

## Elias Henderson Upchurch

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**Commentary:** Elias Henderson was a son of Joseph Upchurch and grandson of George, head of Upchurch Clan 5. Elias Henderson's participation in the Civil War shows how the Civil War divided families.

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(no number) Input from Anna Marie Crouch to RPU via email 13 Feb 2010 re: George Upchurch Clan

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Joseph Upchurch born 1800

10 children:

37. Joseph Upchurch was born 10-Aug-1800 Iredell County, North Carolina and died 23-Jun-1873 in Fentress County, Tennessee. Some sites have him listed as being born in Wayne County, Kentucky but his father did not get his land grant until 1814 so I believe that Joseph was born in North Carolina. Plus Joseph listed himself in the 1850 census of Fentress County, Tennessee as being born in North Carolina.

His wife was Jane Crouch who was born 6-29-1806 Tennessee and died after 1880 in Tennessee. Jane was the daughter of James Crouch and Martha Evans. Joseph and Jane were married 3-2-1823. Joseph was a Justice of the Peace for Fentress County, Tennessee. Joseph bought 50 acres on Rotten's Fork in Wayne County, Kentucky for \$10 in 1815. This land became part of Tennessee in 1823.

Joe is listed in the census records of 1830 and 1840 living in Fentress County, Tennessee. Joseph and Jane were listed in the census records of 1850 and 1860 living in Fentress County, Tennessee. Jane is listed in the census records of 1870 and 1880 with their daughter Lucinda in Fentress County, Tennessee. Joseph and Jane are buried at the Upchurch Cemetery which was part of the land that Joseph bought in 1823. They had three sons enlist in a military unit associated with the Union side of the Civil War. Two of their sons were in Tinker Dave Beaty's Tennessee Regiment of the Tennessee Independent Scout and one son joined the regular army. Jane's sister Martha Campbell had several sons enlist in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Their children

371. James Calvin Upchurch born 5-27-1824 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1-6-1898 Fentress County, Tennessee
372. Lucinda Jane Upchurch born 3-5-1826 Fentress County, Tennessee died in Fentress County, Tennessee
373. William Hamilton Upchurch born 2-7-1828 Fentress County, Tennessee died Fentress County, Tennessee
374. Thomas Washington Upchurch born 1-1-1832 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1914 Fentress County, Tennessee
375. Sarah Jane Upchurch born 6-29-1834 Fentress County, Tennessee died by 1883 Fentress County, Tennessee
376. Louisa Upchurch born 1836 Fentress County, Tennessee died Fentress County, Tennessee
377. John Jackson Upchurch born 1838 Fentress County, Tennessee died 4-26-1864 Lexington, Kentucky
378. Elizabeth Upchurch born 1840 Fentress County, Tennessee died Fentress County, Tennessee
379. Drury Upchurch born 1843 Fentress County, Tennessee and died by 1900 Fentress County, Tennessee
370. Elias Henderson Upchurch born 2-8-1847 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1-24-1907 Fentress County, Tennessee

370. Elias Henderson Upchurch was born 2-8-1847 Fentress County, Tennessee and died 1-24-1907 Fentress County, Tennessee. Henderson was listed with his parents in District 7 of Fentress County, Tennessee during the 1850 census. In 1860 Elias H. was living with his parents in District 8 of Fentress County, Tennessee.

Henderson served in Capt Tinker Dave Beaty's Tennessee Regiment of the Tennessee Independent Scout with his brother Drury and brother-in-law Hardy Williams. Henderson enlisted in the Union Army on 1-5-1864 at Monticello, Kentucky. Elias served during the American Civil War in Company D of the 30<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Regiment of Infantry. His physical description was: 5', blue eyes, light hair, and fair complexion.

His wife was Louise J. Storie who was born 10-5-1842 Fentress County, Tennessee and died 5-26-1921 Fentress County, Tennessee of bronchial pneumonia and chronic bronchitis. She was the daughter of James Story and Annie Evans. Their children

3701. Fate Thomas Upchurch born 8-19-1871 Fentress County, Tennessee died 3-28-1938 Fentress County, Tennessee
3702. Franklin Pierce Upchurch born 2-26-1874 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1-18-1956 Fentress County, Tennessee
3703. Mary Jo Upchurch born 1876 Fentress County, Tennessee died 8-23-1909 Fentress County, Tennessee
3704. Kennedy Luther Upchurch born 10-11-1878 Fentress County, Tennessee died 6-11-1966 Fentress County, Tennessee
3705. Ida L Upchurch born 2-1888 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1-15-1984 Fentress County, Tennessee

**(1) Elias Henderson Upchurch** born 8 Feb 1848 died 24 Jan 1907 married Luiza J Storey born 15 Oct 1842, died 26 May 1921. He served in Union Army as private, Co D, 30<sup>th</sup> KY Regiment

of Infantry. Enlisted 25 Jan 1864 at Monticello, K and was mustered in at Camp Burnside 5 Apr 1864. (29, Page 73)

(2) See letter 24 Aug 1984 Wilma Lenora Crabtree to RPU

Joseph Upchurch [son of George Upchurch, Head of Clan] died 1854 and was buried Pall Mall, TN. Listed as heirs were eight of his 10 children including EHU [**Elias Henderson Upchurch**].

(3) See biofile of Joseph A Upchurch – Fentress Co, TN Heritage Book

**Elias Henderson Upchurch** “Hennon” born 8 Feb 1847 married Luiza J Story. Their children:

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Pierce Upchurch  | [Franklin Pierce Upchurch]    |
| 2. Cappy L Upchurch | [Kennedy L Upchurch “Cappy”]  |
| 3. Fate Upchurch    | [Lafayette T Upchurch “Fate”] |
| 4. Ida Upchurch     | [vs Mary J Upchurch? – RPU]   |

(4) See Cemetery Records – Davidson Cemetery, Pickett Co, TN

**Elias Upchurch** 9 Feb 1848 – 2 Jan 1907

Luiza J Upchurch 15 May 1842 – 26 May 1921 [nee Luiza J Storey]

[Note that this cemetery listing shows an infant son buried there without dates, with parents ER & LJ. I presume ER is a misprint and should be “EH” for EHU. The “LJ” fits for the mother to be Luiza J (Upchurch) Story – RPU] [Note: Extract received 24 Oct 2000 shows EHU born 8 Feb 1848 versus 9 Feb 1848 above – RPU]

(5) Item in letter 5 Apr 193 Arieta NMN Snyder to RPU

From a book: Pioneer Families of Pickett Co, TN by Tim Huddleston, Pickett Co, TN Historian

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### UPCHURCH FAMILY

The Upchurch family of Travisville and Forbus are descendants of Michael Upchurch, who came from England to Virginia about 16511. One of their ancestors, George Upchurch, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and was at Valley Forge under General George Washington. The Upchurches came to the Pickett area soon after 1800. From that time on they have contributed to the history of the area. Joseph Upchurch was a member of the Fentress County Court in 1843; George Washington Upchurch was a deputy Fentress clerk in 1856; Drewry and **Henderson Upchurch** fought for the Union under Captain "Tinker" Dave Beatty in the Civil War; Grady Upchurch (1902-65) was tax assessor of Pickett and was a member of the Pickett County Court at his death.

Marion Upchurch was twice elected sheriff of Pickett County. Ruble Upchurch (1903- ), son of Gregg and Freely Ann Crabtree Upchurch, with a BS from T.P.I. and a MS from U. T., has spent his life in teaching and supervising the Fentress County Schools. Ruble has now retired and hopes he can spend his time doing historical research on Pickett and Fentress Counties.

Notes by RPU

1. I have not seen evidence that George Upchurch served in the Revolution. He was Head of a Clan.

Joseph Upchurch = Joseph A Upchurch, son of George Upchurch, Head of Clan

George Washington Upchurch = son of Moses Upchurch and grandson of George Upchurch, Head of Clan

Drewry Upchurch = Drury Granville Upchurch, son of Joseph A Upchurch

Henderson Upchurch = **Elias Henderson Upchurch**, son of Joseph A Upchurch

Grady Upchurch =

Marion Upchurch = son of William Hamilton Upchurch, grandson of Joseph A Upchurch

Ruble Upchurch = Oscar Ruble Upchurch, Sr

**(6)** See letter 4 Aug 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 60  
**EHU** died Lexington, KY married Louisa Jane Storey

**(7)** See letter 12 May 1999 James Roy Taylor to RPU, Page 8  
Henderson Upchurch (**EHU**) born Fentress Co, TN Married Louisa Storie. They married in Fentress Co, TN.

[Note: the following items were listed under Henderson Upchurch, XID – 506. CJM 8 Jan 2021]

**(1)** Henderson Upchurch was father of Franklin Pierce Upchurch born 26 Feb 1874, died 18 Jan 1956 who married Cora A Greer (of Upchurch ancestry) born 10 Jun 1898, died 25 Jan 1937. (29, Page 701)

[Henderson Upchurch = Elias Henderson Upchurch, whom see. Elias Henderson Upchurch was son of Joseph Upchurch and grandson of George Upchurch, Head of Clan – RPU]  
Elias Henderson Upchurch born 8 Feb 1848.

**(no number)** Ancestry.com – 1850 United States Federal Census

1850 United States Federal Census

Name: Henderson Upchurch

Age: 3

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1847

Birth Place: Tennessee

Gender: Male

Home in 1850 (City, County, State): District 7, Fentress, Tennessee

Family Number: 631

Household	Name	Age
Members:		

	Jo Upchurch	49
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	Jane Upchurch	44
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	Thos Upchurch	18
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	Sarah Upchurch	16
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	Louisa Upchurch	14
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Jackson Upchurch	12	
Elizabeth Upchurch	10	
Drury Upchurch	7	
Henderson Upchurch	3	[1847]

Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: District 7, Fentress, Tennessee; Roll: M432\_87; Page: 422B; Image: 505.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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**(no number)** Ancestry.com – 1860 United States Federal Census

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: Elias H Upchurch

Age in 1860: 12

Birth Year: abt 1848

Birthplace: Tennessee District 8, Fentress, Tennessee

Home in 1860:

Gender: Male

Post Office: Pall Mall

Value of real estate:

Household Members:	Name	Age	
	Joseph Upchurch	59	
	Jane Upchurch	54	
	Drury G Upchurch	16	
	Elias H Upchurch	12	[1848]

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: District 8, Fentress, Tennessee; Roll: M653\_1249; Page: 44; Image: 94; Family History Library Film: 805249.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

Description: This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1860 United States Federal Census, the Eighth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color; birthplace, occupation of

males over age fifteen, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1860 Federal Census.

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**(no number)** Ancestry.com – 1900 United States Federal Census

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: Henderson Upchurch

Home in 1900: Civil District 7, Fentress, Tennessee [Fentress, Tennessee]

Age: 52

Birth Date: Feb 1848

Birthplace: Tennessee

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relationship to head-of-house: Head

Father's Birthplace: North Carolina

Mother's Birthplace: Tennessee

Spouse's Name: Louisa J Upchurch

Marriage year: 1868

Marital Status: Married

Years married: 32

Occupation:

Household Members: Name:

Henderson Upchurch	head	Feb 1848	52	TN	marr 32 yrs
Louisa J Upchurch	wife	Oct 1842	57	TN	[6, 4]
Thomas L Upchurch	son	Aug 1871	28	TN	
Mary Jo Upchurch	dau	Dec 1876	23	TN	
Canada L Upchurch	son	Oct 1878	21	TN	
Iday L Upchurch	dau	Feb 1888	11	TN	

Source Citation: Year:1900; Census Place: Civil District 7, Fentress, Tennessee; Roll: T623\_/569; Page: /B; Enumeration District: 16.

Source Information: Ancestry.com.1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls. Description:

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**(1)** See letter 9 Oct 1991 Arieta NMN Snyder to RPU

1890 Civil War Veterans Census – TN – Transcribed and Indexed by Byron and Barbara Sistler  
Fentress Co, TN – Henderson Upchurch. Fe-41-2; Pvt J Co; 30<sup>th</sup> KY Inf; 1-1-64 to 4-18-65  
Travisville, PO.

