

Emily Catherine Upchurch

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Commentary:

Acknowledgements: This biofile was transcribed by Carla J. Michaels of Cary NC. She is both a marvelous contributor to UAFA and a member of the UAFA board. She is also a noted local historian in the Cary area.

(1) Emmala Upchurch (born 7 Dec 1828) married Addison Council. Emmala Upchurch was daughter of Murry and Nancy (Scott) Upchurch and granddaughter of Moses Upchurch. (28)

(2) Per visit to Sion Odell Upchurch by RPU 4 Sep 1977

For some reason Sion mentioned Emmala who married a council – Perhaps this was in connection with his reference to 9 Upchurch boys (brothers) whom his father told him came to this county to start the Upchurch tradition.

(3) See notes of RPU 18 Nov 1978 visit to Adelia Jane Upchurch

We rode about. At Green Level Church, Adelia said the Addison Council home was just north and on east side of road. He married Emily Upchurch a daughter of Murray Upchurch.

[Note: reference 30, Page 3 also gives info that Addison Council married Emily C Upchurch – hence question of proper spelling Emmala Upchurch versus Emily C Upchurch – RPU]

(4) See minutes of Mt Pisgah Baptist Church, Chatham Co, NC – 1814 – 18xx

On the 1958 membership list entry #42 (female) is Emaly Upchurch with an indication that she married and became Emaly Council.

(5) From notes of RPU visit 30 Nov 2001 to Patsy Penny Horton

Death certificate for Emily Catherine Council, 85 years 4 months 3 days, born Dec 7, 18388, died Mar 8, 1914. Cause of death, old age. Common School (Buried Wake County). Daughter of Murray Upchurch, and Nancy Scott.

Book, Andrew Mills and His Descendants, by Taylor, 1944.

(6) See letter 11 Jul 2006 Patsy Penny Horton to RPU – Page 10

The Murry Upchurch Bible shows his daughter as **Emmola (Emily) Upchurch** born 7 Dec 1828.

(7) Emily Catherin Upchurch born 7 Dec 1820 died 10 Mar 1914 married Addison “Dock”

Council born 14 Jan 1824 died 8 Mar 1893. She is daughter of Murray and Nancy Scott Upchurch.

[Note at one place says both buried Green Level Cemetery and at another place it says buried at Mt Pisgah Baptist Church]

Addison residence was 300 yards north of Green Level Baptist Church (35, Page 4, 122)

His will shows heirs: Wife – Emily C Council [**ECU**] and children and grandchildren. Her will was made 28 Aug 1887 – Book J, Page 420 – Chatham co, Courthouse, Pittsboro, NC. Reference is made to Rebecca Council’s Bible records. (35, Page 122)

(no number) Wake Co, NC Heritage Cook

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Emily Catherine Upchurch

Addison Council

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Bobbie Council was born in 1768 and died in 1861. He was a man of small statue and had distinctive blue-violet eyes set deep in his brows, a characteristic which many of the later generations possess and readily identify them as members of the Council family. He lived in Wake County near the Chatham County line west of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. He married Rebecca Weathers who was born in 1781 and was from Raleigh, North Carolina.

John Council who married Selah came from England and settled in the Isle of Wight, Virginia. His son, Hodges Council who married Lucy Hardy had a son, John. John Council, Sr. had a son John, Jr. who was Robert "Bobbie" Council's father. "Robert Council was appointed Ensign January 4, 1776 was promoted July 7, 1776. He resigned because of illness, September 10, 1776. He was reappointed Ensign in 1777 in Captain Bowman's Company, first Regiment under Col. Thomas Clarke and promoted to the North Carolina Dragoons on August 1, 1778 and served until the close of the war." — *State Records of North Carolina* by Clarke, Vol. 13, pages 474 and 475.

Bobbie and Rebecca Weathers Council, Jr. had nine children. They were:

Kimbrell Council who was born December 8, 1801 and died April 17, 1857 and married Ada Yates on December 23, 1826. Ada was born in 1808 and died March 25, 1882.

R. Chesley Council was born January 9, 1804 and died 1861 before Bobbie Council made his will. He married Rosannah Sears.

Dilly Council was born February 20, 1906. She married John "Jack" Dowdy. She was "bequeath fifty dollars more than any of the others" in Bobbie Council's will.

Enfield "Ensley" Council was born November 19, 1808 and was married twice, first to Nancy and then to Elizabeth.

Lemuel Council was born February 7, 1810 and died before 1861 when Bobbie Council made his will.

Henderson "Hensey" Council born September 11, 1815 and died before the turn of the century. He married Katherine "Kiddie" Yates on December 22, 1838. She was the sister of Ada Yates who married Kimbrell Council.

Robert Caswell "Cas" Council was born February 9, 1818 and married Mariah J. Wilson on December 28, 1846.

Addison "Dock" Council was born January 14, 1824 and died March 8, 1893. He married Emily Catherine Upchurch who was born on December 7, 1828 and died on March 10, 1914.

and Dr. William Council born September 3, 1820. He married Annie Johnson first and Polly Williams in a second marriage. He was a physician in the Southern Army during the War Between the States. He died in Eudora, Mississippi.

Sources: Personal research.

— Irma Ragan Holland

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(no number) Book: The Upchurch Family of High Falls, NC (Moore Co), Page 65

I. Moses Upchurch – head of Clan

A. Murray Upchurch

- 6 Murray Upchurch born 01 Nov 1797 in Pittsboro, Chatham County, NC, USA died 19 Feb 1872 in Chatham County, North Carolina
 - + Nancy E Carson born 1823 married 1866 in Chatham, NC< ISA died 22 Nov 1868 in Chatham Co, NC
 - *2nd wife of Murry Upchurch ;
 - +Sarah Temples born 1812 in North Carolina married Jan 1870 in Chatham, NC, USA died 1880
 - *3rd wife of Murry Upchurch
 - +Nancy Scott born 29 Nov 1801 in Wake, NC, USA married 23 Aug 1820 in Wake, NC, USA, died 26 Jul 1864 in Chatham Co, North Carolina
 - 7 Martha Upchurch born 03 Aug 1821 in Chatham, NC, USA
 - 7 Elizabeth Upchurch born 17 Jan 1823 in Chatham, NC, USA
 - 7 Isham Sims Upchurch born 31 Dec 1824 in Old Fayetteville Road, Chatham, NC, USA died 05 Apr 1916 in Chatham County, North Carolina
 - +Rosanna Taylor born 1850 in North Carolina married 03 Feb 1903 died 10 Dec 1911 in Chatham County, North Carolina
 - *2nd wife of Isham Sims Upchurch:
 - +Adelia Beavers born 08 Mar 1832 in Wake, NC, USA married 23 Dec 1851 in Chatham County, North Carolina died 24 Sep 1893 in Chatham County, North Carolina
 - 8 Isham Paschall Upchurch born 27 Jun 1863 in Chatham, NC, USA died 22 Apr 1934 in New Hill, NC, USA
 - 8 Marceline Gatling Upchurch born 20 Jun 1857 in Chatham, NC, USA died 1 Nov 1931 in Durham, Wake, NC, USA
 - 8 Laura Alice Upchurch born 14 Mar 1875 in Chatham, NC, USA died 15 May 1963 in Highpoint, NC, USA
 - 8 George Winston Upchurch born 08 Jun 1854 in Chatham, NC, USA died 10 Apr 1947 in Durham, NC, USA
 - 8 Thomas Irving Upchurch born 05 Aug 1859 in Chatham, NC, USA 04 Apr 1939 in Wake, NC, USA
 - 8 Franklin Pierce Upchurch born 01 Jun 1871 in Chatham, NC, USA died Nov 1936 in Wake, NC, USA
 - 8 Matthew Robert Upchurch born 25 Apr 1856 in Chatham, NC, USA died 10 Sep 1938 in Chatham, NC, USA
 - 8 Varina Fisher Upchurch born 18 Aug 1861 in Chatham, NC, USA died 10 May 1944 in Chatham, NC, USA
 - 8 Josephine Frances Upchurch born 18 Sep 1852 in Chatham, NC, USA died 06 Oct 1954 in Wake, NC, USA
 - 8 Ora Aurelia Upchurch born 15 Mar 1866 in Chatham, NC, USA died 25 Jul 1962 in Durham, NC, USA
 - 8 Sidney Harrison Upchurch born 04 Nov 1867 in Chatham, NC, USA died 02 Oct 1878 in Chatham, NC, USA

- 8 Mary Adelia Upchurch born 03 Aug 1872 in Chatham, NC, USA
died 02 Nov 1880 in Chatham, NC, USA
- 7 John M Upchurch born 24 oct 1826 in Chatham, NC, USA
+Nancy T Carne born 1838 married 23 Mar 1857 in Chatham, NC, USA
- 7 **Emmala Catherine Upchurch** born 07 Dec 1828 in Chatham, NC, USA
died 14 Nov 1924 in Apex, North Carolina
- 7 Paschal B Upchurch born 01 Aug 1830 in Chatham, NC, USA died 04 Jul
1863 in south Anna Bridge, Virginia in Civil War
+Telitha Olive born 15 Sep 1832 in Wake, NC, USA married 1850 died
26 Aug 1916 in Jonesboro, Lee, NC, USA
- 8 Sarah Upchurch born 1857 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Edward Upchurch born 1859 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Molly Upchurch born 1861 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Nancy Paschal Upchurch born 10 Jul 1863 in Wake County, North
Carolina died 13 Dec 1944 in Jonesboro, Lee, NC, USA
+ Frederic Ralston Jarrell born 17 Feb 1854 in Jonesboro, Lee,
NC, USA married 1897 in NC, USA died 19 Feb 1928 in
Jonesboro, Lee, NC, USA
- 9 Edna Olive Jarrell born 23 Aug 1898 in Jonesboro, Lee,
NC, USA died 31 Aug 1967 in Orlando, FL, USA
- 9 Mildred L Jarrell born 17 Oct 1900 in Jonesboro, Lee, NC,
USA died 14 Jul 198 in Moore, NC, USA
- 9 Hilda Harrell born 1902 in Jonesboro, Lee, NC, USA died
1910 in Jonesboro, Lee, NC, USA
- 7 Farrington Upchurch born 15 Apr 1832 in Chatham County, North
Carolina died before 1850 in Chatham County, North Carolina
- 7 Rachel Rebecca Upchurch born 08 Sep 1835 in Chatham County, North
Carolina
+James Penney born 1814 in North Carolina married 04 Jan 1866 in
Wake, NC, USA
- 8 John Penney born 1867 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Martha Penney born 1868 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Mary Penney born Jan 1870 in Wake County, North Carolina
*2nd husband Stephen Scroble born 1833 in North Carolina
married 1851 in NC, USA died 19 May 1864 in Charlottesville,
Virginia – Civil War of disease
- 8 James Scroble
- 8 Lucy Scroble born 1858 in Wake County, North Carolina
- 8 Lula Sophronia Scroble born 10 Feb 1859 in Wake County, North
Carolina died 04 Oct 1946 in Angier, Harnett County, North
Carolina
+John Wesley Ellington born 10 Apr 1861 married in NC, USA
died 17 Mar 1919 in Angier, Harnett, NC, USA
- 7 Mary Upchurch born 06 Oct 1837 in Chatham, NC, USA died 18 Apr
1884

- 7 Clara Upchurch born 22 Feb 1843 in Chatham, NC, USA
+Vernon Rigsbee born 1841 married 1859

(no number) Item in letter 9 Oct 2007 Ann Poe to RPU

Margaret Travis is nee Margaret Farrar Mills born 10 Mar 1922

Addison Council

Matthew Ferrell

The wife of Addison Council was **Emmala Upchurch** (or Emily Upchurch), daughter of Murray Upchurch and granddaughter of Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

[Note: On 25 Oct 2007 I called Ann Poe and she agreed to find more information on Green Level. She says Lester Council and George Beavers (now 90+ and in Spring Arbor) would be good sources on Green Level.]

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THE CARY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

A brief history of the Green Level community

Margaret Travis was born and grew up in Green Level, the daughter of one of the first pastors of the Green Level Baptist Church. She shares the history of Green Level that has been passed down to her.

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"It is legend that the Indians named Green Level. Their trails crossed at the bottom of a large hill. One [trail] went north and south and one east and west. It's believed that, because it's a level area there, the chief would call his meetings where it was green and level.

"As North Carolina was settled, many families would come and buy large strips of land close together. A man built a saw mill at the bottom of the hill where the roads crossed. As the people came, they'd cut the trees

from their land and would bring it to the saw mill. The lumber was sawn and they'd take it back to their land to build their homes and barns. So farms began in the Green Level area.

"A stagecoach line began at Durham and went to Pittsboro. They came through Green Level at the crossroads. It was a place that the stagecoach would stop. On the corner of where the roads crossed another man in the community built a tavern as a stop for the stagecoach lines. The tavern also had a post office. Then another man built a little country store at the crossroads. In the store he would sell shoes, a little bit of clothing and food, staple things. Now Green Level has a saw mill, a whisky tavern and a country store. The first farmers planted cotton. So next a cotton gin was built. The crossroads at Green Level became the hub of the community.

"When Green Level was settled in the 1700s and the farms were established at the foot of the hill, there was not a church at all in Green Level.

Mr. Addison Council asked the people, 'Don't we need a church in our community?' They agreed they would like a church close by. For a place to meet they wanted to use the cotton gin, but some masons in the community asked for the cotton gin for their place to meet. Well, the whisky tavern was left. So he saw the owner and asked if they could have Sunday school in the whisky tavern. Mr. Addison Council began a Sunday school in the whisky tavern in 1870. Mr. Matthew Ferrell who lived in the community was a preacher. He agreed to be the pastor of the new church. They named it Providence Baptist Church. In September of 1870, he held a revival, and 36 people moved their letters from Mt. Pisgah in Salem, and 16 people came by baptism. All the church members went down to the stream called White Oak Branch and [those 16 people] were baptized in the branch. In the same year, they said, 'Let's change the name from Providence to Green Level,' so it became the Green Level Baptist

Church.

"They outgrew the whisky tavern and the members said, 'We need a church.' Mr. Addison Council's wife had inherited land from Mr. Upchurch up on the hill from the crossroads. So together they gave two acres of land at the top of the hill. They built a two-story building. It was in that old building in 1891 that my father, a 12-year-old child, became a Christian. He later became pastor of the [newer] Green Level Church."

Cary's Heritage is taken from the book "Just a Horse-Stopping Place, an Oral History of Cary, North Carolina," which is on sale at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in downtown Cary. The book is a collection of oral history interviews conducted between local citizens and Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel. Proceeds from the sale of this book support the preservation of Cary's history through the Cary Heritage Museum.