

**Keeling [AKA Keelan] Williams****XID – 419**

**Commentary:** Keeling married into the Upchurch Clan by marrying Rachel Upchurch, a daughter of George, head of Upchurch Clan 5.

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(no number) Supplementary information provided in email 5 Aug 2015 to RPU by Kevin Grant Rice – Page 6 & 7 of his biofile.

I. Rachel Upchurch, III married Francis --- --- need evidence Re: Francis

A. George Upchurch – Head of Clan  
married Rachel Bethshares

1. Rachel Upchurch

married ( ) Keelan Williams born 1795 (NC) died 1859 (Edmonson Co, KY), son of Cely Williams – later Keeton

a. Rachel Williams

married 28 Dec 1853 [Error – 1843?] ( ) Benjamin Adkins, Jr, son of Benjamin Adkins, Sr and Catherine Stigall “Kate”

i. James Francis Adkins

married ( ) Sidney Jane Parmly, daughter of George Washington Parmelee and Elizabeth Phipps

(I) Mary Alice Adkins

married 1 Nov 1888 [1888] Charles Cullen Rice

(A) Ernest Miner Rice

married 18 Jun 1924 ( ) Hilda Gertrude Marxen

(1) Orpha Dale Rice

married 1952 ( ) Margaret Eleanor Waltman

(a) Gregory Dale Rice born 24 Apr 1954 (IA)

(b) Kevin Grant Rice, Esq  
married ( ) Laura Ann Torina

(c) Shelly Lynn Rice born 23 Oct 1955 (Orange Co, CA)

married 1 Jul 1989 (Anaheim, CA)

Craig Troy Wright born 20 Oct 1961 (San Francisco, CA) died 1 Feb 2015 (Saddleback Hospital, Laguna Hills, CA)

**(1)** George Washington Upchurch (XID – 377) born 1829 KY was with John Williams family when census was taken in Fentress Co, TN in 1850. John Williams seems to be brother of Keeling Williams. His wife Lydia and Moses, father of George, were brother and sister. (29, Page 70)

(2) “Rachel” Upchurch (XID – 142) born circa 1792 married Keeling Williams who may be progenitor of the Williams families of Wolf River. Keeling, also called Keeton, Kelon and Keeland. Keelon Williams received a land grant for 50 acres of land on the North Fork of the LSF 1 May 1822, Book M, Page 51. The land was sold to Hiram Upchurch on 25 Feb 1843 for \$100. In 1839 Keeling bought land on Beaver Creek (Book 4 – 532). “Rachel” died sometime before 1844. Keeling Williams married 18 May 1845 Dorothy McClendon. The land on Beaver Creek was sold to George Upchurch for \$12.50 24 Sep 1846. Deed signed by Keelon and Dorothy Williams. If his first wife’s name had been included on the deed where he sold their share of her father’s land to Shadrack Upchurch we would know her first name. John Williams on the 1850 Census of Fentress Co seems to be the brother of Keeling Williams. John Williams, born circa 1794 married 20 Mar 1817 Lavina Bertram, daughter of Jacob Bertram. Keeling was born circa 1792. In 1850 George Upchurch was making his home with John and Lavina Williams. George was a son of Moses Upchurch who was a brother of “Rachel”.

Diligent search has not found sons of Keeling Williams, although there is a listing for Keeling on the Census of Overton Co, TN in 1820 of two males < 10. There is also an 1820 Wayne c, KY census on which he lists 3 females 10 – 16 years. The 1830 Fentress Co, TN Census: Keeland Williams 1 male 30 – 40; 1 female 30 – 40; 2 females 10 – 15; 3 females 5 – 10; 2 females < 5. So it seems that “Rachel” and Keeland had at least 7 daughters only 2 of them identified. (29 Page 66, 67) [Morgan Book Upchurch Story Pages 66, 67].

(3) See letter 25 Feb 2001 Melva Doris Upchurch to RPU.

- I. William Bertram, I born 1759 (AKA Butram) married ( ) Sarah Patterson
  - A. Nicholas Bertram born 1781
    1. Sarah Bertram born 1810 (NC). Married ( ) John Upchurch, VI born 1792 died 1873, son of George Upchurch, Head of Clan.
  - B. William Bertram, II born 1783 (Wayne County, KY) married ( ) Nancy Stinson born 1855--?—RPU.
    1. William J. (C) Bertram, III born 1821 died 1902 married ( ) Martha Hurt born 1832 died 1887.
      - a. John C. Bertram married ( ) Mary Jane Cooper born 14 JUL 1858
        - i. Linnie Belle Bertram “Linnie” [Lavina Belle Bertram] born 1896 married 16 MAR 1901 ( ) Henry Elmer Upchurch born 1896 son of John William Upchurch of the George Upchurch/John Upchurch, VI subclan—Henry Alvin Upchurch line.
  2. Joel Bertram
    - a. Samuel T. Bertram
      - i. Ellis Bertram

- I. Alvin Bertram married ( ) Rosa B. Young
  - A. William Bertram born 22 APR 1865 (Wayne Co., KY) married 1881 ( ) Nancy Parmley born 1867 (Wayne Co., KY) died 1944

1. Cletus Benton Bertram born 1895 (Wayne Co., KY) married ( )  
Leta Pearl Upchurch

I. Jacob Bertram

- A. Lavina Bertram married 20 MAR 1817 John Williams, presumed brother of **Keeling Williams** who married Rachel Upchurch, daughter of George Upchurch, Head of Clan.

- I. Jacob Bertram married Nancy Rohana Upchurch born about 1877 daughter of James Calvin Upchurch of the George Upchurch/Joseph Upchurch subclan--James Calvin Upchurch line.

**(4)** Excerpt from myheritage website maintained by Kevin Grant Rice. His invite to RPU 3 Apr 2014 – RPU 9 Aug 2014

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

married ( ) Rachel Bethshares born 1759 (VA)

A. Rachel Upchurch born 1792 (NC)

married **Keelan Williams** born 1795 (NC) died 1850 (Edmonson, KY)

1. Rachel Williams born 11 Nov 1834 (Wayne Co, KY) died 31 Mar 1924

married ( ) Benjamin Adkins, Jr born 1825 (Wayne Co, KY) died 1867

a. James Francis Adkins “France” “Set” born 30 Jul 1844 (Wayne Co, KY) died 27 Sep 1924 (Griswell, IA)

married ( ) Jane Parmley (Parmelee) born 1845 (Wayne Co, KY) daughter of George Washington Parmley born 12 Oct 1814 (Wayne Co, KY)

i. Mary Alice Adkins born 1867 (Grinell, IA) died 1945

married ( ) Charles Cullen Rice born 21 May 1866 (Wayne Co, KY) died May 1925 (Grinell, IA)

(I) Ernest Miner Rice born 1890 (Seley, SD) died 1975 (Todd, MN)

married ( ) Hilda Gertrude Marxen born 19 May 1906 (Alvord, IA) died 1993 (Otter Tail, MN)

(A) Orphus Dale Rice born 10 Apr 1927 (Selby, SD) died 12 Feb 2000 (Santa Anna Co, CA)

(Buried: Fairhaven Memorial Park, CA)

married ( ) Eleanor Waltman born 23 Apr 1930 (Cherokee Co, IA)

(1) Gregory Dale Rice born 1954

C\*(2) Kevin Gant Rice born 15 Jul 1958 (Orange Co, CA)

married ( ) Laura Ann Torina born 8 Mar  
1963 (Orange Co, CA)

(a) Kathryn Nancy Rice born 1990

(b) Elizabeth Grey Rice born 1993

(c) Caroline Michelle Rice born 1998

(3) Shelly Lynn Rice born 1959

married ( ) Craig Troy Wright (born Foster)

(a) Kendra Leigh Wright

married --- --- Wilhoit

(i) Blair Cassidy Wilhoit  
born 2013

(b) Kelsey Lynn Wright

(B) Emma May Rice born 15 Jun 1925

married ( ) --- --- Schmidt

[Note: C\* symbol above undetermined – possibly directing attention to the correspondent named in the header – CJM 26 Dec 2020]

(5) Input from Anna Marie Crouch to RPU via email 13 Feb 2010

I. George Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Miss Upchurch born 1792 [“Rachel” Upchurch]

7 children

35. Miss Upchurch was born ca 1792 in Iredell County, North Carolina and died by 1844 Kentucky. There does not seem to be a record of her name. Her husband was Keeling Williams. She is mentioned in her father's will as the wife of Keeling Williams. Keeling is listed in the 1820 census of Wayne County, Kentucky. They were living next door to Shadrick Upchurch and near her father George Upchurch. Listed in their household was 1 male 26-44, 3 females 0-9, 1 female 26-44, Keeling was engaged in agriculture in 1820. Keeling remarried 5-18-1845 to Dorothy McClendon. Miss Upchurch and Keeling had 7 daughters

351. Millie Williams born 1816 Wayne County, Kentucky died before 1880 in Wayne County, Kentucky

352. Mary Williams born 2-7-1818 Wayne County, Kentucky died 9-24-1894 Jasper County, Iowa

353. Celia Williams born 1819 Wayne County, Kentucky

354. Daughter 1820-25

355. Rachel Williams born 11-11-1824 Wayne County, Kentucky died 3-31-1926 Grinnell, Poweshiek County, Iowa

356. Rebecca Williams born 1828 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1869 Jasper County, Iowa

357. Daughter 1825-30