

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr**XID – 2071**

Commentary: Thomas Gay Upchurch Sr was a son of Charles, head of Upchurch Clan 2. See number 13 below for a memorial to Thomas Gay Upchurch Sr.

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(no number)

1. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr was born in NC in 1797 and married Patricia Barnes of NC. In 1840 a colony of Upchurches lived in Henry Co, GA. The oldest member was Charles Upchurch, a son of Richard Upchurch of Franklin Co, NC> Charles was father or uncle of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr. According to Henry Co, GA 1840 Census Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr was living there age 53, farmer with wife Patricia, age 44. In 1840 their children were:

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| 1. William | age 20 (1820 – 1) | |
| 2. J W | age 19 (1821 – 1) | |
| 3. Martha | age 17 (1823 – 1) | |
| 4. R A (dau) | age 15 (1825 – 1) | (These all seem 10 years off – must have been census of 1850????) |
| 5. M E | age 13 (1827 – 1) | |
| 6. J C | age 11 (1829 – 1) | |
| 7. Joseph | age 9 (1831 – 1) | |
| 8. Margaret | age 6 (1844 – 1) | |

They had 2 married sons living in Henry Co.

9. Willis, Jr Upchurch, born 1826 – age 24, native of GA, wife Sarah, age 25, native of GA.

10. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr, age 23 (1817 – 1) native of GA, wife Sarah Miller, age 24. (1816 – 1)

Their children: Robert Gay Upchurch, age 3 (1837 – 1)
Willis Upchurch, age 4 (1836 – 1)

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr and Willis J Upchurch, his oldest son, moved to Bowden, GA, Carrol Co. between 1850 & 1860. US Census of 1860 for Bowdon Village shows:

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, age 63 (1897 – 1), native NC, merchant, wife Patricia, age 54, (1806 – 1) born in NC. Their children:

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| 1. Mary E | age 23 (1837-1) |
| 2. John C | age 20 (1840-1) |
| 3. Joseph E | age 17 (1843-1) |
| 4. Martha J | age 14 (1846-1) |

B. At another residence = Willis J Upchurch, age 33 (1827-1), farmer, native of Ga, wife Sarh, age 38 (1822-1) native of GA. Their children:

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| 1. Cathrine | age 8 (1822-1) | |
| 2. William | age 7 (1852-1) | |
| 3. Jane | age 5 (1855-1) | All native of GA |
| 4. Charles | age 4 (1856-1) | |
| 5. John | age 1 (1859-1) | |

(another son Joe Cephus born in 1860)

2. Correspondent Mrs Charles W Tidd – shows – her great grandfather, Thomas Gay Upchurch, born NC 28 Nov 1797, her grandfather = Jethro Wilson (could be the J W above), and father = Willis Gay Upchurch. Patricia Barnes father was Jethro Barnes. Mrs Tidd says Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr probably son of James, Charles or Benjamin (brothers of Moses & Nathan).

3. See letter 17 Mar 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born Wake Co, NC 28 Nov 1797; parents unknown, died Ashland, AL 23 Jun 1885 = married 6 Jan 1825 Patience Barnes in Henry Co, GA. Family = 6 sons & 5 daughters.

Willis J Upchurch	born Nov 1826
Mary E Upchurch	born 1837
Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr	born 1827
John C Upchurch	born 1839
William Upchurch	born 1830
Elizabeth Upchurch	born 1841
Jethro Wilson Upchurch	born 9 Jul 1831
Joseph Upchurch	born 1843
Martha Upchurch	born 1833
Margaret Upchurch	born 1844
Rhoda A Upchurch	born 1835

4. See letter 4 Mar 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

“I am the great great grandson of Gay Upchurch who was from NC and who came to Henry Co, GA about 1825. Charles Upchurch, American Revolutionary Soldier from NC, received a bounty warranty of land in Henry Co, GA. He was the older member of the Upchurch Clan which settled in GA after the American Revolution. My great grandfather, Willis J Upchurch was a Confederate Soldier.”

“We have not been able to determine Gay Upchurch’s father. Thus we have not been able to establish a direct relationship with the NC Upchurches.”

5. See letter 29 Mar 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU – new info”

“Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr – came to GA from NC sometime before 1821, born Wake Co, NC, died “at his residence four miles west of Ashland, AL.”

“Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr moved along with Charles Upchurch (From NC to GA).

He (Thomas) was in Greene Co, GA in 1821 and participated in a land lottery, married in Henry Co, GA 1825, then in Carroll Co, GA 1850 – 1861 and in Ashland, AL where he died 23 Jan 1885.”

6. Package from Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr received 22 May 1980.

A. Shows Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr married 1835.

B. Item C-53 letter 30 Jan 1951 Love Upchurch to Mrs Fred Upchurch. (Love Upchurch was son of Willis J Upchurch & grandson of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr). “I can remember when I was a very small boy coming from school. My grandmother (Patience Barnes) lived on the way to my

home. I would run to her home to get something to eat, just anything. She had was better than it was at home.

Now as far as the monument or either a marker – can't be found. My grandfather and grandmother both are buried here in Clay Co, Ala. Thomas Bay Upchurch (Sr) and his 3 or 4 sons moved to Clay Co, Ala before my day of course. My father's name was Willis Gay Upchurch and one brother named Joe Upchurch, the other one we called him Uncle Pony, I imagine this was a nickname."

(Note: It is strange that Love says his father was Willis Gay Upchurch when there is presumed to be another son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr. – RPU).

7. See letter Martha Lucy Upchurch to Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr 17 Oct 1960 (B7) filed MLU.

"Only by a process of elimination do I think that we shall find the parents of Eaton, Keaton and Gay (Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr). Everything points to them being brothers."

"The question of Gay #1 and #2 was a misreading of the census on microfilm at the Archives. My brother had read it 1820 instead of 1830. Henry was not a county in 1820."

8. "The Census Index of 1840 in Georgia carries these names of Upchurch heads of households:

Gay Upchurch in Fayette

Briton Upchurch in Gwinnett

Kemp, Lunsford, A H, Henderson, Eaton, Charles, Claiborn, and Richard Upchurch in Henry

T Upchurch in Monroe

(Pages 34, 29) (Assumption – RPU)

I. Richard Upchurch, III	XID 63	Head of Clan (Still in NC)
A. Britton Upchurch	XID 68	(Briton)
B. Claburn Upchurch	XID 70	(Claiborn)
1. Lunsford Upchurch	XID 1226	
2. Richard Upchurch	XID 1229	
II. Charles Upchurch	XID 164	Head of Clan
A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr	XID 2071	

(Unaccounted for: Kemp, A H, Henderson, Eaton, T)

9. See letter 18 Dec 1981 Robert Claud Upchurch, Jr to RPU

In a 16 Apr letter Martha Lucy Upchurch indicates "I think that Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr was the son of Charles born in VA in 1755, but so far I have not been able to prove it. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr first went to Greene Co, GA and from there he drew a land lot in Henry Co, GA. Later the section of Henry Co in which he lived became Fayette Co, GA. Between 1840 and 1850 he moved to Carroll Co, GA. There he had a large farm and was a Justice of the Peace. Later ne moved to Alabama where he died. He died 4 miles west of Ashland, AL. He is on the 1850 census of Carroll Co, GA with his family as follows:

Gay Upchurch	53	born NC	
Patience Upchurch	44	born NC	
William Upchurch	20	born GA	[William Barnes Upchurch]

J W Upchurch	19	born GA	[Jethro Wilson Upchurch]
Martha Upchurch	17	born GA	[Martha J Upchurch]
R A Upchurch [dau]	15	born GA	[Rhoda A Upchurch]
M E (Mary) Upchurch	13	born GA	[Mary E Upchurch]
J C (John) Upchurch	11	born GA	[John C Upchurch]
Joseph Upchurch	9	born GA	[Joseph E Upchurch]
Margaret Upchurch	6	born GA	[Margaret J Upchurch]

10. See letter 15 Dec 1981 Augusta Lee Upchurch to RPU

My grandfather Joseph E Upchurch finished school in Carroll Co, GA and taught school there. He moved to AL to teach and married after he came to AK. When he moved to AK he brought his parents with him (Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr) & (Patience (Barnes) Upchurch).

11. See letter 13 Feb 1970 Martha Lucy Upchurch to W K Upchurch, Sr – filed with Martha. “Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr went from NC to Greene Co, GA before 1821. How early he went there I do not know. In 1821 he drew a Lot in Henry Co, GA from the Land Lottery. Later his section of Henry Co, GA was annexed to Fayette Co, GA. Between 1840 & 1850 he moved to Carroll Co, GA after selling 500 acres in Fayette & 262 in Fayette. He was a JP in Carroll Co, GA & owned a farm. Later he moved to Clay Co, AL.”

12. See letter 1 Apr 1989 Virginia Diann Kenney to RPU

A. 1820 & 1821 Land Lotteries

Gay Upchurch [TGU, Sr]

Woodhams Militia District Lot 142 Sect 7

Henry Co

B. 1834 Georgia Gold Lottery – An act to lay out the gold region in the hands at present in the occupancy of Cherokee Indians in small lots and dispose of the same by separate lotteries.

Gay Upchurch [TGU., Sr] District 11, Section 1, Lot 0997

(no number) [repeated entry – CJM 13 Aug 2019] Census Records for the Charles Upchurch Family – Clan No 2 – RPU 26 Mar 2013

A. 1790 Census Wake Co, NC

		Born			
1	M	over 16	Born before 1774	Charles Upchurch	11 Feb 1755
2	F	Age not stated		Wife of Charles	1760
3	M	0 – 16	Born 1784 – 1800	Eaton	1780
4	F	Age not stated		Susan	1782
5	F	Age not stated		Unnamed daughter	1786
6	M	0 – 16	Born 1784 – 1800	Keaton	1790

B. 1800 Census – Franklin Co, NC

1	M	26 – 44	b 1756 – 1774	Charles Upchurch	1755
2	F	26 – 44	b 1756 – 1774	Wife of Charles	1760

3	M	16 – 25	b 1775 – 1784	Eaton	1780
4	F	16 – 25	b 1775 – 1784	Susan	1782
5	F	10 – 15	b 1785 – 1790	Unnamed daughter	1786
6	M	0 – 10	b 1790 – 1800	Keaton	1790
7	M	0 – 10	b 1790 – 1800	<u>Gay</u>	1797
8	M	0 – 10	b 1790 – 1800	If female = Charity	1798

C. 1820 Census – Putnam Co, GA Butts District

1	M	Over 45	b before 1775	Charles Upchurch	1755
2	F	Over 45	b before 1775	Wife of Charles	1760
3	F	16 – 25	b 1795 – 1804	Charity	1798
4	F	16 – 25	b 1795 – 1804	probably a relative	

D. 1830 Census – Henry Co, GA

1	M	70 – 79	b 1751 – 1760	Charles Upchurch	1755
-		Wife of Charles absent – died 1825 ± 5 years			
2	F	30 – 39	b 1801 – 1810	Needs research	
3	M	20 – 29	b 1801 – 1810	Needs research	

E. 1840 Census – Henry Co, GA

1	M	Age 85	b about 1755	Charles Upchurch died 1842 (Henry Co, GA)	
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Note: In the 1780 – 1800 era couples usually had a child every two year. Charles had children in 1780, 1782, 1786, 1790, 1796 & 1798 (roughly). This leaves no births in 1784, 1788, 1792, and 1794 – It is likely that children were concerned to be born in these four years but died as infants – making a total of 10. There could have been births in 1800 & 1802 with early deaths making 12. The wife would have been age 42 in 1802 = no more.

(no number) [repeated entry – CJM 13 Aug 2019] Commentary on the Census Records for Charles Upchurch, Head of Upchurch Clan No. 2 & His Children – RPU 27 Mar 2013

(1) We start with what we believe about Charles and his wife whose name we do not know. Charles is believed to have been born 11 Feb 1755 probably in NC shortly after his father arrived from VA. We calculate the wife of Charles was born about 1760 and died 1825 ± 5. Charles died in 1842 (Henry Co GA). All the census records are consistent with these dates.

(2) Birth dates for four children are reported as follows and they seem to be factual – more or less:

Eaton born 1780	Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born 1797
Keaton born 1790	Charity born 1798

Additionally I have posted a daughter Susan and she fits into the census records as born about 1782.

(3) Accounting for the children:

In 1790 we see census slots for Eaton, Keaton and Susan plus an unnamed daughter born about 1786. Census slots for these four appear in 1800. Slots for two additional children appear on the 1800 Census:

Child #6	0 – 10 is Gay born 1797 and age 3 in 1800
Child #7	0 – 10 born 1790 – 1800 presents a quandary – The census shows this to be a male and if so he never appears again – could have died young – or we may yet find him. MORE LIKELY #7 is a female which would fit for Charity born 1797 and for whom no census slot is otherwise provided.

In 1820 there are two “children” in the homes – both females ages 16 – 25 (born 1795 – 1804). One of them is presumably Charity born 1797. The second females age does not match with any previous census record of a daughter-in-law, a niece, or other relative.

(4) For the present we assume Charles had 6 children:

Eaton born 1780	Unnamed daughter born 1786	Gay born 1797
Susan born 1782	Keaton born 1790	Charity born 1798

(13)

Eulogy to Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr In Memory of Father Upchurch

Father Upchurch was born in Wake County, North Carolina, November 28, 1797, Joined the Baptist church and was baptized October 18, 1829. Was ordained deacon at Bethlehem church in Fayette County, Georgia, in 1831. He was happily married to Miss P C Barnes, January 7, 1824, with whom he lived most happily until his death. He had born to him six sons and five daughters. Three sons and two daughters preceded him to the better land. Few men have blessed the world with so exemplary a life as father Upchurch. As a husband he was a model of constancy, affection, and kindness. As a father he was a wise, firm and loving. As a neighbor, the elbow touch of a ready helping hand and co-operative sympathy were constantly felt. He was truly a peacemaker, and one of the few men who literally carried out the apostolic injunction, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”

He never had a personal difficulty. He was never a party to a lawsuit. Though a member of the church for 56 years, he never was but once kept from his regular church meeting to attend to his own secular business. His life was full of sunshine and brightened the entire community in which he lived. In father Upchurch was exemplified the beautiful scripture “Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace.” In answer to his son J Es [Joseph E Upchurch], “I’m going home, I’m going home in a few hours.” It is recorded in the Lord’s book that when Lazarus died he was carried by angels to Abraham’s bosom. And we confidently believe that when father Upchurch died and his pure spirit was released from its clay prison that the angels carried it up shouting to heaven’s blissful shores:

“Servant of God, well done!
Rest from they loved employ
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter they master’s joy.”

Received by RPU in letter 23 Jun 1982 from
James Paul Johnson, JR

This was found in the Bible of Thomas Homer Upchurch, son of William Barnes Upchurch and grandson of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr.

(14) / (15) Note – these three sheets were in letter 13 Dec 1988 Ruth Upchurch to RPU. These were originally compiled by Martha Lucy Upchurch.

- 1797 Gay (Thomas Gay) Upchurch born Wake Co, NC 28 Nov 1797, died Lineville (Pineville) Alabama, Clay Co (4 miles from Ashland)
- 1821 Living in Greene Co, GA drew Land Lot 142, District 7, in Henry Co, GA
- 1825 Gay Upchurch married Patience Barnes 6 January 1825, Henry Co, GA Book 1822 – 1837 Patience Barnes was the daughter of Jethro Barnes who lived in Henry Co, GA and later in Fayette.
- 1830 Living in Henry Co, GA drew Land Lot 97 District 11 1 in Cherokee.
- 1831 Tax List Henry Co, GA 1 poll
100 acres Henry Co
101 1/2 acres Pike Co, GA
- 1830 Census Henry Co, GA. The part of Henry in which Gay lived became a part of Fayette.
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| 3 | males | under 5 |
| 1 | male | 5 – 10 |
| 1 | male | 30 – 40 |
| 1 | female | under 5 |
| 1 | female | 20 – 30 |
- 1840 Census Fayette Co, GA
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| 1 | male | under 5 |
| 2 | males | 5 – 10 |
| 2 | males | 10 – 15 |
| 1 | male | 40 – 50 |
| 1 | female | under 5 |
| 2 | females | 5 – 10 |
| 1 | female | 10 – 15 |
| 1 | female | 30 – 40 |
- 1850 Census Carroll Co, GA
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|------------|----|------------|
| Gay | 53 | born in NC |
| Patience | 44 | born in NC |
| William | 20 | born in GA |
| J W | 19 | born in GA |
| Martha | 17 | born in GA |
| R A [dau] | 15 | born in GA |
| M E [Mary] | 13 | born in GA |
| J C [John] | 11 | born in GA |
| Joseph | 9 | born in GA |
| Margaret | 6 | born in GA |
- [Jethro Wilson – born 9 July 1831 died Mar 1896 (there were two sons not listed with the family. They were Willis J born 28 Nov 1826 and Thomas Gay Jr born in 1827.)]

- 1860 Served as Justice of Peace in Carroll Co from 22 Feb 1860 to 10 Jan 1861.
- 1828 January Term as Juror in Inferior Court of Henry Co, GA
- 1832 March 1, sold land to John Smith. Rec 25 Feb 1837 Henry Co, Book h, Page 202 for \$425.00 tract of land lying in the 7th District, bounded viz, lightwood stake conditional corner where North boundary line of Lot 142 crosses near original North W—aforesaid branch empties into W prong of Walnut Creek. **-- Signed: Gay Upchurch. Wit: John Sherrer, John Shadwick.
- 1837 Sept 13, Gay Upchurch bought 550 acres of land in Fayette Co, Deed Book D, Page 342.
- 1842 Dec 15, Gay sold land in Henry Co to Henderson Upchurch. Rec 9 Jan 1844, Deed Book D, Page 342.
- 1842 Gay administered the estate of his father-in-law J J Barnes. Return made 1846.
- 1840 Gay Upchurch, Laton Upchurch, and Richard Mason appointed guardian of William Upchurch, \$1000.00 bond posted. page 28 Guardianship Bonds 1838 – 1871.
- 1958 January 12. Edward Upchurch, born 11 November 1873 (grandson of Gay) wrote, “I am enclosing copies of newspaper clippings of the death notices of Gay Upchurch, ---. I remember an Aunt Elizabeth (Mary Elizabeth) Hand, married Hilliary Hand; another Aunt Rhoda Barnes -- -; Margaret’s last name was Bonner. Mother (Rosina Morgan Upchurch) and Father (Jethro Wilson Upchurch) (son of Gay) moved back to Georgia to Grandfather Morgan’s house in Palmetto Georgia at the time of the Civil War, and moved back to Alabama soon after the War was over. However they moved back to Georgia about 1883. Uncle Thomas Gay Jr took the Oath of Allegiance in Maryland, and lived there for awhile after the War ---. In Alabama my family lived three or four miles from Grandfather, but Uncles Joseph and Willis lived beside Grandfather, one on each side ---.

Copy of Newspaper Clipping

Died: At his residence 4 miles west of Ashland on the 23rd of June 1885 Gay Upchurch.

Father Upchurch was born in Wake Co, NC Nov 28, 1797, Joined the Baptist Church and was Baptized oct 18, 182. He was ordained Deacon at the Bethlehem Church in Fayette Co, GA in 1831. He was happily married to Miss P C Barnes, January 7, 1824, with whom he lived most happily until his death. He had born to him 6 sons and 5 daughters. Three sons and 2 daughters preceded him to the better land. Few men have blessed the world with so exemplary a life as Father Upchurch. As a husband he was a model of constancy, affection and kindness. As a father he was wise, firm and loving. As a brother he was tender, considerate, and cheerful. As a neighbor the elbow touch of a helping hand and co-operative sympathy were constantly felt. He was truly a peace maker and one of the few men who literally carried out the Apostolic injunction, “If it be possible as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men”. He never had a personal difficulty, he was never a party to a law suit. Though a member of the Church for 56 years, he never was but once kept from his life was full of sunshine and brightened the entire Community in which he lived. In Father Upchurch was exemplified that beautiful Scripture, Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of man is Peace.” His last days were full of peace. In answer to his son, J E’s inquiry as to his feelings the last day of his life, his reply

was, “I’m going home, I’m going home in a few hours”. It is recorded in the Lord’s Book that when Lazarus died, he was carried by Angels to Abraham’s bosom. And we confidently believe that when Father Upchurch died and his pure spirit was released from its clay prison that the Angels carried it up shouting, to heaven’s blissful shores.

A Friend

(16) See letter 15 Aug 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU

TGU, Sr baptized 18 Oct 1829. One marriage date is 7 Jan 1824. He was Justice of Inferior Court – Carroll Co, GA 22 Feb 1860 – 10 Jan 1861. In NC Charles Upchurch, the father of **TGU, Sr** had a neighbor named Thomas Gay. TGU, Sr was a Deacon at Bethlehem Church in Fayette Co, GA in 1831. He moved to Green Co, GA with his father before 1821. He drew a lot in Henry Co, GA in 1821 from the land lottery. He drew a lot in Henry Co, GA in 1821 from the land lottery. Ne moved to Carroll Co, GA between 1840 and 1850.

(17) See letter 10 Sep 1990 Sandra Kathleen Upchurch to RPU

Carroll Co, GA Census – 1860

Thomas G Upchurch	age 62	merchant	born NC
Patience Upchurch	age 54		born NC
Mary E Upchurch	age 23		born GA
John Upchurch	age 20		born GA
Martha J Upchurch	age 14		born GA

(18) See letter 3 Oct 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU

Assume buried Liberty Church Cemetery, Ashland, AL

TGU, Sr married 7 Jan 1824, Justice of Inferior Court Carroll Co, GA 22 Feb 1860 – 10 Jan 1861, Deacon Bethlehem Church, Fayette Co, GA 1831, moved to Green Co, GA with his father before 1821. Drew Lot in Henry Co, GA in land lottery in 1821. Moved to Carroll Co, GA between 1840 – 1850. Lived 4 miles west of Ashland, AL.

(19) Received in letter 6 Aug 14 Katherine Ann McGee to RPU

[Names noted: Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr, Eaton Upchurch, Richard S Mason, William Upchurch – CJM 28 Nov 2020]

(See document below)



GEORGIA, Henry County.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

THAT WE, Gay Upchurch & Eaton
Upchurch and Richard S. Mason.

acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally bound unto the Judges of the Inferior Court when sitting as a Court of Ordinary of said county, and their successors and assigns, in the just and full sum of one thousand

Dollars, to the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and the heirs and executors of us and each of us, jointly and severally, by these Presents. Sealed with our seals; and dated this Eleventh day of May 1841

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound Gay Upchurch who was this day appointed Guardian of the person and property of William Upchurch

Orphan Child of Upchurch deceased; has acknowledging of the same by his acceptance of said appointment, and of Letters of Guardianship of this date; shall well and truly maintain, clothe and educate said orphan according to his circumstances, and shall take good and lawful care of his person and property according to the laws of this State, and shall annually make a just and true return of all his nettings and doings herein, unto the said Court, then this obligation to be void: else to remain in full force.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

William Upchurch [L. S.]
Gay Upchurch [L. S.]
Eaton Upchurch [L. S.]
Richard S. Mason [L. S.]

[Note: The role or Upchurch connection of Richard S Mason in this transaction is not clear. **Gay** & Eaton are brothers. A best guess is that William Upchurch, the illegitimate youth, is a son of a female Upchurch. **Gay** would not have had daughter old enough to have had such a son. Eaton Upchurch did have daughter old enough to have had such a son. However, the best guess is that this William Upchurch is William Green Upchurch, the illegitimate son of Charity Upchurch, a sister of **Gay** and Eaton.

(20) These records probably furnished to RPU in the 1980s possibly by Roy NMN White, Jr. He may have gotten them from Mrs James Frederick Upchurch – either directly or indirectly – RPU 29 Mar 2003

A. “Cap” Upchurch, brother of James Simeon Upchurch lived in Navarro Co, near Bagette and died there. A son Tom Upchurch married Sallie Sarah) Lawhon, daughter of Bryant Lawhon by his second wife. Mrs Tom Upchurch was a half aunt of Mary Etta Upchurch. Tom Upchurch was ordained to preach. He lived at Bagette and married Lena – a German woman.

B. Letter: Walter (son of Pony) Upchurch, Athens, TX, Rt 1 (22 June 1932)
Gay and Patience Upchurch had 10 children – Willis, Bud, Thomas, John Joe, Pony, Elizabeth, Rhodee, Mat, Mollie (Pony had two sons John and Walter)

C. Letter: Charles L Upchurch, Carrollton, GA, Rt 2 (21 July 1932)
Gay Upchurch moved from Bowden, GA about 1867 to Clay Co, AL. My father is Tom Upchurch, son of William. Gay and Patience Upchurch’s children were:
Willis, Pony, Tom, Joe, William (died Civil War), Rody, Mat, Molly
William Upchurch’s children were: Joe (age 76 in 1932), George (died 1930), Tom, Mattie, Lou

D. Red hair comes from the Upchurches. Blond and Blue eyes, Black hair and black eyes come from the Millers.

Names of parents not known

Brothers and sisters:

Thomas G Upchurch	born March 7, 1827	in GA
Thomas Willis “Cap” Upchurch		in GA
Pony Upchurch		in GA
William Upchurch		in GA
Rody Upchurch		in GA
Matt Upchurch		in GA
Molly Upchurch		in GA

Children of Thomas Gay Upchurch and his wife

Sarah Miller: married in Georgia (Atlanta)

born 7 Sep 1825 Georgia

Robert G Upchurch (called “Bob” – had red hair, owned a store at Ruston, LA. Children: Ed, Bob and Bert – twins, Claude, Jack

Willis (I or J) Upchurch (owner of East Point Packing Plant, Atlanta, GA. Fell and died when working in GA)

Patience, William J; Theodosia M. McDonald), Laru M, Thomas W; John (“Jack”) Thomas, James Simeon Upchurch born 3 Jun 1855 Atlanta, GA (near Atlanta), married 24 Nov 1881 Mary (Molly) Etta Lawhon, died 18 Sept 1932 Corsicana, TX, Oakwood Cemetery, Claude E Upchurch lot.

James Simeon Upchurch, son of Thomas Gay Upchurch and Sarah Miller Upchurch was born in Atlanta, GA. When 6 months of age, he migrated with his parents to Vernon, LA. He sat alone for the first time when passing through the Valley of the Mississippi, James Simeon and Mary Etta (Molly) Upchurch was married at Coolidge, TX. License at Groesbeck.

E. Thomas G Upchurch born 7 Mar 1827; Sarah Upchurch born 7 Sep 1825

F. Thomas G Upchurch was a contractor. He went to Columbia, LA to build a gin and oversee the management of a plantation. He took pneumonia and died and is buried 3 -4 miles from Vernon, LA

Children of T G Upchurch and Sarah Miller married circa 1846

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| 1. Robert (Bob) G Upchurch | born 17 Aug 1847 | died 3 Dec 1926 |
| 2. Willis I | born 15 Apr 1849 | |
| 3. Patience E | born 13 Jan 1851 | |
| 4. William I (J) | born 17 Aug 1852 | |
| 5. Theodosia | born 1 May 1854 | |
| 6. James Simeon | born 3 Jun 1856 | |
| 7. Lora M (Sarah M) | born 1 Jul 1858 | |
| 8. Thomas W | born 15 Jan 1860 | |
| 9. Jno T | born 20 Mar 1861 | |

G. Children of James Simeon and Mary Etta Lawhon

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|------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. Claude Elmer | born Mon | 2 Jul 1883 | d 1 Apr 1931 | married 1916 |
| 2. Corrah (Cora) Leona | born Sun | 21 Jun 1885 | | married 10 Jun 1910 |
| 3. Olive | born Mon | 22 Aug 1887 | | married 12 Jun 1908 |
| 4. Lena | born Fri | 13 Dec 1889 | | married 6 Oct 1915 |
| 5. Mary Ethel | born Thursday | 12 Jan 1892 | | married Nov 1915 |
| 6. James Frederick | born | 16 Jul 1894 | | married 15 Aug --- |
| 7. Clara | born | 24 Nov 1897 | | |
| 8. Fannie Ruth | born | 10 Mar 1902 | | married 2 Jun 1929 |

H. Mary (Molly) Etta Lawhon married James Simeon Upchurch
born 26 Dec 1865 Ringgold, LA

death 22 Mar 1954 Austin, TX (88 years) buried Oakwood Cemetery, Corsicana, TX
daughter of Bright Lawhon and Mary Thomas Lawhon and the granddaughter of Bryant Lawhon
and his wife Nancy Parker Lawhon, who had early trading post in Bienville Parish, NC
8 children: Claude; Mrs R C Granberry, Mrs Robert (Holmes)??

I. Ethel Upchurch to W H McKelvey

Bright Upchurch to Mary Thomas

Thomas Upchurch listed in Census 1860 Jackson Co, LA

Sarah Upchurch listed in Census 1870 Jackson Co, LA

Charles Upchurch born Franklin Co, NC circa 1770

Fred Upchurch born Navarre Co, TX 189-

Adeila Upchurch born Dallas, TX 1928

Armour Upchurch born Dallas, TX 1935

J. Children of James Fred Upchurch and Alice Gray

1. Mary Armour Upchurch - died infancy
2. Adella Upchurch married D P Hansford, MD – 3 children
3. Armour Upchurch married Donald Colin Dingwall, engineer, Dow Chemical Co, Houston TX, 1 daughter – Susannah, 3 foster children

K. Adella Upchurch was born at Corsicana, TX, Navarro Co, 20 Feb 1928. She s daughter of Fred Upchurch ad Alice Gray, one mile east of Cherokee in San Sabo, Co)

James Fred Upchurch (1894 ---) was married 15 Aug 1923 at Dallas, TX to Alice Gray – daughter of Reuben Porter. Gray and Mary Armour Brown.

Children” Mary Amour (died infancy); Adella; Armour

L. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Henry Co, GA 1850 was born in NC 1797 – birth place and parent unknown. He was related to Charles Upchurch, native of NC, who was named a beneficiary in will of Thomas Gay of NC) and lived in Henry Co, GA in 1840 age 80 – 90 years.

M. Thomas Gay Upchurch born in NC 1798

married Patience Barnes born in NC in 1802

lived in Henry Co, GA in 1850

lived in Carroll Co, GA in 1860

lived in Clay Co, AL in 1870

N. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr (son of T G, Sr) born in Georgia 1827. He married Sarah Miller born in GA 1825. He died in LA before 1870 buried 3 to 4 miles from Vernon, LA.

(21) See biofile of Martha Lucy Upchurch for letter 13 Jan 1965 to William Kendrick Upchurch, Sr. This letter sent in a packet about 1980 to RPU by Etta Belle Lewter – an extracted paragraph below.

Willis and J W were sons of Gay and they all moved to Clay County, Ala. Another son Joseph also moved there. Jethro Wilson was my grandfather. Uncle Ed, a son of Jethro, wrote me before he died that Willis lived on one side of his grandfather, Bay, and Joseph on the other. Jethro moved to Georgia during the Civil War, enlisted there, served three years, and then moved back to Clay County. He then returned to Georgia in the 80s and died there in 1896.

I do hope that some one of the people in Clay County has the old family Bible. In as much as Gay died there, it is probably there somewhere.

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. **Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr** “Gay”

1. Willis J Upchurch, I, CSS born 28 Nov 1826 (Henry Co, TN)
2. Jethro Wilson Upchurch, CSA born 9 Jul 1831
 - a. Edward Franklin Upchurch born 11 Nov 1873 (Ashland, AL)
3. Joseph Eaton Upchurch “Joe” born 1844 (Carroll Co, GA)

(22) From letter 12 Oct 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

[Mattie Lou Upchurch – nee Martha Lucy Upchurch was the key Upchurch family historian in the 1950 – 1970 era – RPU]

Mattie Lou was of the opinion that Charity was a daughter of Charles, and Eaton and Keaton were sons. I believe she hoped to prove that Gay, Sr was a nephew rather than his son. However, as far as I know she was never able to document any relationship.

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Eaton

B. Keaton Upchurch

C. Charity Upchurch

D. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr

1. Jethro Wilson Upchurch

a. Willis Gay Upchurch

i. Martha Lucy Upchurch married () Charles Tidd, MD

(23) From letter 5 May 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

I feel sure Patience Barnes is correct rather than Patricia. From the record of Wills and Marriages of Henry County compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution:

Gay Upchurch and Patience Barnes were
duly joined by me in matrimony this
6th day of January 1825. James Sellars, JP
entered on record by me this 8 day of March
1825. Samuel Johnson CCC

From the newspaper article cited above her name was given as Patience C Barnes. This is the only record I have of a middle initial C.

(24) Item from letter 29 Aug 1996 Jack Ray Upchurch to Misti Johnson

My grandfather's name was John Henry Upchurch and his father was Charles M Upchurch. Charles's father was Willis J Upchurch and his grandfather was Thomas Gay Upchurch. Thomas Gay Upchurch and Willis J Upchurch both moved from Carroll County – Bowdon, GA to Ashland, AL just outside Lineville, AL) around 1865. This is when your immediate Upchurch Family came to your area.

Just why they moved form Carroll County is not known. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr owned several hundred acres in and around Bowdon. In fact, he once owned land where downtown Bowdon now sits. In the Bowdon library many references are made to him as being one of the original owners who helped layout where present day downtown Bowdon now sits.

This item was n a letter that Jack Lug Upchurch wrote to 13 year old Misti Johnson of Lineville, AL after meeting Misti and her grandmother Shirley Jean (Upchurch) Johnson at an Upchurch Reunion in Clay Co, AL on 25 Aug 1996.

(25) From Upchurch – Bright Newsletter, Vol 8, No 2, Jun 1997 (submitted by Nancy L Weems, 1202 West 3rd Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110, Oct 1978 – source Navarro Leaves & Branches)

I. Coursey Ann Upchurch married 23 Mar 1848 (Coweta Co, GA) William H Marshall born 12 Aug 1825 () died 19 Jan 1894 (Chatfield, TX)

A. Samuel Adkin Marshall born 19 Dec 1854 died 20 Jun 1925 (MS) died 20 Jun 1925 (Corsicana, Navarro Co, TX) married 30 Jan 1883 Margaret Victoria Rogers born 25 Dec 1864 died 14 Jun 1899.

1. Ida May Marshall born 15 Oct 1883 died 1 Apr 1947. She was born Chatfield, Navarro Co, TX and died the same place

married 26 Mar 1905 () George Walter Weems born 5 Nov 1877 (Mt Hope, Lawrence Co, AL) died 4 Apr 1957 (Chatfield, Navarro Co, TX)

a. Andrew Marshall Weems born 6 Feb 1907 (Chatfield, Navarro Co, TX) married (1st) 25 Oct 1931 () Anita Emma Nulen born 22 Jun 1911 (Comanche, Comanche Co, TX) died 1 Sep 1988 (Comanche, Comanche Co, TX)

i. Nancy Louise Weems born 12 Jan 1933 (Corsicana, Navarro Co, TX)

[Note: RPU proposes that Coursey Ann Upchurch is the daughter of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr and granddaughter of Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan.]

(26) See letter 1 Apr 1997 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

“My records on the marriage of Thomas Gay Upchurch and Patience Barnes indicate 6 Jan 1825. It reads:

Gay Upchurch and Patience Barnes were duly joined in matrimony the 6th day of January 1825. James Sellers, JP entered on record this 8th day of March 1825. Sam Johnson CCC.”

(27) Excerpt from Section D – prepared by Martha Lucy (Upchurch) Tidd on 18 May 1968 after many years of research. [As of 26 Feb 2004 my conclusion is that Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr was indeed the son of Charles Upchurch but as of 18 May 1968 Martha was convinced this was NOT so – RPU]

“I am no nearer to the parents of Thomas Gay Upchurch than I was when I started. I feel sure he was NOT the son of Charles but ---- this I do not know. If only I could find an Upchurch man who married into the Gay family.”

(28) From Packet 22 May 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. to RPU

The A1 → A7 Section almost certainly came originally from Martha Lucy Upchurch Tidd. One portion is as follows.

Jubal I have not been able to find. The 1800 census for Franklin Co shows 1 M under 10 and 3 M 10 – 16. The 1822 tax list shows him with 2165 acres. The last transaction I have is Vol. 4 p 34 where Jubal owed William Harrison \$1,802.61.

Eaton b. about 1784, Keaton about 1790 and **Gay** 1797 all fit into the above age bracket.

[Note: Here Martha Lucy Upchurch Tidd is considering that Eaton, Keaton, and **Thomas Gay Upchurch**, Sr could be sons of Jubal Upchurch, I. Later data places them almost certainly as sons of Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan – RPU 20 Feb 2004]

A8 “Gay Upchurch [**Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr**] was commissioned 22 Feb 1860 to be Justice of the Inferior Court of Carroll Co, GA. He served until 10 Jan 1861.”

(29) Census records for Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

1850 Census – Carroll Co, GA, Division 11			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1797	53	farmer, \$3000, NC
Patience Upchurch	1806	44	NC
Wm Upchurch	1830	20	GA
J W Upchurch	1831	19	GA
Martha Upchurch	1833	17	GA
R A Upchurch	1835	15	GA
M E Upchurch	1837	13	GA
J C Upchurch	1839	11	GA
Joseph Upchurch	1841	9	GA
Margaret Upchurch	1844	6	GA

1860 Census – Carroll Co, GA – Bowdon			
Name		Age	
Thos G Upchurch	1798	62	merchant, \$1500/ 2000
Pateiner Upchurch	1896	54	DE
Mary E Upchurch	1837	23	
John C Upchurch	1840	20	
Jos E Upchurch	1843	17	
Martha J Upchurch	1846	14	
William Miler	1783	77	not on original??
Maty Miller	1787	73	not on original??

1870 Census – Clay Co, AL, Township 20 Range 7			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1798	72	Farmer, \$2000/ 610, WM, NC
Patience Upchurch	1807	63	WF, NC
J E Upchurch	1846	24	WM, GA
Wilburn Upchurch	1853	17	BF, AL
Thos Stancill	1849	21	Teacher, GA

1880 Census – Clay Co, AL, Ashland			
Name		Age	
Gay Upchurch	1798	82	Farmer, NC
Pasions Upchurch	1806	74	Wife, NC

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born 28 Nov 1797 (Wake Co, NC) died 23 Jun 1885 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

married 6 Jan 1825 (Henry Co, GA) Patience C Barnes born 1806 (NC) died 1883 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

3. William Barnes Upchurch, CSA born 9 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)

4. Jethro Wilson Upchurch “Pony” born 8 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)

5. Martha Upchurch born 1833 (GA)

6. Rhoda A Upchurch born 1835 (GA)

7. Mary Elizabeth Upchurch born 24 Mar 1837 (GA)

8. John C Upchurch born 1839 (1840) (GA)

9. Joseph Eaton Upchurch born 1844 (Carroll Co, GA)

10. Margaret J Upchurch born 1844 (1846)

(30) From biofile of Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr – Packet 22 May 1980, A – 13

Gay Upchurch

1820 Census Henry Co, GA

30 – 40

wife

4 sons

1 daughter

1832 From Greene Co drew Land Lot Henry Co, GA 142 7

A – 14 **Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr** in 1832 while living in Henry Co, GA drew Land Grant Lot 997, District 11 -1, Cherokee Co, GA

(31) Conclusions/ Assumptions regarding the family of Charity S Upchurch – 27 Apr 2002 – RPU

There is strong circumstantial evidence that Charles Upchurch, Head of Upchurch Clan No 2 had 3 sons (**Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr**, Keaton Upchurch, Eaton Upchurch) and two daughters (Susan Upchurch, Charity S Upchurch). It is likely that all 5 children were born in Franklin Co, NC or possibly just across the county line in Wake Co, NC. Some of the children married and possibly had issue in NC prior to the time in the early 1800s when Charles and all five of his children moved to GA. They may not have all moved at the same time or to the same place in GA. Charles also had other close relatives who moved from NC to GA in the early 1800s. See biofiles of all for more details except for Charity S Upchurch on which note the following:

Charity S Upchurch never married but had 3 children possibly by more than one man one of whom is presumed to have been a Mr Green. The three were William Jesse Upchurch AKA William Lewis Huston Green born 1823, J Michael Upchurch “Dump” born 1829 and James

Monroe Upchurch, II born 1834. There are appropriate slots on the 1830 and 1840 Census for the 3 children. Details regarding the child born 1823 may be found in the William Jesse Upchurch biofile.

(32) From letter 5 May 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU

Ben reports:

There is a good article on the Gay family pages 74 – 79 from The History of Fayette County, GA 1821 – 1971, published December 1977 by the Fayette County Historical Society. It is in the Archives State of Georgia. They came from North Carolina and evidently have remained in Georgia, Fayette County.

Cross-file: Gay Family

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr.

Also from 5 May 1980 letter:

Father Upchurch was born in Wake County, North Carolina, November 28, 1797, Joined the Baptist church and was baptized October 18, 1829. Was ordained deacon at Bethlehem Church in Fayette County, Georgia, in 1831. He was happily married to Miss P C Barnes, January 7, 1824, (should be January 6, 1825) with whom he lived most happily until his death. He had born to him six sons and five daughters. Three sons and two daughters preceded him to the better land.

[Note: I count 12 children perhaps unnamed son born about 1824 (died young) not included. Also note that Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr once lived in Fayette Co, GA. – RPU 19 Feb 2004]

(33) See notes of RPU 22 May 1980 visit to Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. Ben related info about the Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr Sub-clan as quoted below. Placed in context by the outline shown (with XIDs).

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. <u>Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr</u>	2071
1. Willie J Upchurch	2081
a. Lane Upchurch	4362
b. Joe Cephas Upchurch	2088
i. Benjamin Franklin Upchurch	4370
(I) Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr	4377
c. William Benny Upchurch	2084
2. Jethro Wilson Upchurch	2074
a. Willis Gay Upchurch	2097
i. Martha Lucy (Upchurch Tidd)	2106

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr moved to about 40 miles west of Atlanta, GA and was there when Bowden Co, GA was formed about 1850. He left Bowden Co, GA and moved to Ashland, Clay Co, AL after 1860 as did his son Willis J Upchurch. It is unclear how many children of Willis J Upchurch moved to Clay Co, AL with him. For example, Joe Cephas Upchurch and William Benny Upchurch probably moved to Fairburn, GA about 1870 (one document say 1867). It is

unclear as to whether they came from Bowden, GA or Clay Co, AL. Joe Cephas Upchurch spent most of his life in Fairburn, GA. Ben knew him well but does not recall him talking about the Upchurch Family. Benjamin Franklin Upchurch was a salesman. The family of Martha Lucy Upchurch also lived around Fairburn, GA.

Ben went to Ashland, AL and talked to some Upchurch Family members. Love Upchurch was there but Ben did not talk to him.

(34) Info in letter 12 Oct 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. to RPU – He found Land Grants in GA to Upchurches as listed below. The Gold Lottery Grants were in North GA. A mint was established in Lumpkin Co, GA at Dahlonega. Ben reports Mattie Lucy info correct.

Gold Lottery	**No.	Year	Name	County
	1	1821	Eaton Upchurch	Houston County
	2	1821	Eaton Upchurch	Monroe County
	3	1821	Keaton Upchurch	Monroe County
	4	1821	<u>Gay Upchurch</u>	Henry County
	5	1821	Charles Upchurch	Henry County
	6	1821	Charles Upchurch	Monroe County
	7	1827	Charity's Illegitimates	Muscogee
	8	1832	Abner F. Upchurch	Cherokee
	9	1832	Claiborne Upchurch	Cherokee
	10	1832	Claiborne Upchurch	Cherokee
	11	1832	Lunsford Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	12	Britton Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	13	Britton Upchurch	Forsyth – Cherokee
*	*	14	Camp A. Upchurch	Lumpkin – Cherokee
*	*	15	Eaton Upchurch	Forsyth – Cherokee
*	*	16	Eaton Upchurch	Gilmer – Lumpkin – Cherokee
*	*	17	Heaton Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	18	Henderson Upchurch	Cherokee
*	*	19	<u>Gay Upchurch</u>	Forsyth – Cherokee
*	*	20	Harbird Upchurch	Union – Cherokee

** Nos. added by RPU

[Note: Of the 12 recipients I am able to identify 10 as descendants of Richard Upchurch, II as shown below. Abner F. Upchurch has long been sought as to parents. Harbird Upchurch is a new unidentified Upchurch. At this point I speculate that Abner & Harbird were both sons of Eaton Upchurch. Slots are available for both and they would have been old enough to have been awarded Land Grants in 1832. Note that Camp A. Upchurch named as son Harbird Upchurch possibly after his Brother – RPU 16 Feb 2004]

I. Richard Upchurch, II	Land Grants
A. Richard Upchurch, III – Head of Clan	
1. Claburn Upchurch, I	9, 10
a. Lunsford Upchurch	11
2. Britton Upchurch, I	12, 13**
B. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan	5, 6
1. <u>Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr.</u>	4, 19
2. Eaton Upchurch	1, 2, 15, 16
a. Henderson Upchurch	18
b. Camp A. Upchurch	14
3. Keaton Upchurch	3, 17
4. Charity Upchurch	7

(35) From: letter 5 May 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr to RPU
Re: Children of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr

I don't understand the difference in the number of children of **Thomas Gay, Sr** and Patience Barnes. In rechecking it I feel confident that eleven is correct. Here is what I found.

Letter from Walter Upchurch, Rt 1, Atkins, TX, dated June 22, 1932:

Grandfather had 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. The boy's names were Willis, Bud, Tom, Johnnie, Joe and father Poney and the girls names were Elizabeth, Rodie, Mat and Mollie.

From records of Martha Tidd:

Gay Upchurch married Patience Barnes 6 January 1825 in Henry Co, GA. She was born NC 1806. Their children were:

Willis J	28 Nov 1826	R A (Rhoda)	1835
Thomas Gay, Jr	1827	Mary E	1837
William	1830	John C	1839
Jethro Wilson	9 Jul 1831	Elizabeth	1841
Martha	1833	Joseph	1843
		Margaret	1844

(36) From Packet 22 May 1980 Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. to RPU

The A1 → A7 Section almost certainly came originally from Martha Lucy Upchurch Tidd. One portion is as follows.

Here are a few things on **Thomas Gay** or **Gay Upchurch** that you may not have.

1825, 6 Jan married Patience Barnes. Book 1822 – 1837 Henry Co.

Census 1840 Fayette County, GA

Upchurch, Gay	40 – 50
wife	30 – 40
1 male	under 5
2 males	5 – 10
2 males	10 – 15
1 female	under 5
2 females	5 – 10
1 female	10 – 15

Also in the same section as Gay:

Barnes, Jethro	60 – 70	Came from NC, started the first grist mill in Henry Co
wife	60 – 70	
1 male	20 – 30	
1 female	10 – 30	
Barnes, William	30 – 40	
wife	20 – 30	
1 male	under 5	
1 male	15 – 20	

- 1842 Gay administered the estate of Jethro J Barnes. Return made 1846.
 1832 Gay sold land in Henry Co to John Smith
 1837 Gay bought 550 acres in Fayette Co
 1840 Gay, Eaton, and Richard Mason appointed guardians of William Upchurch. \$1000.00 bond posted. (I think that this was Charity's son as he shows up later in Muscogee where Charity drew land lots for two sons.
 1850 Census Carroll Co shows Gay and family
 1860 Census Carroll Co shows Bay and family also

Barnes, William P	age 52 farmer, born in NC
Elizabeth	age 44
James J	age 20
Robert R	age 14
Lovick	age 12
William H	age 10

These passages place in Biofile of **Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr**

(37) From letter 14 Jun 2007 James Paul Johnson, Jr to RPU

I'm also sending a picture of my cousin. Grandfather, T H Upchurch's youngest grandson. He is also named Thom Upchurch. He will administer Maynard's with the help of his son-in-law John O Moore who is a lawyer. I'm proud of Tom Upchurch. He is an ex-teacher, ex-superintendent of Carrollton Co, GA schools, ex- assistant to the governor of GA for state education affairs. He is now retired but still busy helping to get schools going again in New Orleans.

Tom Upchurch's address:

147 Frances Street

Bowdon, GA 30108

After he bought his place, he discovered it was on land once owned by his great great grandfather, Thomas Gay Upchurch.

I went to school at Bowdon College in 1933 – 1935. T Gay Upchurch helped to lay out the village of Bowden in 1853.

Bowdon College was begun in the same decade. It closed after 1936 school year. It was the first college in Georgia to admit women.

(38) Summary of Census Records for Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born 1797, Head of Charles Upchurch/ **Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr** Sub-clan

1800 Franklin Co, NC

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 3 fills a slot 0 – 10 in home of his father Charles Upchurch

1810 Franklin Co, NC

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 13 fills a slot 10 – 16 in father's home.

1820 Greene Co, GA

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 23 is presumed [by RPU] to fill a 18 – 26 slot in home of his brother Eaton Upchurch.

1830 Henry Co, GA

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 33 fills a 30 – 40 slot and is Head of Household.
Wife Patience Barnes age 24 fills a 20 – 30 slot.

1840 Fayette Co, GA

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 43 fills a 40 – 50 slot and is Head of Household.
Wife Patience Barnes age 34 fills a 30 – 40 slot.

1850 Carroll Co, GA

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 53 is listed as 53 and Head of Household.
Wife Patience Barnes age 44 is listed as 44.

1860 Carroll Co, GA

Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 63 is listed as 62 and as Head of Household.
Wife Patience Barnes age 54 is listed as 44.

- 1870 Clay Co, AL
Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr age 73 is listed as 72 and as Head of Household.
Wife Patience Barnes age 64 is listed as 63.
- 1880 Clay Co, AL
Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr not located. He died 23 Jun 1885 Ashland, AL.