

Rebecca Jane Upchurch**XID – 14636**

Commentary: Rebecca Jane Upchurch was a daughter of Stephen Upchurch and a granddaughter of Jubal, head of Upchurch Clan 6. She married Cas Ray.

Acknowledgements: This biofile was transcribed by Carla J. Michaels of Cary NC. She is both a marvelous contributor to UAFA and a member of the UAFA board. She is also a noted local historian in the Cary area.

(1) Records for family of Rebecca Jane (Upchurch) Ray – Northern Wake Co, NC – RPU 28 Jul 2012

1900 Census – NC, Wake Co, Barton Creek Township					
A Ray (AKA “Pulley” Ray)	William H Ray	head	1858	42	
Rebecca Ray	Rebecca Upchurch	wif	1858	42	[5, 5]
Anna Ray	Zelma Pearl Ray	dau	1888	12	
A R Ray	Zola Ray	dau	1890	10	
A Y Ray	Rona Ray	dau	1895	5	
A H Ray	Zeleta Ray	dau	1896	4	
Ora D Ray	Zora Dewey Ray	son	1899	1	

1910 Census – NC, Wake Co, Barton Creek Township					
Pully Roy		head	1858	52	NC
Robecca Roy	[8, 8]	wif	1860	50	NC
Zelma Roy	single	dau	1889	21	NC
Zola Roy	single	dau	1890	20	NC
Tony Roy	single	son	1891	19	NC
Zelia Roy	single	dau	1898	12	NC
Zola Roy	single	son	1899	11	NC

1920 Census – NC, Wake Co, Barton Creek Township					
Rebecca Ray	owns home	widow	1864	56	
Zola Ray	single	day	1895	25	
Rona Ray	single	son	1896	24	
Zelia Ray	single	day	1898	22	
Dewey Ray	single	son	1901	19	

Rebecca Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

marriage: 15 Feb 1885

Barton Creek Township, Wake, North Carolina

spouse: William H Ray [AKA Pulley Ray]

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch born about 1805 died about 1887

1. Rebecca Jane Upchurch born about 1859 ± 1 () died 1953
 married 15 Feb 1885 (Barton Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) William H Ray –
 AKA Pulley Ray born about 1858 () died 1915 ± 5

[RPU Note: A modest search found several northern Wake Ray's as prospects to
 be this William H Ray but nothing definitive.]

a. Zelma Pearl Ray born 15 Jan 1888 (Wake Co, NC) died 30 Mar 1915
 (Barton Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) – never married

[Her death Certificate informant = J H Watkins – see James H Watkins –
 but no relationship established]

b. Zola Ray born 1890

c. Rona Ray born 1896

d. Zelia Ray born 10 Mar 1898 () died 29 Apr 1927 (Raleigh, NC)
 married () Davis Palmer Jenks born 15 Apr 1897 (Wake Co, NC) died 6
 Feb 1956 (Neuse, Wake Co, C) – Ne married 2nd Gester H ---

e. Zora Dewey Ray born 1 Jan 1899 (Wake Co, NC) died 13 Nov 1979
 (Raleigh, Wake Co, NC) – never married

(2) RPU entry 28 Jul 2012

The death certificate of Zora Dewey Ray who died in 1949 shows his nearest relative as **Rebecca Jane Ray** although she died in 1953.

(3) Data on a certain William Ray born about 1858 (NC)

1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township			
Joseph Lowry	head	1827	53
Emoline Lowry	wif	1835	45
James F Lowry	son	1861	19
Cleo F Lowry	son	1864	16
Charlie Lowry	son	1866	14
Henry Lowry	son	1868	12
Mary B Lowry	dau	1870	10
Della Lowry	dau	1874	6
William Ray – at school	son	1858	22
*Lindoph Hockaday	boarder	1844	36

*blacksmith

Notes:

1. The relation of William Ray born 1858 to Joseph Lowry, if any, is unknown.

2. This William Ray born 1858 is of the right age to have been the William H Ray (also born 1858) who in 1885 married **Rebecca Jane Upchurch**, Head of a line in the Jubal Upchurch, I/Stephen Upchurch Sub-clan
3. This William Ray born 1858 could have been the William Ray listed in 3 other Wake County Households as follows:

1860	Caswell Ray	born 1836		
	William Upchurch	born 1858 – son		
1860	Burwell Ray	born 1835, Wake Co, NC – NE Division, PO Rolesville		
	Burwell Ray	1835	35	
	Jane Ray	1835	25	
	William Ray	1857	3	
	Robert Ray	1859	1	
	Ann Ray	1860	1/12	
1870	Henry Ray	born 1836, Wake Co, NC – New Light Township, PO Forestville		
	Henry Ray	1836	34	
	Sarah Ray	1836	34	
	William Ray	1859	11	
	James Ray	1863	7	
	Eliza Ray	1866	4	
	Caroline Upchurch	1835	35	domestic
	Isham Pearce	1854	16	white, farm laborer

(4) RPU thoughts on the email below from Donna Maynard to RPU – 3 Mar 2010

Another thing I want to follow up with is that one of Roy's cousins said that she was told, that the father of John Calvin married Geneva's sister. I found a Rebecca Ray in the 1920 Census in Barton's Creek. Another one of Roy's Cousins told me he remembered as a little boy an "Uncle Dewey Ray" coming to visit. With that in mind and the 1920 Census with Rebecca Ray (56) and a Dewey Ray (19) I also found a death collection of a Zora Dewey Ray b.1899 and d.1979 (this is in Ancestry.com) and a Death Certificate of Rebecca Jane Ray of Barton Creek. The bad part is name of mother and father not given it also does not give the name of the husband. She died 17 Jan 1923 with bron. pneumonia (i think that is what it said) place of burial is Falls of Nuse. It does give you something to think about!

The family framework for comment is as follows:

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch – list of his 5 known daughters

1. Geneva Ann Upchurch born about 1844 may have:
 - married (1st) Cas Ray [presumably he married a sister of Geneva Ann Upchurch – RPU]
 - married (2nd) --- --- Utley
 - a. John Calvin Upchurch
 - i. Mary Dorie Upchurch born 1910
 - married () W M Lynam
 - (I) Roy Leon Lynam born 1943

married () Donna Maynard
 2. Lucinda Upchurch born about 1835 [could the Ray have married Lucinda rather than Rebecca?? – RPU]

(family outline continues below)

3. Charlotte Upchurch born about 1837
 married () Jack Barham Phillips
4. Sarah Jane Upchurch born about 1835
 married () Jephtha Lasater or Joseph A Lassiter
5. Rebecca Upchurch born 1839 died 1953 (per RPU records)

Donna sought for a sister of Geneva Ann Upchurch who might have married the father of John Calvin Upchurch. She settled on Rebecca Upchurch born 1859 (per RPU records) and found 2 ancestry.com entries that might be relevant:

- #1 On 1920 Census of Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC: Rebecca Ray age 56 – hence born about 1864
- #2 Death Certificate: Rebecca Jane Ray of Barton's Creek Township died 17 Jan 1923 () (Buried Falls of Neuse)

Re: the report of a cousin of Roy Leon Lynam remembers an Uncle Dewey Ray coming to visit – Donna found:

- #1 Dewey Ray age 19 on a 1920 Census of Barton's Creek Township – hence born about 1901
- #2 Zora Dewey Ray born 1899 died 1977 – per ancestry.com

As of 14 Jul 2010 I am unable to shed more light. Biofiles that contain the information in (13) include:

Geneva Ann Upchurch	Cas Ray	Lucinda Upchurch
Rebecca Upchurch	Dewey Ray	Zora Dewey Ray

(5) The NC Family of Stephen Upchurch = Head of the Jubal Upchurch, I/ Stephen Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 27 Jul 2012

Census extracted by RPU – Franklin Co, NC – slaves

1 female 0 – 10

Free colored 2 males 10 – 24

1830	Stephen Upchurch	born		
	male < 5 years	1	1825 – 1830	[Benjamin Upchurch] born about 1829
	5 – 10 years	1	1820 – 1825	} not children of Stephen & Rebecca as they married in 1828 Relatives of S or R?? - RPU
	10 – 15 years	1	1815 – 1820	
	15 – 20	1	1810 – 1815	
	20 – 30	1	1800 – 1810	
	20 – 30	1	1800 – 1810	
	female 20 – 30 years	1	1800 – 1810	[Stephen Upchurch] born about 1805 [Rebecca Ann Chamblee] born about 1803

1840 Census – Stephen Upchurch not found

1850 Census – NC, Franklin Co, Dunn Township		
Stephen Upchurch	1805	45
Ann Upchurch	1827	23
Geneva Upchurch	1844	6
Joseph Upchurch	1846	4

1860 Census – NC, Wake Co, NE Division; PO Milburnie		
Stephen Upchurch	1806	54
Ann Upchurch	1823	37
Ann Upchurch	1845	15
Joseph Upchurch	1849	11
Sallie Upchurch	1851	9
Bryant Upchurch	1853	7
<u>Rebecca Upchurch</u>	1859	1
Lucinda Upchurch	1837	23

1870 Census – NC, Wake Co, Bartons Creek Township; PO Forestville		
Stephen Upchurch	1815	55
Geneva Upchurch	1845	25
Bryant Upchurch	1853	17
<u>Rebecca Upchurch</u>	1860	10
William Upchurch	186	1

Rebecca born about 1860 not found on 1880 Census. She married 15 Feb 1885 (Bartons Creek Township, Wake County, NC)

1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township			
Stephen Upchurch	widower, head	1810	70
Geneva Upchurch	daughter	1850	30
William Upchurch	son	1868	12
John H Upchurch	*son	1879	1

*John H Upchurch son of Geneva Upchurch

Rebecca Upchurch born 1860 not found on 1880 Census. She married 1885.

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch born about 1805 died about 1885

married (1st) Rebecca Ann Chamblee¹ born about 1803, died 1869

married (2nd) 1841 (Wake Co, NC) Ann Medlin²

1.¹ Benjamin Upchurch born about 1829

2.¹ John Upchurch “Jack” born 1832 +2

3.¹ Calvin Upchurch born 18332 +2

[versus Nathan E Upchurch?]

4.¹ Lucinda Upchurch born about 1835

} where are they in 1840?

5.¹ Charlotte Upchurch “Lottie” born about 1837 – with grandmother 1840

6.² Geneva Ann Upchurch “Annie” born about 1844

a. John Calvin Upchurch, I born 8 May 1877

(AKA John Henry Calvin Upchurch, father not learned)

7.² Joseph Henry Upchurch, I borna bout 1846/ 1849

8.² Sarah Jane Upchurch “Sallie” born 4 Nov 1853

9.² Bryant Upchurch born 1853

10.² **Rebecca Upchurch** born 1859/ 1860

11.² William Upchurch born 1868/ 1869

(6) Death Certificate for RJU – RPU Download 11 Aug 2012

There are two errors in the record. RJU was born in Wake Co, NC not in Hoke Co, NC. (An error in translation?)

She was born 1859 ± 1 hence in 1923 at death would have been age 64 ± 1, not 59 - RPU

(see death certificate below)

Dr. Thompson

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 329

1 PLACE OF DEATH: Wake County, Registration District No. 92-5035, State, Register No. 44
 Township: Barton Creek or Village
 City: No. 51, Ward (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME: Rebeca Jane Ray
 (a) Residence, No. (Usual place of abode), Se. Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U.S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex: Female	4 Color or Race: White	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word)		16 Date of Death (month, day, and year) Jan. 17 1923	
5a If married, widowed, or divorced (write name of husband or wife)				17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 10 1923 to Jan 17 1923 that I last saw her alive on Jan 17 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at Wake Co. N.C. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Pneumonia	
6 Date of birth (month, day, and year)				18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?	
7 Age: 59 years	Months	Days	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.	19 (duration) yrs. mos. da.	
8 Occupation of deceased (a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer				Contributory (SECONDARY) (duration) yrs. mos. da.	
9 Birthplace (city or town) (State or country) Hope County				20 Did an operation precede death? Date of	
10 Name of Father Not Given				Was there an autopsy?	
11 Birthplace of Father (city or town) (State or country) Not Given				What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signed) Dr. Thompson M.D.	
12 Maiden Name of Mother Not Given				. 19 (Address) Wake Co. N.C.	
13 Birthplace of Mother (city or town) (State or country) Not Given				*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)	
14 Informant (Address) S. D. Ray, Wake Co. N.C. 1				19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or removal: Wake Co. N.C. Date of Burial: Jan. 18 1923	
15 Filed: 19 1923 REGISTRAR				20 Undertaker: Wake Co. N.C.	

North Carolina, Death Certificate
 Name: Rebeca Jane Ray
 Gender: Female
 Race: White
 Age: 59
 Birth Date: abt 1864
 Birth Place: Wake
 Death Date: 17 Jan 1923
 Death Location: Barton Creek, Wake



(no number) Records for William Upchurch born 1869 (NC) son of Geneva Upchurch – RPU
24 Sep 2012

1870 Census – NC, Wake Co, Barton’s Creek Township; PO Forestville		
Stephen Upchurch	1815	55
Geneva Upchurch	1845	25
Bryant Upchurch	1853	17
<u>Rebecca Upchurch</u>	1860	10
William Upchurch	186	1

Rebecca born about 1860 not found on 1880 Census. She married 15 Feb 1885 (Barton’s Creek Township, Wake County, NC)

1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township			
Stephen Upchurch	widower, head	1810	70
Geniva Upchurch	daughter	1850	30
William Upchurch	son	1868	12
John H Upchurch	*son	1879	1

*John H Upchurch son of Geneva Upchurch

Rebecca Upchurch born 1860 not found on 1880 Census. She married 1885.

1900 Census – NC, Wake Co, New Light Township				
Henry McCreath	NC	head	1868	32
Cedy McCreath	NC	wife	1867	33
Lillian McCreath	NC	dau	1896	4
Willie Upchurch	NC	boarder	May 1870	30
Oliver Upchurch	NC	boarder	Apr 1895	5

1910 Census – NC, Wake Co, Bartons Creek Township				
Fetner Jones (female)	wid	head	1860	50
Lizzie Jones		dau	1896	14
Ollie Upchurch		nephew	1895	15

Denton/ Richardson Family Tree

Owner: tdenton2

Francis "Fannie" Lowery

Birth 1868 in Wake Co, North Carolina, USA

Death 1895 – 1900 in Wake Co, NC

Parents:	Addison Henry Lowery	1825 – 1901
	Tilitha Aryann Allen	1825 – 1900

Death

1895 --- --- Wake Co, NC

Age: 27 Must have died shortly after or during the birth of Ollie. Not on the 1900 Census.
William and Ollie were with sister in law Oscee McCreath in 1900.

1885, 14 Feb Marriage to J Clavin Ray

Age: 17 Barton Creek Co, Wake, North Carolina, USA; from familysearch.org

1894 --- --- Marriage to William Upchurch

Age: 26 Barton Creek Co, Wake, North Carolina, USA; from familysearch.org

Spouse & Children:

J Clavin Ray	1862 –
William Upchurch	1870 – 1908
William Oliver Upchurch	1895 - 1963

I. Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Stephen Upchurch born about 1805 died about 1885

1. Geneva Ann Upchurch born about 1844

(possibly two marriages – records not clear – She had 2 Upchurch sons)

a. William Upchurch born about 1868 (Wake co, NC) died 1908


married (1st) 8 Mar 1894 (Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) died
1897 ± 3 years – daughter of Addison Henry Lowery[Frances married (1st) 11 Feb 1889 (Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) J Calvin Ray* when she was 17 – no known issue of this Ray
marriage – RPU]married (2nd) 8 Apr 1904 (Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC) Elma
E Davis, daughter of Samuel H Davis – of Falls, Wake Co, NC

i.1 William Oliver Upchurch, Sr 1895 – 1963 "Ollie"

[See additional extract re: WOU, SR]

Note: Frances Lowery (Ray) Upchurch died before the 1900 Census leaving her 2nd husband William Upchurch and a young son WOU, Sr. In 100 we find father and son in the home of a sister of Frances – Celia Osee Lowery "Cedy" who had married Henry McCreath. In 1910 we find the son only "Ollie" in the home of another sister of Frances "Fetner" whose Jones husband is deceased. "Fetner = nee Phoeta Jane Lowery. [see added extract for her]

(no number) Marriage Record for Rebecca Jane Upchurch & William H Ray
 Item in letter 14 Sep 2012 Donna Maynard to RPU



William H Ray

AND

Rebecca Upchurch

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

February 6 1885

Return to Register of Deeds.

Recorded *May 28*, 1885

(see extract of this Record - RPU)

State of North Carolina, }
Wake COUNTY. } OFFICE REGISTER OF DEEDS,
 February 6th 1885

To any Ordained Minister, of any Religious Denomination, or any Justice of the Peace of said County:

J. D. Allen having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage of *William H. Ray*, of *Wake County*, aged *27* years, color *white*, the son of *W. H. Ray* and *Margaret Ray*, the father now *living*, the mother *living*, resident of *Wake County*; and *Rebecca Upchurch*, of *Wake County*, aged *25* years, color *white*, daughter of *Stephen Upchurch* and *Anna Upchurch*, the father *dead*, the mother *dead*, resident of *Wake County*,

*And the written consent of _____, the _____ of the said _____, to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said county.

You are required, within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage, to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filled according to the facts, under the penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

J. C. H. Page
 Register of Deeds.

1 Name of person applying for license. 2 Name of town in which married, in full. 3 Date. 4 Color of groom. 5 Name of father to be married, in full. 6 Name of mother to be married.	7 Living or dead. 8 Living or dead. 9 Residence if known; if not, state unknown. 10 Name of town to be married, in full. 11 Date. 12 White or colored.	13 Father's name. 14 Mother's name. 15 Living or dead. 16 Living or dead. 17 Residence if known; if not, state unknown. 18 Name of town to be married, in full. 19 White or colored.
--	---	--

J. D. Allen, being duly sworn, says: That the parties for whose marriage he makes application for License are of lawful age, and that, so far as he is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause or impediment forbidding said marriage.

J. D. Allen

Witness, *J. C. H. Page*

State of North Carolina, }
Wake COUNTY. }

I, *John D. Allen*, a Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that *William H. Ray* and *Rebecca Upchurch*, the parties licensed above, on the *15* day of *Feb*, in the year *1885*, at *_____* Township, in said County, according to law.

*WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE:

John D. Allen

_____ of _____
 _____ of _____
 _____ of _____

1. Name of person officiating. 2. If minister, of what denomination; if Justice of the Peace, so state. 3. Name of man married. 4. Name of woman married.
 5. Place of marriage. 6. Township. *At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.

(no number) Extract of Record of Marriage of **Rebecca Jane Upchurch** and William H Ray – original in her biofile

Marriage performed 15 Feb 1885 in Barton's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC by John D Allen, JP

William H Ray, 27, son of H C Ray & Harriet Ray, both living

Rebecca Upchurch, 25, daughter of Stephen Upchurch, deceased and Anna Upchurch [Ann Medlin], deceased – all parties of Wake Co, NC

3 witnesses – names not readable