

## Catherine Upchurch

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**Commentary:** Catherine was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Hawkins Upchurch. Catherine was therefore the granddaughter of William IV, head of Upchurch Clan 9.

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**(1)** See letter 2 APR 1981 Mrs. R. E. McDonald to RPU

John Upchurch married circa 1800 (Greenville Co., SC) Elizabeth Hawkins. They moved to Kentucky then to Henry Co, TN where John left a will dated 30 APR 1853 recorded NOV 1854 in which he names a daughter **Catherine (Upchurch)** Darnell, wife of Thomas L. Darnell. Catherine was probably named for her grandmother.

**(2)** See letter 21 MAY 1981 Delores Marie Hawkins to RPU

**Catherine (Upchurch)** Darnell possibly deceased by 1850.

Following children named in her father's will:

1. William N. Darnell born circa 1828, living with James J. Upchurch in 1850.
2. Jesse Darnell born circa 1832 [living with Thomas L. Darnell in 1850 (their father?)]
3. Thomas L. Darnell born circa 1839 > living with Thomas L. Darnell in 1850 [their father?]
4. ? Sarah Jane Yancy (named as grandchild in will of John Upchurch, in same paragraph as children of **Catherine** but not clear whose daughter she is.)

**(3)** See will of John Upchurch written 20 APR 1853 (Henry Co., TN)

I will bequeath to the 3 sons of my daughter **Catherine Darnell** – William, Jesse & Thomas – all of my land on the south side of Beaver Creek except 20 acres.

**(4)** See letter 21 MAY 1994 Arieta MNU Snyder to RPU

John Upchurch married 1801 (Henry Co., TN) Elizabeth Hawkins. Their children:

**Catherine Upchurch** born circa 1806 (Henry Co., TN)

Anna Upchurch born circa 1807

**(5)** From letter 21 MAY 1994 Arieta MNU Snyder to RPU

From Henry Co., TN records

Celia Darnell will. To Mary Jane Aycock ( formerly Mary Jane Upchurch) to have negro girl. To Celia Elizabeth Wynns (formerly C.E. Upchurch) to have negro. To Bayliss House Upchurch to have negro. To John F. ( not 21 years of age) and Georgw W. Upchurch to have negroes. To Eli Upchurch a negro girl. To Jennetta Darnell for life certain property. Appoints Thomas J. Wynns and Jordan T. Aycock executors. 10 May 1848. ( Wills 1844-56, p. 423).

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\*I. Celia (\_\_\_\_\_) Darnell married -- -- Darnell

A. Thomas L. Darnell born 29 JAN 1807

Married 1<sup>st</sup> **Catherine Upchurch** – 4 children

Married 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanette (House) Upchurch – widow of Joshua Upchurch

1. Mary Jane Upchurch married Jordan T. Aycock
2. Celia Elizabeth Upchurch married Thomas Jefferson Wynns
3. Bayless House Upchurch
4. John Frank Upchurch
5. George Washington Upchurch
6. Eli Upchurch

\* Children of Joshua Upchurch by Jeanette House & their step-children of Thomas L. Darnell born 1807. Note that three children of Joshua Upchurch are not mentioned: William Upchurch (must have died < 1848; Joshua Upchurch born 1845 (He died 1874); and Frances J. Upchurch (She is currently listed as daughter of Joshua Upchurch but there is some evidence she is daughter of Jesse Upchurch which evidence is strengthened by her not being listed in this 1848 will.

[In the will Celia (-) Darnell is leaving assets to her son's step-children & to her son's wife – but not to her son's children by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife – RPU]

**(6)** Records for John Upchurch, V – Head of the William Upchurch, IV/John Upchurch, V Subclan – RPU 14 APR 2013 – Census Records 1800-1840

1800 Census – SC Greenville Co.		
AGE	RANGE	
M – 16-25	1775-1784	John Upchurch, V born 1781
F – 16-25	1775-1784	Elizabeth Hawkins born 1776
M – 0-10	1790-1800	Joshua Upchurch born 1800
M – 0-10	1790-1800	Jesse Upchurch

1810 Census –KY Warren Co.		
AGE	RANGE	
M 16-25	1785-1794	John Upchurch, V born 1781
F 26-44	1766-1784	Elizabeth Hawkins born 1776
F 10-15	1795-1800	NOT ON 1800 CENSUS
M 0-10	1800-1810	Joshua Upchurch born 1800
M 0-10	1800-1810	Jesse Upchurch born 1802
M 0-10	1800-1810	David Upchurch born 1809
F 0-10	1800-1810	Anna Upchurch born 1807

F	0-10	1800-1810	<b>Catherine Upchurch</b> born 1810
F	0-10	1800-1810	Ariel/Annah Upchurch born 1807

1830 CENSUS –TN HENRY CO.			
AGE		RANGE	
M	50-59	1771-1780	John Upchurch, V born 1781
F	50-59	1771-1780	Elizabeth Hawkins born 1776
M	15-19	1811-1815	James Jackson Upchurch born 1813
F	5-9	1821-1825	Sarah Ann Upchurch born 1821


1840 CENSUS –TN HENRY CO.			
AGE		RANGE	
M	50-59	1771-1780	John Upchurch, V born 1781
F	50-59	1771-1780	Elizabeth Hawkins born 1776
M	15-19	1811-1815	James Jackson Upchurch born 1813

[Note: The array below provides for 9 children for John Upchurch, V on the presumption that a child was born every 2 years – a common occurrence and a fair fit in this case. Child #1 is on the 1810 Census but otherwise absent with more evidence the birth order could be rearranged. There could have been 3 more births between #8 and #9 (1814, 1816, 1818). This array should be considered tentative –RPU]

- I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan
  - A. John Upchurch, b about 1781
    - Married before 1800 ( ) Elizabeth Hawkins b about 1776
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Upchurch (F) b abt 1798 – On 1810 Not on 1800
    - 2. Joshua Upchurch b abt 1800
    - 3. Jesse Upchurch b abt 1802
    - 4. Ariel Upchurch b abt 1804
    - 5. Anna Upchurch b abt 1806
    - 6. David Upchurch b abt 1808
    - 7. **Catherine Upchurch** b abt 1810
    - 8. James Jackson Upchurch b abt 1812 (Mother = 36)
    - 9. Sarah Ann Upchurch b abt 1821 (Mother = 45)

## (7) Family of John Upchurch, V of the William Upchurch, IV Clan – RPU 14 Apr 2013

<p>Family Tree of Sue S. Reed</p> <p><b>John Upchurch</b> Birth 1776 in North Carolina Death 27 Oct 1854 in Henry Co., Tennessee</p> <p><b>Family Members</b></p> <p>Parents</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Father</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Mother</p> <p>Spouse &amp; Children</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth "Betsy" Hawkins 1772 – 1852</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Upchurch 1800 – 1844</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Upchurch 1810 – 1848</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John Upchurch, Jr. 1801 –</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Upchurch 1802 – 1875</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> David Upchurch 1809 – 1871</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James Jackson Upchurch 1813 – 1858</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ariel Upchurch 1821 – 1839</p>	<p><b>Catherine Upchurch</b> Birth bet. 1800-1810 Death bef 1848</p> <p>1826 Marriage to bef. Age: 26</p> <p><b>Thomas L Darnell</b></p> <p>Spouse &amp; Children</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L Darnell 1799 – 1860</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> William N Darnell 1826 – 1885</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Jane Darnell 1826 – 1853</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James Darnell 1831 – 1850</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jesse W. Darnell 1832 – 1880</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. Darnell 1839 –</p>	<p><b>John Upchurch, Jr.</b> Birth abt. 1801 Death</p> <p><b>Family Members</b></p> <p>Parents</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John Upchurch 1776 – 1854</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth "Betsy" Hawkins 1772 – 1852</p> <p>Spouse &amp; Children</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Spouse</p> <p>Note: More evidence is needed to prove that John Upchurch, V born 1776 (1781?) had a son John Upchurch, Jr. – RPU</p> <p><b>Ariel Upchurch</b> Birth 1821 Death abt. 1839</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Spouse</p>
<p>Sue S. Reed is nee Barbara Sue Smith a descendant of two sons of John Upchurch, V – Joshua and David</p>		

<b>James Jackson Upchurch</b> Birth 06 Jan 1813 in Kentucky Death 01 Apr 1858 in (prob.) Henry Co., Tennessee		<b>1853</b> 30 Apr Age: 40	Named in Will of father John Upchurch Henry Co., Tennessee . . . to heirs of son James Jackson Upchurch - home tract of land, and 20 acres off of the northwest end of the tract of 30 acres lying on the south side of Beaverdam Creek and also 20 acres off of the southwest corner of the Darnell tract, negro boy Isaac
 No Spouse			

**(8) Issues Re Connections between the Darnell Family and the Upchurch Family of Henry Co., TN –RPU OCT 2013**

- I. Nicholas Darnell 1738-1809  
 Married ( ) Sealy Celia Upchurch\* 1784-1852
- A. Wesley Darnell born 1798
- B. William Darnell born 1801
- C. Thomas Darnell born 1799-1880 (Henry Co., TN)  
 Married about 1825 (1<sup>st</sup>) **Catherine Upchurch**  
 Born about 1810 ( ) died 1848 – daughter of John Upchurch, V &  
 granddaughter of William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan  
 Married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 3 MAR 1848 (Henry Co., TN) Jeannette House  
 widow of Joshua Upchurch, son of John Upchurch, V
1. William L Darnell 1828-1885
  2. James Darnell 1831-1850
  3. Jesse Darnell 1832-1880
  4. Thomas Lacy Darnell 1839-1870

\*RPU Note – I doubt that Mrs. Sealy Celia Darnell was NEE Upchurch. The three sources cited by Virginia Gleason are not convincing although several researchers – including Barbara Sue Smith show Sealy was closely connected with the Upchurches – But how?

Note also that there were Darnells in Wilkes Co., NC where William Upchurch, IV died in 1787 See: Ann Darnell [Default Biofile Crossfile – Celia Darnell; Sealy Upchurch; Celia Upchurch]

Grant Family Tree	Owner: scipolla124	
<b>Abt. 1828</b>	Marriage to Catherine Upchurch	KY, USA
<b>3 MAR 1848</b>	Marriage to Jenetta House Upchurch	Henry, Tennessee
<b>1831</b> (age31)	Residence, Eastern Division,	Fleming, KY
<b>1840</b> (age 41)	Residence	Henry, Tennessee
<b>1880</b> (age 81)	Residence; Marital status: Married	Fleming, KY

<b>Thomas L Darnell</b>	
Birth about 1799	Kentucky
Death 1860	Henry, Henry, Tennessee
Burial	Graystone, Greene County, Tennessee
Nicholas Darnell	1738-1809
Sealy Celia Upchurch	1784-1852
Family Members	
Parents	
Nicholas Darnell	1738-1848
Sealy Celia Upchurch	1784-1852
Spouse & Children	
<u>Catherine Upchurch</u>	1811-1848
William L. Darnell	1828-1885
James Darnell	1831-1850
Jesse W. Darnell	1832-1880
Thomas Lacy Darnell	1839-1870
Spouse & Children	
Jennetta House Upchurch	1807-1877

GIGI'S FAMILY TREE		OWNER: Virginia Gleason
<b>Sealy Celia Upchurch</b>		
Birth 12 Jun 1784	N. Carolina, USA	
Death 27 APR 1852	Mt. Vista, Henry, Tennessee	
Burial	Henry County, Tennessee	
1850 (age 66)	Residence; District 6	Henry, Tennessee
Source Information		
1850 United States Federal Census	1 Citation provides evidence for Name, Birth Residence	
Henry County, Tennessee Old Time Stuff	1 Citation provides evidence for <b>(Sealy Celia Upchurch)</b>	
Web: Tennessee, Find A Grave Index. 1777-2012	1 Citation provides evidence for Name, Birth, Death, Burial	
Family Members		
Parents		
<i>No Father</i>		
<i>No Mother</i>		
Spouse & Children		
Nicholas Darnell (Dnall)	1738-1809	
Thomas Darnell	-1840 [vs. 1860- RPU]	
Wesley Darnell	1798-	
William Darnell	1801-	

Sealy Celia Upchurch	
Birth 12 June 1784	North Carolina, USA
Death 27 Apr 1852	Mount Vista, Henry, Tennessee
Burial	Henry County, Tennessee
Family Members	
Parents	
<i>No Father</i>	
<i>No Mother</i>	
Spouse & Children	
Nicholas Darnell	1738-1808
Wesley Darnell	1798-
Thomas L. Darnell	1799-1860
William Darnell	1801-
Source Information	
1850 United States Federal Census	1 citation provides evidence for Name, Birth, Residence
Ancestry Family Trees	This citation provides evidence for Sealy Celia Upchurch
Web: Tennessee, Find A Grave Index, 1777-2012	1 citation provides evidence for Name, Death, Birth, Burial

**(9)** From letter 18 Mar 1896 Barbara Sue Smith to RPU.

I. William Upchurch IV – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch V

1. Joshua Upchurch – The substance below is about him and family. He married ( ) Jeanette House. Their children:

- a. Mary Jane Upchurch married Jordan T. Aycock\*
- b. Celia Elizabeth Upchurch married Thomas Jefferson Wynne\*
- c. Bayless Howell Upchurch
- d. John Frank Upchurch
- e. George Washington Upchurch
- f. Eli Upchurch

\*Executors for will of Celia (\_\_\_\_\_) Darnell

I. Nicholas Darnell Sr married Celia \_\_\_\_\_ born 12 Jun 1784 ( ), died 27 Apr 1852 ( ) (buried Upchurch cemetery, Henry Co., TN)

A. Nicholas Darnell Jr

B. Thomas L. Darnell

married (1<sup>st</sup>) Catherine Upchurch, daughter of John Upchurch V

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Jeanette (House) Upchurch widow of Joshua Upchurch

I wrote to a Mrs. Avlyn Dodd Conley, who works on the Darnell family,

I also asked her about the Celia Darnal (b. 12 June 1784; d. 27 Apr. 1852) buried in the Upchurch Cemetery in Henry Co., TN

About Celia, she said that she was the wife of Nicholas Darnall, Sr. (father of Thomas L. Darnell <6241>) and had been named as said wife in Nicholas' Will in Henry Co., Tn.

"Celia Darnell will. To Mary Jane Aycock (formerly Mary Jane Upchurch) to have negro girl. To Celia Elizabeth Wynns (formerly C. E. Upchurch) to have negro. To Bayliss House Upchurch have negro. To John F. (not 21 years of age) and George W. Upchurch to have negroes. To Eli Upchurch a negro girl. To Jenetta Darnell for life certain property. Appoints Thomas J. Wynns and Jordan T. Aycock executors. 10 May 1848 (Wills 1844-56, p. 433)" HENRY CO, TN

This seems to indicate that Celia Darnell was closer to the Upchurches than just mother-in-law of Jeanette Darnell. In fact, it seems to say that she was closer to the Upchurch side of the family than to the children of her husband whom are not even mentioned in her Will.

[continued below]



All of the Upchurches listed in her will are (purportedly) children of Joshua U. and Jeanette -- although I sure wish I could find proof of that in the case of Celia Elizabeth U. who married Thomas Jefferson Wynns (which is one of my lines). John U.'s Will (dated 1853, prob. 1854) names four sons of his deceased son Joshua, as John, Bayless, George and Eli, which is the same 4 males as in Celia Darnell's Will (who died in 1852). John's Will further says "and the five remaining heirs of my son Joshua Upchurch dec'd." Does this mean that there were only 5 still alive or that there were 5 more besides the ones that he'd named?

In 1850, Jeanette Upchurch Darnell, John F., Bayliss, G. W. and Eli Upchurch were in household of Thomas L. Darnell as was Celia Darnell <Household #115-Dist. #16>. Celia Upchurch Wynns was in household of Thomas Jefferson Wynns (with a 6 mo. girl named Jennette)<Household #116-Dist. #16>. Mary Jane was in household of Jordan T. Aycock <Household #58-Dist. #1>

In 1860, I find in D#1856, Jennetta Darnell and George Upchurch; D#1969, John F. Upchurch and his family; D#1950, Bayliss Upchurch and his family; D#1833, Celia E. Wynns in household of Thomas J. Wynns - don't find Eli Upchurch or Mary Jane and Jordan Aycock.

I guess Mary Jane could have died after the writing of Celia's will and before John's will, making Celia, John, Bayliss, Eli and George the five remaining children of Joshua. I guess the first thing I need to do is see if I can get a copy of a Will for Joshua. Then be on the lookout for a marriage between Nicholas Darnell and a Celia which may give me a clue as to who Jennette is.

Avlyn Conley indicated that the Darnell family had been in Marshall Co., Ky. earlier.

Cross Reference: Darnell Family, Avlyn Dodd, Avlyn Dodd Conley

- (10)** See Letter 9 DEC 1990 Barbara Sue Smith to RPU  
Catherine Upchurch died before 1848  
 Married ( ) Thomas L. Darnell, born Kentucky