

Lawrence Williams

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Commentary: Lawrence was the husband of Elizabeth (Upchurch) Carpenter, who in turn is one of the five siblings that had their surnames changed to Carpenter from Upchurch.

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(no number) In an email 20 Feb 2008 Richard Holt to RPU. The three paragraphs below were provided re: two individuals by the name of Simeon Carpenter who lived in Greene Co, AL. The three paragraphs are here belatedly extracted – RPU 5 Mar 2010.

A sketch to help:

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Elizabeth Upchurch

married () John Carpenter. They had daughters Elizabeth and Harriet

1. Simeon Upchurch Carpenter, I (SAC, I) born about 1788

married 19 Mar 1808 (Franklin Co, NC) Elizabeth Pearce, daughter of Stephen Pearce (1 of 4 brothers)

a. Furney Lee Carpenter born about 1813 [Richard Holt is a descendant of FLC born 1813]

i. Simeon Carpenter born about 1836

The three Simeon Carpenters mentioned here are referred to as:

- SAC I
- SC born 1836
- SC of Sardis

Note: If all this fits upon review I need to capture dates for my Master Outline – RPU]

Paragraph 1 refers to SAC, I

John Carpenter (15712) and Elizabeth Upchurch Carpenter (15111) were the parents/adoptive parents of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter as known by the 1803 legislative action regarding the change in surnames of the five Upchurch children and the 25APR1836 Green Co., AL Orphan's Court record [Orphans Ct., Bk D, p205] naming Simeon as a heir of John Carpenter (15712). The age of Simeon Carpenter can be extrapolated by him being a witness to a 24OCT1809 Franklin Co., NC deed from Benjamin Upchurch (163) to John Carpenter (15712) [Deed Bk 15, p73]. Simeon being at least of legal age of 21 in 1809 would have him born circa 1788.

Paragraph 2 refers to SC of Sardis born 22 May 1800 died 5 Aug 1860

Buried in Sardis Cemetery in Greene Co., AL is a Simeon Carpenter [22MAY1800/5AUG1860] and his wife Mary M. Carpenter [20OCT1808/20AUG1881]. Recorded in Greene Co., AL is a marriage record between Simeon Carpenter and Polly M. Cherry on 1827. Other court records demonstrate that she was the daughter of Samuel T. Cherry, also buried at the Sardis Cemetery. Based on the dates from the tombstone, it can be shown that the Simeon Carpenter enumerated on the 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 censuses is in fact this Simeon Carpenter and not Simeon Upchurch Carpenter. On page 784/394B of the 1830 census he is enumerated on line #5, which is within several lines of other Carpenter associated families, namely Lawrence Williams [line #2] and James B. Tutt [line #6], both husbands of two of John Carpenter's (15712) daughters. Although this would suggest a family association with John Carpenter, I have not found him noted on other records with any known John Carpenter direct family or associated family members. This Simeon Carpenter is also not named as a heir of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter in the 9APR1838 settlement of John Carpenter's (15712) estate [Greene Co., AL Orphan's Ct, Bk D, p390].

I. Samuel T Cherry

A. Mary M Cherry

married 1827 SC of Sardis; on 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 Census

paragraph 3 refers to Elizabeth Pearce born 29 Jan 1789 () died 21 Mar 1855 wife of Simeon Carpenter, Sr

Note: I conclude Simeon Carpenter, Sr is same as SAC, I - RPU

Elizabeth Pierce Carpenter is buried at Pleasant Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery in Green Co., AL. Her tombstone notes: "In Memory of Elizabeth wife of Simeon Carpenter Sen. who was born Jan 29, 1789 departed this life March 21, 1855 aged about 66 years. She was an affectionate mother leaving six children to mourn her loss." The "Simeon Carpenter Sen. [Senior]" from the tombstone is an interesting reference, but not to the Simeon Carpenter born in 1800, as Elizabeth would have been only 11 years old and Simeon Upchurch Carpenter only 12 years old (assuming the age extrapolation) when this Simeon Carpenter was born. A biological possibility, but highly unlikely from a social and cultural standpoint. This "Senior" reference could have been made only to differentiate the deceased Simeon Upchurch Carpenter from the other Simeon Upchurch still living at the time of Elizabeth Pierce Carpenter's death. It also could mean that one of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter's sons was a Simeon, although no record has been demonstrated to have used this name in association with one of the sons. Fumey Lee Carpenter, son of Simeon Upchurch Carpenter, is documented with two proper names, where as the other sons seem to only be documented with one proper name. The possibility exists and will require further research. Trying to sort this out and who this other Simeon Carpenter is and his connection to the John Carpenter (15712) family is not the focus of your Upchurch family research, but I just wanted to point him out.

(no number) See letter 26 Feb 1997 Catherine Lambert to RPU

I. Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Elizabeth Upchurch married John Carpenter

1. Samuel Benjamin Upchurch → 1803 → Samuel Carpenter, Sr on 10 Aug 1830 in Franklin Co, NC. John Carpenter executed a deed of gift to his son Benjamin Carpenter [SNG. Sr] of Greene Co, AL. this showing a father/son relationship. The deed was witnessed by **Lawrence Williams** and Henry Carpenter.

(no number) RPU extract of will **Lawrence Williams** written 18 Aug 1862 Greene Co, AL his wife nee Elizabeth Carpenter, [daughter of Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan] having died earlier about 1842 (Greene Co, AL). Will in letter 10 Apr 2001 Catherine Virginia Hale to RPU – will filed with letter.

	<u>RPU Interpretation</u>	<u>RPU Comments/Questions</u>
#1	To daughter Mary Hales, wife of Josiah Hales – 4 negroes	OK
#2	To daughter Cherry Jones, wife of Woodson H Jones \$2000	Other records show “Charity” not Cherry & for Woodson middle initial “C” not “H”
#3	To daughter Mazina Hales, wife of Wiatt Hales – 5 negroes	Other records show husband = Wyatt Hales
#4	To son Ihakson Williams – 3 negroes	Presume “Ihakson” = Jackson
#5	To son Lawrence Williams, Jr – 3 negroes	OK
#6	To son George W Williams – 3 negroes	Middle initial “W” is new info
#7	To son Tuscharmer C Williams – 4 negroes	Middle initial “C” is new info
#8	To daughter in law Mary Williams, widow of son Simeon William \$500 provided she ?	What was she required to do? Can’t read
#9	Executor = Jesse Hill	New name for RPU
#10	To four living sons – all land	

[Note: Son William Williams not cited in will – must have died before 18 Aug 1862 – RPU]

Witnesses: F M Childers & G Tom (?) Carpenter

On 13 Feb 1863 Francis M Childers validated will – **Lawrence Williams, Sr** died about 28 Aug 1862. Jesse Hill wrote will. Present at writing was Samuel G Carpenter.

(no number) See letter 5 Mar 2001 Virginia H Tate [nee Catherine Virginia Hill] to RPU re: her descendancy from Elizabeth Upchurch [wife of John Carpenter], daughter of Benjamin Upchurch – Head of Clan

[Included in chart below: Lawrence Williams, Elizabeth Carpenter, Mary Ann Williams, Jackson Williams, Charity Elizabeth Williams, Mazina Williams – CJM 7 Aug 2021]

Husband: Lawrence Williams	
Born: Abt. 1793	in: North Carolina
Married: Abt. 1822	in: North Carolina
Died: August 1862	in: Greene County, Alabama
Father:	
Mother:	
Other Spouses:	
Wife: Elizabeth Carpenter	
Born: Abt. 1804	in: North Carolina
Died: Abt. 1842	in: Greene County, Al
Father: John Carpenter	
Mother: Elizabeth Upchurch	
Other Spouses:	

(chart continued below)

CHILDREN	
1 F	Name: Mary Ann Williams Born: Abt. 1823 Married: 15 March 1849 Died: Bet. 1870 - 1874 Spouse: Josiah Hales in: North Carolina in: Greene County, Alabama in: Lauderdale County, Mississippi
2 M	<input type="checkbox"/> Name: Jackson Williams Born: Abt. 1825 Married: Died: Spouse: in: in: in:
3 F	Name: Charity Elizabeth Williams Born: 01 May 1828 Married: 19 January 1847 Died: 15 August 1879 Spouse: Woodson C. Jones in: Greene County, Al in: Greene County, Alabama in: Greene County, Al
4 F	Name: Mazina Williams Born: 12 February 1833 Married: 13 March 1856 Died: 23 January 1907 Spouse: Wyatt Hales in: Alabama in: Greene County, Alabama in: Greene County, Al

*My great
grandparents*

*There are children 5 → 9 but RPU records & those sent in by Virginia agree

(1) See letter 1 Aug 1985 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU
John Carpenter died Greene Co, AL and his will was probated there 9 Apr 1838. Administrator was his adopted son Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter. Legatees included the widow, daughter Mary Carpenter, daughter Elizabeth Carpenter listed with her husband **Lawrence Williams** and the 5 adopted Upchurch children (or their heirs).

(2) See biofile of Elizabeth Upchurch (XID – 15711) entry 12 May 1986
Elizabeth Carpenter died < 1850 (AL) married (NC) Lawrence Williams

(no number) See Biofile of John Carpenter-entry 27 Jul 1986.

I. Benjamin Upchurch–Head of Clan

A. Elizabeth Upchurch married John Carpenter. They were in Greene, County AL when John died leaving Elizabeth a widow with children. Record appears 9 APR 1838 –Greene County, AL Orphans Court Book D page 390- John Carpenter deceased- his son Jubal Carpenter- Administrator. Details show:

I. John Carpenter died <9 Apr 1838.

Married Elizabeth () [Elizabeth Upchurch] Still living Apr 1838.

- A. Ludwell Carpenter [James Ludwell Carpenter]
- B. Benjamin Carpenter [Samuel Benjamin (Upchurch) Carpenter]
- C. Jubal Carpenter [Jubal (Upchurch) Carpenter]
- D. Churchwell Carpenter [William Churchwell (Upchurch) Carpenter]
- E. Winifred Sanderford [Winifred (Upchurch) Carpenter] [deceased <Apr 1838]
Married James Sanderford.
- F. Elizabeth Williams [Elizabeth Carpenter] [deceased <Apr 1838]
Married **Lawrence Williams**.

G. Mary Rainey [Mary Carpenter] [deceased <APR 1838]

Married James H. Rainey.

H. Simeon Carpenter [deceased <APR 1838]

1. Furney L. Carpenter
2. Thomas Carpenter
3. Rowena Carpenter
4. Elizabeth Carpenter
5. Jubal Carpenter
6. Stephen Carpenter
7. Nancy Carpenter

I. Nancy Richardson [died <APR 1838] [Nancy Carpenter]

1. Julia A. Richardson
2. Milly M. Richardson
3. Elizabeth Richardson

J. Harriet Lutt [died <APR 1838] [Harriet Carpenter]

married _____ Lutt

31. John Z. Lutt
2. James H. Lutt
3. Nancy J. Lutt
4. W. Lutt