

William Hicks Upchurch**XID – 3796****Commentary:** See number one below

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(1) See 20 Jul 1979 letter Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
William H Upchurch born 1868 was son of John Upchurch (XID – 3776) grandson of Abel Upchurch (XID – 589), head of Upchurch Clan 8 and great grandson of ~~William Upchurch (XID – 160 – Head of Clan)~~ [Error – should be Richard Upchurch, II – RPU]

(2) See 21 Feb 1980 letter Juanita O Upchurch to RPU
“My sister, Mrs Julia Morgan, and I are working on my grandfather’s brother, **W H Upchurch**. I do hope to complete information as much as we can before too long.”

(3) See 20 Feb 1980 letter Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
“John Daniel York of Cary, NC is a grandson of **William H Upchurch**. His mother was Bethel Upchurch. She married my mother’s brother William York.

(4) See note of RPU 17 Jul visit with Fred Upton Upchurch, Sr
“My father had an Uncle **William H Upchurch** (Uncle Will) who raised a family in Yalobusha Co, MS. His wife died there and is buried there. His children [Ina Upchurch, Gladys Upchurch, Bethel Upchurch, Little Burt Upchurch] stayed in Yalobusha Co while Will Upchurch moved to the MS Delta and married again. He died there and is buried at Rome, MS. Will was killed by his 2nd wife. Will’s daughter Gladys was still alive last year.”

(5) See letter 26 Oct 1981 Julia Elizabeth Upchurch to RPU
Harney Upchurch reports that William H Upchurch was born 1868 and that he had 2 sons and 4 daughters.

Robert Burton Upchurch, Sr and William H Upchurch were the only two sons of John Upchurch to move from Greene Co, AL to MS. They moved about 1875 but not necessarily at the same time.

(6) See letter 17 Jan Patrick Layton Upchurch, Jr to RPU
I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan [Note: Other names mentioned as wrong are William Upchurch, IV and Richard Upchurch, II – RPU; CJM 5 Aug 2021]

A. John Upchurch

1. **William H Upchurch** married Carrie Alma Nelson born 8 May 1868 died 28 Jan 1904

(7) See letter 8 Aug 1990 Linda Diann Clark to RPU

This letter cites the marriage records of Yalobusha Co, MS as showing “**W H Upchurch** married Mrs Willie Brant”

[Book G Page 526 (1893 – 1908)]

(8) See letter 17 Jan 1993 Patrick Layton Sanders

I have wondered if the “H” In the name of **W H Upchurch** stands for “Hicks” since that was his mother’s maiden name. However, I have no evidence to support this. I do know his wife Carrie had the maiden name Carrie Alma Nelson. I know nothing of his other wives.

(9) Marriage Records 11 Nov 1998

Upchurch, William Marriage

Wife: Carrie A Nelson

Marriage Date: 26 Aug 1888

Recorded in: Greene, Alabama

Source: FHL Number 1290854

Dates: 1874 – 1895

(10) See letter 30 May 2004 James Roy Taylor to RPU – Page 22

William Hicks Upchurch born Mar 1868 (AL) died before 8 Oct 1907

(11) From 42 Page 69

William H. UPCHURCH(454) and his sister, Sarah Isabelle UPCHURCH(455), children of John UPCHURCH and Armenia Jane HICKS, came to Yalobusha County, Mississippi in late 1899 or early 1900. Their brother, Robert Burton UPCHURCH(354), had already migrated to Mississippi at least twenty-five years earlier and had been living in Yalobusha County since 1880. It is unknown why these two came to Mississippi at such a later date.

Sarah Isabelle UPCHURCH(455) brought her elderly husband to Mississippi with her. She was born in April 1857 in Alabama. In 1888 she married Alonzo A. BRADNER who was born in May 1828 in New York. They had no children of their own, but they raised the children of William H. UPCHURCH(454) after his death.³⁴⁷

William H. UPCHURCH(454) was born in March, 1868 in Alabama and had been killed by 8 October 1909 by his third wife.³⁴⁸ He was buried in the Drew Cemetery, Drew, Sunflower County where his grave is marked by a Woodman of the World tombstone.³⁴⁹ He was married a total of three times but only had children by his first wife. Sometime in 1888, probably in Alabama, he married Carrie A. NELSON, who was born 8 or 18 May 1868, died 28 January 1904, and was buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Velma, Yalobusha County.³⁵⁰ William H. married as his second wife, Mrs. Annie THORNTON on 14 September 1904 in Yalobusha County.³⁵¹ This wife apparently did not live long and had died by 1907. As his third and final wife, William H. married Mrs. Lillie J. BRANT on 7 April 1907 in Yalobusha County.³⁵² This wife killed William H. while they were living in the Delta, somewhere near Drew. Lillie J. pleaded not guilty to the murder of her husband and demanded a trial by jury. The jury found her guilty but could not decide on the punishment. Thus she was sentenced to Parchman for all of her natural life.³⁵³ The same day as sentencing she asked for a retrial which was denied.³⁵³ Lillie J. got off lightly considering that most persons convicted for murder in that time span were hung. The jury probably did not want to see a woman hang. No records have been found telling how Lillie J. actually murdered William H.

William H. UPCHURCH(454) had six children: Burton UPCHURCH(456); Iva UPCHURCH(457); Alma UPCHURCH(458); Bethel Elizabeth UPCHURCH(459); Clarence UPCHURCH(460); and Gladys Aleen UPCHURCH(461). Limited information is known on most of these children. Burton UPCHURCH(456) was born in January 1891 in Alabama and married Daisy ?. This couple is buried in Hyattsville, Maryland. They had a son, Bobby UPCHURCH. Bethel Elizabeth UPCHURCH(459) was born in September 1899 in Mississippi or Alabama. She married William Tug YORK in Coffeeville. They had three children: John YORK; Jimmie Sue YORK; and Clarence "Little Bud" YORK.³⁵⁴

(12) From letter 29 May 1993 Patrick Layton Sanders, Jr to RPU
1900 Census of Yalobusha County, Mississippi – Enumerated on Jun 26, 1900, Coffeeville Beat,
Sheet No 20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>D. O. B. Month/Year</u>	<u>Age</u>
Upchurch, William H.	Head	W	M	Mch/1868	32
Upchurch, Carrie [Alma Nelson]	Wife	W	F	May/1868	32
Upchurch, Burton	Son	W	M	Jan/1891	9
Upchurch, Iva	Daughter	W	F	Aug/1895	4
Upchurch, Alma [Isabelle]	Daughter	W	F	Jan/1893*	3
Upchurch, Bethel [Elizabeth]	Daughter	W	F	Apr/1899	8/12

Prepared by Patrick Layton Sanders, Jr.

*Should read Jan/1897

[Note: The above information already appears on the Master Outline and thus has already surfaced. This found extract is placed in the biofile of William H Upchurch – RPU 20 Jun 1993]

[Note: For original see Pages 5 & 6 below – RPU]

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WILLIAM HICKS U PES KJO-3796

TWELFTH CENSUS OF SCHEDULE No. 1.

Mississippi
 Polk County
 Coffeyville Beat
 Enumerated by me on the 26 day of June, 1900.

LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION						Place of birth of each person shown, give the State
			SEX	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	Color	Marital Status	Education	
	Wm. Church	Head	M	32	Mar	1867	W	12	Alabama
	— Garrison	Wife	F	32	Mar	1869	W	12	Mississippi
	— Burton	Son	M	9	Unm	1891	W	9	Alabama
	— Foa	Daughter	F	4	Unm	1895	W	5	Alabama
	— Blane	Daughter	F	3	Unm	1897	W	5	Alabama
	— Elizabeth	Daughter	F	3	Unm	1899	W	5	Alabama
	Bradley Hays	Son-in-law	M	72	Mar	1827	W	12	New York
	— Lechiff	Son	M	43	Mar	1857	W	12	Alabama
	Caldwell Angeline	Head	F	27	Unm	1873	W	6	Mississippi
	— Horner R	Sister	F	11	Unm	1889	W	5	Mississippi
	— F. Ford Ed	Brother	M	7	Unm	1892	W	5	Mississippi
	— Babbitt Henry	Head	M	34	Mar	1866	W	4	Mississippi
	— Emma	Wife	F	34	Mar	1866	W	4	Mississippi
	— Corinne	Daughter	F	9	Unm	1891	W	5	Mississippi
	— Gula	Daughter	F	6	Unm	1893	W	5	Mississippi
	— Dora	Daughter	F	3	Unm	1897	W	5	Mississippi
	— Lucile	Daughter	F	2	Unm	1899	W	5	Mississippi
	Brown Luchus	Son	M	15	Unm	1884	W	5	Mississippi
	— Arthur	Son	M	13	Unm	1887	W	5	Mississippi
	— Hugh	Son	M	9	Unm	1891	W	5	Mississippi
	— Ward Ann	Son-in-law	M	29	Mar	1871	W	4	Mississippi
	— Annie	Head	F	24	Unm	1876	W	5	Mississippi
	— Alice	Daughter	F	5	Unm	1895	W	5	Mississippi
	— Dock	Son	M	2	Unm	1898	W	5	Mississippi
	— Thomas	Son	M	1	Unm	1899	W	5	Mississippi
	— Perkins Hugh	Head	M	31	Mar	1869	W	1	Tennessee
	— Pearl	Wife	F	30	Mar	1870	W	1	Mississippi
	— Sara M	Daughter	F	5	Unm	1899	W	5	Mississippi
	Caldwell James	Head	M	25	Mar	1875	W	7	Mississippi
	— Nellie	Wife	F	24	Mar	1875	W	7	Mississippi
	— Frank	Son	M	6	Unm	1894	W	5	Mississippi
	— Edward	Son	M	5	Unm	1895	W	5	Mississippi
	— Michael	Daughter	F	3	Unm	1896	W	5	Mississippi
	— John	Son	M	2	Unm	1899	W	5	Mississippi
	Jones Walter	Son-in-law	M	12	Mar	1887	W	5	Mississippi

THE UNITED STATES

POPULATION

Supervisor's District No. _____ Sheet No. 20
Enumeration District No. _____

Name of Institution, _____
Word of city, _____

John M. Brown, Enumerator. 40

NATIVITY		CITIZENSHIP			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person THE YEARS of age and over.	EDUCATION				SPEECH & HEAR.				
Part of birth of Father of the person.	Part of birth of Mother of the person.	Part of population in this country born in the United States or in the possession of the United States.	Part of population in this country born in other countries.	Part of population in this country born in foreign countries.		Attended school in this country.	Attended school in other countries.	Attended school in foreign countries.	Can read and write English.	Can speak English.	Can read and write other language.	Can speak other language.	Can read and write other language.	Can speak other language.
Alabama	Alabama				Farmer	0								
Alabama	Alabama													
Alabama	Mississippi													
Alabama	Mississippi													
Alabama	Mississippi													
Alabama	Mississippi													
North Carolina	Alabama													
Alabama	Alabama													
Alabama	Mississippi				Farmer	0								
Alabama	Alabama				Farmer laborer	0	0							
Mississippi	Mississippi													
Alabama	Alabama				Farmer	0								
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Mississippi	Mississippi				Farmer laborer	0	6							
Mississippi	Mississippi				Farmer laborer	0	6							
Mississippi	Mississippi				Farmer laborer	0	6							
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Alabama	Alabama				Farmer	0								
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North Carolina	Mississippi				Farmer	0								
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Mississippi	Mississippi				Farmer laborer	0	2							