: Bryant Upchurch was the son of Stephen Upchurch and Ann Medlin. He was also a grandson of Jubal, head of Upchurch clan 6.

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(1) Per Attachment #34 West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co, NC Marriage Records
 “10 Oct 1877 Bryant Upchurch married Sarah Florence Kirk – residence S Upchurch”
 [Bryant Upchurch = son of Geneva Upchurch and grandson of Stephen Upchurch and great grandson of Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan]

(2) See 1870 Census – Wake Co, NC – Barton’s Creek Township
Bryant Upchurch, age 17, male, farm laborer is in home of father Stephen Upchurch, age 55 [hence born circa 1815]. Oldest female in house in Geneva Upchurch, age 25 (keeping house). She may be daughter or wife of Stephen. Others in house = Rebeca, age 10, William, age 1.

[Note: I guess (1) & (2) Bryant = same Bryant in (2) would have been age 27 in 1877 & OK for marriage. Also note marriage is in home of S Upchurch [maybe S = Stephen] – RPU]

(3) See 1880 Census – Wake Co, NC – St Matthews Township – Household 17, Family 18
Bryant Upchurch W M age 24 laborer, cannot R or W, born in NC as was M & F
 Florance Upchurch W F age 25 wife
 Sarah Upchurch W F age 1 daughter

(4) See 1860 Census – Wake Co, NC – Milburnie PO
 Stephen Upchurch age 54 farm laborer
 Ann Upchurch age 33
 Ann Upchurch age 15
 Joseph Upchurch age 11
 Sallie Upchurch age 9
Bryant Upchurch age 7
 Rebecca Upchurch age 1
 Lucinda Upchurch age 23

(5) See notes of RPU 25 Feb 1980 visit to Brown – Wynn Funeral Home in Raleigh, NC
 Joseph Henry Upchurch died 24 Dec 1922, buried Milburnie 25 Dec 1922 – Certifying physician Wilkerson – charged to **Bryant Upchurch**

(6) See Census 1900 – Wake Co, NC
 Dwelling 149/13

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|--------------------------|-------|---------------|--------|---------|
| Bryant Upchurch | white | born May 1860 | age 40 | born NC |
| Rebecka A (?) J Upchurch | dau | born Jul 1878 | age 21 | born NC |

Minnie Upchurch dau born Jul 1881 age 18 born NC
 J A Upchurch dau born Mar 1885 age 15 born NC
 J H Upchurch son born Sep 1892 age 7 born NC

[Joseph Henry Upchurch, I]

[Bryant Upchurch is son of Stephen Upchurch and grandson of Jubal Upchurch, Head of Clan]

(7) See letter 12 Jan 1990 Wanda Jo Kirks to RPU

I. **Bryant Upchurch**

A. --- --- ---

1. Alonzo Kirk → Alonzo Winston Kirk

2. Rob Kirk

#1 and #2 had a 1/2 sister Sarah Kirks who married Coy Snipes.

(8) RPU Ancestry.com search 12 Nov 2007

1880 and 1900 United States Federal Census

| 1880 United States Federal Census | | Household Members: | Name | LABORER | b | ABT | Age |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|---|------|-----|
| Name: | Bryant Upchurch | | Bryant Upchurch | | | 1856 | 24 |
| Home in 1880: | Saint Matthews, Wake, North Carolina | | Florance Upchurch | WIF | | 1895 | 25 |
| | | | Sarah Upchurch | DAU | | 1878 | 1 |

| 1900 United States Federal Census | | Household Members: | Name | BRYANT | b | ABT | Age |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|---|------|-----|
| Name: | Briget Upchurch (BRYANT) | | Briget Upchurch | | | 1860 | 40 |
| Home in 1900: | St Mathews, Wake, North Carolina | FARMER ← | Rebecca A J Upchurch | | | 1878 | 21 |
| | | | Minnie Upchurch | | | 1882 | 18 |
| | | | J A Upchurch | | | 1885 | 15 |
| | | | J H Upchurch | | | 1893 | 7 |

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I. Jubal Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch

1. **Bryant Upchurch**

married () Sarah Florence Kirk

a. Daughter born Jul 1878 – note that she appears in

1880 as: Sarah Upchurch

1900 as: Rebecca A J Upchurch

[Need to resolve]

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(9) Death Certificate obtained from Wake Co, NC Register of Deeds 19 Oct 2007

| PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS | | MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH | |
|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1. PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Wake</u> Registration District No. <u>92 16</u> Certificate No. <u>16</u> Township <u>Swift Creek</u> Village _____ or City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the Name instead of street and number) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mo. _____ da. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mo. _____ da. | 2. FULL NAME <u>Mrs. Minnie Suggs</u> (A) Residence: No. <u>RFD #4, Raleigh, NC</u> (If nonresident give city or town and State) (Usual place of abode) | | |
| 3. SEX <u>F</u> 4. COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u> 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (twice the word) <u>Married</u> | 21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Dec 14, 1935</u> | | |
| 6. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>R E Suggs</u> | 22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>12-13, 1935, 12-14, 1935</u> I last saw her alive on <u>12-14, 1935</u> death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>11:20 AM</u> | | |
| 7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) _____ | The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: _____ Date of onset _____ | | |
| 8. AGE Years _____ Months _____ Days _____ If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. _____ min. | Coronary embolism 12-13-35 | | |
| 9. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Housewife</u> | Contributory causes of importance not related in principal cause: <u>Arteriosclerosis</u> | | |
| 10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____ | Name of operation _____ date of _____ What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>physical</u> there an autopsy? <u>No</u> | | |
| 12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Wake Co NC</u> | 23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ If _____ Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. | | |
| 13. NAME <u>Bryant Upchurch</u> | Number of injury _____ Nature of injury _____ | | |
| 14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Wake Co</u> | Specify whether injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u> If so, specify _____ | | |
| 15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Mary Kirk</u> | (Signed) <u>M D Hill</u> M. D. Address: <u>Raleigh N.C.</u> | | |
| 16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) <u>Wake Co</u> | | | |
| 17. INFORMANT <u>Mrs R V Buffalo</u> (Address) <u>124, Raleigh, NC</u> | | | |
| 18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Wake Co</u> Date <u>12-15, 1935</u> | | | |
| 19. UNDERTAKER <u>Mitchell Funeral Home</u> (Address) _____ | | | |
| 20. FILED <u>12-17, 1935</u> <u>ACBullea</u> | | | |

I. Jubal Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch

1. Bryant Upchurch married () Mary Kirk

[other records show: Sarah Florence Kirk – RPU]

a. Minnie Upchurch died 14 Dec 1935 (age 50 hence born about 1885)

(died Swift Creek Township, Wake Co, NC)

married () Ransom E Suggs

i. [no issue]

Informant: Mrs R V Buffalo

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

I. Jubal Upchurch – Head of Clan

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- 5 Jubal Upchurch born: 1762 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: About 1836 in Franklin County, North Carolina
- + Charlotte Pearce born: 1775 in Franklin County, North Carolina married: 1791
- 6 Littleberry Berry Upchurch born: 1796 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 01 Oct 1880 in Wake County, North Carolina
- + Elizabeth Betsy Williams born: 1806 in North Carolina married: 01 Oct 1824 in Franklin, NC, USA died: 1875 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 7 Rowina Upchurch born: 1828 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1880
- + Littleberry Johnson married: 30 Dec 1851 in Franklin County, North Carolina
- 8 Sarah Johnson born: 1855 in Franklin County, North Carolina
- 8 William Johnson born: 1856 in Franklin County, North Carolina
- 8 John S Johnson born: 1865 died: 1955
- 7 Martha Upchurch born: 1830 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1924
- 7 Mary Upchurch born: 1835 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1929
- 7 Elizabeth Upchurch born: 1839 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1929
- + James Bolton born: 1837 in North Carolina married: 28 Aug 1863 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 07 Dec 1863 in Richmond, Virginia
- 8 Anne Bolton born: 1864 in Franklin County, North Carolina [James Anna Bolton]
- 6 John Upchurch born: 1800 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1895
- 6 Stephen Upchurch born: 1805 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1885
- + Ann Medlin born: 1827 married: 16 Mar 1841 in Wake, NC, USA
- *2nd wife of Stephen Upchurch
- + Rebecca Chamblee born: 1807 in Wake County, North Carolina married: 20 Jul 1828 in Franklin, NC, USA
- 7 Geneva Ann Upchurch born: 1844 in Wake County, North Carolina died: 1939
- 8 John H Upchurch born 1879
- 7 Joseph Henry Upchurch born 1846 in Wake County, North Carolina died 1939
- 7 **Bryant Upchurch** born: 1853 in Wake County, North Carolina died: 28 Jan 1935 in Wake County, North Carolina
- + Sarah Florence Kirk born: 1855 in Wake County, North Carolina married: 10 Oct 1877 in Wake County, North Carolina died: 1900 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Rebecka A J Upchurch born: Jul 1878 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Minnie Upchurch born: 1881 in Wake County, North Carolina

8 J A Upchurch born: Mar 1885 in Wake County, North Carolina

8 Joseph Henry Upchurch born: 20 Sep 1892 in Wake County, North Carolina

7 Sallie Upchurch born: 04 Nov 1855 in Wake County, North Carolina

7 Rebecca Upchurch born: 1859 in Wake County, North Carolina died: 1945

(family outline continues below)

6 Calvin Upchurch born: 1806 in Franklin County, North Carolina died: 1844 in Franklin County, North Carolina

7 Calvin Upchurch *

7 Guston Upchurch

7 Mary Upchurch

7 Payton Upchurch

7 Sealy Upchurch

+ Cynthia Upchurch married: 31 Mar 1838 in Franklin, NC, USA

*2nd wife of Calvin Upchurch:

+ Agnes Young born: 1806 married: 14 Dec 1826 in Franklin, NC, USA died: 1899

7 Benjamin Upchurch born: 29 Oct 1830 in Franklin, NC, USA died: 1910 in Neills Creek Township, Harnett, NC, USA

7 Nathan E Upchurch born: 1832

6 Frances Upchurch born: 1809 in Harnett County, North Carolina died: 1845 in Wake County, North Carolina

6 Charlotte Upchurch born: 1810 died: 1904

(11) 1930 Census – Mark’s Creek Township, Wake Co, NC

Bryant Upchurch, age 77, born 1852 (NC) is shown as a boarder. Name of Head of Household not given.

(12) Records for William Upchurch born 1869 (NC), son of Geneva Upchurch – RPU 24 Sep 2012

| 1870 Census – NC, Wake Co, Bartons Creek Township; PO Forestville | | |
|--|------|----|
| Stephen Upchurch | 1815 | 55 |
| Geneva Upchurch | 1845 | 25 |
| <u>Bryant Upchurch</u> | 1853 | 17 |
| Rebecca Upchurch | 1860 | 10 |
| William Upchurch | 186 | 1 |

| 1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township | | | |
|---|---------------|------|----|
| Stephen Upchurch | widower, head | 1810 | 70 |
| <u>Geneva Upchurch</u> | daughter | 1850 | 30 |
| William Upchurch | son | 1868 | 12 |
| John H Upchurch | *son | 1879 | 1 |

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch born about 1805 died about 1885

6. **Geneva Ann Upchurch** born about 1844

[possibly 2 marriages – records not clear – She had 2 Upchurch sons]

a. William Upchurch born about 1868 (Wake Co, NC) died 1908

married (1st) 8 Mar 1894 (Barton's Creek Township) Frances Lowery¹

"Fannie" born 1868 (Wake Co, NC) died 1897 ± 3 years – daughter of Addison Henry Lowery

[Frances married (1st) 11 Feb 1885 (Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) J Calvin Ray* when she was 17 – no known issue of this Ray

marriage – RPU

married (2nd) 8 Apr 1904 (Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) Elma E Davis, daughter of Samuel H Davis – of Falls, Wake Co, NCi.¹ William Oliver Upchurch, Sr 1895 – 1963 "Ollie"

[additional extract re WOU, Sr]

Note: Frances Lowery (Ray) Upchurch died before the 1900 Census leaving her 2nd husband William Upchurch and a young son WOU, Sr. In 1900 we find father and son in the home of a sister of Frances – Celia Osee Lowery "Cedy" who had married Henry McCreath. In 1910 we find the son only "Ollie" in the home of another sister of Frances "Fetner" whose Jones husband is deceased. "Fetner" = nee Phoeta Jane Lowery (see added extract for her).

*See added extract.

| 1900 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township | | | | |
|---|------|----------|----|----|
| Henry McCreath | head | 1868 | 32 | NC |
| Cedy McCreath | wif | 1867 | 33 | NC |
| Lillian McCreath | dau | 1896 | 4 | NC |
| Willie Upchurch, boarder | | May 1870 | 30 | NC |
| Oliver Upchurch, boarder | | Apr 1895 | 5 | NC |

| 1910 Census – NC, Wake Co, Barton's Creek Township | | | | |
|--|------|------|----|--|
| Fetner Jones, widow, F | head | 1860 | 50 | |
| Lizzie Jones | dau | 1896 | 14 | |
| Ollie Upchurch | neph | 1895 | 15 | |

(13) The NC Family of Stephen Upchurch = Head of the Jubal Upchurch, I/ Stephen Upchurch
Sub-clan – RPU 27 Jul 2012

Census extracted by RPU – Franklin Co, NC – slaves

1 female 0 – 10

Free colored 2 males 10 – 24

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|------|----------------------|------|-------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1830 | Stephen Upchurch | born | | | |
| | male < 5 years | 1 | 1825 – 1830 | [Benjamin Upchurch] born about 1829 | |
| | 5 – 10 years | 1 | 1820 – 1825 | } not children of Stephen & Rebecca as they married in 1828 Relatives of S or R?? - RPU | |
| | 10 – 15 years | 1 | 1815 – 1820 | | |
| | 15 – 20 | 1 | 1810 – 1815 | | |
| | 20 – 30 | 1 | 1800 – 1810 | | |
| | 20 – 30 | 1 | 1800 – 1810 | | [Stephen Upchurch] born about 1805 |
| | female 20 – 30 years | 1 | 1800 – 1810 | [Rebecca Ann Chamblee] born about 1803 | |

1840 Census – Stephen Upchurch not found

| 1850 Census – NC, Franklin Co, Dunn Township | | |
|--|------|----|
| Stephen Upchurch | 1805 | 45 |
| Ann Upchurch | 1827 | 23 |
| Geneva Upchurch | 1844 | 6 |
| Joseph Upchurch | 1846 | 4 |

| 1860 Census – NC, Wake Co, NE Division; PO Milburnie | | |
|--|------|----|
| Stephen Upchurch | 1806 | 54 |
| Ann Upchurch | 1823 | 37 |
| Ann Upchurch | 1845 | 15 |
| Joseph Upchurch | 1849 | 11 |
| Sallie Upchurch | 1851 | 9 |
| Bryant Upchurch | 1853 | 7 |
| Rebecca Upchurch | 1859 | 1 |
| Lucinda Upchurch | 1837 | 23 |

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| Stephen Upchurch | 1815 | 55 |
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Rebecca born about 1860 not found on 1880 Census. She married 15 Feb 1885 (Bartons Creek Township, Wake County, NC)

| 1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township | | | |
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| Stephen Upchurch | widower, head | 1810 | 70 |
| Geneva Upchurch | daughter | 1850 | 30 |
| William Upchurch | son | 1868 | 12 |
| John H Upchurch | *son | 1879 | 1 |

*John H Upchurch son of Geneva Upchurch

Rebecca Upchurch born 1860 not found on 1880 Census. She married 1885.

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch born about 1805 died about 1885

married (1st) Rebecca Ann Chamblee¹ born about 1803, died 1869

married (2nd) 1841 (Wake Co, NC) Ann Medlin²

1.¹ Benjamin Upchurch born about 1829

2.¹ John Upchurch “Jack” born 1832 +2

3.¹ Calvin Upchurch born 18332 +2

[versus Nathan E Upchurch?]

4.¹ Lucinda Upchurch born about 1835

} where are they in 1840?

5.¹ Charlotte Upchurch “Lottie” born about 1837 – with grandmother 1840

6.² Geneva Ann Upchurch “Annie” born about 1844

a. John Calvin Upchurch, I born 8 May 1877

(AKA John Henry Calvin Upchurch, father not learned)

7.² Joseph Henry Upchurch, I born about 1846/ 1849

8.² Sarah Jane Upchurch “Sallie” born 4 Nov 1853

9.² **Bryant Upchurch** born 1853

10.² Rebecca Upchurch born 1859/ 1860

11.² William Upchurch born 1868/ 1869

(14) Marriage Record for Bryant Upchurch and Sarah Florence Kirks – in letter 14 Sep 2012
Donna Maynard to RPU

(see marriage record below)

*Buyer & Wife
of
Sarah Florence Hicks*

M. G.

Oct 10 1877

Recorded

Nov 28 1877

*I see extract of
this record
- R. M.*

State of North Carolina,
Wake COUNTY.

Office of Register of Deeds,
Oct 10th 1877

To any Ordained Minister of any Religious Denomination or any Justice of the Peace of said County:

I, *W. G. H. G.*, having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage
of *Buyer & Wife of Wake County*, aged *23* years,
color *White*, the son of *Stephen G. G. G.* and *Marie G. G.*
the father and *Living* the mother, resident of *Wake County*
And *Sarah Florence Hicks* of *Wake County*, aged *22* years,
color *White*, daughter of *Edwin Hicks* and *Jane Hicks*
the father *decd* the mother *Living*, resident of *Wake County*

*And the written consent of _____ the _____
of the said _____ to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date thereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said county.

You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

W. G. H. G.
Register of Deeds.

1. Name of person applying for license. 4. Father of man to be married. 11. Name of woman to be married, in full. 16. Maiden's name.
2. Name of man to be married, in full. 5. Mother of man to be married. 12. Residence. 17. Name of man to be married, in full. 18. Maiden's name.
3. Age. 6. Date of birth. 13. Age. 19. Name of woman to be married, in full. 20. Maiden's name.
7. Whether natural. 8. Whether of blood. 14. Whether married. 21. Name of woman to be married, in full. 22. Maiden's name.
9. Residence of man, if not, state where born. 15. Father's name. 23. Name of woman to be married, in full. 24. Maiden's name.
*If both parties are over 16 years of age at date of application.

W. G. H. G., being duly sworn, says: That the parties applying for license, are of lawful age, and that, so far as he is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause or impediment, forbidding said marriage.

Witness: *S. L. G. G.* *W. G. H. G.*

State of North Carolina,
Wake COUNTY.

I, *W. G. H. G.*, Justice of the Peace,
do hereby certify that the parties licensed above, on the *10* day of *Oct*, 1877, at *Wake County*,
in the *Wake* Township, in said County, according to law.

*WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE:

W. G. H. G. of _____
Sarah Florence Hicks of _____
S. L. G. G. of _____

1. Name of person officiating. 2. If minister, of what denomination, if Justice of the Peace, so state. 3. Name of man married. 4. Name of woman married.
5. Place of Marriage. 6. Township. *At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.

(biofile continues below)

(15) Extract of marriage record for **Bryant Upchurch** and Sarah Florence Kirks (see his biofile for copy)

Marriage performed 10 Oct 1877 in New Light TWP, Wake Co, NC (at Starnes Up Chapel??) by H C Ray, JP.

Bryant Upchurch = son of Stephen Upchurch (living) and Annie Upchurch [nee Ann Medlin] (deceased)

Sarah Florance Kirks, 22, daughter of Edwin Kirks deceased) and Jane Kirks (living) all parties of Wake Co, NC

Note "S" on Kirks

1 of 3 witnesses = W H Ray