

## Frances A Upchurch

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**Commentary:** Frances A Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin and the head of Upchurch Clan 13, married John Pearce II, son of Philip Pearce, in 1808. This union produced 9 children and countless numbers of descendants.

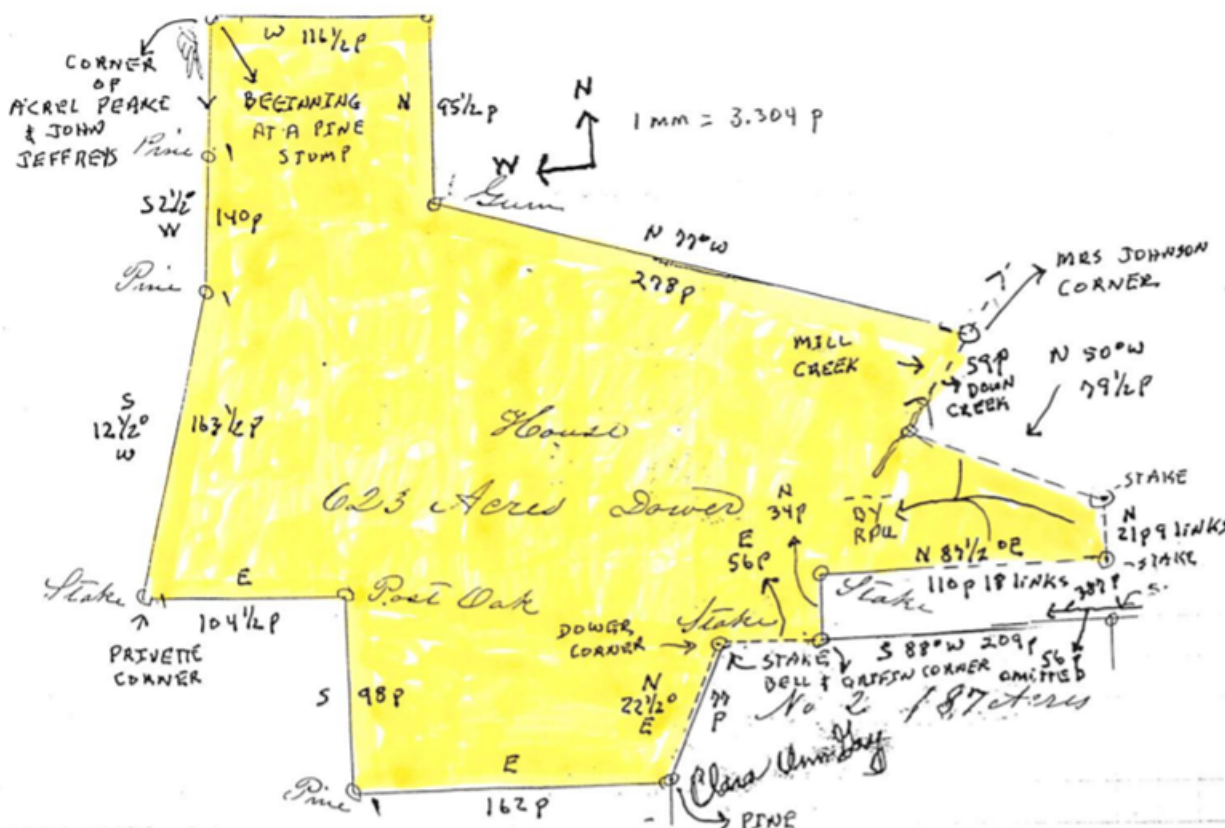
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[Note: this first item was cross-filed under Frances A Pearce. The remainder of the transcription pertains to Frances A Upchurch – CJM 27 Nov 2020]

**(no number)** From Estate File of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787

[son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006, Franklin Co, NC

The estate of John Pearce, II was partitioned per 9 Jan 1864 survey. 623 acres was set aside as a Dower for Frances A (Upchurch) Pearce as shown below. The heirs received adjoining land.



Note: This 623-acre tract was the land allocated to the widow of John Pearce, II born 10 Nov 1787, on about Jan 1864. This sheet will be cross-filed under Mrs Frances A Pearce and nee

**Frances A Upchurch** – possible daughter of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of Clan, It would be of interest to know of the disposition of this tract – RPU – 11 Sep 2008

**(no number)** From: Franklin Co, NC Heritage Book – 2008 – Article 816

I. **Frances A Upchurch** [presumptive daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan]  
married ( ) John Pearce [II, son of Philip Pearce, grandson of Nathan Pearce born 1735]

A. Lucinda Pearce born about 1810 (Franklin Co, NC) “Cindy”

married ( ) Pemberton Mitchell born about 1804 (Wake Co, NC) – His farm in Wake Co, NC and some Franklin Co, NC. Cemetery – Mitchell Cemetery = Mitchell Town Road.

1. John Crudup Mitchell, CSA, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Inf, Co F, born about 1831 died 24 Jun 1864 (Point Lookout, MD)

married (1<sup>st</sup>) Sarah Perry

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mary A Ferrell

2. Elizabeth Frances Mitchell born about 1835

married (1<sup>st</sup>) Henry Hodge, CSA

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) James Denton, CSA

3. Benjamin T Mitchell, CSA born about 1837 died 14 Mar 1865 (Point Lookout, MD), 1<sup>st</sup> NC Inf, Co I

married ( ) Elmira Perry – Bondsman Acrel Pearce, Franklin Co, NC

a. No issue

4. Rebecca Ann Mitchell born about 1840

married 21 Jan 1875 (Franklin Co, NC) Rufus J Barham - no issue

5. Delilah Mitchell “Dilly” born about 1841

married (1<sup>st</sup>) Leonidas D Pearce “Lee”, CSA of Franklin Co, NC died 1872, son of Acrel Pearce and Obedience Denton.

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) ( ) Alexander Barham, son of Jasper Barham, and Rowena Pearce

6. Sidney Richard Mitchell born 31 May 1844

see separate extract – His wife Nancy Pearce was daughter of Nathan Pearce and Susan Upchurch

7. Winnie Mitchell born about 1846. She died fairly young 1865 -

married ( ) Kearney Pearce of Franklin Co, NC, CSA

8. Reuben J Mitchell born 1849 ( )

married 14 Dec 1869 (Franklin Co, NC) Mary E Richards

9. Clem G Mitchell born 2 May 1854

married 12 Sep 1872 (Franklin Co, NC) Pennie Pearce, daughter of Acrel Pearce and Obedience Denton

**(no number)** From Estate File of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787

[son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006, Franklin Co, NC

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(see map below)





**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC  
Page 40 – Petition of Widow [nee **Frances A Upchurch**] for 1-year support. March Term 1863, Justice Court, W S Harris, JP.

Clara Gay against G M Cooley

G M Cooley, Administrator for the deceased John Pearce) appeals a judgment in that debts allocated as assets to heirs of John Pearce – could not be collected.

The Plaintiff was granted relief 20 Mar 1869.

Note: This does not appear to concern the widow's request for 1-year of support – but rather seems to concern later proceedings in the settlement of the estate – RPU

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC  
Page 39 March Term 1863

Franky A Pearce [nee **Frances A Upchurch**], widow of John Pearce, Sr requests on year of support. She requests one JP and 3 freeholders unconnected with her to make the allocation – D W Spivey, Attorney for petitioner.

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC  
Page 29a, 29b, 30b, 31b

This document is a Writ of Dower issued by the Court and makes reference to the petition of the widow of John Pearce, Sr **[Frances A Upchurch]** for her Dower and lists those whom she petitioned against [“The Heirs”]. The writ is to the Sheriff E A Gupton who is directed to select 12 men to lay off the Dower Lands. The 12 ‘jurors’ reported on 19 Jan 1864 and attached a map (not yet found by RPU). The 12 jurors:

Thomas G Riley	*Bartlett Medlin	*William Privette
* M Doyle	? T Minga	*Duncan J Bunn
Robert Griffin	*John Alford	B A Perry
*John Griffin	John W Gay	Thomas Williams

Official = M B Joyner

\* = used a “mark” for signature

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC  
Page 23, 24, 25

G M Cooley, Administrator for the estate of John Pearce, Sr, sells to Sherod Brantley a judgment in favor of G M Cooley and to J J Harris – highest bidder - \$38. Report dated 23 Aug 1873  
Officials: R H Timberlake and T C Horton

Reference to names on account list:

Curtis Hodge	Richardson Allen	A Upchurch
Matthew Johnson	Keaser Alfred	James M Bell
	Duncan Bunn	A C Crudup
Simon Pearce	B T Strickland	E A Crudup

Cross-file to include nee **Frances A Upchurch**

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC

Pages 27, 28, 26 – RPU Note:

These three sheets seem entirely out of order and are here described as follows:

- 26 A cover sheet for Inventory of the Estate of John Pearce, Sr to March 1864 – The body of the Inventory not here.
- 27 The first page of the petition of widow [nee **Frances A Upchurch**] for 1 year & support – refers to petition being to March Term – 1863 – 2<sup>nd</sup> page not here.
- 28 The admr Giden (Gideon), M Cooley in authorized to sell a claim belonging to us estate of John Pearce, Sr Date 1 Aug 1873.

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC

Pages 37a, 37b, 38

A report submitted to court re: allocation of assets from the estate of John Pearce, Sr to the widow nee **Frances A Upchurch** – Fall Term 1863

Signed: W S Cheves, Thomas Williams, John Griffin

[not much genealogical information here – RPU]

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC

Pages 42, 43, 44

March Term 1863 Clara Gay vs G M Cooley

The widow's petition is cited in which the heirs of John Pearce, Sr are listed and repeated here (not extracted by RPU)

[Note: The purpose of this document is not clear to me – perhaps the heirs are taking notice that the widow of John Pearce, Sr [nee Frances A Upchurch] is slated to get her dower's right including land and the home for life – RPU] – File only under Frances A Upchurch

**(no number)** From estate file of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] see his biofile – 29 Oct 2006 Franklin Co, NC

Major estate sale of perishable and wasting property of the late John Pearce, Sr on 7 May 1863 – G M Cooley, admr – purchases by:

Clem Alford – 7	W Locus – 1
Keaser Alford – 2	J Maassee – 1
B Alford – 3	(Massey?)
Jackson Allen – 2	Gray Massey – 5
George Barham – 2	L Mitchell – 7
T H Cannard – 5	P Mitchell – 7
or T H Canneers	B Medlin – 1
or T H Canniers	T B Mann (Dr) – 1
B Cargal – 1	William Privette – 9
Sandurs Clifton – 1	Mary Privette – 1
W S Cheves – 2	R Perry – 5
Shaw Driver – 1	T Pulley – 4
D Davis – 1	John (Johan) Pendergrass – 3
J C Freeman – 1	Calvin Pearce – 21
W T Freeman – 1	Benjamin Pearce – 29
R C Freeman – 2	Thomas Pearce – 1
T T Freeman – 1	S Pearce – 1
B Griffin – 1	Acril Pearce – 2
William Gay – 7	(Acrau/ Acail)
Charles H Horton – 3	T Smith - 5
A Hopkins – 1	J F Scott – 5
W S Harris – 2	W W Silvester - 3
Chestan Jones – 1	Lotta Stallings – 2
Bennett Joyner – 7	S Tharrington – 3
Wiley Jeffers – 1	Ambrose Upchurch – 12
R Johnson – 3	T Upchurch – 2
	<b><u>Frances A Upchurch</u></b> (widow) – 26
	Thomas Williams – 1
	L Williams – 1
	William Williams – 2

**(no number)** From Estate File of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] See his biofile – 29 Oct 2006

Selected Estate Records

Page 15a – Sale of 10 slaves on 26 Dec 1863 by G M Cooley

The slaves are all named

5 bought by the widow [**Frances Upchurch**]

and 1 each by John Chamblee, William Privette, Purritan Mitchel, John Pearce, Jr, Benjamin Pearce

Page 15a & 15b – Report of cash on hand & notes due the estate as of 9 Mar 1864

Cash \$1000.00

W S Harris \$150.00 due 18 Mar 1854; \$74.17 due 25 May 1859

S Brantley \$73.19 due 2 Mar 1861; \$50.00 due 9 Mar 1859

William Gay \$29.84 due 27 Apr 1861

A Upchurch & Acriel Pearce \$1361.52 due 19 Dec 1859 subject to credit of \$245 paid 19 Dec 1862

B T Stricklin \$80.00 due 23 May 1855; \$463.80 due 27 May 1854, paid 369.74 21 Aug 1854

Strickland & Chamblee \$255.00 due 8 Dec 1855

B T Strickland & B C Stricklin \$250.00 due 23 May 1855

Page 16a – Amounts “brought over”

B T Strickland & Blake Baker \$125 due 11 Aug 1855

S Brantley \$18.08 due 11 Jan 1862; \$222.60 due 13 Jun 1860

T G Riley & B A Perry \$40.00 for 16 Nov 1860

Samuel Harris & Tho S Williams \$300.00 due 16 May 1861

T G Riley & W S Harris \$100.00 due 15 Dec 1856

Robert Griffin \$25.19 due 4 Jan 1861; John Chamblee \$100 due 25 Dec 1858

Page 16b

A P Crudup \$135.00 due 15 Aug 1857

S Brantley \$150.50 due 6 Jan 1858; \$125.00 due 26 Mar 1859

Cash rec'd from Tho S Williams on note \$178.97

John S Perry \$20.40 due 11 Mar 1862

Carter Hodges \$1000 due 15 Jun 1860

Hartney Medlin \$16.65 due 26 Feb 1853; \$14.00 due 26 Feb 1853

Budd Hick \$8.20 due 2 Oct 1850

W Alston \$196.21 due 19 Feb 1853 - \$5 paid 24 Dec 1859 and \$5 paid 5 May 1859, \$25 paid 29 Oct 1859, \$13.00 paid 11 Dec 1859

**(no number)** From Estate File of John Pearce born 10 Nov 1787 [son of Philip Pearce born 9 Jun 1735] See his biofile – 29 Oct 2006

Franklin Co, NC – Pages 33a, 33b, 34b

34b Audit report re: accounts of J M Cooley, Admr for the estate of John Pearce, Sr  
Auditors (commissioners) appointed by the court.

W S Harris; Thomas G Riley, John Chamblee

Report 18 Mar 1864 – receipts: \$52,097.07 – suggest 3% commission = \$1,542.91. Also suggest he be allowed 3% on disbursements = \$31.54

Still owed the estate: \$48,441.03

33a&b An undated report of estate transactions – details extracted.

Amount brought over: \$50,360.58 [Actually the numbers in the body of this report coincide with the above report dated 18 mar 1864 – RPU]

Names re: transactions:

John Chamblee	B T Strickland	R B (?) Crudup
S Brantley	Thomas Williams	P Mitchell
Roeney Johnson	Burrell Ray	Siman Pearce
Rutherford Perry	Eliza Upchurch	R S Perry
B? Jeanes?	Burkley Perry	R C Freeman
W W Holden	W N Fuller, Surveyor	
Bartlet Medlin – for coffin		Ambrose Upchurch
W Spivey	Paid widow	<b><u>Frances A Upchurch</u></b>

**(no number)** RPU Download 16 Nov 2013

Pearce Family Tree

Owner: BVPEARCE

Clem Wesley Pearce

Birth 6 September 1860 in Franklin County, North Carolina

Death 7 Jul 1919 in Franklin County, North Carolina

Family Members

Parents

Calvin Pearce 1833 – 1867

Rutha Baker 1832 – 1913

Spouse & Children

Ina Blanche Privette 1869 – 1950

Ina Blanche Privette is daughter of William K Privette and granddaughter of Auma Upchurch, Head of a line in the Richard Upchurch, III/ Burkely Upchurch Sub-clan.

1885 Marriage to Ina Blanche Privette

20 Jan Franklin, North Carolina, United States

Age: 24

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Philip Pearce [1 of 4 brothers]

1. John Pearce, II

married ( ) **Frances Upchurch**

a. Calvin Pearce 1833 – 1867

married ( ) Rutha Baker 1832 – 1913

i. Clem Wesley Pearce

**(no number)****Frances Upchurch**

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

marriage: 01 Dec 1808

Franklin, North Carolina

spouse: John Pearce

**(16)** Family of Benjamin Pearce born 11 Nov 1816 (Franklin Co, NC) Census Records – RPU  
Downloads – 3 Jul 2008

1850 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Benj Pearce	1823	27	farmer, \$400
Elizabeth Pearce	1823	27	
Jane Pearce	1842	8	
William Pearce	1849	0	8/12

1860 Census – Dunn Township, Bakers X Roads, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Benj Pearce	1817	43	farmer, \$1500/ \$519
Linda Pearce	1839	21	
Jane Pearce	1842	18	
William Pearce	1851	9	
Frances Pearce	1855	5	
John H Pearce	1857	3	
Burrel Pearce	1858	2	
Fenner Denton	1846	14	relationship not stated

1870 Census – Dunn Township, Pacific PO, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Biryan Pearce	1815	55	
Melinda Pearce	1838	32	
John Pearce	1859	11	
William Pearce	1850	20	
James Pearce	1861	9	
Cherry Pearce	1863	7	
Nancy Pearce	1864	6	
Archibald Pearce	1865	5	
Thomas Pearce	1866	4	
Augustus Pearce	1867	3	
Benjamin Pearce	1869	1	relationships not stated

1880 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Wm Peirce	1848	32	
Francis Peirce	1857	23	
Lucy W Peirce	1874	6	dau
Rosella Peirce	1876	4	dau
Furney E Peirce	1878	2	son

1880 Census – Benjamin Pearce not found. I have names of 4 more children born 1870 – 1880 – RPU

1900 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
William Pearce	Feb 1850	50	Head
Daisy M Pearce	Apr 1880	20	dau
Minda Pearce	Jan 1887	13	dau
Garlon Pearce	Mar 1890	10	son
Ira Pearce [Ora]	Sep 1892	7	dau

1900 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Gus F Pearce	Apr 1867	33	head, married 4 years
Geneva Pearce	Nov 1876	23	wife, [1, 1]
Mamie Pearce	Mar 1898	2	dau
Benjamin P Pearce	Nov 1814	85	father, widow
Alsie A Geans	Jan 1860	40	servant, white
Thip Geans	Mar 1890	10	hireling, white

1910 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Marcus S Alford	1885	25	Head
Menda B Alford	1887	23	[2, 2], wife
Heral M Alford	1907	3	son
Lee E Alford	1909	1 6/12	son
William Pierce	1851	59	father in law
Ora M Pierce	1895	15	sister in law

1920 Census – Dunn Township, Franklin Co, NC			
Name	born about	age	
Marcus C Alford	1882	38	Head
Minda Alford	1886	34	wife
Herald Alford	1907	13	son
Lerald Alford	1909	11	son
Madied Alford	1911	9	dau
Euell Alford	1914	6	son
Minnie Alford	1916	3 6/12	dau
M C Alford	1918	1 6/12	son
Herma House	1895	25	boarder

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Philip Pearce – 1 of 4 brothers

1. John Pearce, II

married ( ) **Frances Upchurch**

a. Benjamin Pearce born 11 Nov 1816 (Franklin Co, NC)

married (1<sup>st</sup>) Leesie Upchurch<sup>1</sup> [AKA Elizabeth Upchurch]

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Linda Denton<sup>2</sup> [AKA Melinda Denton]

married (3<sup>rd</sup>) Betty Fason

i.<sup>1</sup> Lenora Jane Pearce

ii.<sup>1</sup> William Pearce born about 1850

married ( ) Frances Privette born about 1857. Frances Privette is daughter of Auma Upchurch and granddaughter of Burkley Upchurch and great granddaughter of Richard Upchurch, III

(I) Lucy W Pearce AKA Lessie W Pearce

(II) Rosella Pearce

(II) Furney E Pearce

(IV) Daisy M Pearce

(V) Rosa Minda B Pearce

married ( ) Marcus J Alford

(A) Herald Alford

(B) Lerald Alford

(C) Madied Alford

(D) Euell Alford

(E) Minnie Alford

(F) M C Alford

(VI) Garlon Pearce

(VII) Ora Pearce

iii.<sup>1</sup> Frances Pearce

iv.<sup>2</sup> John H Pearce

v.<sup>2</sup> Burrell Pearce

vi.<sup>2</sup> James E Pearce

vii.<sup>2</sup> Cherrie Pearce

viii.<sup>2</sup> Nancy Ellen Pearce

- ix.<sup>2</sup> Archibald C Pearce
- x.<sup>2</sup> Thomas Sherman Pearce
- xi.<sup>2</sup> Augustus Fenner Pearce
- xii.<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Calvin Pearce

**(1)** Ben Upchurch married Nancy Ledbetter. They had a daughter Frankie Upchurch (A) who married John Pearce, son of Phillip and Nancy (Bunn) Pearce. John Pearce was born 10 Nov 1887. Ben Upchurch had 3 sisters: Frankie Upchurch (B)  
Betty Upchurch  
Nancy Upchurch

Frankie Upchurch, could be (A) or (B), had a brother Jubble Upchurch who lived to be 85. (33, Page 21)

**(12)** See Pearce Family – Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages, Page 3

The passage below provides critical information on the Upchurch Family but raises questions. See passage below and the following interpretation.

Fill Pearce, 80<sup>3</sup>, his children were: Halley, 70; Nathon, 86; Hardy went to Alabama. Fill's wife was Nancey.

Benjamin Pearce's mother was **Frankie Upchurch**, 82, and **Frankie Upchurch**'s mother was Nancey Ledbetter, 85. Nancey Ledbetter married Ben Upchurch.

Ben Upchurch's sisters – Frankie, Bettie, Nancey. Frankie Upchurch's brothers: Juble Upchurch, 80; Frankie's sister Winnie Upchurch

Benjamin Pearce's wife was Linda Denton, 47; Linda Denton's mother was Nancey Denton, 45; Nancy's mother was Cherry Denton, 75. Drew Denton was the father of Nancy Denton.

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

A. Philip Pearce "Fill" 80<sup>3</sup>

married ( ) Nancy --- ---

1. Halley Pearce 70
2. Nathan Pearce 86
3. Eley Pearce 80 [Eli]
4. Hardy Pearce → Alabama
5. John Pearce, II 80

married ( ) Frankie Upchurch 82 ←

- a. Benjamin Pearce
- married Linda Denton<sup>2</sup> 47
- 14 Children of their marriage.
- 11 reached adulthood

I. Richard Upchurch, II

- A. Frankie Upchurch (F)
- B. Bettie Upchurch
- C. Nancy Upchurch
- D. Juble Upchurch 80 [Jubal U]
- E. Winnie Upchurch<sup>1</sup>
- F. Benjamin Upchurch
- married ( ) Nancy Ledbetter 85

1. Frankie Upchurch, 82
2. Winnie Upchurch<sup>1</sup>

I. Drew Denton

married ( ) Cherry --- --- 75

A. Nancy Denton<sup>2</sup>

1. Linda Denton<sup>2</sup> 47

<sup>1</sup>The reference that **Frankie** had a sister Winnie could mean Winnie was a daughter of Richard Upchurch, II or of Benjamin Upchurch. Cross-file under Winifred Upchurch.

<sup>2</sup>It would appear Nancy Denton married ( ) --- --- Denton – or had Linda out of wedlock

<sup>3</sup>Presume these ages show the lifespan of these individuals – RPU

**(no number)** RPU thoughts about tricky Upchurch – Pearce – Ray relations – reference Nail & Ray Families 2<sup>nd</sup> edition and RPU records – by RPU 26 Jul 2010

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735 – He and 5 sons and 1 daughter to Franklin Co, NC – Moccasin Creek Area 1775±

A. Elizabeth Pearce born about 1767

Married Thomas Ray born about 1762

To Randolph Co, NC and then to Shelby Co, IN – Noll Heritage

B. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754

1. John Pearce, II born 12 Nov 1789 ( ) died ( ) (Buried Family Cemetery 3 miles southwest of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Franklin Co, NC

Married ( ) --- --- Upchurch – Possibly the **Frances Upchurch** who married 1 Dec 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) John Pearce – She is possibly daughter of Benjamin Upchurch.

C. John Pearce, I born about 1766 ( ) died (Shelby Co, IN)

Married ( ) Clara Upchurch (Clarice) daughter Richard Upchurch, III

There seems to be little doubt that John Pearce who lived close to his sister Elizabeth (Pearce) Ray in Randolph Co, NC was the John who married the only daughter of Richard Upchurch, III who died intestate in Franklin Co, NC in 1816. His son-in-law John Pearce and his wife drew lot #1 of 28 acres (need to find where John sold this.) A clincher is that John Pearce in Randolph Co, NC appointed William Rhea in Franklin Co, NC to recover his right to a portion of the estate of Richard Upchurch, III.

The records from IN show the wife of John Pearce born 1766 was “Clarise” hence Clara.

The children of Richard Upchurch, III were born from 1774 to 1795 with a daughter born in 1793. Richard Upchurch, III married 2<sup>nd</sup> 14 Sep 1796 (Franklin Co, NC). His young sons show up in his home on the 1800 census but no young daughter born 1793. Perhaps she was staying with relatives.??

In the 1790 – 1810 era it is unlikely you would find a female with the name Clara & Frances.

On balance, I am inclined to say that the 1808 marriage was for John Pearce born 1787 and Frances Upchurch possible daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – not for John Pearce born 1766 and Clara Upchurch.

**(no number)** Book: Franklin County Heritage – North Carolina, Volume 1, 2008, Article 816

# 816 THE MITCHELLS AND PEARCES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

Sidney Richard Mitchell was born on 31 May 1844 in Wake Co. to Pemberton Mitchell, born about 1804 of Wake Co. and Lucinda Pearce born about 1810 in Franklin County. Lucinda was the daughter of John Pearce and **Frances A. Upchurch**. Pemberton and Lucinda (Cindy) had 9 children

Sixth child was Sidney Richard (CSA) born 1844 in Wake County. He married Nancy Pearce on 6 Oct 1862 in Franklin Co., daughter of Nathan Pearce and Susan Upchurch. Nancy was born 20 Oct 1833 in Franklin Co.

My line from this group is Sidney Richard Mitchell and Nancy Pearce. He was born 31 May 1844 in Wake Co. Pemberton's family farm was situated in Wake Co., with part of it spilling into Franklin Co., near present day Mitchell Town Rd. The Mitchell Cemetery is located on Mitchell Town Road in Franklin Co.

S. Richard Mitchell entered the Confederate Army at age 18 in 1863. He was present and accounted for until captured at Spotsylvania Court House, VA on May 12, 1864. He was confined as a POW at Point Lookout Prison in Maryland until transferred to Elmira Union Prison in New York on August 6, 1864. He was released at Elmira after taking the Oath on June 27, 1865. Oral family history says that he walked all the way back to NC.

Richard and Nancy lived in Freeman's Township of Franklin Co. which is present day Youngsville area. He was a farmer in his early years after the Civil War and then moved to Wake Forest to work in the Glen Royal Cotton Mill. He lived with Nancy in the tenement houses built for the mill workers. Nancy died on 22 Sept 1902. Richard remarried on 15 Dec 1904 in Wake Forest to widow Bettie Pearce Wadford, daughter of James Pearce. Richard died 12 Mar 1915 in Wake Forest, NC of a cerebral hemorrhage and bronchial pneumonia. S. Richard and Nancy are both buried in Youngsville Cemetery beside each other. He has a CSA marker on his headstone but his birth and death dates are not inscribed. Nancy's headstone is hand-carved and difficult to read. Richard and Nancy had three children.

The last child born to Richard and Nancy was my great-grandfather, Sidney Addison Mitchell born 17 July 1874 in Franklin Co. and died 3 Apr 1953. Sidney married 1) Lena Thompson Arnold on 20 Oct 1895 in Wake Co., she was the daughter of Ananias Judson Arnold (CSA) and Lucy Buffaloe and 2) Drusilla Ladd in 1946. Lena was born 18 Jun 1876 and died 27 Jul 1946. Sidney and Lena are both buried in Youngsville Cemetery.

Sidney and Lena had eleven children.

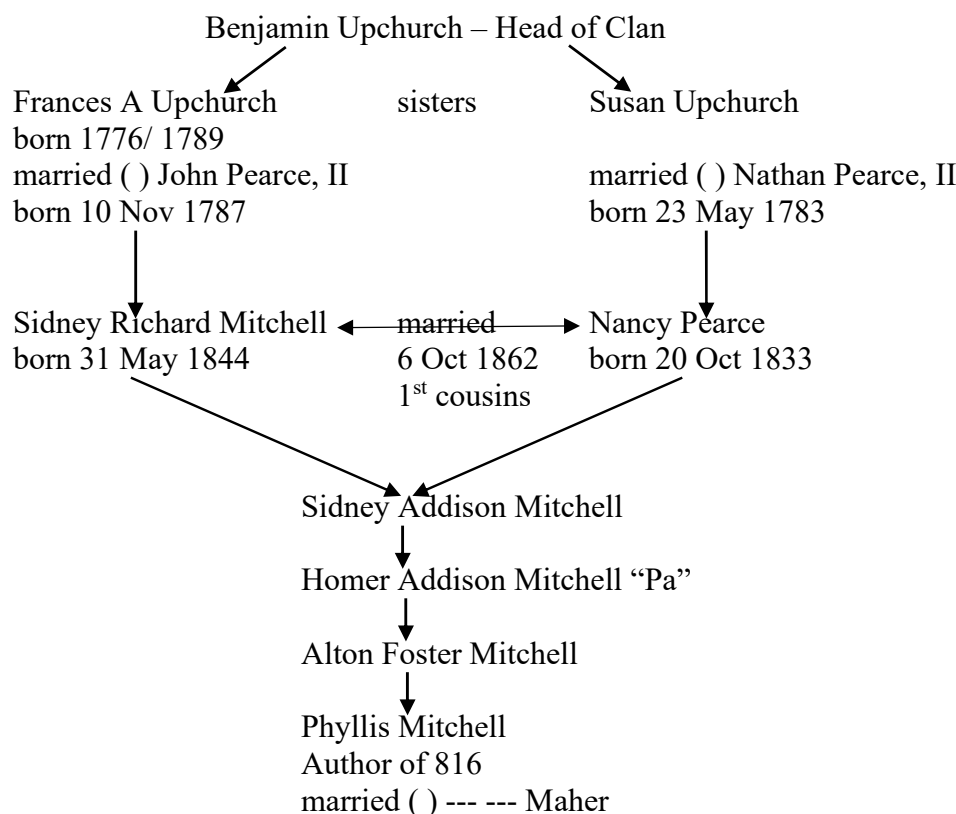
Fourth child was Homer Addison, my grandfather, born 1 Nov 1903. Homer "Pa" married 1) Lessie Jackson at Pocomoke, Franklin Co. in 1922 and 2) Mildred White O'Neal Davis about 1973. Mildred was a great biscuit maker and blackberry cobbler baker. She and I made many in her kitchen with the blackberries I picked on Pa's farm. Homer and Lessie had five

children named James Owen, Homer Walton called "Walton", Sadie Alva, Dollie Christine and my father Alton Foster.

Submitted by: Phyllis Mitchell Maher, The Colony, TX  
Sources: NC Troops, 1861-1865, Marriage Records, Census reports, Cousin Toye C. Creel, Cousin Grama Graham, personal family knowledge, oral family history, death certificates, birth indexes, Cousin Sid Arnold, cemeteries

*NOTE: This supplementary extract of Article 816*

Note: This supplementary extract of Article 816 provides special input for several individuals and also shows a hypothetical linkage to Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan.



**(13)** Re: The marriage on 1 Dec 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) of Frances Upchurch to John Pearce

As of 30 Jul 2007 I am unable to determine to which of the two following marriages this record applies (RPU).

Nephew: John Pearce born 1787 married ( ) **Frances Upchurch**, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch

Uncle: John Pearce born 1766 married ( ) Clara Upchurch [AKA Clara Frances Upchurch], daughter of Richard Upchurch, III.

If the 1808 marriage was for John Pearce born 1787 he would have been marrying at age 21 which is OK for a first marriage.

If the 1808 marriage was for John Pearce born 1766 he would have been marrying at age 42 which makes it likely that it was a 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage for him.

More research on the children of the two marriages may shed some light on the matter.

Unrelated to the above issue is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Frances Upchurch born about 1807 who married (Wake Co, NC) Blake Baker. There is conflicting evidence as to whether she was Frances Upchurch, daughter of Jubal Upchurch or Mrs Frances Upchurch, widow of Williford Upchurch, son of James Upchurch, VII and grandson of Richard Upchurch, III.

Per attachment #29 West letter 18 May 1975 – Franklin Co, NC Marriage Bonds

Frances Upchurch married John Pearce 1 Dec 1808 – Bondsman and Witness = Nathan Pearce.

See letter 10 Jul 1980 Elna Era Burkhalter to RPU

Page 14 – Clara Frances Upchurch born 1795, daughter of Richard Upchurch, Jr [III] married 1 Dec 1808 John Pearce. Witness = Nathan Pearce.

**(no number)** Use of the given name John in the Pearce Family of Wake & Franklin Cos, NC 1750 – 1900 & Upchurch connections.

I. Nathan Pearce born 1735 ( ) died 1821 (Franklin Co, NC)

married 1756 ( ) Nancy Wester

A. Phillip Pearce [one of 4 brothers] born 1787 ( ) died 1812/1834 (Franklin Co, NC)  
married Nancy Bunn

#### XID

- 4203 1. \*John Pearce born 1787 ( ) died (Franklin Co, NC) (buried Franklin Co, NC)  
married (Franklin Co, NC) **Frances Upchurch**, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch
- 33869 a. John Pearce “Jack” born about 1810
- b. Benjamin Pearce
- 33886 i. John H Pearce born about 1853/ 1857 (Franklin Co, NC)
- 2. Nathan Pearce born 1783 ( ) died 1867 (Franklin Co, NC) (buried Nathan Pearce Cemetery, Franklin Co, NC)  
married (1<sup>st</sup>) Susan Upchurch<sup>1</sup> born 1790 (Franklin Co, NC) died (Franklin Co, NC) – possibly daughter of Benjamin Upchurch  
married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1867 (Franklin Co, NC) Mary A Tippet born 1834
- a. Acrel N Pearce born 1814 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1880 (Franklin Co, NC)

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- i. John Calvin/Clifton Pearce born 1838 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1924 (Franklin Co, NC) (buried Pearce Church) married 1861 (Franklin Co, NC) Lenora Jane Pearce – an Upchurch descendant
- ii. Bryant Pearce born 1849 (Franklin Co, NC)
  - (I) John Robin Pearce born 1875 ( ) died 1948 ( )
- iii. Doctor Wiley Pearce born 1848 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1930 (Franklin Co, NC)
  - (I) John Walter Pearce born 1876 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1941 (Franklin Co, NC)
- b. Solomon Pearce, CSA born 1831 (Franklin Co, NC)
  - i. William Burrell Pearce/ Robert Burrell Pearce
    - (I) John B Pearce born 1887 (Franklin Co, NC) married ( ) --- --- Sanford
- c. Burrell Pearce
  - i. Robert Pearce born about 1850
    - (I) John Valentine Pearce born 1874 (Franklin Co, NC) died 1957 (Franklin Co, NC)
- B. \*John Pearce [1 of 4 brothers] born about 1766 ( ) died ( ) Shelby Co, IN married ( ) Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III

\*[John Pearce born 1787 married Frances Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch & John Pearce born 1766 married Frances Clara Upchurch, daughter of Richard Upchurch, III BUT to which of these 2 marriages does the 1 Dec 1808 marriage of Joh Pearce to Frances Upchurch apply – RPU 20 Jul 2007]

Other Johns in Pearce Family born about:

John Pearce	1812	Wake Co, NC
John J Pearce	1837	(Franklin Co, NC), son of Archibald Pearce 1804
John Pearce	1840	Wake Co, NC, son of John 1812
John A Pearce	1849	Wake Co, NC
John H Pearce	1847	Wake Co, NC, son of Berry Pearce 1818
John Pearce	1858	Wake Co, NC, son of Wesley Pearce 1828
John A Pearce	1858	Franklin Co, NC, son of Archibald Pearce 1831
John Pearce	1860	Franklin Co, NC, son of Margaret Pearce 1831
John Walter Pearce		

**(no number)** Pearce Family of Franklin Co, NC – 1850 & 1860 Census

1850 – Dunn’s District						
						born abt
79	John Pearce	64	m	farmer	2000	1786
	<b>Franky Pearce</b>	60	f			1790
	Clara Pearce	22	f			1828
	Fanny	19	f			1831
	Calvin	16	m			1832
	Cal--- Denton	13	m			1837*

1860 – Dunn’s Township, PO = Baker’s Cross Roads		
Name	Age	born abt
John Pearce	71	1789
<b>Frances Pearce</b>	69	1791
Robert Denton	14	1856*
Susan Locust	37	1823*
James Locust	10	1850*
Kearney Locust	6	1854*
Alcey Locust	4	1856*
Martin Locust	2	1858*

\*Linkage not established

## I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. **Frances Upchurch** – XID – 2814

married John Pearce born 1787 XID – 4203

- |                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Clara Ann Pearce born 9 Oct 1825 | XID – 12852 |
| 2. Frances Pearce “Fannie” “Fan”    | XID – 33880 |
| 3. Calvin Pearce                    | XID – 35876 |

**(no number)** Notes of RPU call to Carla (Jones) Tate on 15 Dec 2006

For a general chat and to clarify the reason she created the packet she gave to me on 29 Oct 2006.

She generated these mostly Franklin Co, NC records in an effort to show that one of her Strickland Family females was a wife of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of Clan.

She found no proof but circumstantial data leads her to believe that Benjamin Upchurch had two wives – speculative names given below – with some reasons given.

# I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

Married (1<sup>st</sup>) Mary Ann Strickland<sup>1</sup>

Married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Nancy Ledbetter<sup>2</sup> (Ledbetter may have been a married name)

A. Elizabeth Upchurch – oldest child – married ( ) John Carpenter – They moved to Pickens Co, AL before Nancy died (Elizabeth would not have left her elderly mother behind) (Elizabeth got nothing from the Benjamin Upchurch estate.) (Carla feels the Upchurches who changed their names to Carpenter were children of Elizabeth and John – born before they married.

B. **Frances A Upchurch** (got the entire estate)

Married John Pearce

Carla found no probate records for Benjamin Upchurch and concludes this may have been one of those cases where probate was unnecessary because the estate had funds to pay all debts.

**(7)** Frankie A (Upchurch) (F) married John Pearce, son of Phillip and Nancy (Bunn) Pearce.

John Pearce was born 10 Nov 1787 John and Frankie (Upchurch) Pearce had children.

- |                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Benjamin Pearce      |                                 |
| 2. Jack Pearce          | [John Pearce]                   |
| 3. Cal Pearce           | [Calvin Pearce]                 |
| 4. Clear (Clare) Pearce | [Clara Ann Pearce]              |
| 5. Sidney Pearce        | [Lucinda Pearce]                |
| 6. Prissy Pearce        | [Priscilla Pearce]              |
| 7. Harriet Pearce       | [married Ambrose Amos Upchurch] |
| 8. Jane Pearce          |                                 |
| 9. Fan Pearce           | [Fannie Pearce]                 |

Frankie, John's wife, lived to be 82. Her mother was Nancy Ledbetter who married Ben Upchurch. Nancy Upchurch lived to be 85. Ben Upchurch had 3 sisters:

Frankie Upchurch (B) [Aunt of Frankie above]

Betty Upchurch

Nancy Upchurch

Frankie's brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 85.

[Note: Jubble could be brother of Frankie A or B – RPU]

(33, Page 21 – see reverence for descendants)

**(2)** Per attachment #29 West letter 18 May 1975 – Franklin Co, NC Marriage Bonds

**Francis Upchurch** married John Pearce 1 Dec 1808 [Bond] – Bondsman & Witness: Nathan Pearce and S Patterson

**(3)** RPU has tentatively listed Frances Upchurch (XID – 169) as a 1790 Progenitor and as a daughter of William Upchurch (XID – 161) [changed to Richard Upchurch, III – RPU] born 1735 to NC in 1755.

(4) Letter 3 Jul 77 Edythe Tippet to RPU = says Olive Morgan Upchurch book has Francis as daughter of William but on reflection Morgan now thinks Frances is daughter of Richard Jr. Edythe very anxious to know for sure.

Note: I think Frances is daughter of Richard Sr – RPU

Later: Daughter of Benjamin Upchurch

**(no number)** Extract of Mrs Frances A Pearce court action Mar 1863 Franklin Co, NC to obtain dower rights in property of her late husband John Pearce, II – item in letter 1 May 1984 Eleanor Grace Williamson to RPU – Filed in biofile of nee **Frances A Upchurch** (XID – 2814) John Pearce, II died intestate leaving children as follows:

Benjamin Pearce  
Calvin Pearce  
John Pearce ["Jack"]  
Lucinda Mitchel [Lucinda Pearce]  
Priscilla Alford [Priscilla Pearce]  
Harriet Upchurch [Harriet Pearce]  
Jane Alford [Jane Pearce]  
Clara Gay [Clara Pearce]  
Fannie Pulley [Fannie Pearce]

(29)

State of North Carolina Court of pleas & quarter  
Franklin County 3 Sessions March Term 1863

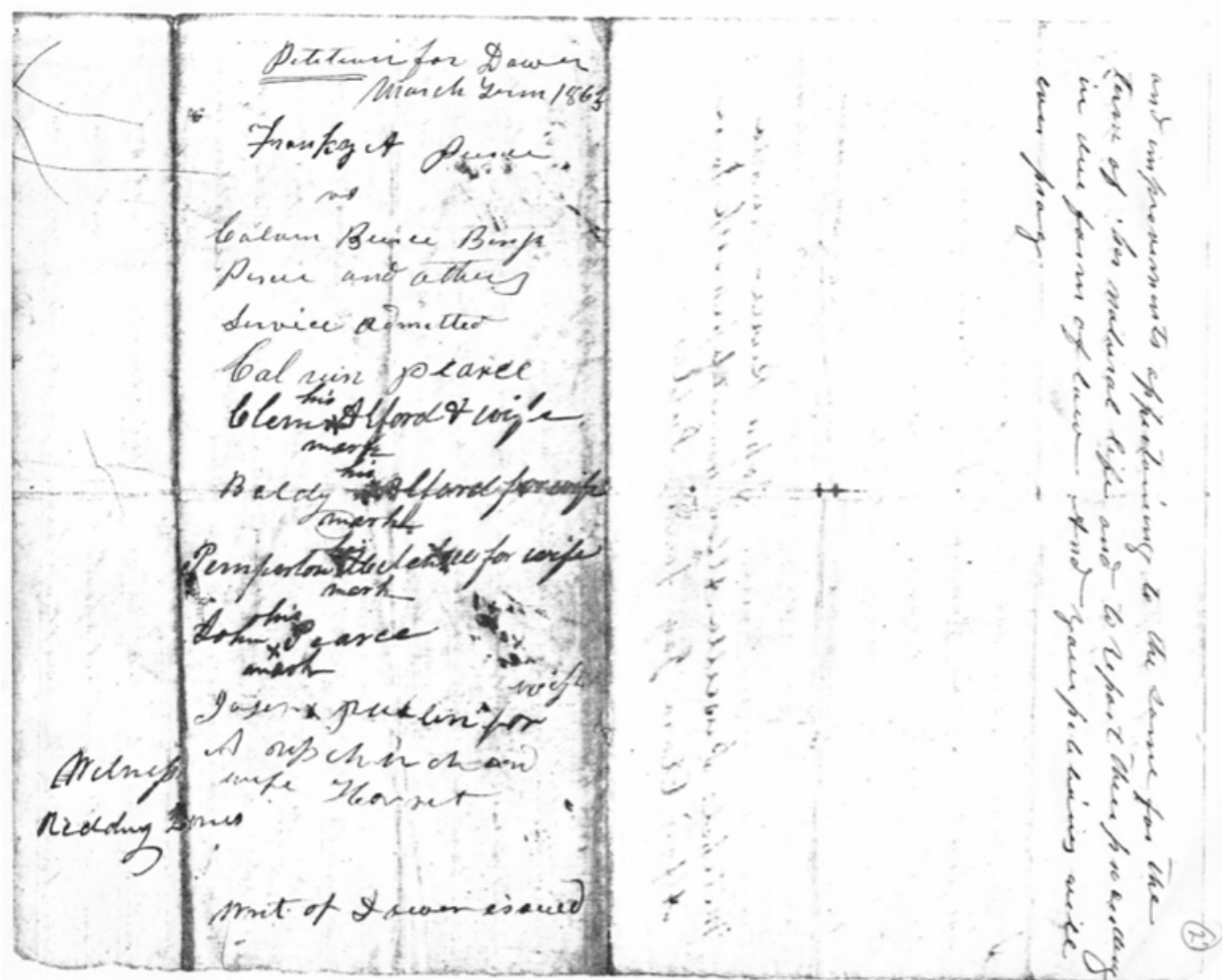
To the worshipful the Justices of said Court  
The petitioner of Honore A Pearce widow of  
John Pearce Respectfully sheweth unto your worships  
that her said husband died intestate in Franklin County  
during the month of + last leaving him  
surviving the following children (to wit) Benjamin  
Pearce Calvin Pearce John Pearce - Lucinda  
Mitchel Priscilla Alford Harriet Upchurch Jane  
Alford Clara Gay Fannie Pulley

who are his only heirs at law. Your petitioner further  
 sheweth that his said husband at the time of his death  
 was seized in fee simple of a tract of land situated  
 in said county adjoining the lands of  
 and others and containing by estimation

acres ~~your~~ petitioner further  
 sheweth that she desired to have her dower in the said  
 land allotted to her and to that end prays your worship  
 to order a writ ~~of dower~~ to be issued to the sheriff  
 commanding him to summon twelve freeholders connected  
 with the parties neither by consanguinity nor affinity and  
 entirely disinterested to view the aforesaid tract of land  
 and to allot and set apart to her one third part thereof  
 including the dwelling house and all out houses buildings

Franklin Co. N.C. Est. Rec.  
 O.R. 039.508.57

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(5) See 20 Jul 1979 letter Julia Frances Upchurch to RPU  
 She shows Frances Upchurch born 1776 married 1 Dec 1808 John Pearce as the daughter of William Upchurch born 1735 (XID 0 161) not the daughter of Richard Upchurch, Sr born circa 1725 (XID – 152)

[Note: My records show that Frances Upchurch, II who married John Pearce on 1 Dec 1808 is the daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan – RPU]

(6) See letter 5 Mar 1982 Edythe Lee Medlin to RPU  
 Frankie Upchurch (Frances Upchurch, II) “The primary thrust of my Pearce research has been toward proving that my John Pearce who married **Frankie Upchurch (Frances Upchurch, II)** was the son of Phillip Pearce.

(7) See biofile of Tom V Poole – entry 15 Nov 1992  
 John Pearce and his wife **Frances (Upchurch) Pearce** were very wealthy as John Pearce owned 40,000 acres of land. They had a fancy carriage with servants mounted fore and aft. Both were poisoned by their slaves who cooked for them. This happened at the time Lincoln freed the slaves in 1862.

**(no number)** See Pearce Family – compiled 1967

I. Nathan Pearce married Nancy Wester

A. Philip Pearce born 24 Jul 1754 married Nancy Bunn

1. John Pearce born 10 Nov 1788 married **Frankie Upchurch** died at age 80 – was daughter of Benjamin Upchurch and Nancy Ledbetter (lived to age 85) Benjamin Upchurch had sister Frankie Upchurch, Betty Upchurch and Nancy Upchurch. Frankie's brother Jubble Upchurch lived to be 80.

a. Benjamin Pearce lived to 88

married 1<sup>st</sup> Leesie Upchurch

married 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Denton died age 47

Linda Denton was daughter of Berk Perry and granddaughter of Bennett Perry and of Nancy Denton died age 45, the daughter of Drew Denton married 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Fason

b. Jack Pearce married Jane Alford

i. Bryant Pearce → went to AL

(I) J J Pearce

(II) J A Pearce

(III) W E Pearce

(IV) Susan Pearce

c. Cal Pearce lived to be 85 married ( ) Ruthy Baker

d. Clear Pearce [Clear Pearce] ( ) William Osburn Gay

e. Sidney Pearce lived to be 73 married ( ) Pam Mitchell

married ( ) Susan Brown

f. Prissy Pearce lived to be 73 married ( ) Baldy Alford

g. Harriet Pearce lived to be 70 married ( ) Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos Upchurch]

h. Jane Pearce lived to be 75 married ( ) Clem Alford

i. Fan Pearce lived to be 70 married ( ) Joe Pulley

**(no number)** See page 14 download in letter 7 Mar 2000 Flora Pauline Upchurch to RPU

19. John<sup>6</sup> Pearce (*Phillip*<sup>5</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Nathan*<sup>3</sup>, *Phillip*<sup>2</sup>, *George*<sup>1</sup>) was born November 10, 1787 in Franklin Co., NC. He married **Frances Upchurch** December 1, 1808 in Franklin Co., NC<sup>10</sup>, daughter [??] of Richard Upchurch [Richard Upchurch, III?] and Susannah Pace [2<sup>nd</sup> wife]. She was born Abt. 1790 in Franklin Co., NC.

Children of John Pearce and **Frances Upchurch** are:

i. Jane<sup>7</sup> Pearce, m. Clem Alford, March 10, 1840.

ii. Priscilla Pearce, m. Archibald Alford, December 8, 1835, Franklin Co, NC

iii. Sidney Pearce, m. Pam Mitchell [RPU show as Lucinda Pearce married ( ) Pemberton Mitchell – Cross list]

iv. Jack Pearce, b. Abt. 1810 [John Pearce]

v. Benjamin Pearce, CSA, b. November 11, 1816, Franklin Co, NC; d. August 30, 1904, Franklin Co, NC

- vi. Harriet Pearce, b. Abt. 1818, Franklin Co., NC
- vii. Clara Ann Pearce, b. October 9, 1825, Franklin Co., NC; d. September 8, 1912, Franklin Co., NC
- viii. Fannie Pearce, B. Abt. 1831.
- ix. Calvin Pearce, CSA, b. Abt. 1833, Franklin Co., NC; D. Bef. 1880, Franklin Co, NC

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 9 Jul 1735

A. Philip Pearce (of the 4 brothers)

1. John Pearce, II

married ( ) Clara Frances Upchurch vs. Frances Upchurch

[was she daughter of Richard Upchurch, III or of Benjamin Upchurch – both heads of clans]

**(no number)** See Pearce Family, Item in letter 16 Sep 1998 Claude Craybon Hudson to RPU – 5 pages – Page 3

I. Nathan Pearce, I born 1735

A. Philip Pearce

1. John Pearce, II lived to be 80

married **Frankie Upchurch** died age 82

a. Benjamin Pearce age 88 – still living married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Linda Denton 47

b. Jack Pearce 80 married ( ) Jane Alford

i. Bryant Pearce → AL died age 22 (TX) (Buried – Bonham, TX)

(I) J J Pearce (m)

(II) J A Pearce (m)

(III) W E Pearce (m)

(IV) Susan Pearce

c. Cal Pearce 85 married ( ) Ruthy Baker

d. Clear Pearce still living married ( ) William Gay

e. Sidney Pearce 70 “Sinda” married ( ) Penn (Palum) Mitchell  
married ( ) Susan Brown

f. Prisy Pearce 73 married ( ) Boldy Alfon

g. Harriet Pearce 78 married ( ) Amos Upchurch [Ambrose Amos Upchurch]

h. Jane Pearce 75 married ( ) Clem Alford

i. Fan Pearce 70 married ( ) Joe Pulley

**(no number)** Carla Anne Stancil has many roots in central NC – on 20 Oct 2015 she emailed RPU two packets re: her heritage – one on her direct ancestors. A second was a list of 10 Upchurches showing how each was related to her – one of the 10 is shown below – RPU 16 Dec 2015

Frances A Upchurch (wife of 6<sup>th</sup> great uncle)

Birth: 1790

Marriage: 01 Dec 1808 in Franklin County, North Carolina, USA; Franklinton

Age at first marriage: 18

Father name: Benjamin Upchurch

Mother name: Nancy Ledbetter

No of children: 0

Sex: Female

Spouse name: John Pearce

Spouse's parents' names: Stephen Pearce, Elizabeth unknown

RPU Note: 22 Jun 2016 – The above represents one of my plausible arrangements as follows:

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Frances A Upchurch

married ( ) John Pearce, II born 10 Nov 1787