

Wesley Upchurch

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Commentary: See number one below

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(1) Wesley Upchurch born 17 Aug 1817 NC died 28 May 1898 IL married Mary Patterson. Their first son was born in NC.

(He was son of Buckner Upchurch.) [Per Upchurch Story by Morgan – Page 48]

(2) Westley Upchurch and his wife Mary Patterson Upchurch moved to IL about 1843. One of their sons = James Madison Upchurch, whom see.

(3) See letter 18 Jan 1982 Christena Ruth Yackle to RPU

“Wesley Upchurch came to IL around 1843 from NC. He had married Mary Ann Patterson in NC. They settled near the little village of Buckhorn southeast of Timewell. They had a family of 11 children. James Madison Upchurch was their second child. We have tried to find their graves but no luck. They were probably buried in the Buckhorn Cemetery and the markers or stones have been destroyed. The Cemetery has been fairly well kept up. The village of Buckhorn is no more. The buildings have been torn down and the ground is now farmland. If I find out more, I will send it later. There is some dispute in our family about the spelling of Patterson. Some say it wasn't exactly Patterson but similar.”

(4) See letter 29 Apr 1982 Christena Ruth Yackle to RPU

The pictures of Wesley and Mary Upchurch are in large frames. If I can get smaller pictures I will send them to you. I do not have any more information about the 1843 move of Wesley Upchurch from NC to Brown Co, IL. I do not know if any brothers or sisters came. Wesley Upchurch was born 17 Aug 1817. We now know his wife was Padison not Patterson. She was born 17 Sep 1827. I thought her name was Mary Ann but I can find no proof of that. I did find a letter written by my Aunt Ethel Ina (Upchurch) McDonald in which she lists all the children of Wesley and Mary. She never referred to her as Mary Ann but did correct her maiden name. She gave: Wesley Upchurch died 28 Mar 1898 age 80 years and Mary (Padison) Upchurch died 17 Dec 1874.

(5) At the Upchurch Reunion in Brown Co, IL on 17 Jul 2001 Carol Ann Marshall provided the information below to RPU. Note that the newspaper clipping is shown as well as Carol's transcription followed by and added note she found in the paper.

Burnett & Bakerbower, undertakers at Mt. Sterling, were called by their agent, F. R. Bulman, Tuesday to take charge of the funeral of Mr. Upchurch, who died Tuesday evening of old age. He was the father of James Upchurch, north of town, and over 60 years old. The deceased had been ill for some time. He died suddenly. The remains were taken to the family cemetery at Buckhorn for interment.

Found in Democrat Message from April, 1898 under County Correspondence.

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Found on the same page, but in the Buckhorn news.

BUCKHORN CITY

The remains of Wesley Upchurch of near Mounds, were brought here and interred in our cemetery Wednesday.

[RPU comments: It is quite clear that these references are to Wesley Upchurch and his son James Madison Upchurch. The phrase “of near Mounds” makes one think Wesley was living with his son James Madison Upchurch at the time he died since the son lived a mile or so north of Mounds Cemetery. Further, one concludes Wesley Upchurch had long lived in the Buckhorn Area as he was returned to that area for burial. It is unclear from these reports as to whether Wesley Upchurch was buried in the Buckhorn Cemetery or in a different not far-away cemetery referred to as “our” cemetery and as “the family cemetery.”]

(6) See letter 31 Dec 1986 Avis Jane Henning to RPU

Westley Upchurch born 1817 (NC) farmer located at Mt Sterling, IL, Brown County, Buckhorn TWP wife Mary (Mrs P) Upchurch born 1827 (NC).

(7) Upchurch Listings – Census Records Brown Co, IL Area

1830 – No Upchurches in Brown Co, IL – appears firm

1840 – RPU census records show no Upchurches Brown Co area – need to confirm

1850 – Four Upchurch families – Brown Co, IL

#1	Buckner Upchurch	73 M Farmer	born NC 146/786/791 TWS 255. 3W – Elkhorn
	Alexander Upchurch	11 M	b 11 [Jonas Alexander Upchurch]
#2	Sihon Upchurch	23 M Farmer	born NC [Sion Upchurch] 153/883/888
	Elizabeth Upchurch	23 F	born NC
	Wesly Upchurch	7 M	born IL [Wesley Upchurch]

	Wilson Upchurch	4 M	born IL	
	Lucy Upchurch	2 F	born IL	[Lucy Ann Upchurch]
#3	<u>Wesley Upchurch</u>	33 M Farmer	born NC \$200	148/815/820 TWS 25R3W
	Mary Upchurch	23 F	born NC	[nee Mary Padison]
	George Upchurch	7 M	born NC	[George Washington Upchurch]
	James Upchurch	4 M	born IL	[James Madison Upchurch]
	Martha Upchurch	2 F	born IL	
#4	Richard Upchurch ¹	40 M	born NC school teacher	TWS 25R3W – Elkhorn 148/816/821
	Elizabeth	33 F	born NC	
	Harriet Upchurch	14 F	born NC	[Harriet Jane Upchurch]
	Julian Upchurch	12 F	born NC/IL	[Julia Ann Upchurch]
	Polly Upchurch	10 F	born IL	[Mary Upchurch]
	Sintha Upchurch	5 F	born IL	[Cynthia Upchurch]
	Columbus Upchurch	2 M	born IL	[Columbus Febie Upchurch]
	Sarah Upchurch	1/12 F	born IL	[Sarah Frances Upchurch]

¹ AKA Richardson Upchurch – RPU

1860 – No Brown Co, IL census in RPU records

1870 – RPU has index only – No details – 4 Upchurch Families in Brown Co, IL

A. Upchurch page 820 Elkhorn Township [Jonas Alexander Upchurch]

Lyon Upchurch page 836 Buckhorn Township ???

R Upchurch page 764 Versailles Township [Richardson Upchurch]

Wesley Upchurch page 836 Buckhorn Township [**Wesley Upchurch** born 1817]

(8) See letter 22 Jun 2001 Carol Ann Marshall to RPU for letters written in 1870 & 1871. Carol reports that James Madison Upchurch lived for a couple of years in MO and worked at a mill possibly owned by a relative of his wife nee Barbara Elizabeth Bradney – The relative = Ruben – thence possibly Ruben Bradney. An envelope provided shows the MO location = Spring Hill, Livingston Co, MO.

Extract of key items in the letters:

#1 **Wesley Upchurch** to son James Madison Upchurch “Jim” and wife Barbara in MO from Buckhorn, IL 9 (?)th Oct 1870 – response to Jim. **Wesley** bought the John Hoover House, a person named Vile is helping **Wesley**. Julia Hedrick and Jessica Hedrick have typhoid, Tishey [Marticia R Upchurch] will write Barbara. Wesley’s son Thomas Upchurch mentions Wils ---. Thomas is cutting corn for Grant Scantling.

#2 George Washington Upchurch to brother James Madison Upchurch “Jim” in MO 2 Oct 1870. George is trying to rent land – no luck. George refers to Jim working in a mill.

#3 **Wesley Upchurch** to son James Madison Upchurch 11 Sep 1871. Refers to sore eye problem in MO. Reports Wils has returned from AR without luck. Wils says DAMM AR. Wils found a big boy?? [Could Wils be Wilson Upchurch, nephew of Wesley Upchurch? – RPU] Grant Strawn bought out the Mallard family – They are going to MO. Wesley mentions Jim’s son [Elmer James Upchurch born 22 Apr 1871]. Tommy cut his knee [Thomas Upchurch, brother of Jim.] Wesley still has Jim’s horse for sale. Jim might come back to MO this fall.

George has been helping Andy Farmer work. – Refers to Polikr. Tom Briggs, and Neal Brerk have a grocery store in Buckhorn. Tecia [Marticia R Upchurch] sends requests for photos.

(10) Photos in letter 7 Jul 2001 James Russell Yakle to RPU

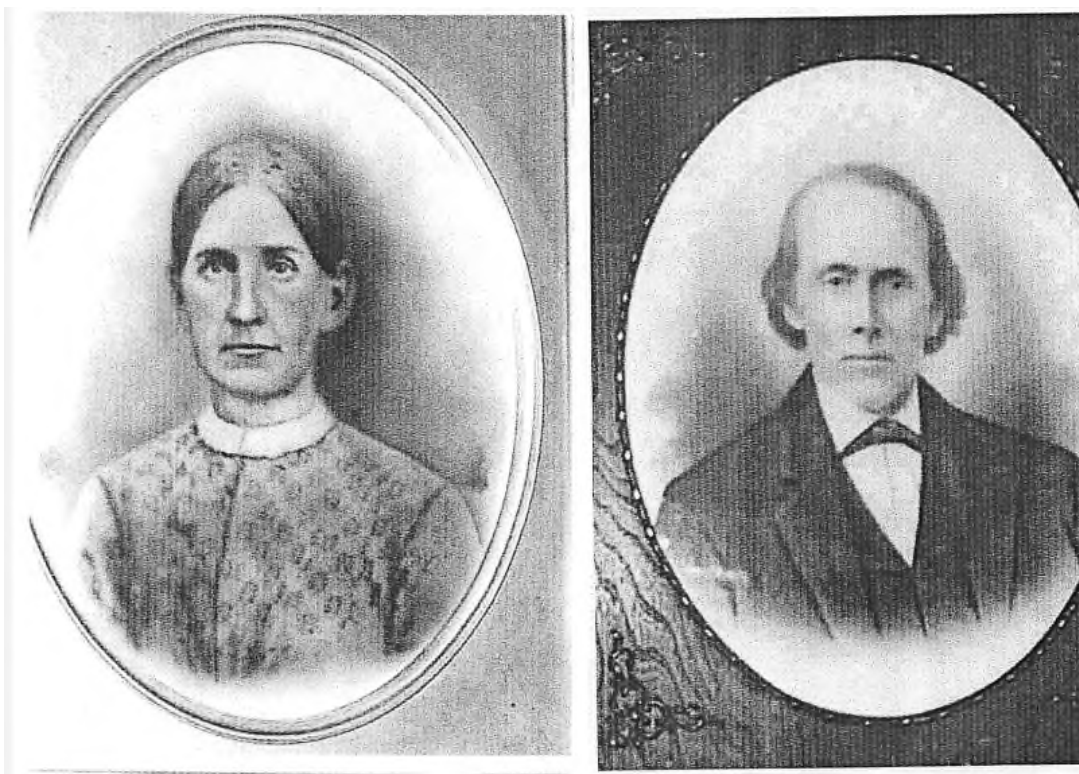
Wesley Upchurch and wife nee Mary Padison

The photos hang in the James Madison Upchurch home I Brown Co, IL.

(photos below)



Below = reproduction by James Russell Yakle for use of RPU.



(11) Supplementary Brown Co, IL Census Records in letter 22 Jun 2001 Carol Ann Marshall to RPU [Index only]

1840 – One Upchurch

Richard Upchurch [Richardson Upchurch]

1860 – Four Upchurches

A Upchurch	E 1100	[Elkhorn TWP]	[Jonas Alexander Upchurch]
Lyon Upchurch	B 1217	[Buckhorn TWP]	[??]
R Upchurch	V 689	[Versailles TWP]	[Richardson Upchurch]
Wesley Upchurch	B 1216	[Buckhorn TWP]	[Wesley Upchurch b. 1817]

1870 – Five Upchurches

George Upchurch	L 164	[Lee TWP]	[George Washington Upchurch]
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¹ James Upchurch	B 120	[Buckhorn TWP]	
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¹ James Upchurch	E 96	[Elkhorn TWP]	
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² John Upchurch	B 86	[Buckhorn TWP]	
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Richard Upchurch	V 63	[Versailles TWP]	[Richardson Upchurch]
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¹Need to distinguish between these two. One is James Madison Upchurch born 1846 – was in Pearidge TWP in 1880 and one is James M Upchurch born 1852 – was in Versailles TWP in 1880.

²This John Upchurch is entirely new to RPU records. Need to determine how he fits in.

(12) Upchurch Listings – Census Records 1880 – Brown Co, IL

#1	George Upchurch	WM	35	b NC	Lee TWP	[George Washington U]
	Lizzie Upchurch	wife	30	b IL		[nee Elizabeth Briggs]
	Albertus Upchurch	son	10	b IL		
#2	<u>Wesley Upchurch</u>	WM	62	b NC	Buckhorn TWP	[Wesley Upchurch, b 1818]
	Alfred Upchurch	son	22	b IL		[Alfred Tennyson Upchurch]
	Calvin Upchurch	son	16	b IL		
	Fannie Upchurch	dtr	19	b IL		[Sarah Frances Upchurch]
	Mary E Upchurch	dtr	15	b IL		[Mary Ellen Upchurch]
	Amanda Upchurch	dtr	13	b IL		[Amanda Elizabeth Upchurch]
	Lucinda Upchurch	dtr	10	b IL		
#3	James Upchurch	WM	28	b IL	Versailles TWP	[James M Upchurch]
	Mary Jane Upchurch	wife	26	b IL		[nee Mary Jane Williams]
	Della S Upchurch	dtr	6	b IL		
	Albert Upchurch	son	4	b IL		
#4	James Upchurch	WM	33	b IL	Pearidge TWP	[James Madison Upchurch]
	Barbara Upchurch	wife	28	b IL		[nee Barbara Elizabeth Bradney]
	Elmer Upchurch	son	9	b MO		
	Nora Upchurch	dtr	7	b IL		
	Irwin Upchurch	son	3	b IL		[Irwin Sylvester Upchurch]