

## Jordan Upchurch

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**Commentary:** See number one for the mystery surrounding the life and death of Jordan Upchurch. He was the son of Burrell and the grandson of James IV, head of Upchurch Clan 15.

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**(1)** See Page 16 Burwell Upchurch – Supplied by Roy White in 30 Mar 1980 letter to RPU.

Reference is made to a “missing son” of Burwell Upchurch.” Regarding the missing son: One **Jordan Upchurch** died ca 31 Jan 1858 in Grimes Co, TX where Moses and Burwell Miles Upchurch had migrated a few years earlier. Moses and Burwell Miles were appointed administrators of his estate. Jordan has not been found in an 1850 census record, nor has his grave been located, so his age cannot be determined for sure. This compiler thinks him, however, to be a good prospect for the missing brother.”

**(2)** See letter 22 Sep 1983 Genevieve Ellen Tharp to RPU.

Jorden Upchurch appears in 1842 Lauderdale Co., MS when he presents bond and security for being elected constable. He is not on the 1840 or 1850 census record for anywhere in MS. This is the only reference I have to him.

**(3)** See Item (13) in Biofile of Burwell Upchurch.

At various times during the mid 1850s, the brothers **Jordan Upchurch**, Burrell Miles Upchurch, and Moses Upchurch moved from AL and settled at Pankey, Grimes Co., TX about four miles west of Bedias, TX. At the same time the McGilberry family, to whom the Upchurches were related, moved to Grimes Co., TX and settled around Singleton and Shiro. **Jordan Upchurch** died in Grimes Co., TX in 1858 without issue as far as is known.

**(4)** Jordan Upchurch, son of Burwell Upchurch, was found in Lauderdale Co., MS in 1842 (42, Page 21).

**(5)** From “Those Mississippi Upchurch's” (42, Page 19).

**Jordan Upchurch**<sup>(5)</sup> was born sometime between 1816 and 1821, probably in Mississippi.<sup>60</sup> Jordan returned to Mississippi as a young adult. On 5 Sep 1842, he posted a bond in Lauderdale Co., MS having been elected Constable of Beat 5. He also gave an oath “to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and that he will discharge the duties of the office of Constable.”<sup>61</sup> It is interesting to note two items. In 1842, Jordan's father was in Sumter Co., AL with only the Alabama-Mississippi state line lying between father and son. Also, the family of Benjamin Upchurch<sup>(7)</sup> had moved to Lauderdale Co., MS by 1840.<sup>62</sup> No other record was found for Jordan Upchurch<sup>(5)</sup> until January 1858 in Grimes Co., TX. Then Moses Upchurch<sup>(4)</sup> and Burrell Miles Upchurch<sup>(6)</sup>, Jordan's brothers, were appointed administrators of Jordan's estate.<sup>63</sup>

\*This Benjamin Upchurch is a son of Abel Upchurch Sr, Head of Clan.

(continued below)

**(6)** See letter 26 Aug 1998 Charles John Peterson to RPU.

Charles found a reference to **Jordan Upchurch** on the internet whereby Jordon Upchurch (**Jordan Upchurch**) on 1 Dec 1849 signed for a cash purchase of 68.55 acres in Lauderdale Co., MS based on a Land Patent from the U.S. Government – Choctaw Meridian Section 23 Township 5-N Range 18E Fractional Section Y.

[James Upchurch IV / Burwell Upchurch subclan – RPU]