

**William Clinton Upchurch, I****XID – 595**

**Commentary:** William Clinton Upchurch was born 13 Feb 1813 and lived until the ripe old age of 93. He was the son of Burtis and the grandson of Nathan I, head of Upchurch Clan #3. He was a well-known merchant in the city of Raleigh. In 1840, he married Adeline Susan Royster, and from this union 12 children would emerge.

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**(no number)** Extract A – records for the Dodd family of Raleigh, NC – RPU – 17 Sep 2014

1850 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
James Dodd	1815	35	Carpenter
Lilly A Dodd	1806	44	
William H Dodd	1838	12	
Fanny Anderson	1802	48	
Ann E Miller	1842	8	

1860 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
Jas Dodd	1813	47	Builder
Elisabeth Dodd	1810	50	
William H Dodd	1836	24	
Anne E Miller	1842	18	Mulatto
Milly Miller	1860	10/12	Mulatto

1870 Census – NC, Raleigh, Wake Co, West Ward			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
William Dodd	1836	34	Grocer, \$15,000 RE/ \$4,000 PP
Roxanna Dodd	1843	27	
James Dodd	1815	55	
Lily Dodd	1810	60	
Lily Ruth	1858	12	white

1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
James Dodd	1808	72	Head, farmer
Silvia Dodd	1851	29	wife
Cecia Dodd	1878	2	dau

1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh			
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Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
W H Dodd	1837	43	Merchant, \$8000 RE/ \$4000 PP
R M Dodd	1843	37	

1900 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh, Ward 2, Elm Street			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
W H Dodd	May 1836	64	Bookkeeper
R M Dodd	Mar 1843	57	[0,0]
Hattie Dildy	Nov 1853	46	Black, Servant

Dodd Family Tree Owner: JRDOBBYTATEJR

A. James Dodd

Birth 1815 in North Carolina, USA

Death 5 Oct 1896 in Raleigh, Wake, North Carolina

Parents: no father, no mother

Spouse & Children:

Lillian “Lily” Anna Andrews 1807 – 1876

William Henry Dodd 1836 – 1904

Sylvia Catherine Howell 1850 – 1934

Cecia Dodd 1878 –

B. William Henry Dodd

Birth 8 May 1836 in Raleigh, Wake, North Carolina

Death 17 Apr 1904

Parents: James Dodd 1815 – 1896

Lillian “Lily” Anna Andrews 1807 – 1876

Spouse & Children:

Roxanna Margaret Upchurch 1843 – 1925

Marriage to: Roxanna Margaret Upchurch, Wake, North Carolina, 1860, 14 Nov Age: 24

North Carolina Marriage Bonds

Name: James Dodd

ImageNum: 000209

County: Wake

Record #: 01 123

Bond Date: 30 May 1835

Bond #: 000152720

Bondsman: William Upchurch [**William Clinton Upchurch, I**]

Witness: A Williams

Gender: Male

Spouse: Lilly Ann Andrews

## I. --- --- Dodd

A. James Dodd 1815 – 1896

married (1<sup>st</sup>) Lillian Anna Andrews, 1807 – 1876, “Lilly”married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sylvia Catherine Howell 1850 – 1934

1. William Henry Dodd 1836 – 1904

married ( ) Roxanna Margaret Upchurch,  
daughter of **William Clinton Upchurch, I**

2. Cecia Dodd born 1878 [Cecye Dodd]

**(no number)** Input re: the Royster Family of Raleigh, NC to RPU in a letter 8 Sep 2014 from Robert Royster of Granville Co, NC. He is a prime Royster historian but the Raleigh Roysters are an offshoot of his Royster heritage.

*(The following information on the extended families of David Royster, Sr. and David Royster, Jr. is detailed as we received many questions, particularly while living in Raleigh, about our family's relationship to the Roysters who were doctors, or the Roysters who owned the candy store in Raleigh, and to Vermont Royster, Editor/Publisher of the Wall Street Journal.)*

David Royster, Sr., son of Jacob, married Mary Daniel on 11 Jan 1775 in Granville County. As noted earlier, David, Sr. was a school teacher who taught in VA, NC, Ky. and TN. Around 1800 or 1802, David, Jr. a cabinet maker, moved to Raleigh to make furniture for the new State Capital Building being designed and built. In 1802 David, Jr. married Susan Sims in Granville County. Their 12 children were:

- William Howard Royster, who married Mary Stevens/Stephens, and they had 7 children.
- James Daniel Royster, b.1807, d. 1890, a paper manufacturer in Raleigh married Mary Smoothly Ashley, and they had the following children that they named after the states to distinguish their children from the other Royster children: Vermont Connecticut Royster; Dr. Wisconsin Illinois Royster who married Mary Willis Finch and they had 4 children, Hubert Ashley, Frank Willis, James Finch, and one that died early; Oregon Minnesota Royster; Virginia Carolina Royster; Indiana Georgia Royster; Iowa Michigan Royster; and Arkansas Delaware Royster. Vermont Connecticut had two sons, Wilbur High and Percy Hoke. Wilbur High married Olivette James Broadway of Monroe, LA, and they named their first son, Vermont Connecticut Royster, after his grandfather. Wilbur High Royster owned and managed the Royster Candy Store on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh. Vermont Royster, the grandson, became very famous and highly respected as Editor and Publisher of The Wall Street Journal. *(Information about the Royster Family, as included in Vermont Royster's book, My Own, My Country's Times has been included in this family history summary.)*
- Sarah Sanders Royster who married James Murray.
- Madison Bullock Royster who married Martha Terry.
- Irene/Irena Nichols Royster who married James Steble
- Joseph or Zachariah Royster who died in infancy
- Elisha Sims Royster who died in infancy
- Leonard Henderson Royster who married Jane Carmult
- Adaline Susan Royster who married William C. Upchurch
- David L. Royster who married Sarah Womble, and they had ten children including: Vitruvius, Nellie Cornelia, and Gertrude
- Mary Daniel Royster who married Alsey Crocker
- Amanda Malvina Royster b. 1826, who married William Henderson High, their daughter Hallie Lee High would marry the first Vermont Connecticut Royster.

I. Jacob Royster Will probated 1798 Mecklenburg Co, VA; 9 children

A. (No 4) David Royster, Sr

married ( ) Mary Daniel; 7 children

1. (No 2) David Royster, Jr

married ( ) Susan Sims; 12 children – a-l.

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Note: A full page advertisement for the B W Upchurch Modern Cash Grocery appears on page  
60 – for 15 E Hargett St

Our venerable and esteemed townsman Mr. W. C. Upchurch is another citizen of the olden time. He came here in 1833—nearly sixty-nine years ago, and shortly thereafter opened a grocery store on Hargett street near Wilmington, which he conducted with success during his whole business career, until five years ago. In the early part of his business life he was in copartnership with the late W. H. Holleman. He is now in the eighty-ninth year of his age. Mr. Upchurch has sixty-seven living descendants. One of these is Mr. B. W. Upchurch, a grandson, who is a prominent Hargett street grocery merchant.

Oldest living male inhabitant; aged eighty-nine years.

1905



W. C. UPCHURCH,

NOTE: ON PG 60 IS A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT RE B.W. U GROCERY PE 149

The site on Hargett street occupied for sixty years by Wm. C. Upchurch, now eighty-nine years of age, and retired, is now conducted by his grandson, Mr. B. W. Upchurch, one of the most enterprising business men of the capital. With much sagacity and business tact he has, within a few years, secured such a share of patronage as should be a source of just pride to anyone, however long in the business. His dealings are honorable to a high degree.

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. William Clinton Upchurch, I 1813 – 1906

a. George Clinton Upchurch

i. Bailey W Upchurch 1876 - 1905



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Bartlett Upchurch, in the early forties. came here to engage in the business of coach-making. He established a shop on East Hargett street, where he continued to the time of his death in 1857. He was a brother of Wm. C. Upchurch.

Alfred Upchurch, brother of Wm. C. and Bartlett Upchurch, came later, and after serving an apprenticeship in coach-making under his brother Bartlett, engaged in business for himself. which he conducted with success throughout the greater part of his life. He died a few years ago, at an advanced age. Mr. Upchurch represented at one time his ward in the city council.

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The "Raleigh Fire Company" was organized in 1844. Two of the officers were C. B. Root, Captain; William C. Upchurch. Treasurer. Both of these public-spirited citizens are yet living. They are referred to more fully elsewhere in this work.

**(no number)** Excerpt from: Historical Raleigh (NC) From 1792 by: Moses M Amil 1902 – RPU  
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 Re: Early Churches in Raleigh

The Baptists were next to organize a congregation. This was in 1812, and a church building of an humble character was erected on Moore Square, or in what was then known as the Baptist Grove. The bell was of the size and sound of those generally in use by tobacco factories. In this Grove the founders of the First Baptist church worshipped. There is high authority for the statement that the members were accustomed each to take a tallow candle to this humble building in order to produce a "dim. religious light" (so conducive to spirituality, it was thought) for services at night. The membership of the church, says Mr. W. C. Upchurch, was never more than eighteen—seven males and eleven females. Of the former there

▲ FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RALEIGH

▲ WILLIAM CLINTON UPCHURCH, I

▲ MADISON BULLOCK ROYSTER

▲ JAMES D. NUNN

▲ JOHN DANIEL BRIGGS

▲ MARK WILLIAMS

▲ ALFRED WILLIAMS (MRS)

▲ LOUIS DUPREE, MOG

▲ THOMAS E. SKINNER, MOG

▲ WISCONSIN ILLINOIS ROYSTER

▲ WILLIAM HENRY DODD

▲ ROXANNA MARGARETH

▲ ELIZABETH BRIGGS (MRS)

▲ AMOS J. BATTLE, MOG

▲ T. W. TOBY, MOG

were Madison Royster, Jas. Nunn, J. D. Briggs, Mark Williams, and W. C. Upchurch; the late Mrs. Alfred Williams was among the female members.

About 1835, owing to differences of opinion among the members, dissension arose, and a new and better edifice was accordingly erected at the southeast corner of Wilmington and Morgan streets. The pastors of this church, in the order named, were Revs. Amos J. Battle, Louis Dupree, T. W. Toby, J. J. Finch, G. W. Johnston, T. E. Skinner.

In 1858 the present imposing First Baptist Church was erected. Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner, one of our most distinguished theologians (who is yet living and much beloved by all) was the first pastor. The late Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard was another of the early pastors.

Among the members of this church in the old days were, Mrs. Alfred Williams, Miss Lucinda Briggs, P. F. Pescud, J. J. Biggs, Miss Sallie Towles, M. B. Royster, Jas. D. Royster, Lynn Adams, W. D. Williams, Caswell Lee, Jas. D. Nunn, Jordan Womble, Jr., Robert Jones, Miss Selina Jenkins.

A prominent feature of the Sunday School of this church is the Infant Class, which numbers one hundred and sixty-five. The class was organized in 1865, with but twelve pupils. Dr. W. I. Royster was the first teacher in charge. It is now conducted by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodd and Miss Elizabeth Briggs.

In 1874 a few members of this church, led by Messrs. N. B. Broughton and J. S. Allen, organized a new congregation, and purchased on Swain street a house of worship and denominated it the Second Baptist Church. The congregation assumed in a year or two such proportions that it became necessary to secure a more commodious structure, and a site was accordingly purchased on the corner of Hargett and Person streets, upon which was erected the present edifice,

known as the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Its seating capacity is about one thousand. The Sunday School is the largest in the city and its fame in this department of religious work extends throughout the country, due, in a great measure, to the zeal and popularity of Mr. N. B. Broughton, known throughout the State as foremost in all that makes for the advancement—moral and material—of the people.

[Names included in above article:

William Clinton Upchurch, I

John Daniel Briggs

Louis Dupree, MOG

William Henry Dodd

Amos J Battle, MOG

G W Johnston, MOG

P F Pescud

James D Royster

Caswell Lee

First Baptist Church of Raleigh

2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church

Tabernacle Baptist Church

- CJM 21 Sep 2020]

Madison Bullock Royster

Mark Williams

Thomas E Skinner, MOG

Roxanna Margaret Upchurch

T W Toby, MOG

T H Pritchard, MOG

J J Biggs

Lynn Adams

Needham B Broughton    Jacob S Allen

James D Nunn

Alfred Williams (Mrs)

Wisconsin Illinois Royster

Elizabeth Briggs (Mrs)

J J Finch, MOG

Lucinda Briggs (Miss)

Jordan Womble

W D Williams

**(no number)** Records for Larkin A Smith – RPU 9 Aug 2015

1850 Census – NC, Wake Co, St Mary's Township			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
Larkin Smith	1827	23	
Caroline Smith	1824	26	
Sarah Smith	1850	0	

1860 Census – NC, Wake Co, NE Division, Eagle Rock			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
Larkin Smith	1827	33	1200/ 4560
Caroline Smith	1825	35	
Sarah Smith	1850	10	
Virginia Smith	1853	7	
Charley Smith	1858	2	

1870 Census – NC, Wake Co, Mark's Creek Township, Eagle Rock			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
Larkin Smith	1825	45	
Arthelia Smith	1832	38	
Sarah Smith	1849	21	
Pattia Smith	1851	19	
Virginia Smith	1853	17	
Charley Smith	1857	13	
Levinvers Smith	1862	8	

1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh			
Name	Born about	Age	Occupation, etc.
Larkin Smith	1827	53	Head
Emma G Smith	1861	19	Dau
Arthelia R Smith	1832	48	Wife
Claudius N Smith	1864	16	Son
Thomas J Smith	1859	21	nephew



## FindAGrave

Name Larkin Smith  
 Birth Date 13 Jan 1826  
 Birth Place USA  
 Death Date 21 Jun 1892  
 Death Place Wake County, North Carolina  
 Cemetery Smith Family Cemetery  
 Burial or  
 Cremation  
 Place Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, USA  
 Has Bio? N  
 Children Charles Hinton Smith

Smith, Blanche V 126961442 born Jan 22, 1907 death Apr 12, 1923  
 daughter of:

Smith, Charles Hinton 126961306 born Sep 26, 1857 death Dec 31, 1926

wife of:

Smith Jamie A 126951382 born Apr 5, 1880 death Oct 21, 1943

Smith, Larkin 127325446 born Jan 13, 1826 death Jun 21, 1892

Smith Family Cemetery, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, USA

North Carolina Marriage Bonds

31 Jan 1866

Name: Larkin A Smith  
 Gender: Male  
 Spouse: Caroline Terrell  
 County: Wake  
 Record #: 13 483  
 Bondsman: **William C Upchurch**  
 Witness: W H High

NC Births

Name: Larkin A Smith  
 Father: Edwin A Smith  
 Mother: Elizabeth Taylor  
 Birth Date: 1827  
 City: St Mary  
 County: Wake

## I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

## A. Gillium Upchurch

1. Elizabeth Upchurch born 1810  
 married ( ) John Marshall Williams
  - a. Lucian Bonapart Williams died Civil War  
 married ( ) Arthelia A E R Scarborough

Arthelia married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Larkin A Smith. He had married earlier 1847 ( )  
 Caroline Terrell

- i. Charles Thomas Williams – ancestor of cooperator Clyde Wesley Clark, Jr.

Edwin A Smith 1797 – 1866

Elizabeth Taylor 1796 - 1877

Larkins Smith's children with Caroline Terrell.

- i. Sarah Jane Smith 1849 - ?
- ii. Martha Patsy Smith 1851 – 1921
- iii. Virginia C Smith 1853 - ?
- iv. Charles H Smith 1857 – 1926
- v. Claudius N Smith 1864 - ?
- vi. Emma G Smith 1860 – 1882
- vii. Leviners Smith 1862

From Tree: Adams/Whiteside/Hinks/Christensen

Charles Hinton Smith first married Mattie E Hood #78252597 March 5, 1878 in Selma, Johnston County. She died in 1903. He then married Jamie A Hodge on May 31, 1904 in Wake County, North Carolina.

Children of Charles Hinton Smith from FindAGrave – RPU 10 Aug 2015

- Eben Bernard Smith 1905 – 1962\*
- Blanche V Smith 1907 - 1923\*
- Graham Larkin Smith 1909 – 1955
- Procter A Smith 1911 – 1967
- Norwood W Smith 1913 – 1989
- James Arthur Smith 1917 – 1980
- Charles H Smith 1925 – 1968

(no number)

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9 October 1840 3:6)

TURNER: M. In Orange county, Mr. William TURNER to Miss Catharine CLENDENIN. . . . (RRsw Tuesday 8 December 1840 3:6)

TYLER: D. At Washington, in this State, Mrs. TYLER, wife of John TYLER, Esq. (RRsw Tuesday 22 September 1840 3:6)

UPCHURCH: M. In this City, on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. BATTLE, Mr. William C. UPCHURCH to Miss Adaline ROYSTER, daughter of Mr. David ROYSTER, all of this City. (RRsw Tuesday 22 December 1840 3:6)

UPTON: M. On the 6th inst., Mr. James UPTON, of Halifax county, to Miss Mary BRUCE, of Northampton [county]. (RRsw Tuesday 21 January 1840 3:5) /// (RRw Friday 24 January 1840 1:6)

VANCE: D. At Steubenville, on the 31st ult., Leut. Joseph C. VANCE, of Wheeling . . . was traveling . . . with his father-in-law, S. SPRIGG, Esq., when the horses ran off and were precipitated with the carriage down a steep bank . . . was the son of Ex-Gov. VANCE, of Hlio [*sic* Neal]. . . . (RRsw Friday 11 September 1840 3:5)

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WALKER: D. At Hillsborough, on the 12th inst., at an advanced age . . . Mr. Carlton WALKER. (RRsw Tuesday 20 October 1840 3:6)

WALKER: D. In Mecklenburg [county] on the 23d . . . Mr. Daniel R. WALKER, aged about 46, leaving a wife and four small children . . . a native of the District of Columbia and . . . a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy. (RRsw Tuesday 3 March 1840 3:6)

WALKER: M. In Orange County on the 22d inst., by the Rev. William PAISLEY, Mr. Fenner M. WALKER of Greensborough, to Miss Frances MEBANE, daughter of David MEBANE, Esq. of Orange [county]. (RRsw Friday 9 October 1840 3:6) /// (RRw Friday 9 October 1840 3:6)

WALL: D. In this County, a few days ago, Mr. Arthur WALL, aged 120 or thereabouts—a Whig of 1776 and a Whig of 1840. (RRsw Tuesday 20 October 1840 3:6)

WARD: M. On the 3d of January last, Mr. William J. WARD, of Onslow [county], to Miss Elizabeth Jane SIMMONS, of Jones county. (RRsw Friday 21 February 1840 3:6) /// (RRw Friday 21 February 1840 3:6) /// (RaNCsw Wednesday 26 February 1840 3:5)

WARREN: M. On the 12th inst., near Edenton, by the Rev. Samuel JOHNSTON, Thomas D. WARREN, M. D.<sup>12</sup>, formerly of Virginia, to Penelope D., daughter of Joseph B. SKINNER, Esq. (RRsw Friday 27 March 1840 3:6)

WATKINS: D. In this City, on Saturday last, in the seventeenth year of her age, Miss Elizabeth Caroline WATKINS, daughter of Bryan WATKINS, Esq., of Greene county, Alabama. . . . bilious fever. . . . (RaNCsw Wednesday 22 July 1840 3:6) /// . . . Saturday the 19th inst. . . . (RRsw Tuesday 28 July 1840 3:6) /// . . . Saturday the 19th inst. . . . on a visit . . . (RRw Friday 31 July 1840 1:6)

WATT: M. In Rockingham, by the Rev. Wm. N. MEBANE, Mr. Robert E. WATT,

<sup>12</sup>Neal has C.

# A GOOD MAN DEAD

VENERABLE CITIZEN OF RALEIGH DIED YESTERDAY.

LIVED THERE 73 YEARS

Probably No Person Living in Raleigh Remembered so Many of the Early Events of the City's History. Leaves 76 Lineal Descendants—More Than 40 Years Member Baptist Church. Funeral Today.

Raleigh Times Feb. 16.

William Clinton Upchurch, doubtless the oldest inhabitant of Raleigh and for more than 65 years a merchant at 15 East Hargett street, died this morning at 4:30 o'clock at his residence, 107 south Wilmington street, at the venerable age of 93 years.

Last night he began gradually sinking. His children surrounded his bedside. More than once he recognized them and called some of his loved ones by name.

Mr. Upchurch was born in Wake county February 14, 1813 and came to Raleigh to live when a very young man. Last Wednesday was his birthday and though stretched upon his bed and almost upon the threshold of the next world he recalled that the day was the anniversary of his birth and mentioned the year in which he was born.

Probably no living person in Raleigh remembered so many of the early events in the city's history. He was a 12 year-old boy when the Marquis La Fayette made his notable visit to the North Carolina capital. When he was lad of 18 the old state house here was burned.

In 1840 Mr. Upchurch and Miss Adeline Royster, daughter of the late David and Susan Royster, were married in this city. Since that date Mr. Upchurch had continuously lived in his home, 107 south Wilmington street. Mrs. Upchurch died 12 years since. Their union was blessed with twelve children.

For more than forty years Mr. Upchurch has been a member of the First Baptist church. He served for a long time on the finance committee and devoted his business talents and his means to the interest of his church. Both he and his wife were baptized by the late Rev. Thos. E. Skinner, D. D.

The funeral of Mr. Upchurch will be conducted from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. F. O. Moring on North Blount street, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited.

This article is from the Winston-Salem Journal dated 17 Feb 1906.