

William George Upchurch

XID – 108

Commentary: William George Upchurch (1837 – 1895) was the son of Gilbert and the grandson of Nathan Upchurch, head of Upchurch Clan #3. William G. Upchurch was one leading merchants and citizens of Raleigh NC.

Acknowledgements: This Biofile was transcribed by Carla Michaels, one of Cary, NC's finest historians and researcher.

(1) Per attachment #34 – West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co NC Marriage Records

“9 Dec 1863 (date of bond) **W G Upchurch** married E M Upchurch

Bondsman – L D Womble

Witness – J J Ferrell

[same info in letter 31 Oct 1977 Emma Louise Upchurch to RPU]

(2) RPU assumes first name of W G is **William**.

(3) Plaque in Inwood Baptist Church, Wake Co, NC shows:

“The land upon which this church was erected was donated by **W G** and B J Upchurch.

Organized 25 Feb 1877 (25).

(4) Per attachment #35 West letter 18 May 1975 – Wake Co NC Court House – Wills

“**William G Upchurch** to Eleanor Marks Upchurch 26 Oct 1895 – Book Record C, Page 458, File 1993”

[confirmed by Attachment #24]

(5) William Garland Upchurch born 22 Dec 1837 died 31 Oct 1895 married 24 Dec 1863

Eleanor M. --- born 28 Nov died 4 Nov 1927 was the son of Acril Upchurch (29, Page 42)

[Note: Author Morgan is wrong. This data applies to **William George Upchurch**, nephew of Acril Upchurch – RPU]

(6) See Will File – The will of **William George Upchurch** gives dower rights to Eleanor M Upchurch. Executors are Charles H Belvin and two sons of W G Upchurch [Harvey C Upchurch & Delmer H Upchurch] suggests advisors Battle & Mordecai. Witnesses: F H Briggs, Garland Jones

(7) Note: More research shows the William in (5) is definitely **William George Upchurch**, the son of Gilbert Upchurch and grandson of Nathan Upchurch, I – RPU]

(8) 1880 Wake Co NC census shows:

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|----|------------------------------------|----------|
| <u>William G Upchurch</u> | white | male | 42 | born in NC | Merchant |
| E M Upchurch | | female wife | 33 | | |
| Minnie F | | female dau | 12 | | |
| Harvey C | | male son | 10 | | |
| Delsemond | | male son | 7 | (other info shows Delmer H – male) | |
| Bell | | female dau | 4 | | |
| W G Upchurch Jr. | | male son | 2 | | |
| Hawkins Taylor | black | | | servant | drayman |
| Clara Taylor | black | | | servant | cook |
| Bettie Hiller | black | | | servant | nurse |

(9) See deed file re: indenture by B J Upchurch to **W G Upchurch** in which B J Upchurch mortgages 6 parcels of land to W G Upchurch for \$2075 borrowed from W G Upchurch to purchase 1/2 interest in 6 tracts of land – owned by W G Upchurch. Filed 30 Jul 189=83 – See B J Upchurch for names associated, Wake Co, NC

(10) See Deed file – B J Upchurch and **W G Upchurch** purchase 337 1/2 acres from James Dodd and file 12 Jan 1889 a mortgage deed to James Dodd based on \$3000 owed on property – due 1 Jan 1894

(11) See Deed file – B J Upchurch and **W G Upchurch** and their two wives on 1 Oct 1881 file a deed fiving 1 acre to Inwood Baptist Church.

(12) See Deed file – **W G Upchurch** to B Jefferson Upchurch – Filed 14 Feb 1889, Book 105 Page 764

15 5/8 acres in Wake Co NC adjoining Stanford Morgan, James Taylor, Wyatt Williams, C E J Goodwin, S B Emory, land from foreclosure on Peter Young. B J Upchurch paid \$300. Witness V Royster; Clerk of Court = Charles D Upchurch

(13) See Deed File – **W G Upchurch** and wife E M Upchurch sell 1 acre on Holly Springs Rd to Swift Creek Township for Negro School. Public School Committee – B J Upchurch, Bryant Smith, and T J Woodall. Land adjoined John Adams and W G Upchurch. Filed Feb 1883 – Wake Co, NC [Note: Inspect this Negro School Site near St John's Church].

(14) Note Morgan's Book (29) lists William G Upchurch as son of Acril and shows W G Upchurch married Eleanor Marks Upchurch – Reference (18) clearly shows that the **W G Upchurch** who married Eleanor Marks Upchurch was son of Gilbert Upchurch and brother of Nathaniel Upchurch.

(15) In Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, NC William G Upchurch has a 25' x 50' plot in choice site. Stones read:

William G Upchurch 22 Dec 1837, 13 Oct 1895
 and wife Eleanor Marks Upchurch 28 Nov 1844, 4 Oct 1927
 Delmer D Upchurch 12 Apr 1873, 19 Mar 1955
 and wife Ray Dunn 8 Sep 1882, 13 May 1965
 Eulah C Upchurch 27 Jul 1881, 27 Feb 1964 married to
 (1) James H Pollard Dec 1902 – Aug 1915
 (2) Francis D Hessey Feb 1918 – Aug 1918 – His stone not here
 James H Pollard 31 Jan 1870 – 18 Aug 1915

William G Upchurch along with Annie Upchurch were original shareholders in Raleigh Cemetery Association chartered 26 Feb 1869

(16) William Upchurch was son of Gilbert and Lucretia Upchurch. According to 1850 census in hands of Ada Morgan he was 13 years old when census was taken on 17 Aug 1850 (hence born 1837 \pm 1). At the time he was at home with mother, father having died. See Gilbert for details.

(17) Notes from Gettis Upchurch

Among Gilbert's sons were **Bill**, Jeff, Lass, Nathan, Nathaniel
 Bill had 3 sons and 4 daughters all of whom moved to FL
 Jeff went to Bill Upchurch farm at Storm Hill (Rogers Store – Barton's Creek Township)
 in 1865 and stayed 4 years, married Miss Ray and Lena Upchurch was born. Jeff bought
 Woodland with Uncle Bill (**William G Upchurch**).

(18) Notes from Edna Dell Woodcock by RPU 25 Feb 1978

1. She did not know Uncle **William** or Aunt Mock
2. She remembers Delmar Upchurch as son of **Uncle Bill (William)**
3. One of Uncle **William**'s girls was supposedly a little "off"
4. She thinks **Uncle William** died of cancer

(19) See Minutes – First Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC 1812 – 1888

William G Upchurch on membership roll 21 Aug 1874

Several including William g Upchurch excuse accepted for non-attendance 3 Oct 1884

(20) See RPU notes of 25 Feb 1978 visit to Lena Perry

- A. Grandpa Upchurch and **Uncle William** were in business together
- B. Sadie, a daughter of **Uncle William**, got pregnant out of wedlock and she and her mother (Aunt Mocks) moved to FL
- C. Delmer Upchurch, son of **Uncle William**, was President of a FL bank
- D. All of **Uncle William**'s family are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, NC

(21) See 1850 Census Wake Co, NC

William Upchurch, age 13, male, is listed in home with mother Creecy Upchurch (Lucretia) age 46.

(22) See 1870 Census Wake Co, NC – Raleigh

William Upchurch, age 31, male, white, Grocer, RE \$20,000, PP \$5,000, born in NC

wife = Elenor (Eleanor) Upchurch age 25, female, keep house

Children Minnie Upchurch age 2, female

Harvey Upchurch age 8/12, male, born Oct 1869

(23) See 1880 Census – Wake Co, NC – Raleigh

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|------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------------------|
| W G Upchurch | white | male | age 42 | merchant | born in NC as was F&M |
| E M Upchurch | | female | wife | 33 | |
| Minnie F | | female | dau | 12 | |
| Harvey C | | male | son | 10 | |
| Delsemond | | female | dau | 7 | (other info shows Delmer H – male) |
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| Hawkins Taylor | black | | | servant | drayman |
| Clara Taylor | black | | | servant | cook |
| Bettie Hiller | black | | | servant | nurse |

(24) See Upchurch – Harris Bible Recordings

William G Upchurch born 22 Dec 1837, died 13 Oct 1895 Sunday 5:45 AM

The Bible has the inscription “Presented to Eleanor M Upchurch from her husband W G Upchurch”

William G Upchurch and E M Upchurch married 24 Dec 1863

(25) See notes of RPU 24 Feb 179 visit to Dena Lois Upchurch

Page 6 – “**W G Upchurch** was another one of Grandpa’s brothers (Bill). He was a merchant. He and Grandpa (Bartley Jefferson) were in partnership until Bill died.

(26) See extract of Book “History of the University of North Carolina” Volume I (1789 – 1868), Vol II (1868 – 1912). On page 796 of Vol II, a number of individuals donated nearly \$20,000 for the revival of the University in 1875. **W G Upchurch** of Raleigh gave \$100.

(27) See page 33 of West 15 Mar 1979 letter to RPU. **William George Upchurch** born 22 Dec 1837, died 13 Oct 1895 was husband of Eleanor Marks Upchurch.

(28) See notes of 15 Apr 1979 Phone Call Frances Norris to RPU

Nathaniel Smith Upchurch, son of Gilbert Upchurch of the Nathan/ Gilbert Upchurch Dlan, was the first Upchurch to migrate to Florida. He was a brother of **William George Upchurch**.

Frances says **William George Upchurch** was in business with Garland Jones and this gave rise to the son of W G Upchurch being named William Garland Upchurch.

(29) William G Upchurch info received in letter 15 Nov 1977 from Raleigh Cemetery Association to RPU

William G Upchurch born 22 Dec 1837, died 13 Oc 1859

(30) Obituary Notices – Biblical Recorder – Raleigh, NC

W G Upchurch – Business – member of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh. Died in Raleigh 16 Oct 1895. [Note: there follows a date of 1 Jan 1896 – could have been the date of publication? – RPU]

(31) See Notes of RPU 28 Dec 1980 Phone Call to Walter Daniel Martin

Dan says **William George Upchurch** kept the books for Bartley Jefferson Upchurch and cheated Bartley. Dan says **W G Upchurch** was a rascal and plays down the rest of the W G Upchurch family – says that **W Gs** son Harvey Clinton Upchurch and daughter Sadie Rowena Upchurch were ner-do-wells. Dan feels that Bartley and **W G** were not in business together. Dan suggests **W G** not be played up!

(32) See letter 12 Jan 1981 Frank Drew Upchurch Sr to RPU

Frank Drew Upchurch Sr says his grandfather Nathaniel Smith Upchurch never returned to Raleigh, NC but his wife [Sarah Ann Elizabeth Parker] visited her brother-in-law W G Upchurch [**William George Upchurch**] in Raleigh, NC.

(33) Wake Co, NC Census – 1860

A proper entry for **William George Upchurch** on the 1860 census has not been found. However, in 1860 there is a W W Upchurch age 22 listed as a clerk in the home of W C Upchurch (William Clinton Upchurch, I). Since these two are 1st cousins, and since **W G Upchurch** married the daughter of W C Upchurch I and since W G Upchurch is found nowhere else on the 1860 Census, it may be safely concluded that the W W Upchurch and **William George Upchurch** are the same – also the birth dates match – RPU

(34) See letter 22 May 1987 Oliver Wingate Upchurch to RPU

Copied from State Archives, Hall of History – Raleigh, NC

[appears to involve the probate of the will of **William George Upchurch** – RPU] 1896 – C 458

W G Upchurch to:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eleanor M Upchurch | [nee Eleanor Marks Upchurch] |
| Minnie F Norris | [nee Minnie Florine Upchurch] |
| Harney C Upchurch | [Harney Clinton Upchurch] |
| D L Upchurch | [Delmer Demond Upchurch] |
| Belle W Upchurch | [Belle Williamson Upchurch] |
| W G Upchurch | [William Garland Upchurch] |
| Eila G Upchurch | [Eulah G Upchurch] |
| Sadie R Upchurch | [Sadie Rowena Upchurch] |

(35) See letter 13 Jun 1998 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU

She is the great granddaughter of **W G Upchurch** and reports that he had only seven children.

(36) Corporation Records pertaining to:

W G Upchurch – in 1880s and 1890s

obtained from Wake Co, NC Register of Deeds – Apr 1978

In biofiles 29 Mar 1978 – RPU

Extracts:

A. The North Carolina State Exposition” Book A, pages 6, 7, 8

Incorporation before Superior Court Clerk of Wake Co, NC

Articles of Agreement made 30 Jan 1884 and signed by Charles D Upchurch, Clerk Superior Court – 30 Jan 1884

Incorporators: W S Primrose

Thomas M Holt

W H S Burgwyn

R S Tucker

W W Fries

W G Upchurch

Witness: C M Busbee

Business: Holding of an exposition of the products and industries of the state of NC for the purpose of aiding the development of the resources of the state and introducing the influx of capital and desirable immigration.

Incorporation for a period of two years.

Exposition to be held at or near the city of Raleigh in Wake Co, NC.

B. Incorporation of the Raleigh Oil Mill and Fertilizer Company” Book A Pages 11 – 14.

Articles of Agreement made 12 May 1884 and signed by Charles D Upchurch, Clerk of Superior Court 12 May 1884.

Incorporators: B P Williamson

50 slaves

William G Upchurch

50 slaves

Julius Lewis

50 slaves jointly

Nicholas West

Ashley Homa

50 slaves

Samuel R Homa

50 slaves

Samuel F Mordecai

10 slaves

Purpose: Manufacture oil and meal from cotton seed and any other product derived from the manufacture of cotton seed, the buying and selling of cotton seed and various derived substances and the buying, selling, and manufacturing commercial fertilizer and substances used in fertilizer

Place: Raleigh Township, Duration – 30 years

Capital = \$26,000 – can be increased to \$100,000

One share - \$100
 General Board – five directors
 Other Officers – President, Treasurer/Secretary
 First meeting of stockholders – 12 May 1884
 Advertisement made in Evening Visitor as required

C. Incorporation of “The Wake County Cattle Club” Book A Pages 42 – 46

Incorporation Articles drawn and signed by Charles D Upchurch, Clerk of Superior Court 14 Oct 1886.

Business: promotion and breeding of cattle and the distribution of information relating thereto

Place: Raleigh Township

Length: 30 years

Corporation Members

| | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| W C Stronach | <u>W G Upchurch</u> |
| B P Williamson | D S Hudgings |
| C B Edwards | L H Royster |
| R B Raney | Charles E Johnson |
| R S Tucker | W B Grimes |
| J M Heck | George Shellum |
| Richard H Lewis | Charles E Crawford |
| John B Burwell | James McKee |
| Julius Lewis | C M Hawkins |
| M T Norris | H M Tupper |
| George W Poe | T H Murray |
| James Boylan | S F Mordecai |
| J H Crawford | John M Crenshaw |
| Charles H Belvin | Thomas H Briggs |
| J M Sherwood | |

Witness – T H Briggs

Officers – President, 2 VPs, Sec/Treas

First Meeting 22 Oct 1886

Advertisement made in Evening Visitor for 6 weeks

D. Incorporation of “Raleigh Cotton Mills” Book A Page 103 – 106

Articles drawn and witnessed by Charles D Upchurch, Clerk of Superior Court – 20 May 1889.

Business: Spinning, weaving, manufacturing, making and furnishing warps, yarns, cloths, prints or any other fabric of cotton, wool or any other material that is now spun or woven or that may hereafter be spun or woven and may also engage in the mfg of all kinds of knit goods, **bats and shoddy**, etc.

Place: In or near Raleigh, NC – for 30 years

Incorporators and subscribers of stock:

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| R Stanhope Pullen | F T Fuller |
|-------------------|------------|

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| C G Latta | I M Proctor |
| E B Barber | John Ward |
| R S Tucker | Alfred A Thompson |
| Charles H Belvin | <u>W G Upchurch</u> |
| J J Thomas | F O Moring |
| W H Pace | Julius Lewis |
| L R Wyatt | A B Andrews |
| W H Holliman | W C Stronach |
| J S Wynne | James Moore |
| James Boylan | John H Winder |
| C M Hawkins | William Woolcott |
| J A Jones | |

Witness: J W Wynne

Capital = \$100,000 at \$100/ share – can be increased to \$1,000,000

E. Incorporation of “North Carolina Cotton Oil Company” Book A Page 175 – 183

Papers drawn and signed 23 Apr 1892 by Incorporators

Purpose: Mfg and refining cotton seed oil and other vegetable oils – etc. etc. including mfg fertilizers, soap and other saponaceous substances – ginning cotton

Place: Raleigh Township and Charlotte, NC and Wilmington, NC – for 30 years

Capital Stock = \$165,000, 1650 shares @ \$100

Capital Stock Holders:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>William G Upchurch</u> | 1 share in cash and 400 shares in property |
| 2. Julius Lewis | 1 share in cash |
| 3. Thomas M Belk | 1 share in cash and 250 shares in property |
| 4. O N Peet | 1 share in cash and 1000 shares in property |
| 5. T R Chaney | 1 share in cash |
| 6. Edward D Adams | 1 share in cash |
| 7. George A Morrison | 1 share in cash |
| 8. R F Munro | 1 share in cash |

Ralph R Broadbent witnessed some of above (5-8) signatures

E P Maynard witnessed others (1-4)

For some peculiar reason – Ralph R Broadbent appeared on 23 Apr 1892 before Charles Edgar Mills, Commissioner of Affidavits of North Carolina residing in New York, who approved the document [maybe 5-8 were in New York? – RPU] Subsequently, on 27 Apr 1892, John W Thompson, Clerk of Superior Court, Wake Co, NC, noted attached mills affidavit and approved the whole thing.

[Note: Charles D Upchurch – no longer Clerk of Court this date – RPU]

Notice of Incorporation in News and Observer for 6 weeks (complete notice reproduced).

F. Incorporation Amendment “North Carolina Cotton Oil Company” Book A Page 188 – 190
Based on stockholder meeting 20 Oct 1892

Amendment to increase capital stock from \$165,000 to \$250,000

Application signed by **W G Upchurch**, First VP and Justus Ralph, Treasurer

Signed by T R Chaney, President

Notice appeared in News & Observer 21 Oct – 26 Nov 1892 – 31 times – signed by J B Collins,
foreman News & Observer

Approved by John W Thompson, Clerk Superior Court in final form 26 Nov 1892

G. Incorporation of “Mills Manufacturing Co” Wake Co, NC Corporation Records – Book A
Page 194 – 199

Incorporators signed 9 Mar 1893, approved by John W Thompson, Clerk of Superior Court 9
Mar 1893.

Business: 1st: Mfg/ Selling wagons, buggies, carts, drays, spokes, rims, hubs, buckets, tubs,
furniture, and other materials of wood or wood and other material. 2nd: buying and selling of
articles above named and related materials; 3rd: repair of above articles; 4th: making and forging
of iron; 5th: building houses, making bricks; 6th: real estate 7th: storage; 8th: acting as agent; 9th:
grist and flour mill; 10th: other.

Place: In/ Near Raleigh in NC and US – for 30 years

Capital Stock Holders: (\$2,000 each)

William E Ashley

J W Barber

Frank Stronach

J A Jones

John A Mills

J N Holding

F P Moring

Isaac E Emerson (by J D Holding, attorney in fact)

W G Upchurch

Witness: W H King

Capital Stock = \$25,000 (500 shares) can be increased to \$300,000

Officers: Pres, Sec, Board of Directors

(37) Information from Reference 37 Page 62, 63

A. In 1865 William H Dodd and **W G Upchurch** established a retail business on Hargett Street
in Raleigh, NC. They prospered, built the Dodd Building at Wilmington and Martin in 1867, and
after Dodd retired (to become Mayor in 1867, and after Dodd retired (to become Mayor in 1884)
his partner built the Upchurch Building at Market Square in 1886. [Note Market Square was on
Fayetteville Street as on next page E. Benson’s is cited as being on Fayetteville St across from
Market Square]

B. “Captain B P Williamson was certainly one of the most successful, if not the most successful,
of Raleigh’s postbellum businessmen. A Wake county farmer, he purchased a \$75 license to
engage in general commission business in 1865. A few years later **W G Upchurch** joined him to
form Williams and Upchurch, and in 1881 their mercantile business grossed an incredible
\$465,428.77.”

(38) Item(s) in letter 19 Dec 1995 Margaret Blanche Brown to RPU [from various NC Newspapers]

[The W G Upchurch in A, B, and C below refers to William George Upchurch (Great Uncle of RPU)]

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Gilbert Upchurch

1. William George Upchurch – RPU

Names included: J T Breedon, P M Wilson, R H Battle, S B Alexander, Elias Carr, L L Polk, R T Bennett, Fairview Farm – Wake Co, NC (William George Upchurch, owner)

A. 5 MAY 1882 - RALEIGH, NC

— Yesterday Mr. William G. Upchurch sold from his stock farm, to Mr. J. T. Breedon, a prominent and progressive farmer of Bennettsville, S. C., a number of fine cattle from his herd of Jerseys. There was a bull, "Duke of Norfolk," five years old, and three cows, aged nine, seven and two years, each with a calf by her side, the price paid for the lot being \$775. The cattle are all thoroughbreds. It is a regret, to see such splendid stock leave the State.

B. 26 OCT 1888

At the meeting of the Agricultural Society, Mr. W. G. Upchurch was unanimously re-elected president of the society. Mr. P. M. Wilson was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Resolved by the Agricultural Society of North Carolina that R. H. Battle, W. G. Upchurch, S. B. Alexander, Elias Carr and L. L. Polk, be appointed as a committee to urge upon the Legislature of North Carolina to adopt a proper system of sheep husbandry, and that said committee prepare a bill to carry out that object. Adopted.

C. 9 AUG 1889

— Raleigh Cal : There were twenty-five deaths in the city during the month of July, eleven white and fourteen colored. Seven convict a were received at the penitentiary to-day. Three came from Columbus county, two from Randolph county, and two from other places. — Mr. W. G. Upchurch to-day shipped a very fine young Jersey bull to Judge R. T. Bennett, at Wadesboro. Fairview farm is now noted for its fine stock, and its fame is extending into other States.

(39) See NC Supreme Court Case #8709 – Wake County – 1864

Received 1 Feb 1983 by RPU from Grace Williamson (Rec's only 6 sheets out of many in the file.) Entire subject is deferment of William George Upchurch:

- A. 25 May 1864 – Letter to Bureau of Conscription, Richmond, from William W Holden, Office of the NC Standard Newspaper. W W Holden employed **W G Upchurch** as clerk several weeks ago with full knowledge that **W G Upchurch** was a principle of a substitute and not to exempt him from service but became a clerk was needed, **W G Upchurch** being his only clerk and working 10 – 12 hours per day. W W Holden is printer to the State of NC.
- B. Conscription office – Raleigh, NC 25 Jun 1864
A message to the Bureau of Conscription inviting attention to the report of Capt [S B Vaterg? [Walters]] which answers the within interrogation of the Bureau – signed Peter **Malutt?** Col., Commandant of Conscripts for NC.
- C. Bureau of Conscription – Richmond – 16 Jul 1864
Says the relevant Act passed 17 Feb 1864 and **W G Upchurch** was not employed until 2 May 1864 hence the appeal of W W Holden is without merit. The exemption cannot be allowed and the decision of the enrolling officer is affirmed.
- D. Conscription Office – Raleigh, NC 23 Jul 1864
Inform the Ext. 5 Dis. to order **W G Upchurch** to camp – signed Josiah Jones, Lt Act Commandant conscripts – NC.
- E. Letter **W G Upchurch** to Richmond M Pearson – Judge of NC Supreme Court 8 Aug 1864
W G Upchurch was enrolled 3 May 1864 as conscript in spite of being employed by W W Holder whose certificate was produced to Capt. William M Swann, the enrolling officer for 5th Congressional District who postponed final action from 20 May 1864 on. On 20 May 1864 W G Upchurch ordered to Camp Holmes by Capt Samuel B Walters, enrolling officer for 5th Congressional District who postponed final action from 20 May 1864 on. On 20 May 1864 W G Upchurch ordered to Camp Holmes by Capt. Samuel B Walters, Enrolling Officer for Wake Co whereupon **W G Upchurch** filed an appeal to Board of Conscription and has been allowed to remain employed. This day ordered by Capt S W Scott Co C 38th Regt NC Militia that W G Upchurch requests Writ of Habeas Corpus – Signed D G Fowle, W S Mason, W G Upchurch, --JP – M B Royster
- F. State of NC (Supreme Court) to Capt S W Scott – Commanding Co C 38th Regt NC Militia – from Richmond M Pearson Supreme Court Judge 12 Aug 1864
We command you to bring **W G Upchurch** now being detained before me at Richmond Hill forthwith and to receive what shall be considered on that behalf.

(40) Memorial to **W G Upchurch** received in letter 1 Jun 1998 Frances Norris to RPU

In Memoriam
William G Upchurch

Resolution of respect passed at the annual meeting of Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, held June 9th, 1896:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove, by death, since our last annual meeting, Mr **W G Upchurch**, and whereas, Mr Upchurch was at the time of his death one of the Directors of the Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, and contributed greatly to the upbuilding and the success of this enterprise, having been identified with it since its inception; therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we here record our deep sense of loss in his removal, whereby we are deprived of his wise counsels and influence, and our appreciation of his usefulness in life.
2. That we extend the tenderest sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.
3. That these resolutions be inscribed on our minutes, a copy published in the city papers, and a copy also be sent to his family.

J R Chamberlain
Ashley Horne
Jno B Kenney
Committee

This is in black letters on white (aged) satin.

(41) Microfilm of News & Observer specifically searched for William G Upchurch Sr Death

Notice – NC State Library – 2 Jan 1979

Microfilm – News & Observer – 2 July 1895 = 3 Nov 1895 Reel #34

No **W G Upchurch** found for 13 Oct 1895 (Sun) [Date of his death] #61

No Monday 12 Oct 1895 paper on Microfilm (Hence no Monday) #62

15 Oct 1895 (Tues)

2 column obituary

William George Washington Upchurch

born Green Level in Wake Co in Dec 1837

Came to Raleigh in 1858 – employed by his Uncle Mr William C Upchurch

son = Dr Harvey Upchurch, oldest son

7 children: 4 daughters, 3 sons

See Resolution Chamber of Commerce 16 Oct 98

[Note: Read both of these articles hurriedly. They are wonderful tributes to W G Upchurch and cite his many contributions and business associations. He died of stomach cancer after a long and painful illness – at his home on McDowell Street. I need to copy both articles in detail – I suspect 3 errors in the above:

1. Middle name not George Washington
2. William C Upchurch was probably his 1st cousin and not his uncle.
3. Note: I think he was listed in home of mother in 1860 census – RPU]

(42) From: Wake Treasures Register of Deaths – Wake Co, NC Vol 9 No 1 Winter/Spring 1999

| NO | DATE OF DEATH | NAME OF DECEASED | AGE/SEX/COLOR | | | PLACE OF DEATH | M / S | OCCUPATION | CAUSE OF DEATH | WHERE INTERRED | PHYSICIAN | UNDER-TAKER | AFFIANT |
|-----|---------------|------------------|---------------|---|---|----------------|-------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| 291 | 13 | UPCHURCH, Wm G | 57 y | M | W | 219 S McDowell | M | - | Pneumonia | Do | W I Royster | Do | - |

(43) From: Wake Treasures Vol 27 No 1 Winter/ Spring 2007 Page 36

“Branson’s North Carolina Business Directory for 1872 –

Transcribed by Hope Blackford (Wake Co, NC parts only) some items:

State Agricultural Society

Prest. – Hon Kemp P Battle

Recording Secretary – P F Pescud, Sr

Treasurer – William H Jones

Superintendent – J J Litchford

Executive Committee –

G W Blacknall

R B Haywood

J M Heck

W J Hicks

Gen. Robert F Hoke

W C Kerr

A M McPheeters

B P Williamson

W G Upchurch

R W Wynne

Raleigh National Bank of NC

President W H Willard

Cashier – Charles Dewey

Assistant Cashier and Teller John C Blake

Directors –

C Dewey

W J Hawkins

A G Lee

A S Merrimon

R S Tucker

W G Upchurch

W H Willard

(44) Wake Co, NC Deed Book 92 Page 683

Recorded 20 Nov 1886

William George Upchurch and wife sell to R S Stephens and wife for \$100 a parcel of property adjoining Rolf Andrews [Ralph Andrews?] and R S Stephens and others this being the same as parcel sold to **William George Upchurch** by Gray Stephens and wife as recorded in Book 60 Page 143 (RPU does not have copy) and recorded 19 Oct 1880
Note: This parcel may or may not be in RAMCAT – RPU

(45) Email – cc to NC Trip File – Spring 2020

Subject: Upchurch References

From: Hope Blackford <WCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com>

Date: Sat, Apr 10, 2010 10:38 pm

To: "Upchurch, Phil (Write Article)" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

CC TO NC TRIP FILE
SPRING 2010

Hi Phil,

I was typing an index, and copied these entries for you. Hope they may be of use to you.

Hope

Wake County Division of Land Dower – General Index
1820-1854

ORL Microfilm C.099.50108

| | NAME OF WIDOW | BOOK | PAGE | DATE | COMMENTS |
|---|----------------------|------|------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1 | UPCHURCH, Eleanor M. | G | 488 & 185* | 1896 | O&D; *added by J.D.E. |
| 2 | UPCHURCH, Esther | 31 | 279 | 1859 | |
| 3 | UPCHURCH, Margaret | 26 | 180 | 1846 | |
| 4 | UPCHURCH, Martha | 34 | 444 | 1867 | |
| 5 | UPCHURCH, Rebecca J. | 29 | 397 | 1855 | |

The above are almost certainly the following:

1. = nee Eleanor Marks Upchurch, I, XID - 617 – widow of William George Upchurch
2. = nee Esther Byrd XID – 810 – Widow of Hubbard Upchurch
3. nee Margaret Yates – XID – 81 – widow of Burtis Upchurch
4. nee Martha Goodwin XID – 10 – widow of Ruffin Upchurch
5. nee Rebecca Jane Whitaker – XID – 3043 – widow of Bartlett Upchurch

(46) Branson's Directory – Raleigh, NC – Tax Entries – 1891 for farmers in Swift Creek Township, Wake Co, NC. Listings for members of the -----Family

| Name | Post Office | Acres | Value of Property |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| Upchurch, W G | Raleigh | 95 | 750 |
| Upchurch, B J | Raleigh | 602 | 7224 |
| *Williamson & Upchurch | Raleigh | 696 | 3480 |

*This is a company. The principals are Bailey P Williamson and **William George Upchurch**.

(47) Oakwood Cemetery – Original Shareholders – 1969

[Title: Original Shareholders in the Raleigh Cemetery Association – CJM 24 Jul 2020]

Wm G Upchurch 1 share

| ORIGINAL SHAREHOLDERS IN THE RALEIGH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION | | |
|--|---------|--|
| W. E. Anderson..... | 1 share | |
| John Armstrong..... | 1 " | |
| Wm. H. Battle..... | 1 " | |
| K. P. Battle..... | 4 " | |
| R. H. Battle, Jr..... | 1 " | |
| Thos. H. Briggs..... | 1 " | |
| A. P. Bryan..... | 1 " | |
| Thomas Bragg..... | 1 " | |
| John C. Blake..... | 1 " | |
| Douglas Bell..... | 1 " | |
| W. H. Crow..... | 1 " | |
| Wm. R. Cox..... | 1 " | |
| Charles Dewey..... | 1 " | |
| Wm. H. Dodd..... | 1 " | |
| Bryan Grimes..... | 1 " | |
| William Grimes..... | 1 " | |
| R. B. Haywood..... | 1 " | |
| J. M. Heck..... | 2 " | |
| Mrs. and the Misses Hinton..... | 1 " | |
| W. W. Holden..... | 2 " | |
| N. S. Harp..... | 1 " | |
| Robert G. Lewis..... | 1 " | |
| Geo. W. Mordecai..... | 5 " | |
| W. R. Miller..... | 1 " | |
| Rev. Dr. R. S. Mason..... | 1 " | |
| Henry Mordecai..... | 5 " | |
| A. W. Lawrence..... | 1 share | |
| P. F. Pesend..... | 1 " | |
| S. F. Phillips..... | 1 " | |
| R. H. Page..... | 1 " | |
| R. S. Pullen..... | 5 " | |
| Rev. Dr. J. Brinton Smith..... | 1 " | |
| Rev. Dr. Aldert Smedes..... | 2 " | |
| Wm. C. Stronach..... | 1 " | |
| Geo. W. Swepson..... | 1 " | |
| Philip Thiem..... | 1 " | |
| W. W. Vass..... | 1 " | |
| <u>Wm. G. Upchurch</u> | 1 " | |
| John G. Williams..... | 1 " | |
| John W. B. Watson..... | 1 " | |
| B. P. Williamson..... | 1 " | |
| P. A. Wiley..... | 1 " | |
| R. B. Andrews..... | 1 " | |
| W. H. Bagley..... | 1 " | |
| Kemp P. Battle (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| W. M. Boylan..... | 1 " | |
| M. A. Bledsoe..... | 1 " | |
| T. H. Briggs (additional)..... | 2 " | |
| J. N. Bunting..... | 1 " | |
| Geo. T. Cooke..... | 1 " | |
| P. Cowper..... | 1 " | |
| W. R. Cox (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| W. H. Crow (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| C. Dewey (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| J. H. Foote..... | 1 " | |
| Wm. Grimes (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| E. Grisson..... | 1 " | |
| F. J. Haywood..... | 1 share | |
| Ed. Graham Haywood..... | 1 " | |
| J. M. Heck (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| C. B. Harrison..... | 1 " | |
| Thos. G. Jenkins..... | 1 " | |
| King & Whitelaw..... | 3 " | |
| Geo. Little..... | 1 " | |
| T. F. Lee..... | 1 " | |
| T. D. Martin..... | 1 " | |
| Nichols & Gorman..... | 1 " | |
| W. J. Palmer..... | 1 " | |
| J. H. Separk..... | 1 " | |
| W. H. & R. S. Tucker..... | 1 " | |
| An. Upchurch..... | 1 " | |
| J. W. Watson..... | 1 " | |
| John G. Williams (additional)..... | 1 " | |
| Geo. W. Wynne & Co..... | 1 " | |
| R. C. Badger..... | 1 " | |
| E. Burke Haywood..... | 1 " | |
| B. F. Moore..... | 1 " | |
| C. B. Root..... | 1 " | |
| Wm. A. Blount..... | 1 " | |
| Wm. F. Askew has taken, by assignment, the shares of Geo. W. Swepson. | | |
| Total shares..... | 100 | |

(48) Deed Book: --- Page: ---

Rhamkatte → Swift Creek Township → Wake Co, NC

G D Rand and wife M F Rand made a deed on 13 Sep 1887 for \$500 to sell 83 acres to A F Taylor [Albert Ford Taylor]

Adjoins: S Otho Wilson, The Curfman Estate, **W G Upchurch**, others

Beginning crossing of Old Hillsboro Rd [2010 = Tryon Rd] and Raleigh Rd [2010 = Lake Wheeler Rd – RPU] at S Otho Wilson Land – runs westerly along North line of Old Hillsboro Rd to A Emory Corner

Thence N 52 2/4° E 25 1/2 poles to Emory NE Corner

Thence N 72 1/4° W 13 1/2 poles to WGU line

Thence N 3 1/3° E 47 1/2 poles to stake

Thence S 86 1/2° E 41 1/2 poles to stake

Thence S 87° E 122 poles to stake

Thence S 83° E 30 poles to stake

Thence S 16° poles to the road

Thence with road S 47° W 88 1/2 poles to beginning

83 Acres more or less

Being land described in Special Proceedings entitled

¹Mary V D Cooke Administrix against A B Stronach and others in Wake Co Superior Court known as Vandergriff Tract excepting 1 acre owned by Hayes

And being the same land conveyed to E D Rand (G D Rand?) by deed 29 Jun 1886 Book 95 Page 1

Crops for 1887 being reserved by G D Rand

Certified 13 Sep 1887 – W D Haywood JP

Approved 13 Sep 1887 – Charles D Upchurch CSC [Clerk of Superior Court – CJM 24 Jul 2020]

Filed 15 Sep 1887 Book 97 Page 233 J D Adams Register of Deeds

¹ Mary V D Cooke = nee Mary Van Dalen Lindeman whom of George Theodore Cooke who died 1884. The A B Stronach is her son-in-law. – RPU 10 Nov 2009

(49) Wake Co, NC Deed Book 56 Page 40

Deed made 3 Oct 1879

William George Upchurch and wife sell to Bryant Smith 212 acres on Avent Ferry Road – Names and circumstances seem to place their tract in RAMCAT – 5 miles south of Raleigh. Adjoins land of Theo Woodall [Theo J Woodall] and Alfred Jones, deceased.

Woodall's NE corner with his line 88° W 99 4/5 poles to a stake on N side of Old Trace (?) Rd in Jones line

Thence with this line (?) 18° E 95 3/5 poles to a stake in Seamore's Branch

Thence down the same 52 1/2 poles to a poplar on the N side

Thence N (?) 3° E 50 poles to a stake
 Thence E 129 2/3 poles to a stake in the line of the Franklin (?) Tract
 Thence S 3 1/4° W 178 poles to a stake and rock
 Thence to E corner of the Copeland Tract
 Thence 1 3/4° N 58 4/5 poles to center of the Avent Ferry Rd
 Thence along the same 81 3/4° W 93 poles to Mrs Mullins line
 Thence N 1 3/4° E 73 poles to the beginning
 Containing 212 acres – 2 Roods and 23 ---?

Certified Charles D Upchurch Clerk of Superior Court and Probates Judge Registered 4
 Oct 1879 W W White, Register of Deeds, Wake Co, NC

Note: The location of this 212 acres relative to other Upchurch land in RAMCAT is not exactly clear but it has to be in the general area – RPU

(50) From: Wake Treasures Vol 15 No 1 Winter/ Spring 2005 Page 30

Ray, James C v. Fanny Ray

The marriage was dissolved the April Term of Superior Court, 1893. The Pl was a resident of the state twenty-nine years before this action. The parties married in Barton's Creek Township, Wake County, North Carolina --- Feb 1885. The complaint alleges the Def committed adultery with William Upchurch at Falls of the Neuse in July and August 1892.

Crossfile: James C Ray

William George Upchurch

Note: There is no concrete evidence that the William Upchurch referred to here was **W G Upchurch**. However, it is a fact that **W G Upchurch** had owned land in Barton's Creek Township, he was alive as of Aug 1892 and he had a sister-in-law whose people lived in Barton's Creek Township – RPU 22 Dec 2005

(51) Wake – Capital County of NC Vol II Johnson and Murray Page 157, 158

Note: W D Stronach should read W C Stronach – RPU

WEATHER

Farmers relied on experience, their own observations of nature, and to some extent yearly almanacs to plan their growing season. In the 1870s two developments came about in North Carolina for sharing weather-related information. As early as 1871 Raleigh's *Daily Telegram* printed each previous day's temperatures measured at the door of and inside J. A. Jones's Fayetteville Street bookstore. Then in 1877 the state Agricultural Experiment Station in Raleigh began collecting and publishing other information related to weather and crop conditions. These reports were sent in by volunteer correspondents, predominantly farmers, in each county. Agriculture Commissioner Leonidas L. Polk recruited W. G. Upchurch, S. D. Williams, and brothers W. D. and A. B. Stronach, all in the Raleigh neighborhood, and W. B. Smith of Forestville as Wake's first reporters. The station staff assembled data concerning soil temperatures and other agricultural conditions. Gradually they could produce helpful predictions for each of the state's widely differing climatic regions and publish them through mailed reports and bulletins.⁸⁶

86. See, for example, *Telegram* (Raleigh, d.), May–Aug. 1871, passim. The bookstore address was 15 Fayetteville Street. Branson, *N.C. State Directory*, 1872, 224. *N.C. Public Laws*, 1876–1877, cc. 274, 291; Noblin, "Leonidas Polk and the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture," 197–198; Branson, *N.C. State Directory*, 1877–1878, 306; N.C. Experiment Station, *Annual Reports*, 1886, 1887; Schaub, *N.C. Agricultural Experiment Station: First 60 Years*, passim.

(52) From: Wake Treasures Vol 27 No 1 Winter/ Spring 2007 Page 36 [Note: This item is a repeat of Item (43) above. – CJM 25 Jul 2020]

“Branson’s North Carolina Business Directory for 1872 –

Transcribed by Hope Blackford (Wake Co, NC parts only) some items:

State Agricultural Society

Prest. – Hon Kemp P Battle

Recording Secretary – P F Pescud, Sr

Treasurer – William H Jones

Superintendent – J J Litchford

Executive Committee –

G W Blacknall

R B Haywood

J M Heck

W J Hicks

Gen. Robert F Hoke

W C Kerr

A M McPheeters

B P Williamson

W G Upchurch

R W Wynne

Raleigh National Bank of NC

President W H Willard

Cashier – Charles Dewey

Assistant Cashier and Teller John C Blake

Directors –

C Dewey

W J Hawkins

A G Lee

A S Merrimon

R S Tucker

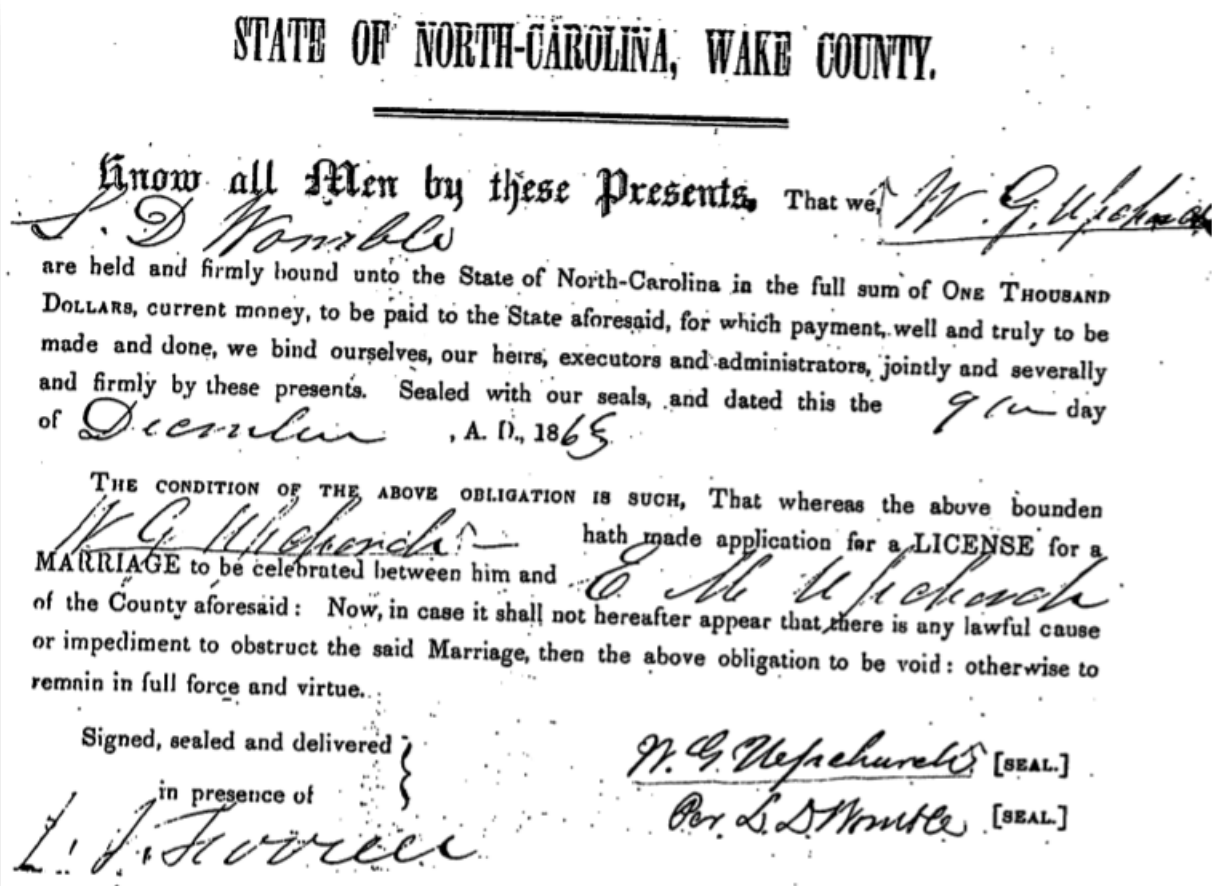
W G Upchurch

W H Willard

(53) Wake – Capital County of NC Vol II Johnson & Murray, Page 153 – Wake County Cattle Club

A Wale County Cattle Club, organized in 1885, began hosting an annual spring Cattle Show in the capital city where hundreds of animals – mostly Jerseys, plus a few Devons, Guernseys, Holsteins, and Ayrshires – were on display. Participants in 1886 included W C McMackin, William B Grimes, W G Upchurch, T B Bridgers, B P Williamson, W C Stronach, Capt, J B Burwell, Dr James McKee, Maj. R S Tucker, M T H Murray, Dr. Richard H Lewis, R B Raney, and Dr. Henry M Tupper, all of Raleigh Township; and Maj. John M Crenshaw of Forestville. While organizers continued calling their event the “Cattle Show,” they later added horses. The 1890 show, held at McMackin’s pavilion stables on Morgan Street, began with all the animals parading down Raleigh’s Fayetteville Street, led by Stanley’s Brass Band. The main features were a butter display and an auction of both cattle and horses.”

(54) From letter Margaret Louise Harris to RPU 5 Dec 1999
Marriage Certificate for William George Upchurch & Ellanor Marks Upchurch.



Crossfile: William George Upchurch, Eleanor Marks Upchurch, I, L D Womble, J J Ferrell

(55) Wake – Capital County of NC Vol I – Elizabeth Reid Murray

Page 573, 574 – Organization of the Raleigh, NC Board of Trade

Early in 1871, local businessmen organized a Raleigh Board of Trade. All merchants, manufacturers, “mechanics,” printers, and other interested businessmen were invited to membership. Incorporators listed in the organization’s charter included the group’s first resident, Col. William E Anderson, John Nichols, William Upchurch, Hen H Adams, A G Lee, M A Parker, W C Stronach, George T Stronach, B F Cheatham, M T Leach, C W Gassette, A M McPheeters, S C Pool, J M Monie, S D Harrison, L D Womble, Julius Lewis, E Besson, and H I Hesselbach. Although its committee of arbitration was active for a while, the board of trade was no longer functioning in the late 1880s when the Raleigh Chamber of Industry was organized.⁶⁷

(56)

William George Upchurch,
a member of the 7th generation of the Upchurch Family in America,

| and his succeeding generations | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 th Generation | 9 th Generation | 10 th Gen | 11 th Gen | 12 th Gen |
| Children | Grandchildren | Gr Grandch. | Gr Gr GC | Gr Gr Gr GC |
| #1 Minnie Florine (U) Norris | #1 Wm Harvey N #2 John U N #3 Delmer M N #4 Frank W N #5 Samuel R N | 0 0 0 1 (Frances*) 0 | 0 0 0 2 0 | 0 0 0 3 ¹ 0 |
| #2 Harvey Clinton Upchurch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #3 Delmer Demond Upchurch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #4 Belle Williamson (U) Upchurch | 5 { Susie E Garland L Eulah B Northern F Marian F | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| #6 Eulah Gartrell (U) (Pollard) Hessey | #1 James H P, Jr. #2 Martha T P #3 Robert C P #4 E Cleo P #5 Louise R P #6 Francis H | 0 2 2 3 7 (includes Peggy*) 2 | 0 9 2 13 15 1 | 0 12 0 1 3 0 |
| #5 William Garland Upchurch | #1 Bruce R U #2 Minnie E (U) Harwell | 0 7 | 0 11 | 0 0 |
| #7 Sadie Rowena (U) Holcombe | #1 John H H, Jr | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 19 | 24 | 53 | 19 |

¹Does not include 3 stepchildren & 1 foster child

*cooperators

(57) Wake County, NC Deed 16 Apr 1881 Book 64 Page 391

William George Upchurch & wife sell two tracts to Wyatt Locklear 63 3/4 acres & 26 3/4 acres

Is this land in RAMCAT – not clear

1st tract 63 3/4 A - \$680

Beginning NE corner of dower land of Elizabeth Moore, widow of Edward Moore thence S 88 1/2° E 118 poles to pine stump thence S 2° W 88 1/4 poles to a stake thence S 86° W 118 1/2 poles to a stake in said dower line thence N 2° E 83 poles along said dower line to the beginning.

2nd tract 26 3/4 A –

Adjoins the above described tract beginning at the NW corner of same running thence S 1/2° W 87 poles to a stake and black gum thence N 85 3/4° W 50 poles to a stake hence 1 1/2° E 84 poles to a stake thence S 85 3/4° E 50 poles to the beginning being land described as No. 6 in the partition ---? in Wake Co entitled Fendoll beavers, William Gulley, et al. Ex parte judgment Book No 26 (22?) Page 65? and purchased by said Upchurch being lands consigned to **W G Upchurch** by D R Upchurch --- by and recorded Book 60 Page 528.

Processed by Charles D Upchurch 17 Apr 1881 – CSC & Probate Judge

Note: Book 64 Page 393 16 Apr 1881 – Records a Deed of Trust made by Wyatt Locklear to secure a mortgage held by **William G Upchurch** – gives description of same land - \$582 mortgage – for 53 3/4 A only.

Note: Book 60 Page 528 records that David Reid Upchurch as a Wake Co, NC Commissioner sold 1 Sep 1880 at the Court House Steps Tracts 1 & 2 above to **William George Upchurch** pursuant to a court case in which J F Lassiter et al sued Martha Lassiter et al for a settlement.

(58) Ramcat, Swift Creek Township, Wake Co, NC

Deed whereby R E L Yates purchased Upchurch land.

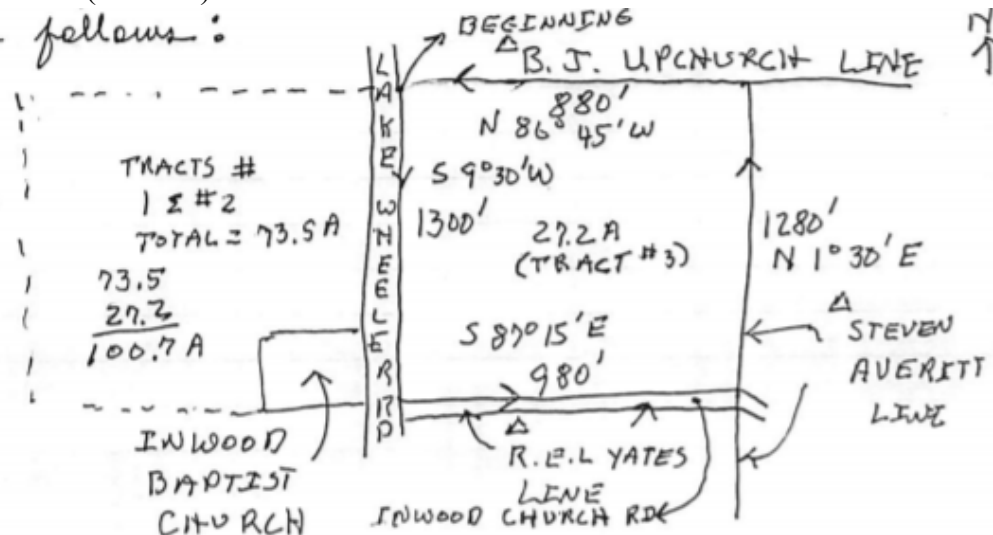
The deed for 27.2 A was made on 16 Mar 1915, the date the parcel was bought by Yates at public auction at the site. The deed was recorded on 8 Feb 1934 in Book 663, Page 183. See Deed File for complete and easily readable copy.

This 27.2 A parcel lies in the SE corner of the large Woodland Plantation to which B J Upchurch moved about 1871. In 1893 Woodland owners B J and **W G Upchurch** and their wives sold 100 A to Eldora Kendall (Wright) Upchurch Book 127, Page 45 1 Jul 1893 [Book 663, Page 183 provides meets and bounds for the 100 acres but seems to omit some bearings and distances – need to vet.] Lake Wheeler Road is referred to as Avent Ferry Road and Penny's Pond Road.

E K W Upchurch and husband John William Upchurch, Sr borrowed on 9 Dec 1913 against the 100 A and gave a Deed of Trust to secure same (Book 282, Page 468 11 Dec 1913). The lender I J Allen utilized Trustee W N Jones who foreclosed as the debt was not serviced. Jones arranged for Riddick and Mann to survey the 100A in Mar 1915. They divided it into Parcels 1 & 2 on the west side of Lake Wheeler Rd (73.5A) and Parcel 3 on the East side (27.2A).

R E L Yates, already owning adjoining land on the South, was the high bidder for the 27.2 A - \$2325.60 (85.50/A). The 16 Mar 1915 Deed describes the 27.2A

as follows:



(59) From Book: Mordecai by Emily Bingham

Re: Moses Mordecai, II – He and his 1/2 (younger) brother George Washington Mordecai were the two key members of the family in Raleigh, NC.

I. Moses Mordecai, I born 1707 (Germany)

A. Jacob Mordecai, I 1762 – 1838

1. Moses Mordecai, II*** born 4 Apr 1785 (NY, NY) died 1 Sep 1824 (VA) – married (1st) 1817 (Raleigh, NC) Margaret Lane¹ “Peggy” born 1786 – died 1821, daughter of Henry Lane who died 1797 leaving her and 3 sisters great Raleigh wealth

married (2nd) 1824 (Raleigh, NC) Nancy Willis Lane² “Ann” born 1794 died 1854

a. ¹Henry Mordecai 1819 – 1875. In 1831 went to Round Hill School in New England. He developed rheumatoid arthritis and always walked with a limp

married (1845) Martha Hinton 1830 – 1901. Had 3 or 4 children

b. ¹Ellen Mordecai, II* 1820 – 1916

married () 1850 (1st cousin) Samuel Fox Mordecai** 1828 – 1952(?) son of Solomon Mordecai born 1792. 2 children.

c. ¹Jacob Mordecai, II 1821 – 1867 “Jake”

d. ²Margaret Lane Mordecai 1824 – 1910

married 1842 () John Devereaux – 8 children.

a, b, c educated in the home of their grandfather Jacob Mordecai, I in Richmond, VA

*Her uncle Sam Mordecai spent the Civil War with her – a note shows she was a widow at the time [yet when did her husband die?]

Is this the same Samuel F Mordecai with whom **William George Upchurch did business in Raleigh, NC – or was there a father and son of the same name? – RPU

***Moses Mordecai II: As the oldest of the 13 children he was a hard driving youth who fell into a law practice in Eastern NC (including Franklin Co, NC). While his siblings helped out at home in Warrenton, NC Moses traveled a circuit and contracted malaria which led to his sheltered life. He soon moved to Raleigh and upon marrying well converted his wife's Plantation Home to reflect the Mordecai name as it does until this day. He refused in 1852 to advance \$ for his brother Sol to establish a medical practice in Mobile, AL.

(60) Upchurch Mentions in Wake – Capital County of North Carolina

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- 103 Olive Chapel Church community is in extreme wester Wake Co – There were Upchurch families in the community by 1780s [John Upchurch III]
- 270n Present at Jan 1858 Merchants Meeting in Raleigh, NC: W C Upchurch [William Clinton Upchurch]; Upchurch & Royster
- 282 John J Upchurch [John J Upchurch] had a machine shop on Morgan Street in Raleigh, NC in the 1840s
- 290 W C U [William Clinton Upchurch] was a Raleigh, NC grocer who in the 1840s provided the Standard newspaper with prices to be published
- 358 In 1850, several families living in the vicinity of New Ruin organized a Baptist
- 358n congregation and about midway the race track road built Olive's or Olive Chapel, named for Rev. Johnson Olive, their neighbor and first pastor. The church's influence on the community became so strong that it was not many years before the bar at the tavern closed down, the betting on races ceased, and promoters of both, in the words of a church historian "either moved into the church or out of the community." The tavern building became a country store, operated by John Upchurch [John Rufus Upchurch? – RP] and his descendants.¹⁴²
- ¹⁴²Grace Lawrence, "A History of Olive Chapel Baptist Church," interview with Carl P Holleman, Apex Town Attorney and local history researcher, based on his informal conversations with western Wake area residents, 1970s. Members of the local John Upchurch family owned the site for some years and are said to have operated their store in the tavern building, which was still standing in the 1970s.
- 521n In the summer of 1865 one Emily Upchurch applied for aid based on the fact that she had formerly relied on the Milburnie Paper Mill destroyed by Yankees
- 562 Branson's NC Business Directory from 1867 – 1872 included Alfred Upchurch's and T G Jenkins Carriage & Buggy factories [partners vs 2 companies? – RPU]
- 563 Bailey P Williamson & Orlando Shay operated the North State Foundry during the Civil War but dissolved the partnership in 1865
- 567 W Upchurch, grocer [William Clinton Upchurch I] was one of several Raleigh business operators that continued to operate during the Civil War or soon reopened
- 568 Pictures 3 buildings on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh NC which housed 4 businesses in the 1870s. One of these housed Edwards & Broughton (see below) upstairs and the Williamson, Upchurch, Thomas Grocery downstairs



- 572 Multistoried buildings started in Raleigh, NC by 4 years after the Civil War included the 3-story brick store at Wilmington & Martin for Upchurch & Dodd [**William George Upchurch**].
- 574 The Raleigh Board of Trade organized in 1871 included William Upchurch [William Clinton Upchurch or **William George Upchurch** – RPU]
- 607n Incorporators of the Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary in 1870 – 1871 included W G U [**William George Upchurch**]
- 652 About 1867 lots were platted in Apex – J R U bought one [John Rufus Upchurch? – RPU]
- 664 Describes Green Level – was on a major road connecting Raleigh and Pittsboro. Its Post Office was an early one to be reopened after the Civil War – Miss A D Upchurch was first post-war postmaster [A D Upchurch =]
The area had at least 7 stores in 1872: John Upchurch [John Upchurch = John Rufus Upchurch? – RPU] + J W Bolling, Howell & Perry. R H Jinks, W S Jinks, J W Mitchell, B M Yates

(61) Upchurch References in Book “Guide to Private Manuscript Collections in the N C State Archives” by Barbara T Cain with Ellen Z McGrew and Charels E Morris 3rd Revised Edition 1981 – RPU has copy. There are 4 articles in which the name Upchurch appears – see below.
Private Collection 1006 – Page 274

1006. Upchurch Papers, 1866 – 1868. 6 items.

US Internal Revenue receipts to William H Dodd and **W G Upchurch** for payment of excise tax on various articles of merchandise.

[This business known as Upchurch – Dodd

-William Henry Dodd

-**William George Upchurch**

-Nathan Upchurch, I/ Gilbert Upchurch Sub-clan – William George Upchurch line]

Mf.P. 61. Upchurch [Store] Account Book, 1827 – 1829, 1845 – 1850. 40 ft.

Journal of accounts at general store of Murray Upchurch and I S Upchurch, with customers from Chatham and Wake counties. A few notes were added by Isom S Upchurch (1845 – 1850).
Volume also known as Chatham Co Store Account Book.

I S Upchurch/ Isom S Upchurch = Isham Sims Upchurch

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Murray Upchurch

1. Isham Sims Upchurch

Microfilm Private Collection 166 – Page 481

Mf.P. 166. Recipe Books, 1802 – 1860. 65 ft.

Manuscript and published recipe books fiving recipes for food, wine, medicine, dye, paint, and cleaning agents, as well as household and garden hints. Original manuscript books belonged to M Lewis (1830, P.C. 1177); Mrs. Martha T Cowles (Wilkes Co, 1846, Southern Historical Collection, UNC); Mrs Mary K Williams (Warren Co, 1858, P.C. 75); and Maggie Upchurch (Raleigh, 1859, P.C. 150). The four published volumes by English and American authors (1802, 1811, 1845, 1860) are from the NC Museum of History Collection.

“Maggie” Upchurch here is Miss Roxanna Margaret Upchurch AKA “Rox”. She married 14 Sep 1860 William Henry Dodd. Her sister Eleanor Marks Upchurch, I married **William George Upchurch**.

“Maggie” was the daughter of William Clinton Upchurch, I, Head of a line in the Nathan Upchurch, I/ Burtis Upchurch Sub-clan.

A.B. 224 Calvin Upchurch, Harrison’s, Franklin Co General merchandise. 1 volume, 1839.
Daybook.

Calvin Upchurch is son of Jubal Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

[I do not recall previous evidence that shows Calvin Upchurch as a merchant – not a surprise. He was enterprising. – RPU]

Book extracted 2 May 2005 - RPU

(62) Item in letter 16 Oct 2004 Danny Calier Bunn to RPU

From: Baptist Biblical Recorder 17 May 1855 P:4 C:2 Raleigh, NC

William George Upchurch

SCCELLANEOUS.

State Agricultural Society.

OFFICIAL.

*Regulations for the government of
to be held in October, 1855.*

ers of the N. C. State Agricultural Society
ed with a badge of membership, upon pay-
ual tax of \$5., and will be required to
during the Fair. This badge will admit
a family and children under fifteen years

of the Society and their families alone will
Tuesday, the day for examination and
judges. All competitors are expected to
be public will be admitted on and after
10 o'clock. Price of admission 25 cents.
servants 12½ cents. Clergymen, Editors
charitable Institutions admitted free.

al Societies and Institutions from other
led to send Delegates. Such Delegates
ed with a complimentary card.

tors who intend to compete for the pre-
ociety, must become members of the same,
articles on the ground and entered at the
ce in Reception Hall, at or before 5 o'clock
ning, Oct. 15th, without fail, so that they
ed in their respective departments, and in
amination by the Judges on Tuesday
o'clock.

ations of the Society must be strictly ob-
bitors, otherwise the Society will not be
the omission of any article or animal not
its rules.

or animal entered for a premium can be

JUDGES TO AWARD PREMIUMS.

1. *Thoroughbred Horses*.—Col. Edmond Towns of Granville, Hon. Chas. Manly of Wake and James W. Patton of Buncombe.

2. *Quick Draught and Saddle Horses*.—Hiram R. Nixon of Wayne, Col. Jos. A. Whitaker of Franklin, and — Hyatt of Guilford.

3. *Heavy Draught Horses*.—John B. Leathers of Orange, Henry T. Clarke of Edgecombe, Charles G. Yates of Guilford.

4. *Jacks and Jennetts*.—Hon. Abram Rencher of Chat- ham, Jno. M. Moody of Northampton, Jno. L. Dancy of Edgecombe.

5. *Mules*.—Wm. Faison sr. of Sampson, Jos. J. Jones of Warren, Ashley Saunders of Johnston.

6. *Short Horn and Durham Cattle*.—Jas. A. William- son of Caswell, Col. Nich. M. Long of Halifax, Wm. K. Lane of Wayne.

7. *Deacons*.—Henry T. Burgwin of Northampton, Henry Elliott of Cumberland, Rev. Josiah Crudup of Granville.

8. *Ayerhires, Alderneys and Herefords*.—T. P. Devereux of Halifax, Col. Isaac T. Avery of Burke, Col. Cad. Jones of Hillsboro'.

9. *Grades and Native Cattle*.—N. W. Woodfin of Buncombe, Owen Fennel of N. Hanover, Wm. Eaton sr. of Warren.

10. *Imported Cattle*.—Dr. Wm. R. Holt of Davidson, Geo. W. Johnson of Caswell, Jno. A. Everitt of Onslow.

11. *Working Oxen*.—Richard K. Smith of Chatham, S. S. Royster of Granville, Jacob Mordecai of Wake.

12. *Fat Cattle*.—Hon. J. M. Morehead of Guilford, El- dridge Smith of Wake, Jacob H. Cooley of Franklin.

13. *Milk Cows*.—Hon. A. W. Venable of Granville, Seth Jones of Wake, T. C. D. McDowell of Bladen.

14. *Sheep—First Class*.—Paul C. Cameron of Orange, R. P. Taylor of Granville, Jas. E. Metts of Brunswick.

15. *Sheep—Second Class*.—Wm. J. Long of Caswell, H. B. Elliot of Randolph, Hugh McLean of Cumberland.

16. *Goats*.—Jno. O'Roke of Wake, — Coppedge of Franklin, Riley Crawford of Wake.

17. *Swine—Large Breed*.—Rich. H. Smith of Halifax, Sylvester Smith of Wake, Col. L. W. Humphrey of Onslow.

18. *Swine—Small Breed*.—Hon. Kenneth Ryner of Hertford, J. C. Smith of Cumberland, Tho. C. Melibenny of New Hanover.

19. *Swine—Native*.—Wm. O. Green of Franklin, C. Wooten of Lenoir, Wright Edmondson of Edgecombe.

20. *Poultry*.—Nich. Arrington of Nash, Thos. J. Black- nal of Granville, Seth B. Jones of Chatham.

21. *Agricultural Productions*.—Patrick Edmondson of Halifax, Abner Mial of Wake, Jos. S. Holt of Alamance.

22. *Farm Products*.—Jas. A. Bullock of Granville, Jo- siah Collins of Tyrell, Samuel A. Spruill of Bertie.

23. *Dairy*.—T. P. Burgwin of Northampton, Ed. G. Reade of Person, Wm. Eaton jr. of Warren.

24. *Feed, Condiments, &c., to No. 14*.—Daniel S. Hill of Franklin, Wm. Upchurch of Wake, Jno. W. Taylor of Chatham.

WILLIAM GEORGE U

(63) Upchurch Citations regarding Agriculture From: "The North Carolina State Fair – The First 150 Years" by Melton A McLaurin. NC Department of Cultural Resources 2003. Citations are

found to George William Upchurch on pages 22, 145 and 196. [No mention is made of his arming partner (brother) Bartley Jefferson Upchurch – RPU]

The North Carolina State Agricultural Society was formed in 1852 and in 1853 initiated The NC State Fair. The fair was suspended during and after the Civil War but reopened in Oct 1869. Our extract picks up on Page 20: (& 21).

William George Upchurch

During the 1870s and early 1880s the increasing popularity of the state fair resulted in an increase in its financial assets. In 1877 the fair's management discontinued the old admission charge based on carriages and buggies and adopted a per-person admission price, set at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, resulting in substantially increased gate receipts. In 1879, aided by a \$2,000 subscription from the citizens of Raleigh, ever zealous in their efforts to keep the fair in their city, the society offered a premium list of \$4,500 in cash. The highly successful fair of 1882 netted \$8,000, and leaders of the society hoped that the large sum would allow it to reduce its debt by half.

This segment shows that William George Upchurch was involved in the finances of the N. C. State Fair in 1883

The leaders' hopes were not fulfilled. Despite the increased receipts, the society found itself in desperate financial trouble by 1883, with a debt of more than \$20,000. It had borrowed \$10,000 from its president, Thomas M. Holt, and an equal sum from the North Carolina Insurance Company, and it owed money to other creditors as well. Although the society had been able to pay the interest on those debts each year, little headway had been made toward reducing the principal. The 1883 fair was only moderately successful, and some of the society's creditors began to demand their money. As a result, the organization assigned all of its cash to treasurer Leo D. Heart and instructed him to pay premiums and current expenses from that sum and to give the remainder to A. Creech, Raleigh businessman; William G. Upchurch; Daniel G. Fowle, Raleigh attorney, state legislator, and governor from 1891 until his death that year; and Robert F. Hoke, Raleigh industrialist and longtime president of the North Carolina Railroad Company, each of whom was an assignee or trustee of a judgment against the society held by several banks and one individual.

(64) NC State Fair – Re: Fertilizers in Agriculture – Page 196

While the tobacco, cotton, textile, and furniture industry transformed North Carolina's agricultural and forest products into finished goods, the fertilizer-manufacturing industry was directly linked to the production of agricultural commodities. Both native and out-of-state fertilizer firms exhibited at the post-Civil War fairs. The Navassa Guano Company of Wilmington, which imported the South American product, exhibited at the fair in 1870, as did a fish guano firm from Norfolk. The Navassa firm exhibited periodically for the remainder of the century, awarding premiums for the best crops grown with its products, a practice soon adopted by several other fertilizer firms and dealers. Those exhibits helped convince North Carolina farmers of the value of commercial fertilizers, contributing both to company profits and improved agricultural practices.

Fertilizer exhibits also helped awaken North Carolinians to the potential of commercial fishing to provide a resource for the manufacture of fertilizer. In 1881 the Upshur Guano Company exhibited a specimen of fish scrap from Beaufort that the company agent described as the best purchased by his company that year. Among additional fertilizer firms exhibiting at the fair during the 1880s and 1890s were the Durham Fertilizer Company, the Canton Chemical Company, the Raleigh Oil Mill and Fertilizer Company, the Caraleigh Phosphate Mills, and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. As in the tobacco and textiles industries, a personal link often existed between the fair and exhibiting firms. William Upchurch, a leader in the State Agricultural Society and at one time its president, was likewise president of the Raleigh Oil Mill and Fertilizer Company, one of the fair's largest exhibitors. A prophetic reporter noted that the fish-scrap business "promises to be a great industry in the future of North Carolina." The increased use of fishmeal in commercial fertilizers led to the creation of a new industry along the state's coast. Throughout the first half of the twentieth century, hundreds of boats from ports such as Beaufort, Swansboro, and Southport set out to capture menhaden where they were transformed into fertilizer in on-shore factories.

A variety of smaller industries continued to exhibit at the post-Civil War fairs. Carriage and buggy manufacturers from several towns were usually well represented. The Tyson and Jones firm of Carthage, the Piedmont Wagon Company of Hickory, and the Hackney Brothers of Wilson were among the largest exhibitors of carriages. Firms from several towns exhibited leather goods, but the work of Elias F. Wyatt and Son dominated the competition in that field from the 1880s until the close of the century. The food-processing industry exhibited at fairs during the 1880s, the largest exhibits coming from Forsyth County.

By the late nineteenth century, North Carolina farmers were using large quantities of imported guano to fertilize their fields. A perennial exhibitor at the late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century fairs was the Navassa Guano Company, located outside Wilmington. This exhibit appeared at the 1884 State Exposition. Photo courtesy of A&H.



This segment reveals the William George Upchurch was President of the Raleigh Oil Mill & Fertilizer Company, one of the Fair's largest exhibitors. He was also a leader in the N.C. State Ag. Society and at one time its President.

Perhaps the fair's most significant achievement in the area of agricultural reform was its introduction of purebred cattle to North Carolina farmers. As late as 1840 there were no purebred cattle in the state, with the possible exception of a few unregistered Shorthorns

and Devons. Purebred cattle, in the form of a registered Shorthorn bull, were introduced in 1841. Livestock exhibits at antebellum fairs reflected North Carolina's lack of purebred cattle. The antebellum fair required no pedigree of any animal exhibited in any class, for such a requirement would have eliminated cattle exhibits. Furthermore, the fair offered premiums not for each breed but for types of cattle, such as milch cows, mixed blood and native cattle, and working oxen, at times placing several breeds, such as Devons, Ayrshires, and Holsteins, in one class. The fact that such breeds were named in the fair's premium lists suggests that some farmers displayed cattle with enough breed-specific traits to be classified as such by the judges, but none of the entries were registered animals.

Fair officials continually sought to improve livestock exhibits in an effort to introduce North Carolina farmers to blooded animals. It offered a premium for cattle from other states and required pedigrees of animals entered in that class. To further encourage farmers to exhibit their cattle, the fair paid the feeding costs of all cattle exhibited. In 1873 the fair began offering premiums for breeds rather than types of cattle; examples of such breeds included Devons, Durhams, Ayrshires, Alderneys, and Brahmas. Still, no pedigree was required of exhibits in any class; rather, judges determined the class in which each animal would be shown. Judges based their decision to enter a specific animal in a breed-premium classification by viewing the animal in question and determining which breed it most resembled. Under that rather primitive practice, one judge, obviously not well acquainted with blooded animals, actually refused to enter a blooded Devon in an exhibit because he did not think the animal looked like a Devon. In 1873 the fair also obtained exhibits of registered, purebred cattle from outside the state, including a Dutch Belted bull from Delaware, Jerseys from Rhode Island and New York, and Devons from New Jersey. Those animals provided North Carolina farmers with visual evidence

Many of the wealthy members of the North Carolina State Agricultural Society exhibited blooded livestock at state fairs of the late nineteenth century.

Among them was Lynn Banks Holt, brother of textile industrialist Thomas M. Holt. Like many of the state's most prominent businessmen, Banks Holt retained an interest in agriculture. Photo courtesy of ASH.

of the superiority of blooded cattle over the vast majority of their native animals.

By 1878, several leaders of the society introduced Jerseys to their farms, among them Rufus S. Tucker, Wake County merchant, planter, and railroad promoter; William Grimes, Pitt County planter; Lynn Banks Holt; and William G. Upchurch, all members of the state's agricultural elite. These men began to exhibit their Jersey herds, and the fair responded by placing an increased emphasis on registered cattle. By 1880 animals with pedigrees received preference over those without, and in 1882 the fair mandated that all bulls exhibited have a pedigree, except those in classes of natives and grades, which were reserved for entries of non-blooded cattle that composed the herds of most North Carolina farmers. By 1883 the society required a pedigree of both bulls and cows exhibited in all classes except natives and grades. By adopting the requirement that potential exhibitors produce a pedigree for exhibits of cattle within any of the breed categories, the fair encouraged North Carolina farmers to develop purebred herds, while at the same time demonstrating to them through purebred exhibits the obvious advantages of doing so.

For the remainder of the century, the fair served as the premier showcase for the blooded livestock of North Carolina's more progressive farmers. Leading North Carolina



cattlemen introduced purebred Ayrshires to the state in 1878, Guernseys in 1882, and Holsteins in 1884. Soon thereafter, those breeds—in all cases the property of State Agricultural Society leaders—appeared at the state fair: Ayrshires and Guernseys in 1885 and Holsteins in 1886. After 1886 the Wake County Cattle Club, many of whose members were leaders of the society, regularly entered excellent blooded-cattle exhibits, as did the state's larger livestock farms, such as the Biltmore Estate and Julian S. Carr's Occaneechee Farm. The fair also continued to feature exhibits of blooded cattle from farms in other states. Herefords appeared at the 1892 fair, decades before there were any Hereford breeders in North Carolina. Additional breeds introduced at the fair by out-of-state breeders included a Brown Swiss bull from Pennsylvania in 1894 and, that same year, Black Angus cattle and a Holstein-Friesian bull that took first prize at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Exhibits of purebred cattle from other states played a major role in the development of North Carolina's purebred cattle industry, as herds of registered breeds could be found in the state soon after they were displayed at the fair. Breeds such as Guernseys, Holsteins, and Ayrshires appeared on exhibit at the fair within two to seven years of being introduced into the state by leaders of the Agricultural Society.

This segment reveals that as of 1878 William George Upchurch was a member of the state's agricultural elite and was showing purebred cattle at the fair. [The cattle with which WGU was associated were no doubt from the Wake Co, NC farm Bartley Jefferson Upchurch operated RPA]

(66) The NC State Fair – The First 150 Years – 2003

The following extract represents individuals of influence with whom William George Upchurch was or could have been associated or – individuals of special interest to RPU.

Numbers = Pages; P = picture

- 5 Dr John F Thompkins of Bath, NC Editor of Farm Journal. His 1852 articles made him father of the NC State Fair
- 6 Charles T Hinton of Wake – 1st President Pro Tem of NC State Agricultural Society
- 6 Joseph G B Rhoulhac of Wake – 1852 Com.
- 7 John S Dancey of Edgecombe 1st President, 102
- 7 William R Pool of Wake – VP
- 7 James F Taylor of Wake – Recording Secretary
- 7 Wilson W Whitaker of Wake – Treasurer
- 7 R W Haywood of Wake – Constitution Com.
- 11 P Thomas Ruffin of Hillsboro, Leader in Pre Civil War Era – 102
- 12 Dr Edward A Crudup – 1854 Leader
- 14, 102 William R Holt – Early Leader
- 14 Edwin M Holt (Brother of W R H)
- 14P Paul Cameron – Very wealthy land owner – Wake, Granville, Orange, son in law of Thomas Ruffin
- 15 Thomas J Lemay – Raleigh Editor
- 16P Kemp Plummer Battle of Louisburg, Leader to restart in 1869
- 17 P Thomas M Holt President 1872 – 1882; son of Edwin M Holt
- 19P Charles N Hunter = 1879 formed NC Industrial Association
- 22 1883 Creditors: A Creech Raleigh Businessman, W G Upchurch, David G Fowle, Raleigh Industrialist
- 24P Richard H Battle President 1897, Brother of KPB
- 24P P Bennchan Cameron President 1895, 107
- 24 Col John S Cunningham President 1898
- 25 Charles McManee (of Vanderbilt Farms) President 1900
- 25 Joseph E Pogue of Raleigh – Treasurer for many years
- 25 Ashley Horne of Clayton President 1905
- 25P Julian Shakespeare Carr of Chapel Hill President 1919
- 26 E L Daughtridge of Nash Vice President area 1900
- 49 P Arthur Pitzer “Art” manages 1965 – 1982
- 102 Success 1853 – 1900 due to Society Leaders including Kenneth Raynes, Paul C Cameron, and Weldon N Edwards
- 145 Leaders who introduced purebred Jersey Cattle: Rufus S Tucker of Wake, William Grimes of Pitt and Lynn Banks Holt (P) and W G Upchurch
- 149P Leonidas L Polk – First NC Commissioner of Agriculture – He supported the Fair
- 149P Marion Butler 1895 Ag Reformer = Sampson County

(67) From letter 25 Sep 2002 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU. The item below is from a series of extracts from papers of Chatham Co, NC. This particular excerpt is from "The Home – Pittsboro Weekly" of Pittsboro, Chatham Co, NC – A H Merritt, Editor and Publisher.

[W G U = William George Upchurch – RPU]

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Fair Notes

We were not on the Fairgrounds till Saturday, and yet we saw and heard many things of interest. The weather had been so desperately bad that the interesting programme for each day were completely spoiled. Never was a fair held under more unfavorable circumstances, and it is surprising and gratifying that it was as successful as it has proved to be. Secretary Nichols told us that the receipts would cover expenditures and but for the bad weather it would have been the most successful Fair held since the war. It is thought that about 8,000 people came in on the railroads.....We were glad to meet Bro. Daniels of the "Chronicle", Bro. Polk, of the "Progressive Farmer", and Dr. Bobbitt of the "Advance".

At a meeting of the society, Mr. W. G. Upchurch was re-elected President by a unanimous vote. Resolutions were passed very complementary to Sec. Nichols. .. Mr. E. G. Harrell was selected to fill Sec. Nichols place. Capt. Jones, the Chief marshal, was presented with a very handsome gold-headed cane by his assistants. We have not seen a list of the premiums awarded, but we know that Chatham got some of them. Mr. John W. Perry cannot be beaten on good fruit. He got fifteen or sixteen premiums. Robert E. Harris of Merry Oaks, bore off 44 blue ribbons _ perhaps a greater number than any other exhibitor. {for vegetable, butter and poultry too numerous to list }

[Names: Nichols, Daniels, Bobbitt, W G Upchurch, E G Harrell, Jones, John W Perry, Robert E Harris – CJM 25 Jul 2020]

(68) 1860 Census – Wake Co, NC Raleigh

In the home of W C Upchurch [William Clinton Upchurch, I] there is a W W Upchurch age 22 Clerk listed at the end. This W W Upchurch is tentatively identified as W G Upchurch, a 1st cousin of W C Upchurch, I. W G Upchurch is not found otherwise on the 1860 census – RPU 29 Apr 2003

(69) See Wake Treasures Vol 13 No 1 Winter/ Spring 2003 Page 23

Fred Turner presents the membership of several Mason Lodges in Wake Co, NC as of 1868. In Raleigh, NC there was Hiram Lodge No. 40. Among about 100 members of this lodge was W G Upchurch. No other Upchurches in this Lodge or in any of the other Wake Co, NC Lodges.

(70) From: Wake Treasures Vol 27 No 1 Winter/ Spring 2007 – Page 36

"Branson's North Carolina Business Directory for 1872.

Transcribed by Hope Blackford (Wake County, NC Parts only)

Some items: Wake County Farmers 1872

146 Farmers

Bartley Jefferson Upchurch & William George Upchurch not listed

SOME ITEMS: WAKE COUNTY FARMERS
1872

| Name | Acres | Value | Post Office |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Adams, Lucy | 258 | 1,280 | Fish Dam |
| Adams, Robert | 1,114 | 3,790 | Morrisville |
| Alford, Clem. | 56 | 352 | Rolesville |
| Alford, Green H. | 1,400 | 2,500 | Apex |
| Allen, A. H. | 325 | 1,100 | Fish Dam |
| Allen, J. E. | 500 | 2,500 | Raleigh |
| Allen, Moses H. | 500 | 2,500 | Dunnsville |
| Alson, W. M. | 708 | 5,848 | Rolesville |
| Avent, John F. | 755 | 1,433 | New Hill |
| Avera, Thos. H. | 750 | 4,000 | Rolesville |
| Baker, A. H. | 406 | 1,600 | Rolesville |
| Barker, Mark | 350 | 1,280 | New Hill |
| Beckwith, Green | 730 | 3,000 | New Hill |
| Belvin, O. W. | 230 | 1,840 | Fish Dam |
| Bledsoe, Moses A. | 854 | 12,190 | Raleigh |
| Booker, A. B. | 202 | 800 | New Hill |
| Boothe, J. H. | 333 | 999 | New Hill |
| Boylan, Wm. | 1,308 | 20,400 | Raleigh |
| Bright, Orren | 332 | 900 | New Hill |
| Bright, Richard | 315 | 800 | New Hill |
| Bright, Wm. | 205 | 713 | New Hill |
| Bunell, Jesse | 375 | 800 | Rolesville |
| Bunn, Jas. | 550 | 1,650 | Wakefield |
| Burt, Jesse A. | 280 | 1,000 | New Hill |
| Burt, John H. | 270 | 1,300 | New Hill |
| Burt, W. H. | 457 | 1,600 | New Hill |
| Chamblee, W. B. | 872 | 3,495 | Wakefield |
| Collins, Eaton | 374 | 1,435 | New Hill |
| Crenshaw, J. M. | 1,050 | 5,512 | Forestville |
| Crowder, W. D. | 745 | 3,600 | Auburn |
| Davis, A. J. | 618 | 2,472 | New Hill |
| Debam, Thos. R. | 2,425 | 9,100 | Rolesville |
| Dozier, William | 330 | 1,400 | Fish Dam |
| Dunn, Dr. J. B. | 1,030 | 8,000 | Rolesville |
| Dunn, L. C. | 543 | 4,344 | Dunnsville |
| Dunn, Peterson | 1,772 | 14,722 | Dunnsville |
| Dunn, R. G. | 1,825 | 8,213 | Eagle Rock |
| Evans, Enoch | 503 | 3,269 | Fish Dam |
| Ferrell, A. F. | 600 | 1,791 | Raleigh |
| Ferrell, Burton | 305 | 1,060 | Fish Dam |
| Ferrell, Dorsey | 491 | 1,572 | Wakefield |
| Ferrell, James | 254 | 1,000 | New Light |
| Ferrell, Mrs. Martha | 382 | 2,420 | Fish Dam |
| Ferrell, W. G. | 598 | 1,196 | Morrisville |
| Ferrell, A. G. | 400 | 1,600 | Fish Dam |
| Fleming, J. & J. R. | 504 | 4,040 | Rolesville |
| Fort, J. F. | 700 | 7,800 | Forestville |
| Fowler, D. G. | 220 | 1,350 | Cary |
| Fowler, Joseph | 1,350 | 4,750 | Rolesville |
| Gill, David | 958 | 5,748 | Forestville |
| Green, William | 311 | 2,428 | Fish Dam |
| Grimes, Wm. | 719 | 14,000 | Raleigh |
| Gulley, John G. | 417 | 3,336 | Fish Dam |
| Halliburton, D. C. | 700 | 4,200 | Fish Dam |
| Harp, J. W. | 990 | 3,960 | Dunnsville |
| Hartsfield, F. J. | 545 | 4,000 | Rolesville |
| Hartsfield, Wesley | 1,068 | 5,000 | Rolesville |
| Haskith, Chas. | 150 | 1,200 | Fish Dam |
| Haywood, Fab. J. | 1,896 | 16,500 | Rolesville |
| Hicks, Thos. | 450 | 3,600 | Fish Dam |
| Hinton, David | 3,500 | 17,500 | Eagle Rock |
| Holland, Alsey | 672 | 1,400 | Apex |
| Holland, Bennett | 408 | 1,632 | New Hill |
| Holland, D. B. | 1,066 | 4,156 | New Hill |
| Holland, Ed. | 807 | 3,500 | New Hill |
| Holleman, W. H. | 951 | 8,796 | Raleigh |
| Horton, Joseph | 702 | 4,000 | Rolesville |
| Howell, B. N. | 644 | 4,830 | Morrisville |
| Hunter, James T. | 1,280 | 7,140 | Dunnsville |
| Hutchins, J. F. | 1,608 | 12,235 | Raleigh |

146 FARMERS
BARTLEY
JEFFERSON
& WILLIAM
GEORGE U
NOT LISTED

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Jones, E. T., estate of | 1,231 | 12,310 | Raleigh |
| Jones, H. W. | 1,015 | 8,060 | Dunnsville |
| Jones, John H. | 2,810 | 16,960 | Auburn |
| Jones, Kimb., estate of | 705 | 4,870 | Dunnsville |
| Jones, M. A. | 1,079 | 4,000 | Apex |
| Jones, Miss Sarah E. | 872 | 3,570 | Rolesville |
| Jones, W. T. | 376 | 1,750 | New Hill |
| King, Allen | 499 | 1,370 | Morrisville |
| Koonce, Richard | 555 | 3,500 | Raleigh |
| Leigh, J. C. | 612 | 3,970 | Rolesville |
| Lynn, Wiley W. | 240 | 1,400 | Morrisville |
| Mangum, P. H. | 744 | 10,130 | Forestville |
| Manly, B. C. | 1,040 | 10,400 | Raleigh |
| McCullers, Edwin | 449 | 2,745 | Fish Dam |
| McDade, W. R. | 232 | 1,210 | Cary |
| Mial, A. T. | 1,522 | 6,849 | Raleigh |
| Montague, H. W. | 1,720 | 7,800 | Rolesville |
| Myatt, W. A. | 1,295 | 4,532 | Auburn |
| Nash, J. B. | 404 | 1,010 | New Hill |
| Norris, J. A. | 1,708 | 3,588 | Apex |
| Norris, Robt. | 225 | 900 | New Hill |
| Norris, Samuel | 754 | 2,700 | New Hill |
| Olive, Merrill | 922 | 4,800 | Morrisville |
| Page, A. F. | 403 | 3,400 | Morrisville |
| Page, Anderson | 1,510 | 9,060 | Cary |
| Page, S. F. | 481 | 1,204 | Morrisville |
| Parker, H. O. | 370 | 2,950 | Auburn |
| Partin, Samuel | 300 | 1,225 | New Hill |
| Peace, Dr. P. P. | 2,668 | 13,924 | Raleigh |
| Pearce, W. E. | 979 | 4,400 | Raleigh |
| Pool, W. R. | 1,875 | 15,800 | Auburn |
| Powell, Caswell | 991 | 4,971 | Auburn |
| Powell, J. D. | 1,469 | 14,490 | Raleigh |
| Price, Needham, est. of | 2,659 | 10,307 | Raleigh |
| Pullen, Joseph | 352 | 1,400 | Rolesville |
| Purefoy, J. S. | 441 | 10,194 | Forestville |
| Rand, Wm. | 430 | 4,300 | Auburn |
| Ray, Wm. | 380 | 1,900 | New Light |
| Redford, Jas. | 772 | 1,250 | Rolesville |
| Richardson, W. H. | 976 | 2,928 | Raleigh |
| Robertson, E. P. | 813 | 3,520 | Rolesville |
| Rogers, Allen | 380 | 2,280 | Cary |
| Rogers, B. Y. | 677 | 2,700 | Morrisville |
| Rogers, J. W. | 849 | 2,547 | Raleigh |
| Rollins, J. B. | 233 | 932 | New Hill |
| Sandford, G. A. | 293 | 1,500 | Rolesville |
| Scarboro, Amos | 213 | 800 | Rolesville |
| Scarboro, Daniel | 836 | 2,400 | Rolesville |
| Scarboro, G. W. | 325 | 1,100 | Rolesville |
| Scott, J. W. | 1,038 | 3,114 | Morrisville |
| Smith, J. W. | 620 | 2,800 | Rolesville |
| Smith, W. B. | 813 | 10,160 | Forestville |
| Somell, Jacob | 784 | 2,029 | Morrisville |
| Somell, M. C. | 777 | 2,500 | Morrisville |
| Stinson, Laud | 660 | 1,100 | Apex |
| Strickland, B. T. | 1,700 | 6,800 | Wakefield |
| Tate, Rebecca B. | 937 | 7,486 | Fish Dam |
| Thomas, H. | 315 | 1,250 | New Hill |
| Thompson, G. W. | 852 | 5,270 | Fish Dam |
| Tucker, W. S. | 311 | 3,732 | Cary |
| Turner, S. S. | 1,336 | 6,348 | Auburn |
| Turner, W. D. | 1,442 | 6,600 | Auburn |
| Unknown, William | 497 | 2,485 | Morrisville |
| Utley, Charlotte | 1,000 | 1,000 | Apex |
| Weatherspoon, R. T. | 386 | 1,355 | Morrisville |
| Whitaker, A. A. | 988 | 10,052 | Cary |
| Whitaker, Wils | 478 | 2,844 | Auburn |
| Wiggins, Mary | 716 | 3,400 | Rolesville |
| Wiggins, Solomon | 617 | 2,868 | Morrisville |
| Wilder, G. H. | 1,409 | 10,667 | Dunnsville |
| Wilson, J. C. | 404 | 1,200 | New Hill |
| Winborne, J. | 898 | 1,796 | Raleigh |
| Winston, Elijah | 460 | 2,300 | Fish Dam |
| Womble, Dawson | 135 | 500 | New Hill |
| Woods, Jas. | 640 | 5,120 | Fish Dam |
| Young, John | 542 | 2,910 | Auburn |

(71) From: Wake Treasures Vol 17 No 2 Summer/Fall 2007 pgs 3-16

"Branson's North Carolina Business Directory"- 1877 and 1878 abstracted by Hope Blackford
(Wake Co, NC parts only)

Wake County Officers- 19 listed

Raleigh Town Officers- 39 listed

3 aldermen for each of 5 wards. 5th Ward:

P. C. Fleming

William G. Upchurch

John Ruffin Williams

3+ magistrates for each of 18 townships including:

Swift Creek TWP: Allen Adams, L. D. Stephenson, J. B. Strain

Mark's Creek TWP: John W. Smith

Raleigh TWP (16 listed): Charles D. Upchurch

Churches: (61 listed) J. C. Marcom (2)

Friendship, Bunn's Level- Baptist

Piney Grove, Raleigh- Baptist

Inwood Baptist, not listed

Hotels (22 listed)

Lawyers (38 listed): J. C. L. Harris

Manufactories (about 80)

A. N. Betts- turpentine- Apex

George T. Cooke- Brick

Alfred Upchurch- carriages

Merchants (100+)

Wm. H. Dodd- grocer, cotton broker

B. W. Starke (agent) Western Union Telegraph Co;

W. D. Upchurch- Grocery

Jane Upchurch (Mrs.)- Dress making

John R. Upchurch (near Raleigh)- Grocer & Liquor

Williamson & Upchurch- Wholesale Grocer & Cotton brokers (BP & **WG**)

In country:

W. W. Upchurch- General Store- Cary

J. W. Eatman- General Store- Asbury

T. Y. Hill- General Store- near Asbury

Ministers

A. N. Betts- Apex- Methodist

James C. Marcom- Holly Springs- Baptist

Mills:

Thomas H. Avera- Grist, Eagle Rock

J. F. Curfman- steam, saw, flour, grist & was (water)- near Raleigh

Pharis Yates- flour, grist & saw (water)- near Raleigh

Newspapers (10)

Physicians (50+)

Thomas H. Avera- Eagle Rock

Schools:

Rev. Jesse H Page- Cary High School- Cary

Charitable Institutions:

Local corporations: 2 for W. P. Upchurch

NC Home Insurance Company, Raleigh-

Directors:

President- Battle, R. H., Jr.

Vice-President- Root, C. B.

Secretary- Devereux, John, Major

Sup't Agencies:

Anderson, W. E.

Andrews, A. B.

Bagley, W. H.

Busbee, C. M.

Carter, D. M.

Howard, G. W.

Hyatt, S.

Jones, R. H.

Morton, T. D.

Nichols, John

Shaffer, A. W.

Smith, W. N. H.

Upchurch, W. G.

Raleigh National Bank of NC, Fayetteville Street

President- Dewey, Chas.

Cashier- Blake, J. C.

Bookkeeper- Mahler, F. L.

Bookkeeper- Belvin, C. H.

Collecting Clerk- Sherwood, Jno. M.

Directors:

Bagley, W. H.

Carter, D. M.

Moring, F. O.

Reade, E. G.

Smith, W. N. H.

Upchurch, W. G.

Farmers (about 100)

W. G. Upchurch, Raleigh

Correspondents: Agricultural Department (6)

Mial, A. T.- Raleigh

Smith, W. B.- Forestville

Stronach, A. B.- Raleigh

Stronach, W. C.- Raleigh

Upchurch, W. G.- Raleigh

Williams, S. D.- Raleigh

(72) See notes of RPU visit 5 Sep 1977 to Adelia Jane Upchurch

Adelia, who was born in 1894, remembers her father, Matthew Robert Upchurch born 1856 died 1938, saying that there were three individuals who lived in Raleigh, NC and all of whom went by the name of Bill Upchurch [presumably William Upchurch]. Her father said these were known by the nicknames of:

Snuff Bill

Whiskey Bill

& **Plain Bill**

My candidates (RPU) for these 3 “Bills” based on general knowledge but on no specific information are as follows:

I. Nathan Upchurch, I – Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. William Clinton Upchurch, I born 1813 died 1906

Probably “Snuff” Bill

a. John William Upchurch, Sre born 1855 died 1935

Possibly “Whiskey” Bill

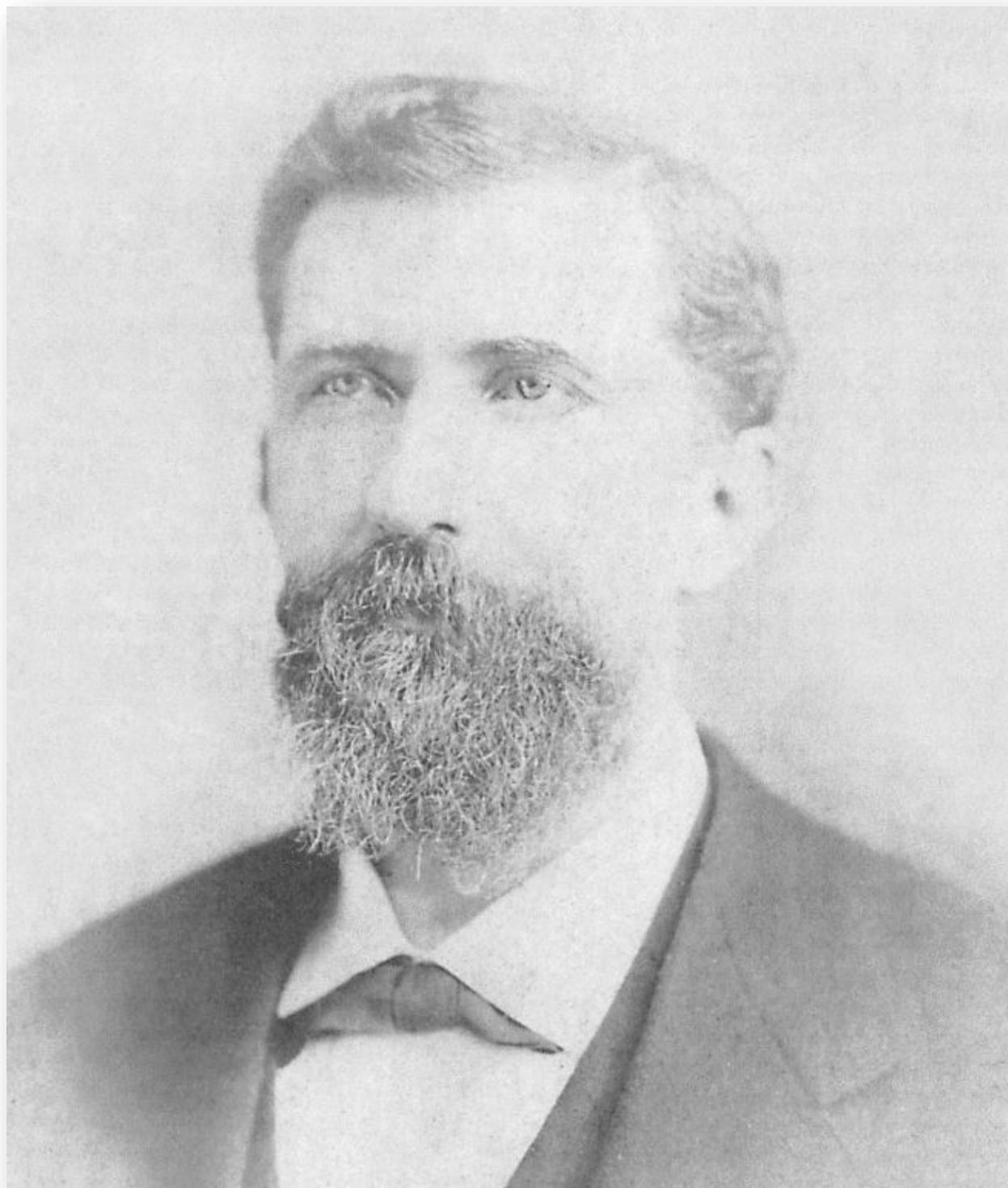
B. Gilbert Upchurch

1. **William George Upchurch** born 1837 died 185

Possibly **“Plain” Bill**

All 3 of the “Bills” would have lived during the period when Matthew Robert Upchurch was an adult. J W Upchurch, Sr was known to enjoy a drink. About “Snuff” I don’t know. W G Upchurch was not really **“plain”**, but this is the best choice.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM G. UPCHURCH.

Resolutions of respect passed at the annual meeting of Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, held June 9th, 1896:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove, by death, since our last annual meeting, Mr. W. G. Upchurch, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Upchurch was at the time of his death one of the Directors of the Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, and contributed greatly to the upbuilding and the success of this enterprise, having been identified with it since its inception; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we here record our deep sense of loss in his removal, whereby we are deprived of his wise counsels and influence, and our appreciation of his usefulness in life.

2. That we extend the tenderest sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.

3. That these resolutions be inscribed on our minutes, a copy published in the city papers, and that a copy also be sent to his family.

J. R. CHAMBERLAIN,
ASHLEY HORNE,
JNO. B. KENNEY,
Committee.

(75) Item in letter 21 Feb 1999 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU
Originally in NC Standard Vol XIV, No 1 30 Dec 1863
Col William Holden, Editor – Raleigh, NC

MARRIED,
In this City on the 24th inst., at the residence of the
bride's father, by the Rev. Thos. H. Pritchard, Mr. W. G.
UPCHURCH to Miss E. M. UPCHURCH, all of this City.

W G Upchurch = William George Upchurch

E M Upchurch = Eleanor Marks Upchurch, I

Thomas H Pritchard

Bride's Father = William Clinton Upchurch, I

(76) The Naaman Mills Family by W A Mills – page 93, 94

I. Abraham Mills

A. Naaman Mills

1. Lucretia Mills

married Gilbert Upchurch

a. William George Upchurch

7. William George Upchurch, son of Gilbert Upchurch and Lucretia Mills, was born 22 Dec 1837 in NC, and died 13 Oct 1895. He married 24 Dec 1863 Eleanor Marks Upchurch (born 28 Nov 1844, died 4 Oct 1927). They were married in Raleigh, NC. They are buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh NC.

William resided in Wake Co, NC (White Oak Township) with his mother on FC/ 1850; and (Raleigh) on FC/ 1870 – 1880.

In 1865, he and William H Dodd established a retail business on Hargett St in Raleigh NC. In 1867, they built the *Dodd Building* at Wilmington and Martin Streets. In 1886, William built the *Upchurch Building* at Market Square in Raleigh. He and Captain B P Williams were partners in the mercantile business. William was one of the *most successful businessmen* of his era in Raleigh, NC. He and his brother, Bartley donated the land for Inwood Baptist Church, Wake Co, NC. William lived to age 57. Their children:

1. Minnie Florine Upchurch (born 12 Oct 1867, died 27 Nov 1960) married 23 Feb 1887 Samuel Basil Norris (born 26 Jul 1854, died 13 Oct 1944). Their child: Frank Wisconsin Norris.
2. Harvey Clinton Upchurch (born 1 Nov 1869, died 21 Jul 1947) married 14 Apr 1895 Anna S Thomason.
3. Delmer Demond Upchurch (born 12 Apr 1873, died 19 Mar 1955) married 20 Feb 1900 Cora Ray Dunn (born 8 Sep 1882, died 19--). Buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, NC.

4. Belle Williamson Upchurch (born 22 Jun 1875, died 21 Mar 1968) married 13 Feb 1897 John Jones Upchurch (born 18 Mar 1862, died 16 Feb 1933). For info on their descendants find John in the index.
5. William Garland Upchurch (born 7 Feb 1878, died 28 Nov 1950) married 20 Jun 1902 Rebecca Pearle Hawkins (born 1 Aug 1882, died 18 Aug 1932). He married 2ndly 19— Hildegard Christian Meyer (born 3 May 1897, died Feb 1979). He is buried at Pinecrest Cemetery, Mobile, AL.
6. Eulah G Upchurch (born 27 Jul 1880, died 27 Feb 1964) married 17 Dec 1902 James Hix Pollard (born 31 Jan 1870, died 18 Aug 1915). She married 2ndly 21 Feb 1918 Francis Dodson Hessey (born 10 Sep 1860, died 16 Aug 1918). Eulah and James' children: James Hix Jr, Martha Trezerant, Robert Carlton, Eulah Cleo, and Louisa Ribidere Pollard. Eulah and Francis' child: Francis Dodson Hessey, Jr.
7. Sadie Rowena Upchurch (born 22 May 1883, died Jul 178) married 2 Jan 1904 John H Holcombe (born 22 Dec 1881, died 29 Jan 1956). Their child: John H Holcombe, Jr.

(77) From: Wake Treasures Vol 13 No 2 Summer/ Fall 2003 Pages 8, 10, 11, 12

Note; Membership from Chapters across NC are given but only the Raleigh NC Chapter is presented below. As of 1886 there would have been movers & shakers of Raleigh NC.

ME Grand Royal Arch Chapter Members in 1866

Transcribed by Fred Turner

Listing of Chapters and Members of the ME Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina

Taken from the Proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation of the ME Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina Held in Fayetteville, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25th and 26th, AL 5886, AI 2416, AD 1886

Printed in Raleigh by Edwards, Broughton & Co, Power Printers and Binders 1886

William G Upchurch

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Nichols, John | Officer | Allcott, Wayne | Member | Hay, T T | Member |
| Blake, Thomas W | Officer | Anderson, W E | Member | Harris, H H | Member |
| Uzzell, Ed. M | Officer | Bain, D W | Member | Hawkins, M J | Member |
| Simpson, Wm | Officer | Belvin, Chas. H | Member | Johnson, Albert | Member |
| Bowes, M | Officer | Busbee, Fabius H | Member | Jones, T A | Member |
| Weir, W J | Officer | Brewster, J C | Member | Lee, A S | Member |
| Whitelaw, John | Officer | Bryan, A P | Member | Matthews, Jonas | Member |
| Badger, Thomas | Officer | Bragg, W H | Member | Mills, J H | Member |
| Grausman, M | Officer | Cole, J W | Member | Mahler, Henry | Member |
| Neathery, J B | Officer | Dodd, W H | Member | Muller, Jacob | Member |
| Bradley, R H | Officer | Davis, W F | Member | Oettinger, Isaac | Member |
| | | Edwards, Cornelius B | Member | Perry, R S | Member |
| | | Fiske, F E | Member | Pescud, John S | Member |
| | | Grissom, E (PGHP) | Member | Shaffer, A W | Member |
| | | Goodwin, M | Member | Snow, George H | Member |
| | | Hicks, Wm J | Member | Sherwood, J M | Member |
| | | Harding, B R | Member | Stronach, W C | Member |
| | | Howle, W T | Member | Sexton, J A | Member |
| | | Heartt, L D | Member | <u>Upchurch, Wm G</u> ↑ | Member |
| | | | | Voorhees, C J | Member |
| | | | | Wallin, Chas. | Member |
| | | | | Williams, Jack R | Member |
| | | | | Worth, H M | Member |
| | | | | Wetherell, W P | Member |
| | | | | Wait, S D | Member |
| | | | | Waitt, D S | Member |
| | | | | Walker, Bernice | Member |
| | | | | Zeigler, George | Member |
| | | | | Watson, Fred A | Member |
| | | | | Jordan, George C | Member |
| | | | | Woodruff, Carle A | Member |

⑦ Excerpts from Notes
of RPU/SSU Visit to
Frances Holt Tilley
on 3 JUN 2004

Bessie Estille U. "Aunt
Bessie" would visit with her uncle W G Upchurch
in Raleigh, NC and thus gain access
to high society. FHT reported that
Aunt Bessie outshone her 1st cousins
such as Belle U. W G U had a
box at the State Theater

(78) Excerpts from notes of RPU/SSU visit to Frances Holt Tilley on 3 Jun 2004. Bessie Estille Upchurch "Aunt Bessie" would visit with her uncle W G Upchurch in Raleigh, NC and thus gain access to high society. FHT reported that Aunt Bessie outshone her 1st cousins such as Bell Upchurch. W G Upchurch had a box at the State Theater.

(79) Wake Co, NC Deed Book 65 Page 652

William George Upchurch and wife sell to Anderson Betts 179 1/4 acres Book 38 Page 652 whereby William George Upchurch agrees to deliver 175 1/4 Acres to said Betts upon payment of \$3,000 to said Upchurch. Payment having been made this deed is executed (registered) 10 Dec 1881 in Book 65 Page 652.

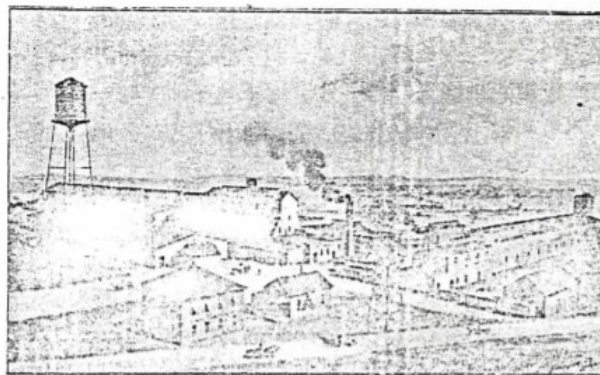
Beginning stake Lawrence Hinton line W 182 poles to a hickory in James Penny line (now owned by T H Briggs) thence N with Penny line 214 1/2 poles to a pine thence to E 160 poles to a hickory thence S 62 poles to a Red Oak thence 166 poles with Nat Whitaker line to Hinton's line thence S with said line about 151 1/2 poles to beginning – Processed 8 Dec 1881 Charles D Upchurch CSC & Probate Judge

Note: As of 24 Jan 2006, RPU does also have a copy of Book 38 Page 652 dated 3 Sep 1874 in which **William George Upchurch** and wife commit to the land transfer shown above (Book 65 Page 652) same land description 5 1/2 miles SW of Raleigh. However, the financial aspects are convoluted – Involves \$6,000 – also a sum \$666.66 1/2 to be paid each Dec (J M Betts & Jacob S Allan (to or from?) Anderson Betts agreed to 28 Aug 1874 and somehow \$1200 re land – somehow Charles H Leat? involved. Processed 3 Sep 1874 J N Bunting Probate Judge.

(80) Copy of color flyer re fertilizer – see below

WE can ship you direct from this factory or deliver through our many local county agents.

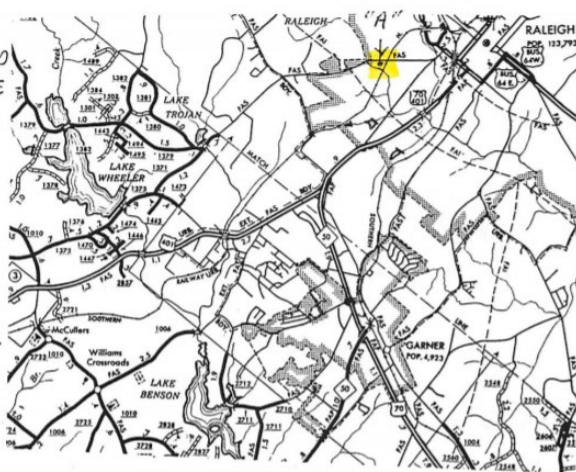
When you want your fertilizer call for “CARALEIGH” brand. When you buy “CARALEIGH” you buy satisfaction.



THE FACTORY

CARALEIGH PHOSPHATE & FERTILIZER WORKS RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTE: THIS “FACTORY” WAS AT LOCATION “A” BOUNDED BY WALNUT CREEK, LAKE WHEELER ROAD & THE RAILROAD. WILLIAM GEORGE U WAS A MAJOR FORCE IN THIS COMPANY. THIS SLICK BROCHURE FEATURES HIS BROTHER BARTLEY JEFFERSON U & WORKER PERCY COTTON - RPU



This factory was at location “A” bounded by Walnut Creek, Lake Wheeler Road & the Railroad. William George Upchurch was a major force in this company. This slick brochure features his brother Bartley Jefferson Upchurch and worker Percy Cotton - RPU

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A WAKE COUNTY FARMER
A "CARALEIGH"
CUSTOMER FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS



A BRAND THAT HAS MADE GOOD AND SERVED OUR
CUSTOMERS FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS
LET US TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT—WRITE US



OATS FIVE TO SIX FEET HIGH ON A WAKE COUNTY
FARM—THE BEST WE HAVE SEEN IN THIRTY YEARS
"CARALEIGH" FERTILIZERS UNDER YOUR CROPS
MEANS MONEY IN YOUR POCKET.

(81) Obituary of William George Upchurch in letter 21 Feb 1999 Margaret Louise Harris, Great Granddaughter of the deceased to RPU originally in The News and Observer (Tue) 15 Oct 1895, Raleigh, NC.

The News and Observer, Tuesday, Oct. 15 '95.

W. G. UPCHURCH DEAD

RALEIGH LOSES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND VALUABLE CITIZEN.

SHORT SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

Beginning Life a Poor Country Lad He Achieved Distinction as a Successful Leader in Mercantile and Industrial Affairs--His Long and Painful Illness, His Last Hours and Imposing and Touching Funeral Services.

Mr. William G. Upchurch died at his home, on McDowell street, in this city Sunday morning at six o'clock, after a long and painful illness.

Perhaps no name in the annals of Raleigh has been more closely interwoven into the industrial fabric of the city than that of William G. Upchurch. For forty years he has been in active business, and during these forty years he has left the imprints of his active brain, his amiable disposition, his bright mind, his good judgment, his aggressive spirit, his boldness, his progressive ideas, his charity, and his liberal views along almost every avenue that has led to the upbuilding of the city and community.

William George Washington Upchurch was born at Green Level, in Wake county, in Dec 1837. He spent his early years, on a small farm and had meager schooling, and few advantages.

He came to Raleigh in 1858, and was employed as a salesman in the store of his uncle, Mr. William O. Upchurch.

During the war Mr. Upchurch was employed as mailing clerk in the office of the Raleigh "Standard."



THE LATE WM. G. UPCHURCH

At the close of the war he formed a co-partnership with the late William H. Holleman and opened a general store at the corner of Hargett and Wilmington streets. A year later Mr. William H. Dodd became a member of the firm. After a short while Mr. Hollaman retired. The firm of Upchurch and Dodd was then formed, and continued until 1873, when it was recognized as one of the leading mercantile establishments in the State. During the year 1873 Mr. Upchurch withdrew from the firm and subsequently formed a co-partnership with Capt. B. P. Williamson and Capt. J. J. Thomas.

For five years the well-remembered establishment of Williamson, Upchurch & Thomas was among the State's recognized leaders in the wholesale grocery and cotton commission business. They occupied the large Grimes building fronting on Fayetteville street and extending back to Salisbury street. In 1878 Capt. Thomas retired from the firm and erected the Thomas building on Wilmington street. The firm of Williamson & Upchurch was continued. They erected the large brick building in rear of the Raleigh National Bank, and to this new building removed their office.

This firm has never been dissolved.

Mr. Upchurch found time, too, to devote to other than mercantile matters.

He never got over his fondness for farm life, and was one of the pioneers of modern farming and fine stock raising in this community. He was a great lover of fine stock and has done much towards instilling into our people the necessity of improvement along this line.

He engaged extensively in manufacturing enterprises and his name and his money have gone willingly into a large number of the manufacturing establishments of the city.

Mr. Upchurch was a very practical man. He was gritty and aggressive, but not visionary. He had faith in the future of the city and showed his faith whenever it was necessary. He was a man of very amiable disposition, harbored no ill-will, and was possessed of no petty jealousies.

He was bold and daring and would sometimes plunge in where others hesitated. He was a smart trader and could hold his own in large trades or small. He was of a very hopeful disposition and never pined over adverse conditions, but was always buoyant with the hope of returning prosperity, and ultimate success.

He has held many positions of honor and trust. He took hold of the State Fair when it was in a bad way and helped to steer it over the breakers.

He was for several years its president, and worked hard in its behalf. He was for years a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and was on its finance committee.

He was a director and vice president of the National Bank of Raleigh, and was one of the builders and for years the manager of the Raleigh Oil and Fertilizer Works.

He was the moving spirit in the establishment of the Caraleigh Cotton Mills, and at his death was President of the Caraleigh Mills and a director in the Caraleigh Phosphate Works.

In the establishment of all these enterprises Mr. Upchurch had taken a prominent part. He gave also of his time and means to churches, schools and charitable institutions.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, and gave liberally towards maintaining his church and its institutions.

Mr. Upchurch was married in 1862 to Miss Eleanor M. Upchurch, daughter of Mr. Wm. O. Upchurch, of this city. His wife and seven children, four daughters

and three sons, survive him. They have in their hour of affliction the sympathy of a very large circle of friends.

Dr. Harvey Upchurch, the eldest son, has been constantly at the bedside of his father, during all those months of extreme illness, doing all that skill and science could suggest to relieve his sufferings and prolong his life. But the disease—cancer of the stomach—was necessarily fatal. Quietly and peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones, the end came, and William O. Upchurch was no more.

The Funeral Services.

The funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church yesterday at 4 o'clock the very large family connections, the pall-bearers, Messrs. O. G. Latta, O. E. Johnson, Julius Lewis, W. S. Primrose, C. B. Edwards, Dr. D. E. Everett, John B. Kenney, J. A. Jones, L. H. Adams, J. R. Chamberlain and O. H. Belvin, the following committee, representing the Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. J. E. Pogue, S. A. Ashe, N. B. Broughton, W. E. Ashley, F. B. Arendell, R. B. Raney, George Allen, T. W. Dobbin, Jos. Ferrall, Lynn Wilder, Wm. Woolcott, D. T. Johnson, Greek O. Andrews, W. B. Mann, J. M. Monie, L. T. Brown, N. W. West and Frank Stronach. Riram Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; in a body, and a large circle of friends met at the residence on McDowell street and followed the remains to the church, where an immense concourse had already assembled.

The choir sang, "Asleep in Jesus."

A passage of scripture was read by Rev. Dr. Cole, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church. Prayer was feelingly offered by Rev. Dr. Skinner, a life-long friend of the deceased. Touching and appropriate remarks were made by the pastor, Dr. Carter, and by Dr. Charles E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest, of which institution Mr. Upchurch was a staunch and valuable friend. A very touching solo, "Good Night," was rendered by Mr. C. W. Newcomb, after which the long procession marched to Oakwood cemetery, where the mortal remains of a good man, a valuable citizen, a kind husband, father and friend, were laid forever away.

The casket was borne by six colored friends of the deceased. They were Maurice Watts, Charles Cardwell, Nelson Dunston, Gaston Hinton, Robt. Holman and Bob Rogers.

Note: There are two errors in this account as follows:

#1 William Clinton Upchurch, I was the 1st cousin of the deceased – not the uncle.

#2 The deceased married on 24 Dec 1863 not 1862

Note also that this is the only known reference to the deceased having "Washington" as a part of his name. Is it valid? – RPU]

(81-continued) Names in Obituary of William George Upchurch who died 13 Oct 189?

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. William C Upchurch – 1 st cousin | Colored Friends/Casket Bearers |
| 2. William H Holleman – partner | 42. Maurice Watts |
| 3. William H Dodd – partner, Raleigh mayor | 43. Charles Cardwell |
| 4. Capt. B P Williamson – partner | 44. Nelson Dunston |
| 5. J J Thomas – partner | 45. Gaston Hinton |
| 6. Eleanor M Upchurch – wife | 46. Robert Holman |
| 7. Dr. Harvey Upchurch – son [Harvey C Upchurch] | 47. Bob Rogers |
| 8. O G Latta – PB | |
| 9. C E Johnson – PB [Charles E Johnson] | PB = Pall Bearers |
| 10. Julius Lewis – PB | COC = Chamber of Commerce |
| 11. W S Primrose – PB | |
| 12. C B Edwards – PB | |
| 13. Dr. D E Stewart – PB | |
| 14. John B Kenney – PB | |
| 15. J A Jones – PB | |
| 16. L H Adams – PB | |
| 17. J R Chamberlain – PB | |
| 18. C H Belvin – PB [Charles H Belvin] [Executor for WGU Will] | |
| 19. J E Pogue – COC | |
| 20. S A Ashe – COC | |
| 21. N B Broughton – COC [Needham Bryant Broughton] | |
| 22. W E Ashley – COC [William E Ashley] | |
| 23. F B Arendell – COC | |
| 24. R B Raney – COC [Richard B Raney] [Founder of Olivia Raney Library] | |
| 25. George Allen – COC | |
| 26. T W Dobbin – COC | |
| 27. Joseph Ferrall – COC | |
| 28. Lynn Wilder – COC | |
| 29. William Woolcott – COC | |
| 30. D T Johnson – COC | |
| 31. Greek O Andrews – COC | |
| 32. W B Mann – COC | |
| 33. J M Monie – COC | |
| 34. L T Brown – COC | |
| 35. N W West – COC [Nicholas W West] | |
| 36. Frank Stronach – COC | |
| 37. Rev. Dr. Cole – Scripture – Pastor of Edenton St Methodist Church | |
| 38. Rev. Dr. Skinner – Prayer – Life-long friend [Thomas E Skinner] [Pastor 1st Baptist Church] | |
| 39. Rev. Dr. Carter – Remarks – pastor | |
| 40. Dr. Charles E Taylor – Remarks – President, Wake Forest College | |
| 41. Mr C W Newcomb – Solo | |

(82) Will: William G Upchurch Wake Co, NC Probated – 26 Oct 1895 Book C, Page 458, File 1993

(1) Residence – Raleigh, NC

(2) To wife Eleanor M Upchurch – dower rights as if died intestate

(3) Executors empowered to manage

(4) Executors:

Charles H Belvin

Son: Harvey C Upchurch

Son: Delmer H Upchurch

(5) Recommends executors consult his personal friend and professional advisors – Battle & Mordecai

(6) Harney and Delmer Upchurch to be guardians of children under 21

(7) Written 24 Aug 1895

(8) Witnesses: F H Briggs

Garland Jones

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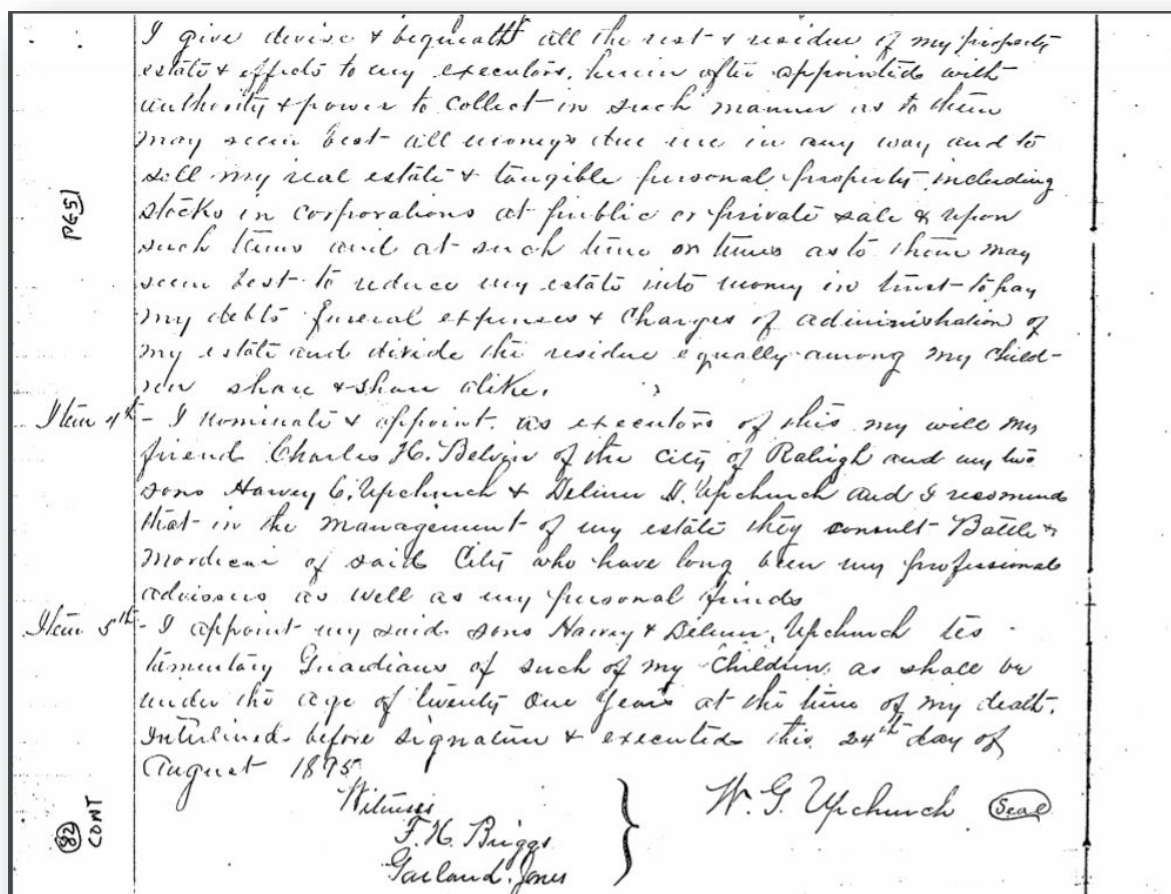
WILLIAM G. UPCHURCH
WAKE COUNTY, NC
RECORD OF WILLS. PROBATED - 26 OCT 1895
BOOK C, PAGE 458, FILE 1993

The Last Will and Testament of W. G. Upchurch, Dec'd.

- PE 50
- X I, William G. Upchurch, of the City of Raleigh & State of North Carolina, being free in body, but of sound mind do make, publish & declare the following to be my last Will & Testament:
- Item 1st I wish my just debts to be paid as soon as may be found practicable, after my death consistently with a prudent administration of my estate for the benefit of all interested therein, and I will that the cost of a suitable monument to be erected at my grave be paid as part of my funeral expenses.
- Item 2nd - I give devise & bequeath to my beloved wife Gleason M. Upchurch such part of my real property & personal estate, as the law would give her as dower, her allowance & distribution share, were I to die intestate.
- Item 3rd - For the purpose of having my estate administered to the best advantage of my Creditors and Wife & children

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I give devise & bequeath all the rest & residue of my property estate & personal estate, here in after appointed with me hereby, & power of sale, in full payment of my debts.



(83) Activities of William George Upchurch

Extract 10 Nov 2009 by RPU

- 1877 Served as crop and weather reporter with Partners W C & A B Stronach
- 1886 Participant of Wake Co Cattle XXXX Show – with W C Stronach
- 1871 Charter Member – Raleigh Board of Trade with W C & G T Stronach
- 1858 Came to Raleigh at age 21 – salesman in store of 1st cousin W C Upchurch I
- 1864 Clerk for Raleigh Standard newspaper Owner W W Holden
- 1865 In Co-Partnership with Wm H Holleman – General store corner of Hargett and Wilmington St – Wm H Dodd
- 1866 Holleman retired and the firm of Upchurch and Dodd continued until 1878 and became a leading mercantile establishment of the state – 1878 WGU witness 1
- 1878 Formed Co-Partnership with Capt B P Williamson and Capt J J Thomas (Thomas retired 1878). Occupied Grimes Building fronting on Fayetteville Street – enter back to Salisbury. Williamson and Upchurch erected a large brick building in rear of Raleigh National Bank

Was a member of the State Board of Agriculture and a finance Com Dir (1872, 1877, 1878) and VP of national Bank and one of the builders. For years the manager of Raleigh Oil Mill and Fertilizer Works. Force behind Caraleigh Cotton Mills and was President at time of his death in Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works

1877 On Executive Committee – Agricultural Society of NC

1877 & 1878 Director NC Home Insurance Company

1891 Branson's Directory Farmer WGU 95A [William George Upchurch]

BJU 620A [Bartley Jefferson Upchurch]

W&U 696A [Williamson & Upchurch]

1870 – 71 Incorporator Raleigh Baptist Female Academy

1869 An original shareholder in Oakwood Cemetery with W C Stronach

1887 WGU retired president – NC Agricultural Society

1868 WGU a Mason – Hiram Lodge No. 40

1875 WGU gave \$100 to revive UNC following closing in Civil War

1884 WGU 1 of 6 Incorporators – NC State Expositions (The State Fair)

1884 WGU one of 7 Incorporators of The Raleigh Oil Mill and Fertilizer Co (involves process of cotton seed)

1886 WGU one of 29 Incorporators of The Wake County Cattle Club including W C Stronach

1889 WGU one of 25 Incorporators of Raleigh Cotton Mills Board W C Stronach

1892 WGU one of 8 Incorporators of NC Cotton Oil Co – WGU – First VP

1881 Williamson & Upchurch grossed \$469,428 in sales

1882 WGU sold purebred stock farm he farmed

1889 WGU ships from the Fairview Farm pure bred cattle

1886 Methodist Episcopal Grand Royal Arch Chapter Member 1886 WGU and W C Stronach

(84) Book: Strickland Records and Family Groups Carla Tate 2007 Wake Co, NC Records Pages 26 – 397 – Items of interest to RPU, page 197

Deed from William G Strickland to Samuel W Atkins 12-16-1858

This Indenture made this the 16th day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and fifty Eight, between William G. Strickland of the first part and Samuel W Atkins of the second part all of the county of Wake and state of North Carolina, Witnesseth that the said WG Strickland for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and sixty one dollars and twenty five cents, has bargained and by these doth grant bargain sell and deliver to the said Samuel W Atkins his heirs and assigns forever, a certain (sic) or parcel of land lying on the waters of Swift Creek & bounded as follows to wit, Beginning at a white oak Said Atkins corner, running west 136 pole to a Stake, William Stewarts corner, thence North 154 ½ pole to a Stake PW Dowds Corner thence East 139 pole (sic) to a Stake, Said Dowds corner, thence South 1 ½ degrees West 154 ½ pole to the first station containing one hundred and thirty two and one fourth acres, with all and every the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and I do hereby covenant to and with the said Samuel W Atkins that I have before the execution of this deed full right absolute and lawfull authority to sell the said Land and premises, and agree hereby to warrant and forever defend the right and title of the same to him the said SW Atkins his heirs and assigns forever, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
WG Upchurch

W G Strickland (seal)

State of North Carolina
 Wake County

Clerk office 16 Decr 1858

The execution of the foregoing Deed was this day
 Duly acknowledged before me by W G Strickland whose name appears thereto Let the
 Same be registered

Thomas J Utley Clerk

Registered in the Register office of Wake County in Book No 22 and Page 281 December 23th
 (sic) 1858

Hinton Hudson Regr

(85) Excerpts of letters 10 & 23 Oct 1980 Frank Jefferson Upchurch, Sr to RPU concerning his recollections about his grandfather, Bartley Jefferson Upchurch.

Dr. Robert Phillip Upchurch
Michael Enterprises
P.O. Box 35804
Tucson, Arizona 85740

Frank, my 1st cousin, relied on his memory for these comments. see my notes below which supplement Frank's memories - RPA

Dear Phillip:

EXCERPTS PERTAINING TO WGLU

Grandpa went into the Confederate Army when he was 16 years old. His brother, Bill wanted to pay someone to take his place, but Grandpa wanted to go and he became a sniper. He used the word "Sharpshooter" instead of sniper. He was wounded three times. He had one of the knuckles on one hand shot off by the man that I wrote about that he killed by shooting him through the frying pan that he had flapping on his back as he ran. This happened as Grandpa was being given his position for sniping for the day.

["BILL" = WILLIAM GEORGE U]

As you know, Bill Upchurch died with a heart attack and he and Grandpa lost everything because Bill had his many businesses mortgaged to the hilt to continue expanding. He was involved with building the first cotton seed oil mill in the south, and the Carolina Cotton Mill in Raleigh and a fertilizer factory. He was also a big investor in a bank and owned a lot of real estate. He had about half interest in the square mile of farm land and the dairy and cotton gin that Granddaddy was operating. When Bill died, his various partners were not able to see that anything could be saved, so they managed to take it for themselves. It was said that if Bill would have lived longer, he would have been very successful.

[DIED OF STOMACH CANCER]

Granddaddy was able to buy the farm, dairy and cotton gin because his neighbors would not allow anyone to bid against him when it was sold at auction.

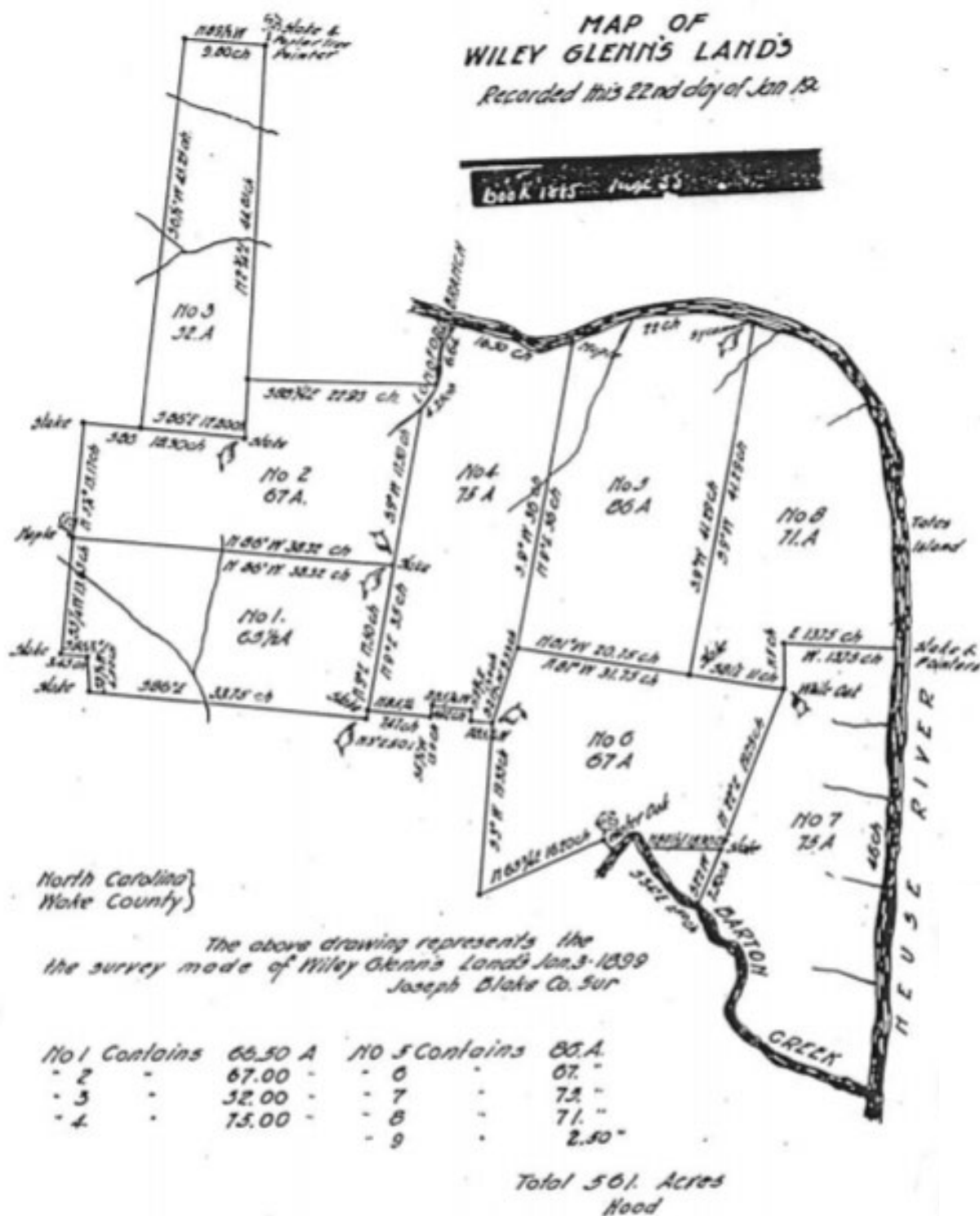
Daddy and Uncle Gettis said that they remember when Granddaddy came home one day and said "Well, I have finished paying for this place for the second time".

(86) Map of land of Wiley Glenn on Neuse River, Wake Co, NC plotted in 1899. Obtained 19 Dec 2005 by ROU from Register of Deeds Office – Total 561 acres – Place in Geographical File – Wake Co, NC – Property Maps. D-1

Note: This map has special significance as it shows the location of Longford Branch which runs into the Neuse – also shows Tates Island.

Crossfile:

Longford Branch Wiley Glenn William George Upchurch Buckner Ray
Willis Thompson



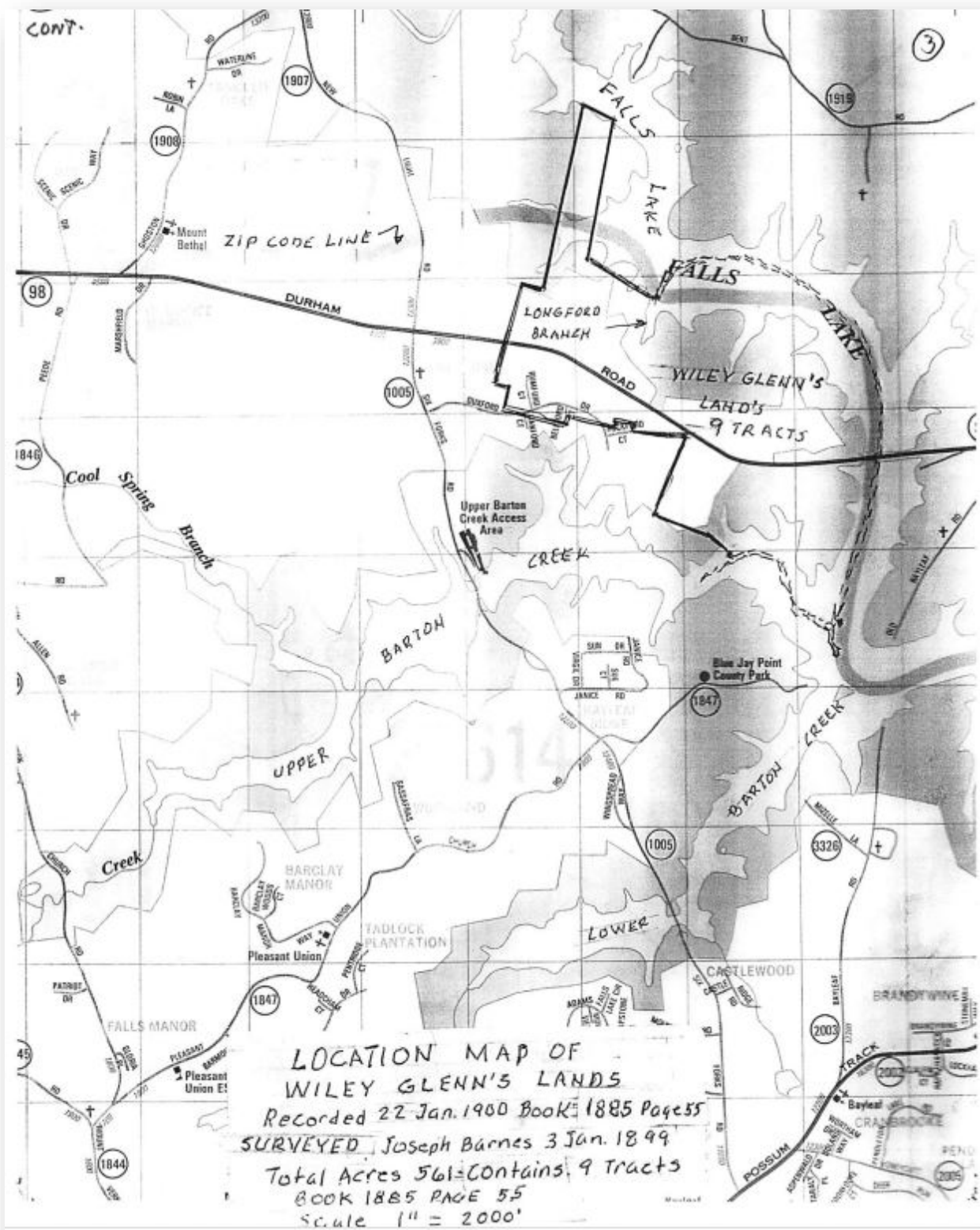
(87) 20 Jun 2006 – RPU

While in Raleigh, NC, rode out to the area of the Upper and Lower Barton Creek Area to get a feel for the land which William G Upchurch bought on Longford Branch and on which Bartley

Jefferson Upchurch lived circa 1868 – 1870. In retrospect I think we looked more at the land between Upper and Lower Barton Creeks – need to go back and look above Upper Barton Creek.

(88) From letter 3 Mar 2006 Marl Ellis Ray to RPU

The attached map of land in Barton's Creek Township of Wake Co, NC in land (561 acres) that belonged to Wiley Glenn as of 22 Jan 1900. This land is on the Neuse River, Upper Barton Creek and on Longford Branch. This is some of the same land (or is next to land) (280 5/8 acres) bought by **William George Upchurch** from Buckner Ray and Willis S Thompson on 12 Feb 1864. The attached version (original in Biofile of Marl Ellis Ray) is an amplification by Marl based on a map sent to Marl by RPU in a letter dated 31 Dec 2005. (next page)



(89) Worksheet to be placed in various biofiles re:

Deed – Wake Co, NC – Book 24 Page 553, 12 Feb 1869

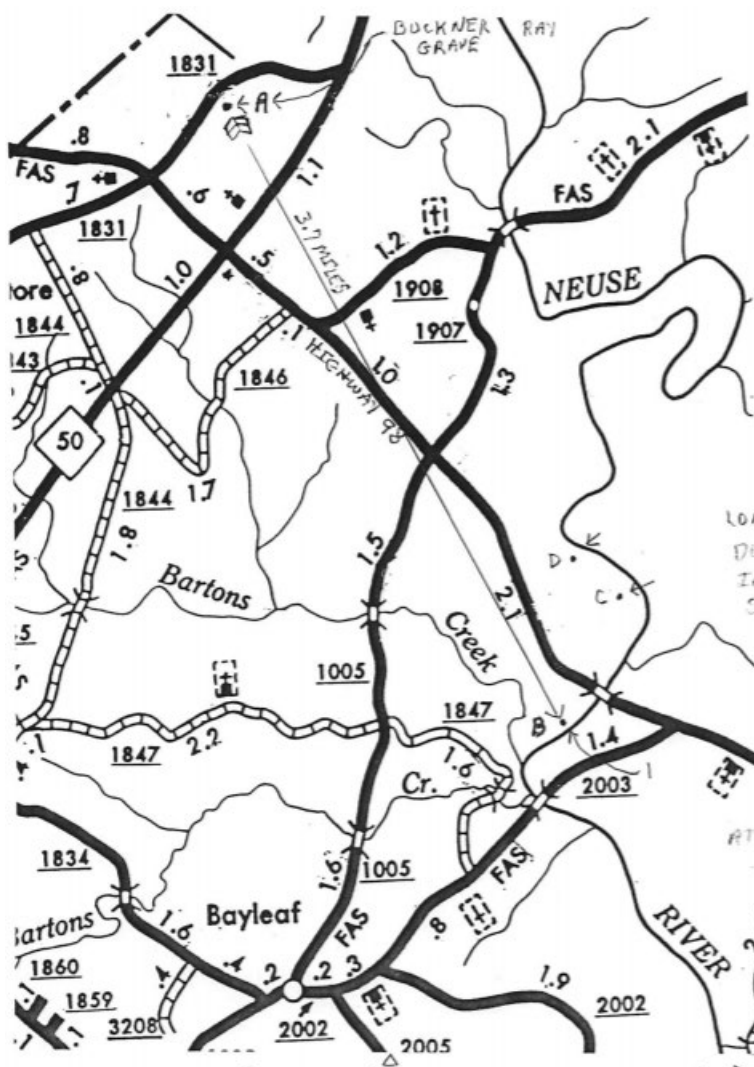
For \$1500 Willis Thompson & Buckner Ray sell 280 5/8 acres on the Neuse River to William Upchurch

Deed Registered 7 Aug 1866

William Upchurch per the deed is a resident of Raleigh, NC. RPU proposes that this is William George Upchurch and that this is the farm on which his brother Bartley Jefferson Upchurch lived and farmed from mid/late 1860s to early 1870s during which period BJU met and married Aurora O Ray, daughter of Buckner Ray. At this point

1. tentatively conclude that G C U is George Clinton Upchurch [son of William Clinton Upchurch, I] [Both of whom William George Upchurch had close relationship with] in spite of the fact that as of 12 Feb 1864 George Clinton Upchurch was only age 16 years 3 months.

(90) Enlarge map of Wake Co, NC in Barton's Creek Township – Re: Buckner Ray Land & Longford Branch



Scale: 1 inch = 3250 feet. The 1899 survey of 561 acres of land of Wiley Glenn places it in the fork of Barton's Creek and Neuse River ("B"). The scale on that survey would place the mouth of Longford Branch at Dot "B". Another interpretation of the survey is that the Wiley Glenn land runs up to the bend of the Neuse at "C". This would place the mouth of Longford Branch at Point "D".

So, the 280 5/8 acres sold on 12 Feb 1864 (registered 7 Aug 1866) by Willis Thompson and Buckner Ray to William Upchurch (**William George Upchurch**) would be located either:

- #1 between "B" and present-day Highway 98
- or #2 just up river from "D"

Note that point "B" is 3.7 miles from the grave of Buckner Ray.

(91) From: *In the Shade of Oaks* by Margaret Louise Harris 2009. In this book Peggy treats her various ancestral lines including her great great grandfather William George Upchurch. (Grand Uncle of RPU). WGU is mentioned at various places in the book but Chapter 30 is devoted in its entirety to him and is reproduced below in its entirety.

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A Civil War Dissident

ADVOCACY FOR THE Confederate States of America included sufficient numbers of people to assure both its institutional organization and its power to wage war. But its support by southern people was not total.

Prior to the outbreak of war, there were fifteen slaveholding states. Only eleven of them elected to formally give up their places in the Union to join the Confederacy. In Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri, where secession was not accomplished, as many as 90,000 white men joined fighting units in the Confederate Army,²⁴⁸ but the majorities of citizens in those states remained loyal to the united nation. In Virginia itself, a large enough section in the northwest part of the state so dissented from the legislative decision to secede, that it formed a separate governing body and petitioned Congress to become a new state. In 1863 West Virginia was admitted as a separate state of the union. And in the Confederate state of Tennessee, thousands of men independently chose to join the Union Army.

In North Carolina, debates about the wisdom of leaving the union were heated, and were intensified during the year leading to Lincoln's election as president. The state was among the last to secede, and it did not do so until it was asked directly by the new president to provide two regiments for immediate service to "suppress the rebellion in the lower South."²⁴⁹ Even then, when a state convention—called to formally approve secession—passed ordinances to dissolve North Carolina's relationship with the other states of the union, and to ratify the provisional Confederate constitution, the delegates voted down a motion to submit the ordinances to the voters for final approval.²⁵⁰

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As the facing page for Page 167 of Chapter 30 Peggy includes on Page 166 the following letter re WGU

Raleigh, Aug 28th
1864.

I employed Mr. W. G. Upchurch on the 25th of April, 1864 as a clerk in my office for mailing and other ^{official} purposes, and he came regularly to work upon the 20 day of May the month following. He is indispensable to me in that capacity to the regular publication of The Standard, which newspaper has been published in Raleigh for many years past.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of August, 1864.

W. W. Holden

M. B. Raper

Affidavit of W. W. Holden, editor and publisher of the Raleigh newspaper The North Carolina Standard, stating that William G. Upchurch became an employee of Mr. Holden at the offices of The Standard on 25 April 1864. The document is part of North Carolina Supreme Court Case No. 8709, Upchurch v. Scott, recorded December 1864. This copy was made from North Carolina State Archives Microfilm No. 236N.

The vote to secede was cast by seventy-two delegates on 20 May 1861, against forty opposition ballots. But citizens of Raleigh nevertheless rang church bells and fired a 100-gun salute in celebration of the majority decision.²⁵¹ The voices of warning were rejected, and now went unprinted and unheard. North Carolinians who yet held misgivings were overtaken by events.

William George Upchurch had grown from boyhood into manhood as the political quarrel over slavery raged around him in North Carolina. The uncontrollable circumstance of his 1837 birth date had placed him in the bull's eye of the unfolding drama. Now, in the springtime of 1861, his country had begun a war with itself. And the home his family had known for eight generations was destined to be the losing side. Whether or not he sensed that his people were on the wrong side of the argument at stake, we have no record. The documents we have indicate only that he made a firm decision. He would not participate.

William's boyhood was spent on a farm, where he lived with his parents—and then his widowed mother—and older and younger siblings. We can assume he had chores to keep him productively occupied. He must also have had schoolwork to do. The small, subsistence farm in rural Wake County was removed from a life of political focus, no doubt. Yet the history of the United States in the decade of the 1850s is a record of turbulence so pronounced that it touched even the remotest back country. Newspapers were popular, and editors were shrill with their political opinions. As the decade progressed, the foremost subject of discussion was slavery. It was justified because of *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*. Or it was condemned because of *e*, *f*, *g*, and *h*. On and on went the talk. Children heard grownups speaking their judgments, often with animated passion. Even the children must have formed opinions.

The boy Bill knew personal sorrow from an early age. His father died when he was eight years old. Two older sisters died of tuberculosis. One older sister died in a fire. Two brothers and a sister were blind. The family owned no slaves, although earlier generations of the Upchurches had owned a few, and some cousins still did, evidenced by bequests in wills and by census records.

We know that young Bill formed at least one contrary opinion in his early manhood—he did not like farming. Sometime in the late

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1850s he moved to the small city of Raleigh, and began working in the grocery store owned by his older cousin William Clinton Upchurch. Although the two men were first cousins, in age they were a generation apart, and William Clinton seems to have treated William George as he would a son. Indeed, he gave him a daughter in marriage. Eleanor Marks Upchurch married her first cousin once removed, William George Upchurch, on Christmas Eve of 1863.²⁵²

Both before and after his wedding Bill was forced to confront serious pressure to join the fight for the Confederacy. The record indicates he never wavered in his determination not to do so.

Although argument over secession had been furious in North Carolina up to the last minute, once the legislative decision to secede was announced, enthusiasm for volunteering was as prevalent as it had been in the sister Confederate states. Raleigh newspaper

editors bragged that North Carolina sent tens of thousands of its strong young men to help The Cause. Bill was not one of them, although many of his Upchurch cousins were. His younger brother, Bartley Jefferson Upchurch, would enlist the following year, and their oldest brother, Nathaniel Smith Upchurch, joined a Confederate cavalry regiment in Florida.

For the first year of the war, not going meant withstanding only a social stigma. As news of terrible bloodshed filtered back from battlegrounds such as Shiloh, Manassas, and the Shenandoah Valley, however, general enthusiasm waned. And many of the men who volunteered first, for terms of one year, began to let it be known they planned to quit on the day those terms were up, if they could only stay alive until then.²⁵³

But in April 1862, the Confederate Congress passed its first Act of Conscription. The law required "all able-bodied white male citizens between the ages eighteen and thirty-five liable to service for three years."²⁵⁴ One-year volunteers owed two more years, and would not be discharged. There was a loophole. A draftee would have the option to hire a substitute outside the parameters of age and citizenship. It was immediately a controversial law, but an early result was that more men volunteered in order to avoid further social stigma of being drafted. Not Bill Upchurch.

When his draft notice came in late spring 1863, William George Upchurch hired a substitute to take his place in the Confederate

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Army. I do not know who the substitute was or what he was paid, but William G. Upchurch was discharged from service during that month by Wake County Judge Battle under a legal writ of *habeas corpus*. The writ was dated 3 July 1863, the same day Pickett's Charge so fatally ended General Lee's three-day fight against the Union at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. And it was one day before 4 July 1863, when Vicksburg, Mississippi, fell to federal forces, freeing access to the full length of the Mississippi River for Union use. The Confederacy was in political disarray, its armies tattered and hungry. My great-grandfather Pollard would soon be retreating from Pennsylvania in misery with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

Great-grandfather Upchurch returned to working in his cousin's grocery store in Raleigh. Five months later, on the day before Christmas, he married great-grandmother Eleanor Marks Upchurch.

The draft exemption was not immutable, however. On 16 February 1864, with increased desperation for military reinforcements, the Confederate Congress passed another conscription act. This one repealed the option of substitution and declared all men between the ages of seventeen and fifty liable for duty, regardless of whether they had earlier hired a substitute. William G. Upchurch was again at risk.

Over the following two months he apparently weighed his options. Certain occupations, including newspaper employment, were still allowed as legal exemption from military service. On 25 April 1864, Bill Upchurch persuaded the editor and proprietor of Raleigh's foremost newspaper, *The North Carolina Standard*, to employ him.

On 29 August 1864, Chief Justice Pearson delivered his decision. Appeal granted. The last paragraph of his handwritten opinion, which reviewed the arguments and explained his reasoning, stated:

It is therefore considered by me that W. G. Upchurch be forthwith discharged with leave to go wheresoever he will. The cost to be taxed by the clerk of this Superior Court of Wake County will be paid by S. W. Scott.²⁵⁵

On 14 September 1864, Mr. Holden printed in *The Standard* a copy of the transcript of Chief Justice Pearson's final decision of the case. On the same page was a story from Georgia confirming the rumor that the city of Atlanta had fallen to General Sherman's Union forces.

By the following spring the Union Army of General William Tecumseh Sherman approached Raleigh itself, after marching the well-chronicled arc from Atlanta to the Atlantic coast and back inland through South and North Carolina. On 13 April 1865, without waiting for troops to enter town, a Raleigh delegation rode out in rain to meet General Sherman, where surrender of the city was accepted. It was the same day the Army of Northern Virginia was breaking camp for the last time in Appomattox, Virginia. The war was almost over. The Southern Confederacy would dissolve itself and rejoin its brethren states to become one America again.

(no number) See RPU Organization File – North Carolina Organizations for a file on “NC State Fair”. There find a 24-page document on the 1884 NC State Exposition. Page 23 shows W S Primrose as President and H E Fries as Secretary. My Great Uncle William Upchurch appears on page 7 of the document as follows:

Agricultural Department.

MR. W. G. UPCHURCH, CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.

Several large and commodious sheds will be devoted to displays of agricultural implements and agricultural machinery. In order that the machinery may be seen in actual operation we have planted quite a portion of the ground in clover. Mr. Upchurch, the Chief of this Department, will be most happy to aid the Plow manufacturers in representing the efficient work of their Plows in this field. After the sod is turned he respectfully invites Harrow manufacturers to represent their machines in actual use, and after that a most cordial invitation is extended to the various Drill manufacturers, granting them the privilege of drilling in any kind of grain that they may prefer—either wheat, oats or rye. (See pages 2 and 3).

(no number) From: North Carolina's Capital Raleigh by Elizabeth Culbertson Waugh – Photography by Ralph Mills and Lewis Downey December 1991 – page 160 (1967 → 1992 printings)

Note: The home of William George Upchurch sits just to the left of the hotel as the photo shows. WGU died 13 Oct 1895 and one wonders what he thought as the hotel went up. RPU 3 Sep 2011

WILLIAM GEORGE U

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FROM: North Carolina's Capital
RALEIGH By Elizabeth Culbertson
 Waugh - Photography by
 Ralph Mills & Lewis Downey
 DEC 1991 - PG 160
 (1967-1992
 PRESENTS)



NOTE: The building was built in 1840 and is the oldest building in the state.

138 West Martin Street

NOTE: The home of William George Upchurch sits just to the left of the hotel as the photo shows. WGU died 13 OCT 1895 and one wonders what he thought as the hotel went up.

138 West Martin Street

The Park Hotel

1893
Demolished 1975

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The Park Hotel, finished in 1893, and seen here as it appeared in 1925, was built by A. F. Page. And according to the Raleigh Illustrated of 1904, Howell Cobb, who was also proprietor of the Yarborough Hotel, "has recently purchased the Park Hotel, a comparatively new house, of one hundred rooms, beautifully located, on Nash Square, and will remodel and convert it into a hotel of the very best class, and cater to the best element of winter tourist travel."

Before 1905 the hotel, indeed, had been remodeled by Architect William P. Rose, at a cost of \$25,000, renamed The Raleigh, and its policy changed from accommodating winter guests only to that of taking all-year travelers. At this time the building is described as having seven floors, each 135 by 160 feet, a dining room for 100 guests, and otherwise reported as being lighted by electricity and having steam heat. Further, "Every comfort and convenience is provided, including up-to-date elevator service. The office, writing

rooms, lounging room and lobby are handsomely decorated, have mosaic tiling and marble wainscoting. The house is conveniently situated a block from the business center of the city, a block from Union Station. . . . This makes it a favorite stopping place with travelers and tourists." Again, in 1912, the structure was remodeled and converted into apartments and Raleigh had its first apartment house.

The building, cast precisely within the design mold of its time, perhaps represents the latter days of the romantically eclectic. And it continues, in 1967, to serve again as one of Raleigh's downtown hotels, now called the Park Central.

The Park Hotel was designed by A. G. Bauer, who provided the working drawings for the Governor's Mansion. In 1975 it was demolished to make way for a parking lot.

(no number)

Subject: [FWD: Meeting House: Confederate Sharpshooter and County Gentleman by Gettis Bradley Upchurch: History Blurb Books]

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Sat, Sep 24, 2016 4:50 pm

To: "peggy-14-15-16 Harris" <shadeofoaks@gmail.com>

BCC: "Gettis Upchurch" <Gettisupchurch@carolina.rr.com>, "Miley-MU-14-16 Perry" <maperry45@yahoo.com>, "Andy-14-15-16 Martin" <wamjr1043@nc.rr.com>

Hi Peggy--

I write to cover two items;

Item 1. The forwarded email reveals how the book on Grandfather B.J.U by Gettis Upchurch can be ordered in case you are interested. I ordered 11 copies to be shipped to N.C. to be signed by Gettis for each of my three children and eleven grandchildren. I ordered me a copy but it has not arrived. The book concentrates on the Civil War service of grandfather.

Item 2. A picture of George Upchurch has just come into my hands and I think it is almost certainly of your GGF William George Upchurch. Next week I will ask Jay Buck to scan and send it to you for your inspection and comment. The provenance can be partially established and some presumed. It came by mail to me on September 23, 2016 from Barbara Andrews Jones of Pittsboro, N.C. she being a daughter of Beatrice Martin Andrews a daughter of my Aunt Eleanor Marks Upchurch Martin. Barbara reports the the photo was part of the estate off Dan Martin a son of Aunt Ellie. I figure the photo was owned by Aunt Ellie and that she had obtained it at some point in time from the home of her father B.J. U. Over the years I have become aware the the children and grandchildren of B. J. U. took objects from the home of B.J. U. as the opportunity presented itself. Aunt Ellie would have heard much talk about Uncle William and furthermore she was named after his wife your GGM. It makes sense that she would have purloined this photo and saved it for years ending up in the hands of her son Dan with whom she was living at her demise. When Dan died he relied on Eleanor Jane Andrews, a sister of Barbara, to disperse his goods. She, following his wishes, gave me a cane and a watch. My presumption is that Eleanor Jane got and kept the photo and only recently gave it to Barbara. Eleanor Jane is in Springmoor in Raleigh and has Alzheimer's but her long ago memory is still good.

After you have seen the scan we can confer more about this find. If I am not mistaken it is new to our records but I have not had a chance to look at Uncle Williams file to check.

Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch

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

Subject: Meeting House: Confederate Sharpshooter and Country Gentleman

by Gettis Bradley Upchurch: History | Blurb Books

From: Gettis Upchurch <gettisupchurch@carolina.rr.com>

Date: Mon, September 12, 2016 4:27 pm

To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Hi Phil,

Hope you are getting along fine with your treatments. Monk has been keeping me up to date on things.

Meeting House is finally ready to order. The link will take you to Blurb's site. It will take about two weeks to receive your copies. Hope you like it. It was a lot of fun to learn about Jeff's experiences and gain some insight about the "War of Northern Aggression". If you would like to send this link to anyone you think would have an interest in Jeff, I would appreciate it very much. There is a preview on the web site. Ten or more copies has a 10% discount.

<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/invited/6528414/9493805c920b72a6b5f88200f1d9698687884d62>

Best Wishes, Gettis

Sent from my iPad

Sept. 10, 2016

Dear Cousin Phillip,

I was searching for a photo of a long-dead relative and ran across some pictures that had come from Dan, Martin's house. I haven't a clue who George(?) Upchurch was but I'm sure you do, and I felt he was safer in your hands than mine. (He seems something of a dandy - maybe it's the way he buttons his coat)

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I ~~just~~ finished chemo in Aug. and have now begun 6 weeks of radiation - so far, so good - I've had fewer ill effects from treatments than many people, have managed to hold on to a little of my hair, and at this point, feel pretty good -

I'm happy to know you and Mike & Co. have connected. I've known Mike and his wife for several years as they are good friends of a younger friend from P'boro. I was glad to find that we were ~~not~~ related because they're really fine folks -

I hope all's well with you and your family.

Love to all,

Barbara -



Barbara Andrews Jones
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Mr Robert P. Upchurch
51 Village View Drive
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Chesterfield MO 63017



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Barbara

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Just wrote -
Was good to talk with you this afternoon - was so glad to hear your treatments are doing what they're supposed to -
I'm looking forward to visiting the Upchurch website - may even learn to use the take care - on my own -
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(no number) See organization – NC Insane Asylum for article sent to RPU by Hope Blackford 27 Jan 2017 to appear in NC Genealogical Society Journal Volume 43 No 1 Feb 2017

The article lists numerous admissions:

William P Upchurch whose past office of origin is listed as Raleigh. His “correspondent” was WGU shown as “friend”. [WGU has to **William George Upchurch** – RPU] Date of admission 12 Jan 1878, Registration No. 1234.

RPU Note: 23 Apr 2017 – Looked for WPU on 1870 & 1880 Census in Wake Co, NC. Not found.

IN MEMORIAM.

△ WILLIAM G. UPCHURCH.

Resolutions of respect passed at the annual meeting of Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, held June 9th, 1896:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove, by death, since our last annual meeting, Mr. W. G. Upchurch, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Upchurch was at the time of his death one of the Directors of the Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, and contributed greatly to the upbuilding and the success of this enterprise, having been identified with it since its inception; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we here record our deep sense of loss in his removal, whereby we are deprived of his wise counsels and influence, and our appreciation of his usefulness in life.

2. That we extend the tenderest sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.

3. That these resolutions be inscribed on our minutes, a copy published in the city papers, and that a copy also be sent to his family.

△ J. R. CHAMBERLAIN,

△ ASHLEY HORNE,

△ JNO. B. KENNEY,

Committee.

(no number) From Book: Wake Capital County of NC Vol II – 2008 by K Todd Johnson & Elizabeth Reid Murray – RPU 4 Sep 2011 – Page 202

Crossfile:

Caraleigh

Wake Co – Mills

FERTILIZER

Simultaneous with the opening of the Caraleigh Cotton Mills in 1892 came that of the nearby Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works, maker of chemical fertilizers. Both organized in 1891, the two companies were backed by many of the same men, such as Ashley Horne of Clayton and Raleigh's J. J. Thomas, Joseph R. Chamberlain, W. H. Pace, F. B. Dancy, and W. G. Upchurch. Chamberlain left his position as professor of agriculture at the A & M College to become superintendent of the phosphate plant in 1892. Only days after the plant opened, a fire destroyed the "acid department" building where pyrite was burned to make sulfuric acid, but the loss was covered by insurance. By 1911 the company had 100 employees and by 1916 reported capital stock of some \$300,000, making it Wake's largest single enterprise. Farmers Guano Company, incorporated in 1902, was the distribution arm of Caraleigh Phosphate.⁷⁵

⁷⁵ *News and Observer*, Jan. 31, 1891, 4; Aug. 19, 1892, 1; Wake County Record of Corporations, film, Book B, 32.

(no number) From Book: Wake Capital County of NC Vol II – 2008 Johnson & Murray 2008 – Page 152 - 154

Crossfile:

Bartley Jefferson Upchurch

William George Upchurch

Open Range – Swift Creek Township

Dairying – Swift Creek Township

Woodland Farm – Wake County, Swift Creek Township

Cattle and Dairying. Before the Civil War, some 17,000 cows were raised in Wake County. Just as farmers were regaining wartime losses, the stock law soon caused cattle production to decline to fewer than 9,000 by 1890, as tenants and small landowners no longer enjoyed the benefit of free range. Even so, until the early twentieth century most cattle herds were still considered "unimproved."⁷¹

Simultaneous with passage of the stock law was a movement among leading farmers around Raleigh to introduce thoroughbred cattle to Wake County. William G. Upchurch of Raleigh introduced Jersey cattle in 1883. Aside from their higher value on the market, Jerseys' milk and butter were touted as being much richer than that from native cows. Upchurch bought three cows from Carrollton Jersey Farm in Maryland and constructed a creamery "fitted up with the best apparatus and appliances" on his Woodland Stock Farm southwest of Raleigh. He constructed a reservoir to supply cool, fresh spring water for his stock and hired an experienced dairyman from New York to run the operation. By 1890 he and his brother, B. J. Upchurch, had a herd of sixty-five registered bulls, milk cows, and calves. Calves were sold every year throughout the southeastern United States, and butter was sold to local residents. "Owing to the distance from Raleigh [four miles], it does not pay to bring milk to the city to sell it," an 1890 feature article states. "The milk is fed to calves and pigs."⁷²

71. K. T. Johnson, "Agricultural Statistics."

72. *News and Observer*, Sept. 19, 1883; *Progressive Farmer* (Raleigh), June 3, 1890.

(no number) Emails of 25 and 29 Mar 2015 to RPU from Hope Blackford provide 11 citations of Civil War era payments to CSA widows for subsistence. All signed by an Upchurch as a Wake Co, NC Functionary. It appears he was WGU. The 11 citations appear below: (Note – Extract Sheet made for the widows and filed (nothing unique noted) – RPU 30 Mar 2015

#1

NOTHING UNIQUE NOTED
 \$15
 County Trustee pay M^{rs} E. Emory Fifteen Dollars to buy Bacon for her Self one month June 15, 1864
 W. G. [?] Upchurch
 Sub Agt

R 14-NOTE

31 MAR 2015

In a following
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 affair but

a request
 citizen.

Peggy
 says
 never

WGU or
 WGU more

"opposite"
 #2

[reverse]
 1983 [sic]
 M^{rs} E. Emory
 By Upchurch
 \$15

County Trustee pay Mrs E. Emory
 Dollars to buy Bacon for her self
 June 15. 1864

1983
 Mrs E. Emory
 By Upchurch

[very difficult to read this piece of paper]

\$15
 County Trustee to pay M^{rs} A. G. Underwood Fifteen Dollars to buy Bacon for her Self one —
 [unreadable] May 26 1862
 W. J. [?] Upchurch
 Sub Agt

[reverse]
 1985 [sic]
 Elizabeth X her mark Andrews
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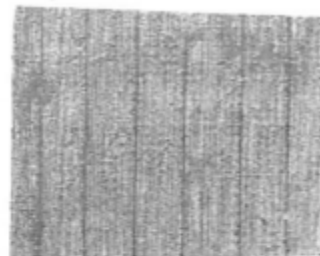
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 June 15. 1864

1985 [sic]
 Elizabeth X her mark Andrews
 \$15

#3

\$10
 County Trustee pay M^{rs} James Lewis Ten dollars for
 April 21st [?] 1864
 W. G. Upchurch
 — Agt

[reverse]
 [in pencil; unreadable]



#4

\$15
 County Trustee pay Mrs. A. J. Underwood Fifteen Dollars to by Bacon for her Self one month June 15th
 1864
 W. G. Upchrch
 Sub Agt

[reverse]
 1987 [sic]
 Elizabeth X her mark Andrews
 \$15
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County Trustee pay Mrs. A. J. Underwood Fifteen Dollars to by Bacon for her Self one month June 15th
 1864
 Elizabeth X her mark Andrews
 \$15

#5

\$25
Raleigh Nov 28th 1864

I. [?] F. Hutchins County Trustee pay Mrs. Wade Drake forty five dollars to by bacon for her self & two children for one month.
W. Upchurch
Sub Agt

[reverse]
2??? [3 digits cut off]
I. [?] Moore
\$45—
Josephin X her mark Moore

County Trustee pay Mary J. Roberts Twenty dollars to buy Bacon for herself & child to the 10th inst.
April 21st 1864
W. [?] G. Upchurch
Sub Agt
[reverse]
226? [last digit cut off]
E. M. Roberts
\$20

#6

County Trustee pay Mary J. Roberts Twenty dollars to buy Bacon for herself & child [illegible] to the 10th inst.

April 21st 1864

W. [?] G. Upchurch
Sub Agt

[reverse]
226? [last digit cut off]
E. M. Roberts
\$20

County Trustee pay Mary J. Roberts Twenty dollars to buy Bacon for herself & child to the 10th inst.
April 21st 1864
W. [?] G. Upchurch
Sub Agt
[reverse]
226? [last digit cut off]
E. M. Roberts
\$20

#7

\$20
County Trustee pay Mrs Elizabeth Kimbrol [?] Twenty dollars to buy Bacon for her self & child to ___ [?]
10th inst.

April 21st 1864

W. B. Upchurch
Sub. Agt

[reverse]
E. M. Roberts

#8

County Trustee will pay Mary Lason sixty dollars
for her and three children for February 1865
B. B. Bugnell
S. X

County Trustee will pay Mary Lason
for her and three children for February 1865
B. B. Bugnell
S. X

County Trustee will pay Mary Lason
for her and three children for February 1865
B. B. Bugnell
S. X

#9

3065-
Mary Tanc.
\$60-



\$60 to each Nov 4th 1864

#10

J. F. Hutchins County Trustee pay Mrs Emma Tant Sixty dollars to by bacon for her self & Three children for one month.

W. (?) Upchurch
Sub Agt

[reverse]
2071
Ema Tant
\$60-

Emma Tant

2071
Emma Tant
\$60-

J. F. Hutchins County Trustee pay Mrs Emma Tant Sixty dollars to by Bacon for her self & Three children for one month.
W. (?) Upchurch
Sub Agt

Emma Tant

#11

\$30

County Trustee pay Mrs Seth Jones Thirty Dollars to buy Bacon for her self & one child one month
June 15 1864
U. G. Upchurch Sub Agt


[reverse]
1984
Mrs. Seth Jones
By Upchurch
\$30-

*County Trustee pay Mrs Seth Jones
Thirty Dollars to buy Bacon for her self
& one child one month.
June 15, 1864*
U. G. Upchurch
Sub Agt

(no number) RPU Exploration of the Mordecai Family of Raleigh, NC – 1 Sep 2014

Background: William George Upchurch reported that his law firm was Battle and Mordecai. My research reveals that the Mordecai involved in the firm was Samuel Fox Mordecai II 1852 – 1927. He went on to become Dean of the Duke University Law School. SFM, II would have been an active lawyer in Wake Co, NC in the 1880s \pm . Circumstances dictate he was the S F Mordecai associated with land transactions in my deed files.

Now it develops that the firm of Battle and Mordecai still exists as evidenced by the download shown below. I will label the Mordecai Partner a Samuel Fox Mordecai, III – a presumed grandson of Samuel Fox Mordecai, III.



Battle Mordecai Gulley Pope

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William Battle Samuel Mordecai Needham Gulley Joseph Pope

→ SAMUEL FOX MORDECAI, II


Samuel F. Mordecai was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1875, beginning a 50 year career of legal work and scholarship. Mordecai practiced in Raleigh and lectured at Wake Forest College. Mordecai's success in these positions coupled with his early publications led to his reputation throughout the state as an excellent lawyer and accomplished scholar

Following the creation of a law school at Trinity College (the current Under Graduate School of Duke University), Mordecai was named senior professor and chosen to serve as the Law School's first dean when it opened in 1904. He served in this capacity until his death in 1927. Mordecai was known throughout the campus and the legal community as an able administrator, dedicated teacher, and prolific scholar. He published pamphlets and lectures that were requested from lawyers and legal scholars across the state.


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NOTE: SFM II DID NOT HAVE A SON NAMED SAMUEL FOX SO PRESUME HE HAD A SON WHO NAMED A SON SFM - RPU

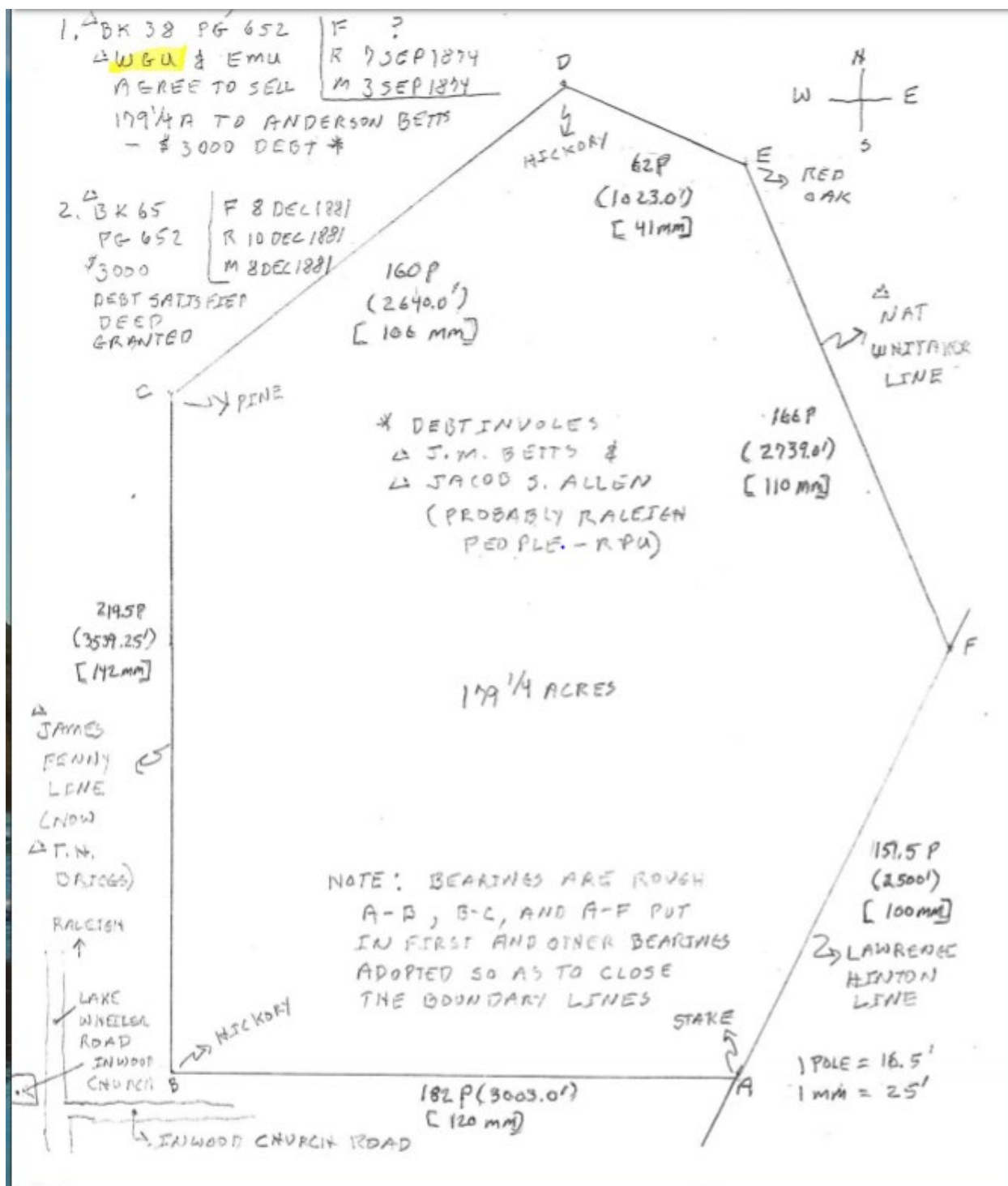


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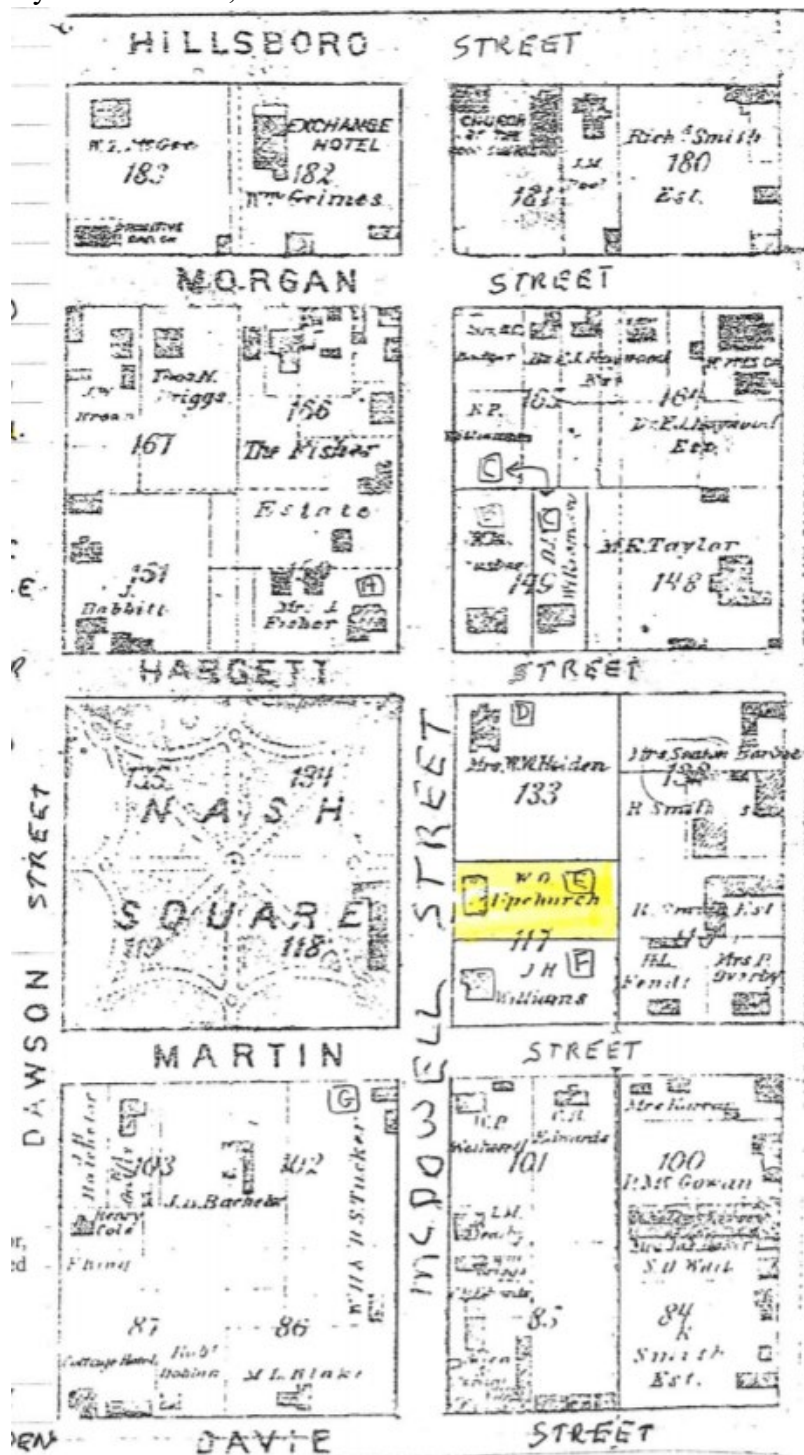


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(no number) Anderson Betts (b. 1830) Tract – Swift Creek Township, Wake Co, NC – 3 1/2 miles southwest of Raleigh – RPU 21 Oct 2012



(no number) From Shaffer's Map of Raleigh, NC – 1881
By: A W Shaffer, CE – RPU Extract 14 Feb 2012



RPU Annotations:

A. Present site of Raleigh City Hall named for Mayor Avery Council Upchurch.

B. W M Busbee

C. Bailey P (2 lots)
Williamson

D. Mrs W W Holden

E. **William George U.**

F. J H Williams

G. Corner Firestone Tire Store – Source of RPU 1939 bicycle. Next door west is office of lawyer R L McMillan visited by RPU 2010

*Email 9 Jan 2012 Gettis Bradley Upchurch to RPU shows WGU house address as 219 South McDowell St

*Highway marker on street at D

H-92 William W Holden 1818-1892

Editor. Appointed provisional governor, 1865. Elected governor, 1868; impeached and removed, 1871. Home stood here.

US 70/401/NC 50

(McDowell Street) at Hargett Street in Raleigh/ 1986

*Note D is in name of wife of W W Holden

(no number) Extract of Article on Leonard H Royster: 1840 – 1912, NC Architect – in his biofile – RPU 13 Feb 2011

Article referred to RPU by Gettis Bradley Upchurch via email 9 Jan 1012

I. William H Royster 1804 – 1845

married () Mary H --- 1813 – 1880. Both buried Raleigh City Cemetery, Raleigh, NC

A. Leonard H Royster “Len” 2 Oct 1840 – 2 Apr 1912 (Raleigh, NC) (Buried as father) married 25 Oct 1863 () Elizabeth A Frost – buried as husband

B. David Royster born 1833

C. Burtus Royster born 1843

Betts & Allen manufactured doors, sashes, blinds, etc. in Raleigh, NC with Jacob S Allen 1837 – 1909 as an experienced builder associate. In 1878 Ellington, Royster & Co. became the successor firm and Jacob continued. William J Ellington 1849 – 1919 was from Chatham Co, NC The company dissolved in 1894. Benjamin F Park CSA was the shop superintendent. He came from CA in the 1860s and built many fine Raleigh houses. He was associated with Anderson Betts & Marshall (Betts?) along the way. He was the father of Charles A Park an instructor at NC College of Agriculture and Engineering. In the mid-1880s E, R & Co. were the largest manufacturers of doors, sashes, blinds, scroll work, etc. in NC. In 184 Ellington joined William J Hicks to form the NC Building and Supply Co. It was short lived. In 185 LNR formed a partnership with Benjamin R Park to create a successor form to E & R – short lived. LHR joined E Moses in a partnership E & R.

- Built in 1885 Centennial Graded School. Designed by A G Bauer & Samuel Sloan
- Built in 1886 the W G Upchurch Store. Three stories high of pressed brick and iron at 206 & 208 Fayetteville St. To be occupied by Norris & Carter.
- Built in 1878 The W C Parker residence
- Built in 1879 the Charles D Upchurch elegant home NW corner of Fayetteville and Lenoir
- Built the R T Gray Residence and addition to Yarborough House
- Built the store of Julius Lewis: Norris & Carter

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|---|---|------------------|
| W.G. Upchurch Store (1886) | Contributors: Ellington, Royster, and Company, contractors; contractor <u>Leonard H. Royster</u> | Type: Commercial |
| Location: Raleigh, Wake County | Note: The Raleigh News and Observer of August 18, 1886, reported that W. G. Upchurch had contracted with Ellington and Royster for "a store building of pressed brick and three stories in height occupying nos 206 and 208 Fayetteville St. Norris and Carter will occupy it." | |
| Street Address: 206-208 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, NC | | |
| Status: No longer standing | | |

(no number) 3 Sep 2012 – Three emails to RPU re: Upchurch records in the NC State Archives – per the online inventory – MARS

Subject: NCSA Court Records in MARS for Upchurch

From: Hope Blackford WCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com

Date: Mon, Sep 03, 2012 3:56 pm

To: "Upchurch, Phil" phil@upchurchstory.com
 Internet sources – MARS

| MARS ID | Class | Title | Years | Container Type | Call Number | Child Count | Has Image? |
|--------------|-------|---------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 5200.99.2079 | CR | Upchurch, Benton A | 1872 | Folder | RB-35/190 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2080 | CR | Upchurch, Esther | 1864 | Folder | RB-33/284 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2081 | CR | Upchurch, Gilbert | 1895 | Folder | WB-C/284 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2082 | CR | Upchurch, Golden A | 1893 | Folder | WB-C/182 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2083 | CR | Upchurch, Hubbard | 1859 | Folder | RB-31/223 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2084 | CR | Upchurch, Kearney | 1882 | Folder | WB-A/342 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2085 | CR | Upchurch, Lindemond | 1866 | Folder | RB-34/286 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2086 | CR | Upchurch, Nathan | 1825 | Folder | RB-23/323 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2087 | CR | Upchurch, Parker | 1864 | Folder | RB-33/282 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2088 | CR | Upchurch, Ruffin | 1866 | Folder | RB-34/160 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2089 | CR | Upchurch, Tabitha | 1855 | Folder | RB-29/230 | 0 | |
| 5200.99.2090 | CR | Upchurch, William G | 1895 | Folder | WB-C/458 | 0 | |

Subject: Wake County – Personal Correspondence and Papers – Upchurch Store Records

From: Hope Blackford WCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com

Date: Mon, Sep 03, 2012 8:52 pm

To: "Upchurch, Phil" phil@upchurchstory.com

| Class | MARS ID | Title | Years | Container Type | Call # |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------|
| PC | 2571 | UPCHURCH [Store] Account Book | 1827-1829, 1845-1850 | Record Group | MfP.61 |

Subject: State Auditor Record Group – Pension Bureau: Act of 1885 Pension Applications

From: Hope Blackford WCGS-Journal@nc.rr.com

Date: Mon, Sep 03, 2012 9:24 pm

To: "Upchurch, Phil" phil@upchurchstory.com

| MARS ID | Class | Title | Years | Container Type | Call Number |
|-------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
| 5.22.437.62 | SR | BJ Upchurch (Wake County) | 1923 | Folder | Box 6.612 |
| 5.22.437.65 | SR | CW Upchurch (Wake County) | 1904 | Folder | Box 6.612 |
| 5.22.437.66 | SR | Courtney Upchurch (Wake County) | 1904 | Folder | Box 6.612 |
| | | | 1910 | | |
| | | | 1921 | | |
| 5.22.437.71 | SR | James W Upchurch (Wake County) | 1907 | Folder | Box 6.612 |
| | | | 1910 | | |
| 5.22.437.72 | SR | Jubal Upchurch (Wake County) | 1907 | Folder | Box 6.612 |
| 5.22.437.73 | SR | Nathan Upchurch (Wake County) | 1901 | Folder | Box 6.612 |

5.22.437.74 SR Paschal B Upchurch (Wake County) 1901 Folder Box 6.612

(no number) Extract from: Wake Treasures Vol 20 No 2 Summer/ Fall 2010 – by RPU 4 Apr 2011, Branson's Business Directory – 1884 – Wake Co, NC Section

Business Ventures:

Manufactories – Raleigh

Carriages and Wagons: 119 E Hargett St Alfred Upchurch

Merchants and Tradesmen – by last name

Raleigh:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Upchurch, Alfred | Buggies and Coaches | |
| Upchurch, WW | 208 Fayetteville Street | Broker |
| *Upchurch & Brie | 143 Hargett Street | Conf. |
| Upchurch, Addie S | 214 N Wilmington Street | Dressmaker |
| Upchurch, WC | 15 E Hargett Street | Retired Grocer |
| Upchurch, John W | 14 Exchange Place and 13 E Martin Street | Agt. Retired Grocer Oysters, Fish, etc. |
| Upchurch, John R | Retail Dealer | |
| Williamson & Upchurch | 216 Fayetteville Street | Corn Merchants and Wholesale Grocer |

*RPU Note 10 Apr 2011 Assume Upchurch = William George Upchurch but not sure. No Brie family entries in RPU biofile system

Apex:

AN Betts General Store

Banks:

B Stevenson General Store

Mills:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eagle Rock: Dr T H Avera | Corn & Flour |
| Raleigh: WG Upchurch | Flour & Corn |
| P Yates | Flour, Corn & Saw |
| JF Curfman | Steam Saw (SW of Raleigh) |

(no number) Records for William Garland Upchurch 1878 – 1950 & Family – RPU 29 Nov 2011

| 1880 Census – NC, Wake Co, Raleigh | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------------|
| Name | | | Age | |
| W G Upchurch | Head | 1838 | 42 | Merchant, Dawson Street |
| E M Upchurch | Wife | 1847 | 33 | |
| Minnie F Upchurch | Dtr | 1868 | 12 | |
| Harvey C Upchurch | Son | 1870 | 10 | |
| Deldemond Upchurch | Son | 1873 | 7 | |
| Bell W Upchurch | Dtr | 1876 | 4 | |
| W G Upchurch | Son | 1878 | 2 | |
| Hawkins Taylor | | 1833 | 47 | Black, servant |
| Clara Taylor | | 1838 | 42 | Black, servant |
| Bettie Hiller | | 1864 | 16 | Black, servant |

| 1900 Census – GA, Charlton Co – Willisville/ Folkston | | | | |
|---|------|----------|-----|--------------------|
| Name | | | Age | |
| John ? Upchurch | Head | Mar 1861 | 39 | FL |
| Bell W Upchurch | Wife | Jun 1875 | 24 | NC |
| George H Upchurch | Son | Jan 1891 | 9 | GA |
| John J Upchurch | Son | May 1892 | 8 | GA |
| Frank D Upchurch | Son | Feb 1894 | 6 | GA |
| Garland L Upchurch | Son | Dec 1898 | 1 | GA |
| Susie E Upchurch | Dtr | Jan 1898 | 2 | GA |
| William G Upchurch | BIL | Feb 1878 | 22 | NC |
| Mary D Oliver | | May 1854 | 46 | GA, White, servant |
| Effie Harris | | May 1883 | 17 | NC, Black, servant |

| 1910 Census – FL, Duval Co, Ward 1, Jacksonville | | | | |
|--|------|------|-----|-----------------|
| Name | | | Age | |
| William Upchurch | Head | 1878 | 32 | Married 8 years |
| Rebeccah Upchurch | Wife | 1884 | 26 | [2,2] |
| Bruce Upchurch | Son | 1903 | 7 | |
| Elaine (Eleanor) Upchurch | Dtr | 1905 | 5 | |
| Laura Davis | | 1872 | 38 | boarder |

| 1920 Census – FL, Duval Co, Ward 1, Jacksonville, East 2 nd Street | | | | |
|---|------|------|-----|--|
| Name | | | Age | |
| William G Upchurch | Head | 1879 | 41 | |

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----|------|----|--|
| Bruce R Upchurch | Son | 1904 | 16 | |
| Eleanor Upchurch | Dtr | 1906 | 15 | |

1920 Rebecca Upchurch age 38 GA, GA, GA married is on census – Hospital for Insane Gadsden Co.

1930 Census – FL

WG Upchurch 52 Divorced born NC married at age 24, lives in St Albans Hotel – Jacksonville

Occupation: Missionary for Missionary Board

Rebecca P Upchurch age 47 inmate in State Hospital, Gadsden County.

World War I Draft Registration

William Garland Upchurch

City: Jacksonville

County: Duval

State: Florida

Birth Date: 7 Dec 1878

Autry-Upchurch Family Tree owner: Joanieneedstoknwo

William Garland “WG” Upchurch

Birth 7 Feb 1878 in Raleigh, Wake, North Carolina

death 28 Nov 1950

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Parents: | William George Upchurch | 1837 – 1895 |
| | Eleanor Marks Upchurch | 1844 – 1927 |

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Spouse & | | |
| Children: | Rebecca Pearl Hankins | 1882 – 1932 |
| | Bruce Royster Upchurch | 1903 – 1981 |
| | Minnie Eleanor Upchurch | 1905 – 1977 |

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Spouse & | | |
| Children: | Hildegard Christina Meyer | 1897 - 1979 |

I. Nathan Upchurch, I - Head of Clan

A. Burtis Upchurch

1. William Clinton Upchurch, I

a. Eleanor Marks Upchurch

B. Gilbert Upchurch

1. William George Upchurch

married () Eleanor Marks Upchurch

a. Minnie Florine Upchurch

b. Harvey Clinton Upchurch

c. Delmer Demond Upchurch

d. Belle Williamson Upchurch

married () John Jones Upchurch, Sr

i. Susan Eleanor Upchurch

ii. Garland Lang Upchurch

e. William Garland Upchurch

married (1st) Rebecca Pearl Hawkins

i. Bruce Royster Upchurch

ii. Minnie Eleanor Upchurch

married (2nd) Hildegard Christina Meyer

2. Nathaniel Smith Upchurch

a. John Jones Upchurch, Sr

married (1st) Susan Katherine Hawkins

i. George Hawkins Upchurch

ii. John Jones Upchurch, Jr.

ii. Frank Drew Upchurch, Sr.

(no number) From notes of RPU call 9 Nov 2011 to Frances Holt Tilley

Copied to biofiles of: Ellena Judson Upchurch, Bessie Estille Upchurch, James Edwards

Stephenson, **William George Upchurch**, Anna Yates

Frances mentions yet again that at one point Aunt Lena Upchurch was engaged to Jim Edwards of the Edwards Shoe Store in Raleigh, Also, that Aunt Bessie Upchurch was engaged to a Mr Stephenson of the Stephenson Music Store in Raleigh, Aunt Bessie (and probably Aunt Lena) spent time – overnight – weekends, etc. at the home of **William George Upchurch** in Raleigh, It was this Stephenson that gave Aunt Bessie the ring that Clyde Perry lost in the ice cream mix at Pine State.

We discussed the Scotts, Taylors, Yates, Greens, etc. I posted that the Scotts and Taylors were aloof and considered themselves above the Rhamkatte locals. Frances agrees but says the Upchurches were also aloof and only had time for the upper-class Scotts, Yates, Greens, etc.

Aunt Bessie said she and Anna Yates stood up for each other – meaning they were maids of honor at each other weddings.

(no number) Re: Citations for **William George Upchurch**. Gettis Bradley Upchurch notified RPU via email on 6 Oct 2010 that there was a citation in the 1887 Issue of *The Cultivator and County Gentleman* Vol 52 Page 495 that mentioned my Great Uncle William. It was found and is reproduced below:

“We observed that a correspondent of the Hersey Bulleting traveling in North Carolina writes in highly complimentary terms of the Hersey Herds of our friends Messrs B P Williamson and W G Upchurch and Dr James McKee of Raleigh. During the year ending May 1, 1884 4363 (?) lbs of butter was made from the milk of eleven cows at the “Woodland” farm of Mr Upchurch, including four three-year olds, one five-year old, and six two-year olds.

RPU commentary and observations:

1. It seems most likely that reference is being made to three separate Jersey Herds – those of Williamson, Upchurch and McKee. However, note that the 1891 Branson’s Directory for Farmers in Swift Creek Township showed Williamson & Upchurch [BPU & WGU] owned a 696-acre farm. [Item (68) BJU biofile].

2. This article provides a rare citation for the Upchurch Farm called “Woodland” – presumably owned by Bartley Jefferson Upchurch and William George Upchurch.

3. Citations to “Woodland” are shown in the BJU biofile as follows: Items (6), (18), (81).

4. Note that Item (6) is from my Feb 1955 interview with Uncle Gettis Henderson Upchurch in which he specifically mentioned the Swift Creek Township Farm of BJU as “Woodlands”.

5. Note that Item (18) is from my 24 Feb 1979 visit to Edna Lois Upchurch in which she referred to the Swift Creek Township Farm of BJU as “Woodland”.

6. Note that (8) is from a 4 May 2007 conversation with Miley Albert perry in which he refers to the Swift Creek Township Farm of BJU as “Woodlands”.

Noted that as of 10 Oct 2010 I have created a file for Swift Creek Township Farms under Wake County, NC/ Swift Creek Township/ Farms.

(no number) Extract from: Wake Treasures Vol 20 No 2 Summer/ Fall 2010 – by RPU 4 Apr 2011 pages 82 – 84; 1884

| No. | County | Postoffice | Factory | President | Secretary | Articles Manufactured | Incorporated or Commenced Business | Invested Capital | No. |
|------|--------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------|
| 5021 | Do | Do | UPCHURCH, HESTER & POOL | Partnership | J. J. SUMMERAL | Gulphuric acid and fertilizers | | 1,304,347 | 5021 |
| 5039 | Do | Do | Carleigh Phos. and Fert. Works | | | | | 2,300 | 5047 |
| 5047 | Do | Do | D. M. EDWARDS | | | Corn meal | | 24,554 | 5055 |
| 5055 | Do | Raleigh, R. 6 | C. J. LASSITER | | | Meal and flour | | 2,200 | 5074 |
| 5074 | Do | Do | C. B. RAY Harness Co., Inc. | | Chas. F. GENTRY | Harness | | 1,500 | 5090 |
| 5090 | Do | Do | YATES Mill | | | Meal and flour | | | |

RPU note 10 Apr 2011

- Assume Upchurch = **William George Upchurch**
- Hester could be C J Hester – a guess
- D M Edwards – Demetrus M Edwards
- C J Lassiter – Cornelius Jesse Lassiter
- C B Ray = Charles Buckner Ray, Sr.

(no number) Extract from: Wake Treasures Vol 20 No 2 Summer/ Fall 2010 – by RPU 4 Apr 2011 – Branson's N C Business Directory – 1884 – Wake Co, NC Section

Farmers:

Apex: J R Upchurch [John Rice Upchurch, I]
W B Upchurch

Banks: —————→

Green Level:

G A Upchurch

Hayes Store:

D L Upchurch

O J Upchurch

Morrisville:

J R Upchurch [John Rice Upchurch, I]

W B Upchurch

Gilbert Upchurch

Jack Upchurch [John Rice Upchurch, I]

Bartlett Upchurch

Raleigh:

B P Williamson

G T Cooke

W G Upchurch

B J Upchurch

Bryant Smith

Rogers Store:

Buckner Ray

Eagle Rock:

T H Avera

Upchurch Smith

Farmers – Banks

Banks, T L

Bunting, J N

Myatt, W

Stephenson, H A

Penney, J J

Young, J J

Stephenson, L D

Stephenson, Matthew

Gower, James

Banks, George

Turner, William

Crowder, Thomas A

Crowder, W D

Rand, William H

Rand, John

Jewell, Manless

Partin, George

Partin, Marion

Rhodes, James A

Utley, Samuel

Harris, Aaron

Jones, W J

Jones, Miss Penny

Rand, Oscar

(no number) Extract from: Wake Treasures Vol 20 No 2 Summer/ Fall 2010 – by RPU 4 Apr 2011 – Branson's NC Business Directory – 1884 – Wake Co, NC Section

Raleigh National Bank – 202 Fayetteville street

President – E. G. READE

Cashier – C. H. BELVIN

Teller – John M. SHERWOOD

Book-keeper – F. L. MAHLER

Assistant Book-keeper – F. H. BRIGGS

Collecting Clerk – W. B. MERRIMON

Directors –

E. G. READE

C. H. BELVIN

W. G. UPCHURCH

F. O. MORING

A. S. MERRIMON

W. S. PRIMROSE

State Agricultural Society – Exhibition Buildings and Grounds about two miles west of city

Secretary and Treasurer – T. C. WILLIAMS

Wake County – W. G. UPCHURCH

Second District Vice-President – Jos. A. HAYWOOD

Cotton and Grocers Exchange –

315 s. Wilmington street

President – Wm. H. DODD

Vice-President – J. J. THOMAS

Treasurer – F. O. MORING

Secretary – A. A. THOMPSON

State Exposition

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Jos. G. BROWN – Treasurer

W. W. UPCHURCH – Collector

John W. BROWN – R.

W. A. GATTIS – S.

Dr. R. B. ELLIS – Medical Examiner

American Legion of Honor, No. 1118 –

over Citizens National Bank

John J. FRAY – C.

C. T. WILLIAMS – P.C.

W. A. GATTIS – V.C.

N. B. BROUGHTON – O.

C. A. SHERWOOD – Secretary

A. M. POWELL – Col.

W. W. UPCHURCH – G.

John WATERS – S.

John SHERWOOD – Treasurer

(no number)

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| W G Upchurch | marriage: 09 Dec 1863 | Wake, North | spouse: E Page 21 [Ray] M |
| Upchurch | | Carolina | |
| North Carolina | | | |
| Marriages, 1759 – 1979 | | | |

[See Item (75) in WGU Biofile – Newspaper article shows married 24 Dec 1863 in home of the bride]

(no number) From: The Ray Family of Wake Co, NC by William Carroll Ray 1999
Buckner Ray Family [father of Aurora O Ray]

The 1851 deed conveying the 225 acre estate to Buckner Ray from his father-in-law, Mark Grady, contained a provision that the property would be divided into eight equal parts and conveyed to the wife and seven children of Mark Grady. The 1851 deed to the 225 acre estate also conveyed nine Negro slaves to Buckner Ray. The names of the slaves were: Washington, Lewis, Granville, Davis, Annica, June, Doctor, Mary and child.

Buckner Ray sold six tracts of land totaling 1,552 $\frac{3}{8}$ acres during a twenty-four year period from 1842 to 1866 in Wake County, North Carolina as summarized below. The total sales price for these 1,552 $\frac{3}{8}$ acres was \$2,973 (\$1.92/acre).

| DATE | ACREAGE | SALES PRICE | PURCHASER | LOCATION OF PROPERTY |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Nov. 3, 1842 | 189 Acres | \$ 189 ⁽¹⁾ | Lovel Harrison | South side of the Neuse River |
| Nov. 5, 1842 | 193 Acres | \$ 434 ⁽¹⁾ | Alexander Harrison | On the bank of the Neuse River |
| Feb. 24, 1843 | 110 Acres | \$ 400 ⁽²⁾ | Jesse Gill (Buckner Ray's grandfather) | South side of Neuse River on the waters of Crooked Creek |
| Oct. 7, 1851 | 580 Acres | \$ 100 | Albritton McDade (He posted the bond for Buckner's marriage to Caroline Grady) | Adjacent to Rodgers and Jones property |
| April 5, 1853 | 200 Acres | \$ 350 | Dennis Grady (Buckner Ray's brother-in-law) | Adjacent to property owned by McDade, Rodgers and Parham |
| Aug. 7, 1866 | 280 $\frac{3}{8}$ Acres | \$ 1,500 ⁽³⁾ | William Upchurch | Beginning at mouth of the Longford Branch on the Neuse River |

NOTES:

- (1) Buckner Ray and his brother, Henry, sold these properties.
- (2) Buckner Ray and Edward A. Parham conveyed this land back to Jesse Gill (Buckner Ray's grandfather) for the same price (\$400) that Buckner paid for the land three years earlier in 1840. Edward A. Parham is Buckner's stepfather.
- (3) Buckner Ray and Willis Thompson sold this property.

Names associated with this document: Buckner Ray, Mark Grady, slaves, Washington, Lewis, Granville, Davis, Annica, June, Doctor, Mary, Lovel Harrison, Alexander Harrison, Jesse Gill, Albritton McDade, Caroline Grady, Dennis Grady, **William G Upchurch**, Neuse River, Crooked Creek, Jones, Rodgers, Parham, Longford Branch, Henry Ray, Edward A Parham, Willis Thompson

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Mechanics & L. Apprentice } This deed made this the 1st day of April A.D.
 1871 between the Mechanics Building and
 William G. Upchurch & } lease & location of Raleigh to the residents
 H. H. Dodd } of the free park, and H. G. Upchurch and H.
 H. Dodd lots of said City of Raleigh of the
 second park, situate in the frame of land and premises
 hereinafter mentioned, was conveyed by H. Upchurch and Thomas J.
 Upchurch to the said party of the free park, by deed in trust, dated the
 day of 1869, to secure certain covenants made with the said party of the free
 park, by said H. & Thomas J. Upchurch, and the said party of the free park
 is bound to release the lands hereinafter mentioned, being parts of the
 track or park conveyed as aforesaid to the party of the free park, and from
 the terms and conditions of the said deed in trust, and the said party of the
 free park has been requested by the said H. & Thomas J. Upchurch to release
 all claims to or lien on said lands hereinafter mentioned to said H. G. Up-
 church and said H. H. Dodd to the deed has been sold and conveyed by
 the said H. & Thomas J. Upchurch, and therefore this deed situate in the
 for and in consideration of the promise and for the further consideration
 of the sum of Five Dollars to said party of the free park, paid by said
 H. & Thomas J. Upchurch. The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
 the said party of the free park has bargained, sold and conveyed and
 by these presents doth bargain, sell and convey, reserve, release and forever give
 claim unto the said H. G. Upchurch and H. H. Dodd, a certain parcel of
 land and appurtenances lying and being in the City of Raleigh being
 part of Lot No. 63, in plan of said City, and bounded as follows: Beginning
 at the South East corner of said lot No. 63, and running North along the
 dividing line between lots No. 63 & 62, seventy eight (78) feet, thence
 South with dividing line between lots No. 63 & 62, fifty six feet, thence
 North parallel with the dividing line between lots No. 63 & 62, seventy
 eight (78) feet to the dividing line between lots 63 & 62, thence East along
 said dividing line between lots 63 & 62, fifty six (56) feet to the beginning.
 To have and to hold the said land and premises to the said H. G. Up-
 church & H. H. Dodd & their heirs in fee simple. And the said party of the
 free park doth hereby covenant to warrant, defend and title to said
 land and premises freely conveyed to said H. G. Upchurch & H. H. Dodd
 against the claims of all persons claiming by or through said party of the
 free park. In witness whereof the said party of the free park has here-
 unto this deed by John Nichols its president, and John C. Gorman and
 J. C. Brewster Directors thereof and has hereunto affixed its corporate seal
 this the day and date above written

[Stamp
 50 cents]

John Nichols, President (Seal)
 John C. Gorman (Seal)
 J. C. Brewster (Seal)

Witness
 M. V. B. Giddens

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North Carolina Probate Court
 Wake County. It is remembered that on the 18th day of April 1871, Thomas
 appeared before me, J. N. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Wake County,
 the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing deed, before whom said deed was examined
 the execution thereof was duly proved, wherefore, the said deed is hereby
 attested to by me.

J. N. Blair, Judge
 Probate Judge

Registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wake County in Book No. 32
 Page 148 April 5th 1871

H. W. White
 Register of Deeds,

Thomas J. Upchurch & W. Upchurch
 of Wake County } State of North Carolina }
 do hereby certify that the within and foregoing deed made this 18th day of April 1871 by Thomas J. Upchurch & W. Upchurch of Wake County and State of North Carolina to W. J. Upchurch and W. H. Doda of Wake County and State of North Carolina who are the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas J. Upchurch and W. Upchurch has this day been duly acknowledged by the said Thomas J. Upchurch & W. Upchurch and the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the said W. J. Upchurch and W. H. Doda and their heirs and assigns to the said W. J. Upchurch and W. H. Doda and their heirs and assigns a tract or parcels of land in Wake County State of North Carolina in the City of Raleigh adjoining the lands of
 and others bounded as follows viz by the lot of W. C. Carter on the west, E. Smith's Estate on the East, I. D. Dods on the South and Martin Street on the North, it being part of Lot No. 63 in the plan of the City of Raleigh: Beginning at the South East corner of said Lot No. 63 and running North along the dividing line between Lots No. 63 and 62, seventy-eight feet (78); thence West parallel with dividing line between Lots 62 and 47, fifty-six feet; thence South parallel with dividing line between 62 and 63, seventy-eight feet (78) to the dividing line of 63 and 47; thence East along said line between Lots 63 and 47, fifty-six feet to the Beginning.
 To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Thomas J. Upchurch and their heirs and assigns to W. J. Upchurch & W. H. Doda their only use and behoof. And the said Thomas J. Upchurch and W. Upchurch covenant that they are seized of said premises in fee and have right to convey the same in fee simple, that the same are free from incumbrances and that they will

(no number) Status of records for **William George Upchurch** regarding his situation relating to Civil War Service.

Attached is a copy of a 15 Jan 1984 letter Eleanor Grace Williamson to RPU pertaining to research she had performed at the request of RPU re: **William George Upchurch**. Also attached are the documents she provided along with an RPU Index and my own transcriptions.

Note that some (all?) of these same documents are referred to in letters of 10 Mar 1999 & 24 Jul 1999 Margaret Louise Harris to RPU. Peggy also has transcriptions. It would be useful to merge all this related information.

RPU

5 Jul 2002

(no number) Received 19 Jan 1984

[Note: This letter is headed Eleanor Grace Williamson – CJM 06 Sep 2020]

Mrs Larry J Turner
600 Lynnwood Ave
Wilson, NC 2783
January 15, 1984

Dear Phil,

Nice to hear from you. Wouldn't it be nice to have more time for research. My time has been spent abstracting and publishing wills for some time more. I am enclosing a flier (flyer). Maybe someone you know or your public library would be interested in our books.

As you can see, I have also enclosed the rest of the Supreme Court cases you asked for. I tried to arrange them for you but decided I didn't have enough time or patience today. Do you ever have those days?

Aunt Grace is buried at Pineview Cemetery in Rocky Mount, NC. They had funeral services in Charleston on Tuesday and graveside services in Rocky Mount on Wednesday.

I am doing some research for a man from Tenn. at present, so my own research is at a standstill. I think I am going to have to slip to Raleigh during the wee. Never enough time to do what I have to do and what I want to do.

On reading your letter again today I realized that I didn't get copies of the wills you wanted. I will try to do that on my next trip.

NC State is being murdered by Georgia right now. My daughter is in her 2nd year at UNC Chapel Hill. I do pull for State when UNC is not threatened.

Good luck in your search. Maybe we can solve all of our genealogical problems this year.

Sincerely,
Grace Turner

24 sheets @ 20¢ = \$4.80
 gas \$8.00
 postage ? [1.22] on package – RPU
 \$13.02

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List of NC Supreme Court Papers sent to RPU by Eleanor Grace Williamson in her letter 15 Jan 1984

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Enclosures on ³ the foregoing A

Ch. Office 5th Dist n.c.

June 5/61

Respectfully forwarded to Count.

My action in conscribing the within jointly Upholsters
was based upon the ground that having been exempt
heretofore by reason of substitution, which exemption
being repealed he became liable - was presented on
Mr. Hoaden's list as mailing clerk having been lately
employed since the passage of Gen Order No 26 A &
I. G. O. It is held by me that not being employed in
that capacity before he became liable and before the
passage of the law above referred to he is liable now
and under such opinion he was conscribed - atten-
tion invited to report Capt. Water, B. C. within.

(Signed)

Spullmann

Capt & E. & S. Co.

Conscription Office

Raleigh N.C. June 7-1864

Respectfully forwarded to Bureau of Conscription
on Appeal. Disapproved. The number of men ex-
empt by law in this Office is already large and deemed
sufficient for the purpose of conducting the business
thereof properly, which does not by any means require
assistance at the hands of the Confederate or State
Governments (signed) Peter Mallett Col

Consent of Conscription

(no number)

Bureau Conscription
Richmond, Jun 14, '64

Respectfully request to commandant for NC. What was the exact date of the employment of the party by Mr. Holden? When was the writ of Habeas Corpus served out and what was the decision upon it?

By Command of
B Gen Polston Super
(signed) T P August
CALSC

Conscript Office
Raleigh, NC June 20, '64
Respectfully referred to Capt L B Waters for reply to question of Bureau of Conscription
By order of Col
(signed) R Wabert
Josiah Jones [---?]

CO Raleigh June 21 1864
Respectfully returned to commandant Mr W G Upchurch was employed at the Standard Office on 2nd day of May 1864. He served out unit of Habeas Corpus in July 1863; was carried before his Hon Judge Battle who decided that he was exempt as his substitute was over 45 years of age and was therefore discharged.

(signed) H B Waters Capt & Ex O

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 it?

By Command of
 Belger Preston Supt
 (Signed) J. P. August
 Cal to

Conscription Office
 Raleigh N.C. June 20/64
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 to questions of Bureau of Conscription

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 (Signed) R. H. H. H.
 Josiah Jones Secretary

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 who decided that he was exempt as his substitute was
 over 45 years of age and was therefore discharged
 (Signed) F. B. Waters, Capt & Co.

State of North Carolina

To Capt. S W Scott commanding Co C 38th Regt NC M. Greeting.

We command you, that the body of William G Upchurch being confined and detained in your custody, as it is said, together with the day and cause of his caption and detention you have before me at Richmond Hill forthwith to do and receive what shall be considered in that behalf.

Witness Richmond M Pearson C J of the Supreme Court of NC this 12th day of August 1814.

R M Pearson Ch JSC

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 Co C 38th Regt NC M. Greeting
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 the day and cause of his caption
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 me at Richmond Hill
 forthwith to do and receive what shall
 be considered in that behalf
 Witness Richmond M Pearson C J
 of the Supreme Court of NC this
 12th day of August 1814.
 R M Pearson Ch JSC

Camp Holmes, as a person owing
military service to the Confederate
States, and he is yet claimed & is
detained for that purpose.

S. W. Cuthbert Co. Co.
35th N. C. M.
Subscribed before
me a Justice of
peace of Wake
County 17th Aug. 1864

H. T. Hayes, J. B.

Raleigh, Aug 20th 1864

I employed Mr W G Upchurch on the 25th of April 1864 as a clerk in my office for mailing and other official purposes, and he came regularly to work upon the 20 day of May the month following. He is indispensable to me in that capacity in the regular publication of the Standard which newspaper has been published in Raleigh for many years past.

Worn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of August 1864.

W W Holden

M B Royster JP

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Raleigh, Aug 20th
1864.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day of August, 1864.

W. W. Holden.

M B Royster JP

It is admitted that William G Upchurch was employed by W W Holden on 25th April 1864 but did not enter his service until the 2 May 1864. And it is further agreed that the said Upchurch need not be carried before the judge, but the case may be heard in his absence and the decision of the Ck Justice afore the party are herein state as above. The return is to be abided by as if said Upchurch were present subject to the right of other party to have the same reissued by the Supreme Court.

Aug 20th 1864

Th Bragg
Va Dept

W S Mason
for petitioner

It is admitted that Wm. G. Upchurch was employed by W. W. Holden on 25th April 1864, but did not enter his service until the 2 May 1864 - And it is further agreed that the said Upchurch need not be carried before the judge, but the case may be heard in his absence and the decision of the Ch. Justice afore the party are herein stated & upon the return is to be abided by as if said Upchurch were ^{present} subject to the right of other party to have the same reviewed by the Supreme Court.

Aug. 20th 1864.

Th. Bragg
Va Dept

W. S. Mason
for Petitioner

Return of S. W. Scott to the writ of Habeas Corpus sent out against him by William G. Upchurch.

This Respondent saith that he has here the body of the said William G. Upchurch, and for cause of his capture and detention saith as follows - That the said Upchurch is a young man - that prior to the repeal of the law allowing substitutes in the Army and rendering liable those who had put in substitutes, he was exempt by reason of having put in a substitute - was discharged under a Habeas Corpus by Judge Battle in July 1863 - After the passage of the said Act and the Act of the 17th of February 1864, entitled "An Act to organize forces to serve during the war," in pursuance of orders from the Bureau of Conscription, orders were issued from the Commandant of Conscription in this State on the 28th March 1864, to enroll & send to Camp all persons liable to military duty and public notice was given accordingly. The said Upchurch did not enroll himself, but on the second

of May 1864, he obtained employment ^{or}
 as a Clerk in the Office of the North
 Carolina Standards, and thereafter claimed
 exemption from Military Service -
 His claim was disallowed by the med-
 ical officer of the 5th Congressional
 district, ~~thereon appeal by the Com-~~
 which was approved by the Com-
 mandant of Conscripts and on
 appeal by said Upchurch to the Bureau
 of Conscription, the decision below was
 affirmed. A copy of the several
 orders, reports of facts and decisions
 are hereto appended as a part
 of this return. Respondent further
 avers that he is a Militia Officer of
 this State - that as such he has been
 required ~~towards~~ ^{by the} the State authorities
 to aid and assist the Officers of the
 Confederate Government in enrolling
 conscripts and arresting such as are
 recusant, and that pursuant to
 orders issued to this respondent since
 the said Upchurch was refused ex-
 emption, he ordered him to appear to

Upchurch is both.

Upchurch has just in a substitute. On the 2^d May 1864, he entered the Standard office as an employee, & the editor, writes that he is indispensable to the publication of such newspapers in person as to the 17th Feb. 1864. The return appears the ground that Upchurch is not entitled to exemption because he was not an employee at the time of the passage of the act, nor was he employed subject to conscription & by implication in the military service. In the reasoning given by me in Russell's Whiting, & in the case of Downer, (a main extract). I am of opinion, that the operation of the act of conscription is not confined to such employees who were in the Standard office at the date of the passage of that persons who may be afterwards employed.

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 played; are embraced by its operation & are
 entitled to exemption, altho they may be
 in the military ^{service} when employed. The words
 of the act, are general, & there is no provision
 by which to restrict its application for, in
 behalf of the government. The restriction, is
 to "newspapers being published at the time
 of this act" & there is nothing to connect it
 with "employers;" or "to narrow the field of
 selection, to employers at the passage of the
 act, or to such new employers as may be
 over the age of exemption. This construction
 is ^{sustained} confirmed by the context, for, in the same
 clause the exemption of "ministers of religion"
 is expressly confined to those who "at the
 passage of this act are regularly employed
 &c." There is a direct analogy between this case
 & the case of members of the legislature, judges
 & state officers, who are in military service
 when elected or appointed. as in Rapells
 case, notes the case of mail contractors &
 in Jones case, newspaper printers. There

employers may die in numbers - there is no
 thing in the act to show an intention that
 their places can only be filled by persons
 in conscription.

The attempt to draw an analogy
 from the case of men, who altho within
 the age of conscription by a very few
 months or even a day, are required to
 serve for the war, is fallacious, for, in
 respect this class of men, there is no
 escape for service in the conscription act
 making them liable for the war, whereas
 in respect to state officers, & employers
 for the publication of newspapers there is
 no such like effect - restricting provisions

It is therefore, considered by me
 that H. G. Upchurch is fully entitled to discharge
 with leave to go wherever he will.

The cost to be taken by the clerk of the
 Superior court of Trade County will be
 paid by S. H. Scott. The clerk will file
 the papers in his office & give copies

August 29th 1864 R. M. Pearson Ch. Sec.
 at Richmond Va.

(no number)

The state of North Carolina to the Honorable Richmond M Pearson, Chief Justice, Greeting:

Whereas in the proceedings in a writ of Habeas Corpus sent out by Will T Upchurch against A W Scott --- and returned before you and in the judgment therein rendered by you there is manifest error to the injury of the said A W Scot --- as he has complained to us: These are, therefore, to command you that you send immediately into our Supreme Court now sitting at Raleigh, the record of the said writ, proceedings and judgment certified under your hand and seal. Witness Edmund B Freeman, Clerk of our said Court, at Office in the City of Raleigh, this 15th December, 1864.

E B Freeman, Clerk

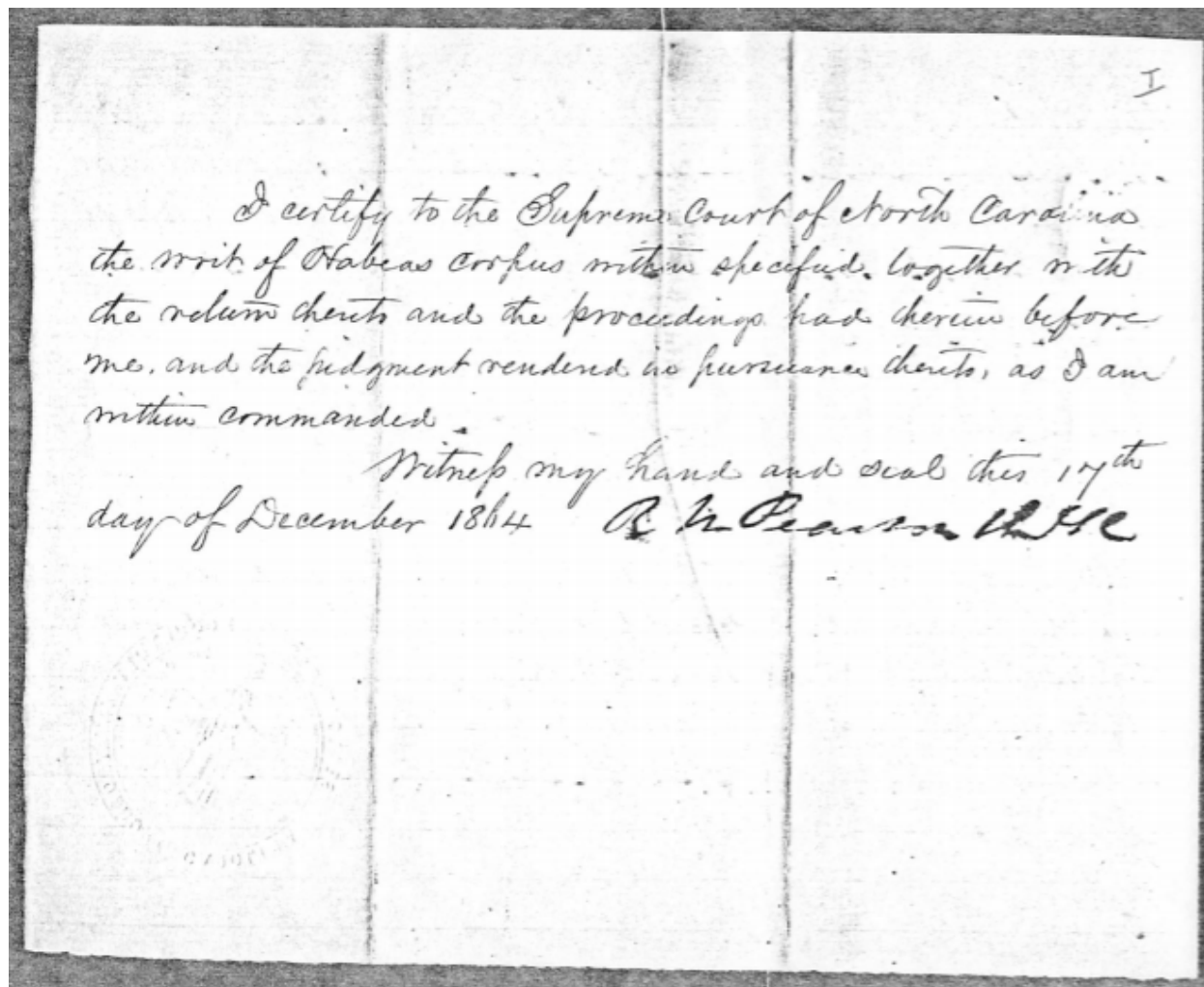
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Whereas in the proceedings in a writ of Habeas Corpus sent out by Will T. Upchurch against A. W. Scott --- and returned before you --- and in the judgment therein rendered by you there is manifest error to the injury of the said A W Scott --- as he has complained to us: These are, therefore, to command you that you send immediately into our Supreme Court, now sitting at Raleigh, the record of the said writ, proceedings and judgment certified under your hand and seal. Witness Edmund B. Freeman, Clerk of our said Court, at office in the City of Raleigh, this 15th December, 1864.
E. B. Freeman Clerk

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I certify to the Supreme Court of North Carolina the writ of Habeas Corpus within specified together with the return thereto and the proceedings had therein before me and the judgment rendered in pursuance thereto as I am within commanded.

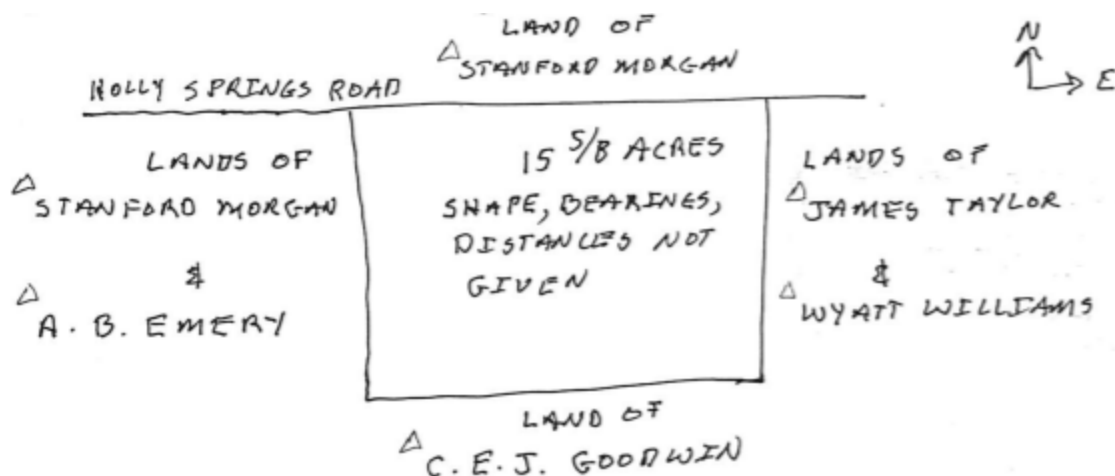
Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1864.

R W Pearson Chief J SC

**(no number)**

Wake Co, NC – Swift Creek Township deed 3 Sep 1895, Book 136, page 190

Bartley Jefferson Upchurch & wife to William George Upchurch for \$300 15 5/8 acres of land described as follows:



Names included in above: Stanford Morgan, A B Emery, C E J Goodwin, James Taylor, Wyatt Williams, Holly Springs Road.

(no number) RPU Entry – 1 Jun 2017

On 29 May 2017 Gettis Upchurch emailed RPU an undated map of Caraleigh Mills Co showing the location of the mill and of the town and of nearby preproperties [filed under Wake Co, NC) Mills

A notable feature was Maywood Dairy Farm. It is to be presumed the map was made in the early 1890s and that the Maywood Dairy Farm was owned by **William George Upchurch**.

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In the matter of Hon. S. W. Church

The facts as they appear upon the record returned into the court are, that Pickens in the foregoing furnished a substitute under the act of April 1862. After the passage of the act of the 5 of January 1864, declaring persons no longer exempt by reason of having furnished substitutes he became again liable to Military Service. He was not however enrolled or ordered into service until the 3rd of May - 64.

On the mean while he had made an engagement with the Editor of a long established paper in the city of Raleigh and actually entered into his service on the second day of May 64. The Editor has made a certificate under oath that Pickens is a necessary employee in his office as prescribed by the act of 17 February.

The question is whether he be exempt.

The difficulty seems to arise from what we consider a misapprehension of the true and proper effect of the act of 17 Feb 64 Chap 65.

Although in respect to age it fixes the status of every citizen at its passage as liable or not liable to serve for the war, as they might be within or without the ages prescribed: yet it is not per se an enrolment, or mustering into service, so as to withdraw men from their ordinary pursuits & deprive them of the liberty of enjoying

in + changing them at pleasure; although their parents might operate as an exemption from military duty.

We can perceive nothing in the policy or language of this law to prevent a citizen after its enactment, 'his subject under' it to military duty, from accepting an office, or from engaging in any occupation which interest or inclination might suggest; provided it were done before he was actually called into service by enrollment — up to that time the state had a right to

The service of its citizens & they had a personal liberty to engage in whatsoever business they might think proper. We are citizens of the state and also of the Confederate States. We owe duties to each; and if these duties are inconsistent both cannot be performed. — There is no principle by which such a conflict can be settled but that of the maxim "prior est in Tempore, prior est in jure". If one government has appropriated a person to its service by inducing him in the way known to the law into a relation of duty, the other must yield its claim. The language of the act is

"From and after the passage of this act all white men residents of the Confederate States between the ages of 17 & 50 shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for this war" — The terms are unqualified to be comprehensive but they must, we think, be interpreted in the

modified sense of declaring simply all persons within the age to be subject to duty when called on. Such seems to be the sense in which the government itself has understood them. For it has put into action the official machinery necessary for actually enrolling & bringing into camp, and has not regarded the men as subject to military law unless so brought in.

We make no guess here because it seems to us plain that the exemption granted by the act to necessary employees in newspaper establishments was intended to apply not only to such as were employed at the time of the passage of the act but to such as might be introduced in their stead, or become necessary from time to time in the development of the business.

It will then be seen that altho' the publisher was liable under the act of Congress to be called at any time into active service, yet, so long as he was not so called and ordered into camp until after he had become an employee in the publication of the newspaper, continued to be necessary he is exempt by virtue of the same act of 17 February.

There is but a narrow space of time between the employment and the enrolment. It is nevertheless sufficient to mark his case and to distinguish it from a case of liability to enlist.

ment and consequent liability to
duty

The judgment at Chambers is
affirmed and the prisoner dischar-
ged. The costs were paid by
the officer note

M. E. Mauley J.

State & Upchurch

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buildings as the subjects of felonious arson, while that clause in the ^{subsequent} act which concerns burning, does not designate one of them by name; that it has no express clause of repeal, & makes no allusion in its title or body to the Revised Statute: that it was not to operate immediately, but to go into force at a future day, thus indicating a purpose to create offences thereby, & to give notice of them. Moreover it is not known that any legislative dissatisfaction was expressed with the previous law afforded for destroying houses, & that the ^{protection} ~~enacted~~ in the act of 1836, hence, it may be well argued, that ^{the} intention was to protect buildings, which were not before protected, and not to take away any protection then existing. But these considerations cannot authorize a construction in opposition to the plain words of the act. If it were a remedial statute & concerned private rights merely, they would have more weight, & perhaps, be sufficient to pervert the construction reading the act so as to make it meet the mischief. In questions touching crimes & punishments, however, & especially where the life is affected, statutes are to be received more literally, both in the provisions creating crimes, & affixing punishments. The interpretation of such statutes is to be benignant to the accused; and therefore words in his favour cannot be rejected. ~~It~~ It is perfectly settled as a rule of construction, that if by the common or statute law an offence is a felony, & a subsequent statute by an enactment, merely affirmative, specifies its grade or mitigates the punishment, the latter is to that extent an implied repeal of the former. If this act had said, that the burning of any ~~dwelling~~ ^{inhabited} house or out house should be a misdemeanor, then it would be clear, that the dwelling house - that is, an inhabited house - & its out house ^{should} have been left to the protection of the old law. ~~But~~ But suppose that part of the act had said in so many words, that the burning of any dwelling house, inhabited house, or out house, ~~should~~ ^{should} be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment. In that case it could be argued, that the former act was not repealed, which the burning of a dwelling house or mill & capital felony. The two provisions would then be absolutely inconsistent in respect to one & the same thing, mentioned specifically in both acts. In effect, it is the same thing here, as between the provisions of the other enactments mentioned in the act of 1836, excepting, perhaps, dwelling houses. It is so by force of the ~~words~~ ^{words} "other buildings" in the act of '46; which are broad enough to include & do therefore include them, unless ~~expressly excepted~~ ^{expressly excepted} or purely only a plain implication. Perhaps a dwelling house may be excepted out of the operation of this clause in the act of '46, which relates to the burning of houses, but ^{it is} ~~not~~ in the clause, which immediately followed relating to destroying

of defacing buildings, dwelling house is one of those enumerated as a particular. ~~dwelling~~
~~house~~ ^{dwelling house} "dwelling house" was inserted there because
before the defacing of it was not a crime, any more than the defacing of
an ~~uninhabited house~~ ^{uninhabited house}; and hence the inference is rational
that dwelling house ~~was~~ ^{may have been} omitted in the prior part about burning, because
it was already a felony to burn that. Perhaps that may be so, but it
at least doubtful that it is to be hoped the legislature will not allow such
a doubt to rest upon an important point as the security of men's
habitations from the deliberate & diabolical act of burning, the de-
gree of punishment to be inflicted therefore. But if that structure of the
two clauses of the sentence will justify that construction as to dwelling
houses, it must necessarily be restricted to dwelling ^{houses} ~~houses~~ ^{and} ~~not~~ ^{not} ex-
-tend it to barns & mills, because within barns nor mills are mention-
-ed in either clause of the act of '46, but in both are included, if at all,
under the same description "other buildings." For when it is argued that
those words "other buildings" do not include dwelling houses, as the sub-
-ject of arson, for the reasons just assigned, and in refore that they do not
include barns & mills, since like dwelling houses, they also were
-protected by the act of '36, the answer presented is, that then barns &
mills are not within any part of the act of '46, & thus ~~or~~ ^{or} ~~not~~ ^{not} in-
-cluded won't be repeated. The analogy between dwelling houses & barns &
mills must necessarily be kept up throughout, if acted on at all; and
~~therefore~~ ^{therefore} if a mill be not within "other buildings" as to the burning,
because a dwelling house is not, so neither can it be as to defac-
ing or destroying, for the same reason. Yet it is very certain, that the
legislature would be much surprised to hear, that, notwithstanding
they have enacted that willfully to demolish, pull down, or in any other
manner destroy any dwelling house, uninhabited house, or other building,
should be a misdemeanor, yet the Courts hold it to be no offence to
pull down a mill or demolish a cotton factory. Undoubtedly that
part of the act does protect all buildings, including mills, from mali-
cious destruction. It seems to follow necessarily, that under the very same
terms they must be included in the prior part of the section, although
in the one clause, the act creates a crime in respect to them, & in
the other it ~~upholds~~ ^{the} ~~existing~~ ^{crime} ~~previously existing~~ ^{previously existing} in respect to them, & im-
-poses its punishment. The Court, therefore, holds, that the prisoner's
offence was not a felony, & that he was erroneously sentenced to
be hanged.

The effect of the foregoing conclusion is now to be considered. For
the purpose it was contended, that, although ~~he~~ ^{he} was convicted of an act,
which is in law a misdemeanor, yet he could not be punished for it, because
the indictment charged ~~that~~ it as a felony. This reason does not strike one
as very satisfactory; for the truth appears upon the record, so that the appropri-
ate punishment ^{for the offence} ~~may~~ ^{and legally} must be inflicted. It does not raise the grade of a
crime, although the indictment does apply the epithet "felonious" to that which is
not a felony. ~~If an indictment charge~~ ^{that one "feloniously" an assault did make} ~~on an~~ ^{it} ~~it would still be~~
~~but an indictment for an assault merely.~~ It is true, that in England a
count for a felony & one for a misdemeanor can not be joined; for in the
law of that country the mode of defence & trial are different. It is proba-
bly too, that there an indictment might not be held good, which charged
a misdemeanor as a felony—especially, if it appeared in the record,
that the party was tried as for a felony; because in that case the accused
would not have had the benefit of counsel to which he would have been
entitled if tried for a misdemeanor. ^{Webster's Case, 12 Rich. 12. Henry 8. c. 251.} But those reasons have not the
same force in our law. Our Courts would no doubt not suffer the ac-
cused to be embarrassed by different counts for felonies & misdemeanors, &
would the prosecuting officer have election to proceed on one or the other.
But ~~the~~ ^{the} accused is put to no disadvantage here by
charging that of a felony which is not one. In the first place, as has
been observed, charging it to be a felony does not make it one; and the
trial might still be had as for the misdemeanor, a commonly mistake.
But if the trial were as for a felony the accused would have ~~no~~
cause for complaint; for, instead of impairing his rights, it would add
to his privileges, as he would in each case be equally ~~entitled~~ ^{entitled}
to counsel & upon a trial as for a felony he would have thirty five
challenges of jurors, whereas he is entitled to only four in other cases. We can
see no ground, therefore, why upon such a conviction the Superior
Court might not have sentenced the prisoner to fixed imprisonment.

Another inquiry follows; which is, whether that can now be
done. The Court is of opinion, that it may. At common law the rule,
as to the effect of reversing a judgment ^{in the judgment} ~~upon~~ error, appears to be different
in criminal ~~cases~~ ^{cases} & civil cases. In the latter where the error is
in the judgment merely, the Superior Court is widely allowed to ~~reverse~~ ^{reverse} that
given & then to give ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ such judgment as the Court below ought to
have given; for the merits have been tried & further litigation is useless.
But Lord Coke lays it down with respect to criminal cases, that
"if the judgment be erroneous, both that & the execution and all
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former proceedings shall be reversed by writ of error. 21st. 2d. 10; and
 the judgment shall be affirmed by this Court with approbation. *Ex parte R. C. Moore*
 20 So. 509. Although at one time the position seems to have been that
 it has more recently held, that upon reversal for error in the judgment,
 as where the proper punishment was death, but that law was transportation,
 the Court has power to pass the proper sentence, not to remit the case
 for that purpose to the Court which tried it, but was obliged to discharge
 the prisoner. *Nixon v. Ellis* 5 N.C. 395. *Riggs v. Bouvier* 7 Ad. 88th, 56.
 do that, (although the conviction was regular & proper, one error in
 a sentence precluding the power to give a right one; and from the
 recent case of *Beauvill* such seems to be required law by the
 highest tribunal in that country, as upon the reversal of the judg-
 ment in the House of Lords the accused was not sent back for a
 proper sentence, but discharged. We own that we can perceive no
 good reason for the rule, and therefore that we consider the legis-
 lature of this State were in having altered it, as we think, has
 been done. In prescribing the jurisdiction of this Court the statute says
 that the Court shall powerfully determine all questions at law brought be-
 fore it by appeal from a Superior Court, & in every case to render such
 sentence or judgment as on inspection of the whole record shall appear
 to them ought in law to be rendered thereon; provided that in criminal
 cases the decision of the Supreme Court shall be certified to the Superior
 Court, which shall proceed to judgment & sentence agreeably to the deci-
 sion of the Supreme Court & the laws of the State. It thus appears that this
 Court in no criminal case gives a judgment either modifying or com-
 affirming the judgment below. But it decides upon the whole record what
 ought to have been the judgment, & certifies that accordingly to the Superi-
 or Court. Where, as the case may be, a venire de novo is awarded, or the
 former judgment reprobated, or modified, as directed by this Court.
 The defendant is not before this Court at all, but remains below, a
 transcript only is sent here; ~~upon that~~ and our decision is
 remitted to the Superior Court for further proceedings there in confor-
 mity to it. It is clear, therefore, that this Court may say, not only
 that a wrong judgment was before given, but what would have been
 the right one, & that the Superior Court is to proceed accordingly. The
 power of this Court in prescribing the judgment is, ^{indeed,} necessarily subject
 to the limitation, that where the punishment is discretionary, the
 kind only can be prescribed, leaving the measure to the Judge on the

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WILLIAMSON

RE: ^AWILLIAM
GEORGE W.*Copies referred to in Return**Office of the North Carolina Standard
Raleigh, May 26th 1864*

To the Bureau of Conscription, Richmond Va
The undersigned, Editor and Proprietor of the
North Carolina Standard, would respectfully
represent to the Bureau that several weeks since
he employed Mr. W. G. Upchurch of Raleigh,
North Carolina, as a clerk in his office; that
he did so with the knowledge that the said Up-
church was a principal of a substitute, not
with the view of exempting him from service, but
because his services as Clerk were much needed;
that the said Upchurch had, as he was credibly
informed, been discharged on a writ of Habeas
Corpus, and has not been enrolled for service when
he was thus employed; that he, the undersigned,
has no Clerk in his employment with the excep-
tion of the said Upchurch, who is not a printer;
that printers are scarce and their services dif-
ficult to be obtained to the extent to which
they are needed; that in addition to the large
and increasing business of the undersigned, he
is also Printer to the State of North Carolina
and the public work would be expedited and

the State more promptly served if the undersigned should be permitted to retain Mr. Upchurch, as it would enable him to place a printer on the work who would otherwise have to act as Clerk.

The undersigned begs to assure the Bureau that he has employed the said Upchurch in good faith and that he needs his services. The business he has been engaged in requires constant attention and labor for ten and sometimes twelve hours per day and such labor cannot well be performed by a person advanced in years or in feeble health.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) W. W. Holden
[WILLIAM W. HOLDEN]

The undersigned would add that he has returned the name of the said Upchurch as one of the employees of his Office to the Enrolling Officer for this Congressional District and that he has made oath according to the act of Congress that his services are necessary in conducting the business of his establishment.

(Signed) W. W. Holden.

Conscript Office

Raleigh N.C. June 21st 1864

[S. B. WALTERS]

Respectfully returned to the Bureau of Conscription, inviting attention to report of Capt S. B. Walters which answers the interrogatories of the Bureau (signed) Peter Matteto Adal

Command of Conscription for N.C.

Bureau of Conscription

Richmond July 16th 1864

Reply ref^d to Command for N.C. If this party had been in the employment of Mr. Holden at the date of the passage of the "act to organize forces to serve during the War" and Mr. Holden had certified that he was indispensable to the publication of his paper "whatever the opinion of the Bureau might be as to the necessity for the services of the party, or as to the course of the paper, it could not refuse the exemption, because the plain letter of the Act would entitle him to it. But it appears that the party was not employed until 2nd May 1864. The act of Feb 17th having placed him in the military service his employment by Mr. Holden afterwards could not operate to discharge him from the service. The act of Feb 17th per se operates as an enrollment so far as to put the party into service. Suppose he had been forty nine years and ten months old on the

17th of Feby and on the second of May being over fifty years of age the Enrolling Officer has required him to enter the reserve forces he could not have been exempted on account of his age; because his status was fixed by the Act, and service was due from him from the moment of its passage. Age confers exemption and so does employment in certain callings. If age attained subsequent to the passage of the Act cannot exempt, neither can employment subsequently procured. So if he had been forty four years and ten months old on 17th of Feby and the Enrolling Officer had called upon him for service on the 2^d of May he must have been enrolled in the active and not in the reserve forces. This point has been frequently before the War Department of late and has uniformly been ruled as stated above. The exemption cannot therefore be allowed and the decision of the Enrolling Officer is affirmed.

(signed) T. P. August

Col & Acting Supt

Consent Office

Raleigh N.C. July 23^d 1864

Respy refd to the Co 5 Co to order the party to
Camp (signed) Josiah Jones Lt.

Acty Commr & Consent

State of North Carolina

To the Hon^{ble} R. M. Pearson Judge
of the Supreme Court of North Carolina

The petitioner William
G. Upchurch of the County of Wake most
respectfully sheweth that on the thirteenth
day of May last past he was enrolled
as a conscript. Notwithstanding he
was, before and at that time, and now
is, in the employment of W. W. Holden
as Editor of the Raleigh Standard a
newspaper being published in the City
of Raleigh at the time of the passage
by Congress of the late Military act of
the 16th of February last. That the certificate
of the said Editor duly made as required
by the act aforesaid was ^{then} produced to Capt
Wm M. Swann the enrolling officer for the
fifth Congressional District who postponed
final action on the exemption of this
petitioner till about the 20th of May thereafter.

That on the said 20th day of May he was
ordered to Camp Holmes by Capt Saml
B. Watters the enrolling officer for this County
upon which he filed an appeal to the Board
of Conscription and has been permitted
to remain at his employment ~~but has~~
~~been~~ informed and believes that the
appeal has been disapproved.

Yours Petitioner has this day been
^{by Capt. W. W. Scott Co. C 38th Regt. North Carolina militia}
ordered to report himself to Camp
Holmes to be assigned to duty in the
service of the Confederate States Army
whereby he is illegally and oppressively
held to service in said army.

△ said Capt. A. W. Scott answered

The petitioner therefore prays your Honor to grant him the writ of Habeas Corpus to be directed to the said A. W. Scott requiring him to bring before your Honor the body of your petitioner with the cause of his capture and detention that the same may be enquired into and relief may be afforded to your petitioner.

△
△
Calver August 8th 1864
W. S. Mason
supra petition

△ William G. Upchurch makes oath that the foregoing matters in the above petition as of his own knowledge are true and that the rest he believes to be true sworn and subscribed before me this 8th day of August 1864.

W. G. Upchurch

Suon to before me this 8th of August 1864

△ M. B. Royter J.P.

Separate piece of paper copied on this sheet

State of North Carolina

△ To Capt. A. W. Scott Commanding Co. C. 38th Regt. N. C. M. Grating

△ We command you, that the body of William G. Upchurch being confined and detained in your custody, as it is said, together with the day and cause of his capture and detention, you have before me at Richmond Hill

forthwith to do and receive what shall be considered in that behalf

△ Witness Richmond M. Pearson C. J. of the Supreme Court of N. C. this 12th day of August 1864.

△ R. M. Pearson Ch. J.

Chapter Three

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North Carolina was the last of the original eleven Confederate States to vote for secession. She was reluctant to leave the Union and previously voted not to secede, but when Lincoln called for North Carolina to raise two regiments to put down the rebellion in the South she voted again on May 20, 1861. This time the vote carried because North Carolina would not wage war on her neighbors. North Carolina was a poor state compared to Virginia and South Carolina, but she would send the most troops (133,905) and suffer the most fatalities (40,275) of any of the Confederacy.

The Seven Days Battle had just concluded when Jeff's career in the Army of Northern Virginia would begin. The South had won a tremendous reversal of fortune. The Union forces had begun their Peninsula Campaign under Major General George B. McClellan and were driving toward Richmond. They could hear the church bells of Richmond and the Confederate Capital appeared doomed. Confederate President Jefferson Davis placed Robert E. Lee in command of the Army of Northern Virginia after General Joe E. Johnston was severely wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines. Lee would go on the offensive and drive the Yankees into the James River. They would not threaten Richmond again until 1865.

Captain Hamilton Allen Brown was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel after Malvern Hill, the last battle of the Seven Days Battle. Brown was selected to command the First North Carolina State Troops Infantry Regiment. Brown's family was from Wilkesboro, North Carolina and very influential. Hamilton's grandfather fought at King's Mountain during the Revolutionary War. Governor John W. Ellis personally gave Brown a commission. Hamilton Brown attended the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1858 but did not graduate. Brown was wounded 13 times and among those who surrendered with Lee at Appomattox. Brown served with great honor and was always at the front with his men.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown was ordered to Raleigh, North Carolina to pick-up five hundred newly conscripted troops that were assigned to his command. Jeff was one of these new troops, having been enlisted for the duration of the war on

July 15, 1862. Brown commented that “these men proved to be excellent material for soldiers, brave and willing, as was fully proven on many a bloody field afterward.” After being assigned to their proper companies and sufficiently drilled, the regiment and division were moved by rail to Orange Court House in Virginia.

Jeff had two cousins who enlisted at the same time as he did and the three of them served together in Company G (Washington Volunteers) of the First North Carolina State Troops. They were Lindaman Upchurch and Allinder Burtis Upchurch. Jeff and Lindaman were captured together on May 12, 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House and sent to Elmira Prison Camp in New York. They took the “Oath of Allegiance” together, exchanged for Federal prisoners and were thought to have returned home together. Allinder was captured later at Farmville, Virginia on April 2, 1865. Allinder was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland as a P.O.W.

The 1st North Carolina State Troops was organized at Warrenton, North Carolina on June 3, 1861 and the men were from the counties of Chowan, Wilkes, New Hanover, Orange, Lincoln, Hertford, Northampton, Washington, Martin, Wake, and Halifax. The 1st was one of ten regiments of “State Troops” authorized by law, whose term of service was to be for three years or the duration of the war. They were numbered one through ten and were formed when North Carolina decided the war was going to be long and drawn out, and needed to properly organize her troops. The original regiments at the beginning of the war were largely volunteers who had enlisted for ninety days or up to a year and many were commanded by officers commissioned by political appointment with no military expertise. The state gave the older regiments a new designation by adding ten to their original number, or broke them up and put them into other units. Regiments with numbers greater than ten were called North Carolina Troops. This renumbering has caused much confusion over the years.

In addition to Jeff’s cousins in Company G, there were many other Upchurchs in the 1st North Carolina, and Jeff was given the nickname “Meeting House” to distinguish him from the rest. One can only surmise that since a church (Upchurch) and a meeting house were sometimes one in the same they labeled him as such. This was probably a very effective way to eliminate confusion in the heat of battle. Jeff would become a Sharpshooter and they were used like pawns by

moving them around to direct their fire as needed so communication needed to be clear and precise.

The Captain of Company G was Louis C. Latham of Plymouth, North Carolina. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and after the war would attend Harvard and serve in the North Carolina and United States House of Representatives. He also was present at Appomattox at the surrender. Jeff would speak of Captain Latham often in his later years.

Jeff did not volunteer to join the Confederate Army, but was enlisted as a "Conscript" following the 1862 Act of Conscription. This act called for all able-bodied white males between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five to join for three years or for the duration of the war. A person who met these standards could hire a substitute to take his place. This substitute would have to be someone outside the perimeters of the Conscription Act. We do not know Jeff's convictions about the war and why he didn't volunteer, but we do know that Jeff would have been sorely needed at home to provide for his family since he was the only able bodied adult male in a household living on a "hardscrabble" farm. Jeff's older two brothers had left home before the war. Nathaniel the oldest had moved to Florida and Bill was living and working in Raleigh. Nathaniel would serve in the Confederate Army having enlisted on July 28, 1863 as a private in the Second Florida Cavalry, Company K. He served till the end of the war, and his unit surrendered on May 18, 1865 at Lake City, Florida. His parole was granted under the terms and conditions negotiated between General Joe E. Johnston and General William T. Sherman at Bennett's Farm in Durham, North Carolina. The family did not hear from Nathaniel for many years after the war. Bill hired a substitute to avoid service, but he would be caught up in a legal battle when the Confederate government enacted a second Conscription Act in February 1864. This act eliminated the option of hiring a substitute, even if you had done so previously and expanded the age limits from seventeen to fifty. Bill became eligible again, but refused to report and was arrested. The legal proceedings would go all the way to the State Supreme Court. Bill managed to win his case and skip service again. He had convinced his friend, Mr. William W. Holden who was the editor of the Raleigh newspaper, the Carolina Standard to employ (or claim to employ) him as a clerk. A job with the newspaper entitled one to claim legal exemption from service. Bill became a very successful businessman and was in a good position during Federal Occupation and

Reconstruction to help the family recover and prosper. We do not know Bill's convictions about the war either, except he went to great measures to avoid it.

Conscripts were not as highly regarded in the Confederate Army as volunteers, but Jeff's service would prove to be of the highest standard. He would become a "Sharpshooter". Sharpshooters were a very elite and trusted group and earned much admiration from their peers. Sharpshooters were also privileged characters and were relieved of most camp fatigue duty. A sharpshooter was much more than a good marksman. This was an individual who could be thrown out as a skirmisher, or put beyond the picket lines. He could be used as a rear guard, scout, a sniper, or in any situation where command wanted to bring a concentrated fire on an enemy position. A sharpshooter had to be a very resourceful individual who was quick on his feet and able to fend for himself. Sharpshooters were a great source of information for command and were used to probe enemy strengths and weaknesses. They could be relied upon to follow orders and could be inserted into the action for great effect. Many enemy artillery batteries were silenced and chains of command decimated by their murderous fire. Jeff related the story that the forty rounds of ammunition he was issued daily would often be exhausted by noon and seeing a Yankee drop with nearly every shot. Jeff's marksmanship was honed as a boy when his mother purchased at auction a single barrel muzzle loaded shotgun for him and he used it to put game on the table for the family. This gun previously belonged to a widow named Crocker and became known as the "Widow Crocker".

Jeff would also be awarded the "Roll of Honor" for valor. This was the Confederate version of the Medal of Honor and was voted upon by his peers. One should not doubt Jeff's courage and commitment.

When Jeff entered service, the chain of command was as follows:

Army of Northern Virginia-Lieutenant General Robert E. Lee

Jackson's Corps-Major General Thomas J. Jackson

Major General Daniel H. Hill's Division

Brigadier General Roswell S. Ripley's Brigade

Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton's First North Carolina State Troops Regiment

Captain Louis C. Latham's Company G

The first taste of war for Jeff came at Second Manassas. Ripley's Brigade had been marched from Orange Court House to Manassas Junction, but not quite at the pace ordered. They arrived too late and were held in reserve. The First did not fire a shot, but the sights and sounds of this tremendous battle must have been a frightful eye opener to a raw recruit. Jeff's unit was also in reserve at the Battle of Chantilly following Second Manassas.

Lee had won a great victory at Second Manassas and he decided to go on the offensive and take the war to the North. Lee split his forces, a tactic he would use several times during the war and make famous because it was always done against overwhelming odds and extremely risky. He divided his army into four columns. Lee sent Stonewall and three of the columns to capture the Federal stronghold at Harper's Ferry and the rest of the Army of Northern Virginia toward Maryland. He wanted to resupply his army in the rich farm lands of Maryland and give the many Confederate sympathizers in Maryland a chance to join the cause. One of Jeff's future brigade commanders, Brigadier General George H. Steuart would come from Maryland. He would be referred to as "Maryland Steuart" to distinguish him from the famous Major General J.E.B. Stuart.

Lee issued Special Order 191 (The Lost Order) on September 9, 1862. It outlined all his troop movements toward Harper's Ferry, Hagerstown and Boonsborough. Copies of this order were sent to each division's general. Major General D.H. Hill's copy was found by Federal troops at Frederick Maryland. It was wrapped around three cigars, lying on the ground in a campground just vacated by Hill. The copy of Special Order 191 was taken to Union General George B. McClellan, the commander of the Army of the Potomac. McClellan now knew all Lee's plans and troop movements for his march into Maryland. McClellan proclaimed "Now I know what to do!" and he confided to a subordinate, "Here is a paper with which, If I cannot whip Bobby Lee, I will be willing to go home." Even the overly cautious McClellan would act on this information and send his troops to intercept Lee in the South Mountains and eventually clash at Sharpsburg.

The 1st North Carolina under D.H. Hill crossed the Potomac River at Point of Rocks and Brigadier General Roswell Ripley marched Jeff's brigade though the

South Mountains in route toward Sharpsburg, Maryland. McClellan's troops caught Hill's Division in the mountains, and there was tremendous fighting, with the Confederates outnumbered four to one. Fighting was furious in places such as Fox's Gap, Crampton's Gap, and Turner's Gap. Lee's Army was all spread out and in trouble. The best they could hope for was to delay the Union Army with a rear action so they could reform at Sharpsburg. Jeff's brigade was lightly engaged in this Battle of the Gaps because Ripley got lost in the mountains. Ripley showed up in J.E.B Stuart's camp one night asking for directions. D.H. Hill was more than a little upset with Ripley for not supporting the division and said so in his battle reports.

The Confederates did manage to reassemble in Sharpsburg. Lee's Army had been badly mauled in the South Mountains. Stonewall was slowed getting to Sharpsburg because he had to deal with so many prisoners and General Ambrose P. Hill's troops were yet to arrive because they were left to deal with the paroles of the captured Yankees. Lee had not chosen this place for a major battle with McClellan, but the Lost Order brought the Army of the Potomac to him before he could mass all his forces. There was going to be a battle on the scale never seen before in North America. While not a time that Lee would have preferred engagement, he never the less selected a site to his advantage. Fortunately McClellan exhibited what Lincoln called "the slows" and gave Lee some very precious time to organize his troops.

Gettis Upchurch

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to Peggy, me, Phil, Tom

Thanks Jay,

These pictures show me a lot. There is W.W. Holden's house next door to W.G's, and from these aerial photos we can see that William George's house had a rear two story wing, making this a large home. Also, I suspect that building directly behind the house was a stable and carriage house. They were mentioned in the description of the property in the auction notice. I am most certain at one time there would have been an alleyway running behind the lot to service the rear of the home and stable/carriage house. Also, pretty cool picture of the Curtiss JN-4 Jenny biplane. Great find!

Thanks, Gettis



