

Sarah Upchurch 1827**XID – 4261**

Commentary: Sarah was a daughter of Howell and a granddaughter of Harmon, head of Upchurch Clan 16. She married John Williams in 1859 in Stanley County, NC.

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(1) See Page 7 of West 15 Mar 1979 letter to RPU

(Howell Upchurch Will)

Howell Upchurch wrote his will 23 Nov 1843 in Stanley Co, NC. Names his children:

Sarah Upchurch, Celia Upchurch, William Riley Upchurch, Nancy Upchurch, Martha Upchurch & wife Rebecca.

The land he gave Sarah was on the south side of Jacob Creek.

(2) See 1850 Census Stanley Co, NC

43 – 44	Rebecca Upchurch	58	F	[Elizabeth Dudney – widow of Howell Upchurch]
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	<u>Sarah Upchurch</u>	23	F	
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[Next door is William Riley Upchurch a son of Rebecca – RPU]

(3) See letter 10 Jan 1983 Grace Williamson to RPU

From Aug 1979 Issue of NC Genealogical Society Journal “Marriage and Death Notices from *The NC Argus* 1848 – 1861 Weekly Newspaper – On the 10th inst, at the residence of Aaron Rogers, Esq in Stanly Co, NC by J R Livingston, Esq Mr John Williams to Miss Sarah Upchurch, all of Stanley – 20 Oct 1859 Issue.

(4) See census records Montgomery Co., NC

1830 – Howell Upchurch (Cordell Upchurch?) is head of household and there are slots for 3 daughters one of which should have been Sarah Upchurch who was age 3. However, the age brackets are not right.

1840 – Howell Upchurch is head of household. There is a proper age slot for Sarah Upchurch age 13 (10 – 15) and for her notes Nancy Upchurch age 17 (15 – 20). Only 2 daughters in house. Of the other 2 daughters – one must be gone and one not yet born.

(5) See letter 14 Feb 2000 James Beck to RPU [Jim and RPU were colleagues in the 1980s when RPU consulted at Eli Lilly & Co in Indianapolis, IN where Jim was an Ag chemist.]

I. Samuel Swearingen, Sr settled in 1730 on the Tar River in Beaufort Co, NC (Later Edgecombe Co, NC)

A. Samuel Swearingen, JR – to Anson Co, NC 1760

1. John Swearingen

a. Rebecca Swearingen born about 1792 – She was living with her daughter **Sarah Upchurch** [Mrs --- --- ---?] in Stanly Co, NC married () Howell Upchurch

[family outline continued below – CJM 4 Aug 2022]

2. Samuel Swearingen, III

a. [third great grandparent of Jim] Jane Swearingen married 1800 (Lincoln Co, NC) John Beck – moved to Buncombe Co, NC (area later = Swain Co, NC)

i. --- --- Beck

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(a) James Beck “Jim”

(6) See letter 15 Sep 2000 Kevin Michael Burton to RPU – page 3

He lists **Sarah Upchurch** as Sarah Lariah Upchurch [However – RPU still thinks Sarah & Lariah could be siblings] In any case Kevin shows **Sarah Upchurch** married 20 Oct 1859 (Stanly Co, NC) John Williams born about 1823