

Commentary: Shadrach Thomas Upchurch was born in 1831 in Wayne Co, KY and died in 1900 in Douglas Co, MO. He was the son of Moses Upchurch and the grandson of George Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan # 5. He may have been known as Thomas Shadrach Upchurch and as "Shade". After service in the Civil War, he and his brother John moved to Douglas Co, MO. Articles in the Upchurch Bulletin and elsewhere have allowed much of substance to be revealed for the Upchurch enclave in Douglas County from which later descendants moved to other locales and states. The move to Missouri and beyond was helpful as it has allowed us to more fruitfully define Upchurch facts.

- RPU 4 Apr 2017

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(1) See 1958 collection of letters of John Henderson Upchurch, II received 14 JUN 1994. An Upchurch ancestor (Giles Berry Upchurch?) had died interstate and 100 acres needed to be distributed to many heirs. John Henderson Upchurch, II attempted to locate the children of Myrtle (Miller) Swearingin, daughter of Mary E. Upchurch and granddaughter of William Alfred Upchurch. The collection of letters contain interesting genealogical information including:

Several letters from Joyce Ethel Upchurch Andrews in which she reports (6 MAY 1958)-- my grandfather was Shade or T. S. U. and 27 JUL 1958. "Yes, I can remember my grandfather 'Shade', mostly riding on his back. Could you bring the 'tintype' of my Grandfather with you?"

Report of a conversation with Raymond Carrick:

Since Joyce had told me her Grandfather was T. S. (Shade) Upchurch, [**Shadrack Thomas Upchurch**] I showed him the tintype picture of the "Shade" that I have always been told was our great uncle or great great uncle or cousin or something else. He said as near as he could remember him or any other pictures he had seen of him, that looked like him. When I told him the story about that "Shade" when he was talking to some girls and the small boys run up and said "Shade the bees are stinging your horse to death down by the hitch rack", and his reply was "Just let them sting, I can't be bothered while I am talking to the pretty girls". He said from what he could remember about his Grandpap Shade that sounded like him all right, except for letting the bees sting the hoss to death, for Grandpap was very particular about letting anybody handle his hosses and he figured if a bee pestered one of them it wouldn't stand no more chance of livin than a hoss fly. He said Grandpap used to have some pure Hamiltonian trotters and that he gave his mother a black mare once that could show her heels to anything in the country. When I described the picture to Joyce and told her of the bee incident, she insists it must be a picture of her Grandfather.

[NOTE: Is Thomas Shadrack Upchurch or **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch?** the correct version will cross reference in the Biofile System and also for “Shade” Upchurch—RPU]

(2) See letter 13 FEB 1996 Billie Jean Privett to RPU.

Shadrack Thomas Upchurch died about 1900 (Douglas County, MO) married about 1850 (Fenton County, TN) Louisa Craig born about 1828 (KY) died () (Douglas County, MO).

(3) **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** born 1831 in KY died ca 1900 in MO. Married 1851 Louisa Jane Craig, born 1828 Kentucky. Shadrack was in Civil War Union Army 19 OCT 1863---15 SEP 1865 Co. I, 39th Kentucky Regiment. **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** was son of Moses Upchurch. Shadrack & Louisa were married by Calvin Smith of Fentress, Tennessee. Shadrack’s application for a pension was made in Douglas County, MO when he and his brother John were before 1880. (29, page 70)

(4) See letter 15 AUG 1985 Edna Mabel Sanders to RPU.

1850 Census Wayne County, Kentucky

Moses Upchurch 60 born NC [Head of George Upchurch/Moses Upchurch Subclan]
Catherine Upchurch 55 born VT [Catherine Barker]
Shadrack Upchurch 19 born KY [**Shadrack Thomas Upchurch**]
John Upchurch 16 born KY [John H. Upchurch]

(5) See letter 22 JUL 1996 Freedia Pauline Martin to RPU.

Pauline has in hand a copy of “History of Douglas County, MO” and reports it makes reference to only one Upchurch—**Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** who served in the Civil War in the Union Army from 19 OCT 1863 to 15 SEP 1865 Co. I, 39th KY Regiment.

(6) See letter 14 AUG 1996 Freedia Pauline Martin to RPU.

From Douglas County, MO Herald 3 JAN 1901-28 DEC 1905
“Mrs. Jane Upchurch [nee Louisa Jane Craig—RPU], mother of J. H. U., died Thursday, March 20, 1902, born 16 MAY 1826 (Wayne County, KY) where we were raised, married **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** who died AUG 1900, six children, buried Denney Cemetery on Cowskin Reek (Creek?—RPU) SAT MAR 22”

(7) See letter 15 NOV 1995 Charles John Peterson, Jr. to RPU.

Personal property is listed for 1885 for Douglas Co., MO for individuals including one S. T. U. (presume this is **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch**—RPU).

4 Horses \$160
6 Cattle 44

34 Sheep	34
11 Hogs	11
Other property	37
Total	\$286

(8) See letter 22 NOV 1995 Charles John Peterson, Jr. to RPU.

Shadrack Thomas Upchurch born FEB 1831

(9) See letter 4 AUG 1998 Eleanor Louise Barker to RPU—Page 8-11.

Shadrack Thomas Upchurch CPL was mustered into the KY 30th mounted Infantry Regiment MAR/APR 1864—Co I. [NOTE—this reference also lists a second Shadrack T. Upchurch but in Co. D rather than in Co. I. Are these two the same or different? –RPU]

(10) Birth Records 11 NOV 1998

 Upchurch, Columbus [Christopher Columbus Upchurch] Birth
 Sex: Male
 Birth Date: 17 May 1858 Birthplace: Beaver Creek, Wayner, KY
 Recorded in: Wayne, Kentucky
 Father: **Shadrach Upchurch** [Shadrack Thomas Upchurch]
 Mother: Jane Craig [Louisa Jane Craig]
 Source: FHL Number 216842 Dates: 1852-1858

(11) RPU Analysis – 8 SEP 2000

In the 1800's there appeared in Wayne Co., KY several individuals named **Shadrack Upchurch**. They were sometimes referred to as "SHADE UPCHURCH". Some of the identities are as follows:

- I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan
 - A. Moses Upchurch born 1790
 1. Shadrack Thomas Upchurch AKA Thomas Shadrack Upchurch and as "SHADE UPCHURCH" born 1831 died 1900 XID-378
 2. Thomas Upchurch born 1815 died about 1889 -XID-370
 - a. Shadrach Marion Upchurch born 1848 died 1931
I do not know what he was called.
 - B. Hiram Upchurch born 1824
 1. Shadrack Allen Upchurch born 1844 died 1933 "SHADE UPCHURCH" XID-342
 - C. George Upchurch born 1810
 1. Shadrack Washington Upchurch born 1839 died 1901 "SHADE UPCHURCH" XID-308
 - D. **SHADRACK UPCHURCH** born 1784—[could have been referred to as "SHADE" not sure—died 1863 –XID-139.
 1. Silas Upchurch born 1806 died 1874

- a. Shadrack Washington Upchurch born 1831 died 1914. referred to as “WASH” Upchurch. Could have been referred to as “SHADE” –not sure—XID-247

[Note that XID-378, 342, 308 were first cousins and all lived in the 1830-1930 era. Just which one is referred to as “Shade” in a given case can only be determined by associated information.

(12) See letter 13 MAY 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU—detail from Mrs. Raymond Paulsen (nee Olga Andrews) 1145 S. Fremont, Springfield, MO 65804 with a sheet from her late mother, Mrs. Jason Andrews (nee Joyce Ethel Upchurch).

[NOTE: Not all pages in the hands of Olga and Joyce reached—RPU—but RPU got useful data from the summary.]

I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan

A. Moses Upchurch

1. **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** [AKA Thomas Shadrack Upchurch]

He had 7 children.

- a. John Henderson Upchurch, I—(had 7 children) born 2 MAY 1852 died 5 NOV 1931 married Sarah Jane Hailey of Ava, MO, daughter of James Hailey and Mary Coleman Roe.

- i. Minnie Belle Upchurch married (1st) Robert Pearl Mercer of Ava. Divorced—no issue; married (2nd) Wilborn Edley Clinkingbeard and they had issue:

(I) Genevieve Clinkingbeard married () Thad Beatty—have funeral home, Baker OK;

(A) Brenda Jeanette Beatty married () --- lives Pocatello, ID

(II) William Edley Clinkingbeard, Jr. married () Elsie ----

(A) Cindy Clinkingbeard-(adopted); lives in Boise, ID;

- ii. Lewis Hobart Upchurch born Ava, MO and married Ora Mae Johnson, daughter of Newt Johnson of Smallett, MO. Ora died Springfield, MO.

(I) Clifton Upchurch married () Nadine Jarrett of Springfield, MO

(A) Nancy Upchurch married and has issue:

(B) Natalie Upchurch married and has issue:

- iii. Joyce Ethel Upchurch born Ava, MO married () Jason Cephas Andrews, son of I. A. Andrews and Ruth Carrick of Seymour, MO;

(I) Doris Maurine born 13 JAN 1909 (Seymour, MO)

[Her twin died]; married () Rev. L. E. Werner of Caistorville, Ontario, Canada—1 son;

- iv. Mary Jane Upchurch born 2 NOV probably 1888 married () William J. Yandell of Ava, MO [son of John Yandell & Adeline Miller] both died and buried in Springfield, MO.

- v. Grover Cleveland Upchurch married Ella Miller of Ava, MO (SL), daughter of James Miller and Caldonia Briyen (?)
- vi. Barney Upchurch [Joseph Barney Upchurch] married () Hauxey Foster of Ava, MO; Had 2 children—both deceased.
- vii. Oliver Wadie Upchurch

(12) Upchurch records found in a library book in Grapevine, TX by Betty June Bean and sent to Melva Doris Upchurch who sent same to RPU in letter 9 FEB 00.

- 1,2 Upchurch, John and Louisa Wood:
3 daughter, not named born 5 DEC 1854.
- 4 Upchurch, John (owner):
5 Black female named Hannah (Upchurch) born --- Nov.
- 6,7 Upchurch, John H. and Polly Williams:
8 daughter, Elizabeth K. Upchurch born 4 Nov 1852.
- 9,10 Upchurch, Joseph and Sarah J. Matthews:
11 daughter, Rebecca Upchurch born 3 Jan 1857.
- 12 Upchurch, Louisa:
13 Illegitimate daughter, Canzada Catharine Upchurch born on
Otter Creek; Remarks: “father Inorg” (ign
- 14 Upchurch, Margaret:
15 Illegitimate son, Francis M. Edwards born --- Dec
Otter Creek; parents born and reside on Otte
16 Remarks: “father said to be R. Edwards = thi
stranger made his advent into this world bef
were legally married”.
- 17, 18 Upchurch, Martin and Deborah “Debbie” Morris: (see Davi
19 son, William F. Upchurch born 2 June 1858 near ?
- 20,21 **Upchurch, Shadrack** and Jane Craig:
22 son, Columbus Upchurch born 17 May 1858 on Beave

(13) See letter 12 MAY 1999 James Roy Taylor to RPU—page 15-17.

A complete list of the members (officers and men) of the 30th KY Mounted Infantry—a Union Regiment formed 13 FEB 1864, mustered out 18 APR 1865. Included in the listing are:

Alvin L. Upchurch	Corporal
Francis M. Privett	PVT
Miles Privett	PVT

Moses Privett PVT
Shad T. Upchurch PVT
Shadrach Upchurch PVT

(14) Input from Anna Marie Crouch via email 13 FEB 2010 regarding The George Upchurch Clan.

I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan

A. Moses Upchurch born 1790
1-10 children;

34. Moses Upchurch was born 1790 Iredell County, North Carolina and died ca 1859 Wayne County, Kentucky. His wife was Catherine (Katie) Barker who was born 1795 Virginia and died after 1860 Kentucky. They were married in North Carolina since they are listed in the census in that state.

They were listed in the census records of 1810 Iredell County, North Carolina. Moses and Catherine had moved to Wayne County, Kentucky since they were listed in the 1830 and 1850 census of Wayne County, Kentucky. Catherine is listed with son, John, in 1860. Their children:

341. Thomas Upchurch born 1815 Iredell County, North Carolina died ca 1889 Wayne County, Kentucky.

342. Nancy Mason Upchurch born 4-20-1816 Iredell County, North Carolina died 1863 Wayne County, Kentucky.

343. Millie Upchurch born 1817 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Fentress County, Tennessee.

344. Margaret Upchurch born 1819 Iredell County, North Carolina died in Wayne County, Kentucky.

345. Levina Upchurch born ca 1820 Iredell County, North Carolina.

346. Mary Upchurch born 6-19-1825 Wayne County, Kentucky died in Wayne County, Kentucky.

347. Lucinda Upchurch born 1827 Wayne County, Kentucky died in Wayne County, Kentucky.

348. George Washington Upchurch born ca 1829 Wayne County, Kentucky died Fentress County, Tennessee.

*** 349. **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** born 2-7-1831 Wayne County, Kentucky died 8-26-1900 Douglas County, Missouri.

340. John H. Upchurch born 1834 Wayne County, Kentucky died Douglas County, Missouri.

*** 349. **Shadrack Thomas Upchurch** was born 2-7-1831 Wayne County, Kentucky and died 8-26-1900 Douglas County, Missouri. Shadrack was listed with his parents in the 1850 census of Wayne County, Kentucky. His wife was Louisa Jane Craig who was born 4-18-1836 Kentucky and died 4-11-1902. They were married 1851. Shadrach T. and Jane were listed in the 1860 and 1870 Wayne County, Kentucky census. They were living next door to John H. and Louisa Upchurch. Joseph Slagle was living next door in 1870. In 1880 they had moved to Finley, Douglas

County, Missouri. They are listed as Sharie and Louisa J. Upchurch. He was a farmer in 1880. Stadric (sic) and Louisa were living in Finley Township, Douglas County, Missouri in 1900. They were living next door to their son, John. No children at home in 1900. Their children all home 1860 and 1870.

- 3491. Amanda Upchurch born 1850 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1883 Douglas County, Missouri.
- 3492. John Henderson Upchurch born 5-2-1853 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1931 Ava, Douglas County, Missouri.
- 3493. Absolom Moses Upchurch born 1854 Wayne County, Kentucky.
- 3494. Lucy Upchurch born 1856 Wayne County, Kentucky died in Missouri.
- 3495. Christopher Columbus Upchurch born 5-17-1858 Beaver Creek, Wayne County, Kentucky died 1882 Douglas County, Missouri.
- 3496. Rowena Upchurch born 8-1861 Wayne County, Kentucky died 9-26-1939 Douglas County, Missouri.
- 3497. Mason Upchurch born 2-1863 Wayne County, Kentucky died Seymour, Missouri.