

John Upchurch, VII**XID – 4168**

Commentary: John was a son of John III, head of Upchurch Clan 14. He lived out his life in Wilkes County, NC.

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(no number) Records for the William Benton Upchurch Line- John Upchurch, III/John Upchurch VII Sub-clan- RPU 26 Feb 2012

1870 Census- NC Wilkes Co- Trap Hill

Wm B Upchurch	1817	53	NC
Emily Upchurch	1834	36	NC
Martha J Upchurch	1853	17	NC
Milly Upchurch	1856	14	NC
Ricy Upchurch	1860	10	NC
William A Upchurch	1864	6	NC
Nancy A Upchurch	1866	4	NC
Mary A Upchurch	1869	1	NC

1880 Census- N C Wilkes Co- Trap Hill

William Upchurch	HD	1819	61	NC
Emely Upchurch	wife	1840	40	NC
Sanford R. Upchurch	son	1863	17	NC
Green B Upchurch	son	1869	15	NC
Nancy A Upchurch	dau	1867	13	NC
Nevia J Upchurch	dau	1870	10	NC
Floyd Upchurch	son	1873	7	NC
Charles F Upchurch	son	1876	4	NC
James F Upchurch	son	1879	1	NC

1900 Census- VA- Carroll Co.- Fancy Gap

Name			Age	
Recia Upchurch	Hd	Jul 1861	38	NC
(married 19 yrs (1886))				
Julia F Upchurch	wife	May 1886	40	NC
*Cora M Upchurch	dau	Apr 1881	18	NC
*Cora E Upchurch	dau	*May 1887	10	NC
Dora C Upchurch	dau	Apr 1890	10	NC
William H Upchurch	son	Jan 1893	7	NC
Malinda Upchurch	dau	Feb 1897	3	VA

1910 Census- VA- Carroll Co., Fancy Gap

Name

Samuel Upchurch	Hd	1862	48	NC ←	
(Sanford) (married 25 years)					
Phoebe F Upchurch	wife	1860	50	NC	8 Children, 6 living
Flora Upchurch	dau	1885	25	NC	
William Upchurch	son	1893	17	NC	
Lindy C Upchurch	dau	1895	15	VA	
Bertha Upchurch	dau	1903	7	VA	
Cora Golding	dau	1889	21	NC	
Effie Golding (I)	gdau	1908	2	NC ←	

1920 Census- N C- Surry Co. -Franklin

Ruphus Golden	head	1888	32	
Dora C Golden	wife	1889	31	
(I) Cleo Golden	dau	1908	12 ←	
(II) Lester Golden	son	1914	6	
(III) Nillie Golden	dau	1916	4	
(IV) Beatres Golden	dau	1918	1 [1 8/12]	

1930 Census NC Surry County Stewarts Creek

Name

Rufus F. Golden	head	1886	44	NC
(O, md 20,16)				
Dora C Golden	wife	1890	40	NC
(II) Lester H Golden	son	1913	17	NC
(III) Nellie R Golen	dau	1916	14	NC
(IV) Beatrice H Golden	dau	1918	12	NC
(V) Clarlotte L Golden	dau	1921	9	NC
(VI) Pearl F Golden	dau	1924	6	NC
(VII) Allen H Golden	son	1926	4	NC

I. John Upchurch III Head of Clan

A. **John Upchurch VII** married () Sarah Shaw

1. William Benton Upchurch

married () Emily Caroline Caudill

[see Price Jr. Family Tree below- CJM 16 Dec 2016]

a. Martha Jane Upchurch b. 1853

b. Millie C. Upchurch b. 1854/1852

c. Sanford Riley Upchurch b. 1860

married () Nancy Bell Norman

married (2nd) Emily --- ---

married (3rd) Julia F. (Phoebe F. ---)

i. Clayton Upchurch b. 1882

ii. William Brady Ford Norman →

William Brady Ford Upchurch b. 1884

iii. Flora Upchurch b. 1885

- iv. Dora C. Upchurch b. 1889 married () Rufus F. Golden
Children (I)-(VII) above in 1920 & 1930 Census Records
- v. William H. Upchurch b. 1893
- vi. Melinda Upchurch b. 1896
- vii. Bertha Upchurch b. 1903
- d. William Greenberry Upchurch b. 1865
- e. Nancy Caroline Almeda Upchurch b. 1867
- f. Nevia J. Upchurch (Mary) b. 1870
- g. Floyd H. Upchurch b. 1873
- h. Charles Frank Upchurch b. 1876
- i. James F. Upchurch b. 1879

Price Jr. Family Tree

William Benton Upchurch
 Birth about 1819 in North Carolina
 Death 1880 in Wilkes, North Carolina
 23 Nov 1851
 Marriage to Emily Caroline Caudill
 Wilkes, North Carolina, United States

Parents

John Upchurch

Sarah "Happy" Shaw 1795-

Spouse & Children

Emily Caroline Caudill 1835-
 Martha Jane Upchurch 1850-1933
 Martha Upchurch 1853-1933
 Millie Mollie Upchurch 1854-
 Sanford Riley Upchurch 1861-1911
 William Greenberry Upchurch 1865-1945
 Nancy A. Upchurch 1867-

Price Jr. Family Tree

Sanford Riley Upchurch
 Born 1861 in North Carolina
 Death 1911 in Lambsburg, Carroll, Virginia
 Marriage to 14 Dec 1881
 Nancy B. "Fanny" Norman

Parents

William Benton Upchurch 1819-1880
 Emily Caroline Caudill 1835-

Spouse & Children

Nancy B “Fanny” Norman 1861-1933
 William Brady Ford Upchurch 1864-1963
 Clayton Norman Upchurch 1866-

Children of Unknown Spouse

No spouse

Dora C. Upchurch 1888-1976

[*Still need to fit these 2 into the family- RPU]

(1) Chatham Co, NC Census Records – extracted by RPU

1800 No John Upchurch listed as head of house

1810 John Upchurch listed as head of house – 3 people – 0 slaves

1 male age 16 – 26 (John) [born 1784 – 1794]

1 female age 26 – 45 (probably John’s wife) (except see (3) below)

1 female > 45 (probably mother or mother in law of John Upchurch)

1820 John Upchurch not listed as head of house in Chatham

[A guess John could have been the son of Samuel Upchurch who was head of a house in Chatham in 1800 – RPU]

[However, Morgan (29) on page 159 says John Upchurch is brother of Samuel Upchurch [XID – 4129] and that they are sons of John Upchurch, III (XID – 157 – Head of Clan – RPU)]

(2) See records obtained by RPU on 23 Feb 1978 visit to National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century Office – Washington, DC

A. Page Twelve Index of Deeds – Brunswick Co, VA. In 1796 – John Upchurch of Chatham Co, NC sold to Beverly Randle of Brunswick Co, VA land – Book 17 Page 278.

(3) Per Marriage Bonds of Chatham Co, NC

John Upchurch married Happy Shaw 28 Mar 1815

(4) On 24 Jun 1784 James Upchurch, III (XID – 155) made his will and mentioned grandson – “To grandson **John Upchurch**: 57 acres of land south side of Quarrells Swamp, called Phipps land” (28)

(5) See page 36 of 2 Feb 1978 letter Elna E Burkhalter to RPU

“1781 – James Upchurch, Sr (III) (XID – 155) buys from Fipps 57 acres on Quarrell 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 Rd on N side of White Oak Creek --- and to son James Upchurch (XID – 156) (with reversion of bequest to grandson V. Burwell on the S side of White Oak Swamp – to son Harmon other land, etc.”

(6) In 1802 Samuel Upchurch (of John Upchurch/ Samuel Upchurch Sub-clan) deeded his land (in Chatham Co, NC) to **John Upchurch** recorded in Deed Book M 1801 – 6 Pages 57 – 58.

This **John Upchurch** seems to be his (Samuel's) brother **John Upchurch** who appeared on the 1810 Census of Chatham Co, NC (29, 159).

(7) Deed for (1) (John Upchurch, Sr died in 1795, Samuel Upchurch, son of John Upchurch, is selling his land to his brother **John Upchurch, Jr.**).

“This indenture made the thirtieth day of September the year of our Lord on thousand eight hundred an done between Samuel Upchurch of the county of Chatham and State of North Carolina of the one part and **John Upchurch** of the county and State aforesaid of the other part - -- the said Samuel Upchurch does sell align to John Upchurch one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Chatham on the waters of Shaddox's Creek containing two hundred acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows, To wit: Beginning on a Blackjack on David Minard's running south 38 poles to a pine tree east to the county line thence North 240 poles to a stake thence west to Stephen Upchurch's line thence a --- line to his own corner running his line to Littleton Daniel's line on a pine tree east to the first station together with all the advantages and appurtenances thereon or in anywise appertaining to have and to hold --- land and promised to the said **John Upchurch** and to his heirs and assigns forever and the said Samuel Upchurch, defend ---

Samuel Upchurch X his mark

Thomas Williams, Willian Castle

Chatham County Feb'ry Sessions 1802. The written deed was duly proved in open court by the oath of Thos. Williams and ordered to be registered. Test. Thos. Ragland, C Clerk (29, Page 160)

(8) See John Upchurch, III XIX – 157) (Head of Clan) – for sale of his estate on 17 Sep 1795 in Chatham Co, NC following his death. A son, John Upchurch, made purchases.

(9) See letter 8 May 1984, Martha Miriam Anderson to RPU

1801 Samuel Upchurch sells land 6 Mar 1801 in Chatham Co, NC to his brother **John Upchurch**. Deed Book M, Page 57 – 58

1800 **John Upchurch** and his brother Stephen Upchurch are on the Chatham Co, NC Census Records – but records are not readable

(10) See letter 17 Mar 1984 Martha Miriam Anderson to RPU

Martha reports **John Upchurch** (son of John Upchurch III – Head of Clan) as being born 1781 and being on the 1850 Census of Henderson Co, TN.

[Note: this is the first hint that **John Upchurch** left NC – is this evidence sound?]

(11) [Repeated number – CJM 3 Nov 2020] See letter 14 Apr 1989 Billye Marie Upchurch to RPU

The three sons of John Upchurch, III were born as follows:

John Upchurch	born 1771
Samuel Upchurch	born 1772
Stephen Upchurch	born 1775

(12) See letter 22 May 1987 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU
Chatham Co, NC Deed Book M (?) 57. Indentures
Samuel Upchurch Feb 1802 to **John Upchurch** sum of 150 Spanish mill'd dollars (**John Upchurch** & Stephen Upchurch mentioned. Witnessed: Thomas Williams, William Cottle.
Signed: Samuel Upchurch (seal).

(no number) Wake Co, NC County Court Minutes Book VII 1808 – 1811; Book page = *;
Weynette Parks Haun page = **

139* 233** Mon 20 Feb 1809

A deed from William Ray to Abel Upchurch [Abel Upchurch, Sr] was proven by William High.

148* 242** Tue 21 Feb 1809

A deed from Tempy Wood to Jesse Byrd was proven by Burgess Upchurch [Burtis Upchurch]

215* 25** Wed 23 Aug 1809

A deed from Nathan Upchurch [Nathan Upchurch, I] to Matthew Strickland proven by Nathan Massey

284* 94** Thur 22 Feb 1810

John Pace to the use of Buckner Upchurch vs John P Strickland & Matthew Strickland. Judgment rendered heretofore, on motion of Plaintiff by his Attorney H. Seawell, Esquire, Judgment and Securities. Exon. To issue. This money to be paid into office

[needs clarification – RPU]

334* 144** Wed 22 Aug 1810

John Upchurch was reported by John Robertson to be among about 2 dozen named individuals as insolvent – However, after his name was written “removed”. Districts are named but the insolvents are not linked to Districts. [Assume this **John Upchurch** is **John Upchurch**, VII – RPU]

(no number) See letter 15 SEP 2000 Louis Timothy Ferrier to RPU

Re: Happy Shaw Tim reports that her family may have been Quakers and have lived in Guilford Co., NC. He thinks it is possible she was “disowned” by her Quaker faith for marrying **John Upchurch, VII** outside of her faith. Tim bases this on the fact that Elizabeth Shaw, daughter of Benjamin Shaw and Rhoda -----, was disowned about a month after the marriage of Happy Shaw and **John Upchurch VII**. [Tim’s speculation is based on the Assumption that “Happy” may have been a nickname for Elizabeth. However, Tim says he needs more information---RPU 13 Nov 2000].

(biofile continued below)

(no number) Abstract of record of Wills, Inventories, Settlement of Estates, Volume II 1802 – 1812, Wake Co, NC – Frances Holloway Wynne [Book 7]

A. Page 46, 47 – Book 7

Olive, James and Alexander dec'd additional estate sale

Buyers 12 April 1805: Abel Olive	Negro man [unnamed]	Jonathan Bell
Elizabeth Olive	Isham Caudle	<u>John Upchurch</u>
Christopher Babb	Henry Hobby	Bloomer Wilson
Isaac Beckworth	Nathan Powell	William Barker
Southard Olive	Robert Brown	Bledsoe Caudle
Cliborn Matthews	Edward Wilson	Lewis Lashley
Thomas Williams	Elijah Barker	John Seagraves
William Baconham	William Franks	Jesse Caudle
John Richeson	Richard Drake	Edward Wilson
William Olive, Jr	Moses Bledsoe	

Adm: A live, Jesse Olive

B. Page 69, 70 Book 7

Smith, Benjamin dec'd Estate sale

18 Dec 1806 Buyers: Nancy Smith, widow Nancy Smith, daughter

Elizabeth Smith, daughter	Samuel Holding, son of Jno		
William Harrison	Robt Crenshaw	Treat Vaughn	Jane Mabry
Edmund Harrison	Dempsey Powell	Solo Ferrell	Robt Hicks
Matthew Powell	Merritt Lee	Matthew Leary	James Fort
John Smith, Jr	Giles Nance	John Lowry	Saml Lile
Thos L Trotter	John Barham	Thos Alston	Jno Thomas
Richd Smith Sr	Fredk Fort	Jesse Powell	James Ligon
Philemon Beasley	Samuel High	Allen Mobley	John Roan
Solomon Rogers	John Clifton	James Barrow	Allen Doby
Benjamin Barham	John Tansil	Edward Smith	Alsey High
William Philips	Jesse Kemp	Davis Battle	Henry Jones
Anderson Harrison	Harrison Smith		

Hire of Negroes: John Smith, SR – Simn

Richd Smith Jr – Aney & 2 children, Viney, Pompey, Rose

Jesse Kemp – Bob (younger) James Barrow – Harry

Nancy Smith (widow) – old Bob, Phib & 2 children, Beck & 2 children, Dicey, Richd Smith Sr – Lender, Lucy Harrison Smith – William

Giles Nance – Ottoman **John Upchurch** – old man Thomas

Adm: Richd Smith. Feb 1807.

C. Page 142, 143 – Book 9

Smith, Benja dec'd Acct current May 1810 page 275

Richard Smith admr paid: **John Upchurch**, John Barham & wife, Wm Hill, Richard Smith Sr, William Norwood, John Williams, John Smith, Shff Jones. 29 March 1810. Comm: Wm Hill, J Marshall, M Cooke

The John Upchurch in A, B, C is tentatively listed as John Upchurch, VII, son of John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan – on the assumption that these records are for Western Wake Co, NC. Others listed could lead to a conclusion that these groups are not from Western Wake Co, NC – In which case the Upchurch listed would not be John Upchurch, VII and is most likely John Upchurch, son of Richard Upchurch, II

(no number) 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 [John, III]	John	Russel Robert etal	Deed D 346
Jul 7 1794	Do [John, III]	John	North Carolina State of	Grant K 466
Feb - - 1802	Do [John IV]	John	Upchurch Samuel	Deed M 57
Mar 29 1876	Do [John R]	John R	Jinkins E W	Mtge A-U 5
Mar 19 1884	Do [John R]	John	Council RC Jr etal	Mtge B-H 489
	XID - 3418			
Nov 24 1886	Do [JV + etal]	Cad	Clark John Est by Comrs	Divn B-R 377
Nov 17 1932	Do [John Manly]	J M	Thomas J W	Lease H-H 231

Grantor(s) [Sold]

U Grantor(s) [Sold]

Feb - - 1820	Do [John VII]	John	Cotton William	Deed X 220
Mar 21 1883	Do [John R-3418]	John R	Goodwin Joseph etal	Deed B-G 148
		Martha E		
		[Martha Emaline Cotton]		
Apr 14 1864	Do etal	John	Buchanan Thomas	Deed B-G 555
	[John R]			
	[Martha Emaline Cotton]			
Jan 7 1924	Do	JW	Johnson W C	Deed F-Y 550
		+ Cora Lee		
Jan 7 1924	Do	Cora Lee	Survey + Plat	----- F-Y 551
Nov 17 1932	Do [John Manley U]	JM	Thomas J W	Lease H-H 231
	[or John Marion U]			

(no number) From Holleman Family – Wake Co, NC – Entry 22 Jan 2017

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Chatham County, NC -- Deeds – LDS Film #259, 414:

Book AE

P. 250

9 Jan 1837

Benjamin Tedder of Chatham Co to Ezra Hollomon of Wake Co, for \$135, tract containing 133 acres, adj. Aven Cotton, **John Upchurch**, Stephen Upchurch

Signed: Benjamin-x-Tedder

Witnesses: B S Mims, David-x mark-Mims

The Upchurches mentioned:

I. John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch XID – 13474

B. **John Upchurch, VII** XID – 4168

RPU Note: The land involved no doubt is close to Shaddocks Creek and the Wake Chatham Border where John Upchurch, III lived and died circa 1795 and where his sons owned land. I am a little surprised that these two Upchurches are being cited as late as 1837 as I thought they cleared out of the area in the 1800 – 1820 – 23 Jan 2011