

CC JEAN WHITFIELD Δ  
JILL BRESLAU Δ

Subject: Re: Benjamin Upchurch Newsletter  
From: Jill Breslau <jillbreslau@gmail.com>XXXX  
Date: Wed, May 31, 2017 9:30 am  
To: Phil Upchurch <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi, Phil. Thank you for the excellent summary of the status. I can't keep it all in my head . . . I look forward to meeting Jean, who lives in Raleigh. She is absolutely lovely and very busy right now preparing for the wedding of her only daughter, Scarlett. Jean may also have family information gathered prior to her contacting me, so perhaps she will be able to add to the family tree.

I hope you are well. Being in touch with you continues to enrich my life!

All best,  
Jill

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 4:50 AM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi Jill---

The answer to your question is embedded in my Master Outline for the Pearce Family. I can confirm that the the Helen and the Thomas you mention are children of Simon Pearce b 1819. He was the son of Nathan Peace b 1783 who Md Susan Upchurch b 1790. This Susan we carry as the daughter of Benjamin Upchurch although we need better proof. Thus we say you and Jean are members of the Benjamin Upchurch/Susan Upchurch SubClan. I hope you and Jean will continue your interest in our efforts to better document these families. Note that the Benjamin Upchurch and the Pearce families are both enrolled on our second website.

Best~

Phil Upchurch

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Benjamin Upchurch Newsletter  
From: Jill Breslau <jillbreslau@gmail.com>X  
Date: Sat, May 27, 2017 4:07 pm  
To: Upchurch and Allied Families <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi, Phil. I hope you are well; as always, I was delighted to hear from you!

I've had the great pleasure of being contacted recently, thanks to Ancestry.com, by two cousins. One is Jean Whitfield, whose grandfather Thomas Pearce was the brother of my grandmother, Helen Pearce Jones. (The other, Lou Kline, is related to me through a shared grandfather, Robert Paul Jones, whose ancestry I have not explored at all.)

I was happy to receive the Benjamin Upchurch information and I sent it along to Jean Whitfield, thinking this was the same branch of the tree as hers--but I truly can't recall how we are connected to this ancestor. Can you help? And please confirm--I am correct that she must be an Upchurch descendant, as the granddaughter of Thomas Pearce?

Thank you for your help. I have not forgotten that I need to sign up and send a check, which I will do!

All best,  
Jill

On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 10:40 AM, Upchurch and Allied Families <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:



**Subject:** RE: Contact Through Jill Breslau  
**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com  
**Date:** Sat, Aug 19, 2017 9:24 am  
**To:** "JEAN WHITFIELD" <jeanwhitfield@bellsouth.net>XXXX  
**Cc:** "Carla-S0-5-6-7 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>  
**Bcc:** "Jill-DUP Breslau" <jillbreslau1@gmail.com>XXXX

Hi Jean---

Delighted to hear from you. From the fragmentary information I have it appears you are of the Benjamin Upchurch Clan by way of his presumed daughter Susan Upchurch who married Nathan Pearce In Franklin County, NC. The Upchurches and Pearces both arrived in Dunn Township about 1770 and the two families had many interactions including intermarriages. Dunn Township has been a huge focus for me.

I will visit our Allied Families Chesterfield, MO office and look up more of your heritage. In the meantime to help me could you provide me with the full names of both of your parents with any places and dates available. This will be very helpful.

Please do have a look at our two websites. The 2007 site is [www.upchurchstory.com](http://www.upchurchstory.com) password 2013upchurch#. There you will find 37 years of the Upchurch Bulletin posted-- also 35 videos.. The 2013 site is [www.alliedfamilies.com](http://www.alliedfamilies.com) password 2014allied#. There note the enrolled families and other resources.

I invite you to visit our Cary, NC office first contacting our Volunteer Coordinator there Carla Michaels. There you will see a chart on the wall that shows the heritage of your ancestor Benjamin Upchurch.

It will be a pleasure to continue to explore our mutual interests in family history.

Sending All Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch, Manager Allied Families

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**Subject:** Contact Through Jill Breslau  
**From:** JEAN WHITFIELD <jeanwhitfield@bellsouth.net>XXXX  
**Date:** Thu, August 17, 2017 11:59 am  
**To:** "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phil - You sent an email to Jill stating that you had anticipated that I would be in touch.

Here I am, finally! I would love to hear more about our family history and would be interested in knowing exactly how I am connected. I am not familiar with the Upchurch surname being a part of my ancestry, but it would be exciting to know if it is! Jill and I are cousins through James Dallas Pearce, our Great Grandfather who was a Civil War soldier.

Please contact me and we will see what to do next! Thank you!

Best, Jean Whitfield (Raleigh)

I. Nathan Peare b 1783 and Susan K

A. Simon Peare b 1815

i. Helen Peare

a. Thomas Peare

ii.

(5) Jean —  
and — — Robert Peare

**Subject:** RE: Contact Through Jill Breslau

**From:** phil@upchurchstory.com

**Date:** Sat, Aug 19, 2017 11:09 am

**To:** "JEAN WHITFIELD" <jeanwhitfield@bellsouth.net>

**Bcc:** "Carla-S0-5-6-7 Michaels" <cjm400@gmail.com>

Hi Jean---

Thank you for the relationships provided . I have made a chart to help me when I go to or office in the Valley. I will not add confusion by offering ideas on your heritage now but what you provide is so useful that I should find good information when I look at my files.

I have solid information on the Pearce's who arrived in Franklin County about 1770. There are several sources that purport to trace them to earlier generation that have been proved false. More on this later.

I will report back after i have had a chance to study my records.

Phil Upchurch, Manager,Allied Families

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**From:** JEAN WHITFIELD <jeanwhitfield@bellsouth.net>xx

**Date:** Sat, August 19, 2017 10:31 am

**To:** "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

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md ( ) Timpie Anna G. Gypner

A. Clyde weathers

md ( ) Ruth Chudman

~~James Pearce~~

I - -

A. Robert D. CHRISTMAN

md ( ) Patie H. HAWK

1. Eunice weathers

md ( ) Bayard Pearce

a. Jean Pearce

md - - Whitford

I

A. James Dalton Pearce md ( ) Martha Deyle

1. Thomas Pearce

a. Bayard Pearce

i. Jean Pearce

2. Nathan Pearce [md Susan Pearce]

a.

i. Jill  
md - - Brodas

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