

## Henry Alvin Upchurch

XID – 430

**Commentary:** Henry was the son of John Upchurch and the grandson of George, head of Upchurch Clan 5.

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

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch born 1799

7 children

36. John Upchurch was born ca 1799 Iredell County, North Carolina and died prior to 6-23-1873 Wayne County, Kentucky. John's will was written on 3-28-1868 and proved on 6-23-1873 His wife was Sarah Bertram born 1810 Tennessee died after 1860. She was the daughter of Nicholas Bertram. John and Sarah were listed in the census records of 1830, 40, 50, 60 living in Wayne County, Kentucky. In 1850, her father Nicholas Bertram born 1780 North Carolina was living with them. In 1870 John is living in Wayne County, Kentucky. Living with him was Mary Upchurch born 1895 Tennessee and a granddaughter Nelly Carter who is 5 months old. Living next door was Granville Upchurch and Abner Upchurch. I believe Abner is probably Alvin. (5)
361. Nancy Upchurch born 4-9-1825 Wayne County, Kentucky died 11-11-1884 Wayne County, Kentucky
362. Eleanor (Nellie) Upchurch born 7-10-1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died 2-12-1870 Wayne County, Kentucky
363. Lucinda Upchurch born 1832 Wayne County, Kentucky died Wayne County, Kentucky
364. Roena Upchurch born 1834 Wayne County, Kentucky died Wayne County, Kentucky
365. Daniel Granville Upchurch born 4-25-1835 Wayne County, Kentucky died 10-9-1901 Paris, Texas
366. Henry Alvin Upchurch born 4-28-1840 Wayne County, Kentucky died 6-28-1918 Wayne County, Kentucky
367. Elizabeth Upchurch born 12-1844 Wayne County, Kentucky died 12-24-1932 Wayne County, Kentucky

366. Henry Alvin Upchurch was born 4-28-1840 Wayne County, Kentucky and died 6-28-1918 Wayne County, Kentucky. Henry received land in his father's will. His 1<sup>st</sup> wife was Susan Hurt who was born 4-24-1841 Wayne County, Kentucky and died 10-6-1887. She was the daughter of William Hurt and Temperance Ann Bertram, sister of Levina Hurt. They were married 1-17-1863. In 1870 they were listed as Abner and Susan Upchurch and were living next door to his father. Henry's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Nancy Burnett who was born 11-30-1841 Wayne County, Kentucky died 3-2 1917. Henry and Nancy were married 1-5 1888. She was the daughter of Jonathan and Mary Burnett. Henry is listed 1880, 1900 Wayne County, Kentucky. Living with them in 1900 was Polly Burnett who was born 2-1825 Tennessee. She is listed as mother. His children

3661. John William Upchurch born 12-10-1863 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1-5-1926 Clinton County, Kentucky
3662. Mary Belle Upchurch born 3-3-1866 Wayne County, Kentucky
3663. Samuel Greer Upchurch born 9-15-1867 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1939 Wayne County, Kentucky
3664. Easter Wayne Upchurch born 3-29-1869 Wayne County, Kentucky
3665. Freeman Upchurch born 3-29-1872 Wayne County, Kentucky
3666. Freely Upchurch born 3-29-1872 Wayne County, Kentucky died Oklahoma
3667. Theodosia E. Upchurch born 4-9-1874 Wayne County, Kentucky
3668. Ballinger Wright Upchurch born 3-15-1876 Wayne County, Kentucky
3669. Ida Upchurch born 3-31-1879 Wayne County, Kentucky
3660. Dwight L. Moody Upchurch born 12-10-1880 Wayne County, Kentucky
- 366a. Victory Upchurch born 7-29-1883 Wayne County, Kentucky died 4-7-1891 Wayne County, Kentucky
- 366b. Benjamin Harrison Upchurch born 7-7-1889 Wayne County, Kentucky

[For 366b RPU has General Harrison Upchurch]

**(no number)** Input in letter 14 Sep 2006 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU (from internet)

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch, VI

1. **Henry Alvin Upchurch**

born 28 Apr 1840

- a. John William Upchurch
  - i. Ida Upchurch  
born Oct 1890 –  
probably GGM of  
internet cooperator  
Carol (Patton) Keeton
- b. Ida Upchurch\*  
married ( ) Abijah Burnett\*
- c. Freeman Upchurch\*
- d. Ballainger Wright Upchurch\*  
married ( ) Dica Olive Huddleston\*
  - i. Henry Herschel Upchurch\*
  - ii. Lynn Hazel Upchurch\*

I. James Burnett

married ( ) Jane Barrier

A. Reuben Burnett<sup>1</sup>

married ( ) Martha Fairchild<sup>1</sup>

1. Abijah Burnett

I. Abijah Fairchild<sup>1</sup>

married ( ) Melissa Hurt?

A. Thursey Fairchild<sup>1</sup>

married ( ) James Ahile  
Bertram<sup>1</sup>

1. Lonzo Bertram -  
still alive at 100

B. Martha Fairchild [did she  
also marry --- --- Hurt?? -  
RPU

I. William Hurt\*\* married ( ) Temperance Ann Buttram

A. Susan (Susannah) Hurt – 1<sup>st</sup> wife of **Henry Alvin Upchurch**

\*\*siblings

I. Isaac Burnett married ( ) Nancy Hurt\*\*

A. Jonathan Burnett married ( ) Polly Ann Redmon

1. Nancy Burnett married (1<sup>st</sup>) --- --- Tuggle  
married (2<sup>nd</sup>) **Henry Alvin Upchurch**

I. Richard Barrier married ( ) Catherine Massey

A. Aaron Barrier married ( ) Susannah Christman

1. Richard Barrier ( ) Married Permelia Jane Loveall

a. Malinda Barrier\*\*\* married ( ) Archibald Upchurch\*\*\*

<sup>1</sup>Buried Big Springs Cemetery, Burfield, Wane Co, KY

\*Pictures of these individuals included – copy place in biofile of each.

[RPU records show Archibald is son of Silas Upchurch, Head of a Line in the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan and that he married Malinda Byers (vs Barrier??)]

\*\*\*possible ancestors of Barry D Decker (Internet cooperater) who lives in Wayne Co, KY and reports "I know for a fact that the Fairchilds lived right up the road from me in an old log cabin built in the 1850s that has burnt down. My dad used to live there as a young boy. He knew of the house as the Bertram Place. James Ahile and Thursey Fairchild Bertram lived there. Thursey (if I'm not mistaken) was a sister to Martha. They were daughters of Abijah Fairchild who built the home. He [Lonzo Bertram] told me that some of Reuben and Martha's boys operated a store in Burfield where the post office was located. I believe they also owned a grist mill right beside the store. His father James worked at the grist mill.

(1) **Henry Alvin Upchurch** born 28 Apr 1840 in KY died 28 Jun 1918 in KY married (1) 17 Jan 1863 Susan Hurt born 24 Apr 1841 died 6 Oct 1887 daughter of William Hurt. Alvin married (2) 5 Jan 1888 Nancy Burnett born 30 Nov 1849 died 2 Mar 1917 daughter of Mary and Jonathan Burnett. **Henry Alvin Upchurch** was son of John Upchurch, the grandson of George Upchurch, Head of Clan. (29, Page 72)

(2) See letter 22 Jun 1985 Stanley Armister Upchurch to RPU  
**Henry Alvin Upchurch** born 28 Apr 1840 (KY) died 28 Jun 1918 (Wayne Co, KY)

(3) See letter 18 Marr 1986 Barbara Sue Smith to RPU  
**Henry Alvin Upchurch** married 15 Jan 1863 (Wayne Co, KY) Susanah Hurt.

(4) See letter 25 Nov 1990 Cheryl Robin Abbot to RPU  
Alvin A Upchurch [**Henry Alvin Upchurch**] born 1840/ 1841 (KY) married Susie --- born 1841/ 1843 (KY)

(5) See letter 2 Jan 1991 Cheryl Robin Abbot to RPU  
1860 Census, Wayne Co, KY

John Upchurch	68	[Head of George Upchurch/ John Upchurch Sub-clan]
Sarah Upchurch	55	[Sarah Bertram]
Alvin Upchurch	20	[ <b><u>Henry Alvin Upchurch</u></b> ]
Elizabeth Upchurch	15	
America Upchurch	9	
Nicholas Butram	89	[Nicholas Bertram]

(6) See letter 9 Jul 1993 Norma Jeann Gooding to RPU  
**Henry Alvin Upchurch** born Otter Creek, KY

(7) From letter 28 Jan 1991 Cheryl Robin Abbot to RPU: Will File – Will Book A, Page 81,  
Wayne Co, KY

Will of

John Upchurch	XID – 143
Head of the George Upchurch	XID – 137
/ John Upchurch Sub-clan	XID – 143

#### NEW WILL BOOK A

New Bk A:208-209

Written: 28 Mar 1868

Proved. 23 June 1873

#### Will of JOHN UPCHURCH (X)

Being now about 70 years of age, but in good health to my 2 sons, Daniel G. & Henry Alvin Upchurch, all my land lying on Waters of Otter Creek, divided equally —residue divided among 5 daughters: Elizabeth Dishman, Nancy Dishman, Nelly Carter, Lucinda Hughs & Roena Carter.

Executor: son Henry A. Upchurch

Witness: John L. Sallee & Emsley A. Buttram

I. George Upchurch	XID – 137	[Head of Clan]
A. John Upchurch	XID – 143	<u>XID</u>
1. Daniel G Upchurch	429	[Daniel Granville Upchurch]
2. <b><u>Henry Alvin Upchurch</u></b>	430	
3. Elizabeth Upchurch	431	
married Reubin Dishman		
4. Nancy Upchurch	239	
married Burrell Tremont		
Dishman	196	
5. Nelly Upchurch	426	[Eleanor Upchurch]
married James H Carter	425	
6. Lucinda Upchurch	427	
married Morgan Hughes	432	
7. Rowena Upchurch	428	
married Robert Carter	433	

(8) From letter 13 Aug 1993 Norma Jeann Gooding to RPU

This story concerns this part of the Upchurch Family

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

\*A. John Upchurch [The father who shot the cougar]

\*1. **Henry Alvin Upchurch** [The baby in the story]

\*a. Theodosia Earnest Upchurch [The grandmother who told the story]

Copies filed under \* plus under Otter Creek, KY and Order Creek, KY

Also on Otter Creek, in KY. That's in Theodosia's family Bible, her writing. All I have figured it's close to the Tennessee border. Looking back at records, William Harvey Gooding was born in Palmersville, KY near Mt Pisgah. I believe Otter Creek may be Order Creek instead. I'm not well organized on my paper work yet. But again the family tells this story:

When the family was traveling by wagon train, they reached Otter Creek in KY and camped over night. The ladies were getting the fire ready and men folks were out hunting. They put the baby (Henry Alvin) in a basket under the wagon, in the shade. The men came in and meal was cooked, they ate. The mother went to get baby and it was gone. The men folks started looking around and found lion or cougar tracks and where baby was dragged. They located the big cat on a ledge above creek, and it was playing with the baby. There was a chance that if they shot it might hit the baby, but took a chance, cause the cat would kill it anyway. So the father took aim across wagon wheel and shot. He killed the cat and got back a scratched and bruised boy but otherwise unhurt. The baby wasn't but a few days old. My grandmother, Theodosia, told this to us many times. Said her daddy's nickname was (Otter).

(9) From letter 6 May 1996 Michael Douglas Upchurch  
Henry Alvin Upchurch  
Susanah Hurt  
Theodosia Ernestine Upchurch  
Ballinger Wright Upchurch



1878 in Sommerset, Kentucky. Henry (Alvin) Upchurch and wife Susan Hurt-Upchurch with children Theodosia and Ballinger (Wright) Upchurch.





## HENRY (ALVIN) UPCHURCH

b. Monticello, Kentucky 1840-1918

He owned a ranch in Kentucky which he inherited from his father John Upchurch, along with an unknown number of slaves. The will left him and each of his brothers: "an equal parcel of land, the mules, and blacks to work it." He was known as a benevolent slave owner. He grew mostly tobacco and corn. He was an educated man for his time and place, and each Sunday folks from neighboring areas would gather at the porch of his house to listen to him read the Bible aloud. He raised livestock of all sorts, and was considered a wealthy man.

(Father of Ballinger Wright Upchurch; grandfather of Henry Herschel Upchurch; great grandfather of Robert Herschel Upchurch; great, great-grandfather of MD U.)



1900 in Monticello, Kentucky. The Upchurch ranch owned by Henry Alvin Upchurch, where mostly tobacco and corn was grown. It was said to be nearly 1100 acres.

**(10)** From letter 20 Sep 1995 Edgar Dalton Gooding to RPU  
 [Names included: William Harvey Gooding, Will Gooding, Theodosia Upchurch, Henry Alvin Upchurch, John Edgar Gooding,

William Harvey Gooding (Will) asked for the hand of Theodosia Upchurch in marriage but was denied by her father, Henry Alvin Upchurch. The two eventually eloped and were married. Henry Upchurch came after them, armed, but the two slipped out the back way and fled to relatives in Tennessee with the help of a horse and buggy. Upon learning they were legally married Henry Upchurch returned home. He set in motion legal action to disinherit his daughter and never spoke to her again in his lifetime. Will and Theo eventually returned to Wayne County Kentucky to settle. Two daughters were born in Wayne County Kentucky and sometime before 1897 Will and his family left Kentucky for Kansas. They settled in Greely County, Kansas. One daughter, Sally Ora was born on the way in Polo, Caldwell County Missouri. Will homesteaded land, built a house and bought cattle. They were wiped out by a blizzard around 1905. One child, John Edgar Gooding, was born in Horace, Greely County Kansas. Will sold the house and land, bought a large freight wagon for the household goods and a smaller wagon for the family and clothing and food. He purchased six head of mules, hitched four to the big wagon, two to the smaller wagon and headed South. John Gooding remembered parts of the trip. They had a small dog that would trot along under the wagon in the shade until he got tired then they would let him ride inside. Will said the route followed what is today generally along Highway 83. He said the streams were clean and full of fish and game such as quail, turkey, deer and rabbit. They would buy staples such as flour, coffee, etc. as they came through small settlements along the way. They eventually settled in Uvalde County where Will went to work on a ranch breeding horses and mules. Two more boys were born in Uvalde County.

The Upchurch line can be traced back to England where there is a family crest. It is little wonder the hand of such a well bred lady would be denied a "Shanty" Irishman such as Will Gooding. Theodosia said the twinkle in his deep blue eyes won her heart. They lived long and happy lives and raised six healthy children.

**(11)** From letter 4 Sep 1994 Edgar D Gooding to RPU

Edgar D Gooding is a grandson of Theodosia Earnest (Upchurch) Gooding and reports the following regarding the marriage of Theodosia. Edgar is the son of John Edgar Gooding.

The following is their life together as told to me by Will Gooding in the late 1930s while he and my father were farming together in Aransas Pass, Texas: Will Gooding asked for the hand of Theodosia of **Henry Alvin Upchurch** but was refused. The two later eloped and were married. When Henry learned of this he came after Will armed. They learned of this and fled to what was then Fentress County, Tennessee where they remained until Henry cooled off. He never spoke to his daughter after that time.

**(12)** From: Rev James Henry Carter 1826 – 1900, Page 13

**Henry Alvin Upchurch** born 28 Apr 1840 (Wayne Co, KY)

married (1<sup>st</sup>) 17 Jan 1863 ( ) Susan Hurt

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 5 Jan 1888 ( ) Nancy Burnett

**(13)** See Wayne Co, KY Cemetery Book, Page 948 – Pyles Cemetery

**Henry A Upchurch** 28 Apr 1840 – 28 Jun 1918

**(14)** From letter 6 May 1996 Michael Douglas Upchurch to RPU



1908 in Monticello, Kentucky. L-R: William Goodine, Theodosia Upchurch-Goodine, Dica Upchurch (holding Henry Herschel Upchurch), Ballinger Wright Upchurch, Henry Alvin Upchurch, Susan Hurt-Upchurch.





1906 in Monticello, Kentucky. Ballinger Wright Upchurch and wife Dicy, father Henry Alvin Upchurch and his daughter Theodosia behind him. Henry Alvin is holding baby Henry Herschel Upchurch.