

## William Green Upchurch

**Commentary:** William Green Upchurch was born 1857 in Williamson County, TX and died in that county in 1933. He was the son of Henderson Upchurch, who was born around 1815 in Chatham County, NC. This Henderson lived his adult life in Texas where records show he was born to Rufus Upchurch of North Carolina. Circumstances lead us to speculate that this Rufus was actually Ruffin Upchurch, a son of Moses, head of Upchurch Clan #1, but research is on-going. This Biofile of William Green Upchurch is a first attempt at getting some details about the Henderson Upchurch family on the record. In this we are assisted by a descendant of Henderson, Sean Alan Upchurch. Our efforts to add more records for this family will continue as we attempt to uncover more details of their elusive heritage.

RPU, 1 Feb 2018

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(1) Ancestry.com records for W<sup>m</sup> Green U s/o Henderson U b 181X (NC)

1900 Census – Williamson Co, TX – Justice Precinct 3 (All north of S. Fork of San Gabriel River)

Green Upchurch, 43, head, born Feb 1857, TX, NC, AL wife Sarah Upchurch, 37, born Jun 1862 TN. Also listed are sons Thomas H Upchurch, 15, born Jun 1884 TX; Willie Upchurch, 9, born Jul 1890 TX; Harvey Upchurch, 3, born May 1897 TX; and daughters Phebe Upchurch, 13, born Nov 1886 TX; Carie S Upchurch, 1, born Aug 1898 TX.

Name		Age
Green Upchurch	HEAD	FEB 1857 43 TX, NC, AL
Sarah Upchurch	WIF	JUN 1862 37 TN
Thomas H Upchurch	SON	JUN 1884 15 TX
Phebe Upchurch	DAU	NOV 1886 13 TX
Willie Upchurch	SON	JUL 1890 9 TX
Harvey Upchurch	SON	MAY 1897 3 TX
Carie S Upchurch	DAU	AUG 1898 1 TX

1910 Census – Williamson Co, TX – Justice  
Precinct 3 Georgetown & Liberty Rd

William G Upchurch, 52, head, md  
14 yrs, b abt 1858 TX, NC, AL and wife [3,  
3] Sarah Upchurch, 46, b abt 1864 TN, TN,  
TN. Also listed are sons William Upchurch,  
19, b abt 1891 TX; Harry Upchurch, 12, b  
abt 1898 TX; Clyde Upchurch, 10, b abt  
1900 TX; John Upchurch (household 95), 6,  
b abt 1904 TX; and daughter Beulah  
Upchurch, 21, b abt 1889 TX.

Name	MO, YRS	b. Abt	Age
William G Upchurch	HEAD	1858	52 TX, NC, AL
Sarah Upchurch	WIFE [3,3]	1864	46 TN, TN, TN
Beulah Upchurch	DAU	1889	21 TX
William Upchurch	SON	1891	19 TX
Harry Upchurch	SON	1898	12 TX
Clyde Upchurch	SON	1900	10 TX
John Upchurch	SON	1904	6 TX
HOUSEHOLD 95			

1920 Census – Williamson Co, TX –  
Leander

William Upchurch, 62, head, b abt  
1858 and wife Sarah Upchurch, 57, b abt  
1863. Also listed is son John Upchurch, 16,  
b abt 1904.

1920 CENSUS - WILLIAMSON CO, TX - LEANDER			
Name	b	B. Abt	Age
William Upchurch	HEAD	1858	62
Sarah Upchurch	WIFE	1863	57
John Upchurch	SON	1904	16

1930 Census – Williamson Co, TX –  
Precinct 3

William G Upchurch, 73, head (md  
23, 31), b abt 1857 TX, NC, AL and wife  
Sora Upchurch, 66, b abt 1864 TN, TN, TN.  
Also listed are son John F Upchurch, 26, b  
abt 1904 TX and divorced daughter Clyde  
Mellard (Mellard Clyde U Md 19), 31, b b  
abt 1899 TX.

1930 CENSUS - WILLIAMSON CO, TX - PRECINCT 3			
Name	S MO 23, 31	b. Abt	Age TX, NC, AL
William G Upchurch	HEAD	1857	73 TX, NC, AL
Sora Upchurch	WIFE	1864	66 TN, TN, TN
Clyde Mellard	DAU DIV	1899	31 TX
John F Upchurch	SON S	1904	26 TX
→ (MELLARD CLYDE U) MO 19			

I. Moses U – Head of Clan

A. Rufus U – (same as Ruffin U ?)

1. Henderson U b 181X (NC)

a. William Green U b Feb 1857 (TX)

md () Sarah

md (2<sup>nd</sup>) Sarah Caroline Wiley b Jun 1862 (TN)

i. Thomas H. U b Jun 1884 (TX)

ii. Phebe U b Nov 1886 (TX)

iii. Beulah U b 1889 (TX)

iv. William U “Willie” b Jul 1980 (TX)

v. Harvey U b May 1897 (TX)

vi. Mellard Clyde U (F) b Abt 1899 (TX)

vii. John F. U b Abt 1904 (TX)

viii. Carrie S. U b Aug 1898 (TX)

(2) Ancestry.com records for Henderson U b 181X (NC) – RPU 10 Sep 2009

I. Moses U – Head of Clan

A. Rufus U – (same as Ruffin U ?)

1. Henderson U b 181X (Chatham Co, NC)

md () Mary Elizabeth Peyton

a. Martha U b Abt 1851

b. John Rufus U b Abt 1854

c. Mary W. U b Abt 1855

d. William Green U b Abt 1857

e. Phoebe F. U b Abt 1859

f. Eliza J. U b Abt 1860

g. Sarah E. U b Abt 1862

h. A. Cora U b Abt 1865

1850 Census – Bastrop Co, TX

Henderson Upchurch, age 34, b abt  
1816 in NC, Mary E Upchurch, age 22, born  
abt 1828 AL

1850 CENSUS - BASTROP CO, TX			
Name	FARMER	b Abt	Age
Henderson Upchurch		1816	34 NC
Mary E Upchurch		1828	22 AL

### 1850 Census – Travis Co, TX

Nicholos McArtha, age 38, KY; Lodoesky McArtha, age 27, GA; James McArtha age 8, TX; John McArtha, age 5, TX; Mary McArtha, age 2, TX; Janes Doye, age 52, Ireland; Mary Doye, age 45, GA; Henderson Upchurch, age 32, TN; Mary Upchurch, age 22, AL

1850 CENSUS - TRAVIS CO, TX		
Name	FARMER 11, 640 BART	Age
Δ Nicholos McArtha		38 KY
Lodoesky McArtha		27 GA
James McArtha		8 TX
John McArtha		5 TX
Mary McArtha		2 TX
Δ Janes Doye	BRICK 11, 450	52 IRE
Mary Doye		45 GA
Henderson Upchurch	1818	32 TN
Mary Upchurch	1828	22 AL
FARMER		

### 1860 Census – Williamson Co, TX Williamson Div PO - Round Rock

William G Upchurch, age 3, b abt 1857 in TX is listed in home of parents Henderson and Mary Upchurch

1860 CENSUS - WILLIAMSON CO, TX, WILLIAMSON DIV PO = ROUND ROCK		
Name	FARMER 11, 640 BART	Age
Henderson Upchurch	1815	45 AL
Mary Upchurch	1827	33 AL
Martha Upchurch	1852	8 TX
John W Upchurch	1853	7 TX
Mary W Upchurch	1855	5 TX
William G Upchurch	1857	3 TX
Pheba F Upchurch	1858	2 TX
Eliza J Upchurch	1860	1.12 TX

1870 Census – Williamson Co, TX PO = Bagdad

William Upchurch, age 12, b abt 1858 in TX is listed in home of parents Henderson and Mary Upchurch

1870 CENSUS - WILLIAMSON CO, TX PO = BAGDAD

Name	FARMER	B	A	B	T	Age
Henderson Upchurch		1810				60 NC
Mary Upchurch		1825				45 AL
Martha Upchurch		1851				19 TX
John Upchurch		1854				16
Mary Upchurch		1856				14
William Upchurch		1858				12
Phobe Upchurch		1860				10
Sarah Upchurch		1863				7
Cara Upchurch		1865				5

1880 Census – Williamson Co, TX

Green Upchurch, age 23, b abt 1857 in TX, is listed in home of parents Henderson and Mary E. Upchurch

1880 CENSUS WILLIAMSON CO, TX

Name	FARMER	B	A	B	T	Age
Henderson Upchurch	HEAD	1811				69 NC, NC, NC
Mary E. Upchurch	WIFE	1828				52 AL, VA, AL
John R. Upchurch	SON	1854				26 TX
Green Upchurch	SON	1857				23 TX
Sarah G. Upchurch	DAUGHTER	1862				18
A. Cora Upchurch	DAUGHTER	1865				15

Mary E. U = nee Mary Elizabeth Payton  
John R. U = John Rufus U

(3) See Biofile of Jesse Tyre U for ltr he wrote 2 Feb 1951 (JTU = 67) to Alice Brown Gray. – some excerpts

Jesse had clearly in his mind that his grandfather Claburn U, I “CLEABORN” moved from NC to GA. Jesse recalls key items about his family: [NOTE – The writer JTU clearly writes his name as JESSIE in this ltr]

I. Richard U, III – Head of clan

A. Claburn U, I – had 4 boys & 2 girls – lived Henry Co, GA

1. JEAMES U [ James Monroe U, I] md () Elizabeth McGarity [Sarah Elizabeth McGarity] lived & died in Henry Co, GA. – had 5 boys, 4 girls

2. William U [William Claburn U] md () Catherine - - and moved to TX – Hallasville or Hemphill [Has to be Hallettsville, Lavaca Co, TX – RPU] – before the “Old Revolutionary War” [Has to be Civil War – RPU]

3. \*Jasper U (Father of Jessie Tyre U) – went to TX with William U (#2) & stayed 6 years – came back to Henry Co, GA in 1860 before war broke out. He died 1911 (Henry Co, GA)

4. BRITT Upchurch [James Briton U] md () Susan Elizabeth Chaffin. They moved to AR 1859. She lived corner of Choctaw Ave & Vine St in Hachett, AR until she died about 1912

[Note: The above report by Jessie Tyre U that his Uncle William Claburn U moved to TX brings conflicting information which needs to be resolved:

a. There is a William U age 37 (b abt 1823) (GA) on the 1860 census of Lavaca Co, TX and he has a wife Catherine - -.

b. However, I previously assumed this TX Upchurch was **William Green U** s/o Charity U. [**William Green U** is a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin of William Claburn U]

c. Subsequent records of locations & children of WCU & WGU tend to suggest that Jasper U went to TX with WGU not WCU. Jsper U not found on TX records. RPU 26 Feb 04]

(4) TX Births 1903-1997 Letter 18 July 2005 Charles Peterson to RPU Entries for which child is not named

	Child Born	Birth County	Parent	Parent
1	17 Jun 1910	Williamson		Grover Upchurch
2	28 Jun 1912	Williamson		G C Upchurch
3	8 Apr 1912	Williamson		Tom Upchurch
4	21 Jun 1914	Williamson		Will Upchurch
5	23 Mar 1915	Williamson		Thos Upchurch

As of 26 Aug 2005 I cannot name the above children. However circumstances strongly support the idea that their parents are descendants of Henderson U s/o Rufus U who heads the [Transcriber: garbled word] Unknown U/ Rufus U subgroup.

G. C. U/Grover U is Grover Cleveland U a gs/o Henderson U

Tom U/ Thos U is possibly Tommie Henderson U (crossfile Thomas Henderson U) s/o **William Greenleaf U** and gs/o Henderson U

Will U is possibly William U s/o **William Greenleaf U** and also gs/o Henderson U

[Transcriber addition: My grandfather Robert Joseph Upchurch s/o Thomas Henderson U was born 8 Apr 1912 (possibly #3 in table)]

(5) Ancestry.com and other records for family of William C. U – RPU 11 Sep 2009

I. Moses U – Head of Clan

A. Rufus U (same as Ruffin U ?)

1. Henderson U

a. William Green U 1857-1940 b Leander, Williams Co, TX)

md () Sarah Caroline Wiley 1864-1949

md () Angie Evans b Lampasas Co, TX

i. William C. U. b 13 Jul 1890 (Leander, Williamson Co, TX) d 19 Jan 1948 (Williamson Co, TX.) (BUX. Bagdad Cem., Leander, Williamson co, TX)

md () Lillie May Branch [why is "Helen" listed \* b 1890 - ?? – RPU]

(I) Robert H. U b 25 Jun 1919 (TX) d Aug 1988 (Austin, Travis Co, TX)

(II) Dorothy E. U. b abt 1924 (TX)

1920 Census – Jeff Davis Co, TX. Justict

Pct 4

Will Upchurch, 29, head, b abt 1891 TX and wife Lillie May Upchurch, 29, b abt 1891 TX. Also listed is son Robert Upchurch, 3/12, b abt 1920 TX.

1920 CENSUS. JEFF DAVIS CO, TX. JUSTICT PCT 4				
Name	Relationship	B	ABT	Age
Will Upchurch	HEAD	1891	29	TX
Lillie May Upchurch	WIFE	1891	29	TX
Robert Upchurch	SON	1920	3/12	TX

1930 Census – Williamson Co, TX. Precinct

3

Will Upchurch, 39, head, b abt 1891 TX and wife Lillie M Upchurch, 39, b abt 1891 TX married about 1914. Also listed is son R H Upchurch, 10, b abt 1920 TX and daughter Dorothy E Upchurch, 6, b abt 1924 TX.

1930 CENSUS - WILLIAMSON CO, TX - PRECINCT 3				
Name	Relationship	B	ABT	Age
Will Upchurch	HEAD	1891	39	TX
Lillie M Upchurch	WIFE	1891	39	TX
Dorothy E Upchurch	DAUGHTER	1924	6	TX
R H Upchurch	SON	1920	10	TX



Death Certificate for Will U listing father name as W. G. Upchurch and father birthplace as Leander, Williamson, TX.

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1. PLACE OF DEATH  
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF Williamson  
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Will Upchurch  
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED 59 YEARS 6 MONTHS 10 DAYS (SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_)  
RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (STREET AND NO. \_\_\_\_\_) CITY Leander COUNTY Williamson STATE Texas

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  
3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White  
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Married  
6. DATE OF BIRTH July 13, 1890  
7. AGE 59 YEARS 6 MONTHS 10 DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS \_\_\_\_\_ MIN  
8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE Farmer Rancher  
8B. INDUSTRY OR WHICH ENGAGED Same  
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Texas  
10. NAME W. G. Upchurch  
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Leander, Texas  
12. MAIDEN NAME Grace Evans  
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Leander, Texas  
14. SIGNATURE W. G. Upchurch  
ADDRESS Leander, Texas  
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION Bagdad Cemetery Leander, Texas  
DATE 1-21-48  
16. SIGNATURE James M. Upchurch  
ADDRESS Leander, Texas

MEDICAL PARTICULARS  
17. DATE OF DEATH Jan. 19, 1948  
18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM Dec 15-47 TO Jan 19, 1948  
I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON Jan 19, 1948  
THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT 7:30 P.M.  
THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: Pulmonary Tuberculosis  
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE \_\_\_\_\_  
IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF OCCURRENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
PLACE OF OCCURRENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
MANNER OR MEANS IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE C. J. White  
ADDRESS Leander, Texas

20. FILE NUMBER 11 FILE DATE 1/20 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR C. J. White POST OFFICE ADDRESS Leander, Texas

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

RECEIVED FEB 5 1948 TEXAS

Social Security Death Index

Name: **Robert Upchurch**  
SSN: 525-44-1971  
Last Residence: 78756 Austin, Travis, Texas, United States of America  
Born: 25 Jun 1919  
Died: Aug 1988  
State (Year) SSN New Mexico (Before 1951)

William Greenleaf Upchurch  
1857 - 1940

Sarah Caroline Wiley  
1864 - 1944

Spouse & Children

Helen  
1890 -

Historical Records

1910 United States Federal Census  
1920 United States Federal Census  
World War I Draft Registration Cards

William C Upchurch  
Birth 13 Jul 1889 in Leander, Williamson, Texa  
Death 19 Jan 1948 in Williamson Co, Texas

Birth  
1889  
13 Jul  
Leander, Williamson, Texas  
Per Death Cert

Residence  
1910  
Age: 21  
Justice Precinct 3, Williamson, Texas

Residence  
1917  
5 Jun  
Age: 27  
Valentine, Jeff Davis, Texas  
ww1 Draft Card Registration He is a stock

Residence  
1920  
Age: 31  
Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Death  
1948  
19 Jan  
Age: 58  
Williamson Co, Texas  
Per Death Cert