

Charity S Upchurch**XID – 48487**

Commentary: Charity S Upchurch was the daughter of Charles, head of Upchurch Clan 2. She had three children born before her marriage to Hughy Ross in 1837.

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(1) Input from email 10 Mar 2013 Rita Fullerton to RPU – RPU extract 18 Mar 2013

Descendants of Charles Upchurch
Generation 1

Charles Upchurch was born on 11 Feb 1755 in Granville, North Carolina, United States. He died in 1842 in Henry, Georgia. He married Mary Gay, daughter of John Gay and Martha Elias Harper about 1779 in Franklin County, North Carolina. She was born in 1752 in Franklin, North Carolina. She died in 1799 in Putnam, Georgia.

Charles Upchurch and Mary Gay had the following children:

1. **Charity Upchurch** was born in 1795 in Wake, North Carolina. She died in 1880 in Marshall, Alabama. She married Hughy Russ. She married an unknown spouse on 05 Jan 1837 in Upson, Georgia. [Wrong statements about marriages – RPU 19 Mar 2013]

The above shows:

*I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

born 11 Feb 1755 (Granville Co, NC) died 1842 (Henry Co, GA)

married Mary Gay born 1752, daughter of John Gay and Martha Elias Harper* (Franklin Co, NC) died 1799 (Putnam Co, GA)

*A. **Charity Upchurch** born 1795 (Wake Co, NC) died 1880 (Marshall Co, AL)

*Married 5 Jan 1837 (Upson, GA) Hughy Russ [Wrong – see below]

Note: Rita issues a disclaimer as she got this from the Internet. I will enter the items marked * as tentative pending further proof – RPU

Comment [RP1]: I started here because this information is shared with many other trees and I have done little direct research from this point back.

(no number) Records for James Monroe Upchurch, II born 1834 (Henry Co, GA) [son of Charity S Upchurch and grandson of Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan] and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch born 1838 (Henry Co, GA) [daughter of Claburn Upchurch, I and granddaughter of Richard Upchurch, III, Head of Clan] 1850 – 1920 – RPU 7 Jun 2011

1850 Census – GA, Henry Co, District 42			
C Upchurch	1798	52	NC
M Upchurch	1831	19	GA
J Upchurch	1834	16	GA

1860 Census – Clayton Co, GA, Northern District – PO Jonesboro			
J M Upchurch	1834	26	Farmer, \$100
S E Upchurch	1838	22	
J C Upchurch	1854	6	
W J Upchurch	1857	3	
A L Upchurch	1859	1	

1870 Census – Clayton Co, GA			
James Upchurch	1833	37	Farmer, GA
Elizabeth Upchurch	1843	27	female, GA
William J Upchurch	1856	14	male, GA
Annie L Upchurch	1858	12	female, GA
Charity M Upchurch	1861	9	female, GA
Martha Upchurch	1866	4	female, GA
Robert Lee Upchurch	1869	1	male, GA

1880 Census – Marshall Co, TX			
James M Upchurch	1834	46	head, GA
Elizabeth Upchurch	1839	41	wife, GA
William J Upchurch	1859	21	son, GA
Charity M Upchurch	1864	16	dau, GA
Matta B Upchurch	1867	13	dau, GA
Walter J Upchurch	1874	6	son, AL
Robert L Upchurch	1868	12	son, GA
Elizabeth Upchurch	1871	9	dau, GA
Thomas S Upchurch	1875	5	son, GA
Doney Upchurch	1879	1	son, GA

1900 Census – Cass Co, TX, Justice Precinct 4			
Sarah E Upchurch	Oct 1824	65	head, GA, widow, [12, 12]
Georgie C Upchurch	Nov 1878	21	dau, GA
Daisey Upchurch	Oct 1882	17	dau, AL
Jessy M Upchurch	Nov 1884	15	son, AL

1910 Census – Cass Co, TX, Justice Precinct 4			
Sarah B [E] Upchurch	1842	68	head, GA, widow
Jesse Upchurch	1885	25	son, AL
Reuben Hemperly	1882	28	sil, AR
Daisy Hemperly	1887	23	dau/wife, [0, 0], AL

1920 Census – Cass Co, TX, Justice Precinct 4			
Reuben Hemperly	1887	33	head, AR
Daisy Hemperly	1883	37	wife, AL
Willie V Hemperly	1912	8	son, TX
James Hemperly	1915	4 9/12	son, TX
Martha A Hemperly	1918	2 1/12	dau, TX
John H Hemperly	1919	9/12	son, TX
Sarah E Upchurch	1838	82	widow

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. **Charity S Upchurch** born 1798 (Franklin Co, NC) died after 1880 (no known marriage)

1. John Michael Upchurch “Dump” born 1 Jul 1829 (GA)
2. James Monroe Upchurch, II CSA born 16 Jan 1834 (Henry Co, GA) died 13 Dec 1892 (Cass Co, TX)
 married 28 Sep 1852 (Henry Co, GA) Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch born 11 Oct 1838 (Henry Co, GA) died 18 Dec 1925 (Cass Co, TX)
 - a. James Columbus Upchurch born 26 Mar 1854 (Henry Co, GA)
 - b. William Jasper Upchurch born 4 Aug 1857 (Henry Co, GA)
 - c. Annie Lavonia Upchurch “Amey” “Vonnice” born 1 Feb 1859 (Clayton Co, GA)
 - d. Charity Medora Upchurch born 27 Nov 1861 (Clayton Co, GA)
 - e. Martha Belzora Upchurch born 6 Apr 1866 (Clayton Co, GA)
 - f. Robert Edward Lee Upchurch born 27 Apr 1871 (Clayton Co, GA)
 - g. Leora Elizabeth Upchurch born 27 Apr 1871 (Clayton Co, GA)
 - h. Walter Jackson Upchurch born 16 Feb 1873 (Sand Mtn, Clay Co, AL)
 - i. Thomas Simms Upchurch born 8 Mar 1876 (Sand Mtn, Clay Co, AL)
 - j. Georgia Caldonia Upchurch born 23 Nov 1878 (Sand Mtn, Clay Co, AL)
 - k. Daisie Ardell Upchurch born 7 Oct 1882 (Sand Mtn, Clay Co, AL)
 married () Reuben Hemperly born 18?? (AR)
 - i. Willie V Hemperly born 1912
 - ii. James Henperly born 1915
 - iii. Martha Hemperly born 1918
 - iv. John Hemperly born 1919
 - l. Jessie Monroe Upchurch born 22 Nov 1884 (Sand Mtn, Clay Co, AL)

m. no further issue (12 children)

(5) See letter 9 Sep 1986 Edna Marie Brown to RPU

[The author of this paragraph asked that it not be published – CJM 4 Dec 2020]

(6) 1850 Census – Henry Co, GA

C Upchurch	52	f	born NC	[Charity S Upchurch]
M Upchurch	19	m	born GA	[J Michael Upchurch]
J Upchurch	16	m	born GA	[James Monroe Upchurch]

(7) 1880 Census – Marshall Co, AL

Michael Upchurch	w	m	51	born GA	[J Michael Upchurch]
Matilda Upchurch	-	wife	40	born GA	
+ 6 children					
+ Charita Upchurch		mother	82	born NC	[Charity S Upchurch]

(1) Charity Upchurch, per 11 May 1961 letter from Mrs Charles W Tidd – was living in GA in 1821 with Thomas Gay Upchurch (born 1797), Charles (born 1755), Eaton (born 1784), Keaton (born 1790).

(2) See letter 2 Feb 1978 Elna E Burkhalter to RPU

A. James Monroe Upchurch was the son of Charity – one of her illegitimates – was she the daughter of Charles Upchurch? Her oldest son was named William Green (not Upchurch). Another son was J Michael “Dump”. He married Matilda D, daughter of Lunsford Upchurch (son of Claburn Upchurch). [I assume Charity in (2)A and (1) are same – RPU]

(3) See letter 10 Jul 1980 Elna Era Burkhalter to RPU

Page 16: “I found Michael Upchurch [J Michael Upchurch] in Randolph Co, AL in 1860 Census and his mother Charity, age 66 with him. The 1850 Census Co, Henry Co, GA shows a son as M [Michael] age 21. In 1860 AL Census he is age 30.”

Page 2: [author asked for this not to be published – CJM 4 Dec 2020]

(4) See letter 18 Jun 1988 Virginia Diann Kenney to RPU

Michael Upchurch	30	M	Farmer	born GA	[J Michael Upchurch]
Georgia A M Upchurch	19	F	housewife	born GA	
Charity S Upchurch	3	F		born AL	[Charity Serena Upchurch]
Mary D Upchurch	6/12	F		born AL	
Charity S Upchurch	66	F		born NC	

(no number) Census Records – 1830 – Henry Co, GA

Charity Upchurch Family

M 0 – 5 (born 1825 – 1830) [son J Michael Upchurch – age 1]

M	5 – 10	(born 1820 – 1825)	[son William Upchurch – age 7]
F	20 – 30	(born 1800 – 1810)	[<u>Charity S Upchurch</u> – age 23]

(no number) Census Records – 1840 – Henry Co, GA

Charles Upchurch Family

*M	5 – 10	(born 1830 – 1835)	[son James Monroe Upchurch, II – born 16 Jan 1834 – age 6]
*M	5 – 10	(born 1830 – 1835)	[son J Michael Upchurch – born 1 Jul 1829 – age 11]
*M	15 – 20	(born 1820 – 1825)	[son William Upchurch – born 1823 – age 17]
M	80 – 90	(born 1850 – 1860)	[Charles Upchurch born 11 Feb 1755 – age 85 – pensioner]
F	20 – 30	(born 1810 – 1820)	[<u>Charity S Upchurch</u> – born 1798 – age 23]

*Children of **Charity S Upchurch**

(no number) From letter 12 Oct 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

[Mattie Lou Upchurch – nee Martha Lucy Upchurch was the key Upchurch Family Historian in the 1950 – 1980 era – RPU]

Mattie Lou was of the opinion that **Charity** was a daughter of Charles, and Eaton and Keaton were sons. I believe she hoped to prove that Gay Sr was a nephew rather than his son. However, as far as I know she was never able to document any relationship.

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

- A. Eaton Upchurch
- B. Keaton Upchurch
- C. **Charity Upchurch**
- D. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr
 - 1. Jethro Wilson Upchurch
 - a. Willie Gay Upchurch
 - i. Martha Lucy Upchurch

A-14 In 1827 while living in Greene Co, GA the illegitimate children of **Charity Upchurch** were awarded a Land Grant – Lot 124, District 17 in Muscogee Co, GA.

(no number) Info in letter 12 Oct 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. to RPU – He found Land Grants in GA to Upchurches as listed below. The Gold Lottery Grants were in North GA. A mint was established in Lumpkin Co, GA at Dahlonega. Ben reports Mattie Lucy info correct.

*Gold Lottery	**No.	Year	Name	County
	1	1821	Eaton Upchurch	Houston County
	2	1821	Eaton Upchurch	Monroe County
	3	1821	Keaton Upchurch	Monroe County
	4	1821	Gay Upchurch	Henry County
	5	1821	Charles Upchurch	Henry County
	6	1821	Charles Upchurch	Monroe County
	7	1827	<u>Charity's Illegitimates</u>	Muscogee
	8	1832	Abner F. Upchurch	Cherokee
	9	1832	Claiborne Upchurch	Cherokee
	10	1832	Claiborne Upchurch	Cherokee
	11	1832	Lunsford Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	12	Britton Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	13	Britton Upchurch	Forsyth – Cherokee
*	*	14	Camp A. Upchurch	Lumpkin – Cherokee
*	*	15	Eaton Upchurch	Forsyth – Cherokee
*	*	16	Eaton Upchurch	Gilmer – Lumpkin – Cherokee
*	*	17	Heaton Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	18	Henderson Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	19	Gay Upchurch	Forsyth – Cherokee
*	*	20	Harbird Upchurch	Union – Cherokee

** Nos. added by RPU

[Note: Of the 12 recipients I am able to identify 10 as descendants of Richard Upchurch, II as shown below. Abner F. Upchurch has long been sought as to parents. Harbird Upchurch is a new unidentified Upchurch. At this point I speculate that Abner & Harbird were both sons of Eaton Upchurch. Slots are available for both and they would have been old enough to have been awarded Land Grants in 1832. Note that Camp A. Upchurch named as son Harbird Upchurch possibly after his Brother – RPU 16 Feb 2004]

I. Richard Upchurch, II	Land Grants
A. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan	
1. Claburn Upchurch, I	9, 10
a. Lunsford Upchurch	11
2. Britton Upchurch, I	12, 13**
B. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan	5, 6

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| 1. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr. | 4, 19 |
| 2. Eaton Upchurch | 1, 2, 15, 16 |
| a. Henderson Upchurch | 18 |
| b. Camp A. Upchurch | 14 |
| 3. Keaton Upchurch | 3, 17 |
| 4. <u>Charity Upchurch</u> | 7 |

(no number) Notes from RPU/ SSU visit on 5 Apr 1996 in Cass Co, TX with Morris Sheppard Upchurch re: information handed down in the family about the presence of early Upchurches in Cass Co, TX.

Inspected the land originally purchased in 1885 by James Monroe Upchurch, II when he and Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch moved to Cass Co, TX. Morris said his older brother told him that a brother of James Monroe Upchurch, II was already in Cass Co, TX in 1885 – that he owned adjoining Upchurch land that he was called “Dump” but that his real name was John Upchurch. This person soon moved about 70 – 80 miles west to Mt Vernon, TX. Morris does not recall if John Upchurch had issue. Morris is aware of the connection of his ancestors to **Charity Upchurch** and that the Green family was also involved.

Morris recalls that his Grandmother, sister Charity Ann Lavenia Ann (Upchurch) Ballard visited them. He does not recall if they had children and is not aware of her husband being buried in Cass Co, TX. However, he says there are Ballard family members in the county today, and there is some interest in family history. There is also interest in Olive family history.

Much of the Upchurch land from 1900 is still in the family. This land is located along both side of County Road 3548 just before it enters County Road 3546. This rolling land was originally cleared and farmed to cotton and peas. It is now all in pasture or pine woodland.

Originally the Upchurch family attended church at Courtland which is on County Road before 1850. James Monroe Upchurch, II and his wife are buried there (inspected the monuments). The church is currently active. When Morris first married he adopted his wife’s church at Antioch as they had a more active program.

I. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Claburn Upchurch, I

1. Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch
married () James Monroe Upchurch, II
 - a. Walter Jackson Upchurch
 - i. Morris Sheppard Upchurch
2. Charity Lavonia Ann Upchurch
married () Phillip Ballard

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. **Charity Upchurch**

common law husband = --- --- Green

1. John Michael Upchurch “Dump”
2. James Monroe Upchurch, II
3. William Lewis Green [AKA William Lewis Upchurch]

(no number) Conclusions/ Assumptions regarding the family of **Charity S Upchurch** – 27 Apr 2002 – RPU

There is strong circumstantial evidence that Charles Upchurch, Head of Upchurch Clan No 2 had 3 sons (Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr, Keaton Upchurch, Eaton Upchurch) and two daughters (Susan Upchurch, **Charity S Upchurch**). It is likely that all 5 children were born in Franklin Co, NC or possibly just across the county line in Wake Co, NC. Some of the children married and possibly had issue in NC prior to the time in the early 1800s when Charles and all five of his children moved to GA. They may not have all moved at the same time or to the same place in GA. Charles also had other close relatives who moved from NC to GA in the early 1800s. See Biofiles of all for more details except for **Charity S Upchurch** on which note the following:

Charity S Upchurch never married but had 3 children possibly by more than one man, one of whom is presumed to have been a Mr Green. The three were [William Jesse Upchurch AKA – VOID 9 May 2002 – RPU] William Lewis Huston Green born 1823, J Michael Upchurch “Dump” born 1829, and James Monroe Upchurch, II born 1834. There are appropriate slots on the 1830 & 1840 census for the 3 children. Details regarding the child born 1823 may be found in the William Lewis Huston Green Biofile.

(8) See letter 1 Apr 1989 Virginia Diann Kenney to RPU
1827 Land Lottery
Charity Upchurch [**Charity S Upchurch**] Greene Co
No. 124, District 17, Section 2

(9) See letter 6 Aug 1985 Elna Era Burkhalter to RPU
“You write up Charity Upchurch in the Upchurch Bulletin (daughter of Charles Upchurch). You could string the boys out and scatter them along and it won’t be so noticeable. The oldest boy went by the name of William Lewis Green. Charity was with the 3rd son, Michaels in the 1880 Census.

Charity Upchurch born 1798 (Franklin Co, NC), died > 1880 (AL). [She listed her age as 52 on 1850 Census]. At this point, Elna lists four sons:

1. William Lewis born 1825 (Hancock Co, GA)
- *2. J Upchurch “Dump” born 1 Jul 1929 died 3 Mar 1903 (Wilmington, TX) married Matildy D Upchurch [daughter of Lunsford Upchurch] in Henry Co GA
- *3. Michael Upchurch born 1831 married Georgia Ann M---

4. James Monroe Upchurch born 16 Jan 1834 (Henry Co, GA)
[*My presumption is that these two are the same – RPU]

(no number) From letter 8 Mar 1960 Martha Lucy Upchurch to Alice Brown Gray

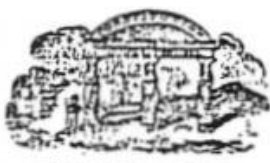
I was amused at the statement, "I would take it for granted that you would delete any chance remark that would reflect on the high standing of the Upchurch Clan". Almost the first thing that I found on the Land Grants was Charity 1827 living in Greene drew land lots in Cherokee for her two illegitimate children under ten years of age (no names given).

[Note: The “statement” appears to have been made by Donnah Carlton Upchurch – RPU]

(no number) Received in letter 6 Aug 14 Katherine Ann McGee to RPU

[Names noted: Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr, Eaton Upchurch, Richard S Mason, William Upchurch – CJM 28 Nov 2020]

(see document next page)



GEORGIA, Henry County.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE, Gay Upchurch & Eaton Upchurch and Richard S. Mason.

acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally bound unto the Judges of the Inferior Court when sitting as a Court of Ordinary of said county, and their successors and assigns, in the just and full sum of one thousand

Dollars, to the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and the heirs and executors of us and each of us, jointly and severally, by these Presents. Sealed with our seals; and dated this 6th day of May 1840.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound Gay Upchurch

who was this day appointed Guardian of the person and property of William Upchurch

Orphan Child of Upchurch ~~and~~ his acknowledging of the same by his acceptance of said appointment, and of Letters of Guardianship of this date; shall well and truly maintain, clothe and educate said orphan according to his circumstances, and shall take good and lawful care of his person and property according to the laws of this State, and shall annually make a just and true return of all his nettings and doings herein, unto the said Court, then this obligation to be void: else to remain in full force.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

William Upchurch, atty. [L. S.]
Gay Upchurch [L. S.]
Eaton Upchurch [L. S.]
Richard S. Mason [L. S.]

[Note: The role or Upchurch connection of Richard S Mason in this transaction is not clear. Gay & Eaton are brothers. A best guess is that William Upchurch, the illegitimate youth, is a son of a female Upchurch. Gay would not have had daughter old enough to have had such a son. Eaton Upchurch did have daughter old enough to have had such a son. However, the best guess is that this William Upchurch is William Green Upchurch, the illegitimate son of Charity Upchurch, a sister of Gay and Eaton.

(no number) Records for Charity C Upchurch 1798 – 1880+, daughter of Charles Upchurch, Head of Clan and her son John Michaels Upchurch “Dump” 1829 – 1903 – RPU 7 Jun 2011

1850 Census – GA, Henry Co, District 42			
C Upchurch	1798	52	NC
M Upchurch	1831	19	GA
J Upchurch	1834	16	GA

1860 Census – AL, Randolph Co, Southern Division PO = Louina			
Michael Upchurch	1830	30	GA
Georgia A M Upchurch	1841	19	GA
Charity S Upchurch	1857	3	AL
Mary D Upchurch	1859	6/12	AL
Charity Upchurch	1794	66	NC

1870 Census – AL, Randolph Co, Louina			
Milon Upchurch	1829	41	Farmer, \$150/ 100
Georgia A M Upchurch	1840	30	
Charity S Upchurch	1857	13	
Mary D Upchurch	1860	10	
William Upchurch	1863	7	
Marion Upchurch	1865	5	
Gere Ann Upchurch	1869	6/12	
Charity Upchurch	1791	79	

1880 Census – AL, Marshall Co			
Michal Upchurch	1829	51	GA
Matilda G Upchurch	1840	40	GA
William M Upchurch	1863	17	GA
Franklin M Upchurch	1867	13	GA
Vice G Upchurch	1869	11	GA
Ulas F Upchurch	1872	8	GA
Martha M Upchurch	1876	4	GA
Miney A Upchurch	1868	2	GA
Charita Upchurch	1798	82	NC

1900 Census – TX. Cass Co – Justice Precinct 6			
Michael Upchurch	Jul 1828	71	GA
Matilda Upchurch	Se[1838	61	AL
John S Upchurch	Aug 1885	14	AL

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. **Charity S Upchurch** 1798 – 1880+

married () – none found

1. **James Monroe Upchurch, II**, CSA born 1834 (Henry Co, GA) died 13 Dec 1892 (Cass Co, TX)
- ²2nd ←
cousins ← married (→) Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch 1838 – 1925, daughter of Claborn Upchurch, I and granddaughter of Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan
2. John Michael Upchurch “Dump” born 1 Jul 1829 (Henry Co, GA near Hancock Co, GA) died 3 Mar 1903 (Wellington, Collingsworth Co, TX)
- ³2nd ←
cousins ←
once removed ← married 1856 (Henry Co, GA) Georgia Ann Matilda D Upchurch born 22 Feb 1840 (Henry Co, GA) died 22 Jan 1921 (Wellington, TX), daughter of Lunsford Upchurch, granddaughter of Claburn Upchurch, I
- a. Charity Serina Upchurch born 12 Jan 1857 (AL)
 - b. Mary Delaney Upchurch born 6 Dec 1859 (AL)
 - c. William Michael Upchurch born Sep 1862
 - d. Marion Franklin Upchurch b ---
 - e. Georgia Ann Lavicie Upchurch born 7 Dec 186
 - f. Eula Falby Upchurch born 7 Nov 1872
 - g. Martha Missouri Upchurch born 7 Aug 1875 (Marshall Co, AL)
 - h. Minnie Anigene Upchurch born 1 Jun 1878
 - i.1 La Murse Upchurch (Lemorse?) born 7 Oct 1882 (AL)
 - j. John Sherman Upchurch born 4 Aug 1885 (AL)

¹La Murse born after 1880 and left the home before 1900 hence does not appear in her parents home on either the 1880 or 1900 Census.

²The Master Outline for the couple maintained with the Richard Upchurch, III/ Claburn Upchurch, I Sub-clan – Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch Line

³The Master Outline for this couple maintained with the Richard Upchurch, III/ Claburn Upchurch, I Sub-clan – Lunsford Upchurch line.