

Gilbert Upchurch

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Commentary: Gilbert was the son of Nathan and Agatha Butler Upchurch. Nathan was the head of Upchurch clan 3. Gilbert's family had more than its share of tragedies. Blindness and insanity struck this family with cruel intensity. This biofile discusses these cases and suggest reasons for this calamity.

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North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

Marriage: 20 Mar 1819

Wake, North Carolina

Spouse: Elizabeth Upchurch

(no number) Was blindness among the descendants of Nathan Upchurch, I related to the cases to the cases of insanity in the family. (See RPU Extract 29 Nov 2011) – RPU 30 Nov 2011.

By reference to the 29 Nov 2011 Extract sheet it will be seen that the insanity / blindness cases all involved descendants of Nathan's son **Gilbert Upchurch**.

Gilbert's son Nathaniel Smith Upchurch had two sons and one granddaughter declared insane (Susie).

Susie was also a granddaughter of **Gilbert**'s son William George Upchurch (due to intermarriages in the family.)

[In the Extract I explain how these cases of insanity could have been the "luck of the draw" and how modern medicine might have made unnecessary the pejorative term "insanity". However, in the case of Susie, one cannot overlook the two close marriages of four of her ancestors (two couples). Susie and her full siblings did not show robust health records.]

The blindness involved the other sons of **Gilbert** – Bartley, Lamberth, and Mariah. The latter two were blind (completely or partially?) (from birth?). My unsubstantiated guess has always been that the blindness of these two could have traced to venereal disease introduced by **Gilbert** as he had some known weakness of character. These two children had different mothers.

Bartley had a great-granddaughter, Frances Holt Tilly who developed complete blindness as an adult. Her years of explaining her condition led her to believe that her blindness was hereditary and thus connected to that of Lamberth and Mariah.

In conclusion, I have developed no connection that the insanity or blindness cases are genetic in nature or that they are related. Others with more expertise may show genetic causes.

(1) Tombstone in Inwood Baptist Church shows 1792 – 1845. He was not buried here but stone was placed b Gettys Upchurch. (21)

(2) On 26 Feb 1835 Nathan [Nathan Upchurch, I], son of Richard Upchurch, Sr, named four sons in his will: Burtis, Gilbert, Hubbard, and Acril, living and his son Nathan deceased, and three daughters: Tabitha, Mackey Cole, and Aquila Mitchell. (Upchurch Family by Belle Lewter West)

(3) See 1860 Wake Co, NC census

A. Louisy (?) Upchurch	age 59 F	(1801 ± 1)	[Nee Lucretia Mills “Creecy”]
E. Lasillar	age 29 F	(1831 ± 1)	
G. Haseltine Upchurch	age 20 F	(1840 ± 1)	
I. Bartley Upchurch	age 18 M	(1842 ± 1)	
C. Elizabeth Upchurch	age 28 F	(1822 ± 1)	
John Mills	age 65 M	(1795 ± 1)	
Isabella Mills	age 9 F	(1851 ± 1)	

(4) 1850 Census shows – per Ada Morgan’s records inspected by RPU on 10 Jul 1975 visit:

B. Creecy Upchurch	46	F	(1804 ± 1)
D. Mariah Upchurch	27	F	(1823 ± 1)
Nathan Upchurch	23	M	(1827 ± 1)
F. Laten Upchurch	18	M	(1832 ± 1)
William Upchurch	13	M	(1837 ± 1)
H. Haseltine Upchurch	12	M	(1838 ± 1)
J. Jefferson Upchurch	9	M	(1841 ± 1)

(5) Reconstruction of (3) and (4) using other records

A, B Lucretia --- ---, born 1802 (21) , died 1877 (21) wife of Gilbert Upchurch, born 1792 (21), died 1845 (21)

C, D Mariah Elizabeth ---, never married born 19 Jul 1820 (21), died 30 Dec 1900 (21)

E, F Lambe@th Lasiter, never married born 26 Jul 1830 (21, 23, 24) died 31 Dec 1905 (21)

G, H Haseltine born 1840 ± 1(23) died ---

I, J Bartley Jefferson born 1841 (21) died 1929 (21)

(6) Per attachment #1 letter Belle West 18 May 1976 – Gilbert married Elizabeth Upchurch 20 ar 1816

(7) Per attachment #21 letter Belle West 18 May 1975 – Nathan Upchurch Will 26 Feb 1835
 “5. Son Gilbert in addition, etc - \$300”

(8) Notes from Gettys Upchurch – taken by RPU about 1955.

*Gilbert Upchurch, 1792 – 1845

Son of Nathan Upchurch

Grandson of Arron Upchurch – Wrong - RPU

Nathaniel (Nat)	Nathan	Bill	Jeff	Lass
married French girl	(died at 20)	Children:	died 23 Jan 1929	single, part blind
learned to be a		3 sons	born 1841	
surveyor		4 dau	Green Level -	
Ran away at age 20		all moved	youngest son	
(1843)		to FL		
Children:			Children:	
John			Lena – 1870	
George			Bess – 1872	
Swan			Malcolm – 1874	
Noble			Gettis 23 Jan 1882	
Fred			Elly 1876	
Ponder			Pat 1878	
Walter			Jeff 1880	
Eleanor			Wis 1884	
Lizzy			Maude 1886	
Note indicates a move to FL –			Frankl 1888	
either 2 girls or all children			Rex 1894	

Gilbert had 60 acres land when he died. He drank a lot.

* Gilbert died when Jeff was 3 and Lass was 12

(9) For Nathan Upchurch Will, father of Gilbert Upchurch, see Will File.

Cites an earlier gift to Gilbert Upchurch (unspecified) then leaves \$300.

(10) See Deed File

Nathan Upchurch gives to Winsom Upchurch 120 acres land in Wake Co, NC – Filed 22 Oct 1816, Book I, Page 24. Witnessed by a Gilbard Upchurch or more likely a Gilbert Upchurch. (Probably son of Nathan – RPU)

(11) See Deed File Gilliam Upchurch of Chatham Co, NC sold to Burtis Upchurch of Wake Co, NC, 42 1/2 acres land – drafted 28 Sep 1816, filed 20 Jan 1820. Witnessed by Meede Rogers and Gilbert Upchurch.

(12) See notes of 25 Feb 1978 visit of RPU to Lena Perry.

A. Excerpts from a write-up held by Frances Holt Todd – read in Lena Perry home by RPU (Note some parts are in error). “Lucretia Mills = wife of Gilbert Upchurch. She was born Edgecombe Co, NC in 1802. Her family started to TN in 1812 but stopped at Green Level. She was the only girl. Her brothers were farmers. Her father = Naman (Nathan) Mills.”

B. Gilbert & Lucretia (Mills) Upchurch had a daughter named Marie.

(13) See 1840 Census – Wake Co, NC

Gilbert is listed with 11 in household, 0 slaves, 2 of family engaged in agriculture. No mention of blind people (or shows up in later census), although there was a place on 1840 census to show blindness. Age brackets and names (hypothesized by RPU).

Male	Female
one <5 years William G U age 3	one < 5 years Haseltine U age 1
one 5 – 10 years Lambeth Lassiter U age 10	one 5 – 10 years ?* born 1830 – 1835
one 10 – 15 years Nathan U age 13	one 10 – 15 years ?* born 1825 – 1830
one 10 – 15 years Nathaniel U age 17	one 10 – 15 years ?* born 1825 – 1830
[Nathaniel does not quite fit]	
one 40 – 50 years Gilbert U age 48	one 15 – 20 years Mariah Elizabeth U age 20
	one 40 – 50 years Lucretia (Mills) U age 38

*Note – This fits with Uncle Gettys statement that there were 5 daughters – RPU

One child – Bartley Jefferson Upchurch born after the above 1840 Census.

(15) See 1830 Census NC – Gilbert Upchurch is conspicuous by his absence – He was married and had 3 – 4 children at this time but does not appear in Wake Co Census or in batch of 26 Upchurch heads of households for all of NC. There is an unidentified male in Nathan’s home age 30 – 40 (Gilbert = age 36) and maybe one of females could be Gilbert’s wife – but not enough small children in Nathan’s home to account for Gilbert’s brood? – RPU

(16) See notes of RPU 24 Feb 1979 visit to Edna Lois Upchurch.

A. Page 3 of the notes was written by Eleanor Marks Upchurch, daughter of Bartley Jefferson Upchurch according to Edna Lois Upchurch. It reads:

“Grandfather Upchurch was Gilbert Upchurch born in 1792 and died in 1845. He was a well-educated man for his time and a great writer called a scribe in his day. Wrote all the deeds and papers in his community. Wasn’t a very good businessman and drank quite a lot.”

B. “Nathan had several boys one of which was named Gilbert – born in 1792 died 1845. Gilbert was our grandfather. He had five girls (3 died with TB and one burned up.) He had five boys also. Gilbert married Lucretia Mills.”

(17) See Deed File.

In Wake Co, NC on 25 Mar 1841. Gilbert Upchurch sells to Seth Henks 50 acres of land for \$100. Adjoining Willie J Fuller. Witnesses: Caswell Jinks, O P Mills. Recorded 3 (30?) Jun 1856, Book 21, Page 247. [Presume this Gilbert Upchurch is son of Nathan Upchurch, I – RPU]

(18) See biofile of William Alan Mills – Entry 19 Jun 1994

WAM says he has a bastardy record for Wake Co, NC in 1823 showing that **Gilbert Upchurch** fathered an illegitimate child by Lucretia Mills. WAM speculates that **Gilbert Upchurch** did in fact marry Elizabeth Upchurch in 1816 and that she died and that Gilbert Upchurch then commenced a relationship with Lucretia Mills which became a husband/wife relationship either through marriage or by common law.

(19) Legal document received in letter 10 Dec 1993 William Allen Mills to RPU – presumably 25 Sep 1835 – Wake Co, NC.

“**Gilbert Upchurch** comes into open court and maketh oath in due form of law that Naman Mills late a Pensioner of the United States died on the 2nd day of September 1835 and that he saw him expire, and that he resided in his neighborhood in the County of Wake at the time of his death. That said Mills left no widow but six children surviving him to wit: John (who was administrator on his estate), Matthew, Nathan, Shadrack, Lucretia and Brittain Mills, his children and heirs at law. That he knew the said Mills was a pensioner and drew his pension frequently at Fayetteville.

(20) Items in letter 26 Jun 2000 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU

From: The Raleigh Minerva

Page 3, Co 4, Fri, 9 Apr 1819

Raleigh, NC

MARRIED.
~~In this City on Wednesday last Mr. Alexander McKethen, to Miss Frances M. Slade, all this piece.~~
 In this county a few days ago, Mr. Dawson Grady, to Miss Catharine Shaw, daughter of Col. : law.—In this county, on the 1st of April, Mr. Gilbert Upchurch, to Miss Elizabeth Upchurch, both of this county.

From: Neal Abstracts of Vital Records
from Raleigh, NC Newspapers 1799 – 1819

4756 UPCHURCH: M. In this county, on the 1st of April, Mr.
GILBERT UPCHURCH, to Miss ELIZABETH UPCHURCH, both of
this county. RM Fri 9 Apr 1819 3:4.
MB. Wake Co. Upchurch, Gilbard _____ 20 Mar 1819
S(amuel) H. Pullen

(21) See Letter 11 Nov 1999 June Carter to RPU – Re: Cole, Upchurch & other Wake Co, NC
folks

Tax Records for White Oak Township – Western Wake Co, NC – Acres

Name	1827	1828	1829	1830	1831	1832	
Shadrack Cole, Jr	88 ¼	4?	170?	0	-	-	
Shadrack Cole, Jr ¹	135 ¾	2??	224?	204	160	-	¹ for R Smith heirs [vs Alexander Smith?]
Shadrack Cole, Jr ²	-	-	67 ½	83	83	-	² for Happy Cole
Shadrack Cole, Sr	125	-	-	-	-	-	
George Cole ⁶	72	70 ½	-	-	-	-	
Henry H Cole, II	-	125	125?	125	125 ½	-	
Lemuel Cole ³	-	X ³	-	-	-	-	³ Samuel Cole X=did not print
Josiah Lewis	-	-	100	-	-	-	
Lewis Berryman	-	-	50	-	-	-	
Henry Castleberry	-	-	-	-	-	-	
David Castleberry	-	-	-	487	-	-	
Alfred Lewis	-	-	-	217	217	217	

⁶1829 will of George Cole
names two sisters Mary Ann
Cole married George Wood;
Thirza Cole married --- ---
Brutin – lived in Chicasaw
Purchase (TN?). At estate
sale – Josiah Lewis & Alfred
Lewis

Name	1833*	1834	1835	*1833 labeled 1834
Hubbard Upchurch	96	165 ½	165 ½	
Bur lip (Burtis) Upchurch	162 ½	206	-	
Nathan Upchurch [I]	666	626	-	
Whitney Upchurch	165 ½			
<u>Gilbert Upchurch</u> ⁴	126 ½	127	127	⁴ This could be <u>Gilbert</u> , son of Nathan Upchurch, I OR Gilbert Bertis Upchurch, son of Burtis Upchurch – RPU
Aden [Acril] Upchurch	-	-	-	
Mr Passmore	-	213		
Mr Passmore for				
William Passmore	-	-	-	
Joseph Passmore	-	-	-	
Brewington Passmore	-	-	213	
Winston G Upchurch	-	-	120	
Bucks Upchurch ⁵			204	⁵ Not certain who this is – could be Bartlett Upchurch, son of Burtis Upchurch - RPU
Able [Abel] Upchurch, son				
Of Burtis Upchurch	-	-	-	

Also in White Oak Township:

--- --- Vaughn – listed land for heirs of Allen Lewis – 75 acres

Gilford Lewis

Ruffin Lewis

Re: Alfred Lewis – appears once – St Marie District [St Mary's District?] – 1834 – 475 acres which he sells to Benton Williams [Associated = Charles Parish, brother in law of John Leach Alfred's wife = Sarah Sims, daughter of Joel Sims. Question – Why did Alfred hold 217 acres from estate of Shadrack Cole, [Sr] and what happened to the 217 acres. Who was Mary Ann Cole; Did she perhaps marry 1829 (TN) William Ferguson?

All before 1827: #1 Shadrack Cole [Jr] married 10 Feb 1824 (Wake Co, NC) Elizabeth Smith; Bondsman Edmond Cole; #2 Shadrack Cole [Jr] appointed guardian [Court Order Book May 1825] of Burket Smith, Esther Smith, Alsy (Osley?) Smith, Julia Smith, Ann Smith, Simon Smith, Catherine Smith – orphans of Alexander Smith, deceased. 2nds Cathy Martin, David

Holland. Did Alexander Smith marry Elizabeth; Did Elizabeth marry Shadrack Cole Jr or Sr. Elizabeth Cole deeded land to William H Cole (Court Order Book Page 337) – proved by Willie Nichols

(22) See letter 17 Mar 2001 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU

I am also always looking out for further information about Gilbert's "Elizabeth." Because of the July 1820 birth date of Mariah Elizabeth, I'm now guessing that this first (?) child of Gilbert and Lucretia was actually born to Elizabeth. I'm also guessing that the mysterious child named "Marie" was the same as "Mariah Elizabeth."

RPU Comments re above. All known information fits the above proposal that Mariah Elizabeth Upchurch was a child of **Gilbert Upchurch** and his first wife Elizabeth Upchurch whom he married in 1819. However, I know of no rationale for the proposal that Mariah Elizabeth Upchurch and Marie Upchurch were the same. Uncle Gettys told me **Gilbert Upchurch** had 5 daughters. Sister Perry [Leora Perry] told me one of the 5 was named Marie. Sister Perry knew enough not to confuse Marie and Mariah – RPU – 11 Apr 2001.

(23) Census Records – Index

NC – 1830 – shows no Gilbert Upchurch

NC – 1840 – show one **Gilbert Upchurch** – Wake Co, NC

(24) See notes of RPU visit 30 Aug 1977 to Patty Lane Upchurch

Pat says Grandpa (Bartley Jefferson Upchurch) and his daughter our Aunt Lena told her (Pat) that **Gilbert Upchurch** would have made a fine lawyer – that he wrote wills and deeds (I am skeptical of this anecdotal information in that I find no other records to confirm this report but find several to reveal **Gilbert Upchurch** to have been an unproductive person – still he could have had charm, talents, etc undeveloped – RPU

(25) Inwood Baptist Church Cemetery, Wake Co, NC, Swift Creek Township – Rhamkette – Inscriptions recorded by RPU 19 Jun 2006. RPU notes below details on stones 7 church list printed 16 Feb 2000. Later inputs shown by [].

Family: Upchurch

No.	Name	Dates	Relationship
168	Rex E Upchurch	4 May 1894 – 31 Aug 1968	
169	Ruth S Upchurch	4 Nov 1900	wife of 168
170A	Allen Rex Upchurch	25 Aug 1923 – 5 Aug 1996	
170B	Samuel H Upchurch	10 Apr 1921 – 14 Apr 1921	
170C	Jaclyn Holk Neal	23 Mar 1948 – 24 Dec 2003	
475	William Clinton Upchurch	7 Dec 1888 – 22 Apr 1963	son of 507

Relationship	No.	Name	Dates
[s/o = son of; w/o = wife of; d/o = daughter of]			
s/o 961	386 ¹	<u>Gilbert Upchurch</u>	1792 - 1845
w/o 386	387	Lucretia Upchurch	3 May 1807 – 26 Sep 1877
d/o 386	588	Mariah Upchurch	19 Jul 1820 – 30 Dec 1900
s/o 386	389	Laster Upchurch	26 Jul 1830 – 31 Dec 1905
d/o 419	390	Lena Upchurch LJU	1870 – 1947
s/o 419	391	Wis Upchurch	1884 – 1959
s/o 419	430	Maude Upchurch	21 Jul 1886 – 2 Dec 1975
		M Ray Upchurch	
w/o 430	419	Bessie Upchurch	29 Sep 1898 – 18 Mar 1984
		B Elnora Upchurch	
s/o 419	430	Robert Upchurch	28 Jan 1880 – 13 Apr 1948
		R Jefferson Upchurch	
s/o 386	419	Jeff Upchurch	1841 – 1929
w/o 419	420	Aurora Upchurch	1849 – 1904
		A Ray Upchurch	
d/o 419	421	Pattie Upchurch	1878 – 1935
		P A Upchurch	
s/o 419	422	Malcom Upchurch	1874 – 1938
s/o 419	423	G H Upchurch	28 Feb 1822 – 8 Jul 1957
s/o 425	424	Bennie Upchurch	22 Aug 1932 – 10 Feb 1956
		B J Upchurch	
s/o 425	425	Frank Upchurch	2 Oct 1888 – 31 Oct 1968
		F J Upchurch	
w/o 425	425	Edna W Upchurch	2 Feb 1896 – 16 May 1988

¹[**Gilbert Upchurch** is not buried here but a stone has been placed here in his honor – RPU]

(no number) The Naaman Mills Family by W A Mills page 91, 92

I. Abraham Mills

A. Naaman Mills

1. Lucretia Mills married **Gilbert Upchurch** – see below [great grandmother of RPU]

Lucretia Mills

Lucretia Mills, daughter of Naaman Mills and --- ---, was born 3 May 1802 in Edgecombe Co, NC and died 26 Sep 1877. She married after May 1823 **Gilbert Upchurch** (born circa 1792, died circa 1845), son of Nathan Upchurch and Mackey Johnson. For more info see ch. Court Dates Etched in Time (May 1823 – page 51).

Lucretia is buried at Inwood Baptist Church Cemetery, Wake Co, NC = gravesite marked with tombstone. A memorial tombstone is also placed there for **Gilbert** – his actual burial site is not currently known.

On FC/1830 Lucretia and her children fit the description of Naaman Mills' household in Wake Co, NC. On FC.1840, **Gilbert** is listed as head of a household in Wake Co, NC.

After **Gilbert**'s death, Lucretia and her family resided in Wake Co, NC (White Oak Township) on FC.1850-1860. In 1860, Lucretia owned real estate valued at \$72 and a personal estate valued at \$200. Lucretia resided in Wake Co, NC (Barton's Creek Township) with her son, Bartley and family on FC/1870. Lucretia lived to age 75.

Allegedly, Naaman Mills' Bible was passed down to **Gilbert** and Lucretia's descendants. According to various writing: "Lucretia's family started to move to Tennessee in 1812, but they stopped in Green Level, NC and bought a farm and settled there. She had five brothers and was the only girl. Her brothers were all farmers – very honorable people, but never rich. Her father was Naaman Mills. We have his Bible, which was printed in 1769."

The balance of this chapter will list the children and descendants of Lucretia Mills and **Gilbert Upchurch**. Note: The first child, Mariah may not have been Lucretia's child. The ten children:

Gilbert and ---'s Child

1. Mariah Elizabeth Upchurch (born 19 Jul 1820, died 30 Dec 1900)

Gilbert and Lucretia's Nine Children

1. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch (born Aug 1824, died 15 Jul 1913) married 1858 Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker.
2. Female Upchurch (born circa 1825, died after 1840).
3. Female Upchurch (born circa 1825, died after 1840).
4. Nathan Upchurch (born circa 1827, died circa 1855).
5. Lamberth Lassiter Upchurch born 26 Jul 1830, died 31 Dec 1905)
6. Female Upchurch (born circa 1830-1835, died after 1840).
7. William George Upchurch (born 22 Dec 1837, died 13 Oct 1895) married 24 Dec 1863 Eleanor Marks Upchurch
8. Haseltine Upchurch (born circa 1839, died 5 Mar 1862)
9. Bartley Jefferson Upchurch (born 11 May 1841, died 23 Jan 1929) married 30 Sep 1869 Aurora O Ray.

(27) From: Wake Treasures, Vol 3, No 3, Fall 1993, Page 29 - 33

<p>BASTARDY BONDS AND RECORDS (Part 10) Continued from Vol. III, No. 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>abstracted by Madlyn Jamison</i></p>
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FROM CR 099.102.1, Folder: 1823-1826. [NOTE: Three 1818 Bastardy Records were found in this file and are presented first.]

6. **TABITHA UPCHURCH/ _____ AGAWS/AGERS?**

RECEIPT. M^r Benjamin S. KING Sir please to pay Nathan UPCHURCH Ten Dollars that AGAWS? pade in the office for me for begattin one Child on my boddey and this order shall be your recpt? for the Sam_ this 21 of April 1823 signed: Tabatha (mark) UPCHURCH Gilbard UPCHURCH

[Note: Names in the above image – CJM 21 Aug 2021]

Tabitha Upchurch	Tabatha Upchurch	Bastardy Bonds and Records
--- Agaws/ Agers	Gilbard Upchurch	
Nathan Upchurch	Benjamin S King	

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. **Gilbert Upchurch**

B. Tabitha Upchurch

1. Martha Jane Upchurch born about 1821

Note: Tabitha Upchurch had 2 children out of wedlock – one in 1815 and one about 1821. The above \$10 has to represent the 2nd child and could have been one of several ongoing payments by the father of Martha Jane Upchurch. More clarity/detail is desired on Agaws/Agers?? – RPU

(28) Obituary – Biblical Recorder – Raleigh, NC

Theresa Upchurch, wife of Gilbert Upchurch, Raleigh, NC 10 Oct 1877

[Cross-referenced to Lucretia Mills as I suspect the newspaper reporter rendered “Lucretia” as “Theresa+ - RPU 11 Apr 2001]

(29) Inwood Baptist Church Cemetery – Swift Creek Township – Wake co, NC – Members of the Upchurch Family

[Name included: Gilbert Upchurch – CJM 21 Aug 2021]

(see below)

Upchurch, Allen Rex, b. 25 Aug 1923, d. 5 Aug 1996, mason
Upchurch, Bennie J., b. 22 Aug 1932, d. 10 Feb 1956, "Bitsy"
Upchurch, Bessie Elnora, b. 25 Sep 1898, d. 10 Mar 1984
Upchurch, Birdie, b. 6 May 1897, d. 16 May 1897
Upchurch, Edna W., b. 2 Feb 1896, d. 16 May 1988
Upchurch, Eldora Kendall Wright, b. 1860, d. 1943
Upchurch, Frank J., b. 2 Oct 1888, d. 31 Oct 1968
Upchurch, G. Malcolm, b. 1874, d. 1938
Upchurch, G.H., b. 23 Feb 1882, d. 8 Jul 1957
Upchurch, Gilbert, b. 1792, d. 1845
Upchurch, Jeff, b. 1841, d. 1929, 1st NC Reg., Co. G
Upchurch, John W., b. 1855, d. 1935
Upchurch, Laster, b. 26 Jul 1830, d. 31 Dec 1905
Upchurch, Lena, b. 1870, d. 1947
Upchurch, Lucretia, b. 3 May 1802, d. 26 ??? 1872
Upchurch, Lucretia, b. Mar 1802, d. Aug 1878 OR
Upchurch, Marian, b. 19 Jul 1820, d. 30 Dec 1900
Upchurch, Maude Ray, b. 21 Jul 1886, d. 2 Dec 1975
Upchurch, Pattie A., b. 1878, d. 1935
Upchurch, Rex E., b. 4 May 1894, d. 31 Aug 1968
Upchurch, Robert Jefferson, b. 28 Jan 1880, d. 13 Apr 1948
Upchurch, Ruth S., b. 4 Nov 1900, d. 23 Jul 1959
Upchurch, Samuel H., b. 10 Apr 1921, d. 14 Apr 1921
Upchurch, William Clinton, b. 7 Dec 1888, d. 22 Apr 1963
Upchurch, Wis, b. 1884, d. 1959

Martin, Eleanor Upchurch, b. 1875, d. 1968

Perry, Bessie U., b. 1872, d. 1962

(30) The Naaman Mills Family by W A Mills page 127 – 133

Re 55 Mills entries in Wake co, NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1821 – 1867 – “Court Dates Etched in Time”

- I. Abraham Mills → Naaman Mills
- Lucretia Mills – great grandmother of RPU
 - John Mills; Britain Mills; Matthew Mills, Nathan Mills, Shadrack Mills

3. May 1823 – page 51 – “The State Vs. **Gilbert Upchurch** – Bastardy. In this case, the defendant **Gilbert Upchurch** is considered the reputed father of an illegitimate child begotten on the body of Crecy Mills. It is therefore ordered that **Gilbert Upchurch**, the defendant enter into bond in the sum of one hundred pounds current money of the state, with Burtis Upchurch and Reuben Whitehead his securities. Pay five pounds per year for five years for the support of said child. Pay five pounds for lying in fee & the costs of this prosecution and be subject to such other & further order that the Court may make from time to time in the premises.”

16. Feb 1837 – page 536 – “**Gilbert Upchurch** into open court and maketh oath in due form of law, that Naman Mills, late, a pensioner of the United States, died on the 2nd day of September 1835, and that he saw him expire, and that he resided in his neighborhood, in the County of Wake, at the time of his death. That said Mills left now widow, but six children surviving him to wit; John, who was administrator on his estate, Matthew, Nathan, Shadrack, Lucretia, & Britain Mills, his children & heirs at law. That he knew the said Mills was a pensioner, and drew his pension frequently at Fayetteville.

(31) Extract of Upchurches found in: Wake Co, NC Census and Tax Lists 1830 & 1840 by Frances Holloway Wynne. All entries except one unidentified fall under Clan headed by 3 brothers as follows; [14 Upchurches mentioned]

- (1) I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan – On 1830 Census and 1830 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (2) A. Burtis Upchurch – On 1830 and 1840 Census & 1830 & 1840 Tax List – Kitts Creek District
- (3) 1. Abel Upchurch – On 1840 Census and 1840 Tax List – Kitts Creek District
- (4) 2. William C Upchurch on 1840 Census & 1840 Tax List – Raleigh, NC
- (5) B. Hubbard Upchurch – On 1830 & 1840 Census and 1830 & 1840 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (6) C. Tallitha Upchurch – On 1830 Census & 1840 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (7) 1. Golden Almon Upchurch, Sr. on 1840 Census & 1840 Tax List – White Oak Township
- (8) D. **Gilbert Upchurch** – On 1840 Census – not on 1830 or 1840 Tax List
- II. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan – Lived in Chatham Co, NV
- (9) A. Whitney Upchurch – on 1830 and 1840 Census – Not on 1830 or 1840 Tax list
- (10) B. Gillium Upchurch – on 1840 Census – Not on 1840 or 1840 Tax List
- (11) 1. Hanson Upchurch (*Presumed* son of Gillium Upchurch) on 1840 Census and on 1840 Tax List St Matthews Township
- III. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan – died 1817 Franklin Co, NC (12)
- A. James Upchurch, VII died about 1835 lived Franklin Co, NC
- (12) 1. Kearney Upchurch – on 1840 Census & on Cross Roads District Tax List
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- (13) Richard Upchurch not on 1830 or 1840 Census; on 1840 Tax List White Oak Township presumed Richard Dillard Upchurch, Sr, son of Whitney Upchurch
- (14) William Upchurch, identity unknown, lists 493A on 1840 Tax List in Swift Creek Township for Jane (Yates) Betts, widow of Barzilla Betts, Sr
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		0-5	5-10	10-15				40-50	
1840 Upchurch, Gilbert	M	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-
Census page 191	F	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	-

(32) The Naaman Mills Family by W A Mills – Page 20

I. Abraham Mills married () --- --- She may have been the daughter of Richard Smith of Northampton Co, NC – Page 15

A. Naaman Mills born 18 Jul 1757 (Northampton Co, NC) died 2 Sep 1835 () (Buried – Mills Cemetery, Wake Co, NC) – Page 16

married about 1778 () --- --- born about 1758 died 1820 ± 10

1. John Mills (born about 1780, died circa 1867)
2. Female Mills (born about 1782, died after 1800). NFI
3. Female Mills (born about 1785, died after 1800). NFI
4. Male Mills (born about 1787, died after 1800). NFI
5. Britain Mills (born 1789 died 1856) (Twin) married 21 Aug 1816 Catherine Jinks
6. Matthew Mills (born 1789 died 1854) (Twin) married 3 Jan 1817 Piety Wade
7. Nathan Mills (born 1792 died 10 Aug 1875) married 19 Dec 1817 Celia Morgan
8. Shadrack Mills (born circa 1795 died circa 1863) married circa 1820 Martha "Patsy" Wilson. He married 2ndly 24 Nov 1859 Catherine Holland.
9. Male Mills (born about 1800, died after 1810). NFI
10. Lucretia Mills (born about 1802, died 26 Sep 1877) married circa 1823 Gilbert Upchurch

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"Gilbert Upchurch comes into open court and maketh oath in due form of law that Naman Mills, late, a pensioner of the United States died on the 2nd day of September 1835 and that he saw him expire, and that he resided in his neighborhood in the County of Wake at the time of his death. That said Mills left no widow, but six children surviving him to wit: John, who was administrator on his estate, Matthew, Nathan, Shadrack, Lucretia & Britain Mills, his children & heirs at law. That he knew said Mills was a pensioner and drew his pension frequently at Fayetteville".

This entry was discovered 23 Sep 1993 while the author was reading the original Wake Co., NC CPQS minutes at the NC State Archives. Until this document was found, no one had successfully become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) under Naaman Mills' lineage. He is now listed in the D.A.R. PATRIOT INDEX.

Naaman's wife died between 1810 and 1830. It is not known if she was alive when Naaman and his family moved to Wake Co., NC about 1812. Perhaps she may have died about 1811 and this is what triggered Naaman to move away from Edgecombe Co., NC.

Naaman Mills and his wife had at least 10 children and 51 grand children. During 1996, eight generations of Naaman's descendants number well into the thousands – many of them are listed in this book.

(33) NC Marriages- 5 Sep 05- Peterson- Wake Co

Mary Upchurch	Odom Barns	3 Feb 1806	Wake
Mary Upchurch	Odam Bunn	5 Feb 1806	Wake
Whiting Upchurch	Elizabeth Goodwin	3 Jan 1811	Wake
Mackey Upchurch	Edmund Cole	9 Aug 1816	Wake
<u>Gilbert Upchurch</u>	Elizabeth Upchurch	20 Mar 1819	Wake
Murray Upchurch	Nancy Scott	23 Aug 1820	Wake
Hubbard Upchurch	Esther Bird	24 Oct 1822	Wake
Frances Upchurch	Blake Baker	18 Nov 1829	Wake
John Upchurch	Angelina G. Green	29 May 1830	Wake
Kerney Upchurch	Emila Perry	22 Nov 1830	Wake
Sims Upchurch	Abigail Olive	11 Dec 1832	Wake
Ariel Upchurch	Mary Olive	30 Mar 1833	Wake
Quilla Upchurch	Nathaniel Mitchell	2 Dec 1833	Wake
Abel Upchurch	Nancy Sorrell	27 Nov 1839	Wake
Eliza Upchurch	William Beddingfield	2 Dec 1839	Wake
William C. Upchurch	Adline Royster	15 Dec 1840	Wake
Stephen Upchurch	Ann Medlin	16 Mar 1841	Wake
Gilbert Upchurch	Margaret Bird	23 Sep 1842	Wake
Bartley Upchurch	Jane Whitaker	27 Dec 1842	Wake
Clargy Upchurch	William Wilson	24 Feb 1842	Wake
Betsey Upchurch	Haywood Laurence	2 Dec 1844	Wake
Nancy Upchurch	William Hobby	19 Dec 1845	Wake
Clargy Ann Upchurch	Wesley M. Odaniel	11 Mar 1846	Wake
Candis Upchurch	John Mann	19 Dec 1847	Wake
Mariah Upchurch	Robert Rollins	13 Oct 1849	Wake
Alferd Upchurch	Adelia M. Crowder	23 Dec 1850	Wake
Armelia Upchurch	Hinton Hudson	31 Dec 1850	Wake

(39) The attached copy of a Bastardy Bond from May 1823 Term Court Minutes shows Gilbert Upchurch and Lucretia Mills had an illegitimate child.

[Note: It is not clear to me if this was a child yet to be born as of May 1823 – or if the child had been born earlier = say in 1820. Since Gilbert had to pay £5 for lying in and court costs and £5/ year for 5 years. It is possible this served as an impetus for Gilbert to soon consider Lucretia his wife either by marriage or common law thus avoiding the payment – RPU]

Record to RPU in letter 24 Aug 1994 from William Alan Mills.

(40) Input from RPU phone call to Frances Holt Tilley 6 Oct 2010 Re: blindness in the Upchurch Family

I reported on my update for Nathaniel Smith Upchurch and on health issues going back to his father Gilbert Upchurch of sanity and eyesight we concentrated on eyesight.

Frances Holt said she had 5 issues with her eyes and once thought the issue traced to Gilbert Upchurch as he had 3 blind children. However, she now concludes that , if genetic, her main issue traces to her father Holt Tilley. She says Holt had severe night vision problems.

Frances Holt cited the descendants of Bartley Jefferson Upchurch that had eyesight issues. However, as she cited them I came to feel they were the same kinds of problems that normally occur in the general population.

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Marion of Albany Nov 1825
 Prostitute his liberty. pay five pounds for your years for the
 maintenance of the said child. five pounds for lodging in your
 the cost of these proceedings. and be subject to such other
 question as is that the Court may make from time to time
 in the premises.

The State

Partly

Gilbert Apichard
 In this case the Defendant Gilbert
 Apichard is concerned the reported
 father of an illegitimate child begotten on the body of
 Sarah Childs, it is therefore ordered that Gilbert Apichard
 the Defendant enter into bond in the sum of one hundred
 pounds current money of the State with Richard Apichard
 and Richard Whitehead his securities. pay five pounds per
 year for five years for the support of said Childs. pay five
 pounds for lodging in his other cost of this prosecution and
 be subject to such other further order that the Court may
 make from time to time in the premises.

Richard G. Rand

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 the following day down to try to
 what

John A. Stetson
 John A. Stetson
 Henry Jones
 R. P. Jones

Minutes of May Term 1824

~~Refused~~ his security, pay five pounds for five years for the maintenance of this child. five pounds for lying in jail on the loss of these proceedings. and be subject to such other & further order that the Court may make from time to time in the premises.

The State

Parting

In this case the Refusant Gilbert Gilchrist is considered the reputed father of an illegitimate child begotten on the body of Jane Smith. It is therefore ordered that Gilbert Gilchrist the Refusant enter into bond in the sum of one hundred pounds current money of the State with Philip Gilchrist and Reuben Whitehead his securities, pay five pounds for five years for the support of said child. pay five pounds for lying in jail on the loss of this prosecution and be subject to such other & further order that the Court may make from time to time in the premises.

William G. Rand

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Urian Collins

Joshua Fletcher

John Mitchell

Barnard Perry

Edward Rigney

Jeremiah Ruffalo

Joseph Peave

John for the Refusant

The following Jury sworn to try the

John Perry

Henry Jones

Robert Ridding

Samuel Wood

Leah Parole

David Rayton

Almy Holland who was appointed Constable in Rock-ham District at the last term of this Court. came into open Court and resigned his said appointment. Whereupon Reuben Holland was then appointed Constable in said District in his place who gave for security John Reuben Morrison & Edmund Schottel. Almy and thereupon took the usual oath accepting for the qualifications of said office as well as the oath of a Constable.

Charles Gordon

B. G. King

Cost. Judgment by default paid according to Special Child for the sum of ten pounds and one dollar & thirty Cents. with Int. from 11th May 1824 till said date.

Charles Stuart } Case Judgment by Default for the sum
 John L. Taylor } of one hundred and twenty seven dollars
 and fifteen Cents with int on \$127.50 from
 23 May 1839 H. O. G.
 5 } Case Judgment by Default for the
 5 } sum of one hundred and eighty dollars with int
 on \$180 from 11th May 1839 H. O. G.
 Stuart & Fitzharris } Case Judgment by Default for five hundred
 5 } and thirty eight dollars & forty five Cents with int
 5 } on \$500 from 23 May 1839 H. O. G.

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Ancestry.com - 1840 United States Federal Census

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1840 United States Federal Census	
Name:	Gilbert Upchurch
Home in 1840 (City, County, State):	Wake, North Carolina
Free White Persons - Males - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 14:	2
Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	2
Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 40 thru 49:	1
Persons Employed in Agriculture:	2
Persons Employed in Manufacture and Trade:	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	9
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	2
Persons - 20 thru 49:	11
Total Free White Persons:	11
Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves:	11

search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/ssse.dll?db=1840usfedocenancestry&rank=1&new=1&MSAV=0&meT=1&gss=eng a-i&gsfr=gilbert&gsln=upchurch&merpn__flp=N... 1/2

(1) Attachment #34 West Letter 19 May 1975 – Marriage Records Wake Co, NC
19 Mar 1819 – Gilbard Upchurch married Elizabeth Upchurch – witness: S H Pullen
[Note: there is an outside chance that this was my great grandfather Gilbert – RPU]

(2) See sheet provided by Mrs. L W Priest in 31 Oct 1977 letter to RPU – Gilbard Upchurch
married Elizabeth Upchurch – Date of Bond – 20 Mar 1819. Bondsman & Witness – S(amuel) H
Pullen

[Note: The complete biofile online was transcribed. However, there appear to be missing items
based on the numbering system of the items. CJM 21 Aug 2021]