

**Roena Upchurch   XID-14639**

**Commentary:** Roena Upchurch, (born about 1827 and died after 1880), lived all her life in Franklin County, NC. She was the daughter of Little Berry Upchurch and the granddaughter of Jubal Upchurch I, head of Upchurch clan # 6. She married Little Berry Johnson in 1851 and then had two children by him. Her Biofile is rich in detail on local families in Dunn Township in Franklin County in the mid – 1880s. When the numerous entries in her Biofile are amplified and extended, a substantial contribution will have been made to our understanding of the genealogy of many of the important families in Dunn Township.

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**(1)** See 1850 census Franklin Co NC - Extracted by RPU  
Rowena Upchurch age 22 Female White is in home of parents Berry Upchurch age 63 Male White (Littleberry Upchurch) & Betsy Upchurch age 43 Female White (Elizabeth Williams). In the 1830 and 1840 census records for Franklin Co there is a proper age slot to accommodate a female of Rowena’s age in the Littleberry household.

In the 1870 Franklin Co census no Rowena Upchurch has been found. In 1880 there is a household headed by Zenia Johnson Female age 54. From other names in the household it appears that Zenia could be Rowena and that she married a Johnson - see Littleberry Upchurch. [**Rowena Upchurch** is daughter of Littleberry Upchurch & granddaughter of Jubal Upchurch, Head of Clan – RPU]

**(2)** Thomas Williams deed of gift to his grandchildren **Roeny Upchurch** and Martha Upchurch, infant children of Littleberry Upchurch and his wife Elizabeth Upchurch [nee Elizabeth Williams] 11 Sep 1833 Franklin Co, NC Deed Bk 26 Pg 577 (41, Pg 205)

I. Jubal Upchurch - Head of clan

A. Little Berry Upchurch

1. **Rowena Upchurch** born ca 1827

**(3)** Article 733 “The Matthew Johnson Family” from the Franklin Co, NC Heritage Book 2008 by: Virginia L. Johnson

I. Matthew Johnson married 1792 (Franklin Co, NC) Mary --- --- had 631 acres land

A. Little Berry Johnson, I

1. Stephen Johnson

2. Matthew Johnson

3. Henry Johnson

4. John Johnson

5. William Johnson

6 Little Berry Johnson, II

Married 1851 ( ) **Roena Upchurch**\* see below

a. John S. Johnson

b. William Lafayette Johnson

Married 1876 ( ) Nancy Pearce died 1944 after husband died she lived first with Rufus & second with Zollie until she died.

i. Berry C. Johnson

ii. Charlie D. Johnson

iii. Roena Florence Johnson

iv. Zollie Bryan Johnson died 1963 (Buried Pearces Church Cem.)

Married 1914 ( ) Lillie Pearce died 1985

Buried as husband - Lived with Pete until she died

(I) Ruth Johnson Married ( ) Sidney S. Perry

(II) Jarvis William Johnson Married ( ) Helen Catlett

(III) James Lafayette Johnson Married ( ) Melba Pearce

(IV) Frances Johnson Married ( ) Derrell Mitchell

(V) Aubrey Grey Johnson Married ( ) Addison E. Pearce

(VI) Darrell Johnson "Pete" Married ( ) Virginia Long

(A) Wm Bryan Johnson "Bill" born 1954

Married 1983 ( ) Melanie Moss

(She had a son Graham Horne)

(1) Lauren Johnson

u. Rocher M. Johnson

ui. Rufus H. Johnson

I. Jubal Upchurch I - Head of Clan

A. Little Berry Upchurch

\*1. Roena Upchurch

Zollie was a farmer all his life. He had a country store on what is now Johnson Town Rd. near Pearces. This was a gathering place for the men to talk and play checkers or cards. There was a large mule-drawn cider mill located on the farm with a cider loft built over it. The loft had a big yellow apple painted on the barn-red structure. This was used to make cider and vinegar. Other families would bring their apples to be ground for cider and vinegar, also.

Zollie never learned to drive and until 1937 when he bought his first truck, his means of travel was by mule and wagon and his work was by mule and plow. The family raised their own food; hogs for meat, cows for meat, milk, and butter; chickens for meat and eggs; and all vegetables were canned. Wheat and corn was carried to a mill to trade for flour and corn meal.

Most of the family still lives in Franklin County. Many live in the Pearces and Bunn Community. Zollie died in 1963. Lillie lived with her son, Pete, until her death in 1985. Both Zollie and Lillie are buried in the Pearce Baptist Church Cemetery.

**(4)** Upchurch - Young - Wright - Johnson connections in Franklin Co., NC. In an email to RPU 11 Jul 2002 Researcher Gwen O'Daniels presents a theory that Agnes Young married (1st) Calvin U.; married (2nd) Young Winston; married (3rd) Little Berry Johnson. Data below assembled by RPU to consider the theory - 13 Jul 2008

I. Joseph Young died <1831

A. Agnes Young born abt. 1810 [see 1850 Census below for Agnus Winston]

Married (1st) Calvin U. Born abt. 1805 son of Jubal Upchurch I.

1. Benjamin Upchurch born 1830

2. John Upchurch born 1831

3. Nathan Upchurch born 1832

Married (2nd) Young A. Winston

4. Fenner Winston born abt. 1847

[see 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 Censuses below for Fenner Winston]

5. Emma Winston

Married (3rd) Little Berry Johnson (No known issue of this third marriage – RPU)

Little Berry Johnson born about 1820

married (2nd) 30 Dec 1851 (Franklin Co, NC) **Roena Upchurch** born about 1827 (Franklin Co, NC) daughter of Little Berry Upchurch, son of Jubal Upchurch

1850 Census Dunn Township, Franklin County, NC

Name		Born abt.	Age
Littlbury Johnson	farmer	1822	28
Wily Locust	b farmer	1814	36
Ruffin Medlin	blacksmith	1830	20
Allison Pippin	clerk	1826	24
Agnus Winston	Head	1807	43
Emma Winston		1849	1
Fenner Winston		1847	3

1860 Census Franklinton, Franklin Co, NC - Franklinton

Name		Born abt.	Age
*Isaac Winston		1795	65
*Sarah Winston		1798	63
James Winston		1840	20
William M Stone	cabinet maker	1823	37
Ann Stone		1829	31
Fenner Winston		1848	12
Emma Y Winston		1850	10

1870 Census Franklinton, Franklin Co, NC Po - Pacific

Name		Born abt.	Age
Therna Conyers	farmer	1828	42
Anne Conyers		1840	30
James Conyers		1854	16
Mary Conyers		1856	14
Lucy Conyers		1862	8
Anne Conyers		1865	5
Robert Conyers		1866	4

Lutah Conyers		1866	4
Williams Conyers		1869	1
Fenner Winstone	farmer	1848	22
Anthony Steed	b	1852	18
Noton Thomas	b	1854	16
Women Gonyeau	b	1854	16
Julia Wilder		1850	50
Ellen Wilder		1856	14

1880 Census - Dresden, Weakley Co., TN

Name		Born abt.	Age
Fenner S. Winston		1847	33
Mattie Winston	wife	1855	25
Lilly Winston	daughter	1877	3
William G. Winston	son	1879	6 m

\* Presumed grandparents of Fenner & Emma and parents of Young A. Winston

(5) From: [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) - 21 Jan 2008

I. Jubal Upchurch, I - Head of Clan

A. Little Berry Upchurch

1. **Roena Upchurch**

Married 30 Dec 1851 (Franklin Co, NC) Little Berry Johnson

a. John S. Johnson [This son is shown as age 4 in a Dunn's Township, Franklin Co, NC home headed by **Roena Upchurch** Johnson on 1870 census - The father L. B. Johnson is not in the home 1860 census **Roena** was also head of household. Did L. B. Johnson just pay conjugal visit to **Roena** in 1854?

1880 Census - Dunn's Township - Franklin Co, NC

**Rowena Upchurch** Johnson is again head of a household in which one female her father L. B. Upchurch; her sister Elizabeth Upchurch Bolton and her son John S. Johnson age 15 (born abt. 1865)

1900 Census - Dunn's Township, Franklin Co, NC

Name		Born abt.	Age
*John Johnson	J.S. Johnson	Feb 1866	34
*Lourecia Johnson	Wife (4, 2)	Nov 1873	26
Adner Johnson	Daughter	Aug 1893	6
Edgar S. Johnson	Son	Sep 1899	8.12
* Married abt. 1892			

1910 Census - Dunn's Township, Franklin Co, NC

Name		Born abt.	Age
John S. Johnson	Farm Mgr.	1864	46

Greay Johnson	Lucreacy Johnson (6, 3)	1871	39
Adner Johnson	Daughter	1894	16
Edgar Johnson	Son	1900	10
James C. Johnson	Son	1906	4

1930 Census - Dunn's Township, Franklin Co, NC

Name		Born abt.	Age
* Edgar Johnson	(rents)	1901	29
* Edna M. Johnson	Wife	1905	25
Ramona Johnson	Daughter	1928	2
* Married abt. 1925			

(6) NC Marriages

**Roena Upchurch**

North Carolina Marriages, 1759-1979

Marriage: 30 Dec 1851

Franklin, North Carolina

Spouse: Littleberry Johnson

(7) From: **Ancestry.com** - 19 Jan 2008

I. Jubal Upchurch, I. - Head of Clan

A. Little Berry Upchurch

**Roena Upchurch**

Married 30 Dec 1851 (Franklin Co, NC)

Little Berry Johnson

(RPU Question: If the child Johns S. Johnson age about 4 on 1870 census hence born about 1866 - Was son of Little Berry Johnson on the 1860 census – where was Little Berry Johnson on the 1860 Census?)

1850 Census - Jackson Co, Florida - It is reasonable to presume that Berry Johnson, Laborer, age 30 born in NC in the household 158 is the Little Berry Johnson who married **Roena Upchurch** in 1851 in Franklin Co, NC. There is no reason to believe he is related to either in Household 158. Apparently he was just trying his wings in Florida.

158	170	William Johnson	10	m	James	100	Virginia
		Richard	27	m			do
		Ward	14	m			do
		Wm. C. Johnson	12	m			do
		Thomas	15	m			do
		Henry	10	m			do
		John	5	m			do
		Harvey	5	m			do
		George	3	m			do
		William	11	m			do
		Berry Johnson	30	m	Jubal		do

1860 Census - Bakers Cross Roads, Dunn's Township, Franklin Co NC, Bakers Cross Road P.O.

378	371	Roena Johnson	36	+			1089	55	"
		Sarah	5	+					"
		Wm	4	M					"
		John Upchurch	48	M		Farm Labor			"

Name		Born abt.	Age
<b>Roena Johnson</b>	(\$800/\$300)	1824	36
(Little Berry Johnson not present. He may have died - Note wealth in hand of <b>Roena</b> & 2)			
Sarah Johnson		1855	5
Wm Johnson	(Wm Lafayette Johnson)	1856	4
*John Upchurch	Farm Labor	1812	48
*(Presumably Uncle of <b>Roena</b> - son of Jubal Upchurch)			

1870 Census -Dunn's Township, Franklin Co, NC PO Pacific, NC

Name		Born abt.	Age
<b>Roena Johnson</b>	Keeping House	1825	45
William Johnson	At School	1855	15
John Johnson	(John S. Johnson)	1866	
John Upchurch	Farmer	1814	56
Richard Hicks	Farm Labor	1857	13

1880 Census - Dunn's Township, Franklin Co, NC

Name		Born abt.	Age
<b>Roena Johnson</b>	Head, widow [ <b>Roena Upchurch</b> ]	1826	54
John S. Johnson	Son	1865	15
S.B. Upchurch	Father [Little Berry Upchurch]	1800	80
*Elizabeth Bolton	Sister [Elizabeth Upchurch]	1840	40
*Note: Her husband died Dec 1863 in Civil War but they had a child (Male or Female??) James Anna Bolton born 1864. (Posthumously)			
Where is the child on 1880 census? - RPU			













