

**Joshua Upchurch****XID – 5608**

**Commentary:** Joshua Upchurch was the son of John V, and grandson of William IV, head of Upchurch clan 9.

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Input of Mrs. Dixie Hickey

- I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan
  - A. John Upchurch, V
    1. **Joshua Upchurch**

Joshua Upchurch was the son of John Upchurch and Elizabeth “Betsy” Hawkins. He was born 28 July 1800 in Greenville Co., NC, died 11 Nov 1844 in Henry Co., TN, and is buried there in the Hughes Cemetery.

Joshua Upchurch was enumerated as head of household on the Henry Co., TN census records in 1830 and 1840 and on the 1836 District 16 Henry Co., TN Tax Record showing 4 slaves, 200 acres, and 1 poll.

Joshua was listed in the following Minutes of the County Court of Henry Co., TN 1836-49:

- Monday, 5 Feb 1844 – Ordered by the court that ... Joshua Upchurch ... be summoned to attend as jurors ... to the next term of the Circuit Court.

- Monday, 7 Oct 1844 – Ordered by the court that ... Joshua Upchurch ... be appointed commissioners to lay off and set apart one year's provisions for Lucy Williams, widow and relict of Solomon Williams, deceased, out of the Estate of said deceased, make their report to the next term of said court.

- Monday, 2 Dec 1844 – It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Joshua Upchurch, late a resident citizen of Henry Co., died intestate, thereupon it is ordered by the court that John Upchurch be appointed administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, issue to John Upchurch who thereupon appeared in open court and entered into bond of six thousand dollars with Jessie Upchurch and Mathew Russle as his security and was qualified according to law.

- Monday, 2 Dec 1844 – Ordered by the court that Mathew Russel, Owen H. Edwards and Spencer Jackson be appointed commissioners to lay off and set apart to Jenetta Upchurch, widow and relict of Joshua Upchurch, deceased, one years provision out of the estate of the said deceased and made their report to the next term of the court.

- Jan Term 1845 – ... Joshua Upchurch who were appointed to lay off and set apart to Lucy Williams, widow and relict of Sellomon Williams, deceased, one years provisions out of the Estate of said deceased this day made there report which was received and ordered to be recorded.

- Monday, 3 Mar 1845 – O. H. Edwards, Spence Jackson, and Mathew Russell who were appointed commissioners in court to lay off and set apart to Jenetta Upchurch, widow and relict

of Joshua Upchurch, deceased, one years provisions out of the Estate of said deceased this day made there report which was received and ordered to be recorded.

7 Apr 1845 – Joseph (Joshua Jr?) Upchurch, administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Joshua Upchurch, deceased, this day appeared in open court and returned an additional inventory of the estate of the said deceased which was received and ordered to be recorded.

- Tuesday, 8 Feb 1848 – This day came Constantine Frazier clerk of the county court for said county and produced and exhibited the following settlements to wit which were received and ordered to be recorded ... with John Upchurch administrator of Joshua Upchurch, deceased.

- Tuesday, 5 Sep 1848 – This day came Constantine Frazier, clerk of the county court for said county and produced and exhibited in open court the following settlements which was received and ordered to be recorded to wit: ... with Thomas L. Donall, guardian to the minor orphans of Joshua Upchurch, decd.

- Dec term 1848 – On motion it was ordered that Thomas L. Darnall be appointed guardian to the minor orphans of Joshua Upchurch, deceased, who thereupon appeared in open court and entered into bond five thousand two hundred dollars with O. H. Edwards and John Upchurch as his security.

- Tuesday, 6 Mar 1849 – This day came Constantine Frazier, ccc ... with Thomas Darnall, guardian to the minor orphans of Joshua Upchurch, deceased.

Joshua Upchurch was married to Jennette House, who was born 29 Jan 1807 in NC, died 22 May 1877 in Henry Co., TN, and was buried there in the Upchurch Cemetery. Jeannette Upchurch was enumerated as a widow, head of household, on the Henry Co., TN census records for 1850 through 1870 under the names of Jenette, Jenetta, and Jenet. Jennette House Upchurch married Thomas Darnell, son of Nicholas Darnell, who was born about 1799 in KY and died before 1870 in TN, probably Henry Co.

Joshua and Jennette Upchurch had ten known children:

- Henry H. Upchurch was born about 1823. Note: If this date is correct, then Jennetta was only 13 when he was born raising the question of whether Jennetta was Joshua's second wife.

- William E. Upchurch was born 5 Feb 1826 and died 24 Mar 1847.

- Wilbur Upchurch was born about 1828 and died before 1850. He was enumerated on the 1830 and 1840 censuses in the household of his father, Joshua Upchurch. The Upchurch Cemetery was formed when "one of the Upchurch men, family tradition says Wilbur in 1849, would take his tobacco to New Orleans to sell and traveled the Natchez Trace, which was a very hazardous journey. He commented to Francis Marion Upchurch that he hoped he would never have to make that journey again and that if he did, he hoped he'd die. Well, he did make the journey again. While in New Orleans this time he caught smallpox which he brought home with him and exposed his family. He died and then his children caught it and several died. Their mother and an old negro man nursed the children and as they died would bury them. The reason they didn't catch smallpox is because they milked cows and had been exposed to Coxpox, therefore, were immune to smallpox. (From Sue Reed's mother, name unknown: "This note that Wilbur died of smallpox is the first clue I've had to which Upchurch family this was. This note further states that Balis recovered from smallpox. There is also a reference to Betsy – assume this to be Celia Elizabeth. Were there other children who died? According to census records,

there were two other male children in this family. Wilbur is not listed on the 1850 census. There are a couple of stones in the Upchurch cemetery that only have initials on them .. JFU and B?U”.

- Mary Jane Upchurch was born about 1832 in TN, probably Henry Co. She was enumerated on the following Henry Co., TN census records: on the 1840 in the household of her father and on the 1850 in the household of her husband. Mary Jane Upchurch was married 13 Oct 1846 in Henry Co., TN by S. C. Love, Justice of the Peace, to Joudan Aycock.

- Celia Elizabeth “Betsy” Upchurch was born 13 May 1833 in TN, probably Henry Co., died 20 Aug 1886 in Henry Co., TN, and was buried there in the Upchurch Cemetery. She was married by Z. H. Williams, Justice of the Peace, on 29 Feb 1848 in Henry Co., TN to Thomas Jefferson Wynns (continued in the Wynns Lineages).

- John Frank Upchurch was born 30 Dec 1835 in TN, probably Henry Co., died intestate 5 Oct 1910 in Henry Co., TN, and was buried there in the Upchurch Cemetery. In the letters of administration for Henry Co., TN, there is the following: “Issued 19 Oct 1910 by James Sweeney, Clerk. Recorded in Book 2, page 153. State of TN, Henry Co. – To J. L. Clendenin (Joseph Louis) ... J. F. Upchurch has died leaving no will ... the said J. L. Clendenin to take into your possession and control ... this 19 Oct 1910 and the 135 year of American Independence.” John was enumerated on the following Henry Co., TN census records: 1840 in the household of his father, 1850 in the household of his stepfather Thomas Darnell, and the 1860 through 1910 as head of household. John was a farmer. John fought in the War Between the States as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with Company B, 46<sup>th</sup> TN Infantry, Cavalry Division; he was taken prisoner and escaped at Island 10. John Frank Upchurch was married (1<sup>st</sup>) 14 Feb 1855 in Henry Co., TN by Levi Simmons, Justice of the Peace, to Mary Ann Rebecca Wynns, daughter of Samuel Wynns (see Wynns Lineages) and Marina Barnhill. Martha was born 5 Apr 1832 in TN, probably Henry Co., died 2 Dec 1866 TN, probably Henry Co., and was buried there in the Upchurch Cemetery. John Frank Upchurch was married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 14 Mar 1888 in Henry Co., TN to Mrs. Martha Ann Pillow/Pillioe Sturdivant. The second Martha Ann Upchurch made a widow’s application and received a TN Confederate Pension (#9658) following the death of John Frank Upchurch.

- Bayliss House Upchurch was born 12 June 1838 in TN, probably Henry Co. He was killed 10 Mar 1864 in the Battle of Athens (Athens, Limestone Co., AL) during the War Between the States. He was a member of the 20<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry Company F. He was buried in the Upchurch Cemetery, Henry Co., TN. Bayliss House Upchurch was married 6 Oct 1859 by James H. Williams, Justice of the Peace in Henry Co., TN to Miss Surania A. Simmons. Bayliss was enumerated on the following Henry Co., TN census records: 1840 in his father’s household, 1850 in the household of his stepfather Thomas Darnell, and 1860 as head of household.

- George Washington Upchurch was born 6 Oct 1840 in TN, died 8 May 1897 in Henry Co., TN, and was buried there in the Upchurch Cemetery. George was enumerated in the Henry Co., TN census records from 1850 (in the household of his stepfather Thomas Darnell) through 1880. He served in the War Between the States as a Private in Company A of the 5<sup>th</sup> TN Infantry. George Washington Upchurch was married 5 Nov 1874 in Henry Co., TN by J. P. Gillespie, Justice of the Peace, to Mrs. Zenobia Belzora Bradford. T. J. Bennett served as Bondsman. Zenobia was later married on 24 Mar 1902 to William Joshua “Josh” Wynns.

- Eli Upchurch was born 6 Dec 1842 in TN, probably Henry Co., and died there before 11 Jan 1855. He was enumerated in the 1850 Henry Co., TN census record in the household of Thomas Darnell, his stepfather. The Henry Co., TN, Will Book Dec 1844 to Jan 1863 recorded the order of the inventory of the estate of Eli Upchurch, deceased, by Jennetta Darnall,

Administrator, dated 11 Jan 1855. On page 382 of the Henry Co., TN Deed Book O, Jennetta Darnall makes a deed of gift to G. W. Upchurch, dated 20 Feb 1861, recorded 6 Mar 1861, of two tracts of land in District #16 totaling an estimated 52 acres – “the said land that was allocated to my son Eli and I purchased the same which I am to have the use of my lifetime to have and to hold the same at my death to the said George W. Unchurch ...”

- Joshua Thomas Upchurch was born 11 Feb 1845, three months after his father died, and died 15 May 1847. He was buried in the Upchurch Cemetery, Henry Co., TN.

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**(no number)** Records for the Joshua Upchurch line in the William Upchurch, IV/John Upchurch, V Subclan – RPU 14 Apr 2013

Family Tree of Sue S. Reed

**Joshua Upchurch**  
 Birth 28 Jul 1800  
 Death 11 Nov 1844 in Henry Co., Tennessee

**1844** Burial  
 11 Nov Henry Co., Tennessee  
 Hughes Cemetery

**1821** Marriage to Jennette House  
 bef. (prob.) Tennessee  
 Age: 21

**1853** Sons named in Will of John Upchurch  
 30 Apr Henry Co., Tennessee  
 . . . to 4 sons of son Joshua decd., John, Bayliss, George & Eli - negro Ovil . . .

**Family Members**

Parents

- John Upchurch 1776 – 1854
- Elizabeth "Betsy" Hawkins 1772 – 1852

Spouse & Children

- Jennette House 1807 – 1877
- Bayliss House Upchurch – 1864
- Mary Jane Upchurch – 1857
- Henry H. Upchurch 1825 – 1847
- Wilbur Upchurch 1830 – 1850
- William E Upchurch 1826 – 1847
- Celia Elizabeth Upchurch 1833 – 1886
- John Frank Upchurch 1835 – 1910
- George Washington Upchurch 1840 – 1897
- Eli H Upchurch 1842 – 1870
- Joshua Thomas Upchurch 1845 – 1847

Sue S. Reed is nee Barbara Sue Smith a descendant of two sons of John Upchurch, V, Joshua & David

**(no number)** Records for John Upchurch, V – Head of the William Upchurch, IV/John Upchurch, V Subclan – RPU 14 Apr 2013 – Census Records 1800-1840

1800 Census – SC Greenville Co.			
	<b>Age</b>	<b>Range</b>	
M	16-25	1775-1784	John Upchurch, V b 1781
F	16-25	1775-1784	Elizabeth Hawkins b 1776
<b>M</b>	<b>0-10</b>	<b>1790-1800</b>	<b>Joshua Upchurch b 1800</b>
M	0-10	1790-1800	Jesse Upchurch

<b>1810</b> Census – KY Warren Co.			
	<b>Age</b>	<b>Range</b>	
M	16-25	1785-1794	John Upchurch, V b 1781
F	26-44	1766-1784	Elizabeth Hawkins b 1776
F	10-15	1795-1800	-Not on 1800 Census
<b>M</b>	<b>0-10</b>	<b>1800-1810</b>	<b>Joshua Upchurch b 1800</b>
M	0-10	1800-1810	Jesse Upchurch b 1802
M	0-10	1800-1810	David Upchurch b 1809
F	0-10	1800-1810	Anna Upchurch b 1807
F	0-10	1800-1810	Catherine Upchurch b 1810
F	0-10	1800-1810	Ariel/Anna H b 1807

<b>1830</b> Census – KY Henry Co.			
M	50-59	1771-1780	John Upchurch, V b 1781
F	50-59	1771-1780	Elizabeth Hawkins b 1776
M	15-19	1811-1835	James Jackson Upchurch b 1813
F	5-9	1821-1835	Sarah Ann Upchurch b 1821

<b>1840</b> Census - TN Henry Co.			
M	50-59	1781-1790	John Upchurch, V b 1781
F	60-69	1771-1780	Elizabeth Hawkins b 1776
M	20-29	1811-1820	James Jackson Upchurch b 1813

I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch, b about 1781

Married before 1800 ( ) Elizabeth Hawkins b about 1776

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Upchurch (F) b abt 1798 – On 1810 Not on 1800
2. **Joshua Upchurch b abt 1800**
3. Jesse Upchurch b abt 1802
4. Ariel Upchurch b abt 1804
5. Anna Upchurch b abt 1806
6. David Upchurch b abt 1808
7. Catherine Upchurch b abt 1810
8. James Jackson Upchurch b abt 1812 (Mother = 36)
9. Sarah Ann Upchurch b abt 1821 (Mother = 45)

Note: The array above provides for nine children for John Upchurch, V on the presumption that a child was born every two years – a common occurrence and a fair fit in this case. Child #1 is on the 1810 Census but otherwise absent with more evidence the birth order could be rearranged. There could have been three more births between #8 & #9 (1814, 1816, 1818). This array should be considered tentative. – RPU