

James Wesley Upchurch**XID – 2824**

Commentary: James Wesley Upchurch was a son of Ruffin and a grandson of Moses, head of Upchurch clan 1.

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(1) Per attachment #35 West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co, NC Court House – Wills
“Ruffin Upchurch to Martha, **Wesley**, Gaston, Margaret, Anny, Franklin, Aby, Eliza Jane – 1 Aug 1866 – Book Rec 34, Page 160, File 1197.”

(2) Per attachment #25 West letter 18 May 1975 – U Deed Grantors – Franklin Co, NC
“1870 **Wesley Upchurch** to William Privett – Book 35, Page 402”

(3) See Will File – Ruffin Upchurch – Wake Co, NC – Written 31 May 1850
Probated Aug T 1866 – Ruffin Upchurch names **Wesley Upchurch** as his son.

(4) See 1860 Census Wake Co, NC – Morrisville PO, Household 764, Family 772
Ruffus (Ruffin) Upchurch, 74, M, Farmer, \$825 RE, \$1155 PP, born in NC
Martha Upchurch 50

Wesley 21 M

Augusta 19 F

Anne 15 F

Franklin 13 M

Abba 11 F

Eliza 9 F

(5) See 1870 Census Chatham Co, NC – extracted by RPU

Upchurch, Wesley	head of house	M	28	Farmer	\$0RE, \$225 PP
Upchurch, Sarah	wife	F	27	keep house	
Upchurch, Oscar		M	5	at home	
Upchurch, Edgar		M	3	at home	

(6) See 1880 Census Chatham Co, NC extracted by RPU

Upchurch, Wesley	farmer	WM	40	
Upchurch, Sarah A	wife	WF	38	keep house
Upchurch, Osca T	son	WM	15	works on farm
Upchurch, Wiley A	son	WM	8	
Upchurch, John M	son	WM	2	

(7) See letter 12 Jan 1982 Leonard Leroy Upchurch to RPU

Wesley Upchurch married Sarah Upchurch – Three of their sons were:

A. Alonza Upchurch buried Carrboro Cemetery, Carrboro, NC married Beadie Ray

B. John Manly Upchurch born 3 Apr 1874 died 18 Dec 1848 married Alice Williams
 C. Arnie Wesley Upchurch married Blanch Laster Stedman

(8) See NC Marriages – Upchurches

Wesley Upchurch married 6 Oct 1864 (Chatham Co, NC) Sarah Ann Goodwin

(9) The 1850 Census of Wake co, NC clearly shows in the home of Ruffin Upchurch a son named James Upchurch born 1840. In the decade before (1830) and the decade after (1860), this slot is occupied by Wesley Upchurch. I conclude there is one person – James Wesley Upchurch

1840 = male born 1825 – 1840

1850 = **Wesley Upchurch** born 1839

(10) See biofile – Ruffin Upchurch died 1866. The executor is looking for children of Ruffin Upchurch, including **Wesley Upchurch**. The four documents reveal:

Doc A: **Rufus Upchurch**

Doc B: ---

Doc C: **Wesley Upchurch**

Doc D: **Wesley Upchurch**

(11) Info on CSA service of Wesley Upchurch from letter 9 Aug 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

Wesley Upchurch, Co G, 7 NC Infantry, Pvt/Pvt. Born Chatham Co, NC, age 21, height 6' 1", occupation – farmer. Enlisted 17 Jun 1861 in Raleigh, NC. Mustered 21 Aug 1861

Enlistment	31 Aug 1861 – present
Sep & Oct 1861	Present
Nov & Dec 1861	Present
Jan & Feb 1861	Present
Mar & Apr 1862	Absent – sick at home
May & Jun 1862	Sick at home
30 Jun – Oct 1862	Wounded at New Bern – absent since March
Nov & Dec 1862	At home, wounded at New Bern
Jan & Feb 1863	At home, wounded at New Bern
Mar & Apr 1863	AWOL

A note says – deserted from hospital Aug 1862 (date not clear but looks like Aug 1862)

(12) [Note: **James Wesley Upchurch** is son of Ruffin Upchurch and grandson of Moses Upchurch, Head of Clan – RPU]