

## Thomas Washington Upchurch

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**Commentary:** See the Find A Grave article below for a description of Thomas Washington Upchurch's parentage.

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### Thomas Washington Upchurch

Birth: Jan. 1, 1832  
Tennessee, USA  
Death: 1914  
Fentress County  
Tennessee, USA

Parents- Joseph Upchurch b. Aug 10,1800 in Iredell County North Carolina, d. 1865 Fentress Co. TN Jane Crouch b. June 29, 1806 KY Married March 2, 1823

daughtery- Savannah Upchurch-Dishman b. 1870 Travusville, Pickett Co. TN married John C. Dishman

**Family links:**

Spouse:  
Sarah Ann *Evans* Upchurch (1835 - 1912)\*

**Children:**

Lucinda Jane *Upchurch* Crabtree (1856 - 1946)\*  
Artemesa Gilbreath *Upchurch* Reed (1862 - 1941)\*  
Cordeila *Upchurch* Crouch (1863 - 1952)\*  
John Upchurch (1872 - \_\_\_\_)\*

\*Calculated relationship

**Burial:**

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Pall Mall  
Fentress County  
Tennessee, USA

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**(no number)** Input from Anna Marie Crouch to RPU via email 13 Feb 2010 re: George Upchurch Clan

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Joseph Upchurch born 1800

10 children:

37. Joseph Upchurch was born 10-Aug-1800 Iredell County, North Carolina and died 23-Jun-1873 in Fentress County, Tennessee. Some sites have him listed as being born in Wayne County, Kentucky but his father did not get his land grant until 1814 so I believe that Joseph was born in North Carolina. Plus Joseph listed himself in the 1850 census of Fentress County, Tennessee as being born in North Carolina.

His wife was Jane Crouch who was born 6-29-1806 Tennessee and died after 1880 in Tennessee. Jane was the daughter of James Crouch and Martha Evans. Joseph and Jane were married 3-2-1823. Joseph was a Justice of the Peace for Fentress County, Tennessee. Joseph bought 50 acres on Rotten's Fork in Wayne County, Kentucky for \$10 in 1815. This land became part of Tennessee in 1823.

Joe is listed in the census records of 1830 and 1840 living in Fentress County, Tennessee. Joseph and Jane were listed in the census records of 1850 and 1860 living in Fentress County, Tennessee. Jane is listed in the census records of 1870 and 1880 with their daughter Lucinda in Fentress County, Tennessee. Joseph and Jane are buried at the Upchurch Cemetery which was part of the land that Joseph bought in 1823. They had three sons enlist in a military unit associated with the Union side of the Civil War. Two of their sons were in Tinker Dave Beaty's Tennessee Regiment of the Tennessee Independent Scout and one son joined the regular army. Jane's sister Martha Campbell had several sons enlist in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Their children

371. James Calvin Upchurch born 5-27-1824 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1-6-1898 Fentress County, Tennessee

372. Lucinda Jane Upchurch born 3-5-1826 Fentress County, Tennessee died in Fentress County, Tennessee

373. William Hamilton Upchurch born 2-7-1828 Fentress County, Tennessee died Fentress County, Tennessee

374. Thomas Washington Upchurch born 1-1-1832 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1914 Fentress County, Tennessee

375. Sarah Jane Upchurch born 6-29-1834 Fentress County, Tennessee died by 1883 Fentress County, Tennessee

376. Louisa Upchurch born 1836 Fentress County, Tennessee died Fentress County, Tennessee

377. John Jackson Upchurch born 1838 Fentress County, Tennessee died 4-26-1864 Lexington, Kentucky

378. Elizabeth Upchurch born 1840 Fentress County, Tennessee died Fentress County, Tennessee

379. Drury Upchurch born 1843 Fentress County, Tennessee and died by 1900 Fentress County, Tennessee

370. Elias Henderson Upchurch born 2-8-1847 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1-24-1907 Fentress County, Tennessee

374. Thomas Washington Upchurch was born 1-1-1832 Fentress County, Tennessee and died 1914 Pickett County, Tennessee. Thos was listed with his parents in District 7 of Fentress County, Tennessee during the 1850 census.

His wife was Sara Ann Evans who was born 1-1836 Clinton County, Kentucky and died 5-3-1912 Fentress County, Tennessee. Sara died when her clothes caught fire while cooking. They are listed in the census records of 1860, 1870, and 1880 living in Fentress County, Tennessee. In 1880 they were living in District 7 of Fentress County, Tennessee. T.W. Upchurch appears on the Pickett County, Tennessee voter list of 1891. In 1900 and 1910 they are living in Pickett County, Tennessee.

Living with them in 1900 was their daughter Cordelia Upchurch, her children Merty M Upchurch and Odias A. Upchurch plus their daughter Sara's children Hattie and Nona Dishman. Thomas and Sarah are buried at the Davidson Cemetery in Fentress County, Tennessee. Their children

3741. Lucinda Jane Upchurch born 8-30-1856 Fentress County, Tennessee died 11-4-1946 Fentress County, Tennessee

3742. Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch born 1859 Fentress County, Tennessee died 1887 Wayne County, Kentucky

3743. Mary Ellen Upchurch born 12-18-1861 Fentress County, Tennessee died 2-20-1950 Fentress County, Tennessee

3744. Cordelia Upchurch born 9-9-1863 Fentress County, Tennessee died 8-30-1952 Fentress County, Tennessee

3745. Artemese Upchurch born 8-1865 Fentress County, Tennessee died 11-1941 Fentress County, Tennessee

3746. James Wooley Upchurch born 8-27-1867 Fentress County, Tennessee died 6-19-1926 Wayne County, Kentucky

3747. Savannah Upchurch born 7-16-1870 Fentress County, Tennessee died 6-2-1952 Monroe County, Tennessee

3748. John Upchurch born 1873 Fentress County, Tennessee died by 1920 Fentress County, Tennessee

(1) Thomas Washington Upchurch born 1 Jan 1832 married Sarah Ann Evans. Thomas Washington Upchurch was son of Joseph Upchurch. (29, Page 72). [of George Upchurch/ Joseph Upchurch Sub-clan]

(2) See letter 25 Sep 1980 Nellie Mae Crouch to RPU

“Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of **Thomas Washington Upchurch** and Sara A Upchurch was my grandmother. She married Bolin (Bowland?) Dishmon of KY.” “Next comes my great grandfather Thomas Washington (Tommy) Upchurch married Sara Ann Evans. I can remember them both, slightly. They were the maternal grandparents who raised my mother and her sister after their KY parents died. They were not adopted legally as some have reported. They lived in Pickett Co, TN, near the Forbus PO. I was born and reared in the same area.”

(3) Bolin (or Bowlin) Robert Dishman born 1859 married Sarah Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of **Thomas Washington Upchurch** and Sarah Jane (Evans) Upchurch (29, Page 74).

(4) See letter 7 Jan 1978 Wilma Lenora Crabtree to RPU

Lucinda Jane Upchurch born 30 Aug 1856 (Fentress Co, TN) was daughter of **Thomas Washington Upchurch** and Sarah Jane Evans.

**(5)** See letter 24 Aug 1984 Wilma Lenora Crabtree to RPU  
Land records of Fentress Co, TN (L, page 519/20] show that one TWU (Thomas Washington Upchurch] was an heir of his father Joseph Upchurch and that the heirs sold their rights to William Hamilton Upchurch, also a son of Joseph Upchurch. The photo of the grave site (84017) for Sallie Davidson (mother in law of Thomas Washington Upchurch) is said to be the burial site for Thomas Washington Upchurch and his wife Sarah Jane Evans but we found no stones for them.

**(6)** Thomas Washington Upchurch was the father of Cordelia Upchurch who was the 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of George Washington Crouch (29, Page 73)

**(7)** See letter 26 May 1985 Wilma Lenora Crabtree to RPU  
**Thomas Washington Upchurch** definitely married Sarah Ann Evans

**(8)** See letter 2 May 1987 Wilma Lenora Crabtree to RPU  
1900 Census – 8<sup>th</sup> District of Pickett Co, TN

#115 Rachel Upchurch 58

#116 **Thomas W Upchurch**  
#117 Andrew Rains  
#118 Lotain Upchurch  
#119 James Upchurch 34

#120 William Davidson 31 single, born KY  
father, born TN, mother born TN  
Catherine Davidson 74 mother, born Dec 1825, widow, born NN (?)  
father, born NY, mother born NC  
Margaret J Davidson 52 sister, single, born Jun 1848, born TN  
Cleveland Crabtree 16 single, born Jun 1884  
[Cleveland Welch Crabtree of George Upchurch/ Joseph Upchurch Sub-clan]

These Davidsons are related through the wife of **Thomas W Upchurch**.

**(9)** See letter 26 Jun 1987 Anna Marie Couch to RPU  
**Thomas Washington Upchurch** born 1 Jan 1832 (TN) married Sara Ann Evans born Jan 1836 (KY). Sara died when her clothes caught on fire while she was cooking.

**(10)** See letter 18 Aug 1987 Anna Marie Crouch to RPU  
**Thomas Washington Upchurch** raised in his home his granddaughter Mertie Mae Upchurch, the illegitimate daughter of his daughter Cordelia Upchurch. The father of Mertie Mae Upchurch is unknown.

## (11) Fentress Co, TN Heritage Book – 1987, Page 403 – 404

## CROUCH, DR. A.H. AND NONIE

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My father, Archibald Henry Crouch, was born April 29, 1872 and died of a heart attack on December 1, 1941, four months before his



Dr. A.H. and Nonie Crouch

70th birthday and six days before Pearl Harbor.

Since others are writing about our Crouch (illustrious) ancestors for the book, I will only write about my parents, my siblings, myself and my immediate family. (I have a manuscript started on the life and times of my father, entitled: Dr. Crouch of Caney Creek.)

At an early age, and with great determination, my father decided not to follow in his father's farming footsteps. Instead, he had a burning desire to become a doctor of medicine and, in spite of almost unsurmountable odds, he made this dream come true. It was not easy, but he always said that reaching his goal in life was worth the cost in every respect. So he studied as hard as he could, when he could find the time to do so, and he talked to the doctors who lived in the area at the time, all of whom gave him advice and encouragement. Grandpap Crouch<sup>2</sup> was pleased to hear about "Archie's" ambitious plans, and he promised to finance his education. However, there were many times when his checks were made for about half the amount that was asked for and my father would have to burrow money for food, shoe polish, etc. from other medical students at the time. So he began to ask for twice the amount of money needed and everything turned out okay.

The University of Medicine in Nashville and Vanderbilt was where he spent his first years of study and he returned to the Forbus (Fentress County) community and began the practice of medicine in 1893, when he was 21 years of age.

Later on he took more medical training and returned home in 1908 to use on his prescription pads and stationery the following title: A.H. Crouch, Physician and Surgeon. He was then 36 years of age and had a wife and two daughters living; also, a son who died in infancy. From that time until the day before he died, on December 1, 1941, he was a doctor every hour of the day or night. He literally "gave his life" for others!

During his younger days, especially after he became a doctor at age 21, this tall, blond, eligible bachelor was sought after by many members of the opposite sex but he remained single until he was 30 years of age. What a heartthrob he must have been as he rode all over the area on his beautiful horse, wearing the best and most stylish clothes he ever owned! But he did not get caught in the matrimonial net by any of the beautiful, well educated and talented ladies in his age group. Instead, he succumbed to a little orphan girl who was 13 years younger than himself, and who was very very shy. Once when I asked him why this happened, he said, "Your mother was the prettiest little thing you ever saw and her character was above reproach."

Her name was Nonie Wayne Dishmon, daughter of Bolin and Sarah Upchurch Dishmon of Slickford, Kentucky who died when mother and her sister, Hattie Lee, were only two and four years of age. Their maternal grandparents, Thomas Washington and Sarah Evans Upchurch, brought these granddaughters to their home at Forbus, Tennessee and raised them the best they could. They were poor but honest. Hattie married Logan Greer of Fentress County and they lived to be old, but spent their latter years in Muncie, Indiana. They had six children, only Carl and Elsie Lee, have survived and they live in Indiana. The rest of

the Greer family are buried in the Upchurch Cemetery, near the Wolf River Methodist Church.

It was at the Tommy Upchurch home that my parents, Arch and Nonie, were married on February 9, 1902 with her sister, Hattie, and Gregg Upchurch as witnesses. Mr. J.W. "Wash" Upchurch, Justice of the Peace, performed the wedding ceremony.

Even though they were opposites in many ways (he was an extrovert and she was an introvert), they loved each other enough to live together for 39 years, and rear five children to be grownup. Their first son died a crib death in infancy. The children will be listed later.

Dr. Crouch was an active man and took part in church, civic and political affairs, along with his "healing art," to his dying day. It could be said that he was all things to all people! His only vice was an inherited quick temper, which everyone learned to forgive and forget.

His faith in God was great and he was a cheerful giver, whom the Bible says that the Lord loves. Many times he has given his last \$5.00 in the church offering, only to receive a \$10.00 payment on a debt that he had already given up on collecting.

Mother was only 56 years old when she was left a widow, but she was in good health and she lived for 35 more years and died at the age of 91 years and three months. She died of diabetic complications in the Fentress County Hospital in Jamestown, Tennessee. Her wish had been to die in her own bed, in her beloved old farm home on Caney Creek, but it was impossible.

"Doc and Nonie" are buried in the David-son Cemetery, near the old Forbus Store, by request of my dad many years ago. Whenever I drive by this city-of-the-dead, I want to sing one of their favorite songs: "I will meet you in the morning over there."

by Nell Crouch Taylor

(Love NEUJE MAE CROUCH)

I. Nonie Wayne Dishman [of the George Upchurch/ Joseph A Upchurch Sub-clan – Thomas Washington Upchurch Line] married Archibald Henry Crouch, son of Millie Dishman of the George Upchurch/ Lydia Upchurch Sub-clan – Archibald Dishman Line.

Tommy Upchurch = **Thomas Washington Upchurch**  
 “Wash” J W U = James Washington Upchurch XIX – 1655

I. Hattie Dishman  
 married ( ) Logan Greer  
 A. Carl Greer  
 B. Elsie Lee Greer  
 C. }  
 D. } died young  
 E. }  
 F. }

**(12)** Information from letter 7 Aug 1995 Don L Ford to RPU

I. --- --- Davidson

A. Abner Davidson }  
 B. Joseph Davidson } → Don L Ford  
 C. Francis Davidson }  
 D. Alexander Davidson  
 E. James Davidson (oldest of the five brothers)

1. Sarah Davidson born circa 1800 married ( ) --- --- Evans
  - a. Sarah Ann Evans born circa 1836 died 1912  
 married **Thomas Washington Upchurch** of the George Upchurch/ Joseph A Upchurch Sub-clan

**(no number)** RPU analysis of Upchurch-Crouch intermarriages starting in the early 1800s

I. George Upchurch (Head of Clan)

born 1757 (Brunswick Co, VA)

A. Lydia Upchurch born  
1782 (VA)

1. Archibald Dishman  
born 1806

a. Millie Ann Dishman 2<sup>nd</sup> mg ←  
born 1833 (Fentress Co, TN)

B. Shadrack Upchurch  
born 1784 (Brunswick Co, VA)

1. Silas Upchurch\*\*\* ←  
born 1806 (Iredell Co, NC)

C. Joseph Upchurch\*\* ←  
born 1800 (Iredell Co, NC)

1. **Thomas Washington Upchurch**  
born 1832 (TN)

a. Cordelia Upchurch 3<sup>rd</sup> mg ←  
born 1863 (Fentress Co, TN)

2. Sarah Jane Upchurch ←  
born 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

I. James B Crouch

born 1763 (VA)

A. John Wesley Crouch  
born 1803 (TN)

1. Elias Henderson Crouch\* ←  
born 1824 (Fentress Co, TN)

2. George Washington Crouch  
born 1833 (Pickett Co, TN)  
[He married 3X; #2 & #3 into  
Upchurch family]

B. Jane Crouch\*\* ←  
born 1806 (Fentress Co, TN)

1. Sarah Jane Upchurch\* ←  
born 1834 (Fentress Co, TN)

C. Nancy Crouch\*\*\* ←  
born 1810 (TN)

← same person

\* Elias Henderson and Sarah Jane Upchurch were first cousins. They married about 1852. Sarah Jane appears in both family trees above.

\*\* Joseph Upchurch and Jane Crouch married 1823

\*\*\* Silas Upchurch and Nancy Crouch married 1828

**(no number)** See Cemetery Records – Overton Co, TN

Thomas W Upchurch (**TWU**) appears as born 1 Jan 1832 but no death date. This is in Pickett Co, TN, Davidson Co, TN – “Ab.”