

**Commentary:** William Benton Upchurch, born about 1819 (NC) and died about 1880 (Wilkes County, NC), was the son of John Upchurch VII and the grandson of John Upchurch III, head of Upchurch clan # 14. We are left to speculate whether he was born in Chatham County, NC, in the Upchurch enclave that his grandfather established about 1780, or whether he was born in Wilkes County, NC where his mother was found in the 1830s. We are confident he spent all of his adult life in the area of Wilkes County, NC. We treasure the research provided by Dema Elizabeth Upchurch (in the 1980s) to establish this line. She provided critical information, but only after her passing from the scene were we able to complete the task and then only by making some well based assumptions.

- RPU 31 May 2017

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(1) See letter 16 Jun 1980 Dema Elizabeth Allen to RPU (Page 6)

She presents information that an Upchurch Patriarch named James (Jimmie) Upchurch had several sons at least some of whom lived in Wilkes Co, NC. The full list of children:

1. Larkin Upchurch b. 1816
2. John Wesley Upchurch born 15 Feb 1819, died 14 Nov 1887
3. Sanford Upchurch
4. **William Upchurch**  
[Info from William's letter to his brother John Wesley Upchurch found in Ransie Upchurch Richardson papers at Ruth [Ashboro?] Sparta, NC]
5. Green Berry Upchurch born Jun 1827

She provides much detail on John Wesley Upchurch. In a 8 Aug 1981 phone call RPU to Dema Elizabeth Allen, she reported she did not learn about **William Upchurch** until late. She found a letter in which he was trying to sell land to a relative and this established a relationship.

[Note: The above 5 are sons of John Upchurch (XID-4168) and grandsons of John Upchurch III, Head of Clan- RPU]

(2) See letter 14 Aug 1981 Dema Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU

A. William B. Upchurch was a brother of John Wesley Upchurch. The fact that William B. Upchurch was one of the brothers came about in the following way: "Ervin Upchurch [Ervin Thomas Upchurch of Tennessee] had a copy of a deed made in 1919 (I think). I believe Green Berry Upchurch was selling a farm which required all of the children of John Wesley Upchurch to sign- my granddad Columbus and wife Dema, Aunt Ransie Upchurch Richardson and husband



(6) See letter 19 Feb 1983 Dema Elizabeth Allen to RPU

The Margin in the 9 May 1876 letter **William B. Upchurch** to John Wesley Upchurch is Morgan Upchurch, the son of John Wesley Upchurch. The Rausey on the letter is Aunt Rosamona Upchurch Richardson.

(7) See letter 5 Apr 1983 Ruth Nielson to RPU

"I found **William B Upchurch** and Emily on the 1880 Census, Wilkes Co, NC, Trap Hill Township, with son Sanford listed as the oldest (born 1863) and James F. as the youngest (born 1879). William B Upchurch was age 60 at the time.

(8) See letter 14 Apr 1983 Ruth Alice Westley to RPU

**William B Upchurch** born circa 1819 married 24 Nov 1851 (Wilkes Co, NC) Emily Carline Cordall born 1835. He died after 1880 and is buried at Pane Cemetery, Dalton, NC. Their children:

1. Sanford R. Upchurch b. 1863
2. Greenberry Upchurch born 1865
3. Nancy A. Upchurch born 1867
4. Nevid J Upchurch born 1870
5. Floyd Upchurch born 1873
6. Charles F. Upchurch born 1876
7. James F. Upchurch born 1879
8. ? "Martha"
9. ? "Millie or Molly"
10. ? "John Wesley"

(9) See letter 6 Aug 1983 Ruth Alice Westley to RPU

**William B Upchurch** born circa 1819 married Emly Carline Cordall on 23 Nov 1851 (Wilkes Co, NC) is a farmer in Wilkes Co, NC in Trap Hill Township (on 1880 Census?)

Ten children are listed. It appears that two of them Mary Upchurch born circa 1869 and Nevias J. Upchurch born circa 1870 could be the same.

(10) RPU extract of 24 May 1883 Wilkes co, NC Deed- Book 30 Page 20 [Deed #6 in letter 24 Apr 1999 Lewis Timothy Ferrier to RPU]

**William B Upchurch** and wife Emily C Upchurch [nee Emily Caroline Cordall], she being separately examined, sell 50 acres for \$280 to John D. Blizzard in Wilkes Co, NC on the Wilkes/Surry County Line- adjoins J. F. Gentry, Water of White Oak Creek, Spence Line- presumably a part of the land described in Deed #5.

**(11)** RPU extract of 23 Feb 1869 Wilkes Co, NC Deed- Book Z Page 447

The nature of this document not clear. Three individuals being duly sworn set aside to W. B. Upchurch (**William B Upchurch**) some enumerated personal property and a tract of land 200 acres being in Wilkes Co, NC and 50 acres in Surry Co, NC. Adjoins Rick (?) Spenser, J. F. Gentry, W. C. Demetts (?). The signers: Reo (?) B. Sparkes, P. B. Moody, Samuel Hanks. [Deed #5 in letter 24 Apr 1999 Lewis Timothy Ferrier to RPU]

**(12)** Extract of 14 Aug 1884 Wilkes Co, NC Deed- Book 18 Page 77.

[Deed #2 in letter 24 Apr 1999 Lewis Timothy Ferrier to RPU]

A. A. Parks sells 100 acres to G. B. Upchurch [Green Berry Upchurch] on the waters of White Oak Branch and touching the county line. Adjoining land owners: Alfred Combs, G. B. Upchurch land [Green Berry Upchurch], J. F. Gentry, R. F. Upchurch [note: I cannot identify this R. F. Upchurch, could this really J. F. Upchurch for John Franklin Upchurch? Will crossfile: R. F. Upchurch, John Franklin Upchurch and Franklin Upchurch- RPU], John Blizzard (land sold to the said John Blizzard Dec by W. B. Upchurch [**William B Upchurch**]).

Dear Brother & now Drop you a few lines to  
let you no that We ar all in Comon health and  
hope thoe lines may find you all ingoying the  
Same Blessing of life & Want you to Come and  
so me & hear that you and Morgan is Wanting  
To By Land & Will sell a potion ar all of  
my land and on good Terms and if you  
Cant put up moare than 75 or 100 Dollars  
& Will give a time on the Balance for  
my Condition is such that & Can take sum  
good Traid a good horde and one Cow I har  
Baught a small piece of land and I Can giv  
Room for one famaly at any time and if  
you Want To Traid With me Come forthwith  
for that is otherd Wanting To Traid But I had  
Ruther some of my folks had it Than any  
one Els and if it Be so you Cant Come  
Before the next Mail send me a letter for  
I Want to no What to Be at as soon as  
pedable then this you see think of me enough

Writing on edge of this letter was where some of John Wesley's children practiced their writing.  
Elizabeth B. Templeton

**(14)** This letter from William B. Upchurch to John Wesley Upchurch, his brother supplied to RPU by Dema Elizabeth Allen in her letter 4 May 1982.

May the 9 – 1876

Dear Brother, I now drop you a few lines to let you no that we are all in common health and hope these lines may find you all enjoying the Same Blessing of life. I want you to come and Se me. I hear that you and Morgan is wanting to By land. I will sell a potion or all of my land and on good terms and if you can't put up more than 75 or 100 Dollars I will give a time on the Balance for my condition is Such that I can take Sum good traid a good horse and one cow. I have Bought a small piece of land and I can giv Room for one family at any time and if you want to traid with me come forthwith for tha is others wanting to traid But I had ruther some of my folks had it than any one Els and if it Be So you can't come Before the next mail Send me a letter for I want to no what to Be at as Soon as passable. Times is as promising as Comon Small grian is good at present I think Better the Comon People jinerly Don planting corn I will close by giving my Best Respects to all my connecions and inquireing friends. from Wm. B. Upchurch to J. W. Upchurch and family.

**(15)** [Another transcription of same letter- CJM 27 May 2017]

Ransey May the 9 – 1876

Dear Brother [John Wesley Upchurch][XID-7882]

I now drop you a few lines to let you no that we are all in common health and hope that these lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing of life. I want you to come and see me.

I hear that you and Morgin [Morgan Upchurch XID-7888] is wanting to by land. I will sell a portion or all of my land and on good terms and if you cant put up moar than 75 or 100 Dollars I will a time on the balance for my condition is sutch that I can take sum good traid a good horse and one cow. I have bought a small piece of land and I can give room for one famaly at any time and if you want to traid with me come forthwith for tha is others wanting to traid. But I had ruther some of my folks had it than anyone els and if it be so you can't come before the next mail send me a letter for I want to no what to be at as soon as posable.

Times is a promising as common. Small grain is good at present I think better than common. People are ginerly dun planting corn. I will close by giving my best respects to all my connecions and inquiring friends.

from William B. Upchurch  
to J. W. Upchurch an family



**(16)** From letter 31 Mar 2004 Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPU Pages 3-5

This 3 page download pertains to the family of John Upchurch VII son of John Upchurch III- Head of Clan and is attributed to “Julia W Kodad”. Much of the input is already in RPU hands but the following appears new (and hopefully valid)-RPU

I. John Upchurch VII

A. **William Benton Upchurch** [Benton is new to RPU]

1. Martha June Upchurch
  - a. Jean Cox; b. Laura Cox; c. Etta Cox [a., b., c- new to RPU]
2. Nancy Caroline Almeda Upchurch married ( ) John Cabot Golding [RPU has “Clayton”, not Cabot]
  - a. Lillie Belle Golding married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Emmett Golding [RPU has Jack]
  - b. Lloyd Estes Golding died 2 Sep 1998 (Mt Airy, Surry Co, NC) married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 14 Feb 1950 ( ) Hazel Smitts
  - c. Mary Golding
3. Floyd H. Upchurch married ( ) Clara Steward
  - a. Gladys Upchurch- when a young girl fell down steep stairs from her attic bedroom and broke hip. It was never properly set and she used crutches for life.
4. Millie C. Upchurch- never married
  - a. Emmie Upchurch
  - b. Ollie Upchurch
  - [a. and b. are new to RPU]
  - c. Mollie Upchurch [RPU has Molly Upchurch]
5. Greenbriar Upchurch [AKA Greene Upchurch and Breen Berry Upchurch] married ( ) Sarah Spencer [Both baptized Stewart’s Creek] daughter of Chapman Spencer and Linnie Hawks
  - a. Albert Clifford Upchurch born and died Carroll Co, VA
  - b. Hartley Alexander Upchurch born and died Carroll Co, VA
  - c. Emma Kelannie Upchurch born Carroll Co, VA
6. Frank Upchurch [Charles Frank Upchurch] married Bessie Baker
  - a. Franklin Upchurch
  - b. Emmer Upchurch
  - c. Amy Upchurch

(17) A page of 7 Upchurch documents found on a website maintained by Rebecca Moon for the Cheek family- some of whom intermarried with the Upchurches of the area of Wilkes Co, NC- 22 Dec 2007. These Upchurches are of the John Upchurch VII subclan.

1. Alleghany Deed Abstracts 1850-1859

... WOODRUFF to J.W. UPCHURCH, 325 acres on Brush Creek adj. CROUSE, the ...  
 ... of NC to John W. UPCHURCH, 100 acres in Surry County adj. the Ashe ...  
 ... HARRIS, Wm. UPCHURCH, & Wiley PATTERSON. Reg. Mar. 8, 1857. 7 ...  
 ... Creek, adj. J.W. UPCHURCH, HARRIS, WOODRUFF, for \$200. Signed: Moses ...  
 ... ROBERTS from J.W. UPCHURCH's handwriting, as J.W. UPCHURCH & S.E. ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds2.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:50pm GMT • 132.2k

2. Alleghany Deed Abstracts 1870-1872

... Mary to John W. UPCHURCH, 110 acres adj. J.H. STAMPER, tDavid ...  
 ... 23, 1872 J.W. UPCHURCH of Alleghany Co., NC, to Wm. SMITH of ...  
 ... River adj. said UPCHURCH & Joel SIMMONS, for \$200. Signed: J.W. ...  
 ... Signed: J.W. UPCHURCH, Sallie (X) UPCHURCH, Wits: Isaiah M. ...  
 ... from J.W. UPCHURCH's signature. Reg. Sept. 26, 1893. 9:330 ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds5.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:50pm GMT • 101.9k

3. Alleghany Deed Abstracts 1865-1869

... , 1866 William B. UPCHURCH of Wilkes Co., NC, to M.V.B. NORMAN of ...  
 ... River adj. Wm. B. UPCHURCH's spring branch, his old line, William ...  
 ... from Wm. B. UPCHURCH's handwriting. Reg. Apr. 27, 1929. 40:30 ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds4.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:50pm GMT • 103.4k

4. Alleghany Deed Abstracts 1860-1864

... Wits: John W. UPCHURCH, L.A. [??], Thomas (X) EDWARDS. Proved ...  
 ... NC, to William B. UPCHURCH of Surry Co., NC, 100 acres in Surry Co. ...  
 ... of NC to J.W. UPCHURCH, 100 acres in Surry County on Mitchells ...  
 ... on the bank of Wm. UPCHURCH's spring branch, adj. his old line, Wm. ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds3.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:50pm GMT • 91.5k

5. Alleghany Deed Abstracts 1878-1879

... 21, 1878 J.F. UPCHURCH to G.W. COLLINS, [chattel mortgage], 1 ...  
 ... May 20, 1878 M.B. UPCHURCH to W.C. FIELDS, [chattel mortgage], 1 ...  
 ... MABE, adj. Tomas UPCHURCH, Jacob PRUITT, heirs of Stephen TAYLOR, ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds8.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:51pm GMT • 151k

6. Alleghany Land Grant Abstracts

... Potato Creek 1:19 UPCHURCH, J.W. 1862 Surry #3435 100 Mitchells ...  
 ... River 9:327 UPCHURCH, John W. 1855 Surry #3335 100 County line. ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds-grants.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:50pm GMT • 63.2k

7. Alleghany Deed Abstracts 1880

... bounded by Thomas UPCHURCH, Jacob PRUITT, the heirs of Stephen TAYLOR, ...  
<http://www.moonzstuff.com/deeds/alleghanydeeds9.html> • Sunday, 4 November 2007, 7:51pm GMT • 79k

Crossfile as:

J. W. Upchurch=John Wesley Upchurch

Thomas Upchurch=William Thomas

Upchurch

W. B. Upchurch=William Benton

Upchurch

J. F. Upchurch=John Franklin Upchurch

Thomas Edwards

Jacob Pruitt

Stephen Taylor

G. W. Collins

M. V B. Norman

Joel Simmons

Moses Roberts

Wiley Patterson Check Family



**(18)** Records for the Caudill Family of Wilkes Co, NC- related to the John Upchurch III/John Upchurch VII Subclan- RPU 11 Mar 2012

1850 Census- NC Wilkes Co.

Name	[born about]	Age	
John Candell	1802	48	
Levia Candell	1808	42	
William Candell	1829	21	
Margaret Candell	1834	16	
*Emily Candell	1835	15	→ Emily Caroline Caudill
John Candell	1837	13	
Eliza Candell	1839	11	
James Candell	1841	9	
Nancy Candell	1843	7	
Thomas Candell	1846	4	} also viewed as Caudell
Rufus Candell	1845	5	
Ansel Candell	1849	1	

This same family is referred to as the

Caudell Family

Candell Family

Cordell Family

Cordall Family

I. John Upchurch III- Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch VII

1. **William Benton Upchurch** 1820 - >1880

married 23 Nove 1851 (Wilkes Co, NC) Emily Caroline Caudill born 1835

(Wilkes Co, NC) daughter of John Benjain Caudill and Leavira Vicee Smith

North Carolina Marriage Collection

Name: **William B. Upchurch**

Gender: Male

\*Spouse: Emly Cordall [Emily Caroline Caudill]

Spouse Gender: Female

Marriage Date: 23 Nov 1851

Marriage County: Wilkes

Marriage State: North Carolina

Source Vendor: FHL microfilm #?????

Source: Null

Notes: **William Upchurch** married Emly Cordall on Nov 23, 1851 in Wilkes, NC

Combs Family Tree #3

John Benjamin Ireland Caudill

Birth 1803 in North Carolina, United States

Death 1880 in Big Elkton Creek, Wilkes, North Carolina

1825, 17 Dec	Age: 22	Marriage to Leavira Vicie Smith
1860	Age: 57	Residence: Lower Division, Wilkes, North Carolina, United States
1870	Age: 67	Residence: Trap Hill, Wilkes, North Carolina, United States
1880	Age: 77	Death: Big Elkton Creek, Wilkes, North Carolina, United States

Parents: Jeremiah Caudill 1779 - 1829  
Sally Jane Adams 1787 – 1858

Show siblings:

Spouse and Children:

Leavira Vicie Smith 1807 – 1877  
Malinda Caudill 1829 –  
William Riley Caudill 1829 –  
Margaret Caudill 1832 – 1869  
Emily Carline Caudill 1835 –  
John Calvin Caudill 1836 – 1882  
Elizabeth Ann Caudill 1838 -

Combs Family Tree #3

Emily Carline Caudill

Birth 1835 in Wilkes, North Carolina, United States

Death in North Carolina, United States

**(19)** Records for the William Benton Upchurch line- John Upchurch III/ John Upchurch VII  
Subclan- RPU 26 Feb 2012

1870 Census- NC, Wilkes Co, Trap Hill

[Name]	[Born about]	[Age]	[State of birth]
<b><u>Wm B Upchurch</u></b>	1817	53	NC
Emily Upchurch	1834	36	NC
Martha J Upchurch	1853	17	NC
Milly Upchurch	1856	14	NC
Ricy Upchurch	1860	10	NC*
William A Upchurch	1864	6	NC**

Nancy A Upchurch	1866	4	NC***
Mary Upchurch	1869	1	NC

#### 1880 Census- NC, Wilkes Co, Trap Hill

[Name]	[relationship]	[Born about]	[Age]	[State of birth]
<b><u>William Upchurch</u></b>	head	1819	61	NC
Emely Upchurch	wife	1840	40	NC
Sanford R Upchurch	son	1863	17	NC*
Green B Upchurch	son	1869	15	NC**
Nancy A Upchurch	daughter	1867	13	NC***
Nevia J Upchurch	daughter	1870	10	NC
Floyd Upchurch	son	1873	7	NC
Charles F Upchurch	son	1876	4	NC
James F Upchurch	son	1879	1	NC

#### 1900 Cnesus- VA, Carroll Co, Fancy Gap

Name	[relationship]	[born]	Age	[State of birth]
Recia Upchurch	head	Jul 1861	38	NC* married 19 years
Julia F Upchurch	wife	May 1886	40	NC
Cora M Upchurch	daughter	Apr 1881	18	NC
Cora E Upchurch	daughter	May 1887	10	NC
Dora C Upchurch	daughter	Apr 1890	10	NC
William H Upchurch	son	Jan 1893	7	NC
Malinda Upchurch	daughter	Feb 1897	3	VA

} [still need to fit these two  
into the family- RPU]

#### 1910- VA- Carroll Co, Fancy Gap

Name	[relationship]	[born about]	Age	[State of birth]
Samuel Upchurch	head	1862	48[49]	NC married 25 years
→[Sanford]				
Phoebe F Upchurch	wife	1860	50	NC
Flora Upchurch	daughter	1885	25	NC
William Upchurch	son	1893	17	NC
Lindy C Upchurch	daughter	1895	15	VA
Bertha Upchurch	daughter	1903	7	VA
Cora Golding	daughter	1889	21	NC
(I) Effie Golding	granddaughter	1908	2	NC

#### 1920 Census- NC, Surry Co, Franklin

[Name]	[relationship]	[born about]	[Age]
Ruphus Golden	head	1888	32

Dora C Golden	wife	1889	31
(I) Cleo Golden	daughter	1908	12
(II) Lester Golden	son	1914	6
(III) Nillie Golden	daughter	1916	4
(IV) Beatres Golden	daughter	1918	1 [1 8/12]

#### 1930 Census- NC, Surry County, Stewarts Creek

Name	[relationship]	[born about]	Age	[State of birth]
Rufus Golden (O)	head	1886	44	NC married 20, 16
Dora C Golden	wife	1890	40	NC
(II) Lester Golden	son	1913	17	NC
(III) Nellie R Golden	daughter	1916	14	NC
(IV) Beatrice H Golden	daughter	1918	12	NC
(V) Charlotte L Golden	daughter	1921	9	NC
(VI) Pearl F Golden	daughter	1924	6	NC
(VII) Allen H Golden	son	1926	4	NC

#### Price Jr. Family Tree

##### **William Benton Upchurch**

Birth about 1819 in North Carolina

Death 1880 in Wilkes, North Carolina

1851 23 Nov Marriage to Emily Caroline Caudill, Wilkes, North Carolina

#### Parents:

John Upchurch

Sarah "Happy" Shaw 1795 –

#### Spouse and children:

Emily Caroline Caudill 1835 –

Martha Jane Upchurch 1850 – 1933

Martha Upchurch 1853 – 1933

Millie Mollie Upchurch 1854 –

Sanford Riley Upchurch 1861 – 1911

William Greenberry Upchurch 1865 – 1945

Nancy A. Upchurch 1867 –

#### Price Jr. Family Tree

Sanford Riley Upchurch

Birth 1861 in North Carolina

Death 1911 in Lambsburg, Carroll, Virginia

1881 14 Dec Marriage to Nancy B "Fanny" Norman

Parents:

**William Benton Upchurch** 1819 – 1880

Emily Caroline Caudill 1835 –

Spouse and children:

Nancy B “Fanny” Norman 1861 – 1933

William Brady Ford Upchurch 1884 – 1963

Clayton Norman Upchurch 1886 –

I. John Upchurch III – Head of Clan

A. John Upchurch VII married ( ) Sarah Shaw

1. **William Benton Upchurch**

married ( ) Emily Caroline Caudill

a. Martha Jane Upchurch born 1853

b. Millie C. Upchurch born 1854/1856

c. Sanford Riley Upchurch born 1860

married ( ) Nancy Bell Norman

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Emily -- --

married (3<sup>rd</sup>) Julia F. (Phoebe F. --)

i. Clayton Upchurch born 1882

ii. William Brady Ford Norman → William Brady Ford Upchurch  
born 1884

iii. Flora Upchurch born 1885

iv. Dora C. Upchurch born 1889 married ( ) Rufus F. Golden

For children, see (I) to (VII) in 1920 and 1930 Census Lists above

v. Williams H. Upchurch born 1893

vi. Melinda Upchurch born 1896

vii. Bertha Upchurch born 1903

d. William Greenberry Upchurch born 1865

e. Nancy Caroline Almeda Upchurch born 1867

f. Nevina J. Upchurch (Mary) born 1870

g. Floyd H. Upchurch born 1873

h. Charles Frank Upchurch born 1876

i. James F. Upchurch born 1879

(20) See letter 22 Jul 2001 Charles John Peterson, Jr. to RPU

Charles developed an Internet Download for Upchurch males born 1817 – 1825 in NC  
along with their state of residence at the undated time the record was created. Included was the  
following name RPU could not link as of 14 Jul 2001.

**William Upchurch** born 1819 (NC), residing in NC

[Note: This entry appears to be for **William Benton Upchurch**- RPU]



(21) NC Marriages – 5 Sep 2005 – Wilkes County

G.B. Upchurch	Male	Mary Ann Willborn	15 May 1866
Brian Leslie Upchurch	Male	Linda Carol Colwell	24 Sep 1988
William B. Upchurch	Male	Emily Cordall	23 Nov 1851