

George Upchurch **XID – 137**
Head of Upchurch Clan No. 5

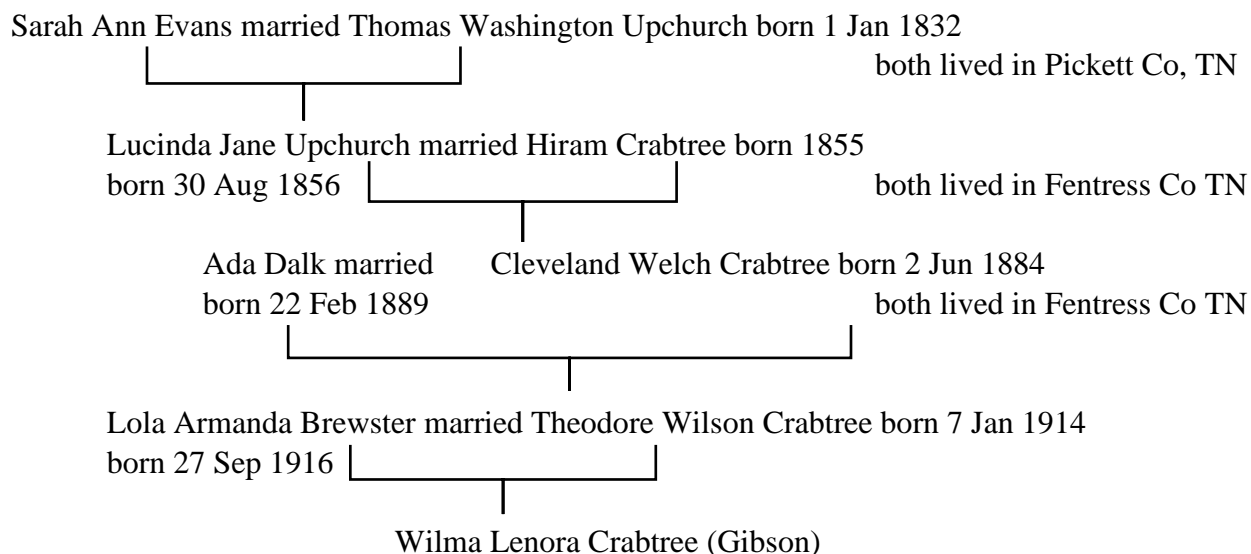
Commentary: George Upchurch (ca. 1757- ca. 1830) was the son of Michael Upchurch III (d. 1795) of Brunswick Co., VA. George's grandfather was James Upchurch, who was born in Virginia and died there in 1765. His great grandfather Richard Upchurch was born ca. 1658 and died before 1700. His great-great grandfather, Michael Upchurch (1624-1681), was the original American Upchurch immigrant who came to America about 1638. George Upchurch married Rachel Bethshares (1763- ca.1830) and eventually they migrated to Kentucky via Iredell, NC. In 1814, the family acquired land near the Little South Fork River in Wayne Co., KY and lived there until his death in ca. 1830. George and Rachel had seven children. Of all of the fifth-generation Upchurch Family heads, it appears that George has the most descendants and therefore of especial importance to Upchurch Family History

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(1) George Upchurch is the son of Michael Upchurch III of Brunswick County, VA. Mrs Ida (Stephens) Morgan of Kansas City MO and Ruble Upchurch of Jamestown TN are writing an Upchurch Genealogy which will start with Michael Upchurch III and continue with his son George who migrated to KY via Iredell Co, NC. In KY they reared a large family on the banks of the Cumberland River. The name of the wife of Michael III has not been found but evidence indicates their children were William, George & Elizabeth Upchurch. George married Rachel Bathshares and moved from VA to Iredell Co, NC before the tax list of 1788 (Upchurch Family by West).

(2) Per letter 14 Apr 1975 from Ada Morgan she is daughter of Eliza Upchurch and William A Stevens. Eliza Upchurch was daughter of Moses Upchurch ap Silas ap Shadrack, ap George, ap Michael III.

(3) Per 30 Mar 1975 letter from Mrs Wilma Gibson – her ancestor is the above George Upchurch who moved to Wayne Co KY in 1814 from Iredell Co NC – son of George



(4) For great detail on George – see Reference 29 – [The Upchurch Story](#) – Olive A Morgan
 George Upchurch married Rachel Bethshares of Virginia – daughter of Thomas and Ruth
 Bethshares – Their children

(5) Children of George Upchurch

1. Lydia Upchurch born circa 1782 in VA, died ca 1848 married Jefferson Dishman circa 1847
2. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784 VA, died circa 1863 married Ruth --- born 1784, died Mar 1860
3. Thomas Upchurch born circa 1788 VA died < 24 Oct 1855 – NM
4. Moses Upchurch born 1790 NC probably Iredell Co died circa 1859
5. “Rachel” born circa 1792 married Keeling Williams
6. John Upchurch born circa 1799 in NC died < 23 Jun 1873 married Sarah Bertram
7. Joseph Upchurch born 19 Aug 1800, died circa 1865 married 2 Mar 1823 Jane Crouch

(6) From 1800 NC Census per Jackson & Teeples

Census page 627 – George Upchurch of Iredell Co, NC (was only George Upchurch listed in NC)

Males		Females		0 Slaves
2	<10	0	<10	
1	10-16	1	10-16	
2	16-24	1	16-24	
1	26-45	1	26-45	
2	>45	1	>45	

(7) See page 31, 32, 33 of 2 Feb 1967 letter Elna E Burkhalter to RPU

A. The above three pages duplicate in substantial detail what Olive Morgan reports on George Upchurch starting on page 35 of her book (see attached). Although the Burkhalter may contain some additional lists and pieces it appears that Morgan has done rather well. I should get back to 31, 32, 33 when George becomes *****pt.** RPU

(8) See letter 7 Mar 1983 Dema Elizabeth Allen to RPU

A. On 18 Oct 1807 in Iredell Co, NC **George Upchurch** witnessed the will of William Johnson and it was probated 18 Nov 1807. Exec: Talton Shoemaker and John Kemp or John Redman. Witness: Julius Keeton and George Upchurch. Family of Johnson: wife – Sarah; Sons – John & Thomas, Daughter Sarah

B. In 1800 George Upchurch had 100 acres of land in Iredell Co, NC per Tax Rolls

(9) From The Upchurch Story by Olive A Morgan pages 35 – 38.

Children of Michael (3) Upchurch, son of James 1

1. George Upchurch, born in VA about 1757, probably in the County of Brunswick, died in Wayne Co, KY 1830/31. He married Rachel Bethshares of VA, daughter of Thomas and Ruth Bethshares. Thomas Bethshares was the Administrator for the estate of Michael (3) Upchurch when Michael died in 1795. The recorded history of George and his family begins with the taxes of the first levy of 1782. George was living in the sixth District of Brunswick, also in that district were Michael 3 and James 2. By 1788, Michael was preparing to leave Virginia. He seemed to own no land, paying personal property taxes only. He and his father, Michael 3, were the only taxable Upchurches remaining in the district. Another probable son of Michael, Sherwood Upchurch, was already in Rutherford Co, NC. Elizabeth Upchurch, a sister of George, married 11-27-1786 Thomas Bethshares. They were married by Rev John King, Baptist. (Brunswick Co VA Marriages, compiled by Knorr).

George and his family were in Iredell, NC before 1790. They are listed on the Census of the Salisbury District with four sons under age 16 and one daughter. Later, the family was called back to VA for an appearance in Chancery Court. A suit had been filed by the Bethshares children, of whom Rachel was one, against John H Bass the Administrator and the widow, Elizabeth Bethshares to require them to settle the estate of Thomas Bethshares, dec'd. (Brunswick Order Book 18, 2-25-1799). The Bethshares children are identified: Ruth Bethshares; George Upchurch and Rachel his wife, late Rachel Bethshares; Thomas Moseley and Tabitha his wife; late Tabitha Bethshares; Thomas Linch and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Bethshares; Patsy Bethshares, Jesse Bethshares, William Bethshares, Molly Bethshares, and Sally Bethshares. Two daughters of the James Upchurch 3 family married into the Moseley family, Tabitha Bethshares married Thomas Moseley. Thomas Moseley patented land in 1746: 400 acres on Pea Hill Creek. William Moseley patented land in 1755, 684 A both sides Lizard Creek, adjoining John Linch. John Randle was a neighbor with 470 acres on Lightfoot's Creek. William Eaton patented land – 325 acres on south side of Moore's Swamp; Rich Moore had 450

acres on north side of Roanoke River and east side of Pea Hill Creek. Asa Holloway lived on Pea Hill Creek and Daniel Huff lived in the vicinity. All were neighbors: The Upchurches, Holloways, Moseleys, the Bethshares.

The Chancery Court ruled that the land must be sold and the proceeds divided. Allen Love purchased the land for £81, 10 shillings. There are a number of marriages in the Bethshares family recorded by Knorr: Thomas Moseley – Tabitha Bethshares 11-24-88, Tabitha, age 21 daughter of Thomas, surety John Moseley. Witness: James Huff. By Rev. John King, Baptist page 51. Betsy Shell, married 11-24-1795 James Bethshares (Beshears) when she was twenty-one. James was not mentioned as a son of Thomas. Thomas Moore and Lucy Shell were witnesses. George Hermon and Nancy Bethshares, daughter of Ruth, married 11-5-1800 surety William Bethshares by Balaam Ezell, Baptist. Nancy, diminutive of Ann, not named in court order. Possibly the younger children were not named. The surname “Hermon” may be Harmon.

George Upchurch and family returned to Iredell County after the court settlement and appeared on the 1800 census there. George and Rachel, ages 26 – 45; two sons 16 – 26; one son 10 – 16; 2 sons under 10; a daughter 16 – 26; and a daughter 10 – 16. How sad not to have the children listed by name. One daughter cannot be identified, one son cannot be found. The purchase or land grant for George’s land has not been found. There is a record of the sale of that land recorded in Iredell Co Deed Books G and H. George Upchurch sells to Moses Upchurch (his son); This Indenture mane [“made”] 16 Feb 1810 for £100... all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Iredell on the north side of Rocky Creek adjoining Rubin Fletcher’s line... Bogle’s line... in the Trumpet Meadow. Land consisting of 124 acres, more or less... George Upchurch, his mark. Witness: Julius Keeton, John Johnson. Proved 19 Mar 1810, John Nesbit, clerk.

George Upchurch to Thomas Upchurch (a son) 113 A. Brother’s line... Bogle’s line... in the Trumpet Meadow. Proved 19 Mar 1810. George Upchurch to Shadrack Upchurch (a son) 113 A 3-19-1810. George Upchurch to Abel Sheriff... 100 A... Whitehead’s corner post Oak... to a chestnut on the mountain in Griffith’s line. Proved 4-1-1816. William Allen Jurat, James Hartness... George Upchurch, his mark. George was disposing of his land preparing to move on into Kentucky, the Promised Land. His sons Moses, Shadrack and Thomas were the buyers. They soon sold the land and were in Kentucky with their father. Abel Sherrif does not seem to be related. Between the years of the first sale in 1810 and the one in 1813 the monetary system changed from pounds to dollars. The price of land seemed to be stable at one dollar per acre.

Wilson Rouse Jillson’s book *The Kentucky Land Grants* describes the Grants where the land of George Upchurch was located: This small and unique group of land grants recorded between the years 1803 and 1853 embraces the grants issued upon warrants from the Register of the Land Office upon what is known as the Tellico Claims. They apply to lands ceded to the United States by the Cherokee Indians under the treaty of 1805. There are 572 grants in the Tellico records, the surveys of this system being recorded in a book labeled “Tellico Surveys No 1”. Of the 572

grants, George Upchurch was issued Grant #58 by the Circuit Court of Wayne County, July 1913... 100 acres bearing date Oct 12, 1814... on the Little South Fork... bounded as followeth to wit; Beginning at Miler Keaton's corner a White Oak thence south 62 and west 60 poles to a Beech and White Oak thence south 12 and west 60 poles to a large Walnut and Sugartree thence south 60 poles east 165 poles to a stake binding on Keaton line to the beginning... By the Governor, Isaac Shelby... D W Hardin, Secretary. This deed for the homestead on the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River calls attention to the large number of trees of different kinds in Kentucky, also to the absence of neighbors.

It must have been a remote and beautiful country when George and his family arrived in 1812 or 1813. The Kentucky Gazette carried an article datelined 12-22-176 which generally sums up the way people felt about Kentucky (and still do):

“Moses Austin arrived in Standford, KY after two weeks on the Wilderness Trail. Austin noted that the tide of migration had not abated. He was moved by their pathetic faith in what they would find at the end of the journey. Ask these Pilgrims what they expect when they git to Kentucky and the Answer in Land. Have you any. No, but I expect I can git it. Have you anything to pay for land. No. Did you ever see the country. No but everybody says it is good land. Can anything be more Absurd the the Conduct of man, here is hundreds Traveling hundreds of Miles, they know not for what Nor Whither, except it to Kentucky, passing land almost as good and easy obtained, the Proprietors of which would gladly give on any terms, but it will not do its not Kentucky, it not the Promised Land.”

At any rate, this was the land that George and Rachel had been seeking. They arrived in KY in about 1811, the land was surveyed and in 1814 it was theirs. A forest of trees of many kinds produced wood for houses and barns, fuel to warm the house and for cooking. Clear, unpolluted streams gave many kinds of fresh water fish for the table, carried logs to the sawmill. Wild game roamed the countryside. Kitchen gardens flourished. Tobacco was laid by. Houses began to appear on the Ridge above the Cumberland.

George and Rachel lived a full and eventful life on the LSF until his death in 1830/31. After his death, the land was sold and the proceeds divided. Shadrack, on of the sons, bought the land from the other heirs. The names of those who sold the land and the buyer are recorded in Wayne County Deed Book F, page 27: “John Upchurch, Joseph Upchurch, Jeptha Dishman, Thomas Upchurch, Moses Upchurch, and Keeling Williams sell to Shadrack Upchurch... a grant bearing date of October 12, 1814, 100 acres Little South Fork, Miler Kaeton's corner... proved 8-18-1831. Witness: Moses Upchurch” All the signers made their marks except Joseph Upchurch, the youngest son. He signed his name.

Whenever a sale of land was taking place, it was customary for the clerk to find out if the sale was agreeable to the wife, and sign her name with her husband's. This evidently was not done, so another opportunity was lost to find out the given name of the Upchurch daughter who married Keeling Williams. Lydia was the wife of Jeptha (Jefferson) Dishman.

(10) See letter 17 Jan 1992 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU

George Upchurch [Head of Clan 5] born 1757 (Brunswick Co, VA) died 1830 (Wayne Co, KY) married 1781 (VA) Rachel Bethshares born 1763 (Brunswick Co, VA) died circa 1830 (Wayne Co, KY).

(11) From The Upchurch Story by Olive A Morgan pages 65 – 67

George and Rachel Upchurch were settled on the land at Little South Fork in Wayne Co KY by 1814. George, one of the sons of Michael Upchurch (3), had moved on for the last time. He was of the fifth Generation of Upchurches in America. His friends and neighbors on the LSF with the dates of their land patents were: William Bell 1814; Jacob Bertram, 1815; Isaac Cooper, 1815; Azariah Denney, 1814; Fleming Gregory, 1813; Miles Keeton, 1815; John Parmley, 1810 and George Upchurch, 1814.

Children of George Upchurch:

1. Lydia Upchurch born about 1782 in VA, died about 1848 married Jefferson Dishman died about 1847. Jeffery Dishman was counted on the census of Wayne Co, KY in 1820. He lists his wife, age 26 – 45 years; himself as 45 or up; Two persons, ages 45 up were with them, possibly the parents of Jefferson Dishman. He bought land in Wayne: “Jeptha Dishman buys from Abraham Van Winkle 50 acres in Sandy Valley on Otter Creek. Witnesses: Moses and Archibald Dishman. 3-24-1836 recorded Book H2 page 429 on 4-15-1836. This is the same land that Jefferson sold to Moses Dishman on 10-7-1842. The taxes must not have been paid for the land was sold on the courthouse steps. a deed reads: Jefferson Dishman, my late husband, sold 10-7-1842, fifty acres; now I, Lydia Dizmonz, sell to Moses Dishman. Lydia Dizmonz, her mark. Another deed made by John Upchurch restores the land to Lydia who then was able to deed it to Moses Dishman, for whom Jefferson had intended it: John Upchurch to Lydia Dishman and her three children, minor heirs, Catherine, Jane, and Jefferson T Dishman, on waters of Otter Creek, being part of the land that was sold by the sheriff at the Courthouse door in favor of Thomas Jones and against Jefferson Dishman and bought by Micajah Phillips – transferred to John Upchurch on 22 of February, 1847. Three months later Lydia had transferred the land to Moses Dishman.

2. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784 VA died about 1863. Married Ruth... born 1784 NC died March 1860. The Federal Death List for 1860 lists her age as 76, cause of death “old age”. Shadrack bought land on LSF and was near his parents throughout their lifetime. Shadrack bought land for \$10 by purchasing a warrant for 50 acres in the land distribution act passed in 1815 by KY: Upchurch, Chadrick 50 A. Book M page 49 on 4-10-1822 Wayne County on Muddy Fork of South Fork. It was Shadrack who bought the land from the heirs of George Upchurch when George’s estate was settled. On the 1850 Wayne Census he had a daughter Rachel, at home and a son, Joseph. In 1860 after the death of Ruth in March, he was at home with a daughter and granddaughter looking after him. Shadrack and Ruth reared a large family on the LSF. Houses were built along the ridge above the river. Later the settlement was to be known as Mount Pisgah, Kentucky.

3. Thomas Upchurch born circa 1788 VA died prior to 10-24-1855. He did not marry. On 12-17-1832 he has a land grant from the "Grants West of the Tennessee River" of 120 acres. On 3-10-1829 Miles Keeton and Rebecca his wife sell to Thomas Upchurch 100 acres of land for \$500 on head waters of Little South Fork. Reg. 9-22-1829. Book E-113. No date on this deed, recorded in Bk M 208 places it before 1854: Roswell Marsh sells to Thomas Upchurch for \$10 fifty acres on LST head waters. Witnesses: James Upchurch, William Chriswell. Thomas' last land deal was made in 1849 reg. Bk L-213 1-27-1851; James Crabtree sells to Thomas Upchurch for \$1100 fifty acres. Witnesses: John W Marion and Washington Young.

Thomas usually had one of his brother's sons helping on the farm. He left a will, written 5-18-1853 Proved 10-24-1855: Brother John, brother Joseph, nephew Silas Upchurch, nephew Archibald Dishman, nephew Joseph Dishman, Niece Sinah Brown, balance of estate to be divided between brothers Shadrack and Moses. Exec. brother, John Upchurch. Witnesses: Joel Keeton, Cyrus Keeton, W G Redmond. Signed, Thomas Upchurch.

4. Moses Upchurch born 1790 NC probable in Iredell County. He died about 1859. Moses did not apply for a land grant in KY. In 1820 he was still in Iredell Co, NC. In 1838, Jan 25, Deed Book D-343, John Upchurch sells to Moses Upchurch for \$200 75 acres on Otter Creek. Reg 4-12-1838. Moses married Catherine (Katie) Barker in NC. She was the daughter of either John Barker or Solomon Barker of Iredell Co, NC. Moses and his brother Shadrack followed the family names in naming their children. Each had a son George; a son Thomas; Moses had a son Shadrack, Shadrack had a son Moses. No daughter Rachel was found for Moses, the daughter Rachel of Shadrack was with him on the 1850 Census. Katie Barker was born in 1795 VA. She was with her son John after Moses died.

5. The 1790 Census of Iredell Co for George Upchurch carried two tally marks for two females; one wife, one daughter. So, the earliest date for the next daughter's birth had to be 1792, for Moses was born in 1790. Her name has not been found. It is almost sure to be Rachel, after her mother, There were only two daughters. To identify this daughter, she will be known as "Rachel". It may be that someone will have her given name recorded, in some place. "Rachel" Upchurch, born circa 1792 died early in her married life. She married Keeling Williams who possibly is the progenitor of the Williams families of Wolf River. Keeling, also called Keeton, Kelon, and Keelan. Keelon Williams received a land grant for 50 acres of land on the North Fork of the LSF 5-1-1822, Book M page 51. The land was sold to Hiram Upchurch on 2-25-1843 for \$100. In 1839 Keeling bought land on Beaver Creek (Book 4-532). "Rachel" died sometime before 1844. Keeling Williams married 5-18-1845 Dorothy McClendon. The land on Beaver Creek was sold to George Upchurch for \$12.50 -24-1846. The deed was signed by Keelon Williams and Dorothy Williams, his wife. If his first wife's name had been included on the deed where he sold their share of her father's land to Shadrack Upchurch, we would know her first name. John Williams on the 1850 Census of Fentress Co seems to be a brother of Keeling Williams, John Williams, born circa 1794 married 3-20-1817 Lavina Bertram daughter of Jacob Bertram. Keeling was born circa 1792. In 1850 George Upchurch was making his home with John and Lavina Williams. George was a son of Moses Upchurch who was a brother of "Rachel's".

Diligent search has not found sons of Keeling Williams, although there is a listing for Keeling on the Census of Overton Co TN in 1820 of two males under ten years of age. There is also an 1820 Census of Wayne Co KY on which he lists 3 females between 10 and 16 years. The 1830 Fentress Co TN Census: Keeland Williams 1 male 30-40; 1 f between 30 and 40; 2 f 5-10; 2 f under 5 years of age. So it seems that "Rachel" and Keeland Williams had at least seven daughters, only two of them identified.

6. John Upchurch was born about 1799 in North Carolina. He died prior to 23 June, 1873, when his will was proved. John married Sarah Bertram, daughter of Nicholas Bertram. He was 73 years old when he died. John had many land dealings, taking care of his children and looking out for those less fortunate. He had a strong sense of family pride and loyalty. Here are some of his land deeds:

John and Sally Dearing sell to John Upchurch ...land on Otter Creek October 11, 1828 recorded 3-18-1844 Book J-283.

Nicholas Kenaston and wife Katie Kenaston of Fentress County sell to John Upchurch for \$150... 100 acres on LSF. Book D 478.

John Upchurch to Moses Upchurch 75A Otter Creek. 1-25-1838 G-343.

The 1850 Census of Wayne Co, KY and the will of John Upchurch gives a record of the family. In 1850 Nicholas Bertram was making his home with John and Sarah. John's will written in 1868 names the married daughters. His will was proved 6-23-1873.

7. Joseph Upchurch born 8-10-1800 NC died circa 1865. Joseph married 3-2-1823 Jane Crouch. At an early age, Joseph began acquiring land, most of which fell into Tennessee later. He bought 50 acres on Rotten's Fork in Wayne county KY for \$10, part of the Kentucky Land Act, passed in the year 1815, called the Land Distribution Act. This Act offered land for \$20 per 100 acres. This part of KY fell into TN in 1823 and Joseph became known as Tennessee Joe. The year also happened to coincide with the year of his marriage.

Joseph Upchurch was a fair minded citizen of Fentress County and a kind father and husband. He was public spirited and was soon called for civic duty. He served on juries, was a Justice of the Peace, his name on many of the marriages of Fentress County gave those marriages a head start. The Upchurch Cemetery at Pall Mall was set aside by Joseph. One of the graves in the center of the cemetery is the grave of Joseph Upchurch. A simple rock, uninscribed, marks his grave. This land is his land and ever shall be.

-Appreciation and thanks is due the following: William Rouse Jillson for The Kentucky Land Grants Part 1, Genealogical Publishing Co Inc.

-Wayne Co Court House, Monticello, KY for land deeds copied there.

-Ruble Upchurch of Jamestown, TN for information pertaining to Joseph.

-The State Census records at the State Library, Nashville, TN

(12) See letter 22 May 1987 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU Coy Tillman Upchurch section.

A. Brunswick Co, VA Personal Tax List

1782 George Upchurch
 1783 George Upchurch
 1784 & 1785 NO George Upchurch
 1786 George Upchurch
 1787 George Upchurch

(13) From The Upchurch Story by Olive A Morgan – page 67a

[Note: George Upchurch XID – 137 is not on this list. His probable children are marked *.

¹ = son of Shadrack, grandson of George Upchurch

Grants in County Court Orders

Upchurch first name and date of Grant, Watercourse

¹ Moses Jr	1844	Otter Creek	<u>(Some) Related Families in Wayne</u>		
*Thomas	1844	LSF	Carter, William	1845	Beaver
*Shadrack	1843	LSF	Carter, Braxton	1847	Beaver
¹ Hiram	1844	LSF	Carter, William	1847	Beaver
¹ George	1846	Beaver Creek	Carter, William	1850	Beaver
*Thomas	1846	LSF	Carter, William	1850	Beaver
?Shad	1846	None	Carter, Vincent	1852	Ill Will Creek*
¹ Silas	1846	LSF	Carter, Joshua	1852	Wolf River*
John	1847	Otter Creek	Carter, J H	1852	Otter
George	1848	Beaver Creek	Carter, James H	1854	Otter
Moses	1847	Otter Creek	Carter, Emanuel B	1852	Otter
Moses	1848	Otter	Carter, William	1855	Beaver
John	1849	Otter	Carter, William	1855	Otter
Moses	1851	Beaver	Carter, Colonel	1892	None
John	1852	Otter	Carter, Marcus	1899	Otter
Granville	1837	Otter	Carter, Colonel	1903	Otter
¹ Hiram	1856	LSF	Carter, Dr O M	1924	Dry Fork
Moses	1859	Beaver	Denney, Jerre	1846	LSF
Silas	1859	Beaver	Denney, Jackson	1847	Big Sinking Creek
Hiram	1866	Otter	Denny, James	1847	Turkey Creek
Thomas	1868	Otter	Denny, Rubin &		
W A	1883	Elk Spring Valley	Denny, Thomas	1848	Turkey Creek
H C	1883	Otter	Denny, John	1851	Otter
H A	1883	Otter	Denny, William	1851	LSF
John L	1890	Otter	Denny John	1851	Otter
Hiram	1890	Otter	Denny, John	1856	Otter
Shadrack	1890	Otter	Denny, Jas & T	1856	Big Sinking Creek
Moses	1891	Otter	Denny, Jackson	1856	Big Sinking

Moses	1892	Otter	Denny Jerry &		
W C	1892	Otter	Denny, George	1859	Turkey Creek
J O & Moses	1893	Otter	Dishman, Moses	1845	Otter
J W	1898	Otter	Dishman, Joseph	1849	Beaver
Ahial	1899	Sewell Mountain*	Dishman, Lydia	1849	Otter
Ahial	1903	Claer Fork*	Dishman, Burrel	1849	Otter
J O	1892	Otter	Dishman, Joseph	1857	Otter
S A	1902	Otter	Dishman, John	1882	Otter
Frank	1904	Otter	Dishman, John	1890	Beaver
¹ Hiram	1857	LSF	Dishman, Silas	1892	None
W C	1905	Otter	Dishman, Calvin	1892	Otter
Thomas	1866	Otter	Dishman, B T	1893	Otter
Moses	1921	Beaver	Dishman, B F	1903	Otter

Clinton County [applies to Watercourse column]

-Kentucky Land Grants, Part 2 by Willard Rouse Jillson published by Genealogical Publishing Co. 1971. Copied by permission of Publisher.

-Not all of the related names in County Court Orders were counted; not all who were counted are related.

(14) From: Iredell Co, NC Earliest Extant Tax Lists 1800, 1815, 1837 by Jo White Linn (RPU has copy) 1997

Crossfile: George Upchurch – Head of Clan
 Thomas Upchurch his son
 Iredell Co, NC
 Geographical File

Watercourses of Iredell County and part of Alexander County by Richard A Enochs (go to next page)

(15) Input from Anna Marie Crouch via email 13 Feb 2010 Re: The George Upchurch Clan

I. Michael Upchurch I

A. Richard Upchurch I

1. James Upchurch I

a, James Upchurch II

b. Michael Upchurch III

i. George Upchurch, Head of Clan

Married () Rachel Bethshares

Fourth Generation in America

 Since much research on the Upchurch Family of Virginia and North Carolina has been completed, I am starting with **George** and Rachel Upchurch. This is a listing of their descendants. **George** and Rachel moved from Virginia to North Carolina and then on to Wayne County, Kentucky. All of their children moved to Wayne County, Kentucky and several moved from Wayne County, Kentucky to Fentress County, Tennessee.

3. **George Upchurch** was born about 1757 in Brunswick County, Virginia and died 1830-31 in Wayne County, Kentucky. **His** wife was Rachel Bethshares who was born about 1759 Brunswick County, Virginia. Rachel was the daughter of Thomas and Ruth Bethshares. **George** and Rachel were listed in the tax list of Brunswick County, Virginia in 1782 and 1788. They were living near his father Michael and Uncle James Upchurch in 1782 and 1788.

George and Rachel moved to Salisbury district, Iredell County, North Carolina before 1790. They were listed in the 1790 census of Iredell County, North Carolina with 4 sons under 16 and 1 daughter. They were also listed in the census records of 1800 and 1810 living in Iredell County, North Carolina. **George** sold his land in North Carolina to his sons, Moses, Thomas and Shadrack and moved to Wayne County, Kentucky.

George received his land grant to 100 acres on Little South Fork, Kentucky on 10-12-1814. He was listed in the census records of 1820 Wayne County, Kentucky. Listed in his household were 2 males 18-25, 1 male 26-44, 1 male 45+, 1 female 45+, there were 4 individual engaged in agriculture. George and Rachel are buried at the Little South Fork Cemetery in Cumberland County, Kentucky [? RPU]. Their children:

31. Lydia Upchurch born 1782 Virginia died circa 1845 Wayne County, Kentucky

32. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784 Virginia died circa 1863 Wayne County, Kentucky

33. Thomas Upchurch born 1788 Virginia died prior to 1855 Wayne County, Kentucky

34. Moses Upchurch born 1790 North Carolina died circa 1859 Wayne County, Kentucky

35. Miss Upchurch [Rachel Upchurch] born circa 1792 North Carolina died by 1844 Wayne County, Kentucky

36. John Upchurch born circa 1799 North Carolina died prior to 6-23-1873 Wayne County, Kentucky

37. Joseph Upchurch born 8-10-1800 North Carolina died 6-23-1873 Fentress County, Tennessee

(16) RPU analysis of Upchurch-Crouch intermarriages starting in the early 1800s

I. George Upchurch (Head of Clan)

born 1757 (Brunswick Co, VA)

A. Lydia Upchurch born

1782 (VA)

1. Archibald Dishman

born 1806

a. Millie Ann Dishman 2nd mg
born 1833 (Fentress Co, TN)

B. Shadrack Upchurch

born 1784 (Brunswick Co, VA)

1. Silas Upchurch***

born 1806 (Iredell Co, NC)

C. Joseph Upchurch**

born 1800 (Iredell Co, NC)

1. Thomas Washington Upchurch

born 1832 (TN)

a. Cordelia Upchurch 3rd mg

born 1863 (Fentress Co, TN)

2. Sarah Jane Upchurch

born 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

I. James B Crouch

born 1763 (VA)

A. John Wesley Crouch

born 1803 (TN)

1. Elias Henderson Crouch*

born 1824 (Fentress Co, TN)

2. George Washington Crouch

born 1833 (Pickett Co, TN)

[He married 3X; #2 & #3 into
Upchurch family]

B. Jane Crouch**

born 1806 (Fentress Co, TN)

1. Sarah Jane Upchurch*

born 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

C. Nancy Crouch***

born 1810 (TN)

same person

* Elias Henderson and Sarah Jane Upchurch were first cousins. They married about 1852. Sarah Jane appears in both family trees above.

** Joseph Upchurch and Jane Crouch married 1823

*** Silas Upchurch and Nancy Crouch married 1828

(17) From Upchurch Story by Olive Morgan page 95

“It was Shadrack (Upchurch) who bought the land from the heirs of **George Upchurch** when George’s estate was settled (**George**/Shadrack Upchurch Clan)

(18) Book (RPU has): Iredell County, NC – Earliest Extant Tax Lists 1800, 1815, 1837

Annotated Transcriptions – by Jo Linn White

There are only two Upchurch entries as follows:

1800 – page 27 **George Upchurch** 100 acres value = \$50.00

1815 – Captain Stewart’s Company – page 38 Thomas Upchurch 113 acres value = \$113.00

George Upchurch = XIX – 137, Head of Clan and Thomas Upchurch = XIX – 140, his son

A watercourse map of Iredell Co, NC (page XII) has been placed in each of the above biofiles and in the Iredell Co, NC Geographical File.

(19) From: Upchurch – Bright Newsletter Vol 8 No 3/4 1997 page 47

source: History of Fentress County, TN
Upchurch Family F645

The Upchurch family was one of the first to settle what was later to become Fentress County, Tenn. When they first arrived and acquired land, part of the northern section of Fentress County was then part of Wayne County, Kentucky.

Most, if not all, of the Upchurches in Fentress county today are descendants of George Upchurch who settled on the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River, near the chimney Rock, Wayne county, Kentucky, in the year 1810. George and his wife, Rachel, came from Virginia to Iredell County, North Carolina, before 1790. There is evidence that George visited our area sometime in the 1780s – probably hunting. He returned, looking for land, in 1805 when the Cherokee Nation, ceded, under the Tellico Treaty, their lands west of the Tennessee River to the United States. He moved his family to the Little south Fork in 1810. In 1814 he received a grant, number 58 of 572 Tellico Claims grants, for 100 acres on the Little South Fork, Wayne County, Kentucky.

The youngest son of George, Joseph bought 50 acres of land on the Rottens Fork section of Wolf River in 1815. This land became part of Tennessee in 1823 and later Fentress County. Joseph set aside the Upchurch Cemetery in Pall Mall.

The Upchurch family came to America from England. George Upchurch was a fifth generation American. They have served in all our country's wars, including the Revolution and on both sides in the Civil War. Contributed by Willie Upchurch
Four Generations of George Upchurch's descendants follow:

Descendants of George Upchurch

Copied for: **George Upchurch**, Head of Clan and his son Joseph and the author – Willie Upchurch

(20) Excerpt from My Heritage website maintained by Kevin Grant Rice. His invite to RPU 3 Apr 2014. RPU 9 Aug 2011

I. **George Upchurch**, Head of Clan

Married () Rachel Bethshares born 1759 (VA)

A. Rachel Upchurch born 172 (NC)

Married () Keelan Williams born 1795 (NC) died 1859 (Edmonson, KY)

1. Rachel Williams born 11 Nov 1824 (Wayne Co, KY) died 31 Mar 1924

Married () Benjamin Adkins Jr born 1825 (Wayne Co, KY) died 1887

a. James Francis Adkins "France" "Set" born 30 Jul 1844 (Wayne Co, KY) died 27 Sep 1924 (Grinell, IA)

Married () Jane Parmley (Parmelee) born 1845 (Wayne Co, KY);
daughter of George Washington Parmley born 12 Oct 1814 (Wayne Co,
KY)

i. Mary Alice Adkins born 1867 (Grinell, IA) died 1945

Married () Charles Cullen Rice born 21 May 1866 (Wayne Co,
KY) died May 1925 (Grinell, IA)

(I) Ernest Miner Rice born 18890 Selby, SD) died 1975
(Todd, MN)

Married () Hilda Gertrude Marxen born 29 May 1906
(Alvord, IA) died 1993 (Otter Tail, MN)

(A) Orphus Dale Rice born 10 Apr 1927 (Selby SD)
died 12 Feb 2000 (Santa Anna Co, CA) (Buried
Fairhaven Memorial Park, CA)

Married () Eleanor Waltman born 23 Apr 1930
(Cherokee Co, IA)

(1) Gregory Dale Rice born 1954

(2) Kevin Grant Rice born 15 Jul 1958
(Orange Co, CA)

Married () Laura Ann Torina born 8 Mar
1943 Orange Co, CA)

(a) Kathryn Nancy Rice born 1990

(b) Elizabeth Grey Rice born 1993

(c) Caroline Nichelle Rice born 1998

(3) Shelly Lynn Rice born 1959

Married () Craig Troy Wright (born Foster)

(a) Kendra Leigh Wright

Married () --- --- Wilhoit

(i) Blair Cassidy Wilhoit born
2013

(h) Kelsey Lynn Wright

(B) Emma May Rice born 15 Jun 1925

Married () --- --- Schmidt

(21) From email 17 Aug 2009 Patricia Levan to RPU

Kentucky Land Grants

Grantee: Upchurch, Geo

Acres: 100

Book: 1

Survey Date: 10-12-1814

County: Wayne

WaterCourse: Little S Fk [Little South Fork – CJM 18 Nov 2019]

Reference: The Kentucky Land Grants

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More Info: Grantee: Upchurch, Geo

Acres: 100

Book: 1

Page: 488

Date Survey: 10-12-1814

County: Wayne

Watercourse; Little S Fk

Source Information:

Ancestry.cm. Kentucky Land Grants [database on-line]. Provo, UY, USA: The Generations Network, Inc, 1997. Original data: Jillson, Willard Rouse. The Kentucky Land Grants. Vol I-II. Louisville, KY, USA: Filson Club Publications, 1925.

The state records of North Carolina, page 657

“First Federal Census, 1790-Continued.”...

“Iredell County”...

George Upchurch 1 4 2...”

2 females, 4 males under 16, 1 male over 16

(22) Item in letter 5 Apr 1993 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 1654. 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 this 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 TPI and a MS from UT, 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 & 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.

(23) See letter 25 Feb 1997 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU – pages 8, 9

I. Thomas Bethshares died before 25 Feb 1799 (Brunswick Co, VA)

Married () Ruth --- ---

A. Rachel Bethshares born about 1760 (Brunswick Co, VA) died (Wayne Co, KY)

Married about 1780 (Brunswick Co, VA) **George Upchurch** [Head of Clan]

B. Ruth Bethshares

C. Tabitha Bethshares born 1767 (VA)

Married 24 Nov 1788 (Brunswick Co, VA) Thomas Mosely

D. Elizabeth Bethshares

Married () Thomas Lynch

E. Patsy Bethshares

F. Jesse Bethshares

G. William Bethshares

H. Molly Bethshares

I. Sally Bethshares

Thomas Bethshares

Notes

Thomas Bethshares was Administrator for the Estate of Michael Upchurch III when he died in 175. I believe it was Thomas Bethshares Senior who died in 179, not a Thomas Jr as he was not mentioned in the Chancery Court proceedings of the children of Thomas Bethshares (Brunswick, Order Book 18 2-25-1799). Elizabeth, his wife, may have been a second marriage, or she could have been a widow of an Upchurch, as Ruth was his first wife, deceased before 25 Feb 1786.

Thomas Jr he would have not been married long enough to have adult married children as designated in the Suit against John Bass and widow, Elizabeth Bethshares. It gave his children as follows: Ruth Bethshares; George Upchurch and Rachel his wife, late Rachel Bethshares; (daughter of Thomas and Ruth): Thomas Moseley and Tabitha his wife, late Tabitha Bethshares, Thomas Linch and Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Bethshares; Patsy Bethshares; Jesse

Bethshares, (male?); William Bethshares; Molly Bethshares; and Sally Bethshares. (This is an assessment of this family as I see it; Eleanor L Bertram)

Bethshares has also been spelled, Breshears, Bathshears, Bashears, and numerous other spellings.

Cross-reference: Michael Upchurch, III; Thomas Bethshares Sr; Thomas Bethshares Jr; John Bass

(24)

In 1790 the U S Census, Iredell County, Salisbury District, NC reveals that one George Upchurch was residing in the said County and State. This George Upchurch seems to have been the George Upchurch who married Rachel Bethshares and disappears from the Tax Lists in Brunswick County, Virginia after 1788. There seems to be no evidence that the said George Upchurch owned land in Brunswick.

It seems to me that George Upchurch was the son of the Elizabeth Upchurch who married Thomas Bethshares in 1786, (Three men by the name of James Upchurch died between 1762 and 1784 all leaving widows named Elizabeth) Michael was also her son as Thomas Bethshares was the Administrator of Michael's estate. Michael died Oct 24, 1795. No record of marriage for Michael has been uncovered to this time. Michael Upchurch sold the 200 acres of land left by the will of his father in 1765. Michael's father James had purchased these 200 acres in 1762 and Michael sold them in 1793 to Greif Harwell.

Book G, page 246 George Upchurch to Moses Upchurch

This indenture made 16 Feb 1810 ... George Upchurch of the County of Iredell & State of North Carolina for and in consideration of £100 ... conveys to Moses Upchurch of Iredell Co, St of NC, his heirs, assigns ... forever ... all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Co of Iredell on the North side of Rohey Creek ... adj Ruben Fletchers line ... Bogles line ... in the Trumpet meadow ... containing in the whole 124 acres of land ... also all the woods water water courses appurtenances thereunto belonging ... George Upchurch will forever defend warrant from any claim.

Signed sealed ... in presence of
Julius Keaton Jurat
John Johnson

his
George Upchurch
mark

North Carolina February Sessions 1810 ... I hereby certify the within deed was in Iredell Co proved in open court by Julius Keaton ... admitted to record and ordered registered. March 13, 1810.

John Nisbet Clk.

Deed Book G, page 255 – George Upchurch to Shadrack Upchurch. This Indenture made 16 Feb 1810 ... George Upchurch for and in consideration of £100 conveys to Shadrack Upchurch (both of Iredell Co & St of NC) his heirs, assigns ... forever ... all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Iredell on Northside of Rockey Creek containing 113 acres ... more or less ... beginning at a pine Robert Bogles corner ... all woods water water courses ... appurtenances thereunto belonging ... George Upchurch will forever defend warrant from any claim...

	his	
Signed and delivered in the presence of	George	Upchurch
Julius Keeton Jurat	mark	
John Johnson		

Iredell Co Feby Sessions 1810. I certify the within written deed was proved in open Court by Julius Keton ... admitted to record and ordered to be registered, March 19, 1810 / John Nesbit Clk.

Deed Book G page 259 – George Upchurch to Thomas Upchurch. This Indenture made 16 Feb 1810... George Upchurch for and in consideration of £100 ... conveys to Thomas Upchurch (both of the Co of Iredell & St of NC) his heirs, assigns ... forever ... all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Co of Iredell on the Northside of Rockey Creek containing in the whole 113 acres of land... more or less ...beginning at a post oak saplin in N (?) Brothers line ... running west ... to a stake in Bogles line in the Trumpet meadow ... thence east ... thence south to the beginning with all the woods water water courses ... appurtenances thereunto belonging ... George Upchurch will defend warrant from any claim.

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Moses Upchurch sold his land to Martha Previtt on October 29, 1813 Book H (1812-1817, page 115. Same book, page 516 George Upchurch to Abel Sheriff.

(25) On 13 Feb 2010 a major 36-page packet on the George Upchurch Clan was received by RPU from Anna Marie Crouch.

The original packet is preserved in the biofile of **George Upchurch**, Head of Clan. However, a complete set of extract sheets have been prepared and as of 7 Apr 2010 are still being processed. A complete set of these extract sheets along with RPU notations is being preserved in the biofile

of Anna Marie Couch. Conventions used by RPU in making notations are shown below. After processing has been completed I will decide how much should be shared with Anna.

----- = yellow highlight – new info for RPU

() = red circle – conflicts with RPU records

Also – **red notes** [in red pen – CJM 18 Nov 2019] = new to RPU