

James Laton Upchurch, Sr**XID – 3774**

Commentary: James Laton Upchurch was the son of Abel Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan #8. He was born in 1807 in Franklin County, NC and accompanied his family to Alabama sometime in the early 1800s. He died on 24 April 1860 by suicide.

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(1) See attachment to 2 Feb 1978 letter Elva E Burkhalter to RPU.

A. Page 16 Greene Co, AL records copied by Mrs S M Marshall – Pleasant Hill Cemetery – Local Highway 14

Minnie, 31 Jan 1881 – 22 Aug 1905, daughter of J and N A Upchurch

Laten Upchurch 13 Jan 1807 – 24 Apr 1860

William A Upchurch 23 Jun 1845 – 3 Jun 1893

Seleta A, wife of W A Upchurch, 26 Oct 1848 – 20 Mar 1901

Also listed same cemetery:

Several Hollingsworths – see Mack D Hollingsworth

Several Hintons – see William Hinton

Several Durnetts – see William Brantley Durnetts

Same page shows Laten Upchurch received a Land Patent 15 Dec 1832 in Green Co, AL

(2) See 20 Jul 1979 letter Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU

Laton Upchurch born 13 Jan 1807 in NC is the son of Abel Upchurch (XID – 589), grandson of William Upchurch XID – 160 – Head of Clan) and great grandson of Michael. [Note birth date of 13 Jan 1807 links (1) and (2) – RPU] [Error – should be Abel Upchurch Sr/ James Laton Upchurch Sr subclan – RPU]

(3) See 12 Jun 1979 letter (page 20) Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU

“Laon Upchurch (born 1807 Jan 12 NC – died 24 Apr 1860) is buried at Pleasant Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery by two or three of his children. He married 20 Jan 1831 Nancy Coleman – [agrees with (1), (2), and (3) above – RPU]

(4) See 19 Mar 1980 letter Fred Upton Upchurch Sr to RPU

Gives Laton Upchurch died 24 Apr 1860 (Greene Co AL), married 20 Jan 1831 Nancy Coleman [agrees with (1), (2), and (3) above – RPU]

(5) See sheet received 17 Jul 181 by RPU from Fred Upton Upchurch Sr

Laton Upchurch born 13 Jan 1807 died 24 Apr 1860 (near Union) (suicide) buried Pleasant Hill married 2 Jan 1831 (Greene Co, AL) Nancy Coleman.

(6) See letter 26 Sep 1981 James Clayton Upchurch to RPU

Laton Upchurch married 20 Jan 1831 (Eutaw, Greene Co, AL)

Nancy T Coleman born circa 1812 (SC)

See Will File for Nancy T (Coleman) Upchurch 7 Oct 1860 Petition for Dower Rights as widow of Laton Upchurch. Gives his death date as 24 Apr 1860 and his living children.

(7) See will of Abel Upchurch, Sr written 12 Sep 1846 and proven 11 Jan 1847 in Greene Co, AL – leaves \$5 to son **Laton Upchurch** and bulk of estate to son Abel Upchurch, Jr.

(8) See letter 17 May 1985 Helen Kirkendall to RPU

A. At Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Greene Co, AL. **Laton Upchurch** appears and close by is “Elizabeth, wife of Simeon Carpenter, died Mar 21, 1855 aged 66 years”. [Question – Is this an Elizabeth Upchurch and does this relate to the Upchurch Carpenter Saga?? – RPU] [Yes – She is daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – RPU]

B. From a book – “From Montgomery, AL Mail 4 May 1860 copied from Eutaw Ullrig (Greene Co) “Mr Laton Upchurch who lived near Union in this county committed suicide Tuesday last.”

C. Marriage Book B, Greene Co, AL **Layton Upchurch** to Miss Nancy Coleman 19 Jan 1831 return dated 20th by William R Fortson, J. P. of age.

D. 28 Aug 1837 – Probate of estate of John R Coleman. Heirs include Leyton Upchurch in right of wife Nancy. Book D page 336

E. Laton Upchurch is a resident of Green Co, AL in 1832.

(9) See Otterson Cemetery Records – On Cobb Plantation near Union in Greene Co, AL

There are several entries for children of James Laton Upchurch – but only one which leads one to believe that XID – 3774, heretofore called Laton Upchurch is actually James Laton Upchurch.

Listings:

A. Abel** (not readable) (born 12 Jul 1837 died 14 May 1939) infant son of **Laton** and Mary Upchurch [should be Nancy – RPU].

B. Elizabeth (born 11 Jul 1839 died 17 Jul 1841) infant daughter of Mary T Upchurch

C. Joseph (born 3 Oct 1843 died Dec 1845) son of **Laton** and Nancy Coleman) Upchurch

D. James Laton (born 29 Nov 1849 died 24 Nov 1852) son of James and Nancy Upchurch

Note: **Laton Upchurch** had a land patent 15 Dec 1832

(10) See letter 23 Mar 1991 Cornella Dianne Dalee to RPU

A. Greene Co, AL Directory 1856

Upchurch, Laton [**JLU, Sr**] planter, Union, 18, 23, 2c(e)

Upchurch, John, planter, Union, 30, 23, 2c(e?) [brother of **JLU, Sr** – RPU]

Upchurch, John C, planter, Union [son of **JLU, Sr** – RPU]

(11) See letter 6 Aug 1998 William Lee Pattillos to RPU

James Laton Upchurch, I born Franklin Co, NC died Union, Greene Co, AL. Married 20 Jan 1830 (Greene Co, AL) Nancy Coleman born 1813 (SC).

(12) Item in letter 24 Mar 1993 Robert Perry Upchurch to RPU

Dear Cousin Phil:

I note in the Upchurch Bulletin, the January of 1993 issue, at pages 21 and 22, you refer to a Laton Upchurch [**JLU, Sr**] who lived near Union, Alabama, committed suicide around 1860 and was buried in the Pleasant Hills Cemetery in Greene County, Alabama.

I can shed some light on this matter; my father told me when I was a child that Laton Upchurch was serving as Tax Collector of Greene County or some other office and when his office was audited on a routine basis, the auditor stated that a substantial amount of money was unaccounted for and indicated that an indictment might be forthcoming. Laton Upchurch apparently could not face a possible disgrace and took his own life. At that time, additional auditors came to make a further determination as to what money was missing and the amount and this second audit disclosed the fact that the books balanced to the penny.

I cannot vouch for these facts; they were told to me by my father when I was a child and I have no way to corroborate these facts. I am merely passing them on as a matter of interest. Someday, maybe someone will research this and determine conclusively whether this is a correct account.

I have searched the Pleasant Hill cemetery for the several Upchurch headstones, but the old headstones are extremely hard to read and some are impossible to read, so I have not been able to locate the one for Laton Upchurch.

I just thought I would share this bit of information with you and, while I cannot vouch for its accuracy, it is interesting nevertheless.

[Note; Robert Perry Upchurch is the son of Edward Earl Upchurch who was the grandson of John Upchurch, a brother of JLU, Sr – RPU]

(13) My records 11 Nov 1998

Upchurch, Layton Marriage

Wife: Nancy Coleman

Marriage

Date: 20 Jan 1831

Recorded in: Greene, Alabama

Source: FHL Number 1290852

Dates: 1823 – 1888

(14) Census Records for the John C Upchurch (1833 – 1878±) Family of Greene Co, AL 1850 – 1870 – by RPU 25 Feb 2010

1850 Census – Greene Co, AL

Name	Born about	Age	
Luton Upchurch	1807	43	NC
Nancy Upchurch	1812	38	SC
Mary A Upchurch	1831	19	AL
John Upchurch	1833	17	AL
Charles Upchurch	1835	15	AL
Robert Upchurch	1839	9	AL
William Upchurch	1844	6	AL
Francis Upchurch	1846	4	AL
James Upchurch	1849	1	AL

1860 Census – Greene Co, AL

Name		Born About	Age			
N Upchurch	F	1812	48	SC	Plantress	\$11,000/\$12,000
R Upchurch	M	1841	19	AL		
W Upchurch	M	1845	15	AL		
F M Upchurch	F	1848	12	AL		
S Upchurch	M	1852	8	AL		
S A Upchurch*	F	1852	8	AL		

*Margaret E Spencer = granddaughter

1870 Census

Nancy Upchurch born 1812 SC (nee Nancy T Coleman) not found

1860 Census – Greene Co, AL – Clinton

Name		Born About	Age			
J C Upchurch	head	1834	26	AL	Planter	\$925
N Upchurch	wif	1840	20	AL		
M A Upchurch	dau	1859	1	AL		

1870 Census – Greene Co, AL – Clinton

Name		Born About	Age			
J C Upchurch	head	1834	36	AL	Farmer	\$100/\$700
Nancy Upchurch	wif	1840	30	AL		
M A Upchurch	F	1858	12	AL		
L Upchurch	M	1861	9	AL		
J C Upchurch	M	1863	7	AL		
J M Upchurch	M	1866	4	AL		

W D Upchurch M 1869 1 AL

1870 Census – Greene Co, AL – Mantua

Name		Born About	Age	
Sarah Eatman		1817	53	NC
¹ N J Eatman	M	1842	28	AL
C J Eatman	M	1847	23	AL
² S P Upchurch	M	1851	19	AL
Mary Martin	F	1812	58	NC
Benj Martin	M	1849	21	AL

¹ – Farming

² – Farm labor

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. James Laton Upchurch, Sr 1807 – 1860

Married () Nancy T Coleman

1. Mary Ann Upchurch

a. Margaret E Spence

2. John C Upchurch 1833 – 1878±

Married () Nancy Brown 1839 – 1887

a. Mary Ann Upchurch

b. Laton Upchurch

c. John C Upchurch

d. James Madison Upchurch

e. William Dennis Upchurch

f. Thomas Clark Upchurch born 1871

g. Charlie Belle Upchurch born 1875

3. Charles B Upchurch

4. Abel Upchurch, III 1837 – 1839

5. Elizabeth Upchurch 1839 – 1841

6. Robert J Upchurch CSA 1841 – 1862

7. Joseph Upchurch 1843 – 1875

8. William A Upchurch 1845 – 1893

9. Francis H (M) Upchurch born 1846 male vs female?

10. James Laton Upchurch, Jr 1849 – 1852

11. Samuel Pirese Upchurch 1852 – 1922

(15) Land Patents

Upchurch, AL 10/21/1834 9385 AL0820_.217

Layton

Upchurch, AL 10/16/1834 8750 AL0810_.095

Layton

(16) See letter 17 Dec 1999 Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPU, pages 73 – 83

Output from Rootsweb

Birth Name	Born	Died	Submitter
Upchurch, Laton	13 Apr 1807	24 Mar 1860	csaflags
Upchurch, Laton	1860	AFT 1900	beamr
Upchurch, Laton Celious	3 Jul 1925		csaflags
Upchurch, Laton Franklin	25 Sep 1882	6 Jan 1943	beamr
Upchurch, Laureana	1835		raycobb
Upchurch, Lee Aaron	11 Dec 1970		csaflags
Upchurch, Leila V	Sep 1891		beamr
Upchurch, Lela Estella	9 May 1875	1876	annwoolf
	Brown Co, IL, USA		
Upchurch, Leo	Mar 1898	Est. 189 – 1988	cmcflc
	KY, USA		
Upchurch, Leona	May 1891		stevev
	Vacaville, Solano Co, CA		
Upchurch, Lethea	Nov 1893		raycobb
Upchurch, Lila Jo	30 Jan 1938		csaflags
Upchurch, Linda Ellen	Oct 1891	Est. 1892 – 1985	fmcflc
	KY, USA	Oklahoma City, OK	
Upchurch, Linda Faye	21 Nov 1947		csaflags
Upchurch, Lola	1896	1987	carlsonkc
	Bedias, Grimes Co, TX	Livingston, Polk Co, TX	
Upchurch, Lou Aliene	15 Feb 1911		csaflags
Upchurch, Louella	Jan 1897		beamr
Upchurch, Louis	Oct 1885		stevev
	Vacaville, Solano Co, CA		
Upchurch, Louvina	Dec 1898		csaflags
Upchurch, Louvina	Dec 1898		beamr
Upchurch, Lucinda C	29 May 1854	24 Nov 1912	gmcflc
Upchurch, Lucy	Aug 1883		raycobb
	GA		

(17) From Land Records File – to RPU from Gilbert Kendrick Alford, Jr 11 Nov 1998 – 2

Alabama entries for **JLU, Sr**

Access_NR	AL0810_.095	Access_NR	AL0810_.095
Image_Name	00016621	Image Name	00017279
Vol_ID	062	VOL_ID	062
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Section_NR	18	Section_NR	18
Township	23N	Township	23N
Range	2E	Range	2E
Block_NR		Block_NR	
Meridan_CD	St Stephens		
Total_Acre	40.0200	Total_Acre	40.0300
Frac_Sect	N	Frac_Sect	N
Patent_L_N	Upchurch	Patent_L_N	Upchurch
Patent_F_N	Layton	Patent_F_N	Layton
Patent_M_I		Patent_M_I	
L_O_Code	Tuscaloosa	L_O_Code	Tuscaloosa
Document_N	8750	Document_N	9385
Misc_DOC_N		Misc_DOC_N	
Title_Auth	Cash Entry Sale	Title_Auth	Cash Entry Sale
Signature	Y	Signature	Y
Sign_Date	1834/10/16	Sign_Date	1834/10/21
Subsu_Resv	N	Subsu_Resv	N
Metes_Boun	N	Metes_Boun	N
Survy_Date		Survy_Date	
Warr_L_NAM		Warr_L_NAM	
Warr_F_NAM		Warr_F_NAM	
Cancel_DOC	N	Cancel_DOC	N
Mult_Paten	N	Mult_Paten	N
Mult_Warr	N	Mult_Warr	N
Remarks		Remarks	