

Rachel Williams**XID – 421**

Commentary: Rachel Williams is a granddaughter of George, head of Upchurch Clan 5, by virtue of her birth to Keeling and Rachel Upchurch Williams.

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(1) 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

RPU has
31 Mar 1924

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

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355. Rachel Williams was born 11-11-1824 Fentress County, Tennessee and died 3-31-1924 Grinnell, Poweshiek County, Iowa. Her husband was Benjamin Adkins who was born 7-10-1825 Wayne County, Kentucky and died 5-24-1887 Jasper County, Iowa at the age of 61 y 10m 19d. He was the son of Benjamin Adkins and Katie Stockwell. They were married 12-28-1853 Kentucky. Benjamin and Rachel were listed in the 1850 census of Wayne County, Kentucky.

Benjamin and Rachael were living in Wayne County, Kentucky during the 1860 census. Catharine Adkins age 66 was living with them in 1850. Catharine Adkins age 81 was living with them in 1860. Rachel and Benjamin were living in District 4 of Wayne County, Kentucky during the 1870 census. Granville Adkins age 22 born in Alabama was living with them in 1870. They moved to Iowa and were listed in 1885 Iowa census living in Kellogg Township, Jasper County, Iowa. Rachel and Benjamin were listed 1880 in Kellogg Township, Jasper County, Iowa.

Rachel was living with her daughter Telitha in the 1900 census of Jasper County, Iowa. Rachel and Benjamin are buried at the Antle Cemetery, Kellogg Township, Jasper County, Iowa. Their children were:

- 3551. James Francis Adkins born 7-30-1844 Wayne County, Kentucky died 9-27-1924 Iowa
- 3552. Jane Catherine Adkins born 3-28-1846 Wayne County, Kentucky died 2-23-1920 Decatur County, Kansas
- 3553. Lucius B. Adkins born 1848 Wayne County, Kentucky died Oklahoma
- 3554. Elizabeth W. Adkins born 6-1850 Wayne County, Kentucky
- 3555. Telitha LeGrand Adkins born 1851 Wayne County, Kentucky died Jasper County, Iowa
- 3556. Wyatt Adkins born 4-5-1852 Wayne County, Kentucky died 3-16-1888 Jasper County, Iowa
- 3557. Morris Collom Adkins born 8-15-1854 Wayne County, Kentucky died 12-28-1922 Jasper County, Iowa
- 3558. Rosine Adkins born 1857 Wayne County, Kentucky died 1924 Newton, Iowa
- 3559. Mary Abia Adkins born 1859 Wayne County, Kentucky died California
- 3550. General V. Adkins born 9-28-1861 Wayne County, Kentucky died 4-10-1893 Jasper County, Iowa

(2) 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]

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

I believe that Keeling Williams and the unnamed daughter of George and Rachel Upchurch had at least three daughters who married and moved to Iowa.

Mary Williams was born 2-7-1818 and died 9-24-1894 Jasper County, Iowa

Rachel Williams born 11-11-1824 and died 3-31-1926 Poweshiek County, Iowa

Rebecca Williams born 1828 and died 1869 Jasper County, Iowa

(4) In a 30 Jul 2005 letter to RPU Robert Freddie Barrs, Sr provided a 35-page packet of family history information. This extract concerns pages 2 – 20 which pertain to SW Wayne Co, KY. These pages concern a homestead on Langham Creek and a mill on Little South Fork of the Cumberland River. Details are given about the Blevins, Hurt and Adkins families who lived in the area in the early 1800s and beyond. This is the same general area in which George Upchurch settled in the 1810 – 1815 era having come from NC. These four families intermarried. A sketch of relationships:

I. Isaac Blevins

married () --- --- --- died 1962

[This couple listed in Wayne Co Cemetery Book – Blevins-Dobbs Cemetery on Langham Fork Road

Isaac M Blevins 8 Jun 1879 – 29 Nov 1948

Alice A Blevins 30 Oct 1888 – 7 May 1962

A. --- --- Blevins (M)

1. John Blevins born about 1943 and came from Boston in 1950 to live with his GM Blevins in Langham Valley. He provides the details on the internet.

I. Benjamin Adkins, Sr – built the Mill on LSG in 1836 died 1939. Came to KY from NC with Daniel Boone. Got a Tellico Land Grant on LSF Jul 1812

married () Catherine Stigall

A. Benjamin Adkins, Jr

married 1853 () **Rachel Williams**, daughter of Rachel Upchurch and granddaughter of George Upchurch.

I. Joseph Hurt bought the LSF Mill from the Atkins Family in 1881 +3 acres. Mill also known as “Old Mill” “Hurt-Adkins Mill” Pisgah Mill”

I. Matthew Hurt bought the LSF Mill in 1916 and operated until 1962

A. Delphyn Hurt (M)

B. Alonzo Hurt

C. --- --- Hurt (F)

married () Blevins

1. Douglas Blevins (a cousin of John Blevins)

Item posted by Craig Nelson

(6) Rachel Williams born 11 Nov 1824 died 31 Mar 1924 was daughter of “Rachel” Upchurch XIX – 142. Rachel was born in Wayne Co, KY, died in Grinnell, IA, buried Kellog, IA. Rachel Williams married 28 Dec 1853 Benjamin Adkins, Jr born 1825 in Wayne Co, KY and died circa 1894 in Jasper Co, IA. He was the son of Catherine (Stigall) and Benjamin Adkins, Sr who were among the first settlers of KY (29, Page 71)

[From: Upchurch Story by Morgan, Page 71)

(1) Adkins Family of Wayne Co, KY

I. Benjamin Adkins, Sr
married () Katie Stockall

[Two sisters killed by Indians on their way to Wayne Co, KY. They and sisters of Benjamin moved to Wayne Co, KY – RPU]

A. Benjamin Adkins, Jr

married () **Rachel Williams** – Head of a Line in the George Upchurch/ Rachel Upchurch Sub-clan

1. James Francis Adkins – GAR born 30 Jul 1844 (Wayne Co, KY) died 27 Sep 1924 – Grinnell, Poweshick Co, IA

From his obituary:

James Frances Adkins, son of **Rachel Williams** and Benjamin Adkins, and the eldest of a family of nine children, was born July 30, 1844, near Monticello, Wayne Co, Kentucky. He sprang from a sturdy American pioneer family. His grandfather, Benjamin Adkins, with his wife, Katie Stockall, and his sisters, were among the first settlers in Kentucky, making the long journey from North Carolina with one of the Daniel Boone parties. Two of his grandfather's sisters were killed by the Indians on this journey.