

**Joseph Eaton Upchurch****XID – 2079**

**Commentary:** Joseph Eaton Upchurch was the of Thomas Gay Upchurch Sr, and the grandson of Charles, head of Upchurch Clan 2.

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**(no number)** Census records for Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

1850 Census – Carroll Co, GA, Division 11			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1797	53	farmer, \$3000, NC
Patience Upchurch	1806	44	NC
Wm Upchurch	1830	20	GA
J W Upchurch	1831	19	GA
Martha Upchurch	1833	17	GA
R A Upchurch	1835	15	GA
M E Upchurch	1837	13	GA
J C Upchurch	1839	11	GA
<b>Joseph Upchurch</b>	1841	9	GA
Margaret Upchurch	1844	6	GA

1860 Census – Carroll Co, GA – Bowdon			
Name		Age	
Thos G Upchurch	1798	62	merchant, \$1500/ 2000
Pateiner Upchurch	1896	54	DE
Mary E Upchurch	1837	23	
John C Upchurch	1840	20	
<b>Jos E Upchurch</b>	1843	17	
Martha J Upchurch	1846	14	
William Miler	1783	77	not on original??
Maty Miller	1787	73	not on original??

1870 Census – Clay Co, AL, Township 20 Range 7			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1798	72	Farmer, \$2000/ 610, WM, NC
Patience Upchurch	1807	63	WF, NC
J E Upchurch	1846	24	WM, GA
Wilburn Upchurch	1853	17	BF, AL
Thos Stancill	1849	21	Teacher, GA

1880 Census – Clay Co, AL, Ashland			
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Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1798	82	Farmer, NC
Pasions Upchurch	1806	74	Wife, NC

#### I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born 28 Nov 1797 (Wake Co, NC) died 23 Jun 1885 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

married 6 Jan 1825 (Henry Co, GA) Patience C Barnes born 1806 (NC) died 1883 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

3. William Barnes Upchurch, CSA born 9 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)
4. Jethro Wilson Upchurch “Pony” born 8 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)
5. Martha Upchurch born 1833 (GA)
6. Rhoda A Upchurch born 1835 (GA)
7. Mary Elizabeth Upchurch born 24 Mar 1837 (GA)
8. John C Upchurch born 1839 (1840) (GA)
9. **Joseph Eaton Upchurch** born 1844 (Carroll Co, GA)
10. Margaret J Upchurch born 1844 (1846)

**(no number)** See biofile of Martha Lucy Upchurch for letter 13 Jan 1965 to William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr. This letter sent in a packet about 1980 to RPU by Etta Belle Lewter – an extracted paragraph below.

Willis and J W were sons of Gay and they all moved to Clay County, Ala. Another son **Joseph** also moved there. Jethro Wilson was my grandfather. Uncle Ed, a son of Jethro, wrote me before he died that Willis lived on one side of his grandfather, Bay, and Joseph on the other. Jethro moved to Georgia during the Civil War, enlisted there, served three years, and then moved back to Clay County. He then returned to Georgia in the 80s and died there in 1896.

I do hope that some one of the people in Clay County has the old family Bible. In as much as Gay died there, it is probably there somewhere.

#### I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr “Gay”

1. Willis J Upchurch, I, CSS born 28 Nov 1826 (Henry Co, TN)
2. Jethro Wilson Upchurch, CSA born 9 Jul 1831
  - a. Edward Franklin Upchurch born 11 Nov 1873 (Ashland, AL)
3. **Joseph Eaton Upchurch** “Joe” born 1844 (Carroll Co, GA)

(biofile continued below)

**(no number)** From biofile of Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr – packet dated 22 May 1980  
 Re: Charles Upchurch/Thomas Gay Upchurch, SR Sub-clan – A12

Edward Upchurch, born 11/11/1873, grandson of this Gay Upchurch wrote on 12 January 1958,  
 "I have enclosed copies of newspaper clippings of the death notices of Gay Upchurch, J.W. Upchurch,-----  
 I remember an aunt Elizabeth Hand, married Hilliary Hand----- another aunt, Rhoda Barnes----- Margaret's last name was Bonner.  
 Mother and Father (J.W. son of Gay) moved back to Georgia to Grandfather Morgan's house, Palmetto Ga. at the time of the Civil War, and then back to Alabama right soon after the war was over. However they moved back to Georgia about 1883.  
 Uncle Thomas Gay during the Civil War took the Oath of Allegiance in Maryland, and lived there for awhile after the War-----  
 In Alabama my family lived 3 or 4 miles from Grandfather, but Uncles Joseph and Willis beside Grandfather, one on each side-----

Edward Upchurch = Edward Franklin Upchurch, son of Jethro Wilson Upchurch "J W"  
 Martha J (A) Upchurch [shown above as Margaret Upchurch] married ( ) John Bonner  
 "Mother" = nee Rosina A Morgan  
 Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr = "Uncle Thomas Gay"  
 Willis J Upchurch, **Joseph Eaton Upchurch**  
 Grandfather = Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr

**(15)** See letter 3 Oct 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU  
**J E Upchurch** was Justice of the Peace in Clay Co, AL in 1889.

**(16)** From: Upchurch – Bright Newsletter Vol 8, No 3& 4, 1997, Page 37

**CLAY COUNTY, ALABAMA CIVIL CENSUS OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS**

228 - Upchurch, Joseph Eaton; Present Post Office address: Ashland, Ala; b. 10 Aug 1844 in Fayette County, GA; first entered the service as Private in spring 1862 at (B)Dowden, GA in 57 GA regt. Grices Co C. and continued until captured at Vicksburg, Miss 4 Jul 1863 and was exchanged. Re-enlisted as Private in fall 1863 at Atlanta, GA in 57 GA Regt Co. C and continued until captured near Augusta, GA about Mar 1865, was paroled at Chattanooga, Tenn about May 1865.

(13) From 29, Page 64b



Joe E. Upchurch ↑



Callie Upchurch  
(Mrs. Joe E.)

(14) See letter 20 Jun 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU

**Joseph Eaton Upchurch** born 10 Jul 1844 died 24 May 1915. AL Confederate records show born 10 Aug 1844. Entered service at Bowdon, GA in Spring 1862 in Grice's Co C of 57<sup>th</sup> GA Regiment, CSA. Captured at Vicksburg and exchanged. Reenlisted in the fall of 1863 at Atlanta and was captured at Augusta in Mar 1865. He was paroled at Chattanooga in May 1865. [In later letter 15 Aug 1990 JSE says unit may be 56<sup>th</sup> not 57<sup>th</sup> and **J E Upchurch** finished and taught school in Carroll Co, GA.]

**(8)** See letter 13 Feb 1970 Martha Lucy Upchurch to William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr filed with Martha

Joseph E Upchurch born 1841 (GA) married Callie Russell  
Joseph E Upchurch is son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr.

**(9)** See letter 1 Feb 1988 Augusta Lee Upchurch to RPU

**Joseph E Upchurch** born 11 Aug 1844 (Carroll Co, GA) lived at Ashland, AL died 24 May 1915 (Ashland, AL) married Dec 1871 (Ashland, AL) Calvin Augusta Russell "Callie" born 1 Jun 1856 (Ashland, AL) died 11 Jun 1932 (Ashland, AL).

**(10)** See letter 15 Mar 1988 Augusta Lee Upchurch to RPU

The following name and dates I copied on 7 Apr 1970 from tombstones in Liberty Church Cemetery located 4 miles west of Ashland in Clay Co, AL.

<b><u>J E Upchurch</u></b>	born 10 Aug 1844	died 24 May 1915
Callie Upchurch	born 1 Jun 1856	died 11 Jun 1932

**(11)** See letter 13 Dec 1988 Ruth Upchurch Unruh to RPU

**Joseph E Upchurch** born 1843

[Note; This record indicates he married --- --- Christopher or Christopher --- ---, which is contrary to all other details – RPU]

**(12)** **Joseph E Upchurch** born 10 Jul 1844 died 24 May 1915 married Dec 1871 Calvina Augusta Russell born 1 Jun 1856 died 11 Jun 1932. She was daughter of C A Russell born 1822 died 1 Apr 1856 & Emmaline Elizabeth Russell. **Joseph E Upchurch** was the son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr and the grandson of Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan. (29, Page 62)

**(6)** See letter Augusta Lee Upchurch to RPU 15 Dec 1980 – She writes: my grandfather, Joseph E Upchurch born 10 Aug 1844 died 24 May 1915 is buried in Liberty Church Cemetery 4 miles west of Ashland, AL. He finished school in Carroll Co, GA and taught there before moving to AL to teach. He moved his parents [Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr & Patience (Barnes) Upchurch] with him to AL and married after moving to AL.

My grandmother, Callie Russell [Calvina Augusta Russell] born 1 Jun 1856 died 11 Jun 1932 married 1871 – lived in the house where she was born her entire life except for one year they moved into Ashland so my father, C A "Allie" Upchurch [Calvin Altonia Upchurch] could attend college. My grandfather and grandmother raised 5 children of her brother (Marshall Russell) he having died of yellow fever.

**(7)** See letter 7 Jan 1982 Augusta Lee Upchurch to RPU

“My guess is the “E” in Joseph E Upchurch stands for Evans as he had a son Marvin Evans Upchurch. Joe E Upchurch born Carroll Co, GA [I have no verification] and married Clay Co, AL (probably around Ashland but could have been in Liberty Church, 4 miles west of Ashland). I do not have day of the month of marriage. He died Clay Co, AL. I copied info from his tombstone on 7 Apr 1970. I have never been able to verify his Civil War Service but I remember vaguely stories about his being a drummer boy. I never learned whether service was Confederate or Federal. I do not know the date he moved from GA to Clay Co, AL. I do remember Joseph E Upchurch and his wife (my grandparents). Both were buried in Liberty Cemetery, 4 miles west Ashland per Uncle Hugh. Here are no stones.

**(1)** Joseph Upchurch was listed in US Census of 1850 of Henry Co, AL as male 9 years old living in home of parents Patricia and Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr.  
Joseph E Upchurch age 17 in 1860 US Census as living with parents now in to Bowdon, GA (Carroll Co). (28)

**(2)** See letter 17 Mar 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU  
Joseph E Upchurch born 1843 was son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr.

**(3)** See Package from Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr 22 May 1980

- A. Joseph E Upchurch, son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr, married Christopher --- ---.
- B. C-53 letter 30 Jan 1951 Love Upchurch to Alice Gray – See Love Upchurch  
“Thomas Gay Upchurch [Sr] and his 3 or 4 sons moved to Clay Co, AL before my day of course. My father name was Willis Gay Upchurch [actually Willis J Upchurch – RPU] and one brother named **Joe Upchurch**, the other one was called him Uncle Pony [Jethro Wilson Upchurch], I imagine this was a nickname.

**(4)** Joe E Upchurch born 10 Aug 1841 or 1845 died 24 May 1915 married Dec 1871  
Calvin Augusta Russell born 1 Jun 1856, died 11 Jun 1932 – had son Calvin Altonia Upchurch born 18 Jan 1876 who had a daughter Augusta Lee Upchurch born 2 Oct 1901 who married Eugene Lee Yeats. [Family chart received 26 Nov 1980 from Augusta Lee Upchurch.]

**(5)** See letter 18 Dec 1981 Robert Claud Upchurch, Jr to RPU  
Martha Lucy Upchurch reports in a 16 Apr 1963 letter that Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 54, born NC is on the 1850 Carroll Co, GA Census with his wife and children including **Joseph Upchurch** age 9, born GA.