

## Mary Rebecca “Polly” Upchurch

XID – 4322

**Commentary:** Mary Rebecca Upchurch was born in Tennessee, but moved to Illinois where she married Nathan Bramlet.

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**(1)** born 8 Aug 1802 in NC or IL – daughter of Samuel (whom see) and Mary Ellen (Simmons) Upchurch

6 Mary (Polly) Upchurch b 8-8-1802 TN m 4-5-1820 Nathan Bramlet died possibly in Dec. 1858 as his estate was entered for probate in the Saline County Court in Jan. 1859. Mary and Nathan lived in Saline County, in the vicinity of other

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Upchurch families in what is known as the Bramlet Settlement until the 1850's when they removed to Pope Co. IL. Nathan Bramlet, b 2-3-1799 in Caldwell Co. KY d 12-8-1858 Pope Co. was the son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Brown) Bramlet of VA. They migrated to IL via SC and KY. The Bramlets and Upchurches are both considered to be pioneers of Saline Co. IL. According to the book Pioneer Family-Bramlet, written by Meeks Haley Bramlet, Nathan and Polly Bramlet had 14 children but only 12 have been identified. Nathan Bramlet made his will on 11-24-1858 and it was entered for probate 1-3-1859 in Saline Co. IL (Will Bk I-56). Information on the children is from census records, marriage records, probates and interviews with some of the descendants.

[Names included in above – CJM 24 Aug 2021]

Mary Polly Upchurch      Nathan Bramlet      Reuben Bramlet      Elizabeth Brown  
 Meeks Haley Bramlet

**(2)** See letter 20 Aug 1983 Leta Nelson to RPU

**Mary Upchurch** (Polly) born 8 Aug 1802 (TN) died <1870. She was age 58 on 1860 Census. Nathan had died before 1860. She married 5 Apr 1820 (Gallatin Co, IL) to Nathan Bramlet born 1799 (SC).

**(3)** See letter 19 Sep 1990 John Grant Farmer to RPU

**Mary Rebecca Upchurch** “Polly” born 1801 (TN) died Saline Co, IL married Saline Co, IL Nathan Bramlet born SC died 8 Dec 1858 (Pope Co, IL).

**(no number)** See document 5 Mar 1996 Rexaline Parks to RPU

I. William Bramlet      I. William Brown  
    married ( ) Mary Coleman

A. Rueben Bramlet      ←      →      A. Elizabeth Brown

   ↓  
    married  
    I. Nathan Bramlet

married **Mary Rebecca Upchurch**,  
daughter of Samuel Upchurch and  
granddaughter of John Upchurch, III,  
Head of Clan

**(no number)** See Deed File Re: sale of 80-acre tract by the heirs of Samuel Upchurch (Head of the John Upchurch, III/ Samuel Upchurch Sub-clan) in Gallatin co, IL on 30 Sep 1842. The land was being sold by the heirs to Thomas L Upchurch, one of the sons of Samuel Upchurch and it was necessary for all heirs and spouses to concur.

- Conventional List of the  
children of Samuel Upchurch
1. Sally Upchurch died before 1806  
married ( ) Valentine VanHooser
  2. Rebecca Upchurch died before 1835  
no marriage located
  3. **David Upchurch** married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1824  
**Elizabeth Orr**
  4. **John Upchurch** married Catharine  
Johnson\*
  5. **William L Upchurch** married ( )  
--- Moberly, married ( ) Amanda --- ---
  6. **Mary Rebecca Upchurch** "Polly"\*  
married ( ) **Nathan Bramlet**
  7. **Susannah Upchurch**\* married **Coleman B  
Bramlet**
  8. **Nancy Upchurch**\* married Isaac **Cantrell**
  9. **Thomas L Upchurch** married Mary Davis
  10. **Jonathan A Upchurch** married **Nancy  
Brown**\*
  11. **Elizabeth Upchurch**\* married Joseph  
Thompson
  12. James Upchurch
- \* = used mark "x" for signature

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Learned from the Deed  
Children #1, 2, 12 not mentioned – hence  
presumed deceased with no heirs.  
 = Names confirmed by  
the deed

For John Upchurch #4, his wife is listed  
(twice) as Katharine Upchurch, hence  
nee Katharine Johnson\*

For William L Upchurch (#5) – no wife  
is listed so he may have been  
between wives

For Nancy Upchurch (#8) she appears as  
Nancy Cantrell but no husband is listed;  
presume he is deceased (He is.)

For Thomas L Upchurch - no wife listed -  
presumably because he is buying the  
property

For Elizabeth Upchurch (#11) – her husband  
is shown clearly as Charles Thompson (not  
Joseph Thompson)

**(no number)** Details on the J H Black painting of the Homestead of Reuben Bramlet called the J Daniel Bramlet Farm Home Park, 3 miles west of Eldorado, IL and insight of the Bramlet Cemetery. See letter 25 Sep 1994 Deborah Gail Ferguson to RPU for a flyer on the painting.

Details on the Flyer [added by RPU]

I. Reuben Bramlet homesteaded the farm circa 1817 upon move KY → IL, died 1844 married Elizabeth --- --- [Elizabeth Brown]

[A. Nathan Bramlet XID – 10407]

[married **Mary Rebecca Upchurch**, daughter of Samuel Upchurch] [XIDs 4322, 4129]

\*1. J Daniel Bramlet [John Daniel Bramlet, XID – 17302] born 8 Apr 1824 – died 9 Feb 1915 – (on the painting)

bought farm from his uncle Coleman Bramlet in 1848 [see “B” below]

married 1850 Sarena Gates [XID – 17303]

a. Rosa Bramlet (may be in the painting) [Rosa E Bramlet XID – 17310]

\*b. Meeks H Bramlet (used painting for his book) [Meeks Haley Bramlet XID – 17309]

\*successive  
owners  
of the  
painting

\*i. Clyde E Bramlet [XID – 25079]

\*(I) Eldon O Bramlet [Eldon Owen Bramlet XID – 25103]  
married Beulah --- ---. Made resources available to restore  
the picture. He died 1971 (Carnie, IL). No issue.

B. Coleman B Bramlet [Coleman Brown Bramlet XID – 10408]

[married Susannah Upchurch, daughter of Samuel Upchurch] [XIDs 4323, 4129]

[1. Thomas B Bramlet] [XID – 17357]

[a. Henry Coleman Bramlet] [XID – 17358]

[i. Matthew Montgomery Bramlet] [XID – 31882]

[great grandfather of Deborah Gail (Ferguson) Dennis] [XID – 31967] who made the painting available