

STEPHEN UPCHURCH

XID 13474

COMMENTARY:

Stephen Upchurch (XID 13474) was the son of John Upchurch, III, head of Upchurch Clan # 14. Stephen was born about 1775, which appears to be while his father was living in Brunswick County, VA. As a young boy, Stephen moved with his father to Chatham County, NC in the 1780's. Stephen had two brothers and five sisters. The males all owned land in Chatham County in the 1780 – 1820 era. Stephen appears to have married in Chatham County, but it is in White County (later Rutherford County) TN, that Stephen and his wife began a family.

The late Billye Marie (Upchurch) Purdam was a tireless worker in helping to bridge her own heritage from Rutherford County, TN back to North Carolina. Unfortunately, she passed away before knowing the full story

- RPU 5 Jul 2016

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Transcribed by Alice Kirn, a member of the John Upchurch III/Stephen subclan, from the original Biofile preserved in the Allied Families Archives, transcription received August 31, 2015.

1. See Letter of 30 July 1983 Donald Eugene U to RPU

In UB 4 No. 2 Page 49, you asked about the prospect of one Stephen Upchurch being the brother of David U who married Sally Johnson in Wilson County, TN in 1818. My tax list for Wilson County shows one Stephen Upchurch. He is on the index for being on 1820 census in Wilson County, TN. David U is in Overton County, TN in 1820 while Joseph U is in White Co, TN and William U is in Jackson Co, TN.

2. Land owned by Stephen Upchurch in Chatham County, NC in 1802 was revealed in a deed whereby Samuel U. (son of John UIII) sold 200 acres of land on 30 Sept. 1801 to his brother John U (XID-4168). This land, on Shaddox's Creek (in SE Chatham County, NC) adjoined land being sold. It adjoined also land of David Minord and of Littleton Daniel - Witnesses: Thomas Williams, William Castle. Proved February Session 1802, Chatham Co, NC. [Note: I speculate that Stephen, John and Samuel are brothers. We know that Samuel moved to Wilson County, TN <1812. I further speculate that 3 unconnected U's married in Wilson County, TN are children of Stephen U. They are:

Abner U md. 1828 Nancy Pyland

Mary U md. 8 May 1832 James P Florida

Sally U md. 14 Sept. 1840 Henry Cluck -- RPU (29, Pg. 160)]

[29 = UPCHURCH STORY BY OLIVE MORGAN --Pg. 160 --RPU]

3. 8 JAN 1984: Called Billye Marie U in Lewisburg, TN to share my hypothesis in (2). She thinks could be right. She says Samuel Clemmons U also had evidence Stephen U was recorded as being in Wilson Co. TN in the early 1800's.
4. See Ltr 8 May 1984 Miriam Anderson to RPU.

I have been back to the TN State Archives but have not found a Wilson Co., TN will for Stephen U It may be that his dau. (name unknown; age 16-18 in 1820) had married and she and her husband had attained "head of the household" without benefit of a will. Stephen's children Abner and Sally U were living on adjoining farms in 1840.

Samuel U was the first documented Upchurch in Wilson Co. TN. He returned to his birthplace of Brunswick Co. VA in 1810 and to Chatham Co. NC. Samuel U arranged a group to move to TN. His brother Stephen U and their Chatham Co. NC neighbor John Pyland joined the group to move to TN by 1812. Stephen had a daughter by 1812 in Wilson, Co. TN

Stephen U and John Pyland and their descendants remained in the same location in western Wilson Co. TN (later Rutherford Co., TN) from 1812 – 1984 within a 10 mile radius of each other.

Stephen U and his friend John Pyland were in dwellings 418 and 419 in Wilson Co., TN on the 1820 census. Stephen U was the only U on the Wilson, Co. TN 1820 census. In 1828 Abner U [Samuel Abner UI]{son of Stephen U} and Nancy Pyland, daughter of John Pyland

1820 Census- Wilson Co. TN #418 Stephen U, Head of Household

<u>Male</u>	<u>Females</u>
1 (<10) Abner U. b 1807 (NC)	1 (<10) Sarah U b 1810 (NC) and
o	o Mary U b 1812 (TN)
o	o
o	1 – unnamed DAU
1 – (26 – 45) <u>STEPHEN U</u> b 1775 – 1794	o
o	o

The wife of Stephen U apparently died in TN between 1812–1820.

1830 Census – Wilson Co., TN and Rutherford Co, TN - No Upchurches found. Since Stephen U is not, presume he died prior to 1830. The older girl in Stephen's home on the 1820 census probably married and the 3 younger children, Abner, Sarah and Mary, may be in her home under her husband's name.

1800 – John U (XID – 4168) and his brother, Stephen U are on the 1800 Census for Chatham Co., NC – Record not readable.

5. See Letter 17 MAR 1984 Martha Miriam Anderson to RPU.

Abner U had to be the son of Stephen U because Stephen was the only Upchurch in Wilson, Co. TN in 1820. None were listed in 1830. Then Abner and two sisters show up in Wilson Co. TN marriage in 1828, 1832, and 1840.

Sequences regarding John U III and his sons Stephen, Samuel and John

- A. 1805 Samuel U and wife Mary witness a land sale in Smith Co, TN and buy land in Wilson. Co. TN – 1805.
- B. 1810 Samuel U returned to Chatham Co. NC to sell his father's land to brother John. Samuel's family listed in 1810 Census - -All are listed in 1790 Tax List – Chatham Co., NC.
- C. Stephen U and family came to TN with Samuel when he returned. All Census records show that 3 children were born 1810 and before in NC. Daughter Mary born 1812 TN

- D. 1820 1820 –fact before 1820 Samuel’s family moved to IL. They are there on 1820 Census. Stephen was left as only Upchurch in Wilson Co., NC. Pyland family was on adjoining farm.
- E. 1820 Census Stephen U Males 100010, Females 20100 Abner b 1807+ (NC), Sarah b 1810 (NC) Mary b 1812 (TN), An older daughter b 1802- 1804 (NC) (16 to 18 years old).
- F. No Upchurchs on the 1830 Wilson Co., TN census. Assume Stephen U died prior to 1830, oldest daughter md and two younger in some else’s household.

6. See letter 8 MAY 1984 Martha Marian Anderson to RPU.

Stephen U is on 1820 Census, Wilson, Co., TN. #417 nearly in #419. Robert Pyland in whose home there is Nancy Pyland (age 16 – 18), the future bride of Stephen U.

Steven Upchurch is on 1820 Census of Wilson Co., TN age 26 -45 (Hence b 1775 -1794)

Born Brunswick Co., VA [his first child was born 1802 – 1804 -?] died 1820 – 1830 as child not on 1830 census of Wilson Co. TN. Died in Wilson Co., TN

1820 Census Wilson Co., TN.

M – 100010;	F 20100
Son Abner <10	Sarah 10 yrs. (1810) b NC
Stephen 26 – 45	Mary 8 yrs (1812) b TN
	16 – 18 (1802 – 1804) b NC

7. See Ltr. MAR 1984 – Martha Miriam Anderson to RPU.

Stephen Upchurch was named for a relative and neighbor Stephen Smith by his mother.

8. See Ltr. 14 APR 1984 Billye Marie Upchurch to RPU

John U III had 3 sons - John born 1771, Samuel b. 1772, Stephen U [†]. b 1775.

About 1810 1812 Stephen U moved from Chatham Co, NC to Wilson Co, TN along with neighbor Robert Pyland. Stephen U md.in 1806 (NC). Don’t know his wife’s name. Part of Wilson Co., TN was added to Rutherford Co., TN and that is how Stephen, his son SAUI and their neighbor Robert Pyland became citizens of Rutherford Co. TN. Stephen U [†] was father of three children SAUL, Sarah and Mary Elizabeth, I think Stephen U was named by his mother after a Chatham Co., NC neighbor and friend Stephen Smith.

9. See Ltr "22 MAY 1987 Oliver Wingate U to RPU.

- A. Stephen Upchurch in 1817 sold land to George Drake, [this presumably in Chatham Co., NC.]
- B. Chatham Co., NC Deed Book (M?) 57
Samuel U FEB 1802 to John U for sum of 150 Spanish Mill'd dollars. John U and Stephen Upchurch mentioned.

10. See Ltr 8 SEP 1992 Arieta NMN Snyder to RPU.

Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812 detached from the militia of NC in 1812 and 1814. Published in pursuance of the resolutions of the General Assembly of 21 JAN 1851 under the direction of the Adjutant General. Raleigh.

Included are 6 U's including Stephen U↑, Fifth (5th) Co. detached from Chatham Regt.

11. Analysis of 24 JUN 1994 - RPU

James U age 33 on the 1850 Wilson County TN Census is definitely James S.U b 1817 (NC). I now propose that he is the son of Stephen U↑ and GS of John U, III, Head of Clan. The male age of less than 10 in the Stephen U household on 1820 Census in Wilson, Co., TN is probably James S.U b. 1817 (NC) and not Samuel Abner U I b. 1807 (NC) as previously proposed. [Need to find a slot for SAU,I] Furthermore, it now seems that Sarah U household on 1840 Census Wilson Co, TN may be the widow of Stephen U and the male in the household is probably James SU b 1817 (NC).

12. From: HOLLEMAN FAMILY – WAKE CO., NC ENTRY 22 JAN 2001?

Pg. 28 CHATHAM County, NC Deeds—LDS Film #259,414:

Book AE:

p. 250:

9 Jan 1837

- ▲ Benjamin Tedder of Chatham Co. to Ezra HOLLOMAN of Wake Co. for \$135, tract containing 133 acres, adj. Aven Cotton, John Upchurch, Stephen Upchurch

Signed: Benjamin X Tedder

- ▲ Witnesses: B.S. Mims, David- x mark -Mims

The Upchurches mentioned:

I. John U., III – Head of Clan

- A. Stephen U. - XID – 13474
- B. John U, VII - XID -- 4168

RPU NOTE: The land involved no doubt is close to Shaddock's Creek and the Wake Chatham Border where John U, III lived and died circa 1795 and his sons owned land. I am a little surprised that these two Upchurches are here being cited as late as 1837 as I thought they cleared out of the area in the 1800 – 1820 era. 23 JAN 2011

13. Subject: Chatham Co, NC Upchurch Land Grants

From: "Jim Jones" <jpjones@nc.rr.com>

Date: Sun, Apr 11, 2010 5:10 am

To: Robert P Upchurch PhD Phil@upchurchstory.com

Phil, you're probably aware of these. While at the NC Archives yesterday, I located 6 late 18th century - early 19th century Upchurch Family NC State land grants:

▲ - John	100 A {stream name not recorded} [John U III]
▲ - Moses	50 A, Pitts Cr
▲ - Samuel	42 A, Shaddox Cr (aka Shaddocks Cr)
▲ - Sims	14.5 A, wtrs Foster's Br
▲ - Stephen	300 A, Shaddox Cr
▲ - Stephen	90 A, Long Br. Shaddox Cr

Jim Jones email message cont.

All appear to be located in present - day SE Chatham Co. At least one is adjacent to a David Mimms (Mims) Chatham Co grant that is positioned precisely on the southwest corner of Chatham and Wake counties. By the time you arrive on your visit, I'll have more complete information and perhaps a tentative positioning.

Jim

14. See Biofile of John U, son of John U (XID – 157) h (Head of Clan) for deed whereby John U, the son, sells to his brother Samuel U 200 acres in Chatham CO, NC on 30 SEP 1801 (Proved FEB 1802) – Adjacent to land of Stephen U and David Minnard and Littleton Daniel – witnessed Thomas Williams and William Castle – cc Thomas Ragland (29, Pg. 160)

15. See Chatham Co, NC Deeds - 9 JAN 1837

Benjamin Tedder of Chatham Co, NC sells on 9 JAN 1837 133 acres to Ezra Holloman of Wake Co, NC. land in Chatham Co, NC – Location Mary LINN(?) old line; AVEN (?) Cotton line, John U – Stephen U ↑

John U old line. Registered NOV term. 1838. Attest B.S. Mims (?) and David MIMS(?)

16. From: Chatham Co, NC 1771 – 1971 By Hadley, Horton, Strowd, Muster Roles of Soldiers of the War of 1812 – Chatham Co, NC Page 457

NAMES OF INTEREST TO RPU:

HASTEN POE	HENRY WILSON	JOHN CRATON
JAMES JONES	SAMEUL WILSON	(JOHN CRAYTON)
ALEX LASSITER		RUFFIN UPCHURCH
JOHN CLEGG		ROBERT COUNCIL
CHARLES JOHNSTON		ISIAH COLE
(CHARLES Johnson)		<u>STEPHEN UPCHURCH</u> ↑
WILLIAM LASSATER		LEONARD JOHNSTON
WILLIAM HINTON		(LEONARD JOHNSON)

17. See Ltr 14 JAN 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the court record referred to in 1. Lucy had already had two children by 9 MAR 1814.

18. See Ltr 2 JAN 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU.

The 9 MAR 1814 Session of {Pleas and Quarter Session (for Wake Co. NC?) involved a Lucy U who had or was about to have a bastard child. She declined to provide the name of the father and the county declined to provide support signing in connections with the case near. Stephen U and Uriah Hatley.

19. See Ltr 8 JUL 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

Today at the Archives I studied more court records for Chatham Co NC Stephen U↑ was mentioned in AUG 1816, FEB 1817, NOV 1817; and FEB 1818, so he presumably still lived the Chatham Co, NC at those times. Courtney, John Moses and Anne were other Upchurches mentioned.

Transcribed: July 2015