

William Churchill/Churchwell Upchurch**XID – 10443**

Commentary: Although in some dispute, RPU believes William Churchwell to be the son of Benjamin and the grandson of Abel, head of Upchurch Clan # 8.

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(no number) From 42, Page 23
Churchwell Upchurch (10)

Churchwell Upchurch (10) has been found with a variety of spellings for his name, including Churchwill and Churchwood. Churchwell was born about 1829 in Alabama, probably in Pickens County. He moved with his parents to Lauderdale County, Mississippi about 1840.⁷⁶ As an adult, Churchwell was found in records in this county in 1856.⁷⁷ On 10 March 1861 in Lauderdale County, Churchwell married Miss Elizabeth M McGraw.⁷⁸ Churchwell enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private at Enterprise, Clarke County on 13 May 1864. He joined Captain Berry's Company, Mississippi Infantry Reserves. On 1 October 1864 he was transferred to Captain Roger's Company of the Reserve Forces of Mississippi, but by 31 October he had not reported for duty. On a card for company H, 1st Regiment Mississippi Reserves, Churchwell was listed as a deserter, age 46, who was a resident of Meridian, Lauderdale County.⁷⁹ The age on these records is incorrect as Churchwell would have only been 35. Since he did not enlist until 1864, the fourth year of fighting, perhaps he lied about his age hoping he would be rejected as his father was earlier. The next record of Churchwell Upchurch (10) was found in 1866 Clarke County, Mississippi. At this time he was the head of household of four other persons. From this roll we find that Elizabeth, his wife, was born from 1826 to 1836. A daughter and son were listed, both born from 1856 to 1866. Since Elizabeth and Churchwell did not marry until 1861, the birth year of these two children can be narrowed to 1861 to 1866. The other person in the household was a freed colored female.⁸⁰ The name of the son (17) has never been found. The daughter's name is believed to be Retta Upchurch (16) who married G B King on 8 Jun 1887 in Clarke County. C Upchurch was the bondman.⁸¹ This man is probably Churchwell Upchurch (10). Churchwell appeared for the last time in Clarke County in 1876 and 1877.⁸² No land or will records have been found for Churchwell in either Clarke or Lauderdale.

(no number) RPU Download 26 Aug 2011
Mississippi Marriages, 1776 – 1935
Name: Churchwell Upchurch
Spouse: Elizabeth W McGraw
Marriage Date: 10 Mar 1861
County: Lauderdale

(biofile continues below)

(1) See letter 8 Dec 1980 Jerry Thomas Upchurch to RPU

Benjamin Upchurch born 1805 (NC) → **Churchwell Upchurch** → John Benjamin Upchurch*
 married 6 Aug 1822

Cinderella Tant

born 8 Jul 1865
 died 12 Feb 1939

*Error – John Benjamin Upchurch was a son of William Upchurch, a brother of Churchwell Upchurch – RPU

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 John Franklin Upchurch
 born 17 Jul 1907
 married Lillian Lucile Parker
 born 1 Sep 1914

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 Jerry Thomas Upchurch

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

William Upchurch IV → Abel Upchurch, Sr → Benjamin Upchurch

[Error – Abel Upchurch, Sr was son of Richard Upchurch, II – RPU]

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Churchwood Upchurch
 born 1829 – 1832 (AL)
 (Civil War Deserter)

(3) Letter 13 Nov 1981 – Mayfred Upchurch to RPU

CSA C U Capt Rogers C, MISS, Pvt-Pvt

(Churchwill Upchurch, Capt Berry's Co, MISS INF RES)

(4) Churchwell Upchurch and Noah P Upchurch, sons of Benjamin Upchurch were found in 1856 in Lauderdale Co, MS (42, Page 21)

(5) See letter 6 Aug 1998 William Lee Pattillos to RPU

Churchwell Upchurch born 1829 (AL) died about 1879 (Lauderdale Co, MS)

Archives, Jackson, MS – Lauderdale Co, MS

Lauderdale Co

30 Aug 1842 Jordan Upchurch elected constable of Lauderdale Co

Mg Rec [Marriages]

Bk 1, Page 144 **Churchwell Upchurch** & Elizabeth M McGann 10 Mar 1861

Bk 1, Page 176 Benjamin N Upchurch & Hannah J McGann 6 Feb 1862

(Benjamin later married Almeda James McGaw, widow of William McGaw who was killed in Civil War)

(no number) Re: Exchange between Lois Taylor and William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr in 1964 – RPU comments Aug 2002

`Cross Reference this sheet in biofiles of William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr. Also Lois Taylor on possibly Lois McGraw. File letters for present under biofile of Lois Taylor. Letters dated 6 Feb 1964, 9 Jan 1964, 14 Nov 1864, 20 Nov 1964 & an earlier one not yet found.

Lois had a heritage linked to the Abel Upchurch, Sr. Benjamin Upchurch sub-clan but may not have been an Upchurch descendant. She is definitely linked to members of the McGraw family who definitely married into the Abel Upchurch, Sr/Benjamin Upchurch Sub-clan.

As of 9 Aug 2002 RPU shows the above mentioned Benjamin Upchurch had sons:

- o **Churchwell Upchurch** XID – 10443, married 10 Mar 1861 (Lauderdale Co, MS) Elizabeth M McGraw XID – 26043 [Lois Taylor has this marriage Book 1, Page 144 Elizabeth M McGaw]
- o William Upchurch XID – 10437 married 1864 (MS) Mary McGraw XID – 1835

However: Lois Taylor refers to her Great Aunt Mary Elizabeth McGraw and says she married 10 Mar 1861 (Meridian, Lauderdale Co, MS) her “Uncle” [could be her Great Uncle by marriage?? – RPU] William Churchwell Upchurch – This poses the question are XID – 10443 & XID – 10437 one and the same and are XID – 26043 & XID – 1835 one and the same – Need to resolve – RPU 9 Aug 2002

Organizational Note:

In 1803 the NC State Legislature authorized five Upchurch children of Franklin Co, NC to change their last name from Upchurch to Carpenter. In keeping with the usual practice of RPU the basic biofiles for these individuals will be kept under the Upchurch name but with a brief cross reference under the Carpenter name. The scheme is as follows:

Biofiles kept under

Simeon Upchurch

Samuel Benjamin Upchurch

Jubal Upchurch, II

William Churchwell Upchurch¹

Winifred Upchurch

Cross – referenced as

Simeon Carpenter, I

Samuel Benjamin Carpenter, Sr

Jubal Carpenter, Sr

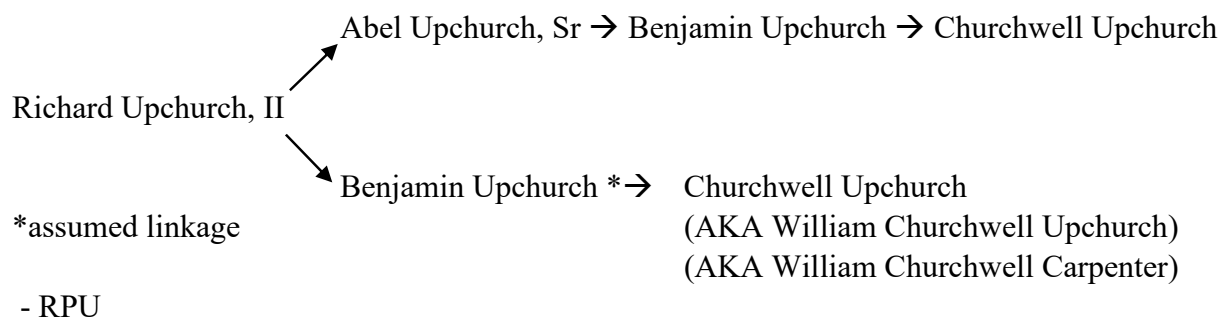
William Churchwell Carpenter¹

Winifred Carpenter

¹The William part of this name has been called into question and while the William part will continue to be used for the present this person will be cross-referenced as **Churchwell Upchurch** AKA Churchwell Carpenter

²Note that the name Churchwell Upchurch appears twice among the descendants of Richard Upchurch, II as follows:

(diagram follows below)



(no number) Records for the Abel Upchurch, Sr/ Benjamin Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 31 Aug 2011

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1850 Census – MS, Lauderdale Co, Southern District

Name		Age	
Bery [Benjamin] Upchurch	1805	45	NC
Cendervilla Upchurch	1806	44	AL
<u>Charchwell Upchurch</u>	1829	21	“
Francis E Upchurch	1834	16	“
Woah P Upchurch	1836	14	“
Amma C Upchurch	1838	12	“
Bery N Upchurch	1841	9	MS

1860 Census – MS, Clarke Co, P. O. = Quitman

B Upchurch	1810	50	AL
Mary Upchurch	1812	48	“
<u>Churchwell Upchurch</u>	1836	24	“
Newton Upchurch	1839	21	“
S H Williams (F)	1841	19	“
Elen Williams (F)	1843	17	“
Westley Williams	1857	3	“

Covey Gibson (aka Hatfield) Family Tree Owner: CoveyG

Benjamin Upchurch

Born 1805 in North Carolina, United States

Death 1863 in Atlanta, De Kalb, Georgia

Marriage to Cinderella Tant

1822 6 Aug Age: 17 Franklin, North Carolina, United States

Residence
 1830 Age: 25 Pickens, Alabama, United States
 Residence
 1841 Age: 36 Lauderdale County, MS
 Residence
 1845 Age: 40 Lauderdale County, MS
 Residence
 1853 Age: 48 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, United States
 Residence
 1860 Age: 55 Clarke County, MS

Family Members

Parents:

Abel Upchurch 1775 – 1846

Betheana Upchurch 1779 – 1860

Spouse and Children

Cinderella Tant 1806 –

*Parthenia Upchurch 1823 – 1880

(#2) Daughter Upchurch 1825 – 1830

(#3) Anna C Upchurch 1827 – 1825

(#4) **Churchwell Upchurch** 1829 – 1880

(#5) Noah P Upchurch 1830 – 1861

(#6) William Upchurch 1830 – 1864 (or 1862) [name repeated 4
times – CJM 16 Apr
2020]

(#7) Frances E Upchurch (#7) 1834 – 1835 [name repeated 3
times – CJM 16 Apr
2020]

(#8) Amma Charlotte Upchurch 1838 –

(#9) Benjamin Newton Upchurch 1841 – 1883

#2 → #9 [see below in this entry – CJM 16 Apr 2020]

Covey Gibson (aka Hatfield) Family Tree Owner: CoveyG

*Parthenia Upchurch

Birth 1823 in North Carolina, United States

Death 1880 in Mississippi, United States

Residence

1850 Age: 27 Southern District, Lauderdale

Death

1880 Age: 57 Mississippi

Residence Age: 57 Jasper, Mississippi

Family Members

Parents

Benjamin Upchurch 1805 – 1863

Cinderella Tant 1806 –

Spouse & Children

John Haywood 1826 – 1863

**Francis L Haywood 1850 – 1923

***Elizabeth Haywood 1854 – 1919

****Sidney Jane Haywood 1856 –

Covey Gibson (aka Hatfield) Family Tree Owner: CoveyG

**Francis L Haywood

Birth Nov 1850 in Clarke, Mississippi

Death 8 Mar 1923 in Simpson, Mississippi

Residence

1860 Age: 10 Beat 2. Lauderdale, Mississippi

Marriage to William Spencer Mayfield

1867 10 Jan Age: 16 Clarke Co, Mississippi

Residence

1870 Age: 20 District 1, Clarke, Mississippi

Residence

1880 Age: 30 Jasper, Mississippi

Residence

1900 Age: 50 Laurel, Jones, Mississippi

Covey Gibson (aka Hatfield) Family Tree Owner: CoveyG

***Elizabeth Haywood

Birth 23 Feb 1854 in Lauderdale, Mississippi

Death 15 Aug 1919 in Smith, Mississippi

Birth

1854 23 Feb Lauderdale, Mississippi

Death

1919 15 Aug Age: 65 Smith, Mississippi

Spouse & Children

Elizabeth Haywood? 1844 –

William Mayfield? 1847 –

Parents

John Haywood 1826 – 1863

Parthenia Upchurch 1823 – 1880

****Sidney Jane Haywood

Birth Mar 1856 in Clarke, Mississippi

Death in United States

Parents

John Haywood 1826 – 1863

Parthenia Upchurch 1823 – 1880

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr

married () Bethenea

A. Benjamin Upchurch

married () Cenderella Tant

1. Parthenia Upchurch 1823 – 1880

married () John Haywood 1823 – 1863

a. Francis L Haywood 1850 – 1923

married () Wm Spencer Mayfield

Children: Charlie, James, Wade, John

b. Elizabeth Haywood 1854 – 1919

c. Sidney Jane Haywood

2 → 9 [see above in this entry – CJM 16 Apr 2020]