

**John Upchurch III                      XID – 157**  
**Colonial Upchurch – Head of Clan #14    Son of James Upchurch III**

**Commentary:** John Upchurch III, head of Upchurch Clan #14, was born about 1741, presumably in Brunswick County, VA. He was the son of James Upchurch III. John was married in Brunswick County where he fathered three sons, John VII, Samuel, and Stephen and five daughters thought to have the names Elizabeth, Tabitha, Saline, Lucy and Nancy. John III would move to Chatham County NC sometime in the 1780s. John III was involved in several land transactions in Brunswick County and he and his sons would later become land owners in Chatham County. His sons have been documented as leaving Chatham County in 1800 – 1820 time frame, but details about the movement of his daughters needs more research.

**Acknowledgements:** Kudos to Carla Michaels for all her hard work in transcribing these notes for John III's Biofile.

**(1)** “On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1784 James Upchurch III made his will thus:

To son John: “all lands below westward road on north side Whiteoak beginning at Zachariah Sim’s line to Stephen Smith’s line” – Also mentioned sons James, Harmon, daughter Selah and Edith Moseley, grandsons Burwell and John Upchurch.

“John Upchurch who appeared on the Personal Property Tax List of Brunswick Co, VA in 1682 [1782? RPU] was the son of James Upchurch III which is proven by the fact that he, John, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1786 sold 16 acres of land for £6105, “beginning at Whiteoak Cr, etc. – land which he had inherited from his father, according to James’ will (Brunswick Deed Bk 14/339) Recorded Court 25 Feb 1788 – signed John Upchurch.

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 On 13 Nov 1786 John Upchurch and wife Nanny sold 230 acres land in Brunswick Co VA for £20 to John Neall. Witness – Isaac Moseley, Charles Smith, Stephen Smith, Cudbert Neall – Signed John & Nancy Upchurch. (Brunswick Co, VA Deed Book 14/240) [On white Oak Creek per John Read Upchurch 1 Oct 2001]

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 In 1786 John Upchurch bought 300 acres in Chatham Co NC on Shaddock’s Creek, on East side of Haw River, from Robert & Elizabeth Russell (Chatham Co NC Deed Book, D/346).

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 On 7 Jul 1794 John Upchurch was granted 100 acres in Chatham Co NC (Land Grant Records, Raleigh NC)

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 1790 NC Census shows John Upchurch in Chatham Co with 8\* in family. On 13 Feb 1796 John Upchurch of Chatham Co, NC sold to Beverly Randle of Brunswick Co, VA 57 acres for £30 “land which joins said Randle, boundaries Quarrell’s swamp to Thomas Cotton’s”. 4 witnesses: John Goodrich, Thomas, Dromgode, Edmund Lanier, Jesse Taylor – recorded Brunswick Co, VA Court 23 Apr 1796. Signed John Upchurch.

A John Upchurch appeared with Michael Upchurch III and William Upchurch in the militia of Brunswick Co, VA in 1758 and served in the French and Indian Wars. (Hennings Statutes at Large – Laws of VA) (28)

\*      John Upchurch, III ← 2 – males 16 years & older including  
          Samuel Upchurch ← Head of Household

         Stephen Upchurch ← 2 – males 16 years & under  
          John Upchurch ← 4 – females – Free all ages

**(2)** [From (29) for XID – 157, page 31] John Upchurch 2 [**John Upchurch III**] sold the land inherited from his father, James Upchurch. Sold 11-15-1786 Brunswick Deed Book 17-228: John Upchurch and nanny his wife of the County of Brunswick, In consideration of £120 convey to John Neall... 250A of land on White Oak Creek, adjoining Sim's line and Stephen Smith's line... "Nanny voluntarily consented, being privately examined". John 2 also sold the 16 acres left to him to Stephen Smith in 1786.

The will of Joseph Hamilton (Hambleton) was written in 1780, recorded Nov 1784. His heirs: Wife Ann, daughter Ann Upchurch [Ann Hamilton XID – 2068], daughters Elizabeth Ezell, Sarah Sandros; sons Walter, William, John, and Samuel Hamilton. Test: Benjamin Harrison, Patty Harrison. [Will at Virginia State Archives].

Nancy, Nanny and Nan are diminutives of Ann, therefore, it seems that John 2 son of James (3) married Ann Hamilton, her brother was Samuel Hamilton, they were children of Joseph and Ann Hamilton, John 2 died intestate in Chatham County North Carolina in 1795. Buyers at the sale held in 1798 [actually 12 Sep 1795 – RPU] included Ann Upchurch and Samuel Upchurch.

**(3)** See page 24/25 of 2 Feb 1978 letter Elva E Burkhalter to RPU

A. Joseph Hambleton (Hamilton) of Brunswick Co VA wrote his will 19 May 1780, recorded Feb 1783 (Parish of Meherrin) mentions children including daughter Ann Upchurch, to whom he gave 20 shillings. The searcher says "Note: Nancy and Nanny are diminutives of Ann, so is Nan. Therefore it seems that Ann Hamilton (Hambleton) XID – 2068 married **John Upchurch** [XID – 157], the son of James Upchurch [XID – 155] who died in Brunswick County in 1784. Refer to this will and deed book 14 page 240 (John Upchurch and Nanny his wife to John Neal..."

B. According to land taxes of 1782 James Upchurch Sr (XID – 155) had 710 acres + 57 acres not before assessed. Grandson Burrell Upchurch sold 237 acres in 1803; son Hermon (Harmon XID – 167) sold 237 acres in 1788; one John Upchurch XID – 157) sold 230 acres in 1786. One John Upchurch of Chatham Co NC (grandson of James XID – 155) sold 57 acres in 1766. In 17786 one John Upchurch of Brunswick sold 16 acres total 777 acres. Discrepancies if 10 acres may be due to resurvey but no mention of same in deed.

C. Page 36 “1781 – James Upchurch Sr buys from 57 acres on Quarrel Swamp. This 57A he leaves by will to grandson John Upchurch, He left to his son John Upchurch (XID – 157) all his land below Westward Road on North side of White Oak Creek – and to son James (with reversion of bequest to grandson Burwell) on the South side of White Oak Swamp – to son Harmon Upchurch (XID – 167) other land et cetera.”

**(4)** See records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 visit to National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century

A. “Page 12 – Per index of Brunswick Co VA Deeds – In 1786 **John Upchurch** and wife Nanny sold land in Brunswick Co, VA to John Neal – from Smith’s line to Simms line – Book 14 page 240”

B. “Page 12 – In 1786 **John Upchurch** sold land in Brunswick Co, BA to Stephen Smith – Book 14 page 339”

**(5)** See 2 Feb 1978 letter Elva E Burkhalter to RPU

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B. Page 28 – “Comment (of searcher). According to land taxes 1782 James Upchurch Sr (III) (XID – 155) had 710 acres plus 57A not before assessed. Grandson Burwell Upchurch sold 237 acres in 1788. One **John Upchurch** of Brunswick (\*2) sold 16 acres. Total 777 acres. Discrepancy of 10 acres may be due to a resurvey but no mention of same in deed.”

\*1 John Upchurch =

\*2 John Upchurch =

**(6)** See letter 20 Aug 1983 Leta Nelson to RPU

**John Upchurch III** (XID – 257) married Ann Hamilton in VA

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

In Chatham Co, NC Samuel Upchurch sold land to John Upchurch Book M page 57.

**(8)** See letter 8 May 1984 Miriam Anderson to RPU

John Upchurch III and wife, Annie Hamilton (Nan) sell land in Brunswick Co, VA and buy land in Chatham Co, NC 13 Nov 1786. John Upchurch III and wife Nancy sold 230 acres in Brunswick Co, VA (Brunswick Co, VA Deed Book 14/240)  
1790

**(9)** Samuel Upchurch was living in Chatham Co, NC when his father, **John Upchurch (2)**, died in 1795. Samuel Upchurch was born in VA, possibly in Brunswick Co, the son of **John Upchurch (2)** and Anne (Hamilton) Upchurch (29, page 159)

**(10)** Speculation on birth date of **John Upchurch III** – RPU 30 May 1987

Conclude use birth date of circa 1741. If this is the correct date he would have been:

1. Age 54 at death (died 1795)
2. Age 17 in Virginia Militia (service in 1758 – If the John Upchurch recorded was indeed **John Upchurch III**)
3. Born when his father was age 17
4. Age 31 when his son Samuel Upchurch was born

**(11)** See letter 4 May 1984 Martha Miriam Anderson to RPU

30 May 1778 Chatham Co, NC. The following took the “Oath of Allegiance” at the end of the American Revolution.

1. William Upchurch
2. John Upchurch [**John Upchurch III**]
3. John Pullam (Pyland)

**(12)** See letter 22 May 1987 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU

A. Chatham Co, NC – Wills, Deeds, Powers of Attorney 1799 – 1819

1. **John Upchurch** page 26 – 27
2. **John Upchurch** 1795 page 31 – 32

B. Section provided by Coy Tillman Upchurch

1. Brunswick Co, VA Will Book 2, page 248. Will of James Upchurch (James Upchurch III) of Brunswick Co, VA 24 Jun 1784. Probated 26 Jul 1784. To son John Upchurch (John Upchurch III) all of my land below the Westward Road on the north side of White Oak Swamp (Creek). Begins at Zachariah Simm’s (Sims) line to Stephens Smith’s line + bequests to other children & grandchildren. Signed James (X) Upchurch

Witness: George Walton, Merideth Poythress, James Fips

Sons: John Upchurch, James Upchurch and Harmon Upchurch to be executors

2. Brunswick Co, VA Personal Tax Lists

1782 – John Upchurch (**John Upchurch, III**)

1783 – John Upchurch (**John Upchurch, III**)

1784 – John Upchurch (**John Upchurch, III**)

1786 – John Upchurch (**John Upchurch, III**)

Note: John Upchurch III is not on the 1785 & 1787 lists.

3. On 19 Oct 1786, John Upchurch (**John Upchurch III**), the second John Upchurch and the fifth generation of Upchurch to appear here in the United States, son of James Upchurch (James Upchurch III) of Brunswick Co, VA, bought a tract of land from Robert Russel in Chatham Co, NC on the Haw River.

4. Chatham Co, NC Deed Book D page 346 19 Oct 1786

Robert Russell of Cumberland Co, NC to John Upchurch (John Upchurch III) of Brunswick Co, VA ---

Consideration of £150. Tract of land in Chatham Co on Shadocks Creek the East side of Haw River --- Beginning at a post oak --- to a post oak --- to a hickory --- to a black oak.

Test: James Langston, James Phips

Proved: Nov Court 1787 by James Langston

**(13)** See notes of RPU conference 19 Sep 1988 with John Read Upchurch

Virginia Colonial Militia – Author = Crozier

Michael Upchurch [Michael Upchurch III]

William Upchurch [William Upchurch II]

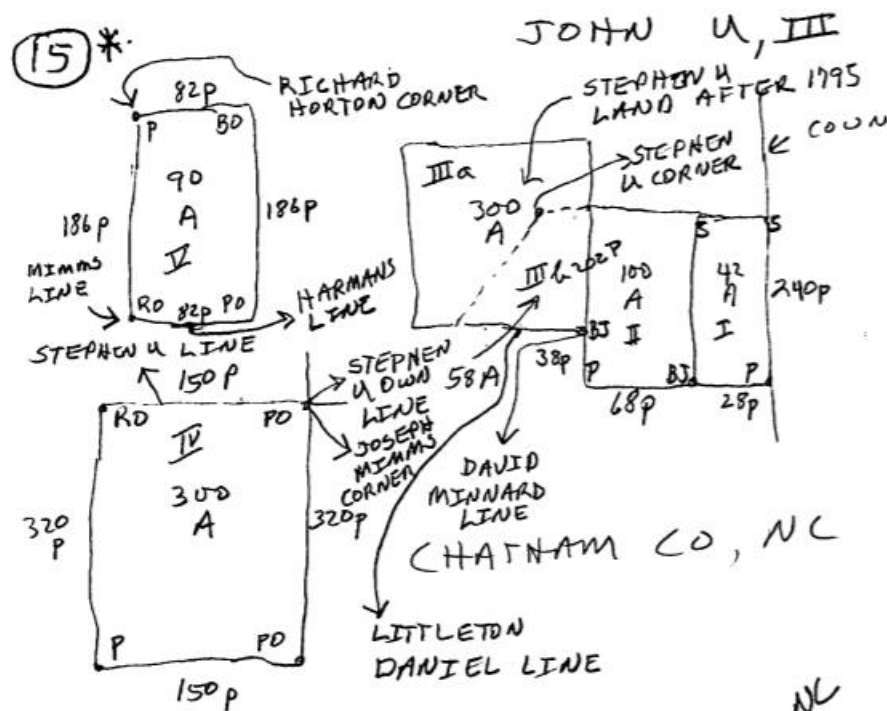
John Upchurch [**John Upchurch III**]

**(14)** See letter 14 Jan 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

To this letter is attached a court record for Chatham Co, NC dated 9 Mar 1814 in which Stephen Upchurch, Uriah Hatley & Lucy Upchurch sign an agreement re a bastard child born to Lucy Upchurch

[Note: This Lucy Upchurch could be one of the four females in the household of **John Upchurch III** on the 1790 census in Chatham Co, NC – RPU]

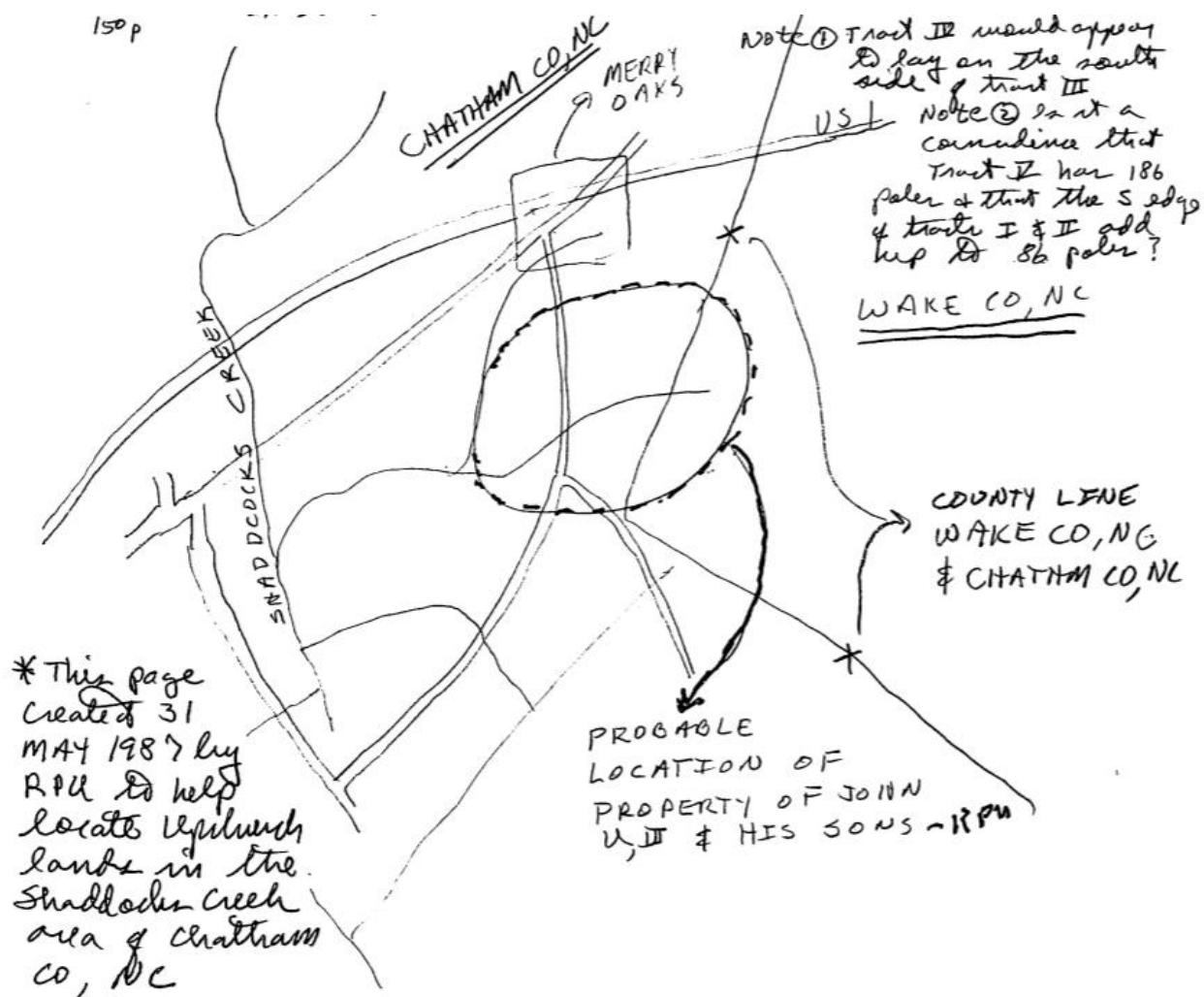
**(15)** \*This page created 31 May 1987 by RPU to help locate Upchurch lands in the Shaddocks Creek area of Chatham Co, NC



- I. Grant to Samuel Upchurch (No, 1673) entered 16 Aug 1799 (Entry 515) Grant No 1600 issued 13 Oct 1801
- II. Grant to John Upchurch III – (No. 1230) entered 16 Apr 1791 (Entry 23) Grant 1135 issued 7 Jul 1794, Book 82 page 349
- III. Bought by John Upchurch III 1786  
Chatham Co, NC Deed Book D/346
- IV. Grant to Stephen Upchurch (No 1920) entered 13 Jan 1810 (Entry 106) Grant 1527 issued 11 Dec 1811 Book 126 page 310
- V. Grant to Stephen Upchurch (No 1954) entered 13 Dec 1813 Book 128 page 299
- In 1801 Samuel Upchurch sold to John Upchurch 200 acres included I, II, IIIb

Note (1): Tract IV would appear to lay on the south side of tract III

Note (2): Is it a coincidence that Tract V has 186 poles and that the south edge of tracts I & II add up to 86 poles?





**(16)** Names associated with property of John Upchurch III and his children in Chatham Co, NC  
1785 – 1815 – assembled by RPU

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
1. George Held	Witness	Stephen Upchurch – Grant 1814
2. Richard Horton	Witness, adjacent	“
3. W Bynum	District Surveyor	“
4. Thomas Snipes	County Surveyor	“
5. --- Mimms	Adjacent	“
6. --- Harmon	Adjacent	“
7. John Upchurch	Witness	Stephen Upchurch – Grant 1811
8. John Windom	Witness	“
9. Thomas Snipes	County Surveyor	“
10. W Bynum	District Surveyor	“
11. Joseph Mims	Adjacent	“
12. Thomas Snipes	County Surveyor	Samuel Upchurch – Grant 1801
13. Loust Stephens	Witness	“
14. Young Roland	Witness	“
15. Samuel Upchurch	Witness	John Upchurch III – Grant 1794
16. John Upchurch, Jr	Witness	“
17. W Linley	Surveyor	“
18. Thomas Williams	Witness	Samuel → John 1801
19. William Castle	Witness	“
20. David Minnard	Adjacent	“
21. Littleton Daniel	Adjacent	“
22. Thomas Ragland	County Clerk	“

**(17)** See letter 7 Jun 19993 Juanita Renee Schlechtweg to RPU  
John Upchurch born circa 1747 died circa 1795 married Anne Hamilton born circa 1750.

**(18)** Item #15 received in 27 Jan 1980 letter Ervin T Upchurch to RPU (From NC State Archives  
11 Aug 1977)

[Note: Morgan reports that this sale was held in 178 – RPU]

Above shows 17 Sep 1795

64 (18) <sup>JOHN U III PG 9 XID - 157</sup>  
 An Account Sales of the Estate of John Upchurch  
 Dtd on the 12th day of September 1795

1 bed. & bed of furniture	ANNE-REBELT (DAD)	6.0.0	Δ
1 do	JOHN U XID - 4123 - SON OF JOHN U III	9.0.0	Δ
1 do	Same	2.10.0	Δ
1 Walnut Chest	Anne Upchurch	1.13.0	Δ
1 Chest	Same	19.0	Δ
1 Trunk	Benjamin Hensley	5.0	Δ
2 Chairs	Anne Upchurch	11.7	Δ
2 do	William Cottle	6.6	Δ
1 Bush Oron	ESAMUEL U XID - 4125 - SON OF JOHN U III	7.10.0	Δ
1 Spoon	Anne Upchurch	8.0	Δ
1 pot	John Upchurch	17.6	Δ
1 do Anne Upchurch 7/1	1 Shilld Same 14/6	1.1.0	Δ + ?
1 do	Russell Truman	5.0	Δ
1 pan	Same	4.6	Δ
1 basin & plates 10ish pewter	Anne Upchurch	1.0.6	Δ
1 do	John Upchurch	7.0	Δ
6 knives of forks	Anne Upchurch	6.0	Δ
1 Mug of stick	Same	1	Δ
2 parcel Earthen ware	Same	7.1	Δ
1 flon wheel 1 Cotton 2°	Anne Upchurch	19.0	Δ
1 Cotton wheel	Samuel Upchurch	4.0	Δ
1 loom of yarn	Anne Upchurch	1.19.0	Δ
1 9thms Saddle bridle	William Cottle	2.15.0	Δ
2 pair Birds	John Upchurch	3.6	Δ
2 Candle sticks	John Ramsey	2.0	Δ
1 Jug John Upchurch 3/6	1 do Anne Upchurch 6/	9.6	Δ + Δ
1 Tinkler William distn		5.0	?
4 bottles Anna Upchurch 4/6	2 do Shears 2/	6.6	Δ + ?
1 pair Cort wheels	John Upchurch	5.0	Δ
1 do of look	Samuel Upchurch	1.2.6	Δ
2° of do	John Upchurch	1.3.6	Δ



(18) continued

65; (18) CONT- INDEXED Sales of John Upchurch's Estate Cont'd		PG 11	XID-157
1 Soil horse	A Upchurch	9.15.0	Δ
1 D <sup>o</sup>	Parish Croft	16.8.0	Δ
1 D <sup>o</sup>	John Upchurch	10.11.0	Δ
1 D <sup>o</sup>	A Upchurch	6.10.0	Δ
1 Bull	Moses Smith	4.1.6	Δ
1 Gun	Samuel Upchurch	4.1.6	Δ
2 Cattle	A Upchurch	7.3.0	Δ
2 D <sup>o</sup>	John Sellers	4.11.0	Δ
2 D <sup>o</sup>	John Upchurch	5.6.0	Δ
1 D <sup>o</sup>	Isaac Johnston	2.10.6	Δ
1 D <sup>o</sup>	Howell Truman	2.15.0	Δ
2 D <sup>o</sup>	Samuel Upchurch	3.0.6	Δ
1 D <sup>o</sup>	Same	3.16.6	Δ
4 hogs 4 Gns	Thomas Piddly	3.7.0	Δ
15 Gns & 5 hogs	Same	4.17.0	Δ
5 hogs John Mop		4.6.6	Δ
5 D <sup>o</sup> & 2 Vespalls	A Upchurch	3.4.0	Δ
5 D <sup>o</sup>	Joseph Rowland	3.1.1	Δ
3 n g D <sup>o</sup>	Thomas Piddly	5.3.6	Δ
3 Sheep	Dorcas Edwards	2.13.6	Δ
1 bid Barnaby Brown		5.0.0	Δ
1 tison Samuel Upchurch		10.6	Δ
1 pot Joseph Rowland		7.6	Δ

**(19)** See Granville County Queries Vol 1 No 2 Aug 1992

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Oxford District William Upchurch [William Upchurch II]

John Upchurch<sub>a</sub> [**John Upchurch III?**]

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**(20)** Item noted by RPU on visit to DAR Library in Washington, DC in Sep 1994.

Chatham Co, NC Deed Book C (1783 – 1786)

Page 346 19 Oct 1786 – Robert Russell of Cumberland Co, NC to John Upchurch [**John Upchurch III**] of Brunswick Co, VA £150 300 acres on Shadocks Creek the East side of Haw River.

Witnesses: James Langston  
James Upchurch [need to verify – RPU]  
Robert (R) Russell  
Elizabeth (O) Russell

**(21)** See biofile of Tabitha Upchurch who married 16 Jan 1786 (Johnston Co, NC) Green Rogers. [Note: Circumstances dictate there is a good chance this Tabitha Upchurch was a daughter of John Upchurch III – RPU]

**(22)** See letter 25 Jun 1994 Mae Gean McElroy to RPU

John Upchurch [**John Upchurch III**] had daughters. Perhaps:

Tabitha Upchurch  
Elizabeth Upchurch  
Saline (?) Upchurch

(23) See letter 15 Sep 2000 Kevin Michael Upchurch to RPU – page 2  
John Upchurch (**John Upchurch III**) born 1741 (Brunswick Co, VA) died 1810 (Montgomery Co, VA)

(24) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU  
Details are given in the Introduction reproduced below. Note the date of 14 Sep 1758. Number = money paid.

Introduction: The following entries are taken from William Waller Hening's collection of the laws of Virginia. During the French and Indian War, the House of Burgesses passed an act for the defense of the frontier of the colony on 14 September 1758. The soldiers mentioned in the schedule attached to this act appear below.

For the full 2-page article see biofile of Margaret Louise Harris – 7 Sep 2007. It includes entries for 4 Virginia counties. Only Brunswick C, VA contained Upchurch names – see below

#### Brunswick County

Captain Edward Goodrich, 30.0.0; Lt Frederick Maclin and Lt John Parish, 15.0.0 each; Ens. Vines Collier and Jephtha Arthington, 10.0.0 each; Sgt Thomas Briggs, Sgt William Rose, Sgt Nathaniel Tatum, and Sgt John Tilman, 6.13.4 each; James Scott, Drummer, 4.14.6.

Richard Gower, William Parson, Isham Harris, William Bryan, James Hargrove, Robert Wall, Charles Wall, Peter Jackson, Frederick Glover, Thomas Manning, Mark Jackson, Daniel Wall, Robert Peebles, William Foster, Zebulon, Lewis, Jesse Brown, William Parham, Nicholas Fennell, Abram Martin, William Martin, John Ramsey, John Calton, Richard, Ramsey, Benjamin Simpson, Thomas Connally, Thomas Haulcom, Edward Tatum, Moses Tomerlin, Peter Freeman, Edward Freeman, Henry Jackson, Samuel Sexton, Samuel Jackson, Charles Gunter, John Carlile William Edwards, Elias, Fowler, John Barnet, Richard Dobbins, Joel Smith, Daniel Collier, Samuel Russell, Robert Gee Jr, William Cooke, William Gaultney, Sampson Moseley, George Walton Jr, William Randolph, William Ledbetter, William Ledbetter Jr, Nathan Harris, Robert Gaultney, Thomas Walton, John Moore, Robert Lanier, Thomas Denton, William Denton, Nathaniel Steed, Edmonds Barker, Lewis Barker, David Moss, James Linch, David Adam, Robert Tilman, William Upchurch, Thomas Nance, Thomas Ravenscrop, Michael Upchurch, **John Upchurch**, George Wall, Thomas Nance, John Hailes, Francie Mitchell, Tobias Moore, and Robert Nance, 5.0.0 each.

David Kelly and John Ray, 0.15.0 each; John Tilman, Sr and Drury Sims, 4.0.0 each; Joseph Parish, 4.10.0; John Woolsey and Peter Sinclair,

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William Upchurch, Michael Upchurch, **John Upchurch**

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Michael Upchurch III born 1712 XID – 159			
<b><u>John Upchurch III</u></b> born about 1741 XID – 147			
son of James Upchurch III			

**(25)** RPU Note: [repeat of (19) above – CJM 17 Nov 2019]

Five potential daughters of John Upchurch III have been identified: Elizabeth Upchurch, Tabitha Upchurch, Lucy Upchurch, Nancy Upchurch, Saline Upchurch  
See File UFU < 1850 NC – Wake/Chatham Border – 3 Nov 2010

**(26)** See Granville County Queries Vol 1 No 2 Aug 1992

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**(27)** Upchurch Mentions in Wake – Capital County of North Carolina

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103 Olive Chapel Church community is in extreme western Wake Co – There were Upchurch families in the community by 1780s **[John Upchurch III]**

- 270n Present at Jan 1858 Merchants Meeting in Raleigh, NC: W C Upchurch [William Clinton Upchurch]; Upchurch & Royster
- 282 John J Upchurch [John J Upchurch] had a machine shop on Morgan Street in Raleigh, NC in the 1840s
- 290 W C U [William Clinton Upchurch] was a Raleigh, NC grocer who in the 1840s provided the Standard newspaper with prices to be published
- 358 In 1850, several families living in the vicinity of New Ruin organized a Baptist
- 358n congregation and about midway the race track road built Olive's or Olive Chapel, named for Rev. Johnson Olive, their neighbor and first pastor. The church's influence on the community became so strong that it was not many years before the bar at the tavern closed down, the betting on races ceased, and promoters of both, in the words of a church historian "either moved into the church or out of the community." The tavern building became a country store, operated by John Upchurch [John Rufus Upchurch? – RP] and his descendants.<sup>142</sup>
- <sup>142</sup>Grace Lawrence, "A History of Olive Chapel Baptist Church," interview with Carl P Holleman, Apex Town Attorney and local history researcher, based on his informal conversations with western Wake area residents, 1970s. Members of the local John Upchurch family owned the site for some years and are said to have operated their store in the tavern building, which was still standing in the 1970s.
- 521n In the summer of 1865 one Emily Upchurch applied for aid based on the fact that she had formerly relied on the Milburnie Paper Mill destroyed by Yankees
- 562 Branson's NC Business Directory from 1867 – 1872 included Alfred Upchurch's and T G Jenkins Carriage & Buggy factories [partners vs 2 companies? – RPU]
- 563 Bailey P Williamson & Orlando Shay operated the North State Foundry during the Civil War but dissolved the partnership in 1865
- 567 W Upchurch, grocer [William Clinton Upchurch I] was one of several Raleigh business operators that continued to operate during the Civil War or soon reopened
- 568 Pictures 3 buildings on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh NC which housed 4 businesses in the 1870s. One of these housed Edwards & Broughton (see below) upstairs and the Williamson, Upchurch, Thomas Grocery downstairs





- 572 Multistoried buildings started in Raleigh, NC by 4 years after the Civil War included the 3-story brick store at Wilmington & Martin for Upchurch & Dodd [William George Upchurch].
- 574 The Raleigh Board of Trade organized in 1871 included William Upchurch [William Clinton Upchurch or William George Upchurch – RPU]
- 607n Incorporators of the Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary in 1870 – 1871 included W G U [William George Upchurch]
- 652 About 1867 lots were platted in Apex – J R U bought one [John Rufus Upchurch? – RPU]
- 664 Describes Green Level – was on a major road connecting Raleigh and Pittsboro. Its Post Office was an early one to be reopened after the Civil War – Miss A D Upchurch was first post-war postmaster [A D Upchurch = ]
- The area had at least 7 stores in 1872: John Upchurch [John Upchurch = John Rufus Upchurch? – RPU] + J W Bolling, Howell & Perry. R H Jinks, W S Jinks, J W Mitchell, B M Yates

**(28)** Excerpt from book “The Upchurches” by Mae D Cox April 2008; Item: page 103

Fourth Generation  
James Upchurch III  
Pages 102 – 121 copied for his biofile

- 1 Michael Upchurch I 1620 – 1681  
+Frances? 1630 – 1690/91
- 2 Baby Upchurch 1654 –
  - 2 Baby Upchurch 1656 –
  - 2 Richard Upchurch 1658 – 1700
  - +Spouse unknown 1658 –
  - 3 John Upchurch I 1678 – 1758
  - +Eleanor?
  - \*2<sup>nd</sup> wife of John Upchurch I:
  - +Elizabeth Hunnicut 1682 –
  - 4 Elizabeth Upchurch 1700 –
  - 4 Sarah Upchurch 1707 –
  - 4 Tryphena Upchurch 1709 –
  - 4 John Upchurch 1711 – 1713
  - 5 Harmon Upchurch 1740 – 1815
  - 5 **John Upchurch** 1741 – 1795
  - 5 Selah Upchurch 1743 –
  - 5 Edith Upchurch 1745 –
  - 5 James Upchurch 1756 – 1784

**(29)**

Subject: Chatham Co, NC Upchurch Land Grants

From: "Jim Jones" &lt;jpjones@nc.rr.com&gt;

Date: Sun, Apr 11, 2010 5:10 am

To: "Robert P Upchurch PhD" &lt;phil@upchurchstory.com&gt;

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Phil, you're probably aware of these. While at the NC Archives yesterday, I located 6 late 18<sup>th</sup> c – early 19<sup>th</sup> c Upchurch Family NC State land grants:

John	100A	[stream name not recorded] [John Upchurch III]
Moses	50A	Pitts Cr
Samuel	42A	Shaddocks Cr (aka Shaddocks Cr)
Sims	14.5A	waters Foster's Br
Stephen	300A	Shaddox Cr
Stephen	90A	Long Branch Shaddox Cr

All appear to be located in present-day SE Chatham Co. At least one is adjacent to a David Mimms (Mims) Chatham Co grant that is positioned precisely on the south west corner of Chatham and Wake counties. By the time you arrive on your visit, I'll have more complete information and perhaps a tentative positioning.

Jim

**(30)** Index to Deeds, Mortgages and Real Estate Conveyances

Chatham Co, NC 1787 – 1935 – Upchurch – Date filed – Book, Page

U Grantee(s) [Bought]

Nov - - 1787	Upchurch	<b>[John, III]</b>	John
Jul 7 1794	Do	<b>[John, III]</b>	John
Feb - - 1802	Do	[John IV]	John
Mar 29 1876	Do	[John R]	John R
Mar 19 1884	Do	[John R]	John
		XID - 3418	

Nov 24 1886	Do	[JV + etal]	Cad
Nov 17 1932	Do	[John Manly]	J M

Grantor(s) [Sold]

Russel Robert etal	Deed D 346
North Carolina State of	Grant K 466
Upchurch Samuel	Deed M 57
Jinkins E W	Mtge A-U 5
Council RC Jr etal	Mtge B-H 489
Clark John Est by Comrs	Divn B-R 377
Thomas J W	Lease H-H 231

U Grantor(s) [Sold]

Feb - - 1820	Do	[John III]	John
Mar 21 1883	Do	[John R-3418]	John R
			Martha E
			[Martha Emaline Cotton]
Apr 14 1864	Do etal		John
	[John R]		
	[Martha Emaline Cotton]		

Grantee(s) [Bought]

Cotton William	Deed X 220
Goodwin Joseph etal	Deed B-G 148
Buchanan Thomas	Deed B-G 555

Jan 7 1924	Do	JW + Cora Lee	Johnson W C	Deed F-Y 550
Jan 7 1924	Do	Cora Lee	Survey + Plat	----- F-Y 551
Nov 17 1932	Do [John Manley] [or John Marion]	JM	Thomas J W	Lease H-H 231

**(31)** See biofile of Whitney Upchurch for Deed of Trust dated 14 Jan 1854 and recorded Book AI Page 187 Chatham Co, NC – to RPU in letter 8 Aug 1981 – from Nancy Crayton Dobbins Extract:

Deeds not 100% clear – but John Mann appears to be indebted to William Blxxx for \$100 with Whitney Upchurch of Wake Co as security and somehow to Anderson Holt of Chatham Co, NC. John Mann of Chatham Co, NC Grants to Anderson Holt a Deed of Trust on a tract of land in Chatham Co, NC on Shadoxs Creek and on the Wake Co, NC Line – Richard Cotton Line.

Witness – W G Womack [Note: This tract is the same or close to Chatham Co, NC land owned by **John Upchurch III** Family about 1800 – RPU]

[John Mann Homeplace, house standing is 3-4 miles north of county. Anderson Holt Homeplace, house standing, is in Merry Oaks a few mi from Christian Chapel Church.]

(32) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU.

Note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> page mentions two Upchurches who took the oath of Allegiance on 30 May 1778 in the Oxford District of Granville Co, NC – John Upchurch & William Upchurch. I carry these two as William Upchurch II XID – 161 born 1735 and **John Upchurch III** born about 1741 XID – 157 as the only 2 of these names who seem to fit date and name mil.

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