

**James Henderson Upchurch****XID – 2039**

**Commentary:** James Henderson Upchurch was the son of Sims and grandson of Moses, head of Upchurch clan 1.

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**(no number)** Internet Records for the Family of Sims Upchurch - RPU 15 Jun 2011

I. Moses Upchurch b 1750 (VA)

married 1772 ( ) Mary Simms

A. Calorgy U. b 1795 (Franklin Co., NC) (Claise, Clargy) NM

B. Sims U. b 11 Dec 1808 (Chatham Co., NC) d Apr 1880 (Chatham)

married (1st) 11 Dec 1832 (Wake Co., NC) Abigail Olive d 1847

married (2nd) 1850 ( ) Matilda Temples

1. Parthenia U. b 22 Sep 1833

2. Quinetta U. (twin) b 27 Jul 1834

3. Lucetta U. (twin) b 27 Jul 1834

4. Lewraney U. b 29 Jun 1836 (Laurance)

5. James Henderson U. b about 1838

6. Williford U. b about 1841

7. Winslow U. b about 1842 (Winston)

8. Winship U. b about 1844

9. Courtney U. b Sep 1846

10. Alvania U. b 19 Jul 1848

NOTE: Sons 5 thru 9 died in the service of the Confederacy. Only **James Henderson** had married. He had issue.

NOTE: Sims U. supposedly married 23 Dec 1852 (Chatham Co, NC) Tabitha Williams but the presence of wife Matilda in the 1860 and 1870 census brings doubt.

1840 Census, NC – Chatham Co – Sims Upchurch

Free White Persons – Males Under 5:	1	James Henderson Upchurch
Free White Persons – Males 15 thru 19:	*	*Male born 1821 – 1825 – unidentified
Free White Persons – Males 30 thru 39:	1	Sims Upchurch
Free White Persons – Males 80 thru 89	1	Moses Upchurch
Free White Persons – Females Under 5:	3	#2, 3, 4 [in above outline]
Free White Persons – Females 5 thru 9:	1	Parthenia Upchurch
Free White Persons – Females 30 thru 39:	1	Abigail Olive
Free White Persons – Females 40 thru 49:	1	Calorgy Upchurch
Free White Persons – Females 70 thru 79:	1	Mary Simms
Slaves – Males Under 10:	1	
Slaves – Females Under 10:	1	
Slaves – Females 24 thru 35:	1	
Total – All Persons (Free White, Free		

Colored, Slaves): 14  
 Persons employed in Agriculture: 2  
 No. White Persons over 20 who cannot  
   read and write: -  
 Free White Persons – Under 20: 6  
 Free White Persons – 20 thru 49: 3  
 Total Free White Persons: 11  
 Total All Persons – Free White, Free  
   Colored, Slaves: 14

1850 Census – NC, Chatham Co, Lower Regiment				
Name	born about	age		
Sinas Upchurch [Sims]	1808	42	NC	farmer, \$2700
Parthing Upchurch	1834	16	NC	
Laurance Upchurch	1837	13	NC	
<b><u>James H Upchurch</u></b>	1839	11	NC	
Williford Upchurch	1841	9	NC	
Winslow Upchurch	1842	8	NC	
Winship Upchurch	1844	6	NC	
Courtney Upchurch	1846	4	NC	
Alvany Upchurch	1849	1	NC	
Claise Upchurch	1795	55	NC	
Joseph Lawrence	1801	49	NC	laborer
Mossie Upchurch [Moses]	1750	100	VA	
Quinta Upchurch [twin]	1835	15	NC	
Lucilla Upchurch [twin]	1835	15	NC	

1860 Census – NC, Chatham Co, Eastern District – Grove PO			
Name	born about	age	
Sinn Upchurch [Sims]	1808	52	farmer, \$4500/ 8000
Matilda Upchurch	1808	52	
Willerford Upchurch	1841	19	
Winston Upchurch	1843	17	
Winship Upchurch	1845	15	
Cortney Upchurch	1841	19	
Alvany Upchurch	1849	11	
Clargy Upchurch	1800	60	
Sally Davis	1837	23	
Alfred Waldin	1837	23	laborer
John Jeffers	1836	24	laborer

1870 Census – NC, Chatham Co, North Side Pittsboro Road			
Name	born about	age	
Sims Upchurch	1807	63	farmer, \$3100/ 1500
Matilda Upchurch	1807	63	
Courtney Upchurch	1846	24	
Alvany Upchurch	1848	22	

**(1) Upchurch Family** by Belle Lewter West – Page 81

Henderson Upchurch [JHU] was son of Sims and Abigail (Olive) Upchurch and a grandson of Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan.

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

- A. Henderson Upchurch married and then was killed in the Civil War. His widow married again.
- B. Henderson Upchurch married --- --- Williams [married Doss Davis after Henderson Upchurch died in the Civil War]. They had daughter Molly Upchurch who married Andrew Byrd.
- C. We visited Mt Pisgah Baptist Church in Chatham Co, NC and saw a plaque on a stained glass window “In Loving Memory of Andrew W Byrd 1857 – 1927 & Mollie U Byrd 1860 – 1929 by their children” – Adelia says Mollie Upchurch was the daughter of Henderson Upchurch.

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

- 1840 There is a male in Sims household < 5 – must be J Henderson Upchurch
- 1850 There is no Henderson listed in home of Sims Upchurch. Since Sims married 11 Dec 1832 he could have had a son 17 – 18 years old in 1850 who could have left home by then. There is a male age 15 – 20 in Sim’s home in 1840 but Sims himself was then only age 32 and unlikely to have had a son 15 or older.
- 1860 Henderson Upchurch, Williams PO, age 23, male, Farmer \$0 RE, \$300 PP as listed as head of household with wife. Delia Upchurch age 20, F, housekeeper

**(4)** See letter 29 May 1983 Nancy Crayton Dobbins to RPY [Published the letter in Upchurch Bulletin, Vol 4, No 4]

Obituary of J Henderson Upchurch appeared in The Daily Confederate newspaper in Raleigh, NC on Tue, 6 Dec 1864. See letter for some elegant prose in the obituary. Key details are: Sgt J H Upchurch, Co I, 6<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment, died Charlottesville, VA 13 Nov 1864 from wound in left arm received at the battle of Belle Grove, VA 19 Oct 1864 in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He was a Mason. Oldest son of Sims Upchurch, Esq and wife Delia, daughter of M D Williams, left with one child.

**(5)** A List of Articles of the Late J H Upchurch [XID – 2039], dec. Sold at M D Williams on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1866 by S Upchurch [Sims Upchurch XID – 17]

[DELTA WILLIAMS]			
Δ One 1st Cooking utensil	to the widow Irlan upchuck	\$	1.00
one Lot of room & flat iron	to Ned - "		50
1 Lot of Trumpery -	to Do	REC'D AS ITEM #14 IN 27 JAN 80	25-
Δ 1 hand saw	to C. L. Williams	WTR TORPU	30
Δ 1 Hammer	to Mrs A. Lummie	[LURANEY W]	10
Δ 1 Matook -	to S upchuck	[SIMS W]	1.50
1 Side Saddle	to Ned "		50
1 Bread Tray	to Do		10
1 Lot of greenware	to I -		1.00
1 Lot of Uglap & greenware	to I -		1.00
Δ 1 Side Board top	Molley upchuck	[MARY T. U, DAU OF D. HENDERSON W]	1.00
1 Candle Stand & 2 Tables	to Ned "		75-
1 Large Table & Cupboard	to Do		24-
1 Land Stam -	to Do		30
Δ 1 Bed & Furniture	to Molley upchuck	[MARY T. U]	3.00
7 Chairs -	to Ned "		1.00
1 Trunk -	to Do		5-
Δ 1 Cow & Calf -	to Courtney upchuck		10.00
	[COURTNEY U XID-633]		\$25.30
Notes & act, on hand			
Δ = NED U ? [OR WID = WIDOW-RPU]			
[LUCIEN B. YATES]			
Δ ← one Note on L. B. Yates for \$17.94 with interest from the \$17.98			
← 21 <sup>st</sup> March 1960 - one other on the A. Lummie for \$15.00			15.00
Up in the -			3.00
Δ ← act on L. B. Yates for \$3,000 dollar with interest for 1957			

**(6)** See Minutes of Mt Pisgah Baptist Church 1814 – 1869 Chatham Co, NC [\*re: J H U]

a. Henderson Upchurch appears as #98 on membership list started in 1821. Date of joining not stated

b. Nov 1849 – Sims asks for a letter for J H Upchurch (presumably J Henderson Upchurch, his son). It was granted.

c. Jan --- 1851 – Henderson Upchurch joins [If so, J H U in b cannot be James Henderson Upchurch – RPU]

d. On list started 1 Jan 1858 James H Upchurch [James Henderson Upchurch] is shown as died 1864.

e. Jan 1858 – J H Upchurch cited for intemperance. Committee said not true.

f. On Dec 1858 J H Upchurch cited for intemperance

g. Jan 1859 – J H Upchurch acquitted

h. Jan 1859 J H Upchurch fines \$1.00

\*Re: J H Upchurch consider John H Upchurch born 24 Oct 1826, son of Murray Upchurch; and James H Upchurch born 1838, son of Sims Upchurch – RPU 29 Jan 2002

**(7)** See letter 24 Feb 1984 B Fay Byington to RPU

Henderson Upchurch married 27 Jan 1859 (Chatham Co, NC) to Dealon [Delia] Williams

**(8)** From letter 30 Jan 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

- J H Upchurch, Co I, 6 NC Infantry, Private/Sergeant
- Enlisted 15 Aug 1862 in Anderson [Store], VA [13 Aug 1862, according to other pages], Age 24, Volunteer
- 1 May – 31 Oct 1862 “Absent wounded since 17 Sep 1862 by order of Gen Hood
- Note for 4 Oct 1862 indicated he was in hospital in Richmond
- Nov & Dec 1862 – sick, extra or daily duty at Brigade Commissary Department since 20 Dec 1862 by order Gen Lane
- 1 Feb 1863 – promoted to corporal
- 1 Mar – 11 May 1863 – present
- 11 May – 31 Aug 1862 – present
- Wounded at Gettysburg – “wounded breast slight’
- 5 Feb 1863 Appointed corporal – wounded in the battle of Sharpsburg and Gettysburg 2 Jul 1863, surrendered at Rap RR Bridge and afterwards escaped
- Sep & Oct 1863 – present
- Nov & Dec 1863 – present
- Jan & Feb – present
- No notation of promotion but was “\$ sergeant in Nov & Dec 1863 note
- 15 Sep – 31 Oct 1864 Absent wounded since 19 Oct 1864 by order General Early
- Admitted to hospital in Charlottesville, VA on 24 Oct 1864 – wounded in left arm. Died 13 Nov 1864. Died of wounds received 19 Oct 1864 at Charlottesville, VA



(9) See letter 23 Oct 1989 Amelia May Parham to RPU

**JHU** enlisted 8 Jul 1862 (Granville Co, NC) died 5 Nov 1862

I am not positive but I believe that JHU was in Co G, 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, the same that Grandpa Samuel Parham was in.

[Cross Reference to **James Henderson Upchurch** may or may not be the same – RPU]

(10) Civil War 1861 – 1865 – Company I, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment – NC State Troops

See RPU War Records for complete article as published in Wake Treasures, Vol 19, No 2 Summer/Fall 1999, Page 41 – 57. Many participants were from Wake Co, NC and nearby counties so the article has been extensively extracted for RPU biofiles.

Details Re: Co "I":

**UPCHURCH, J. H.** Sergeant

Enlisted in Virginia at age 24, 13 August 1862, for the war. Mustered in as Private. Wounded at Sharpsburg, Maryland, 17 September 1862. Promoted to Corporal on 1 February 1863. Wounded in the breast at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1-2 July 1863. Captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, 7 November 1863, but escaped. Promoted to Sergeant in November-December 1863. Wounded in the arm at Cedar Creek, Virginia, 19 October 1864. Died at Charlottesville, Virginia, 13 November 1864, of wounds.

**UPCHURCH, Williford, Private**

Enlisted in Wake County at age 20, 28 May 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until reported missing in action at Cedar Creek, Virginia, 19 October 1864. No further records.

**UPCHURCH, Winship, Private**

Born in Chatham County and was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Wake County at age 17, 28 May 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, 7 November 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, where he took the Oath of Allegiance and joined the U.S. Army on 17 February 1864. Assigned to Company E, 1st Regiment U.S. Volunteer Infantry.

**UPCHURCH, Winslow, Private**

Enlisted in Chatham County on 24 October 1864, for the war. Present or accounted for through December 1864.

The company, known as "Cedar Forks Rifles," was from Wake and Chatham Counties and enlisted in Wake County on 28 May 1861. It went into the camp of instruction near Company Shops (Burlington), Alamance County, 1 June 1861, and was assigned to this regiment [Sixth Regiment] as Company I. After joining the regiment, the company functioned as a part of the regiment, and its history for the war period is recorded as a part of the regimental history.

The information contained in the following roster of the company was compiled principally from company muster rolls for 20 June 1861, through February 1864, and 15 September through December 1864. No company muster rolls were found for the period prior to 20 June 1861; for March through 14 September 1864; or for the period after December 1864. In addition to the company muster rolls, Roll of Honor records, receipt rolls, hospital records, prisoner of war records, and other primary records, supplemented by state pension applications, United Daughters of the Confederacy records, and postwar rosters and histories, all provided useful information.

Transcribed by Madlyn Jamison

Source: Jordan, Weymouth T. Jr., compiler and Louis H. Manarin, Unit Histories; *North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster: Vol. IV Infantry* (Raleigh, N.C: Office of Archives and History, 1973) The North Carolina Archives has generously granted permission to *Wake Treasures* to reprint the history of Company I, 6th Regiment N.C. State Troops in this journal issue.

[Cross Reference to James Henderson Upchurch]

(11) NC Wills: A Testator Index: 1655 – 1900 by Thornton W Mitchell, Vol II, K – Z 1987

JHU died about 1862 Chatham Co, NC WB-D/151

**(12)** 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.

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: [On 10 Nov 1861 James Sydney Beamer writes to ISU and reports that J H Upchurch was left at Petersburg, VA with luggage. [This has to be James Henderson Upchurch – RPU]

(no number) From email 10 Dec 2010 Ann Poe to RPU

UPCHURCH, J. H. - Charges brought up against Upchurch in March 1858 in his church. Mt. Pisgah Baptist church for "intemperance" along with Lemuel Holder. Enlisted in Virginia at age 24, August 13, 1861. Mustered in as Private. Wounded at Sharpsburg, MD., September 17, 1862. Promoted to Corporal on February 1, 1863. Wounded in the breast at Gettysburg, PA., July 1-2, 1863. Captured at Harpershammock Station, VA., November 7, 1863, but escaped. Promoted to Sergeant in November-December, 1863. Wounded in the arm at Cedar Creek, VA., October 19, 1864. Died in Charlottesville, VA., November 13, 1864 of wounds.

*The Daily Confederate, Tue 6 Dec 1864*

## OBITUARY.

Sergt. J. H. UPCHURCH, Co. 1, 6th N. C. Regt., died at Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 13th, 1864, from a wound in the left arm, received at the battle of Belle Grove, Va., 19th October, 1864, in the 26th year of his age.

How true it is that

"Death loves a shining mark!"

Why should the grim monster select one who, as a Christian, illustrated his profession by an upright walk; as a Mason, carried his gavel and square in his heart; as a neighbor, kind and obliging; as a friend, true as steel: as a husband, affectionate and kind; as a father, provident and indulgent; as a son, obedient with filial reverence? He was the eldest son of Sims Upchurch, Esq., of Chatham county, who has given five sons and four sons-in-law to the army. He married Delia, daughter of M. D. Williams, Esq., who, with one child, mourns an irreparable loss. Amid the jewels that have been sacrificed upon our country's altar, there was none brighter than Sergt. Upchurch; no libation upon liberty's shrine, was purer or holier than his, for it came from a heart that beat only for his country's independence, his country's rights, and his country's glory. His gallantry had been witnessed upon Virginia's fields and Pennsylvania's mountains. In the long and dreary march, in the hour of defeat and amid the shouts of triumph, he was the same, cool, calm and collected. Had his life been spared, the future was bright before him and pregnant with the honors a victor wears. — But, alas! he sleeps at home amid his friends, and has found his resting place near that holy spot of earth, from which, for nearly four years, he had helped to keep the invader; there—



"He sleeps his last sleep; he has fought his last  
battle,  
No sound shall awake him to glory again."  
May the guardian angel of our country's cause,  
guard his hallowed resting place, and may his  
soul forever rest  
"In the bosom of his Father and his God."  
Y.