

William Riley Upchurch**XID – 426**

Commentary: William Riley Upchurch was a son of Howell and a grandson of Harmon, head of Upchurch Clan 16. He lived his life in Stanley and Montgomery Counties in NC. He also served in the Civil War.

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(no number) From biofile of **William Riley Upchurch** – Entry 31 July 2010 – From his descendant Mr Robin Cacopardo, daughter of nee Linda Olivia McSwain

I. Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Howell Upchurch

1. **William Riley Upchurch**

a. Lucinda Ann Upchurch “Lucy”

2. Lucinda² Ann Upchurch (William¹) (Source: 1850 Stanly County, NC Census Records) born 13 April 1850 in Stanly County, North Carolina. She married William Riley McSwain.

Children of William Riley McSwain and Lucy Upchurch are:

- i. Allen P McSwain born 1869
- ii. Daniel Preston McSwain born 1870; died 1948; married Orchestra Hathcock
- iii. Sarah Lucinda “Sally” McSwain born 1871; married George G Aldridge
- iv. Hetta (Hettie) Isabella McSwain born 21 July 1873; died 14 Nov 1924; married Henry L Kendall
- v. Eugenia McSwain born 1874
- vi. William R McSwain born 1876
- vii. Charles Parker McSwain born 1880; died 10 Jul 1938; He married Fanny West
- viii. Osborn Harmon McSwain born 1881 died 1925; He married Phronie?
- ix. Samuel G McSwain born 1886
- x. Rector G McSwain born 1 June 1889; died 18 April 1957; married Eliza Ann Huneycutt
- xi. Henry Watson McSwain born 19 July 1891; died 25 Feb 1948; married Mamie W ?

Generation No. 3

7. Charles³ Parker McSwain (Lucinda², William¹) (Source: Research of Robin Cacopardo) born 1880 in Stanly County, NC. He married Fanny West

Children of Charles McSwain and Fanny West

- i. Virginia McSwain born 4 Sep 1915; died March 1917
- ii. Hugh McSwain born 12 June 1917; died 1 Feb 2007; Mt Pleasant, Cabarrus Co, NC He married Biernice Eileen McElfresh; born 1926; died 2006. Children: David, James Hugh “Chip”, Charles Parker “Chuck”, William Darrell “Bill”
- iii. William Jennings Bryant McSwain born 23 Oct 1919; died 27 June 1980

- iv. Charles Evans McSwain born 20 July 1920; died July 1996; married Oma Geraldine Poplin
- v. Chrystle McSwain (twin) born 11 Apr 1922; died 12 April 1922
- vi. Christine McSwain (twin) born 11 Apr 1922; died 12 April 1922
- vii. Gilreath McSwain born 22 Mar 1924; died 26 Feb 1989. He married Violet Kinrey.
Children: Stephen, Anita
- viii. Keith McSwain born 20 April 1928; died June 1929
- ix. Ralph McSwain
- x. Liles McSwain
- xi. Belmont McSwain

Generation No. 4

4. Charles⁴ Evans McSwain (Charles³, Lucinda², William¹) was born 20 July 1920 in Stanly County, NC and died July 1996 Stanly Co, NC. He married Oma Geraldine Poplin.

Children of CE and Geraldine: Linda Olivia McSwain, Jull Patrick McSwain, Charles Kentwood "Skip" McSwain, Barry Evans McSwain

My mother is Linda Olivia McSwain. [Mrs Robin Cacopardo]

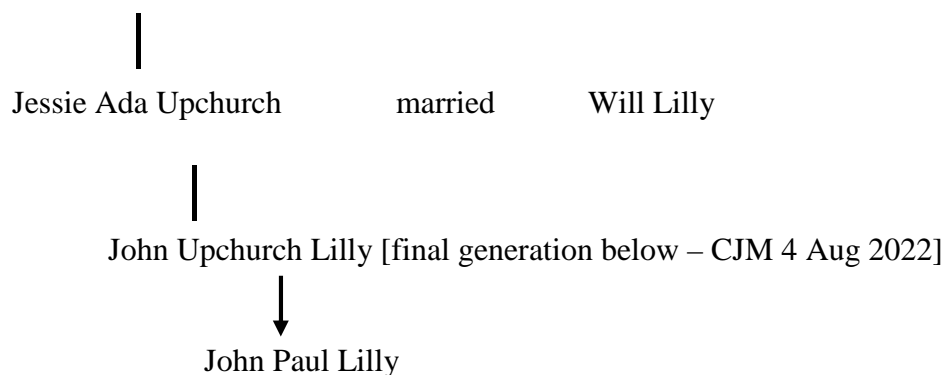
(1) See Page 7 of West 15 Mar 1979 letter to RPU (Howell Upchurch Will) Howell Upchurch wrote his will 23 Nov 1843 in Stanley Co, NC and named children:
Sarah Upchurch, Celia Upchurch, **William Riley Upchurch**, Nancy Upchurch (married Rogers), Martha Upchurch

(2) See letter 7 Mar 1980 John Paul Lilly to RPU

Howell Upchurch	married	Rebecca --- ---
born circa 1780, died 1846 Stanley Co, NC		

William Riley Upchurch born 26 Apr 1824 Montgomery Co, NC died 26 Dec 1893 Stanly Co, NC	married 7 May 1846	Sarah Randall born 17 May 1821 died 23 Dec 1852
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Osborne Howell Upchurch born 18 Mar 1848 Stanly Co, NC died 21 Aug 1905 Stanly Co, NC	married 7 Nov 1869	Eliza Caroline Blalock born 9 Mar 1852 Stanly Co, NC
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(3) See letter 30 Mar 1980 John Paul Lilly to RPU

A. William Riley Upchurch married (1st) 7 May 1846 Sarah Randall; married (2nd) 26 Apr 1853 Sarah Luraner Throckmorton McSwain, widow of Charles McSwain

Note: Sarah Luraner Throckmorton had a son Thomas A McSwain born 1848 by first marriage.

B. See sheet on Williamson Ross filed under her name

W R Upchurch is shown married to “Sallie” Randall and their children are listed as Osborne Upchurch and Lucy Ann Upchurch.

Sarah (“Sallie”) Randall was daughter of Betsey (Ross) and Osborne Randall. Betsey Ross was daughter of Williamson Ross.

(4) See letter 21 Jun 1986 Bobby Joe Deese to RPU

Sarah Randle is buried at Randall Methodist Church. Her marker shows date 1821 – 1852.

(5) See “The Upchurch Family of Stanley County” filed with Howell Upchurch (XID – 3566)

A. When William Riley Upchurch married 2ndly to Sarah Luraner Throckmorton, the widow of Charles McSwain, they signed a contract that none of the resources of Charles McSwain should go to pay the debts of William Riley Upchurch. The contract is shown as 26 Apr 1852 and the marriage on 27 Apr 1853.

[should be 1852 or 1853 in both cases – RPU]

B. 1860 Census – Stanley Co NC:

William Riley Upchurch	35 yrs	farmer	
Lara L McSwain		his wife	[Sarah Luraner Throckmorton]
Osborne Upchurch	13	son	
Lucy Ann Upchurch	10	dau	[by William’s 1 st wife]
Tempa Upchurch	4	dau	[by William’s 2 nd wife]
Thomas A McSwain	12		[son of Sarah by her 1 st marriage]

(6) See letter 11 Feb 1985 Charles Edgar Crow to RPU

He reports that William Riley Upchurch married Sarah Ross

[This appears to be in error – RPU]

Vol 2 Stanly Co Court Minutes Aug 1851, page 276

William R Upchurch be appointed Administrator of Rebecca Upchurch [nee Elizabeth Rebecca Dudley] [his mother]

Further reference is made to this estate on page 192, Nov Session 1851

(7) See letter 17 Sep 1885 and 1 Oct 1885 David Joe Deese to RPU

William R Upchurch is on the rolls of Randall Methodist Church in Stanly Co, NC. I believe this is **William Riley Upchurch** because his 1st wife was a Randall and beside his name on the rolls is the word “removed” implying a transfer between 1853 – 1856. This corresponds with his 2nd marriage 27 Apr 1853 to Sarah Luraner Throckmorton McSwain. He was not present once between 22 Dec 1855 and Apr 1856.

(8) See letter 21 Jun 1886 David Joe Deese to RPU

On 7 Aug 1855 George I Allen gave a deed to William Allen (registered 8 Aug 1855). Names mentioned were:

William Upchurch, W R Upchurch [**William Riley Upchurch**], Nathan Upchurch, Allen Upchurch, P B Upchurch, Bogan Dees, James Deed, Woodson Ross, D M Ross

(9) From letter 8 Jul 1889 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

William R Upchurch, Co I, 52 NC Infantry, born Stanley Co, NC, enrolled 25 Mar 186X; mustered 28 Apr 1862; age 36, Farmer, 5’ 9” tall.

May & Jun 1862 note – “absent on sick furlough

Aug 31, 1862 – Feb 28, 1863 noted “present”

Note for Aug 31, 1863 states that he was “left on battlefield at Gettysburg, PA 3 Jul 1863.”

Captured at Gettysburg 4 Jul 1863. Received at DeCamp General Hospital, Davids Island, New York Harbor.”

Noted as “Parole prisoner” in 23 Jan 1864 and as “a paroled prisoner” on note for Jan & Feb 1864.

Admitted to Richmond hospital on 14 Mar 1864, cause not given

May & June 1864 says that “six [?] months commutation due”

Note for 30 Apr – 31 Aug 1864 states – he was “absent wounded”. Admitted to CSA Hospital on 29 Apr 1864 due to disease or injury of left hand (vs left hand grope” – whatever that means).

Furloughed 8 Sep 1864 (destination Salisbury, NC)

Appointed 3rd Corporal 1 Nov 1864.

Captured 2 Apr 1865 at Petersburg; released on 21 Jun 1865 from Point Lookout, MD signed Oath of Allegiance.

Dark complexion – grey hair, blue eyes, 5’ 9” tall

Residence in Stanley Co, NC

A note dated 15 Sep 1863 covering period “to 31 Aug 1863” said he was present, this was probably a mistake since a 17 Nov 1863 note still had him absent since being left in Gettysburg.

(10) See letter 15 Sep 2000 Kevin Michael Burton to RPU – page 5

WRU married (1st) Sarah L Randall [Note: This is first citation using middle initial “L” – RPU]
married (2nd) Sarah Luraner Upchurch [Sarah Luraner (Throckmorton) McSwain] born
about 1828