

Isham Sims Upchurch

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Commentary: See number two below. This biofile is chock full of information regarding the life of Isham.

Acknowledgements: This biofile was transcribed by Carla J. Michaels of Cary NC. She is both a marvelous contributor to UAFA and a member of the UAFA board. She is also a noted local historian in the Cary area.

(1) Letter 13 Nov 1981 – Mayfred Upchurch to RPU
CSA – Isam Upchurch – G Co, 16 NC Infantry Pvt/ Pvt
[Note: This is Isham Sims Upchurch – RPU]

(1) Isham Sims Upchurch married Adelia Beavers and they resided in Chatham Co, NC. A daughter was Ora Aurelia Upchurch 2 Mar 1866 – 25 Jul 1962).

(2) Isham Sims Upchurch (31 Dec 1824 – 5 Apr 1916) was the 1st son and 3rd child of Murry and Nancy (Scott) Upchurch and the grandson of Moses Upchurch. At the time of ----- Isham Simms birth Murry Upchurch was living on a farm on the old Fayetteville Road near White Oak Creek which Murry had bought from his father Moses. Today this is Road 751. On 25 Dec 1850 Isham Sims bought 300 acres of land for \$600 from Uncle Sims Upchurch. (See (28) for description of land). This was part of the original tract bought by Moses when he moved to Chatham Co from Franklin Co, NC – Married 23 Dec 1851 Adelia Beavers (8 Mar 1832 – 24 Sep 1893) daughter of George and Mary (Baucom) Beavers of Chatham Co, (Chatham Co, NC Marriage Records, Pittsboro, NC).

Isham and Adelia build a log house and their first 7 children were born here before Isham was called into Civil War service. He served in Co G, 16th NC Regiment CSA and was released as a POW at Point Pleasant MD 21 Jun 1866. He signed at that time an Oath of Allegiance.

In ref (28) are details associated with land purchases of Isham Sims Upchurch on 7 Nov 1879, 17 Dec 1889, 18 Feb 1897 to build his farm up to 450 acres. He built a larger house circa 1872 and used the old house for kitchen and dining room. Isham and Adelia were first members of Mt Pisgah Church and later of Green Level Baptist Church. After Adelia's death the household was carried on by a number of unmarried daughters. A woodworking shop was run on the farm. All of living children were married before 1900 and Isham married 2ndly 3 Feb 1903, Mrs R A Taylor who died on 10 Dec 1911. Isham, Adelia, Mary and Sidney are buried in the family graveyard at the old home place near Chatham and Wake Co line, NC. See ref (20) for details for Isham Sims Will dated 16 Oct 1893. The children were:

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| 1. Josephine Frances Upchurch | (18 Sep 1852 – 6 Oct 1954)
married James M Broadwell |
| 2. George Winston Upchurch | (8 Jun 1854 – 10 Apr 1947)
married Jane Carlton & had issue |
| 3. Matthew Robert Upchurch | (25 Apr 1856 – 10 Sep 1938)
married Roxanna Bolling & had issue |
| 4. Marceline Gatling Upchurch | (20 Jun 1857 – 19 Nov 1931) |

5. Thomas Irving Upchurch	married and had issue (5 Aug 1859 – 4 Apr 1939)
6. Varina Fisher Upchurch	married and had issue, farmed in Varina section (18 Aug 1861 – 10 May 1944)
7. Isham Paschall Upchurch	married and had issue (27 Jun 1863 – 22 Apr 1934)
8. Ora Aurelia Upchurch	married and had issue (5 Mar 1866 – 25 Jul 1962)
10. Franklin Pierce Upchurch	married and had issue (1 Jun 1871 – Nov 1936)
9. Sidney Harrison Upchurch	married and had issue (4 Nov 1867 – 2 Oct 1878)
11. Mary Adelia Upchurch	(3 Aug 1872 – 2 Nov 1880)
12. Laura Alice Upchurch	(14 Mar 1875 – 15 May 1963)
13. Nancy Cora Upchurch	married and had issue (17 Feb 1877 – 26 Nov 1962)
	married and had issue

(3) Chatham Co, NC – Marriage Bonds

Isham S Upchurch married Delia Beavers 22 Dec 1851

(4) See records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 visit to National Colonial Dames XVII Century Office.

A. Marriage Certificate – Isham S Upchurch and Delia Beavers authorized by Chatham Co, NC 22 Dec 1851. Performed 23 Dec 1851 by E J Fearington, JP. Page 4

(5) See notes of RPU 18 Nov 1978 visit to Adelia Jane Upchurch

A. I S Upchurch was Pvt, Co G, 16th Regiment, NC Infantry

(6) See Chatham Co, NC Census Records extracted by RPU

1860	Isham Upchurch	age 35	M	Farmer	\$900 RE, \$300 PP
	Dellia Upchurch	age 28	F	housekeeper	[Adelia Beavers]
	Josephine Upchurch	age 7	F		
	Winston Upchurch	age 5	M		
	Matthew Upchurch	age 4	M		
	Marceline	age 3	F		
	Thos (?) Upchurch	age 10m	M		[Thomas Irving]

1850 Isham not listed in home of his father Murray

1870	Isham Upchurch	age 46	M	Farmer \$1000 RE, \$500 PP
	Delia Upchurch	age 38	F	Keeping house
	Josephine Upchurch	age 17	F	
	Winston Upchurch	age 16	M	
	Matthew Upchurch	age 14	M	
	Marceline Upchurch	age 13	F	
	Irving Upchurch	age 11	M	
	Varina Upchurch	age 10	F	
	Paschal Upchurch	age 7	M	
	Ora Upchurch	age 4	F	
	Sidney Upchurch	age 2	M	
1880	Isham S Upchurch	W	M	age 55 Farmer
	Delia Upchurch	W	F	age 48
	George W Upchurch	W	M	age 26
	Matthew Upchurch	W	M	age 26
	Marceline Upchurch	W	F	age 20
	Thomas I Upchurch	W	M	age 19
	Corinna Upchurch	W	F	age 18 [Varina]
	Isham Upchurch	W	M	age 16
	Ora A Upchurch	W	F	age 14
	Frank Upchurch	W	M	age 12
	Mary A Upchurch	W	F	age 9
	Lalera Upchurch	W	F	age 5 [Laura]
	Nancy C Upchurch	W	F	age 3

(7) Upchurch Family of England, Virginia, and North Carolina by: Belle Lewter West – pages 37 – 40, copied for **ISU**

(see next page)

Part Four
ISHAM SIMS UPCHURCH
 and his
DESCENDANTS
 in North Carolina and Elsewhere
 1824-1972

ISHAM SIMS UPCHURCH, first son and third child of MURRY and Nancy (Scott) UPCHURCH, was born 31 Dec. 1824, in Chatham County, N.C. At the time of ISHAM SIMS' birth, his father was living on a farm on the Old Fayetteville Road, near White Oak Creek, which MURRY had bought from his father, MOSES UPCHURCH. This road is numbered 751 today.

On 25 Dec. 1850, before his marriage about a year later, ISHAM SIMS bought 300 acres of land from his uncle SIMS UPCHURCH, for \$600 . . . "lying on waters of Pitts Creek, beginning at a stake on the Raleigh Road, N 207 poles to a white oak and persimmon tree on a branch, thence down said branch to SIMS UPCHURCH'S corner, thence west 116½ poles to stake in the old field, thence 237 poles to post oak on Yeats line, thence east with George and B.W. Yeats lines, 105½ poles to the head of a small branch, thence south 42 degrees 35 poles to stake and pointers on the Raleigh Road." This land was part of the original tract bought by MOSES UPCHURCH, his grandfather when he came to Chatham County from Franklin County, N. C.

On 23 Dec. 1851 ISHAM SIMS UPCHURCH married Adelia Beavers, born 8 March, 1832, daughter of George and Mary (Baucom) Beavers of Chatham County. (CHATHAM CO., N. C. MARRIAGE RECORDS, PITTSBORO, N. C.)

ISHAM and Adelia built their first house of logs, cut and hewn from their own land. Their first seven children were born here before ISHAM was called into service during the Civil War, when their oldest child was twelve years of age. ISHAM spent a very unhappy time during the war on account of having to be away from his wife who had to bear the burden of livelihood for the family. He served in Co. G, 16th North Carolina Reg. CSA, as proven by a Certificate of Release of Prisoner of War, issued at Headquarters, Point Pleasant, Md., 21 June 1866. He, like all members of the Army of the South was considered as a "prisoner of war" and had to sign an Oath of Allegiance to the Union, after the war was over, before he was released.

On 16 March 1869, ISHAM SIMS bought 35½ acres of land for \$200., from Brittain & Penny G. Mills, his wife, "beginning at pointers on Pitts Creek to a stake at Mary Luter's corner . . . & ISHAM UPCHURCH line, N to stake on Pitts Creek . . ." (CHAT. CO., N. C. DEED BK. A-0/51) Signed: Brittain Mills
 Penny G. (X) Mills

On 7 Nov. 1870, ISHAM SIMS bought 50 ¾ acres of land from Matthew T. Yates for \$125. . . "land beginning I. S. Stone corner . . . to Pitts Creek . . . to I. S. UPCHURCH corner . . . to M. K. Herndon corner."

Wit: W. J. Johnson, M. T. Yates Signed: Matthew T. Yates
 (CHAT. CO., N.C. DEED Bk. A-0/520) (Reg. 28 Dec. 1870)

On 17 Dec. 1889, ISHAM SIMS bought 15 9/10 acres for \$74.10 from W. M. Waller . . . "land beginning at Bartlett B. Yates, I. S. UPCH. corner . . . W. M. Waller's corner on Pitts Creek . . . N to stake Tom Lewter's line." Signed: W. M. Waller
 (CHAT. CO., N. C. DEED BK. C-B/339) (Reg. 30 Oct. 1893)

On 18 Feb. 1897, I. S. UPCHURCH bought, at auction, 50 acres for \$28 "land beginning Burwin Holland's corner . . . D. H. Herndon's line . . . N. Stake J. J. Jenkins's line." (Land belonging to Alex and Emeline Yates). Signed: Emeline (X) Yates. Wit; B. R. Hargrove Alex. (X) Yates
(CHAT. CO., N. C. DEED BK. C-Z/210) (Reg. 4 May 1897)

On these 450 acres of land ISHAM SIMS built up a profitable farm, with the help of his sons. Sometime around 1872 he built a larger house to take care of his larger family. The old house was used for kitchen and dining room. He maintained a wood working shop on the premises and made ax handles, churns, spinning-wheels, and many other items needed for the operation of the home and farm of that day.

ISHAM SIMS and ADELIA were members of the Mt. Pisgah Church for a number of years and then moved their membership to Green Level Baptist Church. Six children were born after the Civil War. Of their thirteen children, MARY and SIDNEY died as small children. ADELIA died 24 Sept. 1893, after a number of their children were married. The household chores were then carried on by the unmarried daughters.

Before 1900 all of the children of ISHAM SIMS were married, and he married second, 3 Feb. 1903, Mrs. R. A. Taylor. She died on 10 Dec. 1911. ISHAM SIMS lived five years longer and died 5 April 1916. He and ADELIA, MARY and SIDNEY are buried in the family graveyard at the Old Home Place near the Chatham and Wake County line, N. C.

In ISHAM SIMS UPCHURCH'S will, dated 16 Oct. 1893, his desires as to the disposition of his earthly goods are so simply expressed there could be no mistake as to his wishes:

"In the name of God Amen.

I, I. S. UPCHURCH of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, so make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following:

- Item 1: I give and bequeath unto my children all my real estate equally divided in value.
- Item 2: I give to my boys that are living when I die all my tools, both farming and carpenter's to be divided according to value.
- Item 3: I desire that my kitchen furniture shall be so divided that my girls shall receive two thirds and my boys one third, divided according to value.
- Item 4: I have given unto each of the following children, Josephine Broadwell, G. W. Upchurch, M. R. Upchurch, M. G. Upchurch, T. I. Upchurch, I. P. Upchurch, V. F. Goodwin and F. P. Upchurch, twenty-eight dollars and forty cents in cash. I desire that my other children, Laura and Cora Upchurch shall receive the same sum that they may be equal to the others. upon condition, if Laura and Cora shall receive this amount of money at the age of twenty one then they shall loose a discount of three per cent for five years, twenty-six being the age at which the other children received the amount with which they are charged.
- Item 5: I desire that my children that I have given bed and bed-clothes give them in on schedule and those that have not had shall have the same amount then the balance to be equally divided.

Item 6: I desire that my daughter, Marceline, shall have fifty dollars for extra services rendered me and that my daughter, Ora, shall have thirty-five dollars for extra services rendered me, this above the equal share with the other children those amounts to Marceline and Ora shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of personal property.

Item 7: I desire that all my personal property not herein mentioned shall be sold and the money equally divided among all my children.

Item 8: I appoint M. R. Upchurch of Chatham County and J. M. Broadwell of Wake County my executors of this will, provided they give the necessary bond.

Wit: B. R. Hargrove

I. S. UPCHURCH

C. E. Beavers.

(Seal)

Addition to my will, if my children think it best to sell land in bulk instead a division they may do so if it will give satisfaction all around."

/s/ I. S. UPCHURCH

Children of ISHAM SIMS and ADELIA (BEAVERS) UPCHURCH:

1. JOSEPHINE FRANCES UPCHURCH m James M. Broadwell, see sketch.
2. GEORGE WINSTON UPCHURCH m Mary Jane Elizabeth Carlton, see sketch.
3. MATTHEW ROBERT UPCHURCH m Roxannah A. Bolling, see sketch.
4. MARCELINE GATLING UPCHURCH m Adolphus Taylor Rogers, see sketch.
5. THOMAS IRVING UPCHURCH m Agnes Jackson Mitchell, see sketch.
6. VARINA FISHER UPCHURCH m Cornelius Theodore Goodwin, see sketch.
7. ISHAM PASCHALL UPCHURCH m Mollie Powell, see sketch.
8. ORA AURELIA UPCHURCH m Robert Ulysses Lewter, see sketch.
9. SIDNEY HARRISON UPCHURCH (b 4 Nov. 1867, d 2 Oct. 1878).
10. FRANKLIN PIERCE UPCHURCH m Etoile Barker, see sketch.
11. MARY ADELIA UPCHURCH (b 3 Aug. 1872, d 2 Nov 1880).
12. LAURA ALICE UPCHURCH m Marcus S. Barbee, see sketch.
13. NANCY CORA UPCHURCH m John Basile Mills, see sketch.

In the following sketches I have listed the names and birth, marriage & death dates of as many of the descendants of ISHAM SIMS and ADELIA (BEAVERS) UPCHURCH as it has been possible to obtain by personal visits and by mail. Many cousins have been cooperative and I wish to thank HALLIE (GOODWIN) GOODWIN for her help. I particularly wish to thank ADELIA "DILLIE" (UPCHURCH) KELLY, (MRS. H. O.) of Apex, N.C., R 3, for her constant interest and patience over the years in locating and visiting members of the family with me.

(8) See Etta Belle Lewter – notes of RPU visit 23 Feb 1980
Etta says Isham Sims Upchurch buried in Wake Co, NC

(9) See notes on Isham Sims Cemetery – Wake Co, NC

“B” stone Delia – wife of I S Upchurch
born 8 Mar 1832 died 23 Sep 1898
“B” stone I S Upchurch
born 31 Dec 1824 died 5 Apr 1916

(10) List of Mayfred Upchurch 13 Nov 1981 to RPU shows

CSA	I S Upchurch,	G Co, 16 NC Inf	Pvt-Pvt
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Conclude these are Isham Sims Upchurch – RPU

(11) See Chatham Co, CN file for 25 Aug 1967 letter Marjorie Boleware to County Clerk
Oldest Will in Chatham County, NC
I S Upchurch [Isham Sims Upchurch] 16 Oct 1893 – He lists children

(12) See letter 22 May 1987 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU

Isham Sims Upchurch born Chatham Co, NC died Chatham Co, NC. Two sheets showing details of the children of Isham Sims Upchurch are reported to have been copied from the old Bible of **I S Upchurch**. Sworn statement of Ora Aurelia Upchurch, daughter of **I S Upchurch**. “Our father and mother, Isham Sims Upchurch & Adelia (Beavers) Upchurch lived all their married life in Chatham Co, NC. Their marriage date was the 23rd of Mar 1851. Adelia was the daughter of George & Mary (Baucom) Beavers, also of Chatham County. **I S Upchurch** was the son of Murry and Nancy (Scott) Upchurch, Nancy being the daughter of John and Rachel (Baucom) Scott of Wake Co, NC.

(13) See letter 15 Feb 1988 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU

“Thanks for your nice letter of Feb 1988. After I read it I called Donald and he offered to drive me down to the Isham Upchurch homeplace to see if we could determine which county it was in. We went east on State Road 1605 from 751 and entered Wake Co a few hundred yards before we came to State Road 1759 which dead ends at the Isham Upchurch homeplace. There is no county sign on 1759, so we do not know where Chatham starts, but family tradition has it that the kitchen was in Chatham Co and the living room in Wake Co. George Winston Upchurch was born in the same county as the others.

Yesterday at church I spoke with Lisa Ruth Barbee Jones, fourth child of Laura Alice Upchurch Barbee and she confirmed the family tradition of the Isham homeplace being in Wake and Chatham Counties. It appears that the cemetery is in Wake Co and part of the homeplace in Wake County and the rest in Chatham Co. I do not know how this can be resolved except by survey. The house is still standing.”

(14) See letter 13 Nov 1981 Mayfred Upchurch to RPU

CSA – I S Upchurch [Isham Sims Upchurch] – G Co, 16th NC Infantry, Pvt-Pvt.

(15) From letter 8 Jul 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU
 J S [or I S] Upchurch, Co G, 16th NC Inf
 enlisted in Chatham Co
 for 3 years on march 18, 1863
 age 38 when conscripted

admitted to hospital in Richmond on July 13, 1863 (cause not given); returned from hospital on August 20, 1863 noted "present" from Sep 1863 – April 1864
 *some entries were clearly "J S", others may have been "I S"; "Isom" was also used

noted absent due to illness (not specified) and hospitalized on June, 1864, still noted absent in July & August 1864, present Sept & Oct 1864

Isam Upchurch (this information was included with that concerning "I S" or "J S" Upchurch) – captured at Peters burg on April 22, 1865; was prisoner at Point Lookout, MD; released June 21, 1865

fair complexion	height 5' 5"
black hair	residence Chatham Co
blue eyes	

(16) Item in letter 19 Dec 1995 Margaret Blanche Brown to RPU [from various N Carolina Newspapers]

[I S Upchurch refers to **Isham Sims Upchurch**]

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Murry Upchurch

1. Isham Sims Upchurch

RPU]

7 JAN 1909

—Durham, Jan. 5.—A remarkable family reunion Saturday of the I. S. Upchurch family, commemorating his 84th birthday, which actually occurred December 31, formed a history that never has been made public. Mr. Upchurch was the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom live and ten of whom were present. There were 49 of the 49 grandchildren and 14 of the 21 great grand-children present. Of the 106 nearest relatives, 84 were present and the dinner carried by every relative was spread upon a table of lumber sawed 50 years ago. Mr. Upchurch has been married 57 years. In that time among all his descendants there have been but seven deaths. He enjoys fine health and the chances for 100 are good.

(17) See Census Index file – computer output primarily for 1850 & 1860 heads of households.
Document provide in letter 5 Dec 1999 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU

1. Upchurch, Mariah	Chatham Co	NC 442	Lower Regiment	1850
2. Upchurch, Clammancy	Chatham Co	NC 471	Lower Regiment	1850
3. <u>Upchurch, Isham</u>	Chatham Co	NC 481	Lower Regiment	1850
4. Upchurch, Muray	Chatham Co	NC 482	Lower Regiment	1850

[Note: Entries 1, 2, 4 were already in RPU Census Files but #3 Isham Upchurch appears to be a new entry for 1850 Chatham Co, NC Upchurches – RPU]

(18) See notes of RPU visit 5 Sep 1977 with Adelia Jane Upchurch
In Adelia's home she showed us a picture of **I S Upchurch** and his children.

(19) Death Certificate for **I S Upchurch** from Internet – 15 Jun 2011 – RPU
Note that one record incorrectly interprets Isham as "Johan"

Isham Sims Upchurch

North Carolina Death Certificates, 1909-1975

Name: **Joham Sims Upchurch**
 Gender: Male
 Race: White
 Age: 91
 Birth Date: 31 Dec 1824
 Birth Place: Chatham
 Death Date: 5 Apr 1916
 Death Location: New Hope, Chatham
 Father's name: Murray Upchurch
 Mother's name: Nancy Scott

(20) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU
NC CSA Soldiers and Sailors

[The original biofile contains the names of 65 men. Listed below is the one who is featured in this biofile – CJM 17 Nov 2020]

33. Upchurch, Isham Confederate Infantry 16th Regiment, North Carolina

(21) From letter 22 May 1987 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU

Will of Isham Simms Upchurch

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Executed this the 16th day of October 1893.

I. S. Upchurch (Seal,

In the presenece of

B. R. Hargrove
C. E. Beavers

Addition to my will, if my children think it best to sell Land in bulk instead a division they may do do if it will give satisfaction all round.

Notarized by (s) I. S. Upchurch
(Clerk of Superior Court in and for the County of Chatham--J.W.Drake,

(22) See biofile of George Thomas Beavers for 19 letters from CSA Troops written to home on the Chatham/ Wake Border. Most written by George to his brother in law I S Upchurch but one (see below) written by I S Upchurch after he too went into CSA service.

November 16, 1861 – Letter #7

This letter is from Isham Upchurch who writes back home to his wife telling her of his trip to see his brothers-in-law.

Richmond Va

Saturday night after supper

Nov 16th 1861

My Dear wife I seat myself to night to let you know where I am. I was a little unwell at dinner today and could not eat much dinner but I feel well now hoping these lines will find you and my dear Children well I can not tell when we shall get to Manassas on the account that we can not get our baggage a long on the cars it is the hardest matter in the world to get freight to go on to its destination M.D. Williams H. Sears others & a Mr. Hannis from S.C. are gone down to the Depot to see if our things has come the freight train came in at 5 P.M. and if has come we will start to the boys in the morning and if we stand then with no accident we will get to them Monday next so you see that we will not have long to stay with them as we want to get home by tonight well but if we fail do not be uneasy about me for I feel safe where I am the people seems kind here but I have to pay a high price for the kindness. I receive only \$2.50 for day night and logging. I will tell you of some things I have seen since I got here last night I went to the soldiers theatre and saw a good deal this morning me & a young soldier from Orange took a stroll in town went to the one of several market houses which made me open my eyes to see so much & so many things the house is some 3 hundred yards long I think. came back eat breakfast started a gain went to a grist mill where I saw 13 wheat mill runing & several still and a host of other things the greatest was the monument to Geo Washington on a large horse away up in the air. _____ after dinner I.H.L & Wm. A.B. went down on the river at the wharf I saw several sail vessels flat bottom & one steam boat which was right smart for me to see went to the paper mill saw them making paper Richmond is a great place for any body to see that has never seen no more than I had. You may go out look all around and see buildings 2 or 3 miles every way Just over the river there is Manchester there is buildings here 10 stories high I am in the American hotel 5 story room No 8 I wrote John a little note before I left Raleigh. Tell John he would be surprised if he could see Richmond. If the men has come from the depot and our things has come I will write to nepty Ill go down and see. Mr. Williams has come up tells me our things has not come.

I will close by saying fare well for this time.

I. S. Upchurch

(23) Civil War Letters* from G T Beavers, et al. to family members in Chatham Co, NC. 1 letters 2 Jul 1861 to 2 Jun 1863 – see biofile of G T Beavers for details in letters sent to RPU 20 Sep 2005 by Ann (Poe) Grebing of two key families.

*Preserved in the collection of **I S Upchurch**

I. George Beavers

- A. Frances Beavers
- B. Rufus Beavers
- C. Adelia Beavers
- married () **Isham Sims Upchurch**
- D. James Sydney Beavers “Sid”
- E. George Thomas Beavers “G T” “Tom”
- F. Charles E Beavers

II. Moses Upchurch

- A. Sims Upchurch
 - 1. James Henderson Upchurch “J H”
 - 2. Williford Upchurch
 - 3. Winship Upchurch
- B. Murray Upchurch
 - 1. **Isham Sims Upchurch**

Here is a list of names that appeared in the letters

= letter number – details added in each biofile

- #1 STD writes, mentions Tom
 - #2 Gov John W Ellis died, I S B = I S Beavers, Casles Yates, Mary Anderson
 - #3 H Mulkalon, Wm A Barbee, Wm Batchelor, Capt Richard W York (and #12)
 - #5 J B Lassiter, Miss Mildred Yates (also #2 & #19_ #14, I H Lewter (& #7)
 - #6 J J Jinkins (& # 27), S Mulhollan (+ #8 & #9), S Upchurch, H Kelly, J H Upchurch, Tom, John Mourning, Uncle Bill
 - #7 M D Williams, Harmon Sears + #10, A B
 - #8 J Williams, D Parish
 - #9 Col Dorsey Pender, SID sick
 - #10 Pvt Mark Wimbly & CPL Quinton I Hudson fight, Charles
 - #11 John Ferdinan Williams, **I S Upchurch**
 - #12 Williford Upchurch, John Kelly, Winship Upchurch, **I S Upchurch**
 - #13 SID dies
 - #14 Rufus, Charles, John
 - #15 Rufus Barbee, Sandy Lewter, C W Williams + #16
 - #17 Manassas Herndon, Edward Parrish
 - #18 John, Papy, G L Williams
 - #19 G T -> CPL, **I S Upchurch** to “sister”, D W Dowd
- Epilogue – G T B; **I S Upchurch**

Notes for individuals: [Note that most of the letters written by G T B were addressed to “Brother” – actually his brother in law – **I S Upchurch**] Later I S Upchurch joined CSA. The epilogue shows I S Upchurch survived the war. He was captured on 2 Apr 1865, confined at Point Lookout, MD and released 21 Jun 1865 after Oath of Allegiance. He died Oct 1893 – RPU]

Letter 19 Jan 1862 is to **I S Upchurch** in Chatham Co, NC from John Ferdinan thanking I S Upchurch for a letter. Letter 19 Jan 1862 – Williford Upchurch writes to **I S Upchurch** 10 Nov 1861 – JSB write to **I S Upchurch**.

(24) Upchurch References in Book “Guide to Private Manuscript Collections in the SC State Archives” by Barbara T Cain with Ellen Z McGrew & Charles E Morris, 3rd Revised Edition 1981 – RPU has copy. There are 4 articles in which the name Upchurch appears – see below.

Private Collection 1006 – Page 274

1006. Upchurch Papers, 1866 – 1868. 6 items

US Internal Revenue receipts to William H Dodd and W G Upchurch for payment of excise tax on various articles of merchandise.

[This business known as Upchurch – Dodd: William Henry Dodd; William George Upchurch of the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Gilbert Upchurch Sub-clan - William George Upchurch Line.]

Microfilm Private Collection 61 – Page 455

Mf.P. 61 Upchurch [Store] Account Book, 1827 – 1829, 1845 – 1850. 40 ft.

Journal of accounts at general store of Murray Upchurch and I S Upchurch, with customers from Chatham and Wake counties. A few notes were added by **Isom S Upchurch** (1845 – 1850).

Volume also known as Chatham Co Store Account Book.

I S Upchurch/ Isom S Upchurch = **Isham Sims Upchurch**

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. **Murray Upchurch**

1. **Isham Sims Upchurch**

Cross-file: Chatham Co, NC – Upchurch Store

Microfilm Private Collection 166 – Page 481

Mf.P. 166 Recipe Books, 1802 – 1860. 65 ft.

Manuscript and published recipe books giving recipes for food, wine, medicine, dye, paint, an cleaning agents, as well as household and garden hints. Original manuscript books belonged to M Lewis (1830, PC 1177); Mrs Martha T Cowles (Wilkes Co, 1846, Southern Historical Collection, UNC); Mrs Mary K Williams (Warren Co, 1858, PC 75); and Maggie Upchurch (Raleigh, 1859, PC 150). The four published volumes by English and American authors (1802, 1811, 1845, 1860) are from the NC Museum of History collection.

“Maggie” Upchurch here is Miss Roxanna Margaret Upchurch, AKA “Rox”. She married 14 Sep 1860 William Henry Dodd. Her sister Eleanor Marks Upchurch, I married William George Upchurch.

“Maggie” was daughter of William Clinton Upchurch, I, Head of a line in the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Burtis Upchurch Sub-clan.

Account Book 224 – Page 502

AB 224. Calvin Upchurch, Harrison's, Franklin Co General merchandise. 1 volume, 1839. Daybook.

[I do not recall previous evidence that shows Calvin Upchurch as a merchant – not a surprise. He was enterprising – RPU]

Book extracted 2 May 2005 – RPU

Calvin Upchurch is the son of Jubal Upchurch, I – head of Clan

(25) Wake Co, NC Deed for land of Isham Sims Upchurch lying in Chatham and Wake Co, - Proceeding in Chatham Co – This follow-on deed in Wake 332/5

Deed Book: 332 Page: 5

F 11 Jul 1918

R 11 Jul 1918

M 30 Apr 1917

Isham Sims Upchurch died 5 Apr 1916 leaving 13 children. One child, M R Upchurch [Matthew Robert Upchurch] et al took court action 1 Nov 1916 in Chatham Co, NC versus another child G W Upchurch [George Winston Upchurch] et al to partition the land of **IS Upchurch**. This deed is the final evidence in Wake Co, NC of how the Proceedings unfolded in Chatham Co, NC. A recap:

The Special Proceedings led to a Chatham Co, NC Court Order on 20 Nov 1916 for the Chatham County Commissioners especially appointed to sell the property to the highest bidder at the Court House steps in Pittsboro. They were

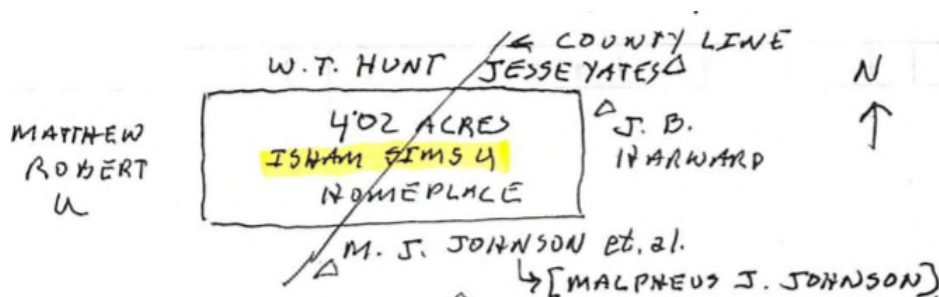
M R Upchurch

J M Broadwell [James Mahlon Broadwell – heir of Josephine Frances Upchurch one of the 13 heirs.

Fred W Bynum.

At a 5 Jan 1917 auction partners Nevins & Flournoy were high bidders at 26,000/ However, later W T Hunt & brother added \$1500 covering a 2nd auction on 12 Mar 1917 (ordered), held 2 Apr 1917 – Result: W T Hunt & S L Hunt, brothers bid \$27,500 but assigned their right to Positive trading as W L Nevins & L B Flournoy.

The commissioners submitted their report 2 Apr 1917 and the court on 28 Apr 1917 authorized them to issue a deed to WLN & LBF. Land description (no shape given):



Notarized 1 May 1917 by B H Pate, N P for Chatham Co, NC (also for Wake Co, NC?) – registered in Chatham Co, NC 7 May 1918 – Follow on action in Wake Co, NC as shown above.

[Note: I would guess the individuals who bought the 402 acres were interested in the timber as timber is mentioned in the proceedings – RPU 4 Jan 2010]

(26)

Index to Deeds, Mortgages and Rea Estate Conveyances
Chatham Co, NC 1787 – 1935 – Upchurch – Date filed – Book, Page

<u>Upchurch Grantee(s) [bought]</u>		<u>Grantor(s) [sold]</u>	
Feb – 1851	Do [Isham L U] Isham L [vs Isham Sims U]	Upchurch Sims	Deed A-H 473
Mar 16 186	Do [Isham Sims U] Isham	Mills Brittian etal	Deed A-O 51
Dec 28 1870	Do [Isham Sims U] I S	Yates Matthew T	Deed A-O 520
Dec 17 1889	Do [Isham Sims U] I S	Waller W M	Deed C-B 339
Oct 30 1893	Do [Isham Sims U] I S	Waller W M	Deed C-M 507
May 4 1896	Upchurch [Isham Paschal U] I P	Parish D F etal	Mtge C-Y 153
May 4 1897	Do [Isham Sims U] I S	Yates Alex etal	Mtge C-Z 210
Jun 27 1916	Do [Isham Sims U] I S	Roundy W M etal	Mtge F-F 290
Nov 1 1927	Do [Isham Paschal U] I P	Howard N B Hrs by Shff	Tax G-W 74 Deed
<u>Upchurch Grantor(s) [sold]</u>		<u>Grantee(s) [bought]</u>	
Jan 25 1868	Do [Isham Sims U] JT & Delia [Adelia Beavers]	Beavers John W	Deed A-N 455

(27) NC Marriages 5 Sep 05 – Peterson – Chatham Co, NC

John Upchurch	Happy Shaw	28 Mar 1815	Chatham
Kelly Upchurch	Sarah Jane Eason	19 Sep 1837	Chatham
Martha Upchurch	Simeon Yates	28 Jan 1840	Chatham
Sidney Upchurch	Delia Williams	06 Oct 1841	Chatham
<u>Isham Upchurch</u>	Male	Delia Beavers	23 Dec 1851
Quinnetta Upchurch	Female	J. Lasater	12 Jan 1852
<u>I S Upchurch</u>	Male	Mrs. R A. Taylor	02 Feb 1903
Lora Upchurch	Female	John Wilson	14 Apr 1915
Laura E. Upchurch	Female	R G Beckwith	12 Dec 1917
G Winston Upchurch	Male	Norvie Upchurch	14 Dec 1921
Jasper Upchurch	Male	Lessie Pollard	05 Nov 1923
Addie Ray Upchurch	Female	W Harrison Wadsworth	08 Dec 1936
Junnie Upchurch	Male	Viola Bass	30 Nov 1937
Mary Upchurch	Female	Jessie Ellis	04 Jun 1938
Mary Gladys Upchurch	Female	Calvin C Hinton	03 Jul 1948
Ethel Hazel Upchurch	Female	Newby Judson Dark Jr.	25 Feb 1949
Geraldine Upchurch	Female	Roscoe Odell Walser	07 Feb 1960
Terry Sue Upchurch	Female	Ronald Jerry White	01 Jun 1968
Tommy McMillan Upchurch	Male	Margaret Doris Maness	08 Dec 1968
William Franklin Upchurch	Male	Laura Andrews Joyce	04 Sep 1970

(28) Item in letter 23 Apr 2009 Miley Albert Perry to RPU

Durham-Wake-Chatham County NcArchives Marriages.....Upchurch, L. S. - Beavers, Dill

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Charlotte Observer - Jan. 4, 1909
 FAMILY WITH UNUSUAL RECORD

L.S. U = ISHAM SIMS 41

↗

L.S. Upchurch Married For Fifty-Seven Years and Has 106 Relatives.

Durham, Jan. 3 - On the border line of Wake, Durham and Chatham counties the family of Mr. L.S. Upchurch lives and it has a remarkable record. The last day of the year is Mr. Upchurch's birthday. It is always celebrated by a family reunion, and the encroachment of years seldom finds one missing. Mr. Upchurch married Miss Dillie Beavers December 23d, 1851. To them were born thirteen children, and eleven survive. Ten of the eleven were present at the recent reunion and forty of the forty-nine grandchildren attended. Fourteen of the twenty-one great-grandchildren came, and with the ten children, their wives and husbands, the forty grandchildren, their wives and husbands, and the great-grandchildren, there were 106 relatives, 84 of whom were present.

The spread dinner was a feature of the old gentleman's natal day. It was made up of a basket from every family. The table which carried it was sawed fifty years ago and is made of planks seventeen inches wide. They are in perfect state of preservation.

Mr. Upchurch lived forty-three years with his first wife, who died fifteen years ago. In 1902 he married Mrs. Watson and they enjoy almost perfect health. In the fifty-seven years of married life, there have been but seven deaths in all of the families, a remarkable record.

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(29) Photo in email 29 Aug 2012 William Alan Mills to RPU

Original preserved in biofile of WAM - This is an offtake from a photo of a larger group for which see input following this page.

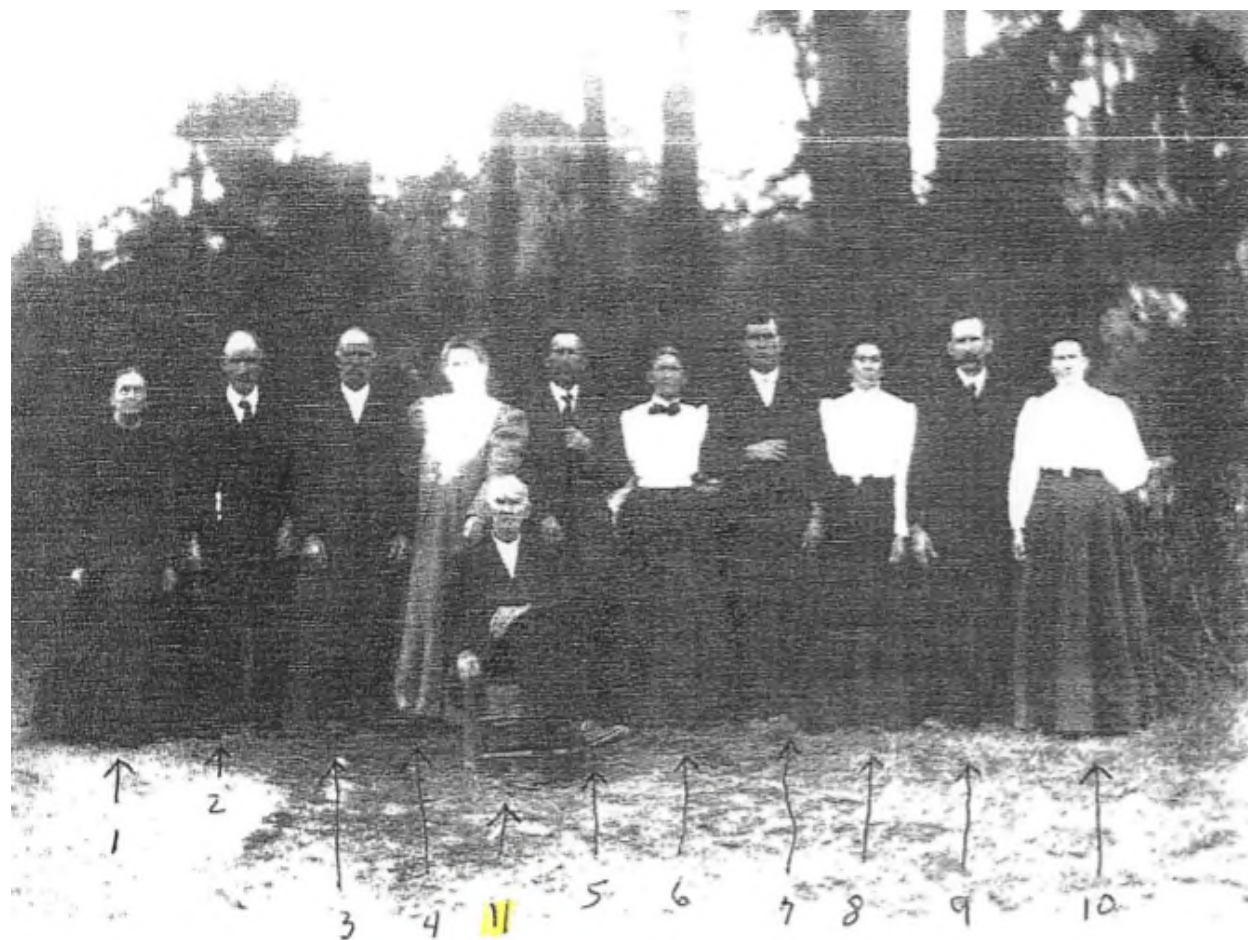
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(30) Input from email 29 Aug 2012 William Alan Mills to RPU – originals in his biofile and copy to each named person

Below is a listing of who the people in this photograph probably are. They are listed in couples, starting from the left to right.

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|---|---|
| 1. Josephine Frances Upchurch (1852 – 1954) | 7. John Bazil Mills (1874 – 1962) |
| 2. James M Broadwell (1844 – 1917) | 8. Nancy Cora Upchurch (1877 – 1898) |
| 3. Adolphus Taylor Rogers (1848 – 1919) | 9. Cornelius Theodore Goodwin (1862 – 1922) |
| 4. Marceline Gatling Upchurch (1857 – 1931) | 10. Varina Fisher Upchurch (1861 – 1944) |
| 5. Robert Ulysses Lewter (1861 - ?) | 11. Isham Sims Upchurch (1824 – 1916) |
| 6. Ora Aurelia Upchurch (1866 – 1962) | |



This is the birthday party for **Isham Sims Upchurch** (b 31 Dec 1824, d 5 Apr 1916). I have a brief sketch that I wrote about this photo, and will include it below. Taken 31 Dec 1899.

A TRIPLE CELEBRATION

December 31, 1899 was a very special day to have this photograph taken. It was New Year's Eve, the last day of the 19th Century, and it was also the 75th birthday of Isham Sims Upchurch. Isham is pictured sitting in a chair, with his daughters and their husbands standing behind him. Isham's wife, Adelia Beavers Upchurch had passed away 24 Sep 1893 and is buried in the Upchurch Cemetery near the Chatham & Wake County line. Isham had fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War, in the 16th North Carolina, Company G. He was released from the prison at Point Lookout, MD on 21 June 1865. He and his wife, Adelia had 13 children. Sidney died at age 10, and Mary at age 8. On 3 Feb 1903, Isham married for a second time, at age 79 to Rosanna Taylor (age 53), who died 10 Dec 1911. Isham Upchurch died 5 Apr 1916 at age 91. Isham's daughter, Josephine Frances Upchurch lived to age 102, as did her son, Fred Broadwell. The Upchurch and Mills families had intermarried many times, from the early 1800s to the present day.

(1) FROM: The Baucom Families in the United States

By Banks McLaurin, Jr. Editor 1978 – pg 113

I. Asa Baucom born 1774 died after 1830 census married () Elizabeth Scott, b 1776 (NC) widow of --- --- Barker. He lived with parents in 1790, bought land in 1799. On Wake Co Census 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830. In 1850 the widow lived with daughters Dilly & Laney.

A. Willie Baucom (f) born 1796 married 16 Oct 1815 (Wake Co, NC) Eli Yates.

Bondsman Gilliam Upchurch

1. Phares Yates

B. Levi Baucom born 29 Dec 1804 (NC) died 15 Jun 1865

C. Wiley Baucom born 1808 or 1809 married (1st) Elizabeth Utley – Witness: A. L. Upchurch, Jr.

D. Mary Baucom born 1810 (NC) married () George Beavers born 1809 or 1810 (NC). In 1850 lived Chatham Co, NC

1. Francis Beavers (m) born 1827 or 1828 (NC)

2. Rufus Beavers born 1830 or 1831 (NC)

3. Adelia Beavers born 8 Mar 1882 died 24 Sep 1894 married () Isham Sims Upchurch

4. Sydney Beavers born 1834 or 1835 “Sid” (NC) [James Sidney Beavers]

5. Thomas Beavers born 1838 or 1839 (NC) “G.T.” [George Thomas Beavers]

6. Charles Beavers born 1840 or 1841 (NC)

E. John Baucom “Jack” born 7 Apr 1812 (Wake Co, NC) died Nov 1897 (Wake Co, NC)

F. Adelia B Baucom “Dilly” born 1813/1814 (NC) married 15 May 1833 (Wake Co, NC) Jesse Welch

1. John Seaton Welch married () Zora A Upchurch

G. Delana Baucom “Laney”

(32) NC Marriages

Isham S Upchurch

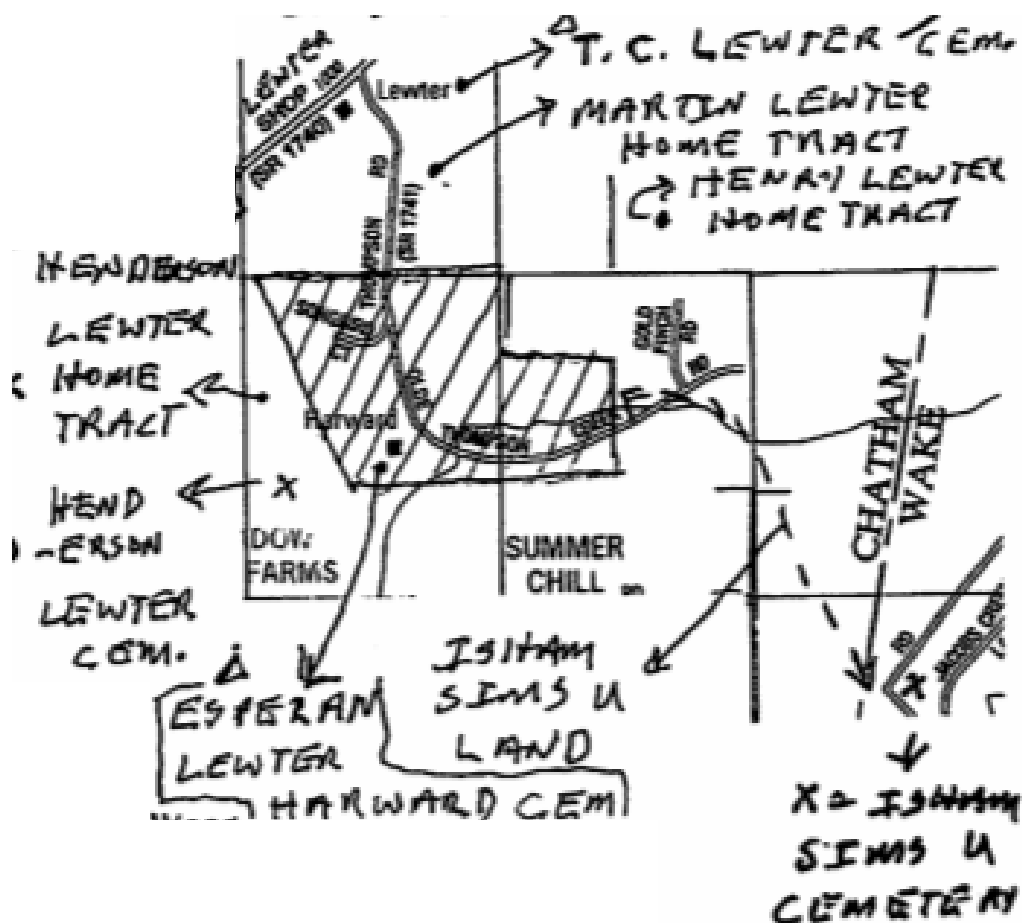
North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

marriage: 23 Dec 1851

Chatham, North Carolina

spouse: Delia Beavers

(33) Extract of email 17 Jan 2010 Patricia Kimberly Beach to RPU Re: Hardy Lewter 76-acre home tract in Chatham Co, NC adjoining land of Isham Sims Upchurch. See biofile of Hardy Lewter for 3 maps provided by Kim. [Eastern Chatham Co, NC]



I. Thomas Lewter

A. Hardy Lewter born about 1743 (VA) died < 1850 (Chatham Co, NC)

[From 1793 – 1798 bought 500A on New Hope and Kitt Creek]

married about 1765 () Rebecca Bunn died < 1840

Hardy gave the 75 acres to daughter Barbara and Mary. They to care for him and daughter Lucretia “Crissie”. [See Page 82 Lewter Book by West]

1. Elias Lewter born 1768, died circa 1815

married Sarah Wood, daughter of John Wood in Northampton Co, NC. See Sketch which follows.

2. Henry Lewter born 1778, died circa 1828 in Chatham Co, NC

married Amelia (Miley) Kelly, daughter of Henry in Chatham Co, NC. See Sketch [*See also additional family information below – CJM 17 Nov 2020]

3. Thomas Lewter died 1832 in Orange Co, NC Estate settled by his son, William H Lewter (Court Minutes Orange Co) See Sketch.

(family outline continues below)

4. Mary Lewter born 1785, Will 1875 Chatham Co, NC, never married
5. Exum Lewter born 1793 [AKA Axum]
married Sarah Ferrell, daughter of Joseph Ferrell of Orange Co, NC (Joseph Ferrell's will dated 7 Nov 1837, proved May Court 1838 Orange Co Wills)
6. Barbara Lewter born 1795, died 1861 in Chatham Co, NC, never married [AKA Barbary]
7. Martin Lewter born 1797, died before 1861 in Chatham Co, NC
married Peggy Bachelor
8. Lucretia Lewter (Crissie) born circa 179, died after 1840 in Chatham Co, NC, never married
 - *Henry Lewter and Amelia (Miley) Kelly had six children including:
 - e. Nancy Ann Lewter born 1812 () died 1855 \pm 5
married 18XX () Golden Almon Upchurch, Sr (son of Tabitha Upchurch)
 - They had 9 children including:
 - i. Nancy Ann Rebecca Upchurch born Feb 1854 died 1936
married about 1878 () James Young

Barbara Lewter's will bequeathed her 1/2 of 76A to Cindy Kelly, Michael Kelly and Marthy Kelly but there is no record they took possession. Mary Lewter's will gives the 76A to Nancy Ann Rebecca Upchurch who lived in Wake. Actually, Mary bought Barbara's share from the executor of Barbara's will. Nancy A R (Upchurch) Young sold the 76A to S S Rogers who sold it to C M Hunt and W H Hunt. Last owner of the 76A tract were R G Thompson and wife Beulah Ferrell.

Martin Lewter purchased his tract from Hardy Lewter
Henderson Lewter farm now owned by Karen Biron
south of the 76A was the Old Hughes Dairy Farm

(34) NC Marriages

I S Upchurch

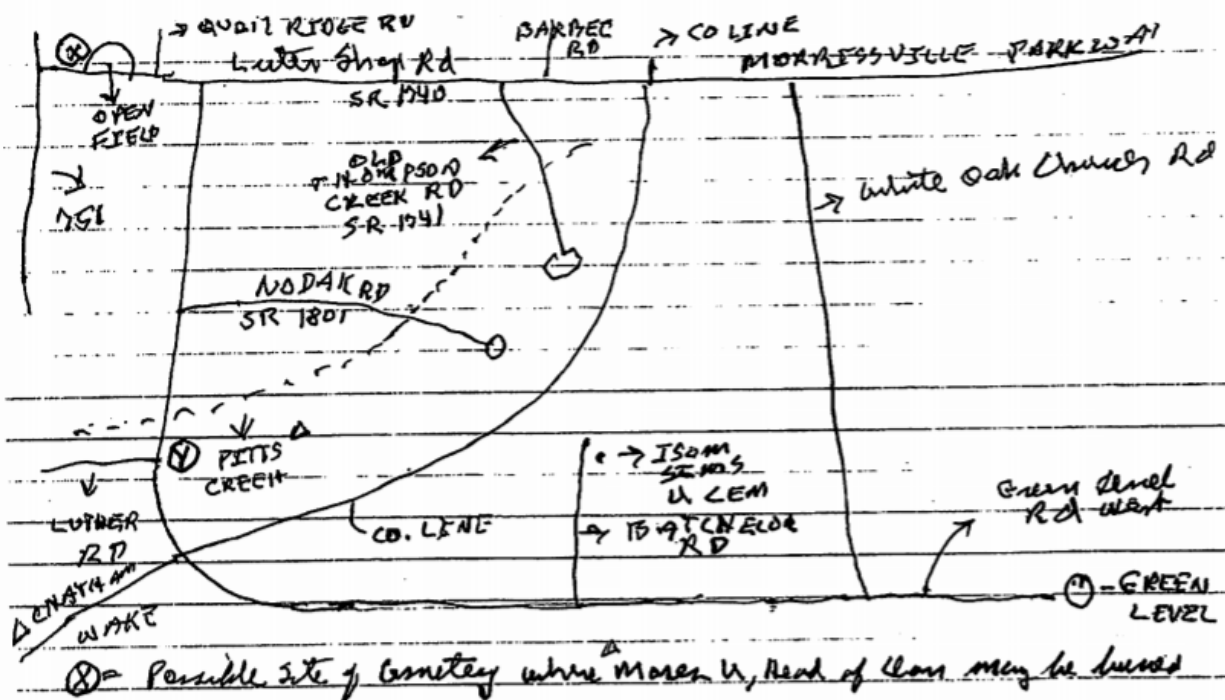
North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979
birth: 1826
marriage: 02 Feb 1903
New Hope, Chatham Co, North Carolina
Parents: Murry Upchurch, Nancy Upchurch
spouse: R A Taylor

(35) NC Marriages

I S Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979
marriage: 02 Feb 1903
spouse: Dillie Upchurch
child: Cora Upchurch

(36) Map and notes created by RPU on 6 Jun 2010 while in NC based on retracing steps of a trip guided by Billy Leonard Sears for RPU and Kim Beach on the previous day on the Wake/Chatham Co, NC border.



Note that the land of Isom Sims Upchurch extended North and West across Pitts Creek into Chatham Co, NC starting at the cemetery of Isom Sims Upchurch. His land may be a portion of what his grandfather Moses Upchurch owned – which land may have extended to (X). Site (X) at one point known as the Mulholland Place. (Y) = home of Matthew Robert Upchurch, son of Isom Sims Upchurch. Question – Did Murray Upchurch [son of Moses and father of Isom Sims Upchurch] inherit land of his father Moses Upchurch.

(no number)

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Upchurch Family Cemetery

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The location of the Upchurch Family homestead and cemetery is not known by this researcher.

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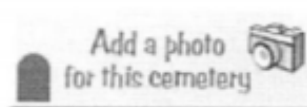
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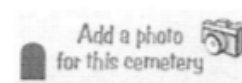
Isham Upchurch Family Cemetery

Bachelor Rd.
 Green Level (Wake County)
 Wake County
 North Carolina USA
 Postal Code: 27511

Cemetery notes and/or description:
 Small family cemetery located on what was the Old Upchurch Homeplace across the road from 1301 Batchelor Road (Hwy 1759) just a few yards from the Chatham County line off of Green Level Road West.

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