

Thomas L Upchurch**XID – 4325**

Commentary: Thomas L. Upchurch was the son of Samuel and Mary Ellen Simmons Upchurch, and the grandson of John III, head of Upchurch Clan 14. Born in Tennessee, he accompanied his family to Illinois. It was there that he and two of his brothers served in the Black Hawk War in 1832.

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(1) born 15 Oct 1809 in NC or TN – son of Samuel (whom see) and Mary Ellen Simmons) Upchurch.

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9 Thomas L. Upchurch b 10-15-1809 TN d 11-16-1874 Saline Co. IL. He married 4-8-1831 Mary (Polly) Davis b 4-13-1811 d 10-18-1890. Thomas joined the Bethel Creek Church by letter in 1834. The estate of Thomas was entered for probate 11-16-1874. His sons Joseph and Samuel were the administrators. Thomas and Mary were buried at the Bethel Creek Cem. The couple had ten children.

COPIED FROM P 164 (29) FOR THOMAS L. SON OF SAMUEL

(3) See Belle West letter 15 Jun 1978 to RPU “Ronald G Upchurch and wife Sandra K Upchurch sent line:

Samuel Upchurch born 11 Sep 1772

married Mary Ellen Simmons born 13 Oct 1771

Thomas L Upchurch born 15 Oct 1809

Joseph C Upchurch born 1843

Edith Adeline Upchurch born 1899

Address:

Ronald G Upchurch

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(4) See letter received 24 May 1975 by RPU from Etta Harriet Shepherd “Thomas Upchurch married Polly Davis, a southerner”

(5) See letter 8 Jul 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

John Upchurch, Jonathan Upchurch and **Thomas Upchurch**, 3 brothers and presumed sons of Samuel Upchurch, were in southern Franklin Co, IL. They were in 1st Regiment, Ber 3rd Army Captain, Coffey Co, under Gen Henry Atkinson. All three mustered out 12 Aug 1832.

(6) See letter 20 Aug 1983 Leta Nelson to RPU

Thomas L Upchurch married in Gallatin Co, IL Mary --- ---.

Mary was age 39 in 1850 Census.

(7) See letter 7 Mar 1988 James Newman Upchurch to RPU
Thomas L Upchurch married Mary Davis. They had 10 children.

I. John Upchurch, III (Head of Clan)

A. Samuel Upchurch

1. John Upchurch

a. David Macklin Upchurch, I

i. Hiram Lewis Upchurch

(I) William Herman Upchurch

2. **Thomas L Upchurch**

a. David Macklin Upchurch, II married Sarah Frances Gresham

i. Robert Franklin Upchurch born 1873

Robert Franklin Upchurch recalled in later life and wrote of the hardships his mother suffered as a young widow with 2 small children. She went to live with her mother on a tract of land her parents had bought when they moved to IL in 1864. This tract was later sold to Hiram Lewis Upchurch who passed it to William Herman Upchurch. It was on this tract of land that **Thomas L Upchurch** died.

(8) From Olive Morgan – Upchurch Story – Page 236

THOMAS L. UPCHURCH FAMILY (9)

Thomas and his wife Mary Davis Upchurch were born in TN. The first record found in IL is where he became a member of the Bethel Creek Church by letter in Oct. 1834. Thomas was a signer of a petition which was made between 1836 (when Galatia was laid out) and 1847 (when Saline Co. was separated from Gallatin Co.) The petition was to the effect that the voters were asking that the place of voting be changed from the house of Thomas Gasaway to the town of Galatia. Among the signers were: Thomas Upchurch, David Smith, David Upchurch, William Upchurch, Samuel Upchurch and John Upchurch. The petition was addressed to Honorable County Commissioner's Court of Gallatin County.

From records available it was found that Thomas and 'Polly' had ten children. These are from census records, tombstones, marriages and probate records in Saline Co. Thomas L. Upchurch estate was entered for probate 11-16-1874, his sons Joseph C. and Samuel R. were the appointed administrators. The children:

(9) 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
 3. **David Upchurch** married (2nd) 1824 **Elizabeth Orr**
 4. **John Upchurch** married Catharine Johnson*
 5. **William L Upchurch** married () --- Moberly, married () Amanda --- ---
 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

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 (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)

(10) Nancy (Upchurch) Cantrell and her brother Thomas L Upchurch, children of Samuel Upchurch (Head of John Upchurch/Samuel Upchurch sub-clan) were administrators of the estate of Nancy's husband Isaac Cantrell whose will was presented for probate on 21 Sep 1840. (29, Page 163)

(11) See letter 9 Dec 1998 William Homer Westbrook to RPU
 A History of Saline County, FL 1847 – 1947 shows John Upchurch, Thomas Upchurch [**TLU**] and Jonathan Upchurch served in the Black Hawk War. [These 3 are presumed sons of Samuel Upchurch and grandson of John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan – RPU]

(1) See letter 8 Jul 1983 Donald Eugene Upchurch to RPU

John Upchurch, Jonathan Upchurch and Thomas Upchurch (3 brothers) were in Lower Franklin Co, IL. They were all in the 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Army Captain, Coffey Co under Gen Henry Atkinson [Black Hawk War]. All three mustered out 12 Aug 1832 (DEU clarified to RPU 31 Aug 1983).

[Note: John Upchurch and Jonathan appear to be sons of Samuel Upchurch – need work on Thomas – RPU]

(9) In the Black Hawk Indian War of 1832 in IL, the following were in Capt Archilles Coffey's Co, 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade, IL Mounted Volunteer: John Upchurch, Jonathan Upchurch and **Thomas Upchurch**. All were sons of Samuel Upchurch (Head of John Upchurch/Samuel Upchurch sub-clan). (29, Page 161).