

Commentary: Shadrach Upchurch was born in 1784 in Brunswick Co, VA and died in Wayne Co, KY in 1863. He was the son of George Upchurch, head of Upchurch clan # 5. It seems likely that Shadrach married during the first two decades that the family lived in Iredell Co, NC before moving on to Wayne Co, KY. George settled in the Parmleysville section of the county near Mt. Pisgah. It appears Shadrach acquired his father's land and lived out his life on the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River. Father and son are likely buried there. Some of the family of George moved elsewhere in Wayne County and some out of state. The Upchurch family of Parmleysville deserves more study.

- RPU 4 Apr 2017

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(1) Shadrack Upchurch, son of George Upchurch, Head of Clan was beneficiary in will of his brother Thomas Upchurch who never married. Will written 18 MAY 1853 proved 24 OCT 1855. Land on Little South Fork in Wayne County, Kentucky (29, page 66).

(2) See letter 17 JAN 1922 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU.

Shadrack Upchurch born 1784 (Brunswick County, VA) died 1 MAR 1863 (Monticello, KY) married 1805 (NC) Ruth ----- born 1784 (Iredell Co., NC) died MAR 1860 (Monticello, KY).

(3) Children of Shadrack Upchurch as listed by Ada Morgan (29, page 68-70):

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| 1. Silas Upchurch born 1806 | 6. Rebecca Upchurch born 1820 |
| 2. George Upchurch born 1810 | 7. John Upchurch "Jonathan" born 1823 |
| 3. Moses Upchurch born 1815 | 8. Hiram Upchurch born 1824 |
| 4. Preston Upchurch born 1817 | 9. Rachel Upchurch born 1826 |
| 5. Louisa Upchurch born 1818 | 10. Joseph Upchurch born 1829 |

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

To the list of 10 children in **(3)** she adds Thomas Upchurch born 1817 (I question the addition—RPU). Also Billie Jean lists some birth dates as different from those in **(3)** namely--

Preston Upchurch born 1819	Rebecca Upchurch born 1823
Louisa Upchurch born 1821	John Upchurch born 1827

(5) See letter 18 AUG 1997 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU.

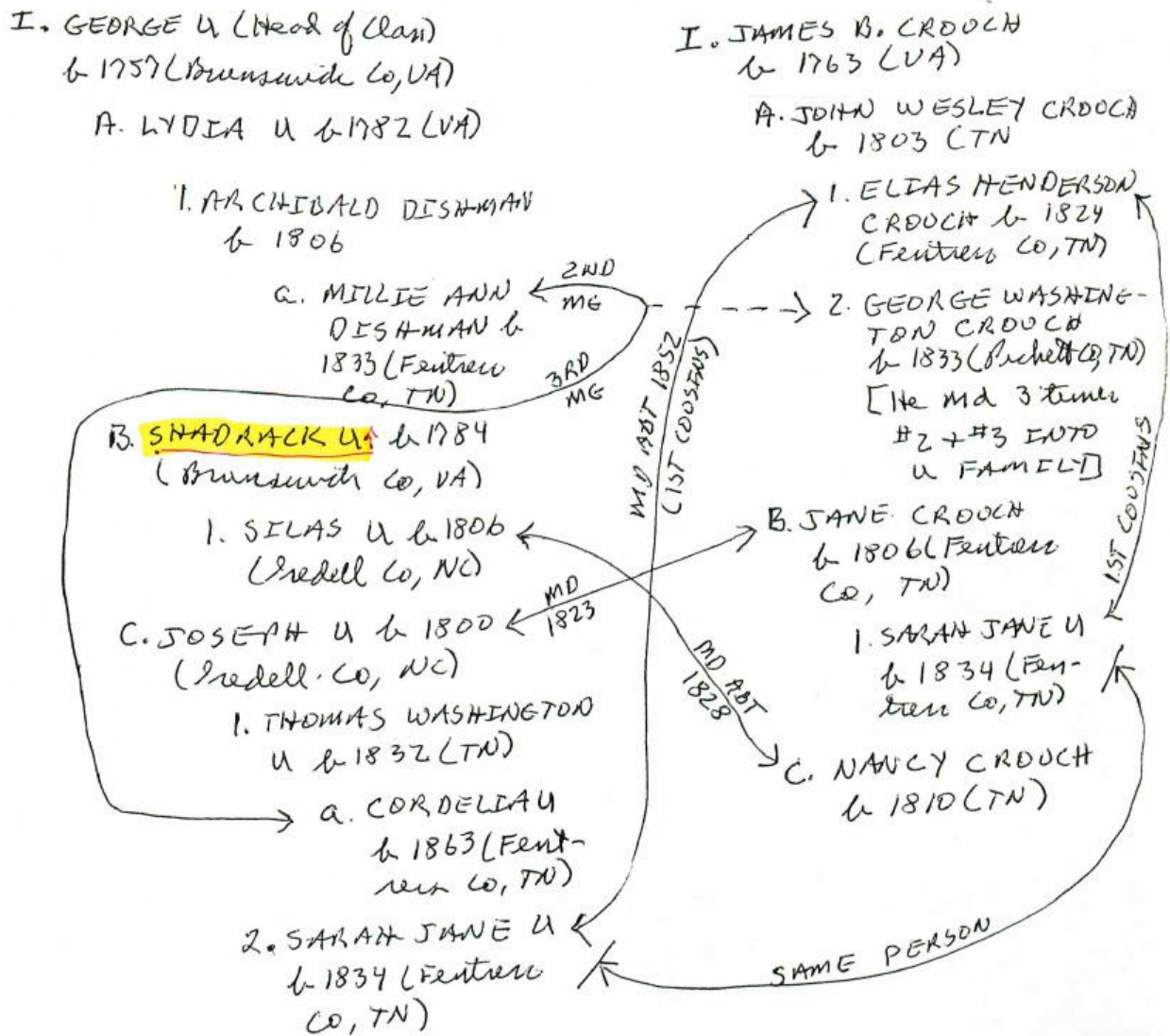
Shadrack Upchurch born about 1784 died 24 OCT 1865 married () Ruth ----- born about 1784 died 14 MAR 1860.

(6) See letter 1 DEC 1998 Dennis Wayne Price to RPU. He reports George Upchurch (Head of Clan)→Shadrack Upchurch married (1st) Ruth ----; married (2nd) Nancy Crouch [Note—This is first listing of Nancy Crouch as a wife—RPU.]

(7) RPU Analysis of Upchurch-Crouch Intermarriages starting in the early 1800s
 Names in the following diagram include

George Upchurch
 Lydia Upchurch
 Archibald Dishman
 Millie Ann Dishman
 Shadrack Upchurch
 Silas Upchurch
 Joseph Upchurch
 Thomas Washington Upchurch
 Cordelia Upchurch

Sarah Jane Upchurch
 James B. Crouch
 John Wesley Crouch
 Elias Henderson Crouch
 George Washington Crouch
 Jane Crouch
 Sarah Jane Upchurch
 Nancy Crouch



(8) See Letter 25 Sep 1998 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU Page 39

Shadrack Upchurch married (Iredell Co, NC) (Buried- Upchurch Cemetery, Parmleysville, Wayne Co, KY). His wife Ruth --- --- (Buried-as husband)

(9) 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.

(10) See letter 26 JUL 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU—page 20

I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan

A. **SHADRACK UPCHURCH**

1. George Upchurch born 1810 (NC) died after 1855 married (1st) () Louisa ----- (She may have been an Upchurch); married (2nd) () Mary Ann Crabtree.
 - a. William Thomas Upchurch "SHELL" born 14 JAN 1848 () died 28 SEP 1907 () [Buried—St. John's Cemetery, Lillydale Area, 25 miles from Byrdstown, TN in the country] married (1st) about 1869 () Victoria Bow born () died () [buried—Pilot Point Cemetery, Collin Co., TX] married (2nd) about 1877 () Sarah Elizabeth Eden born 25 AUG 1852 () died 30 MAR 1920.

Children of Elizabeth and Shadrach:

- i. Ira Upchurch
 - ii. Herman Upchurch
 - iii. Claudis Ed Upchurch—had 7 children
 - iv. Maud U “Mandi”
 - v. Pearl Upchurch
 - vi. Margaret Upchurch “Maggie”
- b. George Washington Upchurch—[After his mother Louisa died, he lived with his Grandparents-**Shadrack Upchurch** & Ruth--] born 14 MAR 1852 () died 13 SEP 1928 () (buried --) married () Sarah Jane Riley born 02 OCT 1879 died 02 JUL 1934.
- i. William Upchurch
 - ii. Walter Upchurch
 - iii. Matonda Upchurch
 - iv. Nora Upchurch

(11.) See letter 19 JUN 1999 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU—page 671.

Eleanor continues to show **Shadrack Upchurch** died 24 OCT 1865 and reports he is buried in Upchurch Family Cemetery, Parmleysville, Wayne County, KY. Eleanor shows wife of **Shadrack Upchurch** as Ruth – born 14 DEC 1784 (NC) died 14 MAR 1860 (Wayne County, KY) (buried – as husband).

(12.) See letter 10 APR 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU – Page 9 and text of letter. Page 9 is a diagram of several tracts in Wayne County, KY surveyed by Jerry Koger 8 JUN 1973. Jerry writes to Melva on 23 MAR 2000 and provides the diagram and several supporting documents and says “we” no longer own this land. It was sold to the Wayne Lumber Co. of Monticello, KY. Several of the tracts originally owned by J. M. Huber and several by Marsh-Pogue (presumably two families) and one tract originally owned by Ruth Upchurch [order book 31 page 546]. Melva thinks the diagram includes the land of **Shadrack Upchurch** [son of George Upchurch—Head of Clan] on the LSF.

CROSSFILE: Wayne County, KY—LSF—Land Project

[Note: I could not match any of the “supporting” documents to the diagram – RPU 13 SEP 2000]

(13.) See letter 25 APR 2001 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU.

I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan

A. **Shadrack Upchurch** born 1784 married Ruth Bethshares born 1784

[Note: Do we have adequate evidence for this marriage? We know her name was Ruth or Rutha—but was she nee Bethshares, Bathshares, Beshears--? RPU 8 JUL 2001]

(14.) Items in letter 20 FEB 2004 Truex Newman Upchurch to RPU; also file: Land Grants/Lotteries.

Jillson, Willard Rouse
 The Kentucky Land Grants, Part I
 Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1971.

Kentucky Land Warrants:

In 1815 the Kentucky State Legislature passed an act relative to land distribution, and the records written in fulfillment of this statute are now known as Kentucky Land Warrants, 1816-1873. These grants consist of forty-three books and 25,621 grants. The Act of the General Assembly governing this group of grants opened for sale, at \$20.00 per 100 acres, all the vacant lands to anyone in Kentucky, except an alien. The method followed was similar to that originally employed by Virginia, the purchaser securing receipt from the State Treasurer which was in turn converted into a land office warrant, authorizing the owner to locate and survey a certain acreage. When this had been completed and returned to the land office, it was registered and a land patent was issued to the owner within about six months. This law, however, did not apply to lands west of the Tennessee River.

	Area	Book	Page	Date Survey	County	Watercourse
Nation, William	100	E	523	12-24-1818	Shelby	Little Brush Creek
Nations, Christopher	50	Y	77	2-6-1824	Whitley	Fork Case Creek
Upchurch, Chadrick*	50	M	49	4-10-1822	Wayne	Muddy Fork South Fork

*[**Shadrack Upchurch** born 1784]

Grants west of Tennessee River

Following the acceptance of the treaty drawn by Andrew Jackson and Isaac Shelby with the Chickasaw Indians in 1818 and approved by Congress in 1819, the United States became the possessor of all lands lying between the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers in what is now both Kentucky and Tennessee. The Kentucky portion, oddly enough, became known as the Jackson Purchase and embraces McCracken, Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Fulton, Graves, Marshall and Calloway counties. These lands were opened up for settlement in 1820, the General Assembly appointing a surveyor to lay off this great boundary into sections and townships—a very fortunate provision. The records of this group has thus come to be known as Grants West of the Tennessee River, and are to be found in eleven volumes from 1822 to 1858. They comprise 8,713 grants.

Grantee	Acres	Book	Page	Township-Range
Upchurch, Thomas A.	160	5	124	NW Qr Sec 10T-4 R-5 E
Upchurch, Ambrose	160	9	271	SE Qr Sec 3 T-4 R-5 E

Grants South of Walker's Line

A small group of grants known as the Grants South of Walker's Line were issued from 1825 to 1923. They are located as their title suggests, "South of Walker's Line," and north of the parallel 36 degrees and 30 minutes, a line which was accurately established in 1819 by Robert Alexander and Luke Munsell, following legislative appointment. Dr. Walker in running his line for the southern boundary of Kentucky in 1779-80 failed to establish the true parallel of 36 degrees and 30 minutes, his line falling variously from six to ten miles north of the true parallel. Since the old Walker line had been established as the southern boundary of Kentucky and covers a considerable distance, it will be seen that the lands indicated in these grants were really in Tennessee. To settle the matter, an agreement was reached in 1820 by the Commissioners selected by the Kentucky and Tennessee, in furtherance of which Kentucky was given the right to issue grants for all of the territory lying north of parallel 36 degrees and 30 minutes and east of the Tennessee River.

Grantee	Acres	Book	Page	Date Survey	County	Watercourse
Upchurch, Joseph*	50	2	167	4-10-1828	Opp Wayne	Rottens Fork
Upchurch, Joseph	50	2	411	4-7-1831	Fentress	Caney Fork
Upchurch, Joseph	50	3	341	6-13-1837	Campbell	Wolf River
Upchurch, Joseph	100	3	453	11-12-1838	Fentress	Beatys Creek
Upchurch, Joseph	50	6	408	10-25-1851	Fentress	Caney Fork

*[Joseph Upchurch born 1800]

(15) From email—Pat Thomas to RPU 16 Jan 2016 9:33 am & 9:36 am. Archived in dropbox case in the 197(?) Court of Appeals.

Thomas Upchurch (son of George Upchurch—Head of Clan) on 18 Jul 1853 a few months before his death asked his brother Joseph Upchurch to write his will. Will dated 18 MAY 1853. Settlement 19 Jun 1894—contested—probated 24 OCT 1855. The contest had to do with how signatures were affirmed. Joseph Upchurch = a principal devisee. Names of brothers Moses Upchurch and **Shadrack** [sic] **Upchurch** mentioned. Others present Cyrus Keeton and Joel Keeton-- ???—Redman (Redmon?) or -----?.

NOTE: The actual will not now in RPU files.

(16) See letter 19 Jun 1999 Eleanor Louisa Baker to RPU==page 69.

Shadrack Upchurch

Notes:

I found a death date of 24 October 1865 for Shadrack born 1784; I failed to record my source and cannot locate it. Robert Phillip Upchurch, Editor of the Michael Upchurch Quarterly gives his death date as 1 March 1863. (Eleanor Bertram) **Shadrack Upchurch** was born 1784 in probably, Brunswick County, Virginia, and he died 1 March 1863. He married Ruth _____?, she died 14 March 1860 in Wayne County, Kentucky, Upchurch Cemetery at Parmleysville. **Shadrack** is listed in the Index as being buried here but his name is not on this page. I wrote it in. Ruth, **Shadrack** and John Brake,

infant son of James Monroe Brake and Elizabeth Upchurch, are buried here. **Shadrack** bought land on the Little South Fork, and was near his parents during their lifetime. For \$10.00 he purchased a warrant for 50 acres of land in the distribution act passed in 1815 by Kentucky; Upchurch, Chadrick 50 A. Book M page 49 on 10 April 1822 in Wayne County on Muddy Fork of South Fork. It was Shadrack who bought the land from the heirs of George Upchurch when George's estate was settled. On the 1850 Census of Wayne County, Shadrack had a daughter at home and a son Joseph. Ruth had died 1 March 1860. Daughter Rachel married James "Jackson" Piercy about 1851, son of William "Billy" Piercy. They had three daughters, Martha Wayne, Lavinia Jane, and Abigail "Abby". Rachel died about 1856. In 1857 Jackson married Luverna Keeton. In 1860, he had a daughter and granddaughter looking after him. Shadrack and Ruth reared a large family on the Little South Fork; their houses were built on a ridge above the river. The settlement was known as Mount Pisgah, Kentucky.

The burials in the Upchurch Cemetery, Parmleystown, Wayne County, Kentucky are linked as follows:

- I. George Upchurch—Head of Clan
 - A. **Shadrack Upchurch** married Ruthy—(buried in Cemetery)
 - B. Moses Upchurch
 - 1. Thomas Upchurch
 - a. Elizabeth Upchurch married () James Monroe Brake
 - i. John William Brake born 11 NOV 1865 (Wayne County, KY) died 5 DEC 1866 (Wayne County, KY) (Buried in cemetery).