

John Dudley Upchurch – XID-4410

Commentary: John Dudley Upchurch was the son of Allen and the grandson of Harmon Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan # 16. John Dudley was born 31 Jul 1824 in Montgomery County, NC and died 11 Mar 1857 in Stanley County, NC. He married Elizabeth Adeline Shoffner in 1844 and from this union 5 children would be born.

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(no number) Excerpt from book "The Upchurches" by Mae D Cox Apr 2008

Item:

Sixth Generation
Allen Upchurch
Pages 137 – 171 copied for his biofile

- I. Michael Upchurch, I 1620 – 1681
 - 2. Richard Upchurch 1658 – 1700
 - 3. John Upchurch, I 1678 – 1758
 - 4. James Upchurch, III 1724 – 1784
 - 5. Harmon Upchurch 1740 – 1815
 - 6. Allen Upchurch 1779 – 1848
 - + Mary Dudley 1790 – 1850
 - 7. Elizabeth Ann Upchurch 1805 –
 - 7. William Allen Upchurch 1808 – 1884
 - 7. Catherine Upchurch 1810 –
 - 7. Patrick Bogan Upchurch 1816 – 1885
 - 7. Benjamin Upchurch 1819 –
 - 7. **John Dudley Upchurch** 1824 – 1857
 - 7. James Upchurch 1828 –

(1) See Page 11 Article 2 Feb 1978 Letter Elena E. Burkhalter to RPU:

John Dudley Upchurch born 1824 died before 1857 from High Point, Guilford Co, NC – wife Margaret Schoffner. Other associated names Martin James Allen, and Robert Upchurch. Some of them came to Texas between 1857 and 1899. This information provided by Mrs. Jeanene Garner, 1108 Siringo Court, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

(2)

- a. See Page 4 of West 15 Mar 1979 letter to RPU: **John Dudley Upchurch** born 31 Jul 1824 died 11 Mar 1857, married 30 Jul 1844 Elizabeth Adeline Schoffner, believed to be the daughter of Jacob Schoffner. **John Dudley Upchurch** had brothers: William

Upchurch, P. B. (Patrick Upchurch), Benjamin Upchurch and James Upchurch. Their father was Allen Upchurch born around 1780-1790.

- b. Page 3 – Odie Marie Upchurch (Great-Granddaughter of **John Dudley Upchurch** and mother of Jeanene Standfer ??) states “my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Adeline (Schoffner) Upchurch left North Carolina sometime during the early 1970s and came to Red River Co., TX. Her husband, **John Dudley Upchurch** and son William had died previously in NC.
- c. Page 4 – **John Dudley Upchurch** had sons: Martin A. Upchurch, Robert Upchurch, William Upchurch and James Allen Upchurch.
- d. Page 6 – Will of Allen Upchurch written Aug 1848 in Stanly Co, NC names sons **John Upchurch**, William Upchurch, James Upchurch, Patrick B. Upchurch, and Benjamin Upchurch.

(3) See letter 30 Mar 1980 – John Paul Lilly to RPU:

- a. Presents excellent evidence to show **John Dudley Upchurch = John Dudney Upchurch.**
- b. See genealogy file for Allen Upchurch cemetery in Stanly Co, NC – one of 5 stones reads **John D. Upchurch** born 31 Jul 1824 died 11 Mar 1857 [see letter 9 Mar 1985 Charles Edgar Crow to RPU] – this cemetery located in Stanly Co, NC on south side of road #1744 between Highway 52 S and #1740 in field in a clump of trees.

(4) Efir History and Genealogy Copy 1964 Rec'd RPU 6 Dec 1980 page 104

Eliza A. Shoffner born around 1808; Married James Upchurch around 1850, Stanly Co., NC son of Allen and Mary Upchurch. Eliza's husband died around 1857 and left her a widow with four little boys. In the 1870's, Eliza and her children went West with her brother, Martin Shoffner. They went to Arkansas where they stayed a short while. Two of Eliza's sons, James and Robert, married Arkansas girls, and another son, William, possibly married and is buried in Bodcaw, AR. Later Eliza moved across the border into Texas with her brother, Martin. The US Census of 1880 shows Eliza and 3 of her children living in Red River Co., TX, near her brother Martin. Many of her descendents live in the Dallas and Ft. Worth TX area. Four children all born in Stanly Co., NC.

1. Martin A. Upchurch born around 1851, married Amanda A. L. Russell, Nov 23, 1875. Red River Co., TX born around 1855 in NC one child [transcriber unable to read remainder of text in this line – VAS 12 Feb 2021]
2. James A. Upchurch, born around 1852, married Mary _____ born around 1855 in AR.
3. William J. Upchurch born around 1854 probably married and had at least one son named William and also a grandson names Will. Died in 1886 in Bodcaw, AR
4. Robert Upchurch born around 1856, married Martha born around 1860 in AR
5. In 1880, Eliza was living in the home of A. M. ??? and wife J. C. ??? as a “boarder”.

*[Note: This appears to be a major error in this document on all other evidence seems to point to Eliza having not married James Upchurch XID-4432 but rather his brother **John Dudney**

Upchurch XID-4410. Information in this document is recorded as if the latter is fact. Also will use spelling Schoffner rather than Shoffner – RPU]

(5) See Letter 13 May 1995 Patricia Jo Lyle to RPU: **John Dudley Upchurch** born 3 Jul 1824 died 11 Mar 1857 (Stanly Co, NC) married 30 Jul 1844 Elizabeth Adenine Schoffner born 1828 died 16 Apr 1900, daughter of Jacob Schoffner and Mary Iferdt

(6) See 1850 Census – Stanley Co, NC

55-56: Mary Upchurch – farmer 60 F [Mary (Dudney) Upchurch widow of Allen Upchurch

John Upchurch – laborer 26 M [**John Dudley Upchurch**] born 31 Jul 1824

James Upchurch 22 M

Eva Tresst 22 F [Eva Treece]

[Note: John Dudley Upchurch married 30 Jul 1844 – where is his wife? – RPU]

See 1830 Census – Montgomery Co., NC **John Dudley Upchurch** age 6 (born 1824) is one of 4 boys in his parents' home [but the ages are incorrect on the census – RPU]

See 1840 Census Montgomery Co., NC **John Dudley Upchurch** age 16 is one of 3 sons in home of his parents

(7) See letter 28 Jun 1985 Lucile Virginia Carpenter to RPU – Stanly Co, NC Court Records **John D. Upchurch [John Dudley Upchurch]** Estate settlement August Session 1857 M. Schoffner Admr.

(8) See Letter 15 Sep 2000 Kevin Michael Burton to RPU page 5. **John Dudley Upchurch** married () Elizabeth Adenine Schoffner in Stanly Co, NC. She was born 25 Jul 1824 (High Point, NC) died 6 APR 1900 (Detroit, Red River Co, TX). **John Dudley Upchurch** and Elizabeth owned a farm. After John died, Elizabeth left with her five sons and moved to Arkansas. Later they moved to Texas [Note: the reference uses the spelling Schoffner]

(9) In Letter 15 Sep 1993 Truex Newman Upchurch to RPU Page 14 from Records of the Clerk of the Court, Stanly Co, NC S-88 Page 336:

James A. Upchurch to Benjamin Upchurch.

This Indenture made this the 9th day of November A D 1857 between James A Upchurch of the County of Stanly and State of North Carolina of the one part and Benjamin Upchurch of the County & State aforesaid, of the second part Witnesseth, that the said James A. Upchurch for and in consideration of the sum o- one Dollar in hand paid by the said Benjamin Upchurch the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for diverse other consideration hereinafter mentioned do bargain, sell & convey & confirm unto the said Benjamin Upchurch his heirs or assigns the following property to wit: - One mule one Bay mare, one 2 horse wagon, & harness, Eighteen head of hogs one hundred & fifty bushels of corn, Twenty bushels of wheat, two thousand pounds of seed cotton, all they ay, fodder, shuck & straw, that I now have, three head of cattle, one clock, one stand of Bees And whereas I the said Jas A Upchurch am indebted in the

following sums to wit one judgement due to the said Benjamin Upchurch for twenty five Dollars, one ditto to same for twenty five Dollars both dated 13th of Augt 1857 one bearing int from 3rd of December 1856 with 40 o costs the other bearing Int. from the 10th Febry 1857, with 40 cents cost, two Judgement to J. O. Rose, one fifty Dollars with Int & cost, the other for about Seventeen Dollars with Int & cost, the execution on the first names fifty dollars Judgement, stayed by the said Benjamin Upchurch, one note made to Martin Shoffner, Admr. Of **Jno. D. Upchurch** for Twenty Seven Dollars &thereabouts, dated sometime in August 1857. & due on day after date with the said Benjamin Upchurch as security one note to A. J. Dargan for ten Dollars dated in August 1859. & due on day after date with Benjamin Upchurch for security & one note to Jas. L. Gaines, dated & due as above with the said B Upchurch as security & whereas the said Jas A. Upchurch being desirous to secure the payment of aforesaid debts, now therefore to the full meaning and intent of these premises, I the said Jas A Upchurch do hereby warrant & defend theright and title of the aforesaid property to the said Benjamin Upchurch in Trust for the payment of the aforesaid debts until the 1st day of November 1858 at and after which time should the aforesaid debts or any part thereof remain unpaid then the said Be. Upchurch to advertise according to Law and sell on the premises of the said Jas. A Upchurch, all the above mentioned property or so much thereof as shall be of value sufficient to pay the aforesaid debts or such part or parts of them as shall remain unpaid together with all the costs & expenses incident hereto the said Benjamin Upchurch being thereunto moved at his own discretion.

In witness whereof we the said parties have hereunto set our hands and seals the day first above written.

Witness

J. F. Stone

North Carolina: Novr 9th 1857

Stanly County: Then the Execution of this Deed of Trust was proved on the oath of J F Stone therefore let it be registered.

Registered Novr 9th 1857

J. A. Upchurch (Seal)

Benjamin Upchurch (seal)

R Harris Clk

S. S. Stone Regr

By

J. D. Hearn's Depty