

DAVID UPCHURCH XID-2064

Commentary: David Upchurch, born about 1765 (Brunswick County, VA) and died 1835 (IL), was the son of William Upchurch IV, head of Upchurch clan # 9. This Biofile contains very important information which should allow a more productive sketch of the William Upchurch IV family. We show David being born in Brunswick County, VA. He sojourned to Granville County, VA and lived there for a time, as did some of the other members of the family. However we later find him in Wilkes County, NC where his father had died in 1787. It seems likely he was the David Upchurch on the Rutherford County, NC census of 1800. If so this allows us to speculate on the connection of the family to the elusive Joseph Upchurch, born 1775 (NC) and whose father we still seek. Like his brother, John Upchurch V, David was also found in Greenville County, SC before moving west possibly stopping in TN or KY. His final years were spent in Illinois.

- RPU 31 May 2017

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(1) See: Upchurch Family by Belle West—page 24

David Upchurch was the son of William Upchurch [William Upchurch, IV], grandson of Michael Upchurch [Michael Upchurch, III]. William Upchurch and wife Sarah moved from VA to Wilkes Co., NC [William Upchurch, IV=Head of Clan]

(2) 1800 Census of NC per Jackson & Teeple—

Page 148 of Census shows **David Upchurch** of Rutherford County, NC
[only David listed in NC]

	Males	Females	0 Slaves
[Ambrose Upchurch born about 1791] ?	2--<10 0 1—16-24 1—26-45 0	2--<10 0 1—16-24 1—26-45 0	
		<u>David Upchurch</u>	
*[possibly James Upchurch]			

*This James Upchurch married 1804 (Rutherford Co., NC) Nancy Bradley witnessed by Joseph Upchurch—RPU.

- (3) See letter 13 Nov 1981 Mayfred Upchurch to RPU
The index to Deeds in Greenville Co., SC for 1786-1788 (Book E) shows a transaction by **David Upchurch**. [Note: I know that David's brother John and his mother were present in Greenville Co., SC about 1790 so it is likely that this **David Upchurch** is of the same family. He may have moved to Greenville Co., SC before his father's death in 1787 and should have been on the 1790 Federal Census for SC—RPU]
- (4) See 1800 Census of Rutherford Co., NC received by RPU 6 Dec 1980.
A. Confirms entry for **David Upchurch** shown in (2) above.
B. Only other Upchurch listed is Joseph Upchurch and he is head of a single family household age 16-26.
C. Sherwood Upchurch, generally present in Rutherford Co. 1790-1820 is absent on the 1800 census.
- (5) Speculation: Sherwood Upchurch is known son of Michael Upchurch III. It is possible that Joseph Upchurch & **David Upchurch**, being in Rutherford Co., NC with Sherwood Upchurch in 1800 may also have been sons of Michael Upchurch III.—Note as regards **David Upchurch** this speculation is contrary to the idea that David Upchurch was son of William Upchurch IV.—RPU
- (6) See Upchurch Bulletin Volume 4 No. 3 for analysis showing that **David Upchurch** on the 1800 Randolph Co., NC census is the same as the **David Upchurch** who is the son of William Upchurch, IV (XID-160) who died 1887 in Wilkes Co., NC.
- (7) See letter 11 May 1985 RPU to Mary Caroline Bradford.
Her Grandmother Sarah Frances Jackson fits solidly into the William Upchurch, IV/John Upchurch subclan but Sarah Frances Jackson married William Alexander Jackson who was a son of Susan Upchurch born circa 1826. Susan Upchurch born circa 1826 married 6 Nov 1849 (Henry Co., TN) James Bradford. Susan Upchurch is not likely a descendant of the William Upchurch, IV/John Upchurch subclan. Speculation centers on Susan Upchurch born 1826 being a daughter or granddaughter of **David Upchurch** (XID-2064).
- (8) See letter 23 May 1894 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU.
“I still believe that Mary Hudspeth is the mother of David Phillip Upchurch born 1811” [This means Mary Hudspeth would have been the wife of **David Upchurch**—RPU]. “There are Hudspeth graves in the Ozark Cemetery which is SE of New Burnside in Johnson Co., IL”.
- (9) See letter 6 Sep 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU.
Yesterday I visited southern Illinois and talked to several older Upchurch's. They said the mother of David Phillip Upchurch did file on and receive bounty land—the old home place. They call it the “Granny O” place. [Note: This female would have been the wife of **David Upchurch**—RPU] John Paterson Upchurch of Creal Springs was able to recognize almost everyone in the picture I showed him. He is the one who told me how to find the cemetery in Mounds, IL. He, too, knew about the story of the

family arriving in IL with a kettle of money. (I still feel this was from a land sell in TN) I am trying to find a selling between 1825 and 1829 in TN.

(10) See letter 14 Oct 1985 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU.

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

Several Johnson Co., IL settlers were in the Guilford (Guilford), NC Courthouse Battle on 15 MAR 1782. They served with the 1st N.C. Regiment out of S.C. Could **David Upchurch** have been in S. C. in 1790? I think **David Upchurch** married twice—the 2nd time in N. C. to Mary Hudspeth between 1784 and 1788.

(11) From “Upchurch From England to Illinois” (63, Pg. 9)

David Upchurch had 8 children, 2 of whom [David Phillip Upchurch and William Upchurch] have been identified. There was a David Upchurch, age 60-70 head of a 1830 household at New Burnside, IL and present is David Phillip Upchurch. However, there is speculation that **David Upchurch** was killed in the war of 1812.

(12) See letter 2 Dec 1995 Philip 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** and 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 Burnside, 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 1765 in Brunswick, VA.

Married 1790 in Granville, NC 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.

- (13)** RPU extract of 1 Jan 1794 Deed Wilkes Co., NC Deed Book B-1 Pg. 307
[Deed #10 in letter 24 Apr 1999 Lewis Timothy Ferrier to RPU]
Isaac Martin & wife Margaret sell 105 acres to Sarah Upchurch [widow of William Upchurch, IV] for 24 Lbs. Adjoins lands of Isaac Martin, Benjamin Herndon, Signed in presence of John Martin & **David Upchurch**.

DAVID **UPCHURCH** **PG5** **XID-2064**

- (14)** See letter 27 Dec 1985 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU
I. William Upchurch, IV—Head of Clan
A. **David Upchurch**
1. David Phillip Upchurch

“Working my Boshears line I found where Isaac Boshears father William filed for land in 1774 KY. He is listed as Wm. Bashears. Note spelling Bashears is close to Bathshares. It may have been the Bashears that told the Upchurches about Tenn. And Ky. **David Upchurch** settled in Stewart Co. Tenn. 1810, could of heard about this area from his uncle Thomas Bathshares XID 2069. If Thomas is kin to my ancestor Isaac Boshears then it accounts for Isaac naming two of his children Thomas and Elizabeth (after XID’s 2028 and 2069). I’ve got my work cut out for myself if I’m going to try and prove this.”

Is XID 13962 Mary Beshares b. 1835 a sister to Thomas Beshears who married Tabatha Stewert in Henry Co. Tenn. If so these Beshears are related to my Boshears in Ky. Thomas Beshears moved to Clay Co. Ark. after Civil War. My anceser Thomas Boshears came to Paragould in 1885 (give or take a year). He was in Missouri befor comming here.”

- (15)** RPU Extract of 1 Oct 1802 Deed Wilkes Co., NC Deed Book ? Pg. 511

Sarah Upchurch [widow of William Upchurch, IV] sells the 105 A tract described above. She uses X. She is resident of Greenville District, SC. Sells to Thomas Sales Adjoins Leonard Sales, Benjamin Herndon, Signed in presence of **David Upchurch** & A. Q(?) Bradley.

- (16)** See letter 30 Jan 2001 John Read Upchurch to RPU.—John’s contract researcher Nancy Carter Moore in Raleigh, NC reports that a **David Upchurch** was Deacon of the Mountain Creek Baptist Church in 1803 in Rutherford Co., NC, which church was founded in 1789.

- (17)** Item in letter 12 Feb 2001 John Read Upchurch to RPU. [Note: As of spring 2001, I have a full copy of this will—RPU]

An Abstract of North Carolina Wills From about 1760 To about 1800.
Supplementing Grimes' Abstract of North Carolina Wills 1663 to 1760.
Prepared from the originals and other date by Fred A. Olds

Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore 1972

[Upchurch citations were found on page 325 and were shown as located in Wilkes Co., NC. Details below.]

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1787 Upchurch, William, Sarah (wife); William, Edey, David, Afal, Patty and John; Susanna Pennill (daughter).

- I. William Upchurch, IV died 1787 married () Sarah -- -- [Mrs. Sarah Upchurch]
- A. William Upchurch
 - B. Edey Upchurch
 - C. **David Upchurch**
 - D. Afal Upchurch
 - E. Patty Upchurch
 - F. John Upchurch
 - G. Susana Pennill (Daughter)

- (18)** See notes 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 this **David Upchurch** could have been the father of David Philip Upchurch born about 1811. [Issue: Was **David Upchurch** in Overton Co., TN or Stewert Co., TN in 1820? RPU].

- (19)** See letter 7 Aug 1989 Aneta Snyder to RPU

- I. Parents—came from Germany or Switzerland
- A. Peter Snider, Sr. born Dec 1743 (NC or SC) died 1839 (Paris, TN)
 - 1. Peter Snider, Jr. born 1783 (GA) married 1st 24 SEP 1811 Sally Upchurch with consent of her father **David Upchurch**
Witnesses—Bartlet Dulis & John Wadkins. Married 2nd 21 OCT 1847 (Paris, TN) Susan Emery
 - a. George Snider born 1823
 - b. Edy Snider married 6 Feb 1841 John E. Grainger
 - c. Elizabeth Snider married 17 Jul 1847 Mitchell Emery

d. Peter Snider, IV born 1836

e. Jonas B. Snider

[NOTE: This **David Upchurch** is almost certainly the same as the head of the William Upchurch, IV/David Upchurch Subclan based on the ages of known **David Upchurch's** and their locations—RPU]

- (20)** See letter 7 Nov 2001 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU [this information from extracts made by Ada Morgan]

David Upchurch was on the tax roll of Warren Co., KY in 1804. [From notes it appears Ada concluded this David Upchurch was the same as the David Upchurch on the 1800 census of Rutherford Co., NC—RPU]

- (21)** See letter 8 May 1984 Meriam Anderson to RPU.

The 1820 Census of Middle TN shows:

1. Ambrose Upchurch	26-45	Stewart Co. No 118
2. <u>David Upchurch</u>	> 45	Stewart Co. No 118
3. William Upchurch	16-26	Stewart Co. No 118
4. <u>David Upchurch</u>	16-26	Overton Co. No 13
5. Joseph Upchurch	26-45	White Co. No 346
6. William Upchurch	26-45	Jackson Co. No 26
7. Stephen Upchurch	26-45	Wilson Co. No 418

Meriam suggests that perhaps all of these Upchurches came to TN as a result of the trip Samuel Upchurch made in 1810 from TN to VA to Chatham Co., NC and back to TN. Samuel Upchurch was brother of #7 above.

[NOTE: Tentatively include #2 above as part of Biofile of **David Upchurch** XID-2064—RPU]

- (22)** Will of Berryman Wilbanks—to RPU from Deborah Shumaker via email—5 Oct 2016 (See Biofile of Berryman for copy of will)

Made: 19 Oct 1823 (Henry Co., TN)

Recorded: 5 Apr 1824 (Henry Co., TN) (Hence died < 5 Apr 1824)

- #1 To wife nee Averilla Upchurch “Avy”—use of 50 A bought from John Barnett + a year of supplies;
- #2 To son Henry Wilbanks—mare, cow, calf;
- #3 To son Richard Wilbanks—cow;
- #4 Residue of stock & farming equipment; sale—proceeds to sons;
- #5 After death of wife 1—land to two sons;

[Executors: **David Upchurch**, John Barnets; Attest: Joseph Earnest]

- (23)** Input from Deborah Shumaker to RPU via email—1 Oct 2016
see Peter Snider, I for document RPU 9 Oct 2016—Also Debbie 3 Oct 2016;

Debbie provides the marriage record in Warren Co., KY whereby Peter Snider, I marries in 1811 Salley Upchurch, the daughter of **David Upchurch**, son of William Upchurch, IV, Head of Clan. This is firm evidence that **David Upchurch** had a daughter, Salley. Debbie proposes that her Snider heritage fits into the family as follows: (tentative)

- I. William Upchurch, IV—Head of Clan
 - A. John Upchurch, V
 - B. **David Upchurch** born 1765 () married 1790 (Granville Co., NC) XID-2064 Mary Ann Hudspeth
 - 1. Ambrose Upchurch born 1791—XID-62139
 - a. Katherine Upchurch (Catherine) married 1847 () Peter Snider, III;
 - 2. Salley Upchurch married 1811 (Warren Co., KY) Peter Snider I
 - a. Peter Snider, II
- Debbie thinks these 2 may be the same.**

Potential Birth Slots—Children of **David Upchurch**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. 1791 Ambrose Upchurch married 18142. 17933. 17954. 17975. 17996. 18017. 18038. 18059. 180710. 1809 William B. Upchurch married 182911. 1811 David Philip Upchurch married 183212. 181313. 1815 Wife is 45 in 1815 | <p>Other Children—Birth Dates?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Mary Upchurch-born 1825? married 18422. Sarah Upchurch-married 18383. Rebecca Upchurch4. Susan Upchurch5. Joseph Upchurch-married 18046. James Upchurch-married 18047. Elizabeth Upchurch-born 1820? married 18428. Salley Upchurch (newly found) married 1811 |
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(24) Amplification of the William Upchurch, IV Family Based on info from Warren Co., KY
RPU 9 Oct 2016

The family of William Upchurch, IV is represented on the 1810 census of Warren Co., KY by 3 Upchurch Households—evidence shows they got there after 1800 and left before 1820 (tax records). Slots in the John Upchurch, V Household are easily accounted for by his known family members.

The slots in the **David Upchurch** Household are imperfectly accounted for by known family records. Names are needed for 1 male & 3 females, children of **David Upchurch** born 1800-1810.

A slot in the **David Upchurch** Household for a male born 1784-1794 (age 16-26) could be for William Upchurch, a brother of John & **David Upchurch**.

The 3rd Household is described by Deborah Shumaker in her email of 4 Oct 2016 as follows:

1810—Warren Co., KY
Avery Upchurch—F 16-26 born 1784-1794 → possible widow of Edward Upchurch or
----- F 16-26 born 1784-1794 Asal (?) Upchurch children of
William Upchurch IV? RPU
----- F 0-10 born 1800-1810
----- M 0-10 born 1800-1810

Warren Co., KY Marriages show 4 Upchurch marriages:

- #1 Patsey Upchurch married 22 Feb 1811 () James Earnest
- #2 Sally Upchurch* married 20 Sep 1817 () Peter Snider “I”
- #3 Avy Upchurch* married 26 Dec 1813 () Berryman Wilbanks
- #4 Ambrose Upchurch married 2 Mar 1815 () Mary Durnall

* Both over 21 at marriage

NOTES (RPU)—Salley & Ambrose are clearly children of **David Upchurch**

The will of Berryman Wilbanks is reported in Henry Co., TN when he is presumed deceased. He names widow Averila Upchurch Wilbanks and two children Henry Wilbanks & Richard Wilbanks. **David Upchurch** is executor. Note no slot for Averila in **David Upchurch** household in 1810—How does she fit in? Likewise, no slot in **David Upchurch** 1810 household for Patsey Upchurch. How does she fit in?

(25) Input from Richard Holt—he is a descendant of Furney Lee Carpenter of the 1803 Upchurch → Carpenter name change (for which see other records). This extract draws from emails 4 & 11 May 2011 from Richard Holt to RPU and concerns a Sarah Ann Upchurch of Henry Co., TN who married a brother of Richard Holts ancestor Elizabeth (Frazier) West. [Sarah Ann Upchurch is a presumed daughter of **David Upchurch** & granddaughter of William Upchurch, IV Head of Clan—RPU]

- I. Thomas Frazier, Sr. 1759-1844—was a Revolutionary War Vet who lived in Sampson Co., NC—also resided in Cumberland & Johnston Counties, NC. He married Elizabeth Fowler in Sampson Co., NC. Their oldest son Thomas Frazier, Jr. moved to Henry Co., TN prior to 1824 and encountered Upchurches. In 1826 Thomas Frazier, Sr. moved to Henry Co., TN to be near Thomas Frazier, Jr. & brought his younger

children including Daniel Frazier. After Thomas Frazier, Jr. died (<5 Sep 1836) and before the 1840 census Thomas Frazier, Sr. moved to Gibson Co., TN* where he died in 1844.

A. Thomas Frazier, Jr. born-died <5 Sep 1836—per a court record**—Henry Co., TN court number Book A (1824-29) page 54—30 Jun 1824—moved to Henry Co., TN before 1824. Married () Jane Autry. She become a Mormon and moved from Henry Co., TN to IL after 7 May 1844. She joined the Mormon Trek to UT with several of her sons.

1. Thomas L. Frazier—joined the Mormon Battalion Jul 1846

B. ---- Frazier (F)—married () ---- } moved to Henry Co., TN with

C. ---- Frazier (F)—married () ---- } Thomas Frazier Jr prior to 1824

D. Elizabeth Frazier married () John West—direct ancestors of Richard Holt via the mother of his father.

E. Daniel Frazier born—died 8 Mar 1896 (Dallas Co., AR) married 2 Sep 1838 (Henry Co., TN) Sarah Ann Upchurch (per marriage license HC, TN Book A page 2). [Sarah Ann Upchurch is presumed daughter of **David Upchurch** & granddaughter of William Upchurch, IV Head of Clan—RPU]. They moved to Conway Co., AR by the 1840 census and then to Dallas Co., AR by 1850 census where Daniel died 8 Mar 1896.

* More regarding Gibson Co., TN: Elizabeth (Fowler) Frazier lived there as did a daughter who previously lived in Henry Co., TN + 3 brother of Elizabeth: Hardy Fowler, Beamon Fowler, Samuel Fowler.

** More details from this court record:

This 1824 court record shows that “hands” of the following people are to work on roads under the direction of John Lee:

Ethelred Elinor, Benjamin Elinor, John Swor, Thomas Frazier, Jr., (Raiford Cooper & William Ross—brother in law of Thomas Frazier, Jr.,)
Joshua Upchurch & John Upchurch, Jr. = (sons of John Upchurch, V & Grandsons of William Upchurch, IV—Head of Clan) Ambrose Upchurch son of **David Upchurch** & grandson of William Upchurch IV. [This Ambrose Upchurch & Sarah Ann Upchurch are siblings—RPU]