

Jethro Wilson Upchurch**XID – 2074**

Commentary: Jethro Wilson Upchurch was the son of Thomas Gay Upchurch and the grandson of Charles, head of Upchurch Clan 2. Jethro Wilson Upchurch was born in 1831 in Franklin, Georgia.

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(no number) See biofile of Martha Lucy Upchurch for letter 13 Jan 1965 to William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr. This letter sent in a packet about 1980 to RPU by Etta Belle Lewter – an extracted paragraph below.

Willis and J W were sons of Gay and they all moved to Clay County, Ala. Another son Joseph also moved there. Jethro Wilson was my grandfather. Uncle Ed, a son of Jethro, wrote me before he died that Willis lived on one side of his grandfather, Bay, and Joseph on the other. Jethro moved to Georgia during the Civil War, enlisted there, served three years, and then moved back to Clay County. He then returned to Georgia in the 80s and died there in 1896.

I do hope that some one of the people in Clay County has the old family Bible. In as much as Gay died there, it is probably there somewhere.

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr “Gay”

1. Willis J Upchurch, I, CSS born 28 Nov 1826 (Henry Co, TN)
2. **Jethro Wilson Upchurch**, CSA born 9 Jul 1831
 - a. Edward Franklin Upchurch born 11 Nov 1873 (Ashland, AL)
3. Joseph Eaton Upchurch “Joe” born 1844 (Carroll Co, GA)

(no number) Census records for Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

1850 Census – Carroll Co, GA, Division 11			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1797	53	farmer, \$3000, NC
Patience Upchurch	1806	44	NC
Wm Upchurch	1830	20	GA
J W Upchurch	1831	19	GA
Martha Upchurch	1833	17	GA
R A Upchurch	1835	15	GA
M E Upchurch	1837	13	GA
J C Upchurch	1839	11	GA
Joseph Upchurch	1841	9	GA
Margaret Upchurch	1844	6	GA

1860 Census – Carroll Co, GA – Bowdon			
Name		Age	
Thos G Upchurch	1798	62	merchant, \$1500/ 2000
Pateiner Upchurch	1896	54	DE
Mary E Upchurch	1837	23	
John C Upchurch	1840	20	
Jos E Upchurch	1843	17	
Martha J Upchurch	1846	14	
William Miler	1783	77	not on original??
Maty Miller	1787	73	not on original??

1870 Census – Clay Co, AL, Township 20 Range 7			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1798	72	Farmer, \$2000/ 610, WM, NC
Patience Upchurch	1807	63	WF, NC
J E Upchurch	1846	24	WM, GA
Wilburn Upchurch	1853	17	BF, AL
Thos Stancill	1849	21	Teacher, GA

1880 Census – Clay Co, AL, Ashland			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1798	82	Farmer, NC
Pasions Upchurch	1806	74	Wife, NC

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born 28 Nov 1797 (Wake Co, NC) died 23 Jun 1885 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

married 6 Jan 1825 (Henry Co, GA) Patience C Barnes born 1806 (NC) died 1883 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

3. William Barnes Upchurch, CSA born 9 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)

4. **Jethro Wilson Upchurch** “Pony” born 8 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)

5. Martha Upchurch born 1833 (GA)

6. Rhoda A Upchurch born 1835 (GA)

7. Mary Elizabeth Upchurch born 24 Mar 1837 (GA)

8. John C Upchurch born 1839 (1840) (GA)

9. Joseph Eaton Upchurch born 1844 (carroll Co, GA)

10. Margaret J Upchurch born 1844 (1846)

(no number)

22 Jun 1932

Dear Mrs Upchurch [probably Alice Brown Gray – RPU]

Your letter received asking about the connection. I didn't no any thing about grandfather's people. Grandfather had 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. The boys names was Willis, Bud, Tom, Johnie, Joe and father Poney and Rade, Mat and Mollie if you will wright to my brother John he might give you some information as he is 10 years older than I am and John only lives 60 miles from Carrolton. He noes plenty people over there and he can either go and run the records or get some one over there to run them for him. I will send you a card with his address.

Yours truly

[Walter William Upchurch]

Walter Upchurch

XID – 2096

Athens, Tex

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[Note – RPU 23 Feb 2004

I. Charles – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr – had 10 children as listed above. RPU bit agrees except that added children died young, renamed.

- 2073 1. William Barnes Upchurch “Bud”
- 2082 2. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr “Tom”
- 2078 3. John C Upchurch “Johnie”
- 2077 4. Mary Elizabeth Upchurch “Elizabeth”
- 2076 5. Rhoda A Upchurch “Rodie”
- 2075 6. Martha Upchurch
- 2080 7. Margaret J Upchurch
- 2074 8. **Jethroe Wilson Upchurch** “Poney”
- 2096 1. Walter William Upchurch
- 2093 2. John Emmerson Upchurch “John”

Walter William Upchurch refers to his aunts a “Mat” and “Mallie” – I am not sure which is which - RPU

(continued below)

(no number) From biofile of Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr – packet dated 22 May 1980 Re: Charles Upchurch/ Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr sub-clan – A12

Edward Upchurch, born 11/11/1873, grandson of this Gay Upchurch wrote on 12 January 1958,
 "I have enclosed copies of newspaper clippings of the death notices of Gay Upchurch, J.W. Upchurch,-----
 I remember an aunt Elizabeth Hand, married Hilliary Hand----- another annt, Rhoda Barnes----- Margaret's last name was Bonner.
 Mother and Father (J.W. son of Gay) moved back to Georgia to Grandfather Morgan's house, Palmetto Ga. at the time of the Civil War, and then back to Alabama right soon after the war was over. However they moved back to Georgia about 1883.
 Uncle Thomas Gay during the Civil War took the Oath of Allegiance in Maryland, and lived there for awhile after the War-----
 In Alabama my family lived 3 or 4 miles from Grandfather, but Uncles Joseph and Willis beside Grandfather, one on each side-----

Edward Upchurch = Edward Franklin Upchurch, son of **Jethro Wilson Upchurch**, "J W"
 Martha J(A) Upchurch [shown above is Margaret Upchurch, married () John Bonner]
 "Mother" – nee Rosina A Morgan
 Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr "Uncle Thomas Gay"
 Willis J Upchurch, Joseph Eaton Upchurch
 GF = Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr

(no number) See notes of RPU 22 May 1980 visit to Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. Ben related info about the Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr Sub-clan as quoted below. Placed in context by the outline shown (with XIDs).

- I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan
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| A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr | 2071 |
| 1. Willie J Upchurch | 2081 |
| a. Lane Upchurch | 4362 |
| b. Joe Cephas Upchurch | 2088 |
| i. Benjamin Franklin Upchurch | 4370 |
| (I) Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr | 4377 |
| c. William Benny Upchurch | 2084 |
| 2. Jethro Wilson Upchurch | 2074 |
| a. Willis Gay Upchurch | 2097 |
| i. Martha Lucy (Upchurch Tidd) | 2106 |

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr moved to about 40 miles west of Atlanta, GA and was there when Bowden Co, GA was formed about 1850. He left Bowden Co, GA and moved to Ashland, Clay Co, AL after 1860 as did his son Willis J Upchurch. It is unclear how many children of Willis J Upchurch moved to Clay Co, AL with him. For example, Joe Cephas Upchurch and William Benny Upchurch probably moved to Fairburn, GA about 1870 (one document say 1867). It is unclear as to whether they came from Bowden, GA or Clay Co, AL. Joe Cephas Upchurch spent most of his life in Fairburn, GA. Ben knew him well but does not recall him talking about the Upchurch Family. Benjamin Franklin Upchurch was a salesman. The family of Martha Lucy Upchurch also lived around Fairburn, GA.

Ben went to Ashland, AL and talked to some Upchurch Family members. Love Upchurch was there but Ben did not talk to him.

(1) Jethro Wilson Upchurch, son of Thomas Gay and Patricia (Bunn) Upchurch, Sr was born on 9 Jul 1831 in Henry County, GA. He married Rosina Morgan (born 11 Jun 1840 – Palmetto, GA). They moved to Ashland, Clay Co, AL. He enlisted in the Army in 1862 at Carrolton, GA in the 56th Reg, Co A. He was captured at Pittsburgh and his company broken up or captured. The company was reformed at Rome, GA. He surrendered on the 26th of Apr 1865 at Greensboro, NC under Johnson's Command. When he enlisted he took his family to Palmetto, GA to stay with his wife's parents. After the war, they returned to Ashland, AL. They moved back to Palmetto before 1890 and lived there until their deaths at the old Morgan homeplace. Jethro Wilson Upchurch died 27 Mar 1896 and Rosina on 18 May 1915. Their children:

1. James E Upchurch (1861 – 1933) married Julia Kidd (1858 – 1927) – had 7 children
2. Mollie Upchurch (born 1862) married Washington Kirkpatrick
3. Joseph Alonzo Upchurch (1866 – 1932) married Lola Elder – had 3 children
4. Walter William Upchurch (born 1868)
5. Willis Gay Upchurch (born 11 May 1871 in Ashland, AL, died 27 Dec 1945 in Atlanta, GA) married and had 3 children (28)

(2) See package from Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr 22 May 1980

E1 J W Upchurch, son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr, was called "Pony"

C53 Letter 30 Jan 1951 Lane Upchurch to Alice Gray – see Love Upchurch

"Thomas Gay Upchurch [Sr] and his 3 – 4 sons moved to Clay Co, AL before my day of course. My father's name was Willis Gay Upchurch [actually Willis J Upchurch – RPU] and one brother was named Joe Upchurch [Joseph E Upchurch] the other one we called Uncle Pony. [Jethro Wilson Upchurch] I imagine this was a nickname.

(3) See letter 18 Dec 1981 Robert Claud Upchurch, Jr to RPU

In a letter 16 Apr 1963 Martha Lucy Upchurch reports:

Thomas Fay Upchurch, Sr age 53, born NC, was on the 1850 Carroll Co, GA Census with his wife Patience (Barnes) Upchurch age 44, born NC, plus several children including:

J W Upchurch [Jethro Wilson Upchurch] age 19, born GA

“When Aunt Mollie was a baby [Mollie Upchurch, born 1862, daughter of Jethro Wilson Upchurch] my grandmother [Rosina (Morgan) Upchurch] drove from Palmetto to SC to visit my grandfather [Jethro Wilson Upchurch] where he was stationed. I went into the UDC [United Daughters of the Confederacy] on the service of Jethro Wilson Upchurch.”

Jethro Wilson Upchurch married the daughter of Dr. Morgan in Palmetto, GA.

Children of Jethro and Rosina:

1. John born 6 Jan 1861 (GA) died 23 Mar 1933
2. Mollie born 1862, died 1924
3. Joseph Alonzo born 3 Feb 1866, died 18 Apr 1932
4. Walter William born 16 Aug 1868, died 1957 or 1958 (TX)
5. Willis Gay born 11 May 1871 (AL), died 27 Dec 1945
6. Edward Franklin born 1873 (Ashland, AL) died 1958 (NY)
7. Thomas born 1875
8. Robert M born 1878 (Robert Claud Upchurch, Jr says could be Robert L Upchurch)

(4) See letter Della Morgan to RPU 28 Dec 1986

I. Willis G Morgan married Bethany Bailey

A. male = grandfather of Della Morgan

B. Rosina Morgan born 11 Jun 1840	}	both buried at
married <u>Jethro Wilson Upchurch</u>	}	Fairburn, GA

(5) Jethro Wilson (Pony) Upchurch born 9 Jul 1831 (GA) married Rosina Morgan born 11 Jun 1840. They lived in Ashland, Clay Co, AL. Jethro served in the Confederate Army died 27 Mar 1896. Rosina died 18 May 1915. Jethro was son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr, grandson of Charles Upchurch (29, Page 62).

(6) See letter 9 Jan 1987 Della Morgan to ROU

Rosannah (Rosina) Morgan born 11 Jun 1840 (NC) died 16 May 1915 (Fairburn, Campbell Co, GA) (Buried – Fairburn Cemetery, Fairburn GA) married 17 Mar 1859 (Coweta Co, GA) **J W Upchurch**. Rosina Upchurch was daughter of Willis G Morgan born 6 Jan 1811 (NC).

See reference for photo of tombstone

Rosina Upchurch	11 Jun 1840	16 May 1915
<u>J W Upchurch</u>	9 Jul 1831	27 Mar 1896

The marriage records of Coweta Co, GA show a license issued. J W Upchurch and Rosina Morgan on 17 Mar 1859.

(7) See Cemetery File – City Cemetery – Fairburn, GA

Upchurch	/	J W	9 Jul 1831	27 Mar 1896
	\	Rosina	11 Jun 1840	16 May 1915

(8) See letter 3 Jul 1987 Adella Aloise Morgan to RPU

Jethro Wilson Upchurch died Fairburn, Campbell Co, GA
 Rosina Upchurch died Campbell, Co, GA
 Jethro = Confederate Army 56 Regt Co A

(9) See letter 18 May 190 Pauline Flora Upchurch to RPU
JWU born Henry Co, GA CSA, Co C, 56th GA

(10) See letter 15 Aug 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU
JWU "Pone" buried Old City Cemetery, Fairburn, GA. He left a will in Campbell Co, GA (now
 Fulton Co, GA)

(11) R929.3 Abstracts of Wills of Campbell Co, GA 1825 – 1900 Dallas, TX
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OLIVER C. KIDD- of Campbell County, Georgia

Dated: 12 January 1893 Proved: 29 December 1893

Wife: Mary E. Kidd
 Sons: James A., and Oliver C. Kidd, Jr.
 Ch: "My four younger children" to wit: T. N. Kidd,
 Ora Ann Henderson, Victory Miller, and William Wesley
 Grand-ch: Heirs of my son, J. S. Kidd, deceased, (mentioned
 but not by name).
 Mentioned: Bequeaths made to the following persons, relation-
 ship not given: Heirs of Monervy Hitchcock;
 William LaFayette Kidd; Elizabeth Frances Smith,
 and James Harvey Kidd.
 Executors: Son, T. N. Kidd, and William L. Miller
 Witnesses: William Maddox, M. C. Campbell, J. B. Smith

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[Selected names included – Jethro Wilson Upchurch, Thomas M Upchurch, Rosina Upchurch –
 CJM 28 Nov 2020]

J. W. UPCHURCH-- of Campbell County, Georgia [SETHRO WILSON U]

Dated: 23 December 1895 Proved: 4 May 1895? = 1896

Wife: Rosina Upchurch
 Sons: W. W., J. E., J. A., W. G., E. F., T. G., and
 Robert Upchurch
 Dau: Mollie Kirkpatrick

Executrix: Wife, Rosina Upchurch
 Witnesses: T. N. Slaton, W. R. Camp, A. R. Smith? - A. B. Smith

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MARY H. JOHNSON-- of Palmetto, Georgia.

Dated: 1 September 1896 Proved: 21 February 1897

Husband: John A. Johnson
 Ch: Mentioned but not by name.
 Step-son: J. H. Johnson

"Estate to be divided equally between my own children and my step-son, J. H. Johnson"

Executors: E. H., H. J., E. L., and J. H. Johnson

Witnesses: J. T. Beckman, T. P. E. Arnold, and R. Cummings

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Received in letter 28 Jun 1988 Adella Aloise Morgan to RPU

(12) See letter 3 Oct 1990 James Shannon Upchurch to RPU

JWU left a will in Campbell Co, GA (now Fulton Co, GA). He was in Clay Co, AL in 1870. He married Rosina A Morgan.

(no number) See biofile of Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr - packet dated 22 May 1980

A8 JW Upchurch will made 23 Dec 1895, probated 4 May 1896 (Campbell Co, GA) - will on file in Fulton Co, GA Courthouse.

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Ancestry.com

1870 United State Federal Census

Name: Mary Upchurch

Birth Year: 24

Birthplace: Georgia

Home in 1870: Township 20 Range 7, Clay, Alabama

Race: White

Gender: Female

Value of real estate:

Household Members:

Name	Age		
J W Upchurch	38	GA	Farmer, \$800/ \$1400, head
R A Upchurch	30	GA	wife
John Upchurch	10	GA	
Mary Upchurch	7	GA	
Alonzo Upchurch	4	GA	
Wm W Upchurch	1	GA	
A Pruitt	28	GA	B

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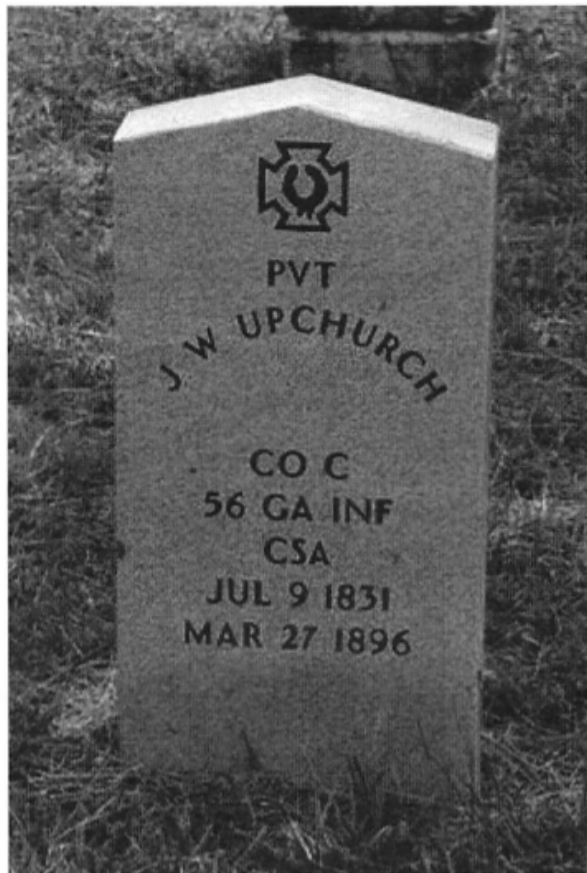
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(no number) From email Apr 2016 Debra Lynn McClure to RPU
[Grave marker of Jethro Wilson Upchurch – CJM 28 Nov 2020]

(see entry below)



Jethro Wilson Upchurch

1831-1896

Tombstone

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