

William Barnes Upchurch

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Commentary: William Barnes Upchurch was a son of Thomas Gay and Patience C. Barnes Upchurch. In turn, he was the grandson of Charles, head of Upchurch Clan 2. William Barnes was born in 1831 in Henry County, GA.

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(no number) Census records for Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

| 1850 Census – Carroll Co, GA, Division 11 | | | |
|---|------|-----|--------------------|
| Name | | Age | |
| Gay Upchurch | 1797 | 53 | farmer, \$3000, NC |
| Patience Upchurch | 1806 | 44 | NC |
| Wm Upchurch | 1830 | 20 | GA |
| J W Upchurch | 1831 | 19 | GA |
| Martha Upchurch | 1833 | 17 | GA |
| R A Upchurch | 1835 | 15 | GA |
| M E Upchurch | 1837 | 13 | GA |
| J C Upchurch | 1839 | 11 | GA |
| Joseph Upchurch | 1841 | 9 | GA |
| Margaret Upchurch | 1844 | 6 | GA |

| 1860 Census – Carroll Co, GA – Bowdon | | | |
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| Name | | Age | |
| Thos G Upchurch | 1798 | 62 | merchant, \$1500/ 2000 |
| Pateiner Upchurch | 1896 | 54 | DE |
| Mary E Upchurch | 1837 | 23 | |
| John C Upchurch | 1840 | 20 | |
| Jos E Upchurch | 1843 | 17 | |
| Martha J Upchurch | 1846 | 14 | |
| William Miler | 1783 | 77 | not on original?? |
| Maty Miller | 1787 | 73 | not on original?? |

| 1870 Census – Clay Co, AL, Township 20 Range 7 | | | |
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| Name | | Age | |
| Gay Upchurch | 1798 | 72 | Farmer, \$2000/ 610, WM, NC |
| Patience Upchurch | 1807 | 63 | WF, NC |
| J E Upchurch | 1846 | 24 | WM, GA |
| Wilburn Upchurch | 1853 | 17 | BF, AL |
| Thos Stancill | 1849 | 21 | Teacher, GA |

| 1880 Census – Clay Co, AL, Ashland | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|-----|------------|
| Name | | Age | |
| Gay Upchurch | 1798 | 82 | Farmer, NC |
| Pasions Upchurch | 1806 | 74 | Wife, NC |

I. Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr born 28 Nov 1797 (Wake Co, NC) died 23 Jun 1885 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

married 6 Jan 1825 (Henry Co, GA) Patience C Barnes born 1806 (NC) died 1883 (Ashland, Clay Co, AL)

3. **William Barnes Upchurch**, CSA born 9 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)
4. Jethro Wilson Upchurch “Pony” born 8 Jul 1831 (Henry Co, GA)
5. Martha Upchurch born 1833 (GA)
6. Rhoda A Upchurch born 1835 (GA)
7. Mary Elizabeth Upchurch born 24 Mar 1837 (GA)
8. John C Upchurch born 1839 (1840) (GA)
9. Joseph Eaton Upchurch born 1844 (Carroll Co, GA)
10. Margaret J Upchurch born 1844 (1846)

(no number)

Dear Mrs Upchurch [probably Alice Brown Gray – RPU]

Your letter received asking about the connection. I didn't no nay thing about grandfather's people. Grandfather had 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. The boys names was Willis, Bud, Tom, Johnie, Joe and father Poney and the girls names were Elizabeth, Rodie, Mat and Mollie. If you will wright to my brother John he might give you some information as he is 10 years older than I am and John only lives 60 miles from Carrolton. He noes plenty people over there and he can either go and run the records or get some one over there to run them for him. I will send you a card with his address.

Yours truly,
Walter Upchurch
[Walter William Upchurch XIX – 2096]

[Note: RPU 23 Feb 2004

I. Charles – Head of Clan

A. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr – had 10 children as listed above. RPU list agrees except that added children died young, renamed.

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| 2073 | 1. William Barnes Upchurch | “Bud” |
| 2082 | 2. Thomas Gay Upchurch, Jr | “Tom” |
| 2078 | 3. John C Upchurch | “Johnie” |
| 2077 | 4. Mary Elizabeth Upchurch | “Elizabeth” |
| 2076 | 5. Rhoda A Upchurch | “Rodie” |
| 2075 | 6. Martha Upchurch | Walter William Upchurch refers to |

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| 2080 | 7. Margaret J Upchurch | his aunts as "Mat" and Mallie" – I am not sure which is which – RPU |
| 2074 | 8. Jethroe Wilson Upchurch | "Pony" |
| 2096 | 1. Walter William Upchurch | |
| 2093 | 2. John Emmerson Upchurch | "John" |

(no number)

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born 1831 (GA) died 1862 (TN)

1. William U. (age 20) was listed in 1850 U.S. Census in Henry Co., GA as living with parents Patricia (age 44) and Thomas Gay U. (age 53), a farmer and native of NC. (28)

2. See attachment to 18 SEP 1978 Ltrs. Belle West to RPU
Wm. (Bud) U. b. 1830, d. in Civil War, md. Matilda Copeland. They had 5 children
See charts for details (Bud was son of Thomas Gay U. & gs of Charles U, 1790
Patriarch - RPU.)

3. See 5 JAN 1979 Ltrs. West to RPU - Thomas Ralph U. reports: William Barnes U., son of Thomas Gay U., was b. 1830, d. of pneumonia in the Civil War sometime after 1861. He md. Nancy Matilda Copeland, b. 13 MAY 1834, d. 27 MAR 1912.
Their children:

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Joseph, b. 1852 | D. Thomas Homer, b. 1859 |
| B. Lou, b. 1854 | E. Mattie, b. 1861 |
| C. George, b. 1857 | |

4. See 8 FEB 1980 order for UB from Mrs. James H. Martin (nee Mary Jo U.).
"My father was Joseph L. U., b. NOV 10, 1855. I have a picture of my father who was a son of William U. William U. settled in Burwell, GA."

5. See 18 JUL 1980 Ltr. Mary Jo U. to RPU.
William Barnes U. was the 3rd child of Thomas Gay U. Sr. William died & was bur. near Chattanooga, TN during the Civil War. "Joseph Lumpkin U. was only 9 ears of age when his father William U. came home during the Civil War and he didn't remember too much about his father or fathre's relatives. I remember he had an Uncle Willis, and an Uncle he called Uncle Poney(Nickname)-"

6. See Ltrs. 18 DEC 1981 Robert Claud U. Jr. to RPU.
Martha Lucy U. reports in a 16 APR 1963 Ltrs. that William Barnes U. was on the 1850 census in Carroll Co., GA in the home of his parents. He was age 20 and shown as b. in GA.

7. See Ltr. 18 AUG 1982 James Paul Johnson, Jr. to RPU.
"I don't think my gf (Thomas Homer U.) knew much about his father (William Barnes U.) who died in the Civil War. Grandpa was raised by his mother who stayed in Carrol Co., GA with her five children when the rest of the Upchurch family moved on."

8. See letter 16 Oct 1982 James Paul Johnson, Jr to RPU
After a futile search in the Chattanooga area for the grave of my great grandfather, William Barnes Upchurch, we have been informed by the National Cemetery officials in Nashville that he

died 10-28-1862 and is buried with 1600 other veterans in the Bethel Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee. Evidently he died near his burial place.”

9. See letter 13 Dec 1983 Clarabelle Copeland to RPU

William Barnes Upchurch was killed around Knoxville, TN in the Civil War and is buried near there. His widow, Matilda Copeland Upchurch, received a \$20.00 pension. Matilda is buried at Smith Chapel.

(10) See Photo File 84-25 for photo of the Confederate Cemetery in Knoxville, TN where William Barnes Upchurch is buried. He is listed on the plaque as”

W B Upchurch, Co C, 55th [one presumes 55th GA Regiment]

(11) See letter 1 Feb 1988 Augusta Lee Upchurch to RPU

William Barnes Upchurch married Nancy Matilda Copeland born 13 May 1834 died 27 Mar 1927

(12) See letter 1 Apr 1989 Virginia Diann Kenney to RPU

William B Upchurch married 15 Dec 1853 (Carroll Co, GA) Nancy M Copeland.

(13) See letter 15 May 1990 Pauline Flora Upchurch to RPU

W B Upchurch born 9 Jul 1831 served in CSA, Co C, 56th Georgia

(14) See 1870 Census – Carroll Co, GA

Nancy Matilda (Copeland) Upchurch, the widow of **WBU** is with her five children ages 7 – 14 in the home of her father William Copeland, age 68, born SC, farmer.

(15) See letter 15 Aug 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU

WBU born Henry Co, GA, Co C, 56th GA, CSA

(16) See letter 3 Oct 1990 James Shannon Elder to RPU

WBU who was “wounded on the battlefield” at Knoxville, TN in 1862, actually must have been wounded in the Confederate KY campaign of that year. He was probably wounded at the battle of Perryville, KY on 8 Oct 1862. The confederate forces returned to Knoxville on 23 Oct with 15,000 men requiring medical treatment. That night it snowed three inches in Knoxville. **WBU** died five days later if your information is correct. His CSR says only that he had died by the next March (as I recall) when a payroll was made out in Chattanooga. I find there is no “Bethel Cemetery” in Knoxville, TN and the one on Martin Luther King Drive – formerly Bethel Road – is too new to have any Confederates. I am told that most of the Confederate troops who died in Knoxville, before the August 1863 attack on Knoxville, are buried in what is now known as “Old Gray Cemetery.”

(17) William Upchurch born 1830 was the son of Thomas Gay Upchurch, Sr and grandson of Charles Upchurch – Head of Clan. (29, Page 62)

(no record) Marriage Records 11 Nov 1998

Upchurch, William B

Wife: Nancy M Copeland

Marriage Date: 15 Sep 1853

Recorded in: Carroll, Georgia

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Dates: 1827 – 1895

Marriage