

## David Phillip Upchurch, XID – 16680

**Commentary:** David Phillip Upchurch is thought to be the son of David Upchurch and the grandson of William IV, head of Upchurch Clan #9.

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**(1)** See LDS Temple Records page 31 obtained by RPU 15 Sep 1978

**David Upchurch** 1812 TN died 1855 married Catherine Craig born 1813 Wilson Co., TN. Her parents were Hugh Craig and Mary Billingsley.

Their children:

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|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. James Upchurch    | Born 1834 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 2. Caroline Upchurch | Born 1836 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 3. David Upchurch    | Born 1838 | Johnson Co., IL | Married 1857 Frances Pernicia |
| 4. Mary J Upchurch   | Born 1840 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 5. John Upchurch     | Born 1843 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 6. Stephen Upchurch  | Born 1845 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 7. Patsey Upchurch   | Born 1846 | Johnson Co., IL | Died 1854                     |
| 8. Arminta Upchurch  | Born 1848 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 9. Ira Upchurch      | Born 1849 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |
| 10. Melvina Upchurch | Born 1853 | Johnson Co., IL |                               |

This record from “The Billingsley Family in America” B 13 C 16 pg. 54. Submitted by Miriam B. A. Covington, 915 Crandall Ave., Salt Lake City, UT-Grant State Smith – West Ward on behalf of Elijah Randolph Billingsley, an heir.

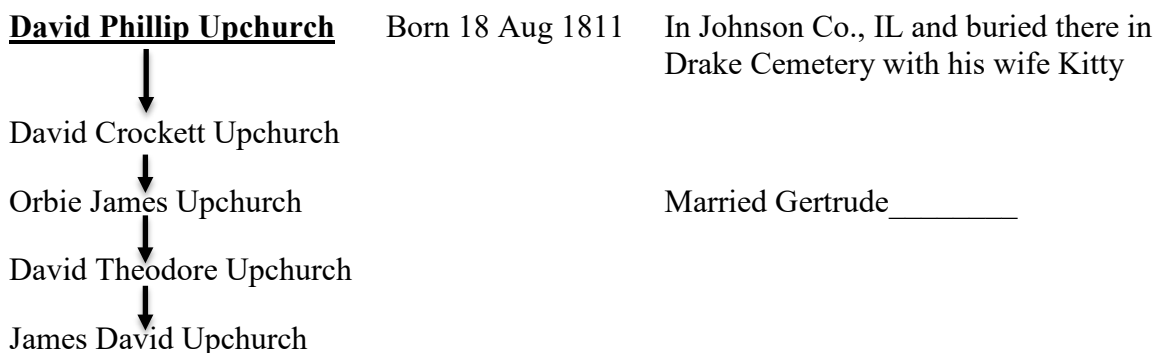
**(2)** Note: Info provided by James David Upchurch shows that the David Upchurch born 1812 is the same as **David Phillip Upchurch** born 18 Aug 1811 RPU

**(3)** See photo file for **David Phillip Upchurch** Family Received 15 Nov 1980 by RPU from James David Upchurch.

Includes a photo of the gravestone for **David Phillip Upchurch** died 09 Oct 1852 Aged 41 years 1 month 21 days.

Also a photo for a matching stone for his wife Kitty D. Upchurch died 20 Aug 1895 Aged 81 years 7 months 26 days.

**(4)** See James David Upchurch for missing link involving **David Phillip Upchurch**



James David Upchurch says his grandmother Gertrude Upchurch indicated that the father of **David Phillip Upchurch** was a Revolutionary War Veteran whose wife moved from the east with several sons following the demise of her husband and that they settled on the farm where the above 5 generations lived.

[Note: I have searched the Davids in Morgan's book, and cannot find one that fits any of the Davids above. RPU

**(5)** See letter 21 Sep 1980 Genevieve Ellen Tharp to RPU

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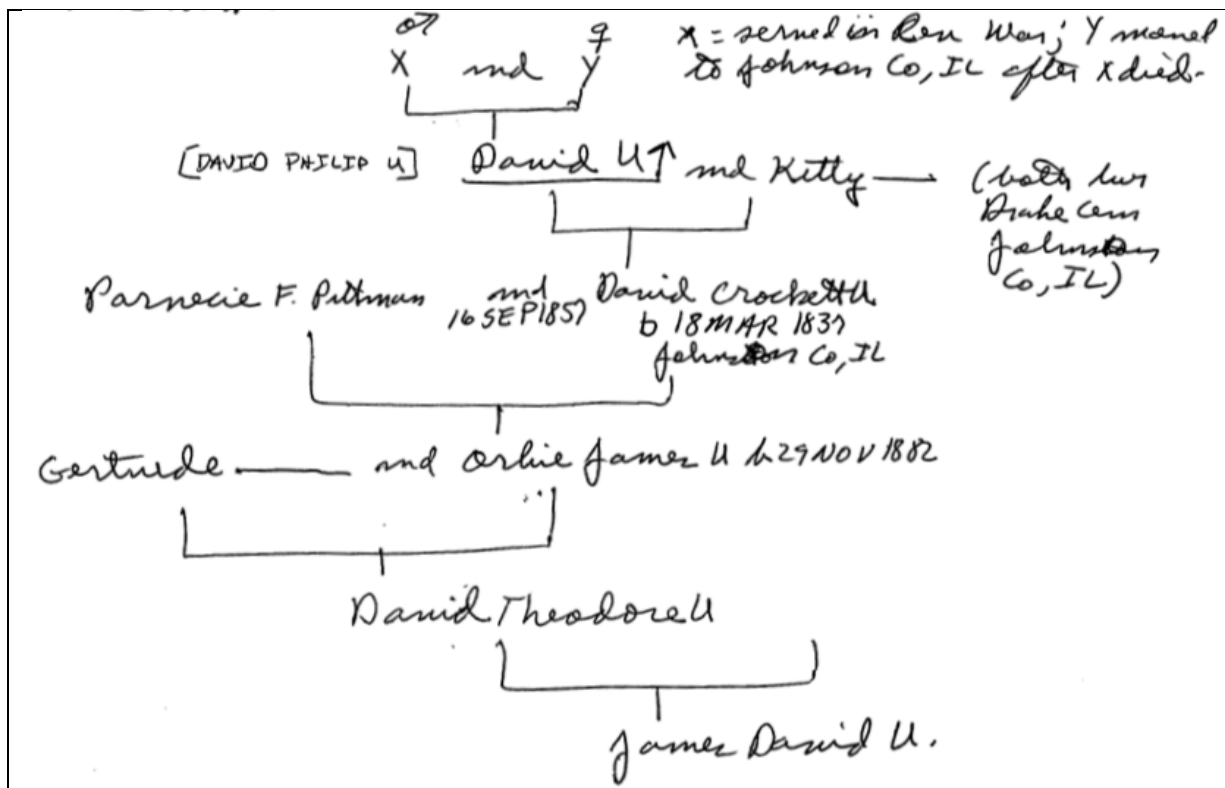
Is working on the **David Phillip Upchurch** line. Her line is Michael Davis > Mildred Followell > Elsie Hobbs > Ida Upchurch > David Crockett Upchurch > **David Phillip Upchurch.**

**(6)** See letter 16 Mar 1982 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Donald cites Billingsley info that **David Phillip Upchurch** married Catherine Craig and then cites evidence to the contrary:

I have records showing that Catherine Gill (also called Kitty) born 1813 (NC) married Phillip Upchurch (**David Phillip Upchurch**) born 1811 (TN). Both are buried in Drake Cemetery, IL. In an application for a pension Mary "Polly" Gill states that her daughter Catherine married Phillip Upchurch. The names given for **David Phillip Upchurch** and Catherine Craig are the same as those for **David Phillip Upchurch** Catherine Gill. **David Phillip Upchurch** & Kitty D. Upchurch are buried near Benozah Gill in Drake Cemetery. The Southern Illinois Genealogical Society SAGA reports that Catherine Gill and **David Phillip Upchurch** married 1830-1833 in Williamson or Johnson Co., IL.

(7) See Biofile of James David Upchurch for a 17 Oct 1979 letter to Belle West.



[Names in above chart: David Philip Upchurch, Kitty Upchurch, Parnecie F Pittman, David Crockett Upchurch Gertrude Upchurch, Orbie James Upchurch, David Theodore Upchurch, James David Upchurch, Drake Cemetery, Johnston Co, IL – KF 11 Aug 2020]

(8) See LDS Temple Records page 31 obtained by RPU 15 Sep 1978

David Upchurch born 1838 in Johnson Co., IL married 1857 Frances Pernicia. He is the son of **David Phillip Upchurch** born 1812 in TN and died 1855. His mother is Catherine Craig born 1813 (Wilson Co., TN). See David Upchurch born 1812 for sketch.

(9) See letter 5 Jun 1982 – Donald Eugene Upchurch

Death certificate for David Crockett Upchurch died 19 Aug 1921 (IL) born 18 Mar 1837 TN Was son of **David Phillip Upchurch** and Kitty Gill: See David Crockett Upchurch for record. [Donald says this proves **David Phillip Upchurch** married Catherine D. Gill and not Catherine Craig – RPU]. There is no record of **David Phillip Upchurch** born 1811 ever being married to a Kitty Craig. See article with Benozah Gill which shows his daughter Catherine Gill (aged about 38 in 1853) married Phillip Upchurch [**David Phillip Upchurch**]

**(10)** See letter 8 Feb 1982 – Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

“Now to help link Ira Upchurch and **David Phillip Upchurch** born 1811 Stone Fort, IL is where Ira spent the last part of his life. Stone Fort is less than five miles from New Burnside, IL where **David Phillip Upchurch** raised his children. My guess is that the Upchurch farm is between these two towns.

**(11)** See letter 4 Nov 1982 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Donald and Mike Davis speculate on the people in the home of David Upchurch who appears (113/224) on the 1830 Census of Franklin Co., IL.

Male 15-20	Steven Gill	Born 1812 (NC)	(son of Benozah Gill)
Male 20-30	<b><u>David Phillip Upchurch</u></b>	Born 1811 (TN)	
Male 70-80	Benozah Gill	Born 1761 (NJ)	
Female under 5		Born 14 Jun 1830	Child of Steven and Agnes Gill
Female 10-15	Agnes (Damron) Gill	Born TN	
Female 40-50	Catherine (Gill) Upchurch	Born 1813 (NC)	Wife of David and daughter of Benozah Gill
Female 60-70			Mother of <b><u>David Phillip Upchurch?</u></b>

**(12)** See letter 5 Apr 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch

Crozier Craig born PA served in American Revolution 1776 and married in Rowan, Co., NC Sarah Billingsley (who had a sister Mary). Crozier and Sarah were in Bedford Co., TN in 1812 (Tax list) and in IL around 1816 and in 1820 were in Union Co., IL with Sarah as head of house. Perhaps this Mary Billingsley married in late 1700s or early 1800s. The father of **David Phillip Upchurch** and the Craig's moved NC > TN > southern IL.

November 1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Illinois County: Johnson [North Half] Town: North Half Township: Dist. # 2 Page 371

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House # & Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
349	David P Upchurch	38	M		Farmer		Tennessee			X	
Δ	Kitty D	38	F				N.C.			X	[CATHERINE D. GILL]
Δ	James	16	M		Farmer		Ill.	X			
Δ	Carolline	14	F				"				
Δ	David C	12	M				"				[DAVID CROCKETT U]
Δ	Mary J	10	F				"				
Δ	John	7	M				"				
Δ	Stephen	6	M				"				
Δ	Patsy A	5	F				"				
Δ+Δ	Amnisty	3	F				"				[ARMINOTA U]
Δ	Ira	1	M				"				[IRA W. U.]
							[DAVID PHILLIP U]				[CATHERINE D. GILL]
	<p>Didn't you say your line was Ira? His father died in 1852 so he was just a baby and so wouldn't remember much. Kitty died in 1845. The article I send [I do have the copies from Nat. Archives of the original pension and Army papers but the magazine article is much easier to read] is about Kitty's father - Benajah Gill, the Rev. War. vet. I've shuffled off and haven't worked the line for a while.</p>										

**(14)** See letter 30 Jun 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU  
 “The William Upchurch on the 1830 Census for Franklin Co., IL, I believe to be the brother of **David Phillip Upchurch**.

**(15)** See note of RPU 8 Jun 1983 phone call to Donald Eugene Upchurch  
 There was a David Upchurch present in 1820 in Overton Co., TN. Don suggests that this might be the father of **David Phillip Upchurch** born about 1812.

**(16)** See letter 30 Jul 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU  
 Re: Upchurch Bulletin 4 No 2 page 44 – Proposed of Stephen Upchurch being the brother of David Upchurch who married 1818 (Wilson Co., TN) Sally Johnson [Note – This David Upchurch is son of Samuel Upchurch and hence not **David Phillip Upchurch** born about 1811 – missing link – RPU]

Don goes on to report:

1. Tax list for 1820 Wilson Co., TN shows one Stephen Upchurch
2. Index 1820 Census TN – shows one Stephen Upchurch – in Wilson Co., TN
3. David Upchurch is in Overton Co., TN in 1820
4. Joseph Upchurch is in White Co., TN in 1820
5. William Upchurch is in Jackson Co., TN in 1820
6. Several descendants of **David Phillip Upchurch** born about 1811 think he came from Wilson Co., TN.
7. Mary Upchurch dies in Wilson Co., TN in 1811.
8. William Upchurch is in Jackson Co., TN in 1811 (adjoining counties)
9. 1830 William Upchurch lives next door to David Upchurch in Franklin Co., IL
10. I think William and David in #9 are brothers and the David Upchurch is **David Phillip Upchurch** born about 1811. They could be cousins or Uncle/Nephew.

**(17) David Phillip Upchurch** born 18 Aug 1811 (TN) died 10 Sep 1852  
 (New Burnside, IL) (Buried – Drake Cemetery – Williamson Co., IL) married 1832  
 (Franklin Co., IL) Catherine D. Gill born 25 Jan 1813 (Cumberland Co., NC) died 20  
 Aug 1895 (New Burnside, IL) (Buried – as husband) (39)

**(18)** See notes of RPU call to Donald Eugene Upchurch – 6 Nov 86  
 DEU feels that there is a reasonable basis for saying that there are 2 ‘1’s in **David Phillip Upchurch**.

**(19)** See notes of Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU  
**David Phillip Upchurch** was buried in what is now Williamson Co., IL. It was Franklin Co., IL (same place)

**(20)** See letter 23 May 1984 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

“I still believe that Mary Hudspeth was the mother of **David Phillip Upchurch** born 1811. [This would make Mary Hudspeth the wife of David Upchurch and daughter-in-law of William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan – RPU] “There are Hudspeth graves in Ozark Cemetery which is southeast of New Burnside in Johnson Co., IL.

**(21)** See letter 6 Sep 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Yesterday I was in southern IL and met with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> cousins and exchanged photos. I learned that **David Phillip Upchurch** had another son in the Civil War other than David Crockett Upchurch. They could not recall a name but said he was buried in the cemetery just off the old highway in Mounds, IL. Several of the older Upchurches said that mother of **David Phillip Upchurch** did file on and receive bounty land – the old home place. They all call it the “Granny O” place. I don’t know if they mean “O” or “Old”.

**(22)** See letter 14 Oct 1985 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Seeing how the ages match in 1800, 1820, and 1830 I feel safe in saying that David Upchurch, son of William Upchurch, IV and Sarah Upchurch, is the father of **David Phillip Upchurch** born 1811. **David Phillip Upchurch** and four sisters were born in Stewart Co., TN.

I think David Upchurch [Father of **David Phillip Upchurch**] married twice – the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in NC to Mary Hudspeth between 1784 and 1788.

**(23)** See letter 9 Nov 1999 Clyde Charles Upchurch, to RPU

(information from Carol Gammon Kamp) She lists three pages of descendants of **David Phillip Upchurch** but uses the middle name PATTERSON vs PHILLIP. (Need to learn what evidence Carol has for this. Also she shows **David Phillip Upchurch** married 1833 born 1811 died 1892. She lists 10 children for **David Phillip Upchurch** which agrees with RPU Master Outline except for minor variations in spellings.

**(24)** See letter 2 Dc 1995 Phillip Edward Smith to RPU  
 [The input below came from Donald Eugene Upchurch and through Phillip Edward Smith to RPU (Pages 29 & 30)]

- I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan
  - A. David Upchurch married Mary Hudspeth

### **David Upchurch and Mary Hudspeth Upchurch**

#### **Children:**

1. **William B Upchurch**  
 Born 1809 Stewart County TN (or KY)  
 Married in 1829 in Franklin County (Johnson Co?) to Edney
2. **David P. Upchurch** ↑  
 Born 18 Aug 1811 in Stewart County, TN or KY.  
 Married in 1832 in Franklin (Johnson Co.?) IL to Kathryn (Kity) G-----.  
 Died 10 Oct 1852 in New Burnsidcs, IL (Johnson County).
3. Mary Upchurch married John Robinson Newbold
4. Sarah Upchurch
5. Rebecca Upchurch
6. Susan Upchurch
7. **Elizabeth Upchurch married William Newbold**

#### **\*David Upchurch**

Born in 17654 in Brunswick, VA .  
 Married 1790 in Granville, N.C. to **Mary Hudspeth**  
 David died 1835 in Franklin County, (Johnson County?), Illinois.  
 Buried in Drake Cemetery, Williamson County, Illinois.  
 His wife, Mary Hudspeth was born in 1770 in Gren(?), N.C.  
 Died in 1835 in Franklin County (Johnson County?) Illinois.  
 Buried in Drake Cemetery, Williamson County, Illinois.

[Names included above include: David Upchurch, Mary Husdpeth Upchurch, William B Upchurch, Edney, David P Upchurch, Kathryn, Kity, Mary Upchurch, John Robinson Newbold, Sarah Upchurch, Rebecca Upchurch, Susan Upchurch, Elizabeth Upchurch, William Newbold – KF 11 Aug 2020]

**(25)** See letter 27 Dec 1985 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

- I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan
  - A. David Upchurch
    1. **David Phillip Upchurch**



Could Sarah Ann U. who md. Daniel Frazier on 1 Sept 1938 in Henry Co. Tenn. be kin to David Phillip U.? David had sisters who would have been around 20 years old at this time. Daniel and Sarah both are gone from Tenn. by 1840 and don't appear on any Tenn. census again. I did find a surname index on cemetery records for Pope Co. Ill. among those listed were Upchurch and Frazier. I do hope to ~~make~~ be able to look into this soon.

[Names included below include: Sarah Ann Upchurch, Daniel Frazier, David Phillip Upchurch – 11 Aug 2020]

(26) From "Upchurches From England to Illinois" (63, page 9)

[Names below include: David Phillip Upchurch, David Crockett Upchurch, Benizah Gill, Mary Bone, Catherine Gill, James Upchurch Caroline Upchurch, Mary J Upchurch, John Upchurch, Stephen Upchurch, Patsy Upchurch, Amristy Upchurch, Ira Upchurch, Melvine Upchurch, Archibald Bone – KF 11 Aug 2020]

#### DAVID PHILLIP UPCHURCH

David Phillip Upchurch father of David Crockett Upchurch, was born August 18, 1811 in Tennessee. He was one of eight children, of which two have been identified. William Upchurch is the known brother of David Phillip Upchurch. On the 1830 census we find David Phillip living on the family farm near New Burnside, Il. The head of household is a David Upchurch 60 to 70 years of age. This could be the father or the grandfather of David Phillip. (There is some speculation that David Phillip's father was killed in the war of 1812.)

In 1832 David Phillip married Catherine D. Gill, the daughter of Benizah Gill and Mary Bone. They settled on the family farm having 10 children.

James born 1834

Caroline born 1836

David Crockett born 1837

Mary J. born 1840

John born 1843

Stephen born 1844

Patsy born 1845

Amristy born 1847

Ira W. born 1849

Melvine born 1853

David Phillip Upchurch died September 10, 1852. Catherine died August 20, 1895. They are buried in Drake Cemetery in Williamson Co. Illinois.

Catherine's father Benizah Gill served in the American Revolution in Lee's Legion. Cont. Drag. N.J. 1780 to 1782. Her grandfather Archibald Bone served in the 1st. N.C. Reg. 1776 to 1779.