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John Upchurch (1814 – 1871)

Commentary: John Upchurch (XID 3776) was the son of Abel Upchurch Sr., head of Upchurch clan #8. Abel, like most of his siblings, was born in Dunn Township, which lies in the southern part of present-day Franklin County, NC. The record for Abel Upchurch unfolded in Dunn Township and also in nearby sections of Wake and Johnston Counties, NC. Some records show that John was born in Johnston County. However his adult life found him in Greene County, AL. His father would also migrate to Greene County in the 1820 – 1830 era. Much is yet to be learned about the NC days of this family.

Biofile transcribed by William H. Gates Jr.

(1) See LDS Temple Records p. 28 obtained by RPU 15 SEP 1978

John U b ca 1813 in Johnson Co, NC md Jane Wilder b 1819 in Johnston Co NC, d 1840. Her parents = William Wilder & Mary Millie (or Polly) Richardson. These records obtained from "Wilder Family in Southeastern United States p 61" Author Wm. M. Wilder - by William Curtis Watson 561 38th St Ogden UT & submitted on behalf of William Curtis Watson, a relative of Jane Wilder, wife of **John** cited above. Children of **John** and Jane (Wilder) U -

1. John U Jr b 1836 Johnston Co, NC
2. Jane U b 1838 Johnston Co, NC

(2) See 20 JUL 1979 Letter by Julia Elizabeth U to RPU

John U b 22 APR 1814 NC; d 1871 Green Co, AL md (1st) 1835 Jane Wilder, md (2nd) 1843 Armenia Jane Hicks. **John U** is son of Abel U b 1775 in NC d 1846 Green Co AL (XID-589), grandson of William U (XID-160-Head of Clan), g-grandson of Michael U III. [Error - RPU 25 MAR 2016] He had a son John W. U b 1840 d in Civil War. [Note: since the son was named John W. U it appears logical that the W stood for Wilder and that there was no Jr/Sr relationship - RPU]

(3) See 12 JUN 1979 Letter (Pg 19) Julia Elizabeth U to RPU

John U md 27 APR 1843 (Greene Co, AL) Armenia Jane Hicks pg 20 - **John U** first md 8 DEC 1835 (Greene Co AL) Jane Wilder, dau of William Wilder who md Mary Millie Richardson. Jane was b 1819 (Johnson Co, NC) and d ca 1840 in Greene Co, AL leaving two children which were reared by her parents namely; (A) Mary Jane U b 23 Dec 1838 md 4 AUG 1856 Issac L Cottles & 6 Feb 1866 Binam [sic] G Colvin (B) John W U b 1840 d in Confederate Army.

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(4) See Ltr 10 FEB 1979 Belle West to RPU

John U b 22 APR 1814 (or 1819) between Raleigh & Winston Salem, NC md 25 JUN 1876 Armenia Jane ___ b 7 MAR 1825 d 2 JAN 1894.

John was son of Abel U b 1775 & d 1846 Greene Co, AL.

John U had a son:

Joseph Benjamin U b 18 JAN 1871 d 27 AUG 1950 md 29 AUG 1893 Fannie Mae Wilson b 15 MAR 1876 d 6 MAR 1956

[Note: This Joseph Benjamin U appears too late for me to feel he is really the son of **John U** XID-3776 - RPU] [Later: This seems OK - Joseph Benjamin U was child #15 - RPU 25 DEC 93]

(5) See Ltr 9 Jun 1981 James Roy Taylor to RPU

John U was the son of Abel U Sr who md Armenia Jane Hicks. Abel U Sr was of the William U IV/Abel U Sr Subclan. [Error - RPU]

(6) See chart rec'd 17 JUL 1981 by RPU from Fred Upton Upchurch Sr

John U b 22 APR 1814 between Raleigh, NC and Winston Salem, NC d 25 JUN 1871 age 57 yrs 2 mos 3 days buried Floyd Colvin's Place, Lewiston Rd - md 8 DEC 1835 (Greene Co, AL) (by JP J. H. Rainey) Jane Wilder dau of William Wilder d 1867 LA [sic] & Mary Millie Richardson. Jane was b 1819 (Johnson Co, NC) & d 1840±. Her 2 children were reared by her parents.

John U md 2nd 27 APR 1843 (Greene Co, AL) (by John Hall, JP) Armenia Jane Hicks - dau of Tillman Hicks & his wife Polly. She was born 7 MAR 1827 (Greene Co, AL) & d 2 JAN 1894 near Union & is bur Union Christian Church - Whig & Observer THU 4 JAN 1894: Mrs A. J. U d 2 JAN near Union, age ca 70.

(7) NOTE: One bit of evidence suggests **John U** is John W. U. Another bit suggests he is A. John U.

See Item (1) - refers to one of his children as John U Jr and this son was John W. U.

See Item (6) - obituary of **John U** wife refers to her as Mrs A. J. Upchurch.

(8) See will of Abel U Sr written 12 SEP 1846 & probated 11 Jan 1847 in Greene Co, AL - He gives to his son **John U** a token \$5 and the bulk of his estate to his son Abel U Jr.

(9) See Ltr 23 MAR 1991 Comella Dianne DaLee to RPU

1856 Directory of Green Co, AL lists: Laton U, Planter, Union 18, 23, 2c [BRO OF **JU**]; **John U**, Planter, Union 30, 23, 2c; and John C. U. [Nephew of **JU**], Planter, Union

(10) See Ltr 14 MAR 1992 Julia Elizabeth U to RPU

My (RPU) GGF, **John U**, sired 15 Children.

(11) See Ltr 18 JUN 1993 Mrs Charlie S. U, III [nee Beverly Gruenda Isbell] to RPU

John U "Jack" md Jane Hicks

(12) NOTE: Re the "ERROR"-RPU mentioned in Items (2) & (5) above - The correct descendency of John U is as follows: Michael U, I -> Richard U, I -> James U, I -> Richard U, II -> Abel U, Sr -> **John U** (XID-3776) [RPU - 25 DEC 1993]

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(13) Scott Upchurch family tree OWNER: SCOTT DAVID U - RPU DOWNLOAD (from Ancestry.com) 25 SEP 2014 - ABEL U, SR/**JOHN U** SUBCLAN - TILLMAN PERRY U LINE CS-28 [Note that most of this input is redundant for RPU Records as identified by the symbol “□” - RPU]

I. ABEL U, SR - HEAD OF CLAN

A. **JOHN U**

- 1. TILLMAN PERRY U
 - a. JOHN E. U
- 2. ABBY I U
- 3. SARAH ISABELLE U
- 4. MARY CATHERINE U

John U

Birth 22 APR 1814 in Johnson, North Carolina
Death 25 JUN 1871 in Greene County, Alabama

20 Apr 1843 Marriage to Armenia Jane Hicks
 Age: 28 Greene, Alabama
 1870 Residence
 Age: 56 Dunn, Franklin, North Carolina

Parents

Abel U □ 1775 - 1846

Beatheana □ 1779 - 1860

Spouse & Children

Armenia Jane Hicks (spouse) 1825 - 1894
Mary J U □ 1838 -
John William [Wilder] U □1840 -
James Franklin U □ 1844 - 1852
Elizabeth F. “Betty” U □ 1846 - 1896
Robert Burton U □ 1848 - 1905
Tillman Perry U □ (see his family tree below) 1851 - 1919
Martha Elvira U □ 1853 - 1942
Abel Jameson U □ 1854 - 1929

Abby I. U Δ [? New to RPU] 1855 -
Sarah Isabelle U Δ 1857 - 1910
Nancy D. U □ 1859 - 1868
Virginia Darius U 1861 - 1868-[Wrong]
Alice V. U □ 1863 - 1893
Mary Catherine U Δ 1866 - 1955
William Hicks U □ 1868 - 1907
Joseph Benjamin U □ 1871 - 1950

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Tillman Perry U (Birth 29 January 1851 in Greene County, Alabama, Death 19 April 1919 in Greene County, Alabama) Burial Union (Greene County), Greene County, Alabama, USA

1860 Residence
Age: 9 Union, Greene, Alabama
1870 Residence
Age: 19 Union, Greene, Alabama
1880 Residence
Age: 29 Union, Greene, Alabama
1900 Residence
Age: 49 Precinct 10 Union, Greene, Alabama
1910 Residence
Age: 59 Union, Greene, Alabama

Parents

<u>John Upchurch</u> 1814 - 1871
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Armenia Jane Hicks 1825 - 1894

Spouse & Children

Sarah A. "Sallie" Spencer □ (spouse) 1845 - 1939
John E. U □ (see his family tree below) 1881 - 1970

Dora J U □ 1883 -
Katie Belle U □ 1886 - 1977

John E. Upchurch - Birth 24 Sep 1881 in Alabama, Death Jul 1970 in Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama

1900 Residence
Age: 19 Precinct 10 Union, Greene, Alabama
1910 Residence
Age: 29 Clinton, Greene, Alabama
1911 Residence
Age: 30 Eutaw, Greene, Alabama
1920 Residence
Age: 39 Union, Greene, Alabama
1930 Residence
Age: 49 Union, Greene, Alabama
1935 Residence
Age: 54 Knoxville, Greene, Alabama
1940 Residence
Age: 58 Knoxville, Greene, Alabama

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Parents

Tillman Perry U <input type="checkbox"/> 1851 – 1919

Sarah A. “Sallie” Spencer <input type="checkbox"/> 1845 – 1939

Spouse & Children

Janie U <input type="checkbox"/> 1883 -
Private
Willie S U <input type="checkbox"/> 1905 -
Bessie May U <input type="checkbox"/> 1908
Louise V Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> 1908 – 1994

John E Upchurch <input type="checkbox"/> 1910 – 1996
Edward Earl U <input type="checkbox"/> 1911 – 1988
Robert P U <input type="checkbox"/> 1914 – 2002
Elaine U <input type="checkbox"/> 1917 -

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(14) FROM: LTR 25 AUG 2004 James Roy Taylor to RPU pps. 4, 5 [Note: This HICKS family was closely associated with the Family of Abel U, Sr in Franklin Co, NC & in Greene Co, AL - Both Families trekked to GREENE CO, AL in the 1810-1840 era - RPU]

This may explain where the Tillman name came from, and it also gives more linkage between the families. Note the highlighted names.

1. **Asa Hicks** was born in 1762 in , Franklin, North Carolina. He died in 1855 in , Greene, Alabama. Asa married **Sally Ingram** daughter of Thomas Ingram, Sally was born about 1784. They had the following children:

- + 2 F i. **Tamsey Hicks** was born about 1792. She died after 1850.
- + 3 M ii. **Tilmon Hicks** was born in Aug 1797. He died in Nov 1868.
- 4 M iii. **Littleberry Hicks** was born in 1801. He died in 1870.
- 5 F iv. **Linney Hicks** was born in 1805 in , Franklin, North Carolina.
- 6 F v. **Linsey Hicks** was born on 5 Jan 1811. She died on 2 Sep 1889 in , Choctaw, Alabama.
- 7 M vi. **George Wright Hicks** was born about 1813 in , Franklin, North Carolina. He died in 1855 in , Newton, Mississippi.
- 8 F vii. **Harriet Hicks** was born on 19 Jul 1816. She died on 8 Aug 1895.
- 9 M viii. **Irvin or Irwin Hicks** died about 1840.
- 10 F ix. **Martha Hicks**

Second Generation

2. **Tamsey Hicks** (Asa) was born about 1792 in , Franklin, North Carolina. She died after 1850 in , Greene, Alabama. Ramsey married John Cottles. They had the following children:

- 11 F i. **Anna Cottles** was born in 1831 in Alabama.
- 12 M ii. **Milerson Cottles** was born in 1833 in Alabama.
- + 13 M iii. **John P. Cottles** was born in 1835. He died on 15 Jul 1862.
- 14 M iv. **Isaac Leonard Cottles** was born about 1837. He died on 15 Nov 1861. Because Tamsey would have been about 39 to 45 when these 4 kids were born, some researchers believe they may actually be her grandchildren. [Isaac (14 M) and Armenia (15 F) are 1st cousins] [He md 4 Aug 1856 (Greene Co, AL) Mary Jane U d/o Armenia Jane Hicks]

3. **Tilmon Hicks** (Asa) was born in Aug 1797 in Franklin, North Carolina. He died in Nov 1868 in Greene, Alabama. He was buried in Greene, Alabama. Tilmon married (1) **Polly Driver** on 10 Sep 1823 in Franklin, North Carolina. They had the following children:

- + 15 F i. **Armenia Jane Hicks** was born on 7 Mar 1825. She died on 2 Jan 1894. [Isaac (14 M) and Armenia (15 F) are 1st cousins] [MD 27 APR 1843 (GREENE CO, AL) **JOHN U** S/O ABEL, SR]
- 16 F ii. **Elvira Hicks** was born in 1830 in Greene, Alabama.
- 17 M iii. **William F. Hicks** was born in 1834 in Greene, Alabama.

Tilmon married (2) **Mrs. Martha [Jones]** on 23 Jan 1843 in Greene, Alabama. They had the following children:

- 18 F iv. **Isabella Hicks** was born in 1846 in Greene, Alabama.
- 19 F v. **Drucilla Hicks** was born on 11 Feb 1848. She was buried on 27 Aug 1866.

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(15) From Ltr 30 May 2004 James Roy Taylor to RPU

The passage below refers to **John U** (Head of the AbelU, Sr/John U Subclan) and his family as mentioned in UB 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 U, Sr - Head of Clan

- A. **John U** "Jack" b 22 APR 1814 (NC) d 25 JUN 1871 (Greene Co, AL)
 - md (1st) 8 DEC 1835 (Greene Co, AL) Jane Wilder b 8 DEC 1819 (Johnston Co, NC) d 1840 (Greene Co, AL)
 - md (2nd) 27 APR 1843 (Greene Co, AL) Armenia Jane Hicks
 - 1.¹ Mary Jane U b 23 Dec 1838 (Johnston Co, NC)
 - 2.¹ John Wilder U b 1840 (Johnston Co, NC)

(16) M.G. Records 11 NOV 1998

Upchurch, John

Marriage

Wife: Jane Wilder
Marriage Date: 8 Dec 1835
Source: FHL Number 1290852

Recorded in: Greene, Alabama
Dates: 1823-1868

(17) M.G. Records 11 NOV 1998

Upchurch, John

Marriage

Wife: Armenia J. Hicks
Marriage Date: 27 Apr 1843
Source: FHL Number 1290852

Recorded in: Greene, Alabama
Dates 1823-1868

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(18) BOOK: The Upchurch Family of High Falls, NC (Moore Co) PG 68

I. ABEL U - Head of Clan

- 5 Abel Upchurch b: Abt. 1775 in North Carolina d: Dec 1846 in Greene, Alabama
+Bethena Thena Theyh b: 1779 in North Carolina m: 1800 in Wake, NC, USA d:
1860 in Greene, Alabama
 - 6 Bartlett Upchurch b: 19 Dec 1800 in Wake County, North Carolina d: 24 Oct
1879 in Greene, Alabama
 - 6 Benjamin Upchurch b: 1805 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 08 Feb
1863 in Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia
 - 6 James Laton Upchurch b: 13 Jan 1807 in Franklin County, North Carolina d:
24 Apr 1860 in Union, Greene, Alabama
 - 6 Mary Upchurch b: 1810 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 1845 in Greene,
Alabama
 - 6 **John Upchurch** b: 22 May 1814 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 25 Jun
1871 in Greene, Alabama
 - 6 James Labree Upchurch b: 13 Jan 1817 in Franklin County, North Carolina d:
24 Apr 1860 in Greene, Alabama
 - 6 Abel Jr, Upchurch b: 1821 in Franklin County, North Carolina d: 24 Jul 1854
in Monroe, Mississippi