

**Rebecca Upchurch****XID – 278****Commentary:**

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**(no number)** RPU analysis of information in letter 10 Apr 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU 9 Sep 2000

#1 An undated court document probably from Wayne Co, KY probably in the period 1905 – 1925 involved what must have been Upchurch land on Otter Creek near Slickford in Wayne Co, KY. The court granted title to the Frankfort Bank and to the Sutton Brothers Oil and Gas Co.

The tract bordered Upchurch land – of Shadrack Upchurch (Shadrack Allen Upchurch?) and possibly other Upchurches not named, Burrell Dishman, William Marsh.

The court document recorded input from individuals shows as [ ] which RPU links as follows:

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784

1. George Upchurch born 1810

a. Shadrack Washington Upchurch married Rutha Jane Slaven = [Ruth Upchurch]

b. Giles Berry Upchurch = [Giles B Upchurch]

c. William Alfred Upchurch = [Alfred Upchurch]

2. **Rebecca Upchurch** = [Rebecca Watson]

married Hiram Watson = [Hiram Watson]

[Melva note on border: Deed Book 55 Page 129, 1914. Shadrack Allen Upchurch deeded land inherited from his father Hiram Upchurch to his brother H F Upchurch [Hiram Frank Upchurch].

Input also shown for Thomas Abbott [possibly the Thomas N Abbott in Tuggle-Sandusky Cemetery, Wayne Co, KY (Page 630 in Cemetery Book) born 20 Aug 1880 died 25 Mar 1962 “Perk”, several Watsons in cemetery, no Upchurches – RPU]

#2 Testimony of Mrs Slaven re: property in #1 above [assume she is likely mother of Ruth Slavens) Upchurch\* who got the Dyer Tract, it being a part of the 100A left by Shade Upchurch [Melva says Shadrack Allen Upchurch] near Slick ford bought from Pete Marsh. The Otter Tract went to Becky Watson [Mrs **Rebecca Watson**]\*. Alf Upchurch [William Alfred Upchurch]\* and Guy Upchurch [Giles Berry Upchurch]\*/ Land joins Will Marsh.

\* = same as in sketch in #1 above.

**(1) Rebecca Upchurch** born circa 1820 was daughter of Shadrack Upchurch and granddaughter of George Upchurch, Head of Clan (29, Page 69)

**(2)** See letter 13 Feb 1996 Billie Jean Privett to RPU

**Rebecca Upchurch** born 1823

**(3)** See letter 18 Aug 1997 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU

**Rebecca Upchurch** married Hiram Watson

**(4)** See letter 22 Sep 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU, Page 39

**Rebecca Upchurch** born about 1820 (Wayne Co, KY)

**(no number)** See letter 3 Jul 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU

She includes a 21 Jun 1959 letter in which John Henderson Upchurch, II of Washington, DC reports to 4 of his siblings on her recent visit to Wayne Co, KY to visit cousins.

[Need to verify that the location was Otter Creek – RPU]

Fourteen pictures are included. The cousins are “Feller” and “Sob” Watson. The framework proposed by RPU:

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch

1. George Upchurch born 1810

a. Giles Berry Upchurch

the siblings	[	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. John Henderson Upchurch, II</li> <li>ii. “Will” William Harrison Upchurch</li> <li>iii. “Roxie” Roxie Mary Upchurch</li> <li>iv. “Palmer” Alfred Palmer Upchurch</li> <li>v. “Pernie” Pernie Lee Upchurch</li> </ul>	]
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These five siblings are 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins of “Feller” & “Sob” shown in 2a below – RPU. (John Henderson Upchurch, II calls them first cousins)

2. **Rebecca Upchurch** born about 1820

married ( ) Hiram Watson

a. --- --- Watson (male)

the  
cousins

i. Alfred Asberry Watson “Feller”

married ( ) Ada --- ---

[Page 145 of the Wayne Co, KY Cemetery Book (Elk Springs Cemetery, Section #6) lists A A Watson 7 Feb 1893 – 10 Jul 1975  
O. S. S. W. Ada (---) Watson born 1 Jun 1895 died not listed]

(I) Lizzie Jane Watson

married ( ) --- --- Elam

(A) Patricia Elam

(B) --- --- Elam (M)

(C) --- --- Elam (M)

(II) Bessie Cleora Watson

married ( ) --- --- Sutton

(A) --- --- Sutton (F)

(II) Mertie Belle Watson

married ( ) --- --- Daniels

ii. Abner Watson “Sobby” “Sob” [named for ??? Doctor A B Upchurch]

married ( ) Arco --- ---

the  
cousins

(I) Clora Belle Watson

married ( ) --- --- Cooper

(II) Ray Watson

married ( ) --- --- ---

**(no number)** See letter 20 Jan 2001 Sue Ann Elliott to RPU

Sarah “Arco” Dishman married Hiram Watson who is a member of the **Rebecca Upchurch** Line in the George Upchurch/ Shadrack Upchurch Sub-clan. See reports on information passed down by “Arco” as follows:

- Arco said her mother was Wayne Upchurch and her father was George Washington Dishman “Washie”
- Arco mentioned Burrell [Burrell Tremont Dishman] and a “Lindy”.
- Arco also said something about a maiden name of Bayers or Bar or something similar.
- Arco may have been wrong but Nellie [nee Nellie May Watson, daughter of Arco] said Arco always said her mother was Wayne Upchurch.

**(no number)** See letter 5 Jan 2001 Sue Ann Elliott to RPU

Sue reports – my husband Danny was raised by his great aunt Sarah “Arco” Dishman. Sue reports Arco gave her names and dates before she died but Arco was old and may have been in error in her memory per Sue.