

William Edward Upchurch, Sr**XID – 10464**

Commentary: William Edward Upchurch SR (Eddie) was the son of Benjamin J Upchurch and the grandson of Abel Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan #8. He was born in Alabama and then moved with his family to Clarke Co. MS.

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(no number) Records for two of three sons of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of the Abel Upchurch, Sr/Benjamin Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 2 Sep 2011

1880 Census – MS, Clarke Co, Enterprise			
Name			Age
William Upchurch	head	1830	50
Mary Upchurch	wife	1835	45
John B Upchurch	son	1866	14
George Upchurch	son	1870	10
Richrd Upchurch	son	1875	5
Lonney Upchurch	son	1878	2
Betsie McGaw	mil	1840	40

1880 Census – MS, Clarke Co, Enterprise			
Name			Age
Benja Upchurch	head	1845	35
Almita Upchurch	wife	1850	30
Lucinda Upchurch	dau	1866	14
Eddie Upchurch	son	1877	3
Lizzie McGaw	sd	1861	19
Lottie Upchurch	sis	1840	40
Alla Upchurch	niece	1862	18
Martha Johnson	sd	1869	11
Alonzo Obey	ss	1872	8

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. Benjamin Upchurch 1805 – 1880 (Clarke Co, MS)

1. William Edward Upchurch, I born about 1830 (Marengo Co, AL) died 1880 (Quitman, Clarke Co, MS)

married 1864 (MS) Mary McGraw 1835 – 1873 (after 1880?)

a. John Benjamin Upchurch born 8 Jul 1865 (Clarke Co, MS)

b. George Edward Upchurch born 1870 (Clarke Co, MS)

c. Richard Upchurch born 1875 (Clarke Co, MS)

d. Lonnie Upchurch born 1878 (Clarke Co, MS)

2. Benjamin Newton Upchurch born 1845
 married (1st) 6 Feb 1862 (Lauderdale Co, MS) Hannah J McGraw born () died
 probably 1873?
 married (2nd) 22 Nov 1874 (Clarke Co, MS) Almedia (James) Johnson born 1 Jul
 1841 (MS) died 8 Apr 1906

(see below)

- a. Lizzie McGraw born 1861 (stepdau of BNU)
 - b. Lucinda Upchurch born 1866
 - c. Martha Johnson born Jan 1870 (stepdaughter of BNU)
 - d. Alonzo Obey born 1872 (stepson of BNU)
 - e. **William Edward Upchurch, II (Sr)** “Eddie”
 - f. [Alla Upchurch – niece of BNU – born 1862]
3. Lottie Upchurch born 1840 [sister of BNU] [Anna Charlotte Upchurch –
 “Lottie”]

(1) See 1880 Census – Clarke Co, MS

Eddie Upchurch, age 3 born MS is son of Benjamin Upchurch age 35 born MS

(2) See letter 6 Apr 1983 Genevieve Ellen Tharp to RPU

I. William Upchurch, IV – Head of Clan

A. Abel Upchurch, Sr

1. Benjamin

a. Benjamin N Upchurch

i. **Edwin H Upchurch**

born Jun 1877 (MS)

(3) **W Edwin Upchurch** “Eddie” born Clarke Co, MS

married 1st 13 Apr 1898 (Lauderdale Co, MS) Cora Riley born Feb 1873 (MS)

married 2nd circa 1907 (---) Carrie --- born circa 1889

One child in each marriage

In 1910 this family lived on Bragg Ave in Meridian, Lauderdale Co, MS. (42, Pg 28)

(4) See notes of Mary Beth Parker call 6 Aug 1990 to RPU

W E Upchurch [**W Edwin Upchurch**] born 1879 (Lauderdale Co, MS) married Carrie James
 born 1889 (MS)

(5) See letter 16 Aug 1990 Mary Beth Parker to RPU

1900 Census – Clark Co, MS

W Edwin Upchurch hus born 6 – 1877 22 yrs born MS

Cora Upchurch wif born Feb 1874 26 yrs born MS

Edwin Upchurch son born Feb 1899 1 yr born MS

1910 Census – Lauderdale Co, MS

<u>W E Upchurch</u>	hus	born 1879 (?)	31	born MS
Carrie Upchurch	wif	born 1889	21	born MS
Zella Upchurch	dau	born 1908	1 9/12	born MS

(6) See letter 31 Aug 1990 Mary Beth Parker to RPU

From the 1910 City Directory for Meridian, MS we have obtained the following:

1910 – **W E Upchurch** – Car Inspector – NE Shop

Residence – 810 Bragg Ave, Meridian, MS

Also at 810 Bragg Ave was Carrie Upchurch

There was a John Upchurch who lived at 810 Bragg Ave and who also worked at NE Shop

These individuals are not in the 1920 City Directory for Meridian, MS. Who was John Upchurch, a brother the [sic] **WEU**?

(7) See letter 5 Dec 1990 Gerald Newton Upchurch to RPU

William Edward Upchurch died in the 1940s and is buried in MS. His wife Carrie Upchurch [nee Carrie James] died when she was 40 years old. **WEU** never remarried. He and the housekeeper raised the four boys until he died.

(8) See letter 18 Jan 1991 Gerald Newton Upchurch to RPU

William Edward Upchurch born 4 Jun 1878 (MS) died 5 Jun 1934 (Birmingham, AL) married 2nd Carrie James born 5 Mar 1889 (MS) died 1928 (Birmingham AL). **WEU, Sr** had a son WEU, Jr by his first wife. This son was adopted by a couple who lived in St Louis, MO. They changed his name. The son was visited by **WEU, Sr** circa 1930 +5 but was poorly received by the family who adopted the son.

(9) Item received in letter 1 Oct 1990 Mary Beth Parker to RPU

[From 1910 City Directory of Meridian, MS]

[See image below – CJM 22 Dec 2022]

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 - Uma J B (Mrs J B) trav slsma r 1107 24 ave Hp 749 cumb phone 841
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(11) See letter 31 Jan 1991 Hazel Ruth Bullabaugh to RPU

Sometime between 1910 and 1913 WEU, Sr moved his family from MS to Birmingham, AL. He had three children born in MS and three in AL.

(12) See letter 3 Feb 1991 Hazel Ruth Bullabaugh to RPU

Mr U (WEU, Sr) was having a bad time after his 2nd wife Carrie died in 1928. He tried to work during these depression days and bring up four boys. He loved his boys and did his best for them. Two turned out well and two became black sheep. After WEU, Sr moved to Birmingham, AL there was very little communication with MS relatives. WEU, Sr is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Bonita, MS (which is now considered Meridian, MS). He and his wife Carrie are there in unmarked graves. Along the way the old church was torn down and a new one erected. A road was placed over the two graves.

WEU, Sr and his son Carl once traveled to St, Louis, M to attempt a reconciliation with WEU, Jr to no avail. WEU, Jr totally rejected his father and even changed his name to Edward Ware. However, a telegram dated 1924 was found in the Bible of WEU, Sr in which WEU, Jr was asking for money.

(13) – (11) continued – WEU, Sr died 9 Jun 1935

(14) See letter 24 Feb 1991 Hazel Ruth Bullabaugh to RPU

WEU, Sr had only six children

(15) From letter 20 Mar 1991 Hazel Ruth Bullabaugh to RPU

When we could not find a record of the exact marriage date for William Edward and Carrie James in Lauderdale, we went to Newton County since her family was from that area. We were allowed to go through any and all records.. but one "tome" of the marriage records had been destroyed by fire and yes, wouldn't you know it? It was the one covering the years we were searching for. We learned that only marriage records were kept in the counties and for birth or death records one must go to the capital, Jackson. All those in both County offices plus the nice gentleman who was in the Archives office in Meridian told us that it would be useless. One said no records of births or deaths were kept before 1910 and the other said 1920 but in any case, we needed earlier records than those years.

→ WEU, Sr ↑

(no number) MS – 1880 Census – Clarke Co, MS

1880 United State National Census

Census Place: Enterprise, Clarke, Mississippi

Source: FHL Film 1254664 National Archives Film T9-0644 Page 89C

Name	Rel	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birth	Occ	Fa	Mo
1. Benja Upchurch	self	m	m	w	35	MS	farmer	NC	NC
2. Almita Upchurch	wife	f	m	w	30	MS	keeping house	NC	MS
3. Lucinda Upchurch	dau	f	s	w	14	MS	operative	MS	MS
4. Eddie Upchurch	son	m	s	w	3	MS	-	MS	MS
5. Lizzie McGaw	sdau	f	s	w	19	MS	at home	AL	MS
6. Lottie Upchurch	sister	f	w	w	40	MS	operative	NC	MS
7. Alla Upchurch	niece	f	s	w	18	MS	operative	MS	MS
8. Martha Johnson	sdau	f	s	w	11	MS	operative	Scotl	MS
9. Alonzo Obey	sson	m	s	w	8	MS		MS	MS

I. Abel Upchurch, Sr – Head of Clan

A. Benjamin Upchurch

1. Benjamin Newton Upchurch = #1

#2 = Almedia (James) Johnson

#4 = **William Edward Upchurch, Sr** “Eddie”

#5 = Lizzie McGraw

#6 = Anna Charlotte Upchurch