

**John Marshall Williams****XID – 61668**

**Commentary:** John Marshall Williams married Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of Gillium and the granddaughter of Moses, head of Upchurch clan 1.

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(1) From email 18 Apr 2015 Clyde Wesley Clark, Jr to RPU, Moses Upchurch/ Gillium Upchurch Sub-clan – RPU 26 Apr 2017

## I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

## A. Gillium Upchurch

## 1. Elizabeth Upchurch

married **John Marshall Williams**

The Family of John Marshall Williams and Elizabeth Upchurch  
Mark's Creek Township, Wendell, North Carolina

**John Marshall Williams**-born c. 1810-12, in Chatham, Wake or maybe even Franklin County. Parents unknown, but believed to have had a brother or nephew named Jefferson Williams (appearing on 1850 census in Wake County's Marks Creek Township) **Marshall married c. 1832 to Elizabeth Upchurch**, born March 1808, Chatham County to Gillium Upchurch & Sarah Smith. **Marshall died between July-November 1865** and Elizabeth sometime after the 1900 census, where she is listed at 92 years old. The couple are buried in the Williams Family Cemetery in Knightdale, Wake County, NC.

*Elizabeth's sister Harriett Upchurch was born c. June 1812. She never married and lived most of her life with JM & Betsy Williams until her death on January 15, 1882, and is buried beside her sister in the family cemetery.*

## The Known Descendants of John Marshall Williams &amp; Elizabeth Upchurch

## A. Lucian Bonaparte Williams, CSA

**A. Lucian Bonaparte Williams, CSA** - born November 13, 1833, born Chatham or Wake County, NC. Married **Arthelia A.R. Scarborough**, daughter of George W.

**Scarborough** and his Eliza Ellis on 28 Nov 1854, Wake County, NC. Killed in Battle of Petersburg on 27 October 1864, site of burial unknown (possibly Confederate Cemetery, Blanford Church in Petersburg, VA). Arthelia married Larkin A Smith on February 4, 1866, in Wake County. Arthelia passed away on November 3, 1888, but her gravesite is not known. Both the Williams and Scarborough family cemeteries have unmarked graves, so either might hold her remains.

FOR DESCENDANTS - SEE SEPERATE EXTRACT

## B. Mary Ann Williams

B. **MARY ANN Williams**, the daughter of John Marshall Williams & Elizabeth Upchurch, was born July 18, 1838 in Mark's Creek Township, Wake County, NC.. On June 13, 1859, she married Rev. **Moses Green Todd**, pastor of Hephzibah Baptist Church from 1863-65. Rev. Todd was born December 12, 1832 in Wake County, NC to James Todd & Chamblee. M.G. conducted a private school in Eagle Rock during the years following the Civil War. He also served in the NC State House from 1876-77. Mary Ann died February 6, 1906, and M.G. lived until December 4, 1918. Both are buried in the cemetery at Hephzibah Baptist Church, Wendell, at Wake County, NC.

C. Charles Sidney Williams

C. **CHARLES SIDNEY WILLIAMS (1841 - 1929)**, son of John Marshall Williams & Elizabeth Upchurch was born on April 6, 1841, in Mark's Creek Township, Wake County, NC. On January 14, 1868, he married **ANNIE E. DEBNAM** born February 14, 1844, daughter of Bartholomew & Narcissa Debnam. Charles died January 17, 1929 at his home near Knightdale, NC; he was followed shortly by Annie who died May 17 the same year.

FOR DESCENDANTS SEE SEPERATE EXTRA

D. No Further Issue

**(no number)** Input on the Moses Upchurch/Gillum Upchurch Sub-clan from email 20 Feb 2015  
Wes Clark to RPU – RPU 26 Feb 2015

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Gillium Upchurch

1. Elizabeth Upchurch born 1810  
married ( ) **John Marshall Williams**

Wes lives near their home in Mark's Creek Township, Wake Co, NC built about 1840

a. Lucian Bonaparte Williams – oldest child  
married ( ) Arthelia A E R Scarborough, daughter of George Washington Scarborough and 1<sup>st</sup> wife Eliza Ellis  
Arthelia married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Larkin Smith  
[LBW was killed in Civil War 27 Oct 1864 in the final action at Petersburg and is probably buried in a mass CSA grave at Blandford Church, VA]

i. Charles Thomas Williams – became businessman in Johnston Co, NC

married ( ) Fannie Thain of Johnston Co, NC

(I) William Lucian Williams born 1889 (Dunn, Johnston Co, NC) – an only child

married (1<sup>st</sup>) ( ) Maggie Octavia Bullock – divorced

married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 1920 ( ) Edna Cathleen Langert<sup>1</sup>, daughter of John G Longest and Malinda Emmaline Grove of Graham, Alamance Co, NC

(A)<sup>1</sup> Velma Nadeen Williams (1 of 5 children)

married 9 Mar 1944 (Greensboro, NC) Clyde Wesley Clark, son of Alexander Austin Clark and Bettie Freeman Payne

(1) Patricia Jean Clark born 6 Oct 1945 ( ) died unmarried 13 Sep 2012

(2) Wesley Clark born 30 Jan 1959 (Greensboro, NC)

married 29 Aug 1987 (Statesville, Iredell Co, NC) Esther Beatrice Myers – to Raleigh 1992

(a) Erin Clark born 1992 (Raleigh, NC)

(b) no further issue

(B) → (E) Names not given

(F) no further issue

(1) See Will File – will of John M Williams – probated Nov 1865, written 25 Jul 1865 – main interest of RPU so far is one item re: an Upchurch appears in will without explanation or showing of relationship.

“Fourthly, I give to Harriet Upchurch one bed, bedstead and furniture.”

Other relationships shown in will:

John M Williams      married      Elizabeth --- ---

- 1. Charles L Williams
- 2. Mary Todd
- 3. Lucian B Williams, deceased
  - a. Charles T Williams
  - b. Leevenia Williams

Son Charles L Williams = Executor

Witnesses = Walter Debman, R T Debman, Sr

(2) See 1850 Census – Wake Co, NC – St Mark’s Township

John M Williams	38	M	Farmer	\$645RE	born in NC
Elizabeth Williams	40	F			born in NC
Lucian Williams	16	M			born in NC
Mary A Williams	13	F			born in NC
Charles Williams	9	M			born in NC
Harriett Upchurch	25	F			born in NC
Rhody Dunston	37	f	Black		

[Other info shows Harriett Upchurch = sister of Elizabeth Williams – RPU]

**(3) See 1860 Census – Wake Co, NC – Eagle Rock PO**

I M Williams                      50                      Farmer                      \$615PP, \$9000RE

[other info shows should be John M Williams – RPU]

Elizabeth Williams                      50

Charles Williams                      19

Harriet Upchurch                      40

**(no number)**

Will: John M Williams – Wake Co, NC

Probated: Nov T 1865, Rec 33, Page 477, File 1170

Written: 25 Jul 1865

I **John M Williams** of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First I wish my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts of the first moneys that may come into his hands as a part of my estate.

Secondly, I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Williams the land whereon I now live together with all my stock of every kind household and kitchen furniture and all of my other property of every description during her life. At her death all the property she may died possessed of shall be and constitute a part of my estate as I do not intend she shall acquire any property by the use of what I lend her.

Thirdly, I give to my son Charles (L) Williams at the death of my wife the land whereon I now live also one horse, one bed and furniture.

Fourthly, I give to Harriett Upchurch one bed, bedstead and furniture.

Fifthly, I give to my daughter Mary Ann Todd the som [sic] of three hundred dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given her.

Sixthly, I give to my two grandchildren Charles T Williams and Leevenia Williams children of my deceased son Lucian B Williams Fifty Dollars each.

At the death of my wife the remainder of my estate I wish divided equally between my son Charles L Williams Mary Ann Todd and the children of Lucian B Williams, the children taking their fathers share which is one third.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Charles L Williams my executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John M Williams do hereunto set my hand seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July A D 1865.

J M Williams { seal }

Done in the presence of  
us as witnesses

Walter Debman

T R Debman, Sr

North Carolina                      }                      November Term 1865

Wake County                      }                      A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John M Williams deceased was exhibited for probate in open court by C L Williams the executor therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John M Williams as proved by the oath and examination of T R Debman one of the subscribing [rest not sent by Wake Co]

(original will found next page)



③ I John M. Williams of the County of Wake and State  
 of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory  
 do make and manum do make and publish this my  
 last will and testament. First I wish my executor - have  
 in after named to pay all my just debts of the first  
 money that may come into his hands as a part of my  
 estate. Secondly, I have unto my beloved wife Elizabeth  
 Williams the land whereon I now live together with all  
 my stock of every kind household and kitchen furniture  
 and all of my other property of every description during  
 her life. After her death all the property she may be possessed  
 of shall be and constitutes to a part of my estate, as I do not  
 intend she shall acquire any property by the use of what  
 I have her. Thirdly I give to my son Charles M. Williams as  
 the death of my wife the land whereon I now live also  
 my horse and bed and furniture. Fourthly, I give to  
 Harriette Lippincott one bed, bedclothes and furniture, &  
 Fifthly, I give to my daughter Mary Ann Todd the sum  
 of three hundred Dollars in addition to what I have  
 mentioned gives her. Sixthly, I give to my two grand-  
 children Charles M. Williams and Harriette Williams  
 each one of my deceased son's share of William Todd's  
 Dollars each. And the death of my wife the, as named

Henderson given her. Further I give to my two grand-  
 children Charles F. Williams and Georgia Williams  
 children of my deceased son Simon F. Williams Eighty  
 Dollars each. At the death of my wife the sum added  
 of my estate I wish divided equally between my  
 son Charles F. Williams Mary Ann Woods and the  
 children of deceased B. Williams. The children taking  
 their father's share which is one third. Lastly I do  
 hereby constitute and appoint my son Charles  
 F. Williams my executor of the said will and  
 I solemnly swear that I will do right to all the said  
 Williams as hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th  
 day of July A.D. 1860.  
 Given in the presence of us no strangers.  
 Walter DeFarrow  
 J. H. DeFarrow

North Carolina } November Term 1860  
 Wake County, }  
 At a paper reading before the Court this and  
 returned of John H. Williams deceased was exhibited  
 for probate in open court by E. F. Williams the executor  
 thereto named and the due execution thereof by the  
 said John H. Williams is proven by the oath and  
 examination of E. F. Williams one of the subscribing

**(no number)** Descendants of the Moses Upchurch/Gillium Upchurch Sub-clan who lived in Marks Creek Township, Wake co, NC – RPU 31 Jan 2015

1850 Census – NC, Wake County, Mark's Creek Township			
Name	Born about	Age	
Gilliam Upchurch	1802	48	NC
Sarah Upchurch	1792	58	NC
Joseph Upchurch	1827	23	NC
Mary E Upchurch	1830	20	NC
Caroline Upchurch	1833	17	NC
Charles Upchurch	1836	14	NC

1850 Census – NC, Wake County, Mark's Creek Township			
Name	Born about	Age	
<b><u>John M Williams</u></b>	1812	38	NC; farmer; 615/9000
*Elizabeth Williams	1810	40	NC
Lucian Willias	1834	16	NC
**Mary A Williams	1837	13	NC
Charles Williams	1841	9	NC
Harnett Upchurch	1815	35	NC
Rhody Dunstan	1813	37	NC, black

1860 Census – NC, Johnston County, Neuse River Township, PO - Beulah			
Name	Born about	Age	
***M G Todd	1833	27	head
**Mary Todd	1838	22	wife

1860 Census – NC, Wake County, Northeast Division, Eagle Rock PO			
Name	Born about	Age	
<b><u>J M Williams</u></b>	1810	50	Farmer \$615/9000
*Elisabeth Williams	1811	50	
Charles Williams	1841	19	
Harriett Upchurch	1820	40	

1870 Census – NC, Wake County, Mark's Creek Township, PO Eagle Rock			
Name	Born about	Age	
*Elithb Williams	1807	63	*Elizabeth Williams
L H Upcheon	1812	58	Harriet Upchurch
William Charles Upcheon	1841	1829	Charlie Williams
Sidney Upcheon	1870	1/12	Sidney Williams
John Upcheon	1868	2	John Williams



1870 Census – NC, Wake County, Mark's Creek Township			
Name	Born about	Age	
***M G Todd	1833	37	
Mary A Todd	1837	33	
Bettie Todd	1860	10	i
Charlie Todd	1862	8	ii
Alla Todd [Ada]	1866	4	iii
Lillian Todd	1869	1	iv

1880 Census – NC, Wake County, Mark's Creek Township			
Name	Born about	Age	
Charles L Williams	1841	39	Head
Ann E Williams	1844	36	Wife
John M Williams	1869	11	Son
Joseph S Williams	1870	10	Son
Robert M Williams	1871	9	Son
Dora Williams	1872	8	Daughter
Corinna Williams	1875	5	Daughter
Walter Williams	1877	3	Son
Lucian Williams	1878	2	Son
Elizabeth Williams	1809	71	Mother
Harriet Upchurch	1812	68	aunt

1880 Census – NC, Wake County, Mark's Creek Township			
Name	Born about	Age	
***Moses G Todd	1833	47	Head
Mary A Todd	1836	44	Wife
Charles R Todd	1863	17	Son
Ada Todd	1867	13	Daughter
Lucian W Todd	1864	11	Son
Mary M Todd	1874	6	Daughter
George W Todd	1877	3	Son
Portland P Todd	1878	2	Son
Uland Todd	1878	2	Son



I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Gillium Upchurch

married Sarah Smith

1. \*Elizabeth Upchurch born 1810

married ( ) **John M Williams**

a. Lucian Williams

i. Charles T Williams

ii. Levenia Williams

b. Mary Ann Williams

married Moses Green Todd

i – viii → see 1870 & 1880 Census

c. Charles L Williams

married ( ) Ann E

i – vii → see 1880 Census

2. Harriett Upchurch born 1822

3. Joseph Upchurch born 1827

4. Mary E Upchurch born 1830

5. Caroline Upchurch born 1833

6. Charles Upchurch born 1836