

**Catherine Upchurch****XID – 10475**

**Commentary:** See number one for RPU's analysis of Catherine's parentage.

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**(1)** On 7 Aug 1860 (Itawamba Co, MS) John A Bryant and Sarah Bryant applied for guardianship of 5 Upchurch children:

1. Emily A Upchurch
2. **Catherine Upchurch** married 6 Jan 1867 (Itawamba Co, MS) George Clark
3. Sarah C Upchurch married 10 Feb 1874 (Lee Co, MS) Joel Springer
4. Martha Upchurch married 18 Dec 1871 (Lee Co, MS) Frederick Schumpherd (return never filed)
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See next page for guardianship form.....

Guardianship of Emily A. Upchurch Etal

Minor

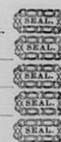
## GUARDIANS BOND.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
ITTAWAMBA COUNTY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That We, John A Bryant Sarah Bryant John Elliott James  
E Knowles & L H Robinsonall of the County and State aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Mississippi in  
the sum of Eighty four hundred Dollars, to the payment of which, well and truly  
to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly  
and severally, firmly by these presents.Sealed with our seals and dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1860The Condition of the Above Obligation is, That if the above bounden  
John A & Sarah Bryant as Guardian to Emily ACatharine, Sarah, Martha & Wm A Upchurch  
of Ittawamba County; shall faithfully discharge all the duties required of them by law; and  
shall faithfully account with the Probate Court of Ittawamba County; for the management  
of the property and estate of the orphan under their care; and shall also deliver up said property with its increase  
and profits, agreeably to the order of said Court; or the directions of the law; and shall, in all respects, per-  
form the duties of Guardian to the said Minors

then the above obligation shall cease; otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue in law.

John A Bryant  
Sarah Bryant  
John Elliott  
Jas E Knowles  
L H Robinson

I approve the above Bond and Sureties.

J W Bryan

JUDGE OF PROBATE.

## LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ITTAWAMBA COUNTY.

BY THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY.

Be it Remembered, That at a Term of the Probate Court of Ittawamba County; begun  
and held at the Court House thereof on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of August A. D. 1860  
John A & Sarah Bryant having entered into bond with sufficient security; as directed  
by law; was appointed Guardian of the person and estate; real and personal; of  
Emily A Upchurch Catharine Upchurch Sarah Upchurch  
Martha Upchurch & Wm A UpchurchAnd the said John A & Sarah Bryant is hereby authorized and required faith-  
fully to execute their office and trust as Guardian aforesaid; to deliver into the office of the Clerk of the Court  
aforesaid; within three months from the date hereof; an inventory on oath; of all the estate; real and personal; of  
the said infant; with the appraisement thereof; also, annually; or whenever thereunto required by lawful authority;  
to render a just and true account of their Guardianship; and to do and perform whatsoever of aforesaid as  
Guardian aforesaid, shall be required by the Statutes which now are or hereafter may be made and provided in  
this behalf.WITNESS, The Honorable C. M. Robinson Judge of Probate of said County, the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of AugustA. D. 1860 On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, and of the Secession of the State of Mississippi, theSigned 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A. D. 1860

CLERK.

## CERTIFICATE.

Truly recorded this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept A. D. 1860

E. H. Pledge

CLERK.

By

DEPUTY CLERK.

It is possible there 5 were children of A Upchurch who appears to have been recorded in MS as follows:

1. \*A Upchurch mentioned in 5 May 1849 issue of The Organizer of Oxford, MS re a possible trip to CA.
2. \*A Upchurch on 1850 Census – DeSoto Co, MS in home of Elias Beal. A Upchurch age 23 born NC.
3. A\* Upchurch on an 1855 Directory as a farmer in Bolands, Itawamba Co, MS (42, Page 124)

[Note: My analysis shows that this “A” is not the same as the Abel Upchurch, Jr who was father of these five Upchurch children – 8 Jul 1990 – RPU]

**(2)** See letter 6 Apr 1983 Genevieve Ellen Tharp to RPU

I. William Upchurch, IV – Error – RPU

A. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

1. Abel Upchurch, Jr

a. Catherine Upchurch born 1848 (AL) [**Catherine Upchurch**]

**(no number)** Item in letter 26 Jan 2004 Charles John Peterson Jr to RPU

(From Genforum exchange posted by Mrs Genevieve Tharp 7 Sep 2003) – Presented here with annotations by RPU 13 Feb 2004 in case Genevieve has added new info.

(see post below)

## Re: Greene,Pickens,Tuscaloosa,Hale,County,AL

Posted by: Genevieve Tharp (ID \*\*\*\*\*5662)

Date: September 07, 2003 at 07:35:56

In Reply to: Re:

Greene,Pickens,Tuscaloosa,Hale,County,AL by Bridget Pieschel

This caught my eye, even tho I have a different last name in my records for the marriage.

Catherine Upchurch m. George Cook on 6 Jan. 1867 in Itawamba Co., MS.

Catherine was one of five Upchurch siblings, with the others being Emily A., Sarah C., Martha, William A., who were listed on 7 Aug. 1860 Itawamba Co., MS records when John A. Bryant and Sarah Bryant applied for guardianship of the 5 children.

Of these siblings: Sarah C. Upchurch m. Joel Springer on 10 Feb 1874 in Lee Co., MS. On 18 Dec 1871 Lee Co., MS a marriage license was taken out for Martha Upchurch and Frederick Schumpherd, but a return never filed. William A. Upchurch took out a marriage license on 2 Jan 1882 in Lee Co., MS to marry Maggie Cunningham but a return was never filed.

There is speculation that these are the children of A. Upchurch found on 1850 DeSoto Co., MS census in household of Elias Beall, who had moved from GA to MS. At this time this A. Upchurch was 23, b. NC around 1827. An A. Upchurch is then found on 1855 directory for Bolands, Itawamba Co., MS.

There is speculation that this A. Upchurch might also be the A. Upchurch of 1849 that was headed from MS to MO to be outfitted to go out west during the Gold Rush.

There is also an A.G. Upchurch, possibly Alexander or Almenean Gaston, who took out a marriage license on 14 Dec 1852 in DeSoto Co., MS to marry Susannah B. Vaughan, with no return ever filed. He is found on 1860 DeSoto Co., MS census with family. He then either deserted his family or something as his wife married Frank Rowland in 1866. By 1867 A.G. Upchurch is in Panola Co., MS, with mentions of DeSoto Co. and Tate Co., MS. In 1873, he married Mariah/ Mona C./E. Long/Longe, but my 1880 this wife had married Berry Matthews and was in Attala Co., MS.

Names included in article above:

Catherine Upchurch	George Cook	Emily A Upchurch
Sarah C Upchurch	Martha Upchurch	William A Upchurch
John A Bryant	Sarah Bryant	Joel Springer
Frederick Schumpherd	Maggie Cunningham	A Upchurch
Elias Beall	A G Upchurch	Alexander Upchurch
Almenean Gaston Upchurch	Susannah B Vaughn	Frank Rowland
Mariah Long	Mariah Longe	Mona E Long
Mona C Longe	E Long	E Longe
Berry Matthews		

Crossfile UFU ≤ 1850 NC

A → E are possibly the children of A Upchurch age 23 born NC [hence born 1827] on the 1850 Census of DeSoto Co, MS in the home of Elias Beall (from GA). A Upchurch is on the 1855 Directory Bolands, Itawamba Co. MS. Possibly the A Upchurch who headed from MS to MO bound for Gold Rush in West outfitted for same.

I. --- --- Upchurch (Parents of A → E not identified but they were listed in Itawamba Co, MS 7 Aug 1860 becoming wards of John A Bryant & Sarah --- --- who applied for guardianship.

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[\* not “returned” hence may not have married]

Also consider

A G Upchurch [possibly Alexander Upchurch; Almenean Gaston Upchurch] married\* 14 Dec 1852 (DeSoto Co, MS) Susannah B Vaughn

A G Upchurch on 1860 Census DeSoto Co, MS with his family. He “departed” and his wife married 1866 ( ) Frank Roland.

A G Upchurch was in Panola Co. MS by 1867 (with DeSoto Co, MS and Tate Co, MS mentioned). He married 1873 ( ) Mariah/Mona C/E Long/Longe – By 1880 Mariah married Berry Matthews and was in Attala Co, MS.

**(2)** See 1850 Census Greene Co, AL

Abel Upchurch	29	m	farmer born NC	\$480	[Abel Upchurch, Jr]
Sarah Upchurch	21	f	born GA		
Emily Upchurch	3	f	born AL		
<b><u>Catherine Upchurch</u></b>	2	f	born AL		
Sarah E Upchurch	9/12	f	born AL		
Thena Upchurch	71	f	born NC		[Bethenia --- ---]