

**Susannah Upchurch****XID – 4323**

**Commentary:** Susannah was born in Wilson County, TN to Samuel Upchurch and Mary Ellen Simmons. She moved with her family to Gallatin County, IL where she we Coleman Brown Bramlet.

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**(1)** born 26 Nov 1804 in NC or IL – daughter of Samuel (whom see) and Mary Ellen (Simmons) Upchurch.

7 Susannah Upchurch b 11-26-1804 TN d 9-10-1889 Saline Co. IL md Coleman B. Bramlet, date of marriage unknown. It is believed they married in Gallatin County and that the record is one of many that are missing.

In Meek Bramlet's book, A Pioneer Family-Bramlet, p 56, he writes: "Coleman B. Bramlet (is) one of the pioneer settlers of Saline Co. Illinois, and the youngest of five brothers, sons of Reuben Bramlet of Kentucky. Coleman came to IL in early statehood, but a single man, and having some money and lots of ambition and good judgment, he began the purchase of good land while good land was cheap. His stay in IL was of short duration, until he felt the need of a companion. His selection was made of a sister of his brother Nathan's wife, and no better women ever lived than those Upchurch women." Coleman was b 2-15-1802 in Caldwell Co. KY d 2-28-1889 in Saline County, IL. Both are bur in Bramlet Cem. (According to M.B.)\* Coleman gave the land for the Bramlet Cemetery and for the church in the Bramlet settlement which was known as the Union Baptist Church. Coleman Bramlet wrote his will 12-5-1883 and it was entered for probate in Saline Co. on 3-5-1889. Susannah died before the estate was settled. The will mentions: To beloved wife Susannah Bramlet the personal estate as much as she wishes. Then divides the estate among his children and grandchildren.

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(29) FOR  
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**(2)** See letter 20 Aug 1983 Leta Nelson to RPU

**Susannah Upchurch** married (Gallatin Co, IL) Coleman Brown Bramlet.

**(3)** See letter 21 May 1994 Arieta NMN Snyder to RPU

TN Records

**Susannah Upchurch** born 26 Nov 1804 (Wilson Co, TN) to Samuel Upchurch and Mary Ellen Sims.

**(4)** See letter 6 Sep 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

Question: **Susannah Upchurch** born Nov 1804 (TN), daughter of Samuel Upchurcch – Is it most likely she was born in Smith Co, TN?

**(5)** Details on the J H Black painting of the Homestead of Reuben Bramlet called the J Daniel Bramlet Farm Home Park, 3 miles west of Eldorado, IL and insight of the Bramlet Cemetery. See letter 25 Sep 1994 Deborah Gail Ferguson to RPU for a flyer on the painting.

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Details on the Flyer [added by RPU]

I. Reuben Bramlet homesteaded the farm circa 1817 upon move KY → IL, died 1844 married Elizabeth --- --- [Elizabeth Brown]

[A. Nathan Bramlet XID – 10407]

[married Mary Rebecca Upchurch, daughter of Samuel Upchurch] [XIDs 4322, 4129]

\*1. J Daniel Bramlet [John Daniel Bramlet, XID – 17302] born 8 Apr 1824 – died 9 Feb 1915 – (on the painting)

bought farm from his uncle Coleman Bramlet in 1848 [see “B” below]

married 1850 Sarena Gates [XID – 17303]

a. Rosa Bramlet (may be in the painting) [Rosa E Bramlet XID – 17310]

\*b. Meeks H Bramlet (used painting for his book) [Meeks Haley Bramlet XID – 17309]

\*successive  
owners  
of the  
painting

\*i. Clyde E Bramlet [XID – 25079]

← \* (I) Eldon O Bramlet [Eldon Owen Bramlet XID – 25103]  
married Beulah --- ---. Made resources available to restore  
the picture. He died 1971 (Carnie, IL). No issue.

B. Coleman B Bramlet [Coleman Brown Bramlet XID – 10408]

[married **Susannah Upchurch**, daughter of Samuel Upchurch] [XIDs 4323, 4129]

[1. Thomas B Bramlet] [XID – 17357]

[a. Henry Coleman Bramlet] [XID – 17358]

[i. Matthew Montgomery Bramlet] [XID – 31882]

[great grandfather of Deborah Gail (Ferguson) Dennis] [XID – 31967] who made the painting available

**(no number)** See Deed File Re: sale of 80-acre tract by the heirs of Samuel Upchurch (Head of the John Upchurch, III/ Samuel Upchurch Sub-clan) in Gallatin co, IL on 30 Sep 1842. The land was being sold by the heirs to Thomas L Upchurch, one of the sons of Samuel Upchurch and it was necessary for all heirs and spouses to concur.

Conventional List of the  
children of Samuel Upchurch

1. Sally Upchurch died before 1806  
married ( ) Valentine VanHooser
2. Rebecca Upchurch died before 1835  
no marriage located

#### Learned from the Deed

Children #1, 2, 12 not mentioned – hence  
presumed deceased with no heirs.

= Names confirmed by  
the deed

For John Upchurch #4, his wife is listed

3. **David Upchurch** married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1824  
**Elizabeth Orr**

4. **John Upchurch** married Catharine  
Johnson\*

5. **William L Upchurch** married ( )  
--- Moberly, married ( ) Amanda ---  
(continued below)

6. Mary Rebecca **Upchurch "Polly"**\*  
married ( ) **Nathan Bramlet**

7. **Susannah Upchurch**\* married **Coleman B**  
**Bramlet**

8. **Nancy** Upchurch\* married Isaac **Cantrell**

9. **Thomas L Upchurch** married Mary Davis

10. **Jonathan A Upchurch** married **Nancy**  
Brown\*

11. **Elizabeth Upchurch**\* married Joseph  
Thompson

12. James Upchurch

\* = used mark "x" for signature

(twice) as Katharine Upchurch, hence  
nee Katharine Johnson\*

For William L Upchurch (#5) – no wife  
is listed so he may have been  
between wives

For Nancy Upchurch (#8) she appears as

Nancy Cantrell but no husband is listed;  
presume he is deceased (He is.)

For Thomas L Upchurch - no wife listed -  
presumably because he is buying the  
property

For Elizabeth Upchurch (#11) – her husband  
is shown clearly as Charles Thompson (not  
Joseph Thompson)

**(8)** See letter 18 Nov 1997 Linda Gail Epley to RPU

**Susannah Upchurch** buried Bramlet Cemetery married 1823 Coleman Brown Bramlet born  
Princeton, Caldwell Co, KY – buried as wife.

**(9)** See email 6 Oct 2008 Debra Miller to RPU

Debra asks for information about her ancestor **Susannah (Upchurch)** Bramlett. See biofile of  
Debra Miller for later interaction of RPU & Debra.