

Robert Burton Upchurch

XID – 3787

Commentary: Robert Burton was the son of John and Armenia Jane Hicks Upchurch. In turn Robert Burton was the grandson of Abel, head of Upchurch Clan 8.

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(1) See 20 Jul 1979 letter Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr born 4 Jul 1848 Greene Co, AL, died 29 Jul 1905 Yalobusha Co, MS, married 19 Feb 1871 Eliza E Pendergrass. He was son of John Upchurch (XID – 3776) grandson of Abel Upchurch (XID – 489), great grandson of William Upchurch (XID – 160 Head of Clan).

(2) See 12 Jun 1979 letter Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr married 4 Feb 1871 Eliza Elizabeth Pendergrass born 18 Dec 1851 died 24 Nov 1936.

For picture of Robert Burton Upchurch see Page 22.

Page 21 – gives obituary of Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr – written by Elder Claud Cayce who visited Robert on his death bed with A B Morris and Joseph Oscar Upchurch, a son of Robert.”

(3) See letter 22 Jan 1980 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
“My sister who is also interested in our families, wonders if you would like a copy of my grandfather Robert Burton Upchurch’s will. He rented this land soon after he came to Mississippi. The were 480 acres he bought for \$1100,00. I remember my grandmother telling this. I also heard Daddy say they didn’t get it paid for until the boys were old enough to help work it. He owned a cotton gin that was operated by mule power. They say that my Uncle John Stephen could pick up a 500 lb bale of cotton and move it. He was a tall man about 6’ 7” but wasn’t a big man.”

(4) See book extract National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century – by John Wright Boyd
“Ida Pendergrass born Greene Co, AL married **Robert Upchurch**. They lived in Yalobusha Co, MS. She was daughter of Elizabeth A Ridgeway born 180 died 13 Mar 1862.

(5) See sheet received 17 Jul 1981 by RPU from Fred Upton Upchurch, Sr
Ransom Pendergrass married 17 Jan 1837 Elizabeth Ridgeway. Their daughter Elizabeth C Pendergrass born 18 Dec 1851 died 24 Nov 1936 (buried Shiloh, Coffeeville, MS) married 14 Feb 1871 at residence of her father. Robert Burton Upchurch born 4 Jul 1848 (Greene Co, AL).

(6) See letter 26 Oct 1981 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
“Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr and William H Upchurch were the only two sons (of John Upchurch) to come to MS (from Greene Co, AL). I don’t think William came at the time Robert Burton came. They came to Yalobusha (Co, MS) prior to 1875. As best I can remember my grandmother’s stories, they came in 1874 and rented land at Velma, MS for 2 years before

moving approximately 8 miles west of Velma. He rented there for 3 or 4 years. Then he bought the land. There was a section bought for \$1100.”

(7) See Family Chart 5 Jan 1981 – William Joseph Upchurch to RPU

Robert Burton Upchurch born 4 Jul 1848 died 29 Jul 1905 married 14 Feb 1871

Eliza Elizabeth Pendergrass

(8) See Census 1880 – Yalobusha Co, MS

<u>R B Upchurch</u>	WM	31	born AL	
E E Upchurch	wife	29	born AL	
R M Upchurch	dau	7	born AL	[Armenia]
E Upchurch	dau	5	born MS	
J G Upchurch	son	3	born MS	
J D Upchurch	son	8/12	born MS	

(9) (received in letter 26 Oct 1981 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU

OBITUARIES

R. B. Upchurch, Sr.

R. B. Upchurch was born July 4, 1846, and fell asleep in Jesus July 29, 1905, aged 57 years and 25 days. He leaves a wife, 4 sons, 4 daughters, 10 brothers, 10 sisters, and many friends to mourn his death. We think he was born in Georgia, Alabama. He professed a hope in Christ about thirty years ago, and united with the Primitive Baptist church at Shiloh, near Coffeeville, Miss., in the Hopewell Association, about twenty years ago. He was chosen by his church for the office of deacon and ordained about ten years before his death. He was an humble and faithful member of the church from the time of his reception into their fellowship until his death. His seat was never vacant without good reason. In the office of deacon he "purchased to himself a good degree." He used the office well. There are few, if any, who fill the place better than he did. We have visited his church and we have been with him and his family in their home. He was an humble and faithful soldier of the cross, and tried to do his duty as the Lord required. About a month before he died, his physicians told him that they could do him no good, and that he could not possibly live many weeks longer. He then told his family that he desired to see the writer and Elder A. B. Morris, once more before he died. At that time we were in Louisiana, engaged in a discussion with W. C. Tucker. As we were on our way home, and passing through the town of Coffeeville, his son, Joe, met the train and told us of his father's condition and desire to see us. So we left the train and went with Joe to his father's home and spent the night there, and tried to preach for him the next day. He rejoiced in his sweet hope of a better world and was fully trusting in the blessed and unfailing promises of God. He said he was ready and perfectly willing to go; that he was just lying there waiting for the blessed Master's call. Oh, for such a spirit of sweet reconciliation as this! He suffered much, but bore his sufferings with the patience and humility that characterized his true

b 4 JUL 1848 ←

→ ROBERT BURTON U, SR
29 JUL 1905

→ b CREEVE CO, AL

→ JOSEPH OSCAR U △

I am sure this is just the intense waiting.

W. H. L. F. D. C. R. E. E

(10) See letter 23 Apr 1985 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch
Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr born 4 Jul 1846 married 4 Feb 1871.
His wife, Eliza Elizabeth (Pendergrass) Upchurch died in Coffeeville, MS, Yalobusha Co.

(11) See letter 27 Mar 1991 Marilyn Miller to RPU

I. Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr

I. ---

A. Joseph Oscar Upchurch

A. Joseph Brooks Cole

married Myrtle Adams
 1. Earl Curtis Upchurch
 married Annie Ruth Cole ← 1. Annie Ruth Cole
 B. Ben Cole
 1. ---
 a. Marilyn Miller
 C. Mabel Claire Cole
 married Arthur Fisher Williams

Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr and Arthur Fisher Williams came to Yalobusha Co, MS together from Greene Co, AL in 1876.

(12) See letter 14 Mar 1992 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
 My grandfather, **Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr** had (I am sure) 10 children. One child died when an infant in AL.

(13) See letter 10 Jun 1992 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
RBU, Sr born 4 Jul 1848 [Note: after reviewing all entries decided to accept this date – RPU]

(no number) Received in letter 10 Jul 1992 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU – This article appeared in the Yalobusha Co, MS Heritage Book.

(see multi-page document below)

ROBERT BURTON U, SR (2-1) XIP-3787
 Rec'd in # 10 JUN 1992 Julia Elizabeth U & RBY - This article.
 appeared in

□ + □ Julia Upchurch Morgan Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr. the (2)
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 Yalalusha
 Co MS
 History Book

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□ ↑ July 4, 1848 in Green County, Alabama near Eutaw. He lived

- and grew to manhood in this area as a farmer.

□ ↑ + Δ He was married to Eliza Elizabeth Pendergrass on February

□ ↑ + Δ 4, 1871 in Greene County, Alabama. They lived in Greene

Δ County for five years. I have heard my grandmother tell how when

□ + □ + □ she was first married, She did not have a cook stove. Her

□ only utensil was a cast iron oven. She cooked vegetables,

□ baked bread with hot coals from the fireplace. She covered her

□ potatoes with hot ashes to bake them. She had to cook one

□ thing at a time in that small oven. She used it for a dishpan

□ when she was through with her meal.

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□ ↑ + Δ greener pastures. In 1876, they came by covered wagon along

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△+△ moved to the farm that is now owned by Forrest Barber, Cole

△+△ Williams, Mike Shaw, Doris Murphree and some of the Stanley Farm

△ and a small acreage owned by Henry Gee Estate.

□ My father, Robert Burton, Jr., was born on 12-7-1984 on

— this place. According to the Deed Books in the Coffeetown

□+△ Courthouse, Robert Burton and Eliza Elizabeth Upchurch purchased

△ this land from L. Newburger. The First part he bought in 1881

□+△ then in 1886 approximately one section, they purchased for less

□+△ than fifteen hundred dollars. They moved to the antebellum home

□ on the other hill in 1886. He along with his sons operated a

— horse drawn gin and farmed the acreage mostly in cotton and

— corn.

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□ and deep religious convictions. He joined the Shiloh Primitive

□ Church in 1886. He was a church clerk then was ordained as

□ deacon. His home was a christian home, always open to those

— less fortunate.

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☐ Churches were few and far apart. However, his family was

- lucky to live in the community where the first church in

- Yalobusha County was organized in 1835.

- When there were annual meetings or associational meetings,

- people came from miles around. They had to spend nights with

- people in the community. Once there was an association meeting

☐ and about seventy people went home with my grandfather to spend

☐ the night with him. The tale was to out do my grandfather.

- Another member took seventy-five people home with him. He had

- to get up and kill a beef before breakfast to feed the crowd.

- This was around 1900.

- Back in those days, they had a big school at Shiloh. It

- was a two room school house and had two teachers. The school

- house was on a hill. The water was from a spring at the bottom

- of the hill. The Baptizing pool for the churches was filled

☐ with water from this spring. The Upchurch home was usually

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Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr.

— the boarding place for the school teachers.

△ My grandmother made the clothes for the family. They

△ wore ^{BROGAN} ~~broken~~ shoes, one pair had to last a year. She spun

— the thread and knitted socks for the boys and stockings for the

— girls.

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□↑ had it removed, but it metasliscined to his stomach and he died

△ as a result of cancer on July 29, 1905. Elder Claud ~~Cayle~~ ^{CAYCE}

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— buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Yalobusha County,

— Mississippi.

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△ + △ all married and away except the grandchild, Mayfred Upchurch ^[IDA MAIFRED U]

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△ grandson, Fred Pittman, built her a house in Coffeeville where

△ she lived as ^{long} she could care for herself. Infirmities of age

△ + △ + △ caused her to move to the home of her son, Burt in 1928 where

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△ + △ she lived for five years. Then she moved with her daughter,
 △ + △ Leona and lived two years. She died of old age on November
 △ 24, 1936. She is buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Cemetery,
 - Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

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 □ a family of four boys and five girls. One daughter, Mary Bell,
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 - County, Mississippi. All other children grew up married and
 - had families.

△ Arminia Elivira, born 6-11-1873 in Greene County, Alabama.

□ + □ She married William Edwin Womack, born 1869. She died on
 △ January 18, 1894 leaving one daughter eight days old, Minnie,
 △ + △ born 1-11-1894. Minnie married S. Vann Perkins and died
 □ in 1980 leaving two boys and two girls. One of her sons, Paul
 - was killed in World War II.

△ Elizabeth Ridgeway, born 5-14-1875 in Greene County, Ala-
 □ bama. She married on 3-1-1898 to Robert Francis Pittman, born

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☐ 6-14-1871. ^{HE [RPW]} She died 9-29-1945 and is buried at Shiloh

— Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

☐ + ☐ + ☐ + ☐ + ☐ + ☐ They had seven boys. Fred, Carl, Allie, Ira, ^{ANY} ~~and~~ Infant, John

☐ Oscar who was killed in World War II, and David.

△ John Stephen Upchurch, born 9-17-1877 and married 12-12-

☐ 1900 to Ada Perkins -born 8-30-1880. She died 3-20-1910 and

— is buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Yalobusha

△ County, Mississippi. They had one infant son, born and died

— 4-15-1909 and is buried at Shiloh Cemetery, Yalobusha County,

△ Mississippi. They had one daughter, Ida Maifred, born 2-20-1908.

☐ + ☐ His wife Ada was sick and died one year later My grandmother,

→ [ELIZA ELIZABETH PENDER ^{GRASS}] [? - RPW]
 △ + △ + ☐ Ida Upchurch reared the child. On 1-17-1915, he married Betty

↳ [IDA MAIFRED U] [3-?-RPW]
 — Sue Norfleet, born 3-20-1890 and died 3-31-1946 in a plane crash.

☐ She is buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Yalobusha

☐ + ☐ County, Mississippi. Their children are John Norfleet, Robert

☐ + △ ^{dee} Leon, Minnie Delorese, Mary Steven (dead and buried in California)

☐ + ☐ Evelyn and the infant daughter. ~~Betty Sue died in airplane crash~~

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△ ~~crash on 3-3-1946~~. John Stephen died as a result of an accident

□ in Jackson, Mississippi on 5-29-1948. He was a prominent

- druggist in Coffeeville, Mississippi prior to the "Great

- Depression".

□ Joseph Oscar Upchurch, born 10-4-1879 in Yalobusha County,

□ Mississippi and married on 12-24-1906 to Effie Terry, born 7-

□ + □ 28-1880. They had two daughters who died in infancy and two

□ + □ sons, Robert William, deceased and Earl Curtis, deceased.

□ Joseph Oscar died 4-2-1952 and buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist

□ Cemetery, Yalobusha County, Mississippi. Effie Terry died 2-

△ 21-1954 and buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Cemetery. Robert

△ William is buried in Jackson, Mississippi. Earl Curtis is buried

- at Oak Hill, Water Valley, Mississippi.

□ Leona Eleanor Upchurch, born 6-25-1882 and married on

□ 10-27-1914 to John Pittman, born 12-25-1882 and died 5-14-1949.

□ + □ He is buried in the Coffeeville Cemetery. Leona died 2-14-1962

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□ in Grenada County Hospital. She is buried in the Coffeerville

□ + □ + □ Cemetery. They had two boys and two girls, Issac, Ida, Mary

□ Leona and Robert Daniel, all living at present time.

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□ 3-12-1912 to Lizzie Ellen York in Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

□ + □ Burt died of heart condition on 2-5-1966. Lizzie died at age

— 92 on 8-30-1974 both are buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist

□ + □ Cemetery, Yalobusha County, Mississippi. They had seven children,

□ six girls and one boy. One child died at eight months, Lura,

□ born 1-16-1916 and died 8-1916. She is buried at Shiloh

□ + □ + □ Cemetery. The others are: Julia, Mary, Juanita, Dr. William

□ + □ Upchurch (Chemist, University of Missouri), Martha and Burtie.

□ + □ Egbert Meaders, born 3-7-1887 and married ^{Lenie} ~~Annie~~ Palmertree,

□ + □ born 12-29-1892. Meaders died 8-26-1971. ~~Z~~ ^{Lenie} died 5-10-1980

□ + □ in Panola County, Mississippi. Both are buried at Shiloh Cemetery.

□ + □ + □ They had three boys: James, Egbert (deceased) and Fred. Egbert

— died 1-10-1981 in Panola County, Mississippi and buried in

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— Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

□ Mary Belle, born 1889 and died 1890.

△ Maifred Carrie Upchurch, born 4-20-1891 and married 3-

△ 24-1917 to John Bonds Dulaney of Guntown, Mississippi. He

— was large plantation owner and operator in Earle, Arkansas.

□ He died 3-15-1972 in West Memphis, Arkansas and buried at

△ Crittenden County, Arkansas. Maifred Carrie was a piano teacher

△ for many years. She died 8-12-1980 in West Memphis, Arkansas.

△ + △ + △ She too is buried at Crittenden County, Arkansas. They had

□ + □ + □ + □ five children: Francis, Carolyn, Elizabeth, ^{one} (died in infancy),

□ + △ John Bonds and Thomas Mayfred.

□ ↑ Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr. so lived while he journeyed

— on this earth that his light will ever shine in the minds of

□ all who knew or knew of him. His love and kindness for his

— fellow man shall never die.

□ Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr. was a ^{Seventh} ~~ninth~~ generation decedent

□ of Michael Upchruch who migrated to Virginia in 1635. He came

↳ [UPCHURCH - RPA]

↳ [1649 - RPA]

→ [NOT TRUE - RPU]

on The Mayflower from Dedham, England. Deep religious convictions date back to Kent County, England in 1120.

(1) William H Upchurch and his sister, Sarah Isabelle Upchurch, children of John Upchurch & Armenia Jane Hicks, came to Yalobusha Co, MS in late 1899 or early 1900. Their brother, **Robert Burton Upchurch** had already migrated to MS at least 25 years earlier and had been living in Yalobusha Co, MS since 1880. It is unknown why these two came to MS at such a later date. (42, Page 69)

(no number) Book from letter 10 Oct 2003 Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPU

33: Roach, Roberts, Ridgeway and Allied Families, Page 190
covered wagon from Green County, Alabama to the State of Mississippi to join Ida Pendergrass Upchurch (her sister) and her husband Robert Upchurch. On reaching Columbus ... Size: 3K

34: Roach, Roberts, Ridgeway and Allied Families, Page 191
Alabama. Thomas T., H., age 5, born in Alabama. Ida, age not known, married Robert Upchurch. Bell, age not known, married A. Quarles. Dee, age not known, married ... Size: 3K

35: Roach, Roberts, Ridgeway and Allied Families, Page 257
116 Tyler, Sarah 114 Tyler, Thomas G. S. 115 Tyler, William 115, 116, 126 U Upchurch, Ida Pendergrass 190, 191 Robert 190, 191 V Vanneck, Oliver 199 Vauter, Edward ... Size: 4K

Crossfile:

Roach Family	} Book & Biofile Systems
Roberts Family	
Ridgeway Family	

I. --- --- Upchurch

A. Robert Upchurch [**Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr**] XID - 3787
married () Ida Pendergrass [Eliza Elizabeth Pendergrass "Ida"] XID - 3801

(no number) Item in letter 28 Aug 1996 Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPU
[From: History of Yalobusha Co, MS]

(see two-page article below)

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The Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr. Family. Front (L-R): Meaders, Maifred, Robert B., Eliza P., Fred Pittman, Elizabeth U. Pittman, Allie Pittman, Carl Pittman, Minnie Womack. Back (L-R): Leona, John, Joseph, Robert Burton (Burt), William E. Womack.

- F G H I J K L M N
- Δ A LEONA ELEANOR U - DAU OF H
 - Δ B JOHN STEPHEN U - SON OF H
 - Δ C JOSEPH OSCAR U - SON OF H
 - Δ D ROBERT BURTON U, JR - SON OF H
 - Δ E WILLIAM EDWIN WOMACK - STEPSON OF H
 - Δ F EGBERT MEADERS U - SON OF H
 - Δ G MAIFRED CHARIE U - DAU OF H
 - Δ H ROBERT BURTON U, SR - HEAD OF FAMILY
 - Δ I MRS ELIZA ELIZABETH PENDERGRASS - WIFE OF H
 - Δ J ROBERT FRED PITTMAN - SON OF K
 - Δ K ELIZABETH RIDGEWAY U - DAU OF H
 - Δ L FRANCIS ALLIE PITTMAN - DAU OF K
 - Δ M RICHARD CARL PITTMAN - DAU OF K
 - Δ N MINNIE WOMACK - DAU OF E; ED OF H

TAKEW
ABOUT
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NOTE: This article is
the same as the signed
version rec'd by RBA
on 10 JUN 1992 - except
for the picture above

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Robert Burton Upchurch, Jr., born 12-7-1884 and married 3-12-1912 to Lizzie Ellen York in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. Burt died of heart condition on 2-5-1966. Lizzie died at age 92 on 8-30-1974 both are buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Cemetery. They had seven children, six girls and one boy. One child died at eight months, Lura, born 1-16-1916 and died 8-1916. She is buried at Shiloh Cemetery. The others are: Julia, Mary, Juanita, Dr. William Upchurch (Chemist, University of Missouri), Martha and Burtie.

Egbert Meaders, born 3-7-1887 and married Zenie Palmertree, born 12-29-1892.

Meaders died 8-26-1971. Zenie died 5-10-1980 in Panola County, Mississippi. Both are buried at Shiloh Cemetery. They had three boys: James, Egbert (deceased) and Fred. Egbert died 1-10-1981 in Panola County, Mississippi and buried in Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

Mary Belle, born 1889 and died 1890.

Maifred Carrie Upchurch, born 4-20-1891 and married 3-24-1917 to John Bonds Dulaney of Guntown, Mississippi. He was large plantation owner and operator in Earle, Arkansas. He died 3-15-1972 in West Memphis, Arkansas and buried at Crittenden County, Arkansas. Maifred Carrie was a piano teacher for many years. She died 8-12-1980 in West Memphis, Arkansas. She too is buried at Crittenden County, Arkansas. They had five children: Francis, Carolyn, Elizabeth, (one died in infancy), John Bonds and Thomas Mayfred.

Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr. so lived while he journeyed on this earth that his light will ever shine in the minds of all who knew or knew of him. His love and kindness for his fellow man shall never die.

Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr. was a seventh generation decendent of Michael Upchurch who migrated to Virginia in 1635. He came on The Mayflower from Dedham, England. Deep religious convictions date back to Kent County, England in 1120.

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