

Mary Jane Upchurch**XID – 3778**

Commentary: Mary Jane was the daughter of John “Jack” Upchurch and the granddaughter of Abel, head of Upchurch Clan 8.

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(1) See LDS Temple Records Page 28 obtained by RPU 15 Sep 1978
Jane Upchurch born 1838 in Johnston Co, NC was daughter of John Upchurch born circa 1813 in Johnston Co, NC and Jane Wilder born 1819 in Johnston Co, NC died 1840. She had a brother John Upchurch born 1836 in Johnston Co, NC.

(2) See 20 Jul 1979 letter Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
Mary Jane Upchurch born 23 Dec 1838 married 1856 Isaac L Cottles and married 1866 Binam G Colvin. She was daughter of John Upchurch born 22 Apr 1814 in NC (XID – 3776) and granddaughter of Abel Upchurch (XID – 589) and great granddaughter of William Upchurch (XID – 160, Head of Clan).

(3) See 12 Jun 1979 letter (Page 20) Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
Mary Jane Upchurch born 23 Dec 1838 married 4 Aug 1856 Isaac L Cottles and 6 Feb 1866 Binam G Colvin

(4) See Marriage Records – Greene Co, AL
Mary Jane Upchurch married 4 Aug 1856 Isaac L Cottles

(no number) 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 Jan Wilder before he moved to Alabama; consequently, her 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 (1st) 8 Dec 1835 (Greene Co, AL) Jane Wilder¹ born 8 Dec 1819 (Johnston Co, NC) died 1840 (Greene Co, AL)

married (2nd) 27 Apr 1843 (Greene Co, AL) Armenia Jane Hicks

1.¹ **Mary Jane Upchurch** born 23 Dec 1838 (Johnston Co, NC)

2.¹ John Wilder Upchurch born 1840 (Johnston Co, NC)

(no number) See letter 25 Aug 2004 James Roy Taylor to RPU, Pages 21 – 26

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch “Jack” born 22 Apr 1814

1.¹ **Mary Jane Upchurch** born 23 Dec 1838 (Johnston Co, NC) died 1875 + 5 years

married (1st) 4 Aug 1856 (Greene Co, AL) Isaac Leonard Cottles born about 1837 (AL) died 15 Nov 1861 () – son of John Cottles and Tamsey Hicks

married (2nd) 6 Feb 1866 (Greene Co, AL) Binam G Colvin born about 1810 (Chester Co, SV) [Binam apparently was married before but is without a wife on 1860 Census. He is with **Mary** in 1870 and their two children [c & e below]

a. John William Cottles born about 1857 (Pickens Co, AL)

married () Hillie --- ---; died before 1920

i. Hillie Cottles born about 1894 (AL)

married Claud Shirley born about 1895

b. James Cottles born about 1859 (Pickens Co, AL)

married 11 Feb 1877 (Greene, Tuscaloosa Co, AL) Mary Alice Porter

born 21 Feb 1858 (Greene Co, AL) died 9 Oct 1949 (Tuscaloosa Co, AL), daughter of William J Porter & Adaline Knight

i. James Cottles born about 1877 (Greene Co, AL)

ii. William J Cottles born Jan 1881 (Greene Co, AL)

married --- born about 1884 (MS)

iii. Mary Viola Cottles born Jan 1885 (Greene Co, AL) died Mar 1974 (Tuscaloosa Co, AL)

married 23 Apr 1901 (Tuscaloosa Co, AL) Eddie E Hamilton born 3 Feb 18-- (Tuscaloosa Co, AL) died 14 Jul 1951 (Tuscaloosa Co, AL) son of Milton A Hamilton

(I) Robert Hamilton born about 1904 (AL)

(II) Willie Hamilton born about 1907 (AL)

(III) Minnie A Hamilton born about 1909 (AL)

(IV) Mary Hamilton born about 1911 (AL)

(V) Ida L Hamilton born about 1915 (AL)

(VI) Jessie Hamilton born about 1915 (AL)

(VII) Leonard E Hamilton born about 1917 (AL)

iv. Ida E Cottles born Jun 1892 (Greene Co, AL)

v. Pinkie E Cottles born Oct 1896 (Greene Co, AL)

c. Frances Alice Colvin born Nov 1867 (Greene Co, AL) “Fannie”

d. Binam Colvin born about 1871 (Greene Co, AL)

e.* Edward Colvin born about 1869 (Greene Co, AL)

*Also referred to as Ewin Colvin born about 1868 (AL)

f. Tillman Upchurch Colvin born Mar 1875 (AL) died 1956 → see separate sheet for more – RPU

g. Feaster Colvin born Jul 1878 (Greene Co, AL)

h.¹ William Colvin born about 1859

i.¹ James Colvin born about 1861

j. Leonard Colvin born about 1863

¹Issue of 1st marriage of B G Colvin and thus step-children of **Mary**

(no number) From: Letter 25 Aug 2004 James Roy Taylor to RPU Pages 4 – 5

[Note: This Hicks family was closely associated with the family of Abel Upchurch, Sr in Franklin Co, NC and 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:

- 2F i. Tamsey Hicks was born about 1792. She died after 1850.
- 3M ii. Tilmon Hicks was born in Aug 1797. He died in Nov 1868.
- 4M iii. Littleberry Hicks was born in 1801. He died in 1870.
- 5F iv. Linney Hicks was born in 1805 in Franklin, North Carolina.
- 6F v. Linsey was born on 5 Jan 1811. She died on 2 Sep 188 in Choctaw, Alabama.
- 7M vi. George Wright Hicks was born about 1813 in Franklin, North Carolina. He died in 1855 in Newton, Mississippi.
- 8F vii. Harriet Hicks was born on 19 Jul 1816. She died on 8 Aug 1895.
- 9M viii. Irvin or Irwin Hicks died about 1840.
- 10F ix. Martha Hicks.

Second Generation

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

- 11F i. Anna Cottles was born in 1831 in Alabama.
- 12M 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.
- 14M *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.
He married 4 Aug 1856 (Greene Co, AL) **Mary Jane Upchurch**, daughter of Armenia Jane Hicks**.

*1st cousins

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 Green, Alabama.

Tilmon married (1) Polly Driver on 10 Sep 1823 in Franklin, North Carolina. They had the following children:

(children listed below)

- 15F *i. Armenia Jane Hicks** was born on 7 Mar 1825. She died on 2 Jan 1894. Armenia married 27 Apr 1843 (Greene Co, AL) John Upchurch, son of Abel Upchurch, Sr
- 16F ii. Elvira Hicks was born in 1830 in Greene, Alabama.
- 17M 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:

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

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23. William Zacheus Wilson "Zack" (Lavisa Baines, Henry) was born in Apr 1849 in Union, Greene, Alabama. He died on 6 Apr 1927 in Eutaw, Greene, Alabama. He was buried in , , Greene, Alabama.

William married **Eleanora E. Fason "Ella"** daughter of James Monroe Fason and Julia Ann Mabry on 18 Jan 1872 in Eutaw, Greene, Alabama. Eleanora was born on 14 Mar 1850 in , Greene, Alabama. She died on 7 Jan 1899 in , Greene, Alabama. She was buried on 9 Jan 1899 in Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Cemetery, Lewiston, Greene, Alabama. William and Eleanora had the following children:

32 F i. **Anne Augusta [Minnie] Wilson** was born on 12 Jul 1872 in , , Alabama. She died on 22 Sep 1872. She was buried in Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Cemetery, Lewiston, Greene, Alabama.

33 M ii. **William Vernon Wilson Sr** was born on 27 Apr 1876 in Union, Greene, Alabama. He died on 4 Mar 1951 in Birmingham, Jefferson, Alabama. He was buried on 6 Mar 1951 in , Cuba, Sumter, Alabama.

William married **Pearl C. Eatman** daughter of Phelan Eatman and Virginia Ophelia McCracken on 21 Dec 1898. Pearl was born on 6 Jul 1872 in Clinton, Greene, Alabama. She died on 17 Mar 1945 in Birmingham, Jefferson, Alabama. She was buried on 18 Mar 1945 in , Cuba, Sumter, Alabama.

□□ 34 F iii. **Alice Eulalia Wilson** was born on 22 Oct 1877 in , , Alabama. She died in Jul 1950 in , , Alabama.

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Alice married **Tillman Upchurch Colvin** son of Binam G. Colvin and Mary Jane Upchurch on 6 Jan 1904. Tillman was born in Mar 1875 in , , Alabama. He died in 1956 in , , Alabama.

□□ 35 M iv. **James Monroe Wilson** was born on 2 Dec 1879. He died on 1 Jun 1934.

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James married **Kate Bell Upchurch** daughter of Tillman Perry Upchurch and Sarah Ann Spencer. Kate was born on 3 Jan 1886. She died on 17 Nov 1977.

(family outline continues below)

36 F v. **Mary L Sellers Wilson** was born in 1897 in , , Alabama.

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 Adopted. According to her niece, Barbara Colvin Sansing, writing about her grandmother: When she (Alice Eulalia Wilson) was about 20 years old, her mother heard of twin baby girls who were available for adoption due to the death of their mother. Although great grandmother was already in falling health, she insisted on taking one of the babies. Thus, Mary Sellers (Aunt Mamie) became a cherished member fo the Wilson-Colvin family. Unfortunately, her adopted mother only lived a few more years and she was left to be raised by great grandfather Zack and my grandmother.

Mary married Henry Hollingsworth.

ification of above paragraph:

I. William Zacheus Wilson “Zack”

married Eleanor E Fason – was in ill health in 1897 – 1899 but adopted Mary L Sellers anyway –

Eleanor died 7 Jan 1899

A. Mary L (Sellers) Wilson “Aunt Mamie”

B. Alice Eulalia Wilson

married () Tillman Upchurch Colvin

1. Floyd Vidmer Colvin, Sr

a. Barbara Faye (Colvin) Sansing → Grandniece of Aunt Mamie