

Williford Upchurch

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Commentary: Williford Upchurch was the son of Sims and the grandson of Moses, head of Upchurch clan 1. He ended up missing during the Civil War and is presumed to have lost his life during this conflict.

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(1) Williford Upchurch was son (dau?) of Sims and Abigail (Olive) Upchurch and a grandson of Moses Upchurch. (28)

(2) See Chatham Co, NC Census Records extracted by RPU

1840 There is 1 male < 5 in Sims home – Is this Williford?

1850 Williford Upchurch age 9, M, is in home of Sims Upchurch.

1860 Williford Upchurch age 19, M, laborer in home of Sims Upchurch

1870 No Williford Upchurch in Sims Upchurch home

(3) See Sims Upchurch Biofile – Entry 12 Nov 1987

Wilford (Williford) Upchurch born 1840 served in CSA and did not return from the war. Presumed MIA.

(4) From Letter 30 Jul 1989 Vicki Marie Barefoot to RPU

Enlisted in Wake co, NC 28 May 1861, age 20, volunteer

Present 20 Jun – 31 Aug 1861

Present Sep & Oct 1861

Present Nov & Dec 1861

Present Jan & Feb 1862

Present Mar & Apr 1862

Present 1 May – 31 Oct 1862

Present Nov & Dec 1862

Present Jan & Feb 1863

Present 1 Mar – 11 May 1863

Present 11 May – 31 Aug 1863

Sep & Oct 1863 “Absent”

sent Hospital since 5 Oct 1863

by Ex Board”

Another note indicated that he was admitted to the hospital in Charlottesville, VA on 15 Sep 1863 due to diarrhea; transferred to hospital in Lynchburg, VA on 21 Sep 1863

Nov & Dec “Absent – sent to hospital since 5 Oct 1863 by order Exchange Board”

Present Jan & Feb 1864

15 Sep – 31 Oct 1864 – “Missing in action – captured 10 Oct 1864 at Strasburg, VA

(5) See letter in Julia Ethel Upchurch biofile dated 11 Apr 1974

Julia Ethel Upchurch used the spelling “Wilford” for the son **Williford Upchurch** of Sims Upchurch.

(no number) Book: The Upchurch Family of High Falls, NC (Moore Co.) Page 66

I. Moses U. - Head of Clan

A. Sims Upchurch

6 Simms Upchurch: b: 11 Dec 1808 Chatham County, North Carolina d: Apr 1880 in Williams, Chatham County, North Carolina

+Maiden

7 [2] Winship Upchurch b: 1844 in Chatham County, NC, USA

7 James Henderson Upchurch d: 1863

7 Winslow Upchurch b: 1842

7 **Wiliford Upchurch** b: 1841

*2nd Wife of Simms Upchurch:

+Tabitha Williams b: 1810 m: 23 Dec 1852 d: 1860

*3rd Wife of Simms Upchurch:

+Matilda Temples b: 1808 in North Carolina m: 1850 in Wake, NC, USA d: in NC, USA

*4th Wife of Simms Upchurch: b: 1810 m: 11 Dec 1832 in Wake, NC, USA d: 1847 in Chatham, NC, USA

+Abigail Olive born 1810 married 11 Dec 1832 in Wake, NC, USA, died 1847 in Chatham, NC, USA

7 Partheny Upchurch b: 1833 in Wake County, North Carolina

7 Lucetta Upchurch b: 1835 in Wake County, North Carolina

7 Quinetta Upchurch b: 1835 in Wake County, North Carolina

+Joseph Bell Lasater b: 1830 m: 15 Jan 1852 in Chatham, NC, USA d: 30 Aug 1861

8 Minerva Lasater b: 1853 in Chatham County, North Carolina

8 Abby C. Lasater b: 1854 in Chatham County, North Carolina

8 John S. Lasater b: 17 Mar 1856 in Chatham County, North Carolina d: 07 Aug 1918 in Durham, NC, USA

+Theodica Council b: 1858 in North Carolina m: 1878 d: Bef. 1910 in Durham, Durham County, North Carolina

9 Leo Dexter Lasater b: Jul 1879 in Williams, Chatham County, North Carolina

9 Joseph M. Lasater b: May 1882

9 Annie P. Lasater b: Nov 1888

9 Ella G. Lasater b: 1901

*2nd Wife of John S. Lasater

+Lee H. b: 1865 in North Carolina m: 1908 in Durham, North Carolina [Not 2nd wife of JSL – rather is 2nd husband [Lee Hawkins

8 Rebecca Lasater b: Mar 1858 in Chatham County, North Carolina d: 17 Dec 1938 in Durham, North Carolina

+Joseph P. Lawrence b: Nov 1854 in North Carolina d: 05 Feb 1938 Durham, North Carolina

9 Nora D. Lawrence b: Nov 1879 in Durham, Durham County, North Carolina

9 Clara V. Lawrence b: May 1883 in Durham, Durham County,
North Carolina
9 James Thurmon Lawrence b: 26 Jul 1888 in Durham, Durham
County, North Carolina d: 10 Dec 1938 in Durham, North Carolina
9 Leslie Erbon Lawrence b: 03 Jan 1893 in Durham, Durham
County, North Carolina d: 24 Oct 1952 in North Carolina

(family outline continues below)

8 Lenora A. Lasater b: 1860 in Chatham County, North Carolina d: 12
Nov 1943 in Durham, North Carolina
7 Laurana Lurany Upchurch b: 1836 in North Carolina
+Albert C. Council b: 1833 in North Carolina
7 James A. Upchurch b: 1838 in Wake County, North Carolina
7 Willoford Upchurch b: 1840 in Wake County, North Carolina
7 Winslow Winston Upchurch b: 1842 in Wake County, North Carolina
7 [2] Winship Upchurch b: 1844 in Chatham Cty, NC, USA
7 Courtney Upchurch b: 1845 in Wake County, North Carolina
7 Alvaney Upchurch b: 1847 in Wake County, North Carolina

(no number) Item in letter 7 Sep 2007 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU, NC CSA Soldiers and Sailors

Extract:

72. **Upchurch, Williford** Confederate Infantry 6th Regiment, North Carolina
Infantry

(no number) Civil War Letters* from G T Beavers, et al. to family members in Chatham Co, NC. 1 letters 2 Jul 1861 to 2 Jun 1863 – see biofile of G T Bevers for details in letters sent to RPU 20 Sep 2005 by Ann (Poe) Grebing of two key families.

I. George Beavers

A. Frances Beavers
B. Rufus Beavers

C. Adelia Beavers
married () Isham Sims Upchurch
D. James Sydney
Beavers “Sid”
E. George Thomas
Beavers “G T” “Tom”
F. Charles E Beavers

II. Moses Upchurch

A. Sims Upchurch
1. James Henderson Upchurch
“J H”
2. **Williford Upchurch**
3. Winship Upchurch
B. Murray Upchurch
1. Isham Sims Upchurch

Here is a list of names that appeared in the letters

= letter number – details added in each biofile

- #1 STD writes, mentions Tom
- #2 Gov John W Ellis died, I S B = I S Beavers, Casles Yates, Mary Anderson
- #3 H Mulkalon, Wm A Barbee, Wm Batchelor, Capt Richard W York (and #12)

- #5 J B Lassiter, Miss Mildred Yates (also #2 & #19_ #14, I H Lewter (& #7)
- #6 J J Jinkins (&# 27), S Mulhollan (+ #8 & #9), S Upchurch, H Kelly, J H Upchurch, Tom, John Mourning, Uncle Bill
- #7 M D Williams, Harmon Sears + #10, A B
- #8 J Williams, D Parish
- #9 Col Dorsey Pender, SID sick
- #10 Pvt Mark Wimbly & CPL Quinton I Hudson fight, Charles
- #11 John Ferdinan Williams, I S Upchurch
- #12 **Williford Upchurch**, John Kelly, Winship Upchurch, I S Upchurch
- #13 SID dies
- #14 Rufus, Charles, John
- #15 Rufus Barbee, Sandy Lewter, C W Williams + #16
- #17 Manassas Herndon, Edward Parrish
- #18 John, Papy, G L Williams
- #19 G T -> CPL, I S Upchurch to “sister”, D W Dowd
- Epilogue – G T B; I S Upchurch

Notes for individuals: On 19 Jan 1862

Williford Upchurch writes to ISA from Camp Fisher, VA. Annotation by compiler “**Williford Upchurch** would turn up missing in 1864 after the Battle of Cedar Creek in the Shenandoah Valley.”

(10) Civil War 1861 – 1865 – Company I, 6th Regiment – NC State Troops

See RPU War Records for complete article as published in Wake Treasures, Vol 19, No 2 Summer/Fall 1999, Page 41 – 57. Many participants were from Wake Co, NC and nearby counties so the article has been extensively extracted for RPU biofiles.

Details Re: Co “I”:

UPCHURCH, J. H. Sergeant

Enlisted in Virginia at age 24, 13 August 1862, for the war. Mustered in as Private. Wounded at Sharpsburg, Maryland, 17 September 1862. Promoted to Corporal on 1 February 1863. Wounded in the breast at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1-2 July 1863. Captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, 7 November 1863, but escaped. Promoted to Sergeant in November-December 1863. Wounded in the arm at Cedar Creek, Virginia, 19 October 1864. Died at Charlottesville, Virginia, 13 November 1864, of wounds.

UPCHURCH, Williford, Private

Enlisted in Wake County at age 20, 28 May 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until reported missing in action at Cedar Creek, Virginia, 19 October 1864. No further records.

UPCHURCH, Winship, Private

Born in Chatham County and was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Wake County at age 17, 28 May 1861, for the war. Present or accounted for until captured at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, 7 November 1863. Confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, where he took the Oath of Allegiance and joined the U.S. Army on 17 February 1864. Assigned to Company E, 1st Regiment U.S. Volunteer Infantry.

UPCHURCH, Winslow, Private

Enlisted in Chatham County on 24 October 1864, for the war. Present or accounted for through December 1864.

The company, known as "Cedar Forks Rifles," was from Wake and Chatham Counties and enlisted in Wake County on 28 May 1861. It went into the camp of instruction near Company Shops (Burlington), Alamance County, 1 June 1861, and was assigned to this regiment [Sixth Regiment] as Company I. After joining the regiment, the company functioned as a part of the regiment, and its history for the war period is recorded as a part of the regimental history.

The information contained in the following roster of the company was compiled principally from company muster rolls for 20 June 1861, through February 1864, and 15 September through December 1864. No company muster rolls were found for the period prior to 20 June 1861; for March through 14 September 1864; or for the period after December 1864. In addition to the company muster rolls, Roll of Honor records, receipt rolls, hospital records, prisoner of war records, and other primary records, supplemented by state pension applications, United Daughters of the Confederacy records, and postwar rosters and histories, all provided useful information.

Transcribed by Madlyn Jamison

Source: Jordan, Weymouth T. Jr., compiler and Louis H. Manarin, Unit Histories; *North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster: Vol. IV Infantry* (Raleigh, N.C.: Office of Archives and History, 1973) The North Carolina Archives has generously granted permission to *Wake Treasures* to reprint the history of Company I, 6th Regiment N.C. State Troops in this journal issue.

(no number) From email 10 Dec 2010 Ann Poe to RPU

UPCHURCH, WILLIFORD - Born in Chatham County and listed on the 1850 Chatham census as living with his parents, Sims and Partheny Upchurch and attending school. In 1860, Williford is listed as a Laborer, in the Grove Post Office area. Member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. Brother to Winslow and Winship. Enlisted at age 20, May 28, 1861 in Wake County. Present or accounted for until missing in action at Cedar Creek, VA., October 19, 1864.

(no number) Input from emails 13 Oct 2012 Hope Blackford to RPU.
see her biofile for details – Williford Upchurch. Entry enlarged below.

No. 3622.—Claim of Williford Upchurch, of Raleigh, Wake County, State of North Carolina.

40 gallons molasses	\$30 00
60 pounds pepper	30 00
50 pounds spices	25 00
40 pounds ginger	16 00
240 pounds rice	36 00
10 buckets	7 50
10 tubs	10 00
5 bushels meal	5 00
40 pounds candles	10 00
400 pounds salt	30 00
Total	249 50

Remarks.—This claimant says he was pressed into the home-guard, and in that way served the confederacy for five days; that he was ordered to Camp Holmes near Raleigh to guard prisoners one night as a common soldier. He had three brothers who volunteered and entered the confederate service, but he contributed nothing to their support in the army. He held the office of lieutenant in the North Carolina militia during the war, which he says kept him out of the confederate service. Although he declares his sympathies were always with the Union cause, we think he is not entitled to remuneration for the property taken from him for the use of the Union army. There is nothing shown by the testimony in the case that would prevent him from establishing loyalty to the confederacy. The claim must be rejected.

(documents continue below)

Southern Claims - Barred and Disallowed » North Carolina » Wake County

Last Name	First Name	Claim Number
Upchurch	John	(4665)
Upchurch	Keaney	(4664)
Upchurch	Williford	(3622)

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Surname	Given Name	County	Status	Year	Page
Upchurch	John	Wake	Claim	1871	34
Upchurch	Kearney	Wake	Claim	1871	34
Upchurch	Williford	Wake	Claim	1871	34

(no number) Internet Records for the Family of Sims Upchurch - RPU 15 Jun 2011

I. Moses Upchurch b 1750 (VA)

married 1772 () Mary Simms

A. Calorgy U. b 1795 (Franklin Co., NC) (Claise, Clargy) NM
 B. Sims U. b 11 Dec 1808 (Chatham Co., NC) d Apr 1880 (Chatham)
 married (1st) 11 Dec 1832 (Wake Co., NC) Abigail Olive d 1847
 married (2nd) 1850 () Matilda Temples

1. Parthenia U. b 22 Sep 1833
2. Quinetta U. (twin) b 27 Jul 1834
3. Lucetta U. (twin) b 27 Jul 1834
4. Lewraney U. b 29 Jun 1836 (Laurance)
5. James Henderson U. b about 1838
6. **Williford U.** b about 1841
7. Winslow U. b about 1842 (Winston)
8. Winship U. b about 1844
9. Courtney U. b Sep 1846
10. Alvania U. b 19 Jul 1848

NOTE: Sons 5 thru 9 died in the service of the Confederacy. Only **James Henderson** had married. He had issue.

NOTE: Sims U. supposedly married 23 Dec 1852 (Chatham Co, NC) Tabitha Williams but the presence of wife Matilda in the 1860 and 1870 census brings doubt.

1840 Census, NC – Chatham Co – Sims Upchurch

Free White Persons – Males Under 5:	1	James Henderson Upchurch
Free White Persons – Males 15 thru 19:	*	*Male born 1821 – 1825 – unidentified
Free White Persons – Males 30 thru 39:	1	Sims Upchurch
Free White Persons – Males 80 thru 89	1	Moses Upchurch
Free White Persons – Females Under 5:	3	#2, 3, 4 [in above outline]
Free White Persons – Females 5 thru 9:	1	Parthenia Upchurch
Free White Persons – Females 30 thru 39:	1	Abigail Olive
Free White Persons – Females 40 thru 49:	1	Calorgy Upchurch
Free White Persons – Females 70 thru 79:	1	Mary Simms
Slaves – Males Under 10:	1	
Slaves – Females Under 10:	1	
Slaves – Females 24 thru 35:	1	
Total – All Persons (Free White, Free Colored, Slaves):	14	
Persons employed in Agriculture:	2	
No. White Persons over 20 who cannot read and write:	-	
Free White Persons – Under 20:	6	
Free White Persons – 20 thru 49:	3	
Total Free White Persons:	11	
Total All Persons – Free White, Free Colored, Slaves:	14	

1850 Census – NC, Chatham Co, Lower Regiment				
Name	born about	age		
Sinas Upchurch [Sims]	1808	42	NC	farmer, \$2700
Parthing Upchurch	1834	16	NC	
Laurance Upchurch	1837	13	NC	
James H Upchurch	1839	11	NC	
Williford Upchurch	1841	9	NC	
Winslow Upchurch	1842	8	NC	
Winship Upchurch	1844	6	NC	
Courtney Upchurch	1846	4	NC	
Alvany Upchurch	1849	1	NC	
Claise Upchurch	1795	55	NC	
Joseph Lawrence	1801	49	NC	laborer
Mossie Upchurch [Moses]	1750	100	VA	
Quinta Upchurch [twin]	1835	15	NC	
Lucilla Upchurch [twin]	1835	15	NC	

1860 Census – NC, Chatham Co, Eastern District – Grove PO			
Name	born about	age	
Sinn Upchurch [Sims]	1808	52	farmer, \$4500/ 8000
Matilda Upchurch	1808	52	
Willerford Upchurch	1841	19	
Winston Upchurch	1843	17	
Winship Upchurch	1845	15	
Cortney Upchurch	1841	19	
Alvany Upchurch	1849	11	
Clargy Upchurch	1800	60	
Sally Davis	1837	23	
Alfred Waldin	1837	23	laborer
John Jeffers	1836	24	laborer

1870 Census – NC, Chatham Co, North Side Pittsboro Road			
Name	born about	age	
Sims Upchurch	1807	63	farmer, \$3100/ 1500
Matilda Upchurch	1807	63	
Courtney Upchurch	1846	24	
Alvany Upchurch	1848	22	