

**William Abel Upchurch****XID – 25629**

**Commentary:** William Abel Upchurch was one of five children of Abel and Sarah Porter Upchurch. He in turn was the grandson of Abel, head of Upchurch clan 8. He along with four of his siblings became guardians of John Bryant, who married Sarah Upchurch in 1858. See 1850 and 1860 census at end of this Biofile.

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**(1)** On 7 Aug 1860 (Itawamba Co, MS) John A Bryant and Sarah Bryant applied for guardianship of 5 Upchurch children:

1. Emily A Upchurch
2. Catherine Upchurch married 6 Jan 1867 (Itawamba Co, MS) George Clark
3. Sarah C Upchurch married 10 Feb 1874 (Lee Co, MS) Joel Springer
4. Martha Upchurch married 18 Dec 1871 (Lee Co, MS) Frederick Schumpherd (return never filed)
5. **William A Upchurch** married 2 Jan 1882 (Lee Co, MS) Maggie Cunningham (return never filed)

It is possible there 5 were children of A Upchurch who appears to have been recorded in MS as follows:

1. \*A Upchurch mentioned in 5 May 1849 issue of The Organizer of Oxford, MS re a possible trip to CA.
2. \*A Upchurch on 1850 Census – DeSoto Co, MS in home of Elias Beal. A Upchurch age 23 born NC.
3. A\* Upchurch on an 1855 Directory as a farmer in Bolands, Itawamba Co, MS

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**(2)** See TX Death Records – Denton Co, TX

**William Abel Upchurch** died 21 Jul 1940

**(3)** **William A Upchurch** married 2 Jan 1882 (Lee Co, MS) Maggie Cunningham. **William A Upchurch** is son of Abel Upchurch, Jr of the William Upchurch, IV/Abel Upchurch, Sr Sub-clan [Error – should be Abel Upchurch, Sr/Abel Upchurch, Jr Sub-clan – **William A Upchurch** Line – RPU] on 7 Aug 1860 (Itawamba Co, MS) the mother of William A Upchurch and **William A Upchurch**'s stepfather [John A Bryant] applied for guardianship over five Upchurch children including **William A Upchurch** (42, Page 124)

[Note that a return was never filed for the 18 Dec 1871 marriage permit]

**(4)** See Census – 1910 Denton Co, TX

William A Upchurch	w	55	born MS	<b><u>William Abel Upchurch</u></b>
Maggie C Upchurch	wife	49		[Maggie Cunningham]
William R Upchurch	son	17		

**(no number)** Item in letter 26 Jan 2004 Charles John Peterson Jr to RPU  
(From Genforum exchange posted by Mrs Genevieve Tharp 7 Sep 2003) – Presented here with  
annotations by RPU 13 Feb 2004 in case Genevieve has added new info.

(see posting below)

## Re: Greene,Pickens,Tuscaloosa,Hale,County,AL

Posted by: Genevieve Tharp (ID \*\*\*\*\*5662)

Date: September  
07, 2003 at 07:35:56

In Reply to: Re:

Greene,Pickens,Tuscaloosa,Hale,County,AL by Bridget Pieschel

This caught my eye, even tho I have a different last name in my records for the marriage.

Catherine Upchurch m. George Cook on 6 Jan. 1867 in Itawamba Co., MS.

Catherine was one of five Upchurch siblings, with the others being Emily A., Sarah C., Martha, William A., who were listed on 7 Aug. 1860 Itawamba Co., MS records when John A. Bryant and Sarah Bryant applied for guardianship of the 5 children.

Of these siblings: Sarah C. Upchurch m. Joel Springer on 10 Feb 1874 in Lee Co., MS. On 18 Dec 1871 Lee Co., MS a marriage license was taken out for Martha Upchurch and Frederick Schumpherd, but a return never filed. William A. Upchurch took out a marriage license on 2 Jan 1882 in Lee Co., MS to marry Maggie Cunningham but a return was never filed.

There is speculation that these are the children of A. Upchurch found on 1850 DeSoto Co., MS census in household of Elias Beall, who had moved from GA to MS. At this time this A. Upchurch was 23, b. NC around 1827. An A. Upchurch is then found on 1855 directory for Bolands, Itawamba Co., MS.

There is speculation that this A. Upchurch might also be the A. Upchurch of 1849 that was headed from MS to MO to be outfitted to go out west during the Gold Rush.

There is also an A.G. Upchurch, possibly Alexander or Almenean Gaston, who took out a marriage license on 14 Dec 1852 in DeSoto Co., MS to marry Susannah B. Vaughan, with no return ever filed. He is found on 1860 DeSoto Co., MS census with family. He then either deserted his family or something as his wife married Frank Rowland in 1866. By 1867 A.G. Upchurch is in Panola Co., MS, with mentions of DeSoto Co. and Tate Co., MS. In 1873, he married Mariah/ Mona C./E. Long/Longe, but my 1880 this wife had married Berry Matthews and was in Attala Co., MS.

Names included in article above:

Catherine Upchurch	George Cook	Emily A Upchurch
Sarah C Upchurch	Martha Upchurch	William A Upchurch
John A Bryant	Sarah Bryant	Joel Springer
Frederick Schumpherd	Maggie Cunningham	A Upchurch
Elias Beall	A G Upchurch	Alexander Upchurch
Almenean Gaston Upchurch	Susannah B Vaughn	Frank Rowland
Mariah Long	Mariah Longe	Mona E Long
Mona C Longe	E Long	E Longe
Berry Matthews		

Crossfile UFU ≤ 1850 NC

A → E are possibly the children of A Upchurch age 23 born NC [hence born 1827] on the 1850 Census of DeSoto Co, MS in the home of Elias Beall (from GA). A Upchurch is on the 1855

Directory Bolands, Itawamba Co. MS. Possibly the A Upchurch who headed from MS to MO bound for Gold Rush in West outfitted for same.

I. --- --- Upchurch (Parents of A → E not identified but they were listed in Itawamba Co, MS 7 Aug 1860 becoming wards of John A Bryant & Sarah --- --- who applied for guardianship.

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[\* not "returned" hence may not have married]

Also consider

A G Upchurch [possibly Alexander Upchurch; Almenean Gaston Upchurch] married\* 14 Dec 1852 (DeSoto Co, MS) Susannah B Vaughn

A G Upchurch on 1860 Census DeSoto Co, MS with his family. He "departed" and his wife married 1866 ( ) Frank Roland.

A G Upchurch was in Panola Co. MS by 1867 (with DeSoto Co, MS and Tate Co, MS mentioned). He married 1873 ( ) Mariah/Mona C/E Long/Longe – By 1880 Mariah married Berry Matthews and was in Attala Co, MS.

### 1850 Census

27	959	959	Abel Upchurch	29	m	Farmer	480	MS				
28			Sarah	21	f			Geo				
29			Emily	3	"			Ala				
30			Catherine	2	"			"				
31			Sarah C	7/2	"			"				
32			Martha	7/1	"			MS				

**1860 Census** – Children of Abel and Sarah are listed as Bryant, although they maintained their Upchurch surname.

834	834	John Bryant	57	M	J	Shurmer	✓	1800	5083	W			
		Sarah	38	F						Ga			
		Henry	31	M	J	Samuelson	✓			W			
		Elizabeth	15	F						W			
		Emily	14	F	J					W			
		Emily	12	F						W			
		Catherine	12	F	J					W			
		Sarah	11	F	J					W			
		Martha	8	F						W			
		William	5	M						W			
		James Bryant	83	M	J	Samuelson	✓			W			
		James Stokes	18	M	J					W			