

## George Washington Upchurch

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**Commentary:** See number one below for his parentage.

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

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Moses Upchurch born 1790

1 – 10 → children see below

34. Moses Upchurch was born 1790 Iredell County, North Carolina and died ca 1859 Wayne County, Kentucky. His wife was Catherine (Katie) Barker who was born 1795 Virginia and died after 1860 Kentucky. They were married in North Carolina since they are listed in the census in that state.

They were listed in the census records of 1810 Iredell County, North Carolina. Moses and Catherine had moved to Wayne County, Kentucky since they were listed in the 1830 and 1850 census of Wayne County, Kentucky. Catherine is listed with son John in 1860. Their children

341. Thomas Upchurch born 1815 Iredell County, North Carolina died ca 1889 Wayne County, Kentucky

342. Nancy Mason Upchurch born 4-20-1816 Iredell County, North Carolina died 1863 Wayne County, Kentucky

343. Millie Upchurch born 1817 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Fentress County, Tennessee

344. Margaret Upchurch born 1819 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Wayne County, Kentucky

345. Levina Upchurch born ca 1820 Iredell County, North Carolina

346. Mary Upchurch born 6-19-1825 Wayne County, Kentucky died in Wayne County, Kentucky

347. Lucinda Upchurch born 1827 Wayne County, Kentucky died in Wayne County, Kentucky

← 348. George Washington Upchurch born ca 1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died Fentress County, Tennessee

349. Shadrack Thomas Upchurch born 2-7-1831 Wayne County, Kentucky died 8-26-1900 Douglas County, Missouri

340. John H. Upchurch born 1834 Wayne County, Kentucky died Douglas County, Missouri

348. George Washington Upchurch was born 1829 Wayne County, Kentucky. In 1850 George is living with John Williams and his wife Levina Bertram, daughter of Jacob Bertram. John Williams and Lavina Bertram were married 3-20-1817. John is the brother of Keeling Williams. George married Sarah J. McGee who was born 1837 Tennessee. G.W. and Sarah J. were listed in the 1860 census living in Fentress County, Tennessee. George was the circuit clerk in 1860. Their children – two daughters were listed in 1860 – an ancestry entry has a son named Nathan Bradley Upchurch but I have been unable to confirm this via the census.

3481. Samantha D. Upchurch born 1855 Fentress County, Tennessee

3482. Victoria F. Upchurch born 1858 Fentress County, Tennessee

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 ↳ RPU 1413 1711 AS NATHAN  
 BUFORD U by 1860  
 See CA Records

(1) George Washington Upchurch born circa 1829 in KY married Sarah J born circa 1837 TN. George W Upchurch was with John Williams family in 1850 when the census was taken in Fentress Co, TN. John Williams appears to be a brother of Keeling Williams. His wife Lydia and Moses, father of George, were brother and sister. In 1860 George is head of his own house on the Fentress Co, TN census. In January 1959 [1859? = CJM 26 Dec 2020] George began disposing of his property getting ready to go elsewhere. He sold some town lots to Jeremiah Smith which included lots where George W Upchurch “now lives”. A deed made in Jan 1860 seems to be the last deed. (29, Page 70). George W Upchurch migrated to parts unknown with his family in about 1860. George Washington Upchurch was son of Moses Upchurch.

(2) See letter 24 Aug 1984 Wilma Lenora Crabtree to RPU  
 My inspection of land records of Jamestown, TN Book F, Page 161 convince me that **George Washington Upchurch** married Sarah J McGee. This is based on the fact that heirs of John D McGee on 7 Mar 1853 sold their inheritance to Joel T McGee. The heirs included a G W and Sary J Upchurch.

(3) See notes of 30 Nov 190 visit Dorothy Lois Upchurch to RPU  
**GWU** married “Jane” [Sarah Jane (McGee) Kidd]. She came to CA from TN and was first married to --- Kidd. Whether her 1<sup>st</sup> husband came to CA with her or she came widowed I do not know. However, there were children of her first marriage. I remember writing an Euva Kidd in El Cerrito, VA in the 1930s with a first cousin of my dad [George Louis Upchurch, Sr]. She was Maude Sewell.

(4) 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

**(5)** See letter 13 Feb 1996 Billie Jean Privett to RPU

**GWU** born 1829 (Wayne Co, KY) married about 1854 (Fentress Co, TN) Sarah J --- born 1837 (TN). Two children.

**(6)** 1860 Census – Fentress Co, TN

<b><u>G W Upchurch</u></b>	24	m	[George Washington Upchurch]
Sarah J Upchurch	23		[Sarah J (McGee) Kidd]
Samantha D Upchurch	5		
Victoria F Upchurch	2		