

William W. Upchurch XID 4793
b. 1854 (NC) d. 1923 (NC)

Commentary: William W. Upchurch lived his entire life (1854 – 1923) in Raleigh NC. He was the son of Alfred E. Upchurch, the grandson of Burtis Upchurch, and the g-grandson of Nathan Upchurch I, the head of Upchurch clan # 3. William helped to perpetuate the major impact of the Upchurch Family on Raleigh. His grandfather, Burtis spent his adult life in the Green Level area of western Wake County. Burtis sired nine sons, two of which, William Clinton I and Alfred E migrated to Raleigh before 1850. Alfred was important figure in early Raleigh, working as a coach maker, financier, and serving as an Alderman. His son William W was a successful Raleigh businessman. William’s children were also notable in Raleigh affairs. Edward Bradley was in the first class at North Carolina State College (now University). Gertrude McGee Upchurch (known personally by my wife, Sallaine) became the first female lawyer to represent the state of North Carolina. Another child, Alfred Hawkins Upchurch, produced a line of descendants who became well known to me in the course of my family research. Included were his granddaughter, the late Shirley Ann (Upchurch) Ax and her son Roy Ax, Jr, and daughter Virginia, the transcriber of this Biofile. Roy Jr was an outstanding animal scientist and an administrator at the University of Arizona, where he was a colleague of mine.

These few snippets reveal some of the impact of the Alfred E Upchurch line in the Nathan I/Burtis Upchurch sub-clan had on the city of Raliegh. More of the story needs to be uncovered.

~ RPU, 8 Oct 2018

Acknowledgements: This Biofile was transcribed by Virginia “Ginger” Sisney, the granddaughter of William W. Upchurch.

(1) See 1870 Census Wake Co. NC – Raleigh. William Upchurch age 16 (b. 1854) male, white is listed in home of parents – Alfred U aged 48, Coachmaker, wife Annie E. U. – Nathan U, I/Burtis U subclan – Alfred U line

(2) See 1880 Census Wake Co. NC Raleigh

William W U, white male, age 26 (b. 1854) Commercial broker, born in NC as were mother and father. In home:

Wife – Ella U age 29, born in NC as were mother and father

Son – Eddie U age 7, born in NC as were mother and father

Daughter – Minnie U, age 5 born in NC as were mother and father

Son – Alfred U age 2 born in NC as were mother and father

[Note: Circumstantial evidence indicates that (1) and (2) are the same and that William W U was son of Alfred U the coachmaker in Raleigh born about 1822.] Evidence:

1. Alfred had a son William b. about 1854 in his home in Raleigh in the 1870 census.
2. In 1880 Census in Raleigh, William was no longer in Alfred's home. A William W. U aged 26 did appear nearby with good financial status.
3. William W U named a son Alfred U – presumably after his grandfather.

(3) See 1860 Wake County Census – Raleigh. William U age 6 male is in home of father Alfred U. age 35, Coachmaker. \$3500 PP, 2500 RE

[Conclude – William U – son of Alfred, son of Burtis, son of Nathan.]

(4) See letter – 25SEP1980 – Edyth Medlin to RPU – Reports and provides Xerox of 3 pages out of William W U Bible listing he and his wife Annie E Hawkins and their children.

(5) 15NOV1977 – letter, Raleigh NC (Cemetery Assoc) to RPU. William W U. no info (note – yet they must have had some reason for listing him) RPU.

(6) The Attached memorabilia from the William W. Upchurch Bible was sent to RPU by Edyth Lee Medlin sometime in 1980. Items not attached and filed elsewhere are:

- (1) A sheet providing details about James Norman Upchurch (a son of William W. Upchurch) upon his death. See James Norman Upchurch
- (2) Clipping from 5OCT1941 Raleigh News & Observer Newspaper – Includes Miss Gertrude Upchurch was active in North Carolina Professional and Businesswoman's Club – see Gertrude McGee Upchurch
- (3) Certificate from graduation of Gertrude Upchurch from Raleigh, NC Public Schools. See Gertrude Upchurch.

(7) See notes of RPU 25FEB1980 visit to Brown, Wynn Funeral Home – Raleigh, NC

A. Deceased – William W. Upchurch, Residence 208 Chamberlain St., died at his residence 12SEP1923. Cert Phys is McGee. Buried Oakwood Cemetery. Goods

ordered by Alfred Hawkins Upchurch, charge to Miss Gertrude Upchurch of Raleigh, NC

B. Deceased – Mrs. William W. Upchurch, charged to Miss Gertrude Upchurch, Residence of Mrs. William W. Upchurch, Richmond, VA, buried Oakwood Cemetery. Charge to Miss Gertrude Upchurch.

(8) Per Attachment #34 West Letter 18MAY1975, Wake Co, NC Marriage Bonds –
 “21OCT1873 W.W. Upchurch and Annie E. Hawkins – witness is M.L. Branson, Raleigh, NC.”

MARRIAGE REGISTER—Wake County, N. C.—WHITE, FEMALE 157

40' LOCATE NAME BY REFERENCE TO KEYTABLE IN FRONT OF THIS SECTION. **Permaflex**

1- DATE ISSUED 2- DATE MARRIED <small>MONTH DAY YEAR</small>	1- BRIDE'S FULL NAME 2- HUSBAND'S FULL NAME	1- BRIDE'S RESIDENCE 2- HUSBAND'S RESIDENCE	AGE	NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON PERFORMING MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES OF AT LEAST THREE WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE
Oct 21 1873 Nov 2 1873	HAWKINS ANNIE E W W UPCHURCH		22 20	L BRANSON MINISTER	RALEIGH	W A GATTIS V A GATTIS

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Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School

Members' Certificate

Raleigh, N. C., JAN 9, 1898

That Miss Minnie Upchurch → [MENNIE
ADELIA U] Δ

Has this day been enrolled as a member of the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School

and assigned to the _____ Department,

Class taught by _____

N. B. BROUGHTON,
SUPERINTENDENT

Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School

Members' Certificate

Raleigh, N. C., JAN 2, 1898

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That A. Upchurch → [ALFRED
HAWKINS U] Δ

Has this day been enrolled as a member of the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School

and assigned to the _____ Department,

Class taught by _____

N. B. BROUGHTON,
SUPERINTENDENT

HOME DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CARD BAPTIST TABERNACLE SUNDAY SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye shall ye have eternal life."

I agree to join the HOME DEPARTMENT of the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday-school, and to spend at least half an hour each Sunday, or during the week, in the study of the lesson for that day, unless prevented by sickness or other good cause. I will continue my membership until I notify the Superintendent of withdrawal. → [ANNA ELLA
HAWKINS] Δ

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

(10) 1900 Census – Wake Co, NC

- Sarena Upchurch 51 born about 1949
- Hattie E Love, Daughter 21 born about 1877 (nee Hattie E. Upchurch)
- John Love, Grandson 5, born about 1985
- Gertrude Upchurch daughter, 18 born about 1882. (She is nee Gertrude McGee Upchurch b12JUL1881, daughter of William W. Upchurch and Anna Ella Hawkins – this probably not the daughter of Sarena Upchurch – RPU)
- Ida Turrell – boarder 26 born about 1874 – cross file as Ida Terrell – RPU)

(11) Death Certificate for William W. Upchurch from email Craig Earnshaw to RPU 10OCT2010.

Note: Informant is Alfred Hawkins Upchurch, son of William W. Upchurch, of Richmond, Virginia. Anna Hawkins is the wife of WW Upchurch, not his mother. This information is not new.

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**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Wake Registration District No. 00-3663 State NC Register No. 533
Township _____ or Village _____
City Ramp No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME William W. Upchurch 126
(a) Residence. No. 257 (See below) St. _____ Ward. _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex <u>Male</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Married</u>		16 Date of Death (month, day, and year) <u>Sept 12 1923</u>	17
6a If married, widowed, or divorced Husband of (or) Wife of				I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug 21 1923, to Sept 12, 1923</u> that I last saw <u>him</u> alive on <u>Sept 12, 1923</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.	
6 Date of birth (month, day, and year)				The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:	
7 Age <u>69</u> years Months _____ Days _____	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. _____ min. _____		<u>Brain Myelin Disease</u>		
8 Occupation of deceased (a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work <u>Business man</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer				Contributory (SECONDARY) (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
9 Birthplace (city or town) (State or country) <u>N.C.</u>				18 When was disease contracted (if not at place of death)? _____	
10 Name of Father <u>Alfred Upchurch</u>				Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of _____	
11 Birthplace of Father (city or town) (State or country) <u>N.C.</u>				Was there an autopsy? _____	
12 Maiden Name of Mother <u>Anna Hawkins</u>				What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Autopsy</u>	
13 Birthplace of Mother (city or town) (State or country) <u>N.C.</u>				(Signed) _____, M.D. <u>9/13, 1923</u> (Address) <u>Raleigh N.C.</u>	
14 Informant (Address) <u>Alfred H. Upchurch</u>				19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or removal <u>Oakwood</u> Date of Burial <u>Sept 13, 1923</u>	
15 Filed <u>9-13-23</u> <u>W.G. Davis</u> REGISTRAR				20 Undertaker <u>H. B. ...</u> Address _____	

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

- (12) Photo – on the back: [of Baby Alfred Rose]. Photo taken by J.W. Watson, Fayetteville St., Raleigh. No name nor date.

Flowers taken from grave of “Baby Alfred” June, 1, 1910



- (13) RE 1860 Census – Raleigh Co., NC – There is a WW Upchurch age 22 in the home of William Clinton Upchurch. RPU at first thought this was William W U son of Alfred Upchurch in Raleigh, NC age 6 (b1854) in the home of his father Alfred Upchurch. The William W

Upchurch age 22 is actually William George Upchurch, a first cousin of William Clinton Upchurch, I – RPU 29APR2003.