

Thomas Upchurch**XID – 3421**

Commentary: Thomas Upchurch is considered to one of the many children fathered by Ruffin, son of Moses, the head of Upchurch clan 1.

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(1) Per attachment #34 West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co, NC Marriage Records
“16 Oct 1855 Thomas Upchurch married Lydia Olive – Witness: John Crocker and Thomas Utley”

(2) See Wake Co, NC Marriage Bonds – with 31 Oct 1977 letter Mrs L W Priest to RPU
Thomas X Upchurch married Lydia Olive
Date of Bond – 16 Oct 1855. Bondsman = John Crocker. Witness = Thomas J Utley, Clerk.
Married 25 Oct 1855 by Johnson Olive.

(3) See 1850 Census – Wake Co, NC Western Division
Thomas Upchurch age 16 male born in NC in home of:
Ruffin Upchurch age 35 born in NC Farmer, \$100 RE
[This age wrong for Ruffin – RPU]
[Thomas about right age for one who married 16 Oct 1855 Lydia Olive – RPU]

(4) Note – No Thomas Upchurch found on 1860 Wake Co Census – RPU
[Verified by ancestry.com – 25 Dec 1028 – RPU]

(5) 1870 Census – Buckhorn Township, Wake Co, NC
Lydia Upchurch age 32 female born in NC head of household
+Cornelia Upchurch age 12 female
+Mattie Upchurch age 9 female

(6) 1880 Census – Chatham Co, NC
Dwelling 97 Family 98
Leddie Upchurch age 42 WF head of household
Mattie Upchurch age 18 WF daughter

(7) Olive Chapel Cemetery – Wake Co, NC
Lydia Ann Upchurch 15 Feb 1835 – 2 Jun 192?

[Note – (5), (6), (7) appear to represent the widow of Thomas Upchurch – RPU]

(8) See biofile of Ruffin Upchurch died 1866. The executor is trying to locate the children of Ruffin Upchurch. One such child, deceased, is revealed to be **Thomas Upchurch**. He appears in the four documents:

Doc A = Tom Upchurch = **Thomas Upchurch**

Doc B = ---

Doc C = ---

Doc D = **Thomas Upchurch**

(9) See Photo File 84-2

T Upchurch CSA, Co C, 7th NC Regiment was in prison at Fort Delaware and died there. He was one of three Upchurches buried in Finn's Point National Cemetery, Salem, NJ. [This T Upchurch could be **Thomas Upchurch** – RPU]

(10) CSA Service of **Thomas Upchurch** from letter 9 Aug 1989 Vicki Barefoot to RPU.

Thomas Upchurch, Co G, 7th Regiment, NC Infantry, Pvt/ Pvt, enlisted 17 Jun 1861 in Raleigh, NC; mustered 21 Aug 1861. Born Chatham Co, NC. Age 25. Height 5' 9 1/2". Occupation:

Farmer; volunteer

Enlistment	31 Aug 1861	present
Sep & Oct 1861		present
Nov & Dec 1861		present
Jan & Feb 1862		present
Mar & Apr 1862		absent – “left at camp on duty near Kinston”
May & Jun 1862		sick at hospital at Lynchburg
30 Jun – 31 Oct 1862		still hospitalized in Lynchburg
Nov & Dec 1862		AWOL
Jan & Feb 1863		in hospital at Lynchburg
Mar & Apr 1863		present
Jul & Aug 1863		missing at Gettysburg, captured at Gettysburg 3 Jul 1863.
		Received at Fort Delaware, DE, died as Prisoner of War on 1 Oct 1863
		(A separate note states that he died at Point Lookout, MD but there is more evidence that he died at Fort Delaware.

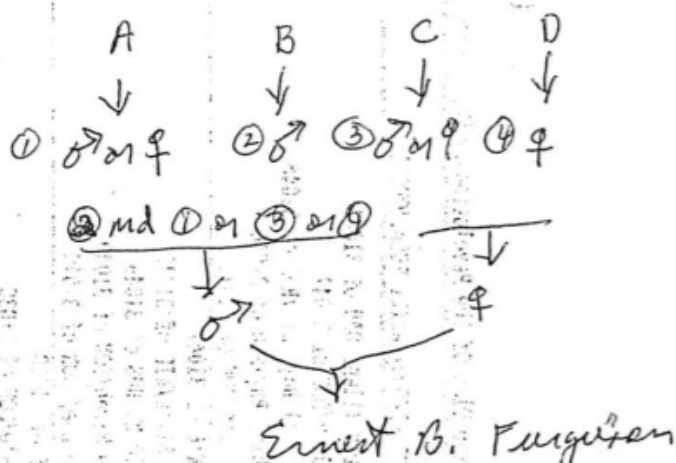
A letter dated 2 Jun 1953 is in the record, from William E Bergin, Maj Gen USA, the Adjutant General to a Mrs J S Johnson in Raeford, NC. The letter gives her information about the fate of **Thomas Upchurch**.

(no number) Item received in letter 23 Oct 1992 David Thomas Upchurch to RPU of interest is the dedication page of a book “Chancellorsville – 1863 – The Souls of the Brave” by Ernest B Furguson published by Alfred A Knopf of New York, 1992.

[Note: Files in RPU system show that this Thomas Upchurch is the son of Ruffin Upchurch and the grandson of Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan. Thomas Upchurch had two daughters:

1. Cornelia Upchurch born 1858
2. Mattie Upchurch born 1861

(see diagram next page)



To

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Robert Daniel Ferguson

1st SGT., CO. I, 53rd VIRGINIA INFANTRY
WOUNDED AT FIVE FORKS, APRIL 1, 1865

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Jesse Levi Furgurson

2nd LT., CO. C, 32nd NORTH CAROLINA INFANTRY
WOUNDED AT PETERSBURG, APRIL 2, 1865

C

Michael Decatur Lawrence Harris

1st SGT., CO. C, 32nd NORTH CAROLINA INFANTRY
WOUNDED AT FORT STEDMAN, MARCH 25, 1865

D

Thomas Upchurch ↑

PRIVATE, CO. G, 7th NORTH CAROLINA INFANTRY
CAPTURED AT GETTYSBURG, JULY 3, 1863
DIED AT FORT DELAWARE, OCTOBER 1863

—and to their children,
and their children's children,
who are my parents

(no number) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU
NC CSA Soldiers and Sailors

[The original biofile contains the names of 65 men. Listed below is the one who is featured in this biofile – CJM 16 Nov 2020]

60. **Upchurch, Thomas** Confederate Infantry 7th Regiment, North Carolina
Infantry

(no number) Search 21 Nov 2008 re: ancestors of author Ernest B Furgurson born 1929 by RPU. EBF is author of several Civil War books – one of which “Chancellorsville – 1863 – The Souls of the Brave”, 1992. He dedicated to 4 ancestors who fought in the Civil War – 1 being an Upchurch. This to RPU from David Thomas Upchurch in letter 23 Oct 1992. The author gave more insight in “The Work of Death” in the Winter 2008 issue of The American Scholar which was a review of the book “This Republic of Suffering” by Drew Gilpin Faust. To RPU 15 Jan 2008 from Melva Henninger.

The chart below in association with a worksheet of RPU dated 21 Nov 2008 amplifies the family line especially re: Thomas Upchurch.

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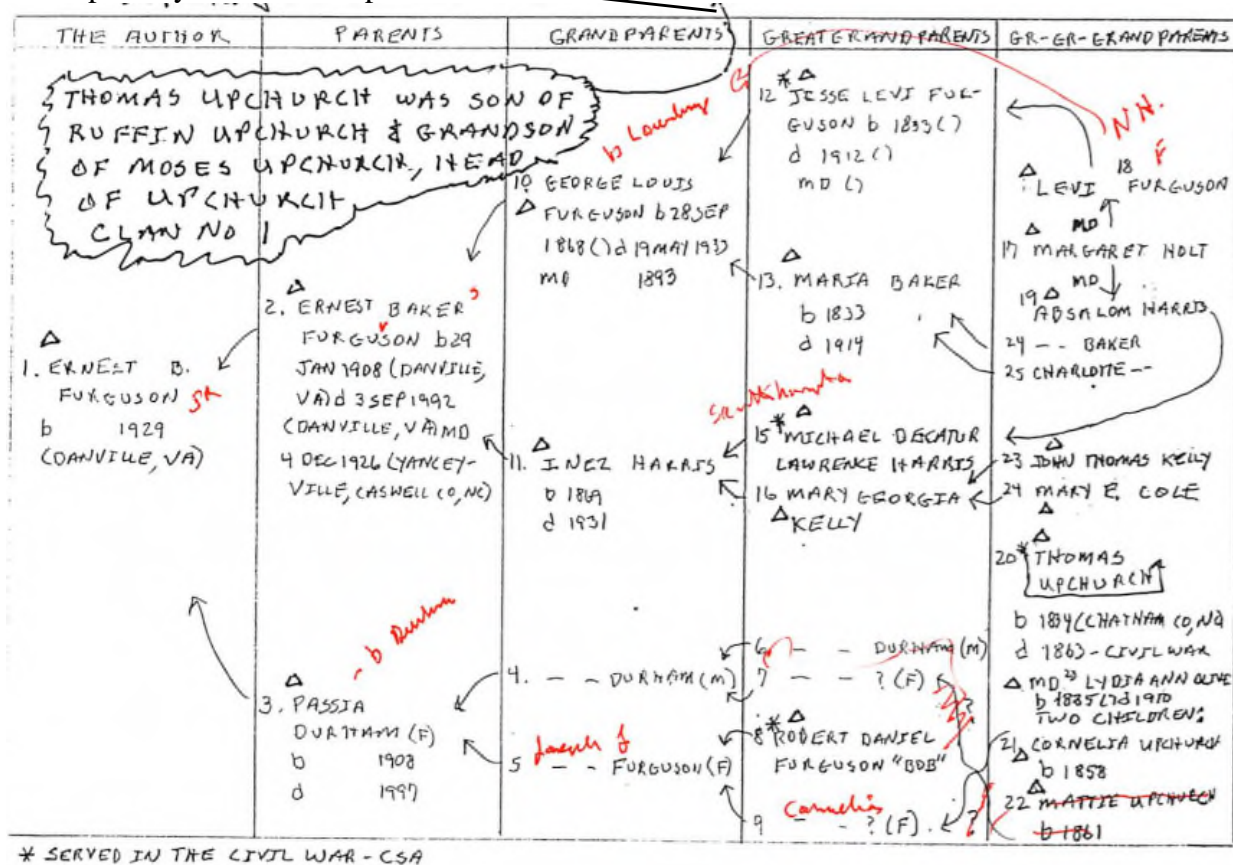
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Note: Alternate spellings of Ferguson, Furgurson for each of the above are noted. – CJM 18 Nov 2020]

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(no number)

Thomas Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

spouse: Lydia Upchurch

child: Mattie Upchurch

(no number)

Thomas Upchurch

North Carolina Marriages, 1759 – 1979

marriage: 25 Oct 1855

Wake, North Carolina

spouse: Lydia Upchurch

(no number) Olive – Upchurch Connections – Based on book, James Olive Family of Wake County, NC 1965; Third reprinting, 1997. [Page numbers from this book are quoted in individual listings below. NS 20 Dec 2016]

I. James Olive, Sr. “Old James” to Wake County, NC 1840 (Craven County until 1746, then Johnston County until 1771, then Wake County) Lived on Crabtree Creek. [B, C, D below] are 3 of 7 sons settled in Southwestern Wake County, NC. Page Numbers from this book follow each name.

A. James Olive, Feb 1748 or before-married Elizabeth Burt, pages 9-14. No known Upchurch connections

B. William Olive, Sr. “Billie Olive”, born 1746, died 1827 (Wake County, North Carolina) 10 children, pages 16 and 17

1. William Olive, Jr., died 1827- 7 children, page 17

a. Merrill Olive, born 1816, died 1883, married Martha Jane Upchurch [daughter of Tabitha Upchurch; granddaughter of Nathan Upchurch, I], page 18

2. James Olive, born 1773, married () Waitley Straight, page 21

a. Abigail Olive, born about 1810, page 23 married () Sims Upchurch [son of Moses Upchurch].

b. Cader Olive [He was GGFather of Irene (Olive) Kittinger], page 25

3. Howell Olive, died 1837- 5 children including 3 unnamed daughters, page 20

a. Mary Olive [Daughter proposed by RPU-Good Evidence] married () Acriel Upchurch [Son of Nathan Upchurch, I]

C. Southwood Olive born about 1775- 6 children, pages 47-62.

1. Asa Olive, born about 1790 (Wake County, NC), page 52.

a. Mary Ann Olive born 1826 Married () Isham Henry Collins, page 53. Their grandson, Robert Allen Collins married Sarah Mabel Norris. A granddaughter of Bennett A. Upchurch [son of Whitney Upchurch; Grandson of Moses Upchurch]

b. Eli Olive, married 1849 Sarah Watson, page 59. Bondsman Alf Upchurch [Alfred Upchurch] [son of Burtis Upchurch; grandson of Nathan Upchurch, I]

c. Tabitha Olive, twin of Lydia Olive married () Paschal R (B) Upchurch. Page 67 Bondsman Sims Upchurch. Paschal and Sims are brothers –son of Murray Upchurch; grandson/o Moses Upchurch. Page 67

d. Lydia Olive, twin of Tabitha Olive born 1837 Married () **Thomas Upchurch** [son of Ruffin Upchurch; Grandson of Moses Upchurch]. Page 67

D. John Olive Sr., pages 63-95 His great grandson Hallie Olive Kelly married Adelia

1. Burrell Olive. Jane Upchurch, [of the Moses Upchurch/Murray Upchurch Subclan] whose son Hunter Ligett Kelly married () Margaret Lee Upchurch [of the Nathan Upchurch, I /Burtis Upchurch subclan]

E. Anthony Olive, pages 104-122 sold 160 acres to Moses Upchurch, head of the Moses Upchurch clan, in 1780.

F. Jesse Olive born about 1762, pages 123-186. No known Upchurch connection

G. Abel Olive, Sr. born 1765, pages 187-208. No known Upchurch connection

(no number) Some Olive – Upchurch Connections – RPU Research 25 Dec 2008
(supplemented by “James Olive Family” 1965 The Olive Family Association and by input from Ernest B Furgurson, Jr.)

1850 Census – Western Division, Wake Co, NC				
Name	born about	Age		
Asa Olive	1790	60	NC	farmer
Elizabeth Olive	1800	50	VA	[Elizabeth Grey]
Lidia Olive	1837	13	NC	twin, married Thomas Upchurch
Martha Olive	1838	12	NC	
Mary Olive	1826	24	NC	twin, [Mary Ann Olive]
Meril Olive	1826	24	NC	twin, brick mason
Rebecca Olive	1843	17	NC	
Tabitha Olive	1837	13	NC	twin, married Paschal B Upchurch

[Note: Paschal B Upchurch, son of Murray Upchurch and a 1st cousin of Thomas who married Lydia. Both Thomas and Paschal were killed in Civil War in 1863]

1860 Census – should include Lydia Ann Olive and Thomas Upchurch as they married 16 Oct 1855 and had daughter Cornelia born 1858. Family not found.

1870 Census – Buckhorn Township, Wake Co, NC PO: New Hill		
Name	born about	Age
Lydia Upchurch	1835	35
Cornelia Upchurch	1858	12
Mattie Upchurch	1861	9

1880 Census – New Hope Township, Wake Co, NC PO: New Hill		
Name	born about	Age
Leddie Upchurch	1838	42
Mattie Upchurch	1861	18

1900 Census – New Hope Township, Wake Co, NC PO: New Hill		
Name	born about	Age
Lydia Upchurch	Feb 1825	65
Stella F Womble	Aug 1879	20
Scemp J Womble	Jan 1899	1

1910 Census – Durham, Durham Co, NC In County Home			
Name	born about	Age	
Fanney Turner	1829	81	head, single
Lidia Upchurch	1835	75	[2, 1], widow

I. Asa Olive born about 1790

married 1823 (Wake Co, NC) Elizabeth Grey

A. Tabitha Olive (twin) (AKA Talitha) born about 1837 ()

married 5 Dec 1855 (Wake Co, NC) Paschal B Upchurch born 1 Aug 1830 (Chatham Co, NC), son of Murray Upchurch and grandson of Moses Upchurch

B. Lydia Ann Olive twin) born about 1837 ()

married 16 Oct 1855 (Wake Co, NC) **Thomas Upchurch** born about 1834 (Chatham Co, NC), son of Ruffin Upchurch and grandson of Moses Upchurch

1. Cornelia Upchurch born about 1858

married (1st) Orrin Patterson Sugg

a. Stella Floyd Sugg

married (1st) Nathaniel Womble

married (2nd) Joseph Jasper Ferguson

i. Kemp J Womble

ii. Passie Durham Ferguson

married () Ernest Baker Furgurson, Sr

(I) Ernest Baker Furgurson, Jr

(no number) A repeat of **(no number)** item above, beginning “Search 21 Nov 2008 re: ancestors of author Ernest B Furgurson born 1929 by RPU. Not repeated here – CUM 18 Nov 2020.