

Commentary: William L. Upchurch was born in 1800 in North Carolina and died sometime after 1860 in Illinois. He married Pennina Moberly and after her death, he married Amanda, whose surname has yet to be discovered. Circumstances dictate that William was near the waters of Shaddock's Creek in SE Chatham County, NC. This enclave was established about 1780 by William's grandfather John Upchurch III, head of clan #14. William's father, Samuel, moved his young family. Our records on the Samuel Upchurch family are very extensive. The Biofile of his son William sets the stage for a more complete file on him to be developed.

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(1) Conclusions of RPU from various records:

I. John Upchurch, III – Head of Clan

A. Samuel Upchurch

1. William L. Upchurch

(2) From: The Upchurch Story by Olive A. Morgan (This input came from Mrs. H. O. Anderson) Morgan comments upon William L. Upchurch at three places in her book as follows:

Page 162: **William L. Upchurch** fifth child of Mary and Samuel Upchurch, was born 8-13-1800 married ----- Moberly. The Moberly family lived in Warren County, KY in 1799 until about 1812 when they migrated to Franklin County, IL. One of the three Moberly sisters, first name not learned, married William L. Upchurch. Another married Will Jordan. The third sister, Eunice Moberly, married Larkin Cantrell, second child of Richard Cantrell. William L. married (2) Amanda --- who died 4-6-1882, buried Jones Cemetery, Franklin. None of the descendants of this family have been located. In 1850, William is not listed on the census at all, and his first wife is apparently deceased. The children are in various homes. There were eight known children.

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WILLIAM UPCHURCH FAMILY (5)

William L. Upchurch, fifth child of Samuel and Mary Ellen Upchurch, was born in 1800 in NC. Samuel and his brother John were in the county of Chatham NC in 1801 when Samuel was selling land to his brother. Their father John died in 1795 and Samuel is preparing to migrate to TN and then to IL. So it is likely that William was born in NC as stated on the census.

Information available on this family was taken by Mary Afton Anderson (Mrs. H.O.) from census records, marriage records (two), and gravemarker of the second wife. No family members have been located. There are seven known children:

Page 218: In 1860 **William L. Upchurch** is listed in the home of Thomas and Eliza J. Clark, P.O. Fitts Hill. He is listed as a carpenter, age 60 and born in NC. In 1880 William L. is listed with Amanda Upchurch, his wife age 59 he is 80, and there is a daughter Amanda, age 30. They are in the home of James Cole and Amanda Cole, his wife, age 30. Amanda Cole age 30 states she was born in IL, her father born in PA and her mother was born in IL. Since Amanda Upchurch age 59 was born in IL and both parents born in TN, it is logical to assume that Amanda Cole is the daughter of Amanda Upchurch. Amanda and William L. are listed as mother-in-law and father-in-law of Mr. Cole.

Mrs. H.O. Anderson = nee Mary Afton Irvin

(3) See Deed File Re Sale of 80 Acre Tract by the heirs of Samuel Upchurch (Head of the John Upchurch, III/ Samuel Upchurch Subclan) in Gallatin County IL on 30 Sep 1842. The land was being sold by the heirs to Thomas L. Upchurch, one of the sons of Samuel Upchurch and it was necessary for all heirs and spouses to concur.

Conventional list of the children of Samuel Upchurch:

1. Sally Upchurch died before 1816, married () Valentine VanHooser
2. Rebecca Upchurch, died before 1835. No marriage located
3. *David Upchurch* married (2nd) 1824 (1827) *Elizabeth Orr*
4. *John Upchurch* married Catharine Johnson *
5. ***William L. Upchurch*** married () ---- Moberly, married () Amanda ---
6. *Mary Rebecca Upchurch "Polly"* * married () *Nathan Bramlet*
7. *Susannah Upchurch** married *Coleman B. Bramlet*
8. *Nancy Upchurch** married *Isaac Cantrell*
9. *Thomas L. Upchurch* married *Mary Davis*
10. *Jonathan A. Upchurch* married *Nancy Brown**
11. *Elizabeth Upchurch** married *Joseph Thompson*
12. James Upchurch

Note: *Italized names* - Names Confirmed by the Deed

* = used Mark "X" for signature.

Learned From the Deed:

Children #1, 2, 12 not mentioned – hence presumed deceased with no heirs

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For John Upchurch (#4) his wife is listed (twice) as Katharine Upchurch, hence nee Katharine Johnson*.

For William L. Upchurch (#5) – no wife is listed so he may have been between wives.

For Nancy Upchurch (#8) she appears as Nancy Cantrell but no husband is listed – presume he is deceased (he is).

For Thomas L. Upchurch – No wife listed – presumably because he is buying the property.

For Elizabeth Upchurch (#11) – her husband is shown clearly as Charles Thompson (not Joseph Thompson).

(4) From letter 25 Apr 1981 - Mary Afton Irwin to Richard Dean U

William L. U. received a pension for the government as a dependant of one of his sons who served in the Civil War

(5) See letter 24 May 1975 – Etta Harriet Shepherd to RPU

William L. U. – b 13 Aug 1800 (NC)

(6) See letter 7 Mar 1988 – James Newman U to RPU

An article written by a great-grandson of Samuel U named Robert Franklin U lists the children of Samuel U including **William U** b 13 Aug 1800 and reports: “He raised his family near Benton, IL. I can remember seeing him.”

(7) John U III/Samuel U Subclan – From email 29 Jan 2016, Donna Singer to RPU

I. John U III – head of clan # 14

a. Samuel U

i. **William L. U.** (1800 – 1880)

md. (1st) Pennina Moberly (1803 – 1850)

A. Eliza Jane U

Eliza Jane Upchurch

BIRTH 1825 • Illinois, Gallatin County

DEATH BETWEEN 1867-1872

2nd great-grandmother

PENNINA
1803-1850
A JANE U


Marriage

22 Dec 1842 • Illinois, Gallatin County

 John W Isaacs (1822-1849)

Marriage

27 Oct 1850 • Illinois, Franklin County

 Thomas Benjamin Clark
(1831-1906)

Census

18 Nov 1850 • Illinois, Franklin County


Census


15 Aug 1860 • Illinois, Franklin County,
Fitts Hill PO

Residence


1860 • Illinois, Franklin County,
Township 7 S Range 4 E


Parents


 William L Upchurch
1800-1880

 Pennina Moberly
1803-1850

Spouse & Children

 John W Isaacs
1822-1849


 Ruth Ellen Isaacs 1844-1884


 Jonathan W A Isaacs 1848-1910

Spouse & Children

 Thomas Benjamin Clark
1831-1906

 William Albert Clark 1851-1938

 Martha Marie A Clark 1855-1883

 James B Clark 1858-1902

 Reubin G Clark 1865-

 Thomas Sylvester Clark 1867-1919