

Samuel Pirese Upchurch

XID – 6421

Commentary: Samuel Pirese Upchurch was the son of James Laton Upchurch and the grandson of Abel, head of Upchurch Clan 8.

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(1) See letter received 4 Apr 1981 by RPU from James Clayton Harmon

Samuel P Upchurch born Aug 1852 died 1921 married 27 Feb 1873

Sarah Jane Hayles born Jan 1856 died circa 1940s. They had a son Lofton Franklin Upchurch born 25 Sep 1882 and a grandson James Doris Upchurch born 28 Aug 1913 (Lafayette Co, MS) Samuel P Upchurch buried Palestine Cemetery, Yalobusha Co, MS.

(2) See letter received 17 Sep 1981 by RPU from Annie Bell Upchurch.

Samuel Pirese Upchurch born 16 Aug 1852 died 22 Sep 1922 married 27 Feb 1873 Sarah Jane Hayles born 31 Jan 1856 died 9 Jan 1944.

(3) See letter of 29 Sep 1981 Marie Upchurch to RPU

She shows **Samuel P Upchurch** married 8 Apr 1867 Sally Jane Hayles. Other info shows married 27 Feb 1873.

(4) See letter 26 Sep 1981 James Clayton Harmon to RPU

Samuel Pirese Upchurch born 16 Aug 1852 (Eutaw, Green Co, AL) died 22 Aug 1922 (Lafayette Co, MS) buried Palestine Cemetery, Yalobusha Co, MS). Sarah Jane Hayles. See Will File for petition of Nancy T (Coleman) Upchurch for dower rights – names Samuel P Upchurch as a son of Laton Upchurch.

(5) See 1880 Census – Yalobusha Co, MS

<u>S P Upchurch</u>	WM	28	born AL
Sarah J Upchurch	wife	23	born MS
Nancy I (or J) Upchurch	dau	7	born MS
Mary C Upchurch	dau	5	born MS
Uleious Upchurch	son	2	born MS

(6) See letter 9 Mar 1981 from James Clayton Harmon to RPU

“According to family tradition there were four brothers who came to MS from AL. One settled close to Coffeetown and I believe his name was R B Upchurch, one settled near Water Valley, close to Lafayette Co, MS and later moved to Lafayette Co – that was my ancestor Samuel P Upchurch. The other two went to the Delta in MS. I have found a descendant of one of those brothers of which I am including on the [address] list. She is number five – Mrs Ginger Barber.”

(7) See letter 6 Mar 1987 Genevieve Ellen Tharp to RPU

She comments of the “Upchurch Family” sheet authored by Allie Mae (Upchurch) Wells for the Lafayette Co, MS History Book.

“The information appears to be the same as in my book. Allie Mae does not use complete names or dates. She gives the children of her grandfather out of birth order. There is only one list of new information – that Samuel Pirese Upchurch was a preacher. We now know that Ullious A Upchurch did not die young.

(8) See letter 26 Mar 1992 Martha L Vann to RPU
Spelling used – **Samuel Pierce Upchurch**

(9) Family Group of Samuel “Sam” P Upchurch

(see group sheet below)

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ **Husband's Full Name** SAMUEL "Sam" P. UPCHURCH

This Information Obtained From: REC'D FROM JAMES CLAYTON HARMON 12-MAR-1981

Says the father of Samuel P. U. lives in NC.

Child's Name	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Precinct, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Child's
Birth	8	1852				Ala.	
Chr'd							
Mar.	27	2	1873	Rafayette Co.	MS		
Death			1921				
Burial				Palestine Cem.	Upalusha Co.	MS	
Places of Residence							
Occupation							
Church Affiliation							
Military Rec.							
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.							
Make separate entry for each year.							
His Father							
Mother's Maiden Name							
Wife's Full Maiden Name							
SARAH JANE "Sallie" HAYLES							
Birth	1	1856				MS	
Chr'd							
Death			ca 1940's				
Burial				Palestine Cem.	Upalusha Co.	MS	
Places of Residence							
Occupation of other than Housewife							
Church Affiliation							
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.							
Make separate entry for each year.							
Her Father				Henry (died when 41)			
Mother's Maiden Name							
LUCINDA MORRIS							
Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Precinct, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1 NANCY I. "NANNIE"	14	4	1874				2 sons
Full Name of Spouse							2 boys
2 JAMES EDWARD BROWN	14	7	1944				
Full Name of Spouse							
3 MARY CLARK	2	1876					4 boys
Full Name of Spouse							1 girl
4 THOMAS ALEXANDER SEATON	9	1947					
Full Name of Spouse							
5 ULEIOUS A.	1878						1 no children
Full Name of Spouse							
6 LAFON FRANKLIN	25	9	1882				4 boys
Full Name of Spouse							1 girl
7 FRANCIS EMMA BLAKE	6	1	1943				
Full Name of Spouse							
8 HENRY LOUIS	17	3	1886				3 boys
Full Name of Spouse							2 girls
9 BIRDIE HICKS	13	7	19--				
Full Name of Spouse							
10 DEANIE	ca. 1877						
Full Name of Spouse							
11 QUEEN ELIZABETH "BESSIE"	2	7	1888				5 boys
Full Name of Spouse							4 girls
12 HANSFORD SANDEFER	26	2	1906				
Full Name of Spouse							
13 HAMPTON FANT	1	6	1891				5 boys
Full Name of Spouse							1 girl
14 MOLLIE GERTUDE KEEL	21	1	1944				
Full Name of Spouse							
15 WILLIAM FRANCES	5	1893					2 boys
Full Name of Spouse							2 girls
16 ROSA BELL YOUNG							
Full Name of Spouse							

*If married more than once list each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

(10) Received in letter 23 Jan 1987 Emma Louise Upchurch to RPU
 (copy of this sent to Genevieve Ellen Tharp – see her response dated 6 Mar 1987)
 (Probably a History of Lafayette Co, MS)
 Article by Allie Mae Webb [Allie Mae Upchurch]

UPCHURCH FAMILY

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Left: Samuel Pierce Upchurch. Right: Sarah Jane Hayles



Left: Henry Upchurch. Right: Hansford Sandefer.
 Left: "Bessie" Queen Elizabeth Sandefer. Right: Birdie Hicks Upchurch.

Abel Upchurch was born in the 1700s in North Carolina and is buried in Green County, Alabama. Laton Upchurch, his son, was born January 13, 1807. Laton married Nancy Coleman, daughter of John Roe Coleman. Their son, Samuel "Sam" P. Upchurch, was born August 16, 1832, and moved to Lafayette County in the 1800s from Centerville, Alabama. He married Sarah Jane

Hayles. Both are buried in Palestine Cemetery in Yalobusha County. Sam Upchurch was a farmer and preacher. They were the parents of nine children. They are listed in order.

Nancy born 1874, died 1944. She was married to Edward Brown. Both are buried in Shipp Cemetery in Lafayette County. Their children were Claud, Maud, Pearl and Earl.

Mary born 1876, died 1947, married Thomas Seaton. Their children were Frank, William, Callie and Samuel. Frank and William died as infants. Callie married Leslie Hollowell. Both are buried in Pine Flat Cemetery in Lafayette County. Samuel Seaton is now in the nursing home in Grenada.

Oleious "U.A." died early in life, born 1876. I'm not sure where he is buried.

Laften Franklin, born 1882 - died January 6, 1943, married Erma Fannie Blaker, both buried in Jumpers Chapel Cemetery in Yalobusha County. Their children were Vergie, Horace, Doris, Charles and John.

Henry Louis, born 1886, died 1954, married Birdie Hicks, both are buried in Shipp Cemetery in Lafayette County. Their children were Herman, Aliene, Arron, Evie and Carmen.

Deanie died in 1887 as an infant.

Queen Elizabeth "Bessie" born 1888, died 1980, married Hansford Sandefer, both are buried in Pine Flat Cemetery in Lafayette County. Their children were Harvey, Arnie, Ruby, Austin, Laverne, Pearl, Edgar, Stella and Nicholas.

Hampton born 1891 died 1944, married Mollie Keel. Both buried in Jumpers Chapel Cemetery in Yalobusha County. Their children were Wade, Wayne, Carlyes, Bernice, Shelby and Maxwell.

William Floyd born 1893, died 1964, married Rosa Bell Young. He lived at Itta Bena, Mississippi, and is buried there. Their children were Samuel Taylor, Annie Bell, Mayfred and Marie.

A large number of the descendants of Samuel "Sam" P. Upchurch live in Lafayette County.

Abel Upchurch was my great, great, great grandfather. Laften Upchurch was my great, great grandfather. Sam, my great grandfather, Henry, my grandfather, and Herman Upchurch, my father, who is also deceased and buried in Shipp Cemetery in Lafayette County.

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(11) From Those Mississippi Upchurches (42, Page 29)

This section is on John C Upchurch, a brother of Samuel Pirese Upchurch and reports that SPU settled in MS but that evidence for his brother John C Upchurch moving from AL to MS is lacking. However, the wife of John C Upchurch and their children are found on the Choctaw Co, MS Census in 1880 and it is presumed they arrive there between 1875 & 1878.

(12) See letter 12 Sep 1996 James Roy Taylor to RPU

The minutes of 26 Oct 1860 for Hebron Cumberland Presbyterian Church show Samuel P Upchurch as a new member of this church. [He would have been age 17 – RPU]. This is the church where MS 30 (Hudson U) was buried in 1896. This church is located near Mantua in what is now Greene Co, AL. Mantua is on the south side of Sipsey River in as near an area that would have been part of Pickens Co, AL in 1850.

(13) See letter 6 Aug 1998 William Lee Pattillos to RPU

Samuel Pirese Upchurch born Greene Co, AL

(14) [Note:

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. James Laton Upchurch, Sr

1. Samuel Pirese Upchurch – RPU]

(15) From letter 29 Jun 1998 James Roy Taylor to RPU

SESSIONAL RECORDS OF HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALABAMA

Records from:
Department of History, Presbyterian (USA)
Montreat, North Carolina
Session Minutes 1867-1905
Hebron Presbyterian Church
Mantua, Greene County, Alabama

Researched by Joyce Parris
August 24, 1995

Dear Cousin,

I have been transcribing the notes from this defunct Cumberland Presbyterian Church near Mantua, Greene, County, AL and came across this entry for an Upchurch. I know I have seen his marker in the Cemetery, but I could not find it the last time I was there. While working on the appendix and cross referencing names for the index, I found this entry for Sam Upchurch. I cannot prove that this is the same person, but Benevola is just across the Sipsey River from this old church. Does this help any way solve one of those missing links? Or does it just raise more questions?

Foreword

In its lifetime (estimated from before 1867 to 1905), Hebron Cumberland Presbyterian Church was a busy worship and community center for Mantua, but it and the Hebron Cemetery have both met a sad and unfortunate fate. The Church dissolved and the building has disappeared. The road to its old



Jim Taylor

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Hebron Church, Oct. 26th, 1869

Session met and opened with prayer. Members present: Rev J. M. McLain, Mod., J. G. Harris [James G. Harris], Elder.

The following persons was received into the Church: Miss E. A. Bouchillon by Certificate from the Pleasant Hill Church (Cumberland Presbyterian) and the following persons on examination:

[written in the margin is the note] those marked was baptised

(information continues below)

x John S. Mcrackin
 x Virgil Snoddy [Dr. Virgil Snoddy]
 x Walter S. Lavender
 x William G. Mcrackin
 x Lewis A. Lavender
 Andrew B. Rhodes [Andrew Bartholamew Rhodes]
 x Samuel P. UpChurch
 L. [blank space] A. Bouchillon
 x Marg. A. Snoddy
 x Marg. F. Morrow
 x Andrew B. Morrow
 Robert S. Lavender
 x Francis B. Farr
 x Cora A. Mize
 x Cornelia [blank space] Snoddy
 x Lucy A. Kelly
 x Ellen A. [actually shows ditto mark under the above name] Kelly
 x John T. Mize
 x Aepronos A. Harris
 x William L. Williamson
 George W. Storey
 x Fidelia Augusta Burnett [Fridelia Augusta Burnett, Mrs. J. G. Bonds]
 x Jane [blank space] Burnett

[written in the margin is the note] forwarded Nov. 7

Also the following was granted certificates of membership viz Mrs. Margaret Love and her children viz Amanda, Elizabeth, Lunè, Margaret, Mary, John R. Love.

Session closed with prayer.

By order of Session

J. G. Harris [James G. Harris], Clerk

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Hebron Church, Union, Ala., Nov. 28th, 1869

Session met and opened with Prayer. Members present Rev. J. M. McLain, Mod., Elders J. G. Harris [James G. Harris].

Note:

#1 – I will assume this Samuel P Upchurch is Samuel Pirese Upchurch as follows:

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. James Laton Upchurch, Sr

1. **Samuel Pirese Upchurch** XIX – 6421 born 16 Aug 1852 (AL) died 22 Sep 1922

#2 – I scanned various records to see if I could spot any of these names. It appears Cora A Mize could be the Cora Ann Mize could be the Cora Ann Mize born 6 Mar 1851 (Greene Co, AL) died

11 Mar 1912 (Buried – Pleasant Hill Cemetery) married Henry Lawrence Jones. So far this couple only related to Upchurch Family geographically – RPU

Re: Cornelia Snoddy & Virgil Snoddy note that Charles B Upchurch [a brother of Samuel Pirese Upchurch] married Cornelia --- --- maiden name unknown – RPU]