

**John Wilder Upchurch****XID – 3777**

**Commentary:** see number 2 below for the parentage of John Wilder Upchurch.

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**(1)** See LDS Temple Records Page 28 obtained by RPU 15 Sep 1978  
John Upchurch (Sr) born circa 1813 Johnston Co, NC married Jane Wilder bon 1819 in Johnston Co, NC. This Jane Wilder died 1840 married John Upchurch, Sr born circa 1813 in Johnston Co, NC. Her parents = William Wilder and Mary Millie (or Polly) Richardson. These records obtained from “Wilde Family in Southeastern United States” Page 61, author William M Wilder – by William Curtis Watson [address omitted – CJM 4 Aug 2021] on behalf of William Curtis Watson, a relative of Jane Wilder, wife of John cited above.

The children of John and Jane (Wilder) Upchurch:

1. John Upchurch, Jr born 1836 Johnston Co, NC
2. Jane Upchurch born 1838 Johnston Co, NC

**(2)** See 20 Jul 1979 letter (page 20) Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU  
John W Upchurch born 1840 died Civil War was son of John Upchurch (XID – 3776) and grandson of Abel Upchurch, Sr (XID – 589) and ~~great grandson of William Upchurch (XID – 160, Head of Clan)~~. [Abel Upchurch, Sr (XID – 589) – Head of Clan]

**(3)** See 12 Jun 1979 letter (Page 20) Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU  
John W Upchurch born 1840 died in Confederate Army

**(4)** From Those Mississippi Upchurches (42, Page 125)  
Note: Will assume this John Upchurch is XID – 3777, the son of John Upchurch and Jane Wilder. RPU] **John W Upchurch**

John UPCHURCH(963) [JOHN W, U] was born about 1835 in North Carolina. He resided in 1860 Madison County, Mississippi, and was single at the time. He was working as an overseer. In Jackson, Mississippi on 15 March 1862, John UPCHURCH enlisted as a private into Captain Ross' Company, 39 Regiment Mississippi Volunteers. This company later became known as Company I, 39 Regiment Mississippi Infantry. John was captured on 9 July 1863 at Port Hudson, Louisiana and was paroled there on 12 or 13 July. Apparently his unit was still in the area and he rejoined his fellow soldiers instead of heading home. On 5 October 1864 in Allatoona, Georgia he was captured again, this time by the forces of Major General W.T. SHERMAN. On 20 October 1864 John was a prisoner of war at Nashville, Tennessee. On 21 October he was sent to the Military Prison at Louisville, Kentucky. A day later he was discharged and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio where he arrived on 24 October. John died at Camp Chase, Ohio on 5 June 1865 of variola and was buried there.

It is unknown what connection this John had back to Michael, the immigrant. There is speculation that he was John UPCHURCH, the son of John UPCHURCH and Jane WILDER who was born about 1840 and died

during the Civil War. If this is the case, three of John's siblings by his father's two marriages, also resided in Mississippi: Robert Burton UPCHURCH(354); William H. UPCHURCH(454); and Sarah Isabelle UPCHURCH(455).

(5) See letter 18 Oct 1996 Beverley Gwenda Isbell to RPU, Page 19

Full name = John Wilder Upchurch. He and his sister Mary Jane Upchurch were raised by the parents of their mother who died young. The parents of their mother were William Wilder died 1867 and Mary (Millie) or "Polly" --- ---.

From letter 30 May 2009 James Roy Taylor to RPU

The passage below refers to John Upchurch (Head of the Abel Upchurch, Sr/John Upchurch Sub-clan) and his family as mentioned in Upchurch Bulletin Vol 25 No 1, Jan – Jun 2004.

Beginning on page 47, you outlined the descendants of Abel Upchurch, Sr. You stated [and my research agrees] that Abel's son John moved from Greene County, Alabama to North Carolina. Since he would have been about 11 or 12, I have always surmised that he must have known Jane Wilder before he moved to Alabama; consequently, he returned to North Carolina to marry and settled near her family. Several years later, he returned to Alabama with Jane and their two children. I also noted that Jane died in the same year [1840] that their son John was born. Obviously, she did not die in childbirth, since I show he was born in NC and she died in AL, but it may have been a complicating factor. And that would also mean John was a single father for about 3 years until he married Armenia Jane Hicks.

#### I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

- A. John Upchurch "Jack" born 22 Apr 1814 (NC) died 25 Jun 1871 (Greene Co, AL)  
 married (1<sup>st</sup>) 8 Dec 1835 (Greene Co, AL) Jane Wilder<sup>1</sup> born 8 Dec 1819 (Johnston Co, NC) died 1840 (Greene Co, AL)  
 married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 27 Apr 1843 (Greene Co, AL) Armenia Jane Hicks
  - 1.<sup>1</sup> John Upchurch, Jr born 1836 Johnston Co, NC
  - 2.<sup>1</sup> Jane Upchurch born 1838 Johnston Co, NC