

John J Upchurch

XID – 279

Commentary: John J Upchurch, not to be confused with John Jefferson Upchurch, was the son of Shadrack and the grandson of George, head of Upchurch Clan 5.

(no number) Input from Anna Marie Crouch to RPU via email 13 Feb 2010

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784

1 – 10 children

32. Shadrack Upchurch was born 1784 Brunswick County, Virginia and died ca 1883 Wayne County, Kentucky. His wife was Ruth (Breshears) born 1784 Virginia and died 3-1860 Wayne County, Kentucky. Shadrack bought 50 acres for \$10 on 4-22-1822 on Muddy Fork of the South Fork in Wayne County, Kentucky. This area is now Mt Pisgah. He also bought his father's land in 1831.

Shadrack is listed in the census records of 1810 living in Iredell County, North Carolina. Shadrack was listed in the 1820 census of Wayne County, Kentucky living next door to Keeling Williams. Listed in his household were 3 males 0-9, 2 males 10-15, 1 male 26-44, 2 females 0-9, and 1 female 26-44, he was engaged in agriculture in 1820. Shadrack and Ruth were living in Wayne County, Kentucky during the 1850 census. Ruthie is listed in the mortality schedule for Wayne County, Kentucky in 1860. She died of old age. Shadrack is listed in the census records of 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, & 1860 living in Wayne County, Kentucky. His children

321. Silas Upchurch born 8-18-1806 Iredell County, North Carolina died ca 1874 Wayne County, Kentucky

322. George Upchurch born 1810 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Wayne County, Kentucky

323. Moses Upchurch born 7-4-1815 Iredell County, North Carolina died 10-10-1881 Wayne County, Kentucky

324. Preston Upchurch born 1817 Iredell County, North Carolina died by 1860 in Wayne County, Kentucky

325. Louisa Upchurch born 1818 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Wayne County, Kentucky

326. Rebecca Upchurch born 1820 Wayne County, Kentucky

327. John Upchurch born 1823 Wayne County, Kentucky died during the Civil War

328. Hiram Upchurch born 4-1824 Wayne County, Kentucky died 2-11-1904 Wayne County, Kentucky

329. Rachel Upchurch born 1826 Wayne County, Kentucky died late 1850s Wayne County, Kentucky

320. Joseph Upchurch born 1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1893 Wayne County, Kentucky

327. John Upchurch was born 1823 Wayne County, Kentucky and died during the Civil War. His wife was Winnafred Sloan who was born 9-25-1821 Kentucky and died 3-22-1906. They were married 2-25-1841 by Henry Tuggle in Wayne County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Reuben and Mary Dodson Sloan. Reuben Sloan was killed by Champ Ferguson while Ferguson was stealing Reuben's horses during the Civil War John and Winnie were listed in the census records of 1850 and 1860 living in Wayne County, Kentucky. In 1860 they were listed as Jack and Winnifred Upchurch living next door to his brother Joseph. Their children

3271. Ruby Upchurch died as an infant

3272. Mary Jane Upchurch born 1842 Wayne County, Kentucky died Jasper County, Iowa [MYRTLE SHIVE 4]

3273. Lucinda B. Upchurch born 10-7-1844 Wayne County, Kentucky died by 1900 Clinton County, Kentucky

3274. Ruth Ann Upchurch born 1846 Wayne County, Kentucky died 12-28-1853 unknown cause Wayne County, Kentucky

3275. Nancy Rachel Upchurch born 1851 Wayne County, Kentucky died in Missouri

(no number) From: The Upchurch Story by Ada Morgan, Page 78, 79:
names in [A] & [B] linked to the George Upchurch Clan:

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch

1. **John Upchurch “Jonathan”** born 1823

married () Winifred Sloan

a. Lucinda B Upchurch

married () William Beard [son of William Beard]

[They had children: Walter Beard, Samuel B Beard, and Phitney Beard.]

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x. Gertrude Beard [author]

married () --- --- Brown

B. John Upchurch, VI

1. Henry Alvin Upchurch

a. John William Upchurch

i. Henry Elmer Upchurch

(I) Grace Upchurch 1922 – 1970

married () James Andrew Beard

I. Greenup Beard

A.* William Beard born about 1782

B.* Joseph Beard

married () *Elizabeth --- ---

On 25 May 2003 Melva Doris Upchurch called to say this may be Elizabeth Upchurch

In late 1700s lived in house now owned by Otha Denney

*These 3 on 5 Feb 1803 gave 13 acres to establish town of Monticello, KY

(see text below)

Lucinda B. Upchurch b 1844 md William B. Beard...A descendant of William Beard, Gertrude Beard Brown, wrote bits of family history to other members of the family in letters which have become family heirlooms. In one letter she told about the making of a town: Greenup Beard had a son, William Beard born about 1782. He as a young man lived with his brother, Joseph and Joseph's wife, Elizabeth in the later 1700's. They were living in the town of Monticello, or in what was later to be Monticello, in the house now owned by Otha Denney. Some of the original rooms of the house are still there. They were there when they decided to donate a certain plot of ground for a site for the town of Monticello. The original line started with their yard fence, the Denney restaurant now standing with the outside of the restaurant on the line. It began with a sink-hole west of this building, ran 50 poles east to what is now known as the town spring, north 40 poles to the Breeding Hotel, to the back of Tate's laundry (Locust Street), 40 poles to the starting line. Thirteen acres of land. The deed was signed 2-5-1802 by William Beard, Joseph Beard and Elizabeth Beard. They received five shillings for the land, about 50 cents, so later heirs could not claim the land.

Gertrude Beard Brown wrote the letter in 1958, giving information on the Beard family to start a family history for Grace (Upchurch) Beard. Information, passed from one generation to another, becomes family knowledge. Gertrude wrote also concerning Jonathan Upchurch who married Winifred Sloan. Johnathan was taken prisoner by the Southern Army during the Civil War. He was kept a prisoner in camp until he became ill. He was released and told to go home, the army could not care for him. It was in the winter and snow was on the ground. Jonathan walked all day and night, arriving home in the afternoon of the next day. He asked Winnie to fix him a pallet on the floor in front of the fireplace so that he might get the chill off his bones. He died there, a short time later. Winnie had him buried on their farm, beside a dau who was already buried in the family plot. A marker was erected to his memory. Then the daus, concerned for her well-being, persuaded her to sell the farm and possessions, divide the money and live the remainder of her life with the daus and their husbands, staying with each in turn. However, the daus died before Winnie and before the husbands. The husbands remarried and their wives did not want Winnie in their homes. So Winnie returned to KY to try to find a home of her home. It was Gertrude Beard's mother who took her in and kept her all the rest of her life. She had about \$25 when she arrived back in KY and that money was saved for her burial dress. Winnifred Sloan Upchurch has a nice tombstone in Alexander Cem. in Monticello, KY. Later, a visit was to be made to Johnathan's grave, to pay tribute to a fallen warrior. It was then found that one of the tenant farmers, there had been several, had taken down the markers and had used the family cemetery plot for cultivation. All that remains is the story told by Gertrude Brown, to be recorded here. A soldier who gave his life for his country.

Below = [A] – From Overview Vol 23, No 1, May 2003 – Wayne Co, KY Historical Society:

JOSEPH BEARD HOUSE

Monticello's first merchant, Joseph Beard, settled here sometime before 1800 and built the cabin that still stands at 137 South Main Street (adjacent to Peoples Loan Company). The log cabin is now concealed by a white frame exterior. Present owner, David Southwood has remodeled the house. During that process the yellow poplar logs, clay chinking and square nails were revealed. Mr. Southwood found the structure to be in excellent condition. Perhaps this is because it has for many years been protected from the weather. This is the oldest house in Monticello. One corner of the original thirteen acre plot for the town was a stake in its back yard.

[Note: There appears to be no [B] associated with this item. CJM 20 Dec 2020]

(no number) Cemeteries of Wayne Co, KY, B & J Coffey

Alexander Cemetery, Page 8

“Winnie F (Sloan) Upchurch 3 Dec 1821 – 22 Mar 1906, wife of **John J Upchurch**

(1) John Upchurch born 1823 (called Jonathan) died in Civil War. He married 25 Feb 1841 Winifred Sloan born 3 Dec 1821 died 22 Mar 1806 [1906? – CJM 20 Dec 2020]. She is buried at Alexander Cemetery in Monticello which side John J Upchurch fought in in Civil War not certain.

John J Upchurch was son of Shadrack Upchurch (XID – 139) of the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Clan (29, Page 69).

(2) See letter 18 Mar 1986 Barbara Sue Smith to RPU

John J Upchurch married 25 Feb 1841 (Wayne Co, KY) Winnafred Sloan.

(3) See Census – 1850 – Wayne Co, KY – Division #1, Page 324, Dwelling 599, Family 599

<u>John Upchurch</u>	30	m	farmer \$300RE	born NC	cannot read or write
Winney Upchurch	30	f		born KY	
Mary A Upchurch	8	f		born KY	
Lucinda Upchurch	6	f		born KY	
Ruth Upchurch	4	f		born KY	

(4) See letter 13 Feb 1996 Billie Jean Privett to RPU

John Upchurch “Jonathan” born 1827

(5) See letter 4 Aug 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 8 – 11

John J Upchurch, CPL, died in the war. He enlisted in Co I, 30th KY Mounted Infantry – Union Army, Mar/ Apr 1864

(6) See letter 22 Sep 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 39

John Upchurch “Jonathan” [**JJU**] born 1823 (Wayne Co, KY) died during the Civil War in Wayne Co, KY.

(7) See 1860 & 1870 Census of KY which reveal the family of John J Upchurch across these two decades.

1860 – Wayne Co, KY

Jack Upchurch	39	born KY	[John J Upchurch] – Head of the John J Upchurch Line in the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan]
Minnifred Upchurch	38	born KY	[Winifred Sloan]
Mary Jane Upchurch	18	born KY	
Lucinda Upchurch	15	born KY	[Lucinda B Upchurch]
Nancy R Upchurch	9	born KY	[Nancy Rachel Upchurch]

1870 – Clinton Co, KY

Minna Upchurch	45	born KY	[Winifred Sloan]
Nancy Upchurch	18	born KY	[Nancy Rachel Upchurch]

[Note: **John J Upchurch** was killed in the Civil War (GAR)]

(8) See 1850 Census – 1850 – Wayne Co, KY – a precursor to 1860/ 1870

John Upchurch	30	m	farmer \$300RE	born NC	cannot read or write [John J Upchurch]
Winney Upchurch	30	f		born KY	[Winifred Sloan]
Mary A Upchurch	8	f		born KY	[Mary Jane Upchurch]
Lucinda Upchurch	6	f		born KY	[Lucinda B Upchurch]
Ruth Upchurch	4	f		born KY	[Ruth Anne Upchurch]

(9) See letter 21 Oct 2000 Sandra Kay Masengale to RPU, Page 13

SKM lists John J Upchurch as John Jonathan Upchurch but gives no evidence for these two first names. [Need to confirm – RPU]

(see family group sheet below)

(no number) See letter 19 Jun 1919 [? – CJM 20 Dec 2020] Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 319

Family Group Sheet, 2 November 1996 for John "Jonathan" Upchurch and Winifred Sloan

Family Group Sheet		2 November 1996
Husband:	John "Jonathan" Upchurch	
Born:	1823	
in:	Wayne County Kentucky	
Died:	Unknown	
in:	Wayne County, Kentucky home farm Cem.	
Relationship with Father:	Shadrack Upchurch - Natural	
Relationship with Mother:	Ruth _____? - Natural	
Notes		
<p><i>John Jonathan b. 1823(GAR says 1827 ?). John was taken prisoner in the war. It is not known which side he fought for. The Army told him to go home, they did not have facilities to take care of him. John walked all night in the snow to get home. When he got home he asked Winnie to make him a pallet in front of the fire, which she did, and that is where he died. He was buried on the farm, during the years, new owners of the farm, removed the stone and farmed over the ground.</i></p>		
Marriage Information		
Wife:	Winifred Sloan	
Married:	25 February 1841	
Beginning status:	Married	
in:	Wayne County Kentucky	
Marriage Notes		