

Hiram Watson, I**XID – 43351**

Commentary: Hiram Watson I married Rebecca Upchurch, daughter of Shadrack and granddaughter of George, head of Upchurch Clan 5.

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(no number) See letter 3 Jul 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU
She includes a 21 Jun 1959 letter in which John Henderson Upchurch, II of Washington, DC reports to 4 of his siblings on her recent visit to Wayne Co, KY to visit cousins.

[Need to verify that the location was Otter Creek – RPU]

Fourteen pictures are included. The cousins are “Feller” and “Sob” Watson. The framework proposed by RPU:

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Shadrack Upchurch

1. George Upchurch born 1810

a. Giles Berry Upchurch

the siblings	[i. John Henderson Upchurch, II ii. “Will” William Harrison Upchurch iii. “Roxie” Roxie Mary Upchurch iv. “Palmer” Alfred Palmer Upchurch v. “Pernie” Pernie Lee Upchurch]
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These five siblings are 2nd cousins of “Feller” & “Sob” shown in 2a below – RPU. (John Henderson Upchurch, II calls them first cousins)

2. Rebecca Upchurch born about 1820
married () **Hiram Watson**

a. --- --- Watson (male)

the cousins	[i. Alfred Asberry Watson “Feller” married () Ada --- --- [Page 145 of the Wayne Co, KY Cemetery Book (Elk Springs Cemetery, Section #6) lists A A Watson 7 Feb 1893 – 10 Jul 1975 O. S. S. W. Ada (---) Watson born 1 Jun 1895 died not listed] (I) Lizzie Jane Watson married () --- --- Elam (A) Patricia Elam (B) --- --- Elam (M) (C) --- --- Elam (M) (II) Bessie Cleora Watson married () --- --- Sutton (A) --- --- Sutton (F) (II) Mertie Belle Watson married () --- --- Daniels]
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- ii. Abner Watson “Sobby” “Sob” [named for ??? Doctor A B Upchurch]
 married () Arco --- ---
 (I) Clora Belle Watson
 married () --- --- Cooper
 (II) Ray Watson
 married () --- --- ---

(no number) RPU analysis of information in letter 10 Apr 2000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU 9 Sep 2000

#1 An undated court document probably from Wayne Co, KY probably in the period 1905 – 1925 involved what must have been Upchurch land on Otter Creek near Slickford in Wayne Co, KY. The court granted title to the Frankfort Bank and to the Sutton Brothers Oil and Gas Co.

The tract bordered Upchurch land – of Shadrack Upchurch (Shadrack Allen Upchurch?) and possibly other Upchurches not named, Burrell Dishman, William Marsh.

The court document recorded input from individuals shows as [] which RPU links as follows:

- I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan
 - A. Shadrack Upchurch born 1784
 - 1. George Upchurch born 1810
 - a. Shadrack Washington Upchurch married Rutha Jane Slaven = [Ruth Upchurch]
 - b. Giles Berry Upchurch = [Giles B Upchurch]
 - c. William Alfred Upchurch = [Alfred Upchurch]
 - 2. Rebecca Upchurch = [Rebecca Watson]
 married **Hiram Watson** = [Hiram Watson]

[Melvie note on border: Deed Book 55 Page 129, 1914. Shadrack Allen Upchurch deeded land inherited from his father Hiram Upchurch to his brother H F Upchurch [Hiram Frank Upchurch].

Input also shown for Thomas Abbott [possibly the Thomas N Abbott in Tuggle-Sandusky Cemetery, Wayne Co, KY (Page 630 in Cemetery Book) born 20 Aug 1880 died 25 Mar 1962 “Perk”, several Watsons in cemetery, no Upchurches – RPU]

#2 Testimony of Mrs Slaven re: property in #1 above [assume she is likely mother of Ruth Slavens) Upchurch* who got the Dyer Tract, it being a part of the 100A left by Shade Upchurch [Melva says Shadrack Allen Upchurch] near Slick ford bought from Pete Marsh. The Otter Tract went to Becky Watson [Mrs Rebecca Watson]*. Alf Upchurch [William Alfred Upchurch]* and Guy Upchurch [Giles Berry Upchurch]*/ Land joins Will Marsh.

* = same as in sketch in #1 above.

(1) See letter 18 Aug 1997 Eleanor Louise Baker to RPU

- I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan
 - A. Shadrack Upchurch
 - 1. Rebecca Upchurch born about 1820 (1823)

married () Hiram Watson

(no number) Census Record for South Fork Magistrate District 4, Wayne Co, KY taken 17 Jun 1880. Item in letter 8 Dec 1000 Melva Doris Upchurch to RY – sent to Melva by Sue Rogers of Monticello, KY who was attempting to locate the property of a presumed Rebecca Upchurch who married a **Hiram Watson**.

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Hiram Watson	26	farmer	born TN	fat & mot born NC	[Hiram Watson]
Rebecca Watson	26	wife	born KY	fat & mot born KY	[nee Rebecca Upchurch]
Shadric Watson	8	son	born KY		[Shadrack Watson]
Elizabeth Watson	6	dau	born KY		
Al Watson	4	son	born KY		
James Watson	1	son	born KY		
Asbird Abbott	3/12	gson	---		

[Note: There appears to be two Hiram Watsons who married Rebecca Upchurches in two separate generations. The above item was included in the older Hiram Watson biofile, but appears that the information belongs to the younger Hiram Watson. Please refer to both biofiles located at the following site to determine the proper documentation for each of these individuals. - CJM 20 Dec 2020]

<https://www.alliedfamilies.com/uploads/1/3/1/8/13181256/watson.pdf>