

**David Upchurch****XID – 4319**

**Commentary:** David Upchurch was the son of Samuel and the grandson of John III, head of Upchurch Clan 14. Born in North Carolina, he moved to Illinois with his family where he raised a family in Saline County.

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**(no number)** See letter 12 May 1999 James Roy Taylor to RPU – Page 23 (From the Internet – author not named)

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[Comparison to RPU Records and Comments follow each individual – CJM 23 Aug 2021]

### I. Samuel Upchurch

A. **David Upchurch** born 27 Jul 1797 died 21 Feb 1855 (IL)

married ( ) Elizabeth --- --- born 1803 died 24 Dec 1889

[Note: The 7 children from Page 23 are all of David's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Elizabeth Orr whom he married 4 Apr 1824]

1. Robert S Upchurch born 20 Oct 1829 died 14 Dec 1850 (IL)

[RPU has Robert L Upchurch born about 1828]

[RPU also has Nancy Orr Upchurch born 25 Feb 1830 – the 1830 for Nancy or the 1829 for Robert has to be wrong – only 4 months interval]

2. William T Upchurch born 11 Sep 1821 (IL) died 5 Oct 1838 (IL)

[New to RPU]

3. Margaret Upchurch born 6 Feb 1837 died (IL)

[RPU has Margaret E Upchurch born about 1837]

4. Infant Upchurch born 2 Jan 1839 died 19 Jan 1839 (IL)

[New to RPU]

5. Infant Upchurch born 2 Mar 1840 (IL) died 2 Mar 1840 (IL)

[New to RPU]

6. Melissa Upchurch born 1845

[RPU has Melissa Caroline Upchurch born 18 Jan 1845]

7. David F Upchurch born 1847

[RPU has David Taylor Upchurch born 11 Aug 1847]

Note #1: RPU has also Eliza Jane Upchurch born 14 Mar 1825. There are 5 years between Eliza and Nancy. In the 5 years there could be only 1 child [Robert] or two children.

Note #2: There is a 5-year period void of births Sep 1832 to Feb 1837 in both sets of records.

**(no number)** Item in letter 20 Mar 1996 to RPU from The Frankfort Area Genealogical Society  
[See IL Library File for letter] [Article by Mary A---]

Grandmother Told Us...

[Sarah Jane Whiteside]

Grandmother's mother, Mary Ann (Upchurch) Whiteside, was the oldest daughter of David Upchurch.<sup>1</sup> Prior to her marriage she lived on the family farm, the Wayside Inn. The late Phil Upchurch of Galatia told me that he had been told that the inn was located about one block north of his grandfather Gratton's home, (the site of the present bank in Galatia) on the old State Road or trail from Shawneetown to Kaskaskia.

David Upchurch<sup>1</sup> is usually mentioned as being a public official and a farmer, but he was also an excellent cabinet maker. The late Phil Upchurch had a beautiful chest of drawers in his home made by David Upchurch<sup>1</sup> before his death in 1855.

Mary Ann Whiteside died in 1858 and is buried at Brooks Cemetery just west of Galatia. Her husband William Whiteside was a native of the present Saline County and the son of Thomas and Sarah (McCreary) Whiteside, natives of Warren and Clark Counties, Kentucky, respectively. He was left with three young daughters to rear: Annrilla Clementine (Ann) age 13 years, Jane age 10 years, and Margaret Mahaley (Meg) age 5 years. William and his brother Lewis were owners and operators of saw mills in the west part of Saline County. After the death of Mary Ann, William decided to sell out and move his family to Arkansas. He was able to persuade Lewis to do the same. A third family went with them. \*

I asked Aunt Rachel Barter, Grandmother's youngest child, why Great Grandfather would leave Saline County and take the children to an unsettled country, when the relatives were nearby. Her answer was that he thought it was becoming too populated and he liked the wide spaces. She also told me that Grandmother had told her, "the Whiteside men were much better hunters than farmers, and were known for their fine riding horses and hunting rifles, and were not afraid of anything—man or beast."

\*Mary Afton Irvin reports that she finds these Williams Families on 1860 Conway Co, R Census]

## I. John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

### A. Samuel Upchurch

#### 1. David Upchurch

##### a. Mary Ann Upchurch

married William Whiteside, brother of Lewis Whiteside – sons of Thomas Whiteside and Sarah McCreary

##### i. Sarilla Jane Whiteside

(I) Rachel Jane Barter

##### ii. Erwin William Irvin

(I) Mary Afton Irvin

##### b. John Foster Upchurch

##### i. David Oscar Upchurch

## (I) Philip Oscar Upchurch

[Note: After William Whiteside died in the Civil War his brother Lewis returned the 3 children to IL.]

**(no number)** This item in letter 20 Mar 1996 to RPU from The Frankfort Area Genealogical Society [See IL Library File for letter]

## David Upchurch Estate Sale

Mary Afton Anderson, PO Box XXX, XXXXX, XX XXXXX

David UPCHURCH was born in North Carolina 2 Jul 1797, probably in Chatham County, as his father was in Chatham County in 1795 and in the census of 1800. David was the son of Samuel and Mary Ellen (SIMMONS) UPCHURCH. The family moved to Wilson County, Tennessee when David was a child. It was here that David married Sallie JOHNSON in 1818, and had two children by her. Sallie died and David brought his two small children to Gallatin County, Illinois, where his parents lived, in the early 1820's. In 1824 David married Elizabeth ORR, and by this marriage had ten children. However, only five of these children lived to be adults. David was well known in politics in Gallatin County, and when Saline County was formed in 1847, he was one of the judges. He was one of the founders of the town of Galatia, and for many years ran the Wayside Inn just north of there. He also farmed extensively and was a cabinet maker. He died 21 February 1855 and was buried at Bethel Creek Church Cemetery along with many others of his family. His surviving children were: John Foster, Mary Ann (Polly) WHITESIDE, Eliza Jane SMITH, Melissa Caroline GRATTON, Nancy Orr WELCH and David Taylor.

The administrators of his estate were John Foster UPCHURCH and the husband of Eliza Jane Upchurch, Dr. Jacob M. SMITH of Galatia. The sale of personal property was on 16 April 1855. Below is a list of buyers and the items purchased.

ITEM	BUYER	PRICE
27 head of hogs	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	\$27.00
1 small red cow and calf	William WHITESIDE	11.00
1 small Pided cow and calf	J.E. Odum	12.50
1 Pale Red Cow & calf	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	12.00
1 Pided Yearling	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	3.50
1 Red Yearling (whiteface)	William WHITESIDE	4.00
1 Red Yearling	Thomas BOYD	2.25
1 Pided Yearling	William WHITESIDE	4.00
1 Small Pided Cow	Lewis WHITESIDE	10.00
1 Oald Waggon	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	30.00
1 Buggy	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	50.00
1 Peacock Plow	William BIRKS	2.00
1 Oald Steel Plow	J.F. UPCHURCH	1.25
1 Shovel Plow	T.F. GASAWAY	4.50?
1 Wheat Fan	James G. SHAW	5.00
1 Cutting Knife	E.G. WELCH	4.00
1 Oald Grey Horse	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	20.00
1 Set Waggon Harness	Uriah PUGH	4.25
1 Pair Plow Gear	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	1.50
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1 Briar Scythe	William WHITESIDE	1.10
1 Mowing Scythe	Elizabeth UPCHURCH	1.00

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1 Copy Pat. Office Reports	William WHITESIDE	.10
1 Copy Pat. Office Reports	T.F. GASAWAY	.10
1 Copy Pat. Office Reports 185374	William BIRKS	.15
1 copy Corn Exports Smith Institute?	William WHITESIDE	.30
1 Trunnel Bed Stead & Clothing	J.F. UPCHURCH	3.00
1 Bed & Clothing	William WHITESIDE	11.50
1 Diamond Plow	William WHITESIDE	4.00
1 Harrow & Chain	William WHITESIDE	2.00
1 Wood Stove	J.E. ODUM	3.00
1 Coal Stove	J.L. RILEY	4.25
1 Wood Stove	William BIRKS	3.50
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	Total Amt.	\$351.25

State of Illinois County of Saline. We the undersigned Clerks & Crier of the sale of the Personal Property belonging to the Estate of David UPCHURCH, deceased, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct Bill of the Sale of Said Personal Property Sold on Monday the 16th day of April ALL 1855

Jo JOHNSON )  
O.F. IRVIN ) Clerks

Wiley JONES ) Crier

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West Cemetery  
East Marion Township Section 15

Helen Sutt Lind 1211 Monroe, Johnston City, IL 62951

John R. WEST  
son of R & M  
d 15 Aug 1870 35y

Margaret WEST  
wife of R. WEST  
d 3 Mar 1866 66y

Robert WEST  
d 1 Aug 1863 72y 1m

Obediah WEST  
Capt. Ill. Black Hawk War

Mary B. NORMAN  
wife of Calvin  
23 Apr 1818 16 Jun 1857  
Children

William D. NORMAN  
d 23 Sep 1852 11m  
Infant Daughter d 1853

Elizabeth BEARDEN  
d 23 Jul 1879 52y 6m 19d

Eddy BAKER son of Hewt?  
10 Sep 1871 16 Jan 1875

J.G. 9 Apr 1880  
(A handmade stone)

Names in cemetery:

John R West

Margaret West

Robert West

Obediah West

Mary B Norman

Calvin Norman

William D Norman

Infant Daughter

Elizabeth Bearden

Eddie Baker

J G

Hewt Baker

(1) born 2 Jul 1797 in VA or NC – son of Samuel (whom see) and Mary Ellen (Simmons) Upchurch.

(2) See Attachment 18 2 Feb 1978 letter Elna E Burkhalter to RPU  
A. Marriage Bonds – Lebanon – Wilson Co, TN. David Upchurch married 21 Jul 1818 Sally Johnson.

(3) See letter received 24 May 1975 by RPU from Etta Harriet Shepherd  
David Upchurch born 2 Jul 1797 died 1855 (Galatia, IL).

(4) See Photo File 83-3A and 83-4 for photo of **David Upchurch** provided to RPU by Martha Marie Purdy in her letters 5 Sep 1982 and 9 Oct 1982. Picture of his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Elizabeth Orr is in Photo File 83-3B and 83-5.

(5) See Marriage Records – TN – Received 4 Jan 1984  
David Upchurch married 21 Jul 1819 Wilson Co, TN) Sally Johnson

(6) See Marriage Records – Saline Co, IL



The extractor of these records says David Upchurch was a JP in Saline co, IL. This note is just below for marriage records dated 1849, 1849, 1850, 1853 so presume that the David Upchurch referred to is indeed XID - 4319.

## (7)

DAVID UPCHURCH FAMILY (3)  
(Sally Upchurch)

- 13 John Foster Upchurch b 9-1-1820 TNmm 3-22-1842 Martha M. Jones born 10-8-1823 Gallatin Co. IL Census records of 1850-1860 show them in Saline Co. IL, in 1870-1880 they were on census of Christian County, Pana, IL. A descendant, Philip Oscar Upchurch was found and through his help a list of the John Foster family was found on a paper folded into the bible of his grandmother Gratton's. Only initials were copied, given names were obtained from census records. There were eleven children. COPIED FROM  
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(29) FOR  
DAVID  
U. SON  
OF SAMUEL  
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- 14 Mary Ann Upchurch b 5-23-1822 TN d 6-30-1858 Galatia, IL bur Brooks Cem. m 10-15-1841 Wm. Whiteside b 1-2-1821 Galatia. Son of Thomas and Sarah McCreery Whiteside. William was a soldier in the CSA and died on the Tenn-Miss line 5-15-1862. Seven children.

## (7) Continued

- 5 David Upchurch b 7-2-1797 in NC, according to census records and an early article on him. This article reports that "David was brought by his parents to Wilson County, Tennessee when quite young." The article further states that David Upchurch was the Judge of the first County Commissioner's Court of Saline County, IL. "In 1833 and again in 1836 we find by the entry book that he was entering land where now stands the splendid and wealthy village of Galatia, the original plot of which was laid out by himself and W.J. Gatewood, a very eminent lawyer of Equality, on the first of November, year 1836. Galatia is the oldest town in Saline County. When the writer first knew Judge Upchurch, he was living in his little farmhouse just across the street from the little town, and in connection with his farming and other affairs, kept a wayside inn; unpretentious it was, but home like, comfortable and scrupulously clean and neat, where the very best of provisions which were to be had were prepared in the best possible manner. While Judge Upchurch presided over the County Commissioner's Court, his good common sense, excellent judgment, and frugal habits, had very much to do in starting the county affairs in the right direction and fortunate indeed would it have been for our people had the example he set been followed by those who succeeded him in office. When he died in February 1855, the immense concourse of sorrowing friends gave evidence of the esteem in which he was held!" COPIED FROM  
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FOR DAVID  
SON OF  
SAMUEL U

*-Taken from a series of articles written in 1897 by the late Captain Wm. H. Parrish. Published in the Saline Co. paper, and reprinted again in 1948 in the Daily Register, Harrisburg, IL at the time Saline County celebrated its centennial.*

*-Recopied by Mrs. H.O. Anderson of Ridgway, IL in time for the bicentennial in 1976.*

*SAMUEL UPCHURCH FAMILY*

David Upchurch m(1) 7-21-1818 Sally Johnson in Lebanon, TN. There were two children by this marriage. No further information has been found for her. It is assumed that she died either at the birth of her second child or shortly thereafter. David was in Gallatin County, IL by 1823. He m (2) 4-4-1824 Elizabeth Orr b 5-12-1802 VA died 12-27-1889 Galatia, IL dau of Nancy (Perkins) and Wm. Orr. There were eight children, only four survived the death of their father. David died without leaving a will. The appraisement of personal property was lengthy, some items were included which were not found on the usual list. At the sale, one cook stove valued at \$4 and one Taylor's goose valued at 50¢. Taylor was the youngest child, age eight at the death of his father. The goose brought thirty cents, purchased by Jacob Smith. Dr. Smith made no other purchases at the sale. It is hoped that he bought the goose in order to return it to Taylor David Upchurch.

David operated a hotel and tavern in Galatia for several years before his death. His widow continued to operate the hotel through 1880, and possibly did so until her death. Her son Taylor and his family lived in the hotel with her.

(Elizabeth Upchurch)

- 15 Eliza Jane Upchurch b 3-14-1825 in what is now Galatia d 3-6-1872. She md 8-14-1849 Dr. Jacob Smith b 11-12-1818 PA d 4-14-1878 Galatia. Both are buried at Webber Camp Ground Cem. Dr. Smith came into the town of Galatia on the stage coach, settled down and married Eliza, with whom he had fallen love soon after his arrival. He was from Laurel Hill, PA and a graduate of the Univ. of PA School of Medicine at Philadelphia. He is listed as one of the two earliest doctors in Galatia, was evidently well-liked. The court records show that he was trusted and on commissions, etc. He was a co-administrator of the estate of his father-in-law, David Upchurch. His name appears many times in the deed books of Saline Co., buying and selling land. There were seven children.
- 16 Nancy Orr Upchurch b 2-25-1830 d 4-16-1910 in Galatia. It may be assumed that the children of David and Elizabeth Upchurch were born at the "Wayside Inn", the hotel or inn operated by David and his wife on the old trail from Shawneetown, IL to St. Louis, MO. On the map made by David H. Burr, for the U.S. Post Office in ca 1834, Galatia is listed as 'Gallatin', and the next stop to the west is Fancy Farm, then Franklin, Nashville and Belleville, IL. Nancy O. married 12-19-1845 Egbert Grief Welch b 10-15-1824 TN d 12-10-1912 in Galatia. Both are bur at Webber Camp Ground Cemetery. There were twelve children born to the couple.



17 Melissa Caroline Upchurch b 1-18-1845 at Galatia d 5-14-1861 at Galatia. She md 5-14-1861 Philip Doddridge Baxter Gratton, M.D. in Galatia. From Biographical Sketch in Atlas of Illinois, 1876, page 240: "Philip Doddridge Baxter Gratton, M.D., born at Marion, Illinois, Williamson Co., attended school from age 6 to 16. Began to read medicine under Dr. Sneed, and finished under Dr. C.A. Smith of Galatia, IL. In 1862-1863 he attended Chicago Medical College and commenced his practice at Galatia. In the fall of 1863 he raised a battalion of soldiers and in February 1864, was commissioned Senior Major of the 13th IL Cavalry. He served in the war until the fall of 1865. After the war, he returned to his practice at Galatia."

Dr. Gratton was the son of Silas and Elizabeth Gratton. The father was also listed as a physician on the 1850 Census of Williamson Co. Illinois, which showed his birthplace as VA. His mother was born in KY, according to the census. Dr. P.D. Gratton d 7-6-1925 in Galatia. Both he and Melissa are buried at Webber Cem. They always made their home in Galatia. Their home was a large two story house on the main street. It was demolished about three years ago in order to build a new bank on the site.

Melissa and Dr. Gratton had six children.

18 David Taylor Upchurch b 8-11-1847 d 4-12-1915 m 1-4-1874 Melinda Barton. (Linda) was born in IL 1-9-1853 d 5-23-1939 in Galatia. She was the dau of Wm. B. and Mary Ellen (Thraillkill) Barton of IN. Both bur Webber Cem.

Taylor was a bookkeeper, later was in the bank, owned farms and was a good business man. He was trustworthy and well liked in the COMM

community. He was an ardent supporter of the Methodist Church in Galatia, where he and his family were members. David and Melinda had five children.

**(8)** See letter 7 Mar 1988 James Newman Upchurch to RPU

**David Upchurch** born 27 Jul 1797. He resided around Galatia, IL, where he raised his family.

**(9)** See letter 16 Jul 1997 Eleanora Marie Edge to RPU

This writer refers to **David Upchurch** (XID - 4319) as Judge David Upchurch. [I presume the "Judge" part is an honorary name given to him as an adult - RPU]

**(no number)** See Deed File Re: sale of 80-acre tract by the heirs of Samuel Upchurch (Head of the John Upchurch, III/ Samuel Upchurch Sub-clan) in Gallatin co, IL on 30 Sep 1842. The land was being sold by the heirs to Thomas L Upchurch, one of the sons of Samuel Upchurch and it was necessary for all heirs and spouses to concur.

Conventional List of the  
children of Samuel Upchurch

1. Sally Upchurch died before 1806  
married ( ) Valentine VanHooser
2. Rebecca Upchurch died before 1835  
no marriage located

#### Learned from the Deed

Children #1, 2, 12 not mentioned - hence presumed deceased with no heirs.

= Names confirmed by  
the deed

For John Upchurch #4, his wife is listed



3. **David Upchurch** married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1824  
**Elizabeth Orr** (twice) as Katharine Upchurch, hence  
nee Katharine Johnson\*
4. **John Upchurch** married Catharine  
Johnson\* For William L Upchurch (#5) – no wife  
is listed so he may have been  
between wives
5. **William L Upchurch** married ( )  
--- Moberly, married ( ) Amanda --- --- For Nancy Upchurch (#8) she appears as  
Nancy Cantrell but no husband is listed;  
presume he is deceased (He is.)
6. Mary Rebecca **Upchurch "Polly"**\*  
married ( ) **Nathan Bramlet**
7. **Susannah Upchurch**\* married **Coleman B**  
**Bramlet**
8. **Nancy Upchurch**\* married Isaac **Cantrell** For Thomas L Upchurch - no wife listed -  
presumably because he is buying the  
property
9. **Thomas L Upchurch** married Mary Davis
10. **Jonathan A Upchurch** married **Nancy**  
**Brown**\*
11. **Elizabeth Upchurch**\* married Joseph  
Thompson For Elizabeth Upchurch (#11) – her husband  
is shown clearly as Charles Thompson (not  
Joseph Thompson)
12. James Upchurch
- \* = used mark "x" for signature

**(no number)** See letter 11 Jul 1980 Grace Elizabeth Cummins to RPU

I. John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Samuel Upchurch

1. **David Upchurch** born 27 Jul 1797 (NC) died 21 Feb 1855 (Galatia, IL)  
[Note that this reference does not deal with his 1<sup>st</sup> marriage 21 Jul 1818 (Lebanon,  
Wilson Co, TN) to Sally Johnson by whom he had children in 1820 (TN) and  
1822 (TN).] David Upchurch moved to IL in 1823 and there on 4 Apr 1824  
married Elizabeth Orr by whom he had 13 children as follows:

<u>Their children</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Eliza Jane Upchurch	March 14, 1825	March 5, 1872
Sarah Upchurch	October 22, 1826	November 6, 1826
Robert Shelby Upchurch	October 20, 1827	December 14, 1850
Nancy Orr Upchurch	February 25, 1830	April 16, 1910
Martha Elizabeth Upchurch	June 12, 1832	July 3, 1838
William Thomas Upchurch	August 22, 1834	October 15, 1838
Margaret Ellen Upchurch	February 6, 1837	January 16, 1852
Rachel Katherine Upchurch	January 7, 1839	January 19, 1839
Unnamed boy	March 2, 1840	March 2, 1840
Clementine Elizabeth Upchurch	February 12, 1842	February 23, 1845
Melissa Caroline Upchurch	January 18, 1845	July 21, 1900
David Taylor Upchurch	August 11, 1847	April 12, 1915
Lewis Cass Upchurch	October 25, 1850	November 30, 1850