

William Upchurch I**XID 3343**

- 1) See email 26 Jan 2010, Mae Frances Davenport to Ray NMN White Jr, in her Biofile and his response of 26 Jan 2010 in his Biofile, regarding the following array of people:

I. Michael Upchurch I (1624 – 1681)

From
RPU's
chart

- a. Michael U II (1667 -1697)
- b. Richard U I (1658 – bef 1700)
 - i. John U I (1678 – 1758)
 - ii. **William U I**
 - iii. James U I (1685 – 1765)

- d. Now comes the interesting info...on the 1679 Tithable record for Lawne's Creek Parish of Surry County, Virginia, Michael Upchurch is listed... AND SO IS HIS SON,

MICHAEL. I have a copy of the actual record in my hand as I speak...and it's clear and easy to read: Michael Upchurch & Michael his son.

- e. This really excites me. Now we can see that he'd reached 16 by 1679, making him born after 10 Jun 1662 and before 10 Jun 1663.
- f. Could it possibly be that since Michael II was born earlier than thought, that he might be the father of John, **William**, and James, instead of Richard (c. 1658 – 1700)? When we thought he wasn't old enough to have fathered John, (b. 1678), it made sense that Richard was the father. But now we can see that Michael II would have been about 17 years of age.
- g. I've never really studied the two sons of Michael (1624 – 1681), so I'm not sure of the validity of whether Richard U (1658 –1700), or now this son Michael would have been the father of John, **Wm**, and James.

What do you think?

Mae has paragraphs A – E in her email, none of which are produced here. In A, D, E, F, she reports that new evidence shows Michael II was born between 10 Jun 1662 and 10 Jun 1663 – earlier than West reported – based on this, she asks if Michael II could be the father of John U I, **Wm U I**, & James U I. (see G) next page.

- c. First though, let me give you this from Belle Lewter West's book:

Michael U II, in Surry County, VA, seems to have been the youngest son of Michael and Frances Upchurch. He was first mentioned in records as a tithable at Lawne's Creek Parish Church by his mother, Frances, on the 12th of Jun 1683, indicating that he had just reached the age of sixteen....

So, we've all used that information about Michael II as nothing else had ever surfaced to make us think differently. Ms. West's findings suggested that Michael II was born about 1667.

- x. This is absolutely fascinating, and you could be onto something significant. It will need to be thought out, but Michael II would've been really young, still I notice that John apparently had a daughter, Elizabeth, b. 25 Dec 1701 – which (usually) would mean having been born 1670 – 75, and there were at least two boys, John Jr and James, for whom I do not have a birthdate. If they were before Elizabeth, then John's marriage might have been a littler earlier (or not). In any event, this would imply that Michael II would need to have been born not much later than c. 1650.

In C, Mae shows that West thought Michael II, b abt 1667 – Roy's response in given in X.

[RPU Comments: I will agree that the dates for the first 4 generations need to be revisited and any new data analyzed with change in partage if needed. However, I do agree with Roy that even if Michael II was born 1662, he would have been only about 16 when John I was born in 1776 – hence not likely father and son.

Note: Mae is writing a book on Michael U I, in late Mar 2010.]

- 2) See letter 19 Oct 2001, John Read Upchurch to RPU RE: a 13 item Report of Nancy Carter Moore regarding Brunswick County, VA records possibly bearing upon Joseph U b. 1775 – RPU Comments

3 From wills and deeds, I know that Michael Upchurch lived on the south side of Eaton's Road in 1784, near Middle Run. His neighbors were Valentine White, Thomas Parham, Lewis Dupree, Thomas, Isaac, and Benjamin Mosely. MICHAEL U, III XID-159 HIS LOCATION & NEIGHBORS 1784

6 By 1777, Michael/Myal Upchurch's neighbors were BARTHOLOMEW UPCHURCH, Matthew Rainey, Thomas Bracy, and Allen Love. This deed is from "Daniel Burnet and his wife Elizabeth of CHATHAM Co. NORTH CAROLINA to Thomas Smith of Chatham County, N.C.," and it was land already lived on by Joyce Burnet, at the head of Poplar Creek. MICHAEL U, III XID-159 BARTHOLOMEW U IS NEW !! NEED DEED TO VERIFY THIS NEW UPCHURCH FAMILY MEMBER - LOCATION 1777

7 Another 1777 deed of gift from William Brewer and is wife Mary to John Brewer is for "518 acres which was William Brewer's dec'd plantation, on the south side of Rattle Snake Creek joining William Jones, Henry Ledbetter, UPCHURCH'S BRANCH, and James UPCHURCH. JAMES U IS PROBABLY JAMES U, III AS HIS BODFIE HAS OTHER REFERENCES TO RATTLE SNAKE CREEK & RATTLE SNAKE CHUKLN; HOWEVER CANNOT YET RULE OUT HIS 1ST COUSIN JAMES U, II WHO LIVED IN THE SAME ERA & AREA

9 There was also a THOMAS UPCHURCH in Brunswick in 1776, as he is a witness to the will of Thomas Lambert. THIS THOMAS U IS NEW TO RPU RECORDS. NEED COPY OF WILL TO VERIFY DETAILS. BEING OLD ENOUGH TO WITNESS A WILL IN 1776 HE COULD HAVE BEEN THE FATHER OF JOSEPH U b 1775 !! THOMAS PROBABLY AT LEAST 21 IN 1776 HENCE BORN 1754 OR BEFORE

10 Everybody over 16 had to do road work in the 1700s in VA, or have a slave do it. Some of these records have survived, and on September 7, 1738, JAMES UPCHURCH and WILLIAM UPCHURCH were removed from Francis Wray's road crew and placed on William Mosely's road crew. So, WOW, these Upchurches were there early enough to be Joseph's father, that is for sure! In Brunswick County Court records, William was added to a list of tithables in 1736, SO THIS IS WHEN HE BECAME 21. THIS INFO IS NEW TO RPU. BASED ON AGES THIS JAMES U IS ALMOST CERTAINLY JAMES U, I XID-151

ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME CHANCE IT COULD BE HIS SON JAMES U, II XID-154. THIS WILLIAM U IS A GOOD FIT TO BE WILLIAM U, I XID-3343, A BROTHER OF JAMES U, I - XID-151

12 In a November pre-election (of burgesses) in Brunswick, the only Upchurches on the list were JAMES UPCHURCH Sr. and MICHAEL UPCHURCH. THIS REFERENCE IS NOT DATED BUT ANOTHER CITATION IN RPU SHOWS JAMES U REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR BURGESSES IN 1748 - PROBABLY ALL THE SAME HENCE JAMES U, SR = JAMES U, I (SR) XID-151 & MICHAEL U = MICHAEL U, III XID-159

NOTE: NANCY WRITES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO FIND JOSEPH U b 1775 LISTED IN SOME OF THESE VA RECORDS - THIS IS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LIKELY AS HE LEFT VA AS A TEENAGER OR YOUNG MAN - RPU

- 3) See notes of RPU, 31 Dec 1978, visit to William Kendrick Upchurch Sr. His files show that Richard U (XID 149), son of Michael I, had three children. The first two, John and James (XIDs 150 and 151), I already had on my charts. The third, William U (XID 3343), was new to me although he may be in other notes of mine and not on the Master Colonial Chart – RPU
- 4) *Kinfolks of Granville County, NC 1765 – 1826* by Zae Hargett Gwynn, published by Watson, 1974 Abstracted by RPU, 5 Dec 2001 in Zebulon, NC Library [Covers Deed Books H-2, 1, 2, Tax List 1769]
- A. P. 193 (423) Priscilla Fuller, deed of gift to Israel Bayley, Lane Jackson and John Upchurch 9 Sep 1815 (John U IV).
 - B. P. 58 (263) William Upchurch Sr. of Wilks County, NC, deed to William Upchurch Jr. Granville County, NC 26 Aug 1782.
 - C. P. 173 (196) William Upchurch of Wake County, NC, deed to Young Montague, 8 Mar 1811.
 - D. P. 230 (227) William Upchurch of Wake County, NC, deed to Granville County, NC recorded Garland Allen 8 Mar 1811.
 - E. Tax List 1769 – Granville County, NC p. 280
 - i. William Upchurch -1 White Poll
 - ii. William Upchurch Jr. – 1 White Poll

RPU notes:

- A. John U is clearly John Upchurch II
- B. William U, Sr. is clearly William U IV and he did have a son (Jr.?) William U (XID 2063) and there is no reason to doubt that XID 2063 is the William Upchurch who received land in 1782 in Granville County, NC.
- C. And D. For present, the William Upchurch of Wake County, NC 1800 – 1811, who was formerly of Granville County.
- E. There are several prospects for these two William Upchurches.
 - a. William Upchurch (not Jr.) could be William Upchurch IV on his way to Wilkes County, NC; William Upchurch II b. 1735; or (less likely) **William Upchurch I** b. 1715
 - b. William Upchurch Jr. could be William U (XID 2063), son of William U IV; William II b 1735, being Jr. to his uncle **William I**.
 - c. Neither William is William Upchurch III, who was born after 1769.