

The Editor's Desk

This issue includes all the Upshaw research material in my files for Illinois, as well as an interesting article titled “*They Met Challenges ... With Memoirs* – an annotated commentary.” Consult your UFJ Topical Index for other Illinois material previously printed in *The Upshaw Family Journal*.

Correction Corner

In UFJ Vol. 9 #2 issue, page 25, in the article “Upshaw Internet Resources”, please note item #5, “Nancy Morel Carter’s Web Site” is at a different address than the one shown there; the correct address is:

<http://www.infomagic.net/~nmcarter>

Mrs. Carter notes that her web page states she has 17,760 names when she now actually has nearly 30,000 names on her site.

Illinois

Census Indexes

Jackson, Ronald V., *Illinois 1820 Census Index* (Bountiful, UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems, 1981): No Upshaw references.

Jackson, Ronald Vern, *Illinois 1860 Chicago - Cook County* (census index); (No. Salt Lake City, UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1986): No Upshaw references.

Jackson, Ronald Vern, et al, *Illinois 1860 South* (census index); (No. Salt Lake, UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1986): No Upshaw references.

Jackson, Ronald V., et al, *Illinois 1860 North* (census index); (No. Salt Lake UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1987):

Upshaw, G.W.: Stark Co., page 770, West Jersey Twp.

Jackson, Ronald Vern, *Chicago, Cook County, Illinois 1870, Census Index* Salt Lake City, UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1988): No Upshaw references.

Steuart, Raeone Christensen, Ed., *Illinois 1870 Census Index, Volume V Sh-Z* (Bountiful, UT: Heritage Quest, 1999), page 525:

Upshan [*sic*], George, age 69, male, White, b. in Ga., Piatt Co., Cerro Gordo Twp., page 328.

Upshare, Wesley, age 18, male, Black, b. in Ms., Lawrence Co., Denison Twp., page 84.

Upshaw, David, age 2, male, White, b. in Il., Alexander Co., Dogtooth Pct., page 81.

Upshaw, George W., age 29, male, White, b. Il., Stark Co., Essex Twp., page 391.

Upshaw, Harvey, age 38, male, White, b. Il., Jackson Co., Carbondale PO, page 49.

Upshaw, James, age 35, male, White, b. In., White Co., Fox River Pct., page 387.

Upshaw, Thomas, age 24, male, white, b. Tn., DeWitt Co., Barnett Twp., page 12.

Upsher, Carl, age 40, male, White, b. Pome. [*sic*], Cook Co., 15 Wd.-Chicago, page 748.

Jackson, Ronald Vern, *Illinois 1880 Chicago - Cook County* (census index, 2 vol.); (No. Salt Lake, UT: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1989): No Upshaw references.

1880 Census (Soundex): (this census index only includes those families with children less than ten years of age): No Upshaw references.

1900 Census (Soundex):

Andrew Upshaw (White Co., Phillips Twp., Vol. 156, E.D. 120, sheet 11, line 93): White, age 41, b. Dec. 1858 in Indiana; Mary Upshaw, wife, age 45, b. Dec. 1854 in Ind.; Etta Upshaw, daughter, age 17, b. Feb. 1883 in Ind.; Charles Upshaw, son, age 15, b. Oct. 1884 in Ind.; Isaac R. Upshaw, son, age 10, b. Apr. 1890 in Ind.; Louis Upshaw, son, age 8, b. July 1891 in Ill.; Albert Upshaw, son, age 3, b. July 1896 in Ill.; William H. Upshaw, son, age 1, b. Feb. 1899 in Ill.; Jacob Walker, son-in-law, age 26, b. May 1874 in Ill.

Benjamin Upshaw (Cook Co., Chicago, North Avers Ave., house 54, Vol. 35, E.D. 400, sheet 4, line 20): White, age 24, b. Feb. 1876 in Massachusetts. Enumerated as a boarder with Edward Youmans.

Hosea Upshaw (Williamson Co., Western Pct., Vol. 101, E.D. 125, sheet 15, line 29): White, age 37, b. Apr 1863 in Illinois; Mary Upshaw, wife, age 28, b. Aug 1871 in Ill.; Cecil Upshaw, daughter, age 3, b. Jul 1896 in Ill.; Bonnie Upshaw, daughter, age 2, b. Feb. 1898 in Ill.

1910 Census (Miracode):

Charles Upshaw (White Co., Vol. 209, E.D. 0146, family #0339): White, age 22, b. Indiana; Martha A. Upshaw, wife, age 21, b. Ill.; Morris Upshaw, son, age 5, b. Ill.; Lorne Upshaw, daughter, age 3, b. Ill.; Virgil Upshaw, son, age “not reported”, b. Ill.

Hosea W. Upshaw (Williamson Co., Vol. 213, E.D. 0150, family #0365): White, age 49, b. Ill.; Mealinda Upshaw, wife, age 45, b. Ill.; Cecil Upshaw, daughter, age 14, b. Ill.; Bonnie Upshaw, daughter, age 13, b. Ill.; Charles Upshaw, son, age 11, b. Ill.; Nellie Upshaw, daughter, age 7, b. Ill.; Helen Upshaw, daughter, age “not reported”, b. Ill.

1920 Census (Soundex), (National Archives MP #M1559, reel #463):

Upshaw, Fred W, (Vol. 74, E.D. 1203, sheet 5, line 55; Cook Co., Chicago, #2344 Lincoln Park West); White, age 58, b. Wisconsin; Hellen H. Upshaw, wife, age 44, b. Iowa; three other unrelated persons, house servants, “maid”, “butler”, cook”.

Upshaw, Hosea (Vol. 245, E.D. 159, sheet 8, line 4; Williamson Co.); White, age 56, b. Ill.; Mary Upshaw, wife, age 48, b. Ill.; Bonnie Upshaw, daughter, age 21, b. Ill.; Ethel Upshaw, daughter, age 16, b. Ill.; Ruth Upshaw, daughter, age 13, b. Ill.; Helen Upshaw, daughter, age 10, b. Ill.; Kate Upshaw, daughter, age 7, b. Ill.

Upshaw, Lewis (Vol. 236, E.D. 188, sheet 6, line 65; White Co., Crossville, Morell St.); White, age 28, b. Ill.; Mary E. Upshaw, wife, age 38, b. Ill.; George A. Upshaw, son, age 8, b. Ill.; Eldon A. Upshaw, son, age 5, b. Ill.; Louis A. Upshaw, son, age 11/12, b. Ill.

Upshaw, Maude (Vol. 8, E.D. 17(?), sheet 4, line 29; Christian Co., Pana (city)); White, age 46, b. Missouri; enumerated with Amil (Emil?) F. Krone as Mother-in-law.

Upshaw, Thomas (Vol. 243, E.D. 199, sheet 18, line 25; Winnebago Co., 622 Loomis St., Rockford); White, age 38, b. Tennessee; Adcar Upshaw, wife, age 32, b. Ill.

Upshur, Dossie (Vol. 71, E.D. 1138, sheet 10, line 54; #1076 Frank St., Chicago, Cook Co.); White, age 50, b. Maryland; Bella Upshur, wife, age 30, b. Indiana.

County Records

Alexander County, Illinois

1870 Census, Dogtooth Precinct, page 81, dwelling #7, family #7, 6 July 1870 (National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll #188):

L. Reese, age 27, male White, laborer, no real estate value, \$100 personal estate, born Kentucky; Cordella Reese, age 24, female, White, born Kentucky; David Upshaw, age 2, male, White, age 2, born Illinois; N.L. Reese, age 5/12, male, White, born Illinois (in Jan.)

Cook County, Illinois

1870 Census, Chicago, 15th Ward, page 748, family #2785, 19 July 1870 (National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll #208):

Carl Upsher, age 40, male, White, laborer, no real estate or personal value; born Pomona (sic), father of foreign birth; Maria Upsher, age 40, female, White, keeping house, born Pomona, mother of foreign birth; Augusta Upsher, age 21, female, White, at home, born Pomona; father & mother of foreign birth; Bertha Upsher, age 14, female, White, born Pomona, father & mother of foreign birth; Mary Upsher, age 10, female, White, born Pomona, father & mother of foreign birth, attended school within the year; Luna Upsher, age 8, female, White, born Pomona, father & mother of foreign birth, attended school within the year; Emelia Upsher, age 6, female, White, born Pomona, father & mother of foreign birth,

DeWitt County, Illinois

Biographical Indexes & Sources

The Biographical Record of DeWitt County, Illinois (Chicago, IL: the S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1901); indexed only by subject of biographical sketches: No Upshaw biography.

Portrait and Biographical Album of DeWitt and Piatt Counties, Illinois, Containing ... Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County ... (Chicago, IL: Chapman Bros., 1891): indexed only by subject of biographical sketches: No Upshaw biography.

Cemetery Records

DeWitt County, Illinois Cemetery Inscriptions, Vol. 1-5 (1971-1974) by the Decatur Genealogical Society: No Upshaw references.

Census Records

1860 Census (searched by Ted O. Brooke, August, 1983): No Upshaw references.

1870 Census, Barnett Township, page 12, dwelling 178, family #173, 5 Sep 1870, P.O. Clinton (National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll #216):

Thomas Upshaw, age 24, male, White, b. Tenn, farmer, no real estate or personal value;
Prudence Upshaw, age 20, female, White, keeping house, born Illinois; Ira Upshaw, age 2,
male, White, at home, b. Illinois.

Estate Records

DeWitt County, Illinois Records: Index to Probate, Administrations and Executors 1839-1950; Index to Guardians and Conservators 1839-1950; Abstracts of World War I Service Records; NSDAR, 1995: No Upshaw references.

Marriages

Marriage Records, DeWitt County, Illinois 1902-1927 (Book E); NSDAR, 1994:
No Upshaw grooms or brides.

Periodicals

DeWitt County Genealogical Quarterly; Vol. 1 (1975) – Vol. 26 (2000); by the DeWitt County Genealogical Society, Box 329, Clinton, IL 61727. (No Upshaw references found except as follows):

Vol. 6 (1980), page 67: “Milestones in the *Clinton Public and Central Transcript* for the year 1869: Issue of 15 April 1869:

Died – in this city, on the 4th inst., of consumption, after an illness of three months, Addie, wife of Geo. W. Upshaw Jr., aged 21 years. Peoria papers please copy.

Vol. 7 (1981), page 57: Annual report of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Waynesville Circuit, October 1891: Mt. Tabor and Midland – members & contributors:
Upshaw, Dr. I.W.

Vol. 8 (1982), page 98: Church records of members of Hallsville Christian Church from 30 August 1887 to 30 October 1893:

Ira W. Upshaw (joined) by relation, 22 December 1889

Minnie C. Upshaw (joined) by relation, 22 December 1889

Vol. 9 (1983), page 69: 1872 miscellany, *the Clinton Register*, 2 August 1872:

Upshaw, the dentist, does work cheap for cash.

Upshaw will put you up a full set of teeth for \$40.

Vol. 11 (1985), page 70: DeWitt County marriage record Book C, part 3:

Geo. W. Upshaw & Miss Mary E. Robinson, 13 January 1870, page 31;

(performed by) D. McArthur, M.G.

Vol. 16 (1990), page 64: DeWitt County deed record, Book 1, pt. 2:

Grantors: George W. Upshaw & Elizabeth Upshaw.

Grantee: Henry Matthews.

Location: Barnett Twp.

Date: 28 April 1869.

Page: 376.

Vol. 18 (1992), page 103: “Milestones in *The Clinton Public* for the year 1882” – issue of 28 July 1882:

Death of Mrs. Jane Robinson – Jane Stoops was born in Ohio, January 25, 1825 and was married to J.J. Robinson Jan. 12, 1847. She removed with her family to Clinton in 1854 and died July 23, 1883 ... She was the mother of seven children, including Mrs. Upshaw of Mackinaw, Ill. ... who was present at the funeral.

Vol. 22 (1996), page 9: “Milestones in *The Clinton Register* for the year 1885”; issue of 23 October 1885:

Died – at her home in Mackinaw, Ill., on the 15th day of October, 1885, Mrs. Mary E. Upshaw. Mrs. Upshaw will be remembered as the eldest daughter of J.J. Robinson formerly of this city ...

Vol. 26 (2000); “Milestones in *the Clinton Register* for the year 1890”:

Page 62: issue of 10 January 1890:

Midland – Dr. Upshaw reports a new girl baby at Lewis Foster’s .

Page 69: issue of 28 March 1890:

Midland – Mrs. Upshaw, of St. Louis, is visiting her son, Dr. I.W. Upshaw.

Page 71: issue of 4 April 1890:

Midland – born, to Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Upshaw, March 29, a son.

Page 79: issue of 25 July 1890:

Midland – Dr. Upshaw reports an eight pound girl baby at Wiley Smith’s Wednesday morning.

Gallatin County, Illinois

Bender, Lucy, *Marriage Licenses Issued in Gallatin County From 1813 to 1836*; (no index, but each year alphabetically arranged by groom & this was searched for Upshaw grooms & brides):

Page 18: 16 January 1825, George Upshaw & Melinda Greenwood.

Head, Betty, *Gallatin County, Illinois Marriages 1830-1858* (Carrier Mills, IL: John V. Murphy, 1985): No Upshaw grooms or brides.

Gildehaus, Valerie Phillips, *Gallatin County, Illinois Marriages 1859-1870* (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1991): No Upshaw grooms or brides.

Gallatin County, Illinois Marriage Indexes 1867-1882 (Decatur, IL: Decatur Genealogical Society, 1987): No Upshaw grooms or brides.

Bender, Lucy, *Index Early Settlers Records Gallatin County, Illinois 1800-1840* (this is a name index to Vol. 1-5 and does not include Vol. 5A).

Upshaw, George – Vol. 1, page 18.

Bender, Lucy, *Gallatin County, Illinois Records*; Book 1-5A (note: this bound book only contains Vol. 2, 4, 5, & 5A; Vol. 5A, not included in the name index above, consists of miscellaneous early petitions and was searched page-by-page): No Upshaw references.

Shewmake, Shirley Cummins, *Gallatin Co., Illinois Probates* Vol. II (Ozark, MO: Dogwood Printing, 1992): No Upshaw references.

Miscellaneous research notes; by Mrs. Betty Phillips Head, R.R. 1, Box 3, Shawneetown, Il., 62984, 1983:

“I feel very strongly that James and/or Parsons Upshaw never did live in what is now Gallatin County. In the early years the boundary reached from most of White County on the north over to the eastern 1/3 of Williamson County on the west and ever covered the southeastern tip of Franklin County, the southern part of Hamilton, most of Pope and Johnson, all of Saline and Hardin and, of course, what is now Gallatin.

George Upshaw and Malinda Greenwood were married by Stephen Stilley, a Baptist minister who lived slightly southwest of where Equality is located. Logic would tell us that the couple lived in the relative vicinity of the minister, which is usually the case. Not so with Stephen Stilley, however. He saw himself as a pioneer organizer and missionary of the Baptist church and traveled extensively, forming new churches and supporting those already started. He lived in many areas for several months at a time, covering all of southern Illinois, even into Missouri and across the river into Kentucky.

I have examined several petitions signed by Stephen Stilley and his neighbors. There are no “Upshaw” or “Greenwood” among those names. They are not listed near him in the census either. I know from reading church histories that Rev. Stilley was also active in Jackson County. My conclusion to all of this is that Stephen Stilley either obtained the license for the couple himself since he lived in the county and it may have been more convenient for him; or they traveled here to be married by him as they considered him their minister. In that era it was unusual to be married by a minister, and most were married by a Justice of the Peace.

It seems perhaps this couple felt closely connected with the Baptist church. I would suggest you write: Rev. Ron Nelson, First Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ill., and inquire about any members of the Upshaw family. Because his church was one of those organized by Rev. Stilley, Rev. Nelson has developed a great interest in religious history of the area and has published several books on the subject, including “Minutes of the Big Muddy River Baptist Association” which included Jackson county.”

Jackson County, Illinois

(The Jackson county courthouse at Brownsville burned in January 1843 and only two books of County Clerk’s records dating from 1823 were saved)

Morehouse, Louise, *Death Records for Carbondale, Illinois* (Murphysboro, IL: Jackson County Historical Society, 1981): No Upshaw references.

Jackson County Historical Society, *Cemeteries of Jackson County, Illinois* (Murphysboro, IL: the Society, 1979-1989):

Vol. 1 (1984), Vol. 3 (1980) – Vol. 8 (1989): No Upshaw references.

Vol. 2 (1979), Carbondale Township:

Page 12: Glenn Farm Cemetery:

Upshaw, Elender, dau. of H.S. & A.J. Upshaw, died 17 Oct 1859, aged 1 year, 10 months, 12 days.

Page 68: Oakland Cemetery, Row 3, south to north:
Upshaw, Harvey S., 1832-1890.

Cemeteries of Jackson County, Illinois: Supplement to Vol. II Carbondale Township (update to burials to June 19, 1989 (Murphysboro, IL: Jackson County Historical Society, 1990):

No Upshaw references.

Marriages (1830-1851): checked by the Jackson County Clerk, 1001 Walnut St., Murphysboro, Ill., 62966-2177: No Upshaw grooms; unknown whether brides were checked.

Marriages (1843-1875; unknown if indexed for brides); reported by Jackson County Historical Society):

Upshaw, Singleton & Amela Barnett, 4 Apr 1856

Marriage; (inclusive dates of search unknown; reported in 1996 by Linda S. Czarny, 1439 S. Sherman St., Denver, CO 80210, who notes that Fredonia's name was "indexed in various records as Fredonia Clipshaw but clearly reads Fredonia C. Upshaw!" (Note: photocopy in Upshaw family scrapbook)

State of Illinois, Jackson County:

Miss Fredonia C. Upshaw & John E. Glen [*sic*], "now both of this county", 7 Jun 1849.

Jackson County History, 1878; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society:

No Upshaw references.

Family Files & Pedigree Charts; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society from resources at the Jackson County Library: No Upshaw references.

Cemetery and Obituary Cards; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society from resources at the Jackson County Library, who state "No cards for this period".

Probate File, Circuit Clerk's index, 184_ - 1960; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society: No Upshaw references.

Guardianship File, Circuit Clerk's index, 184_ - 1960; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society: No Upshaw references.

School Lands purchasers (Section 16 in each township); reported by the Jackson County Historical Society: No Upshaw references.

Deed Grantors & Grantees index, Book A (dates not stated); reported by the Jackson County Historical Society: No Upshaw references.

Squatters in Territorial Illinois 1807 and 1813; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society: No Upshaw references.

Veterans Honor Roll; reported by the Jackson County Historical Society: No Upshaw references.

Jackson County, Illinois, Formation and Early Settlement; by John W.D. Wright, 1983 (searched and reported by Mr. Clifton Swafford, President, Jackson County Historical Society, who

comments that "it would seem that James Upshaw & George Upshaw were living in Pomona Township").

page 72: 1830 Jackson County Census, sheet no. 11:

James Upshaw household: 1 male under 5, 1 female under 5, 1 male 20-30, 2 females 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 20-30.

George Upshaw household: 1 male 20-30, 2 females under 5, 1 female 20-30.

Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists, 1823-1841 Murphysboro, IL: the Jackson County Historical Society, 1981):

Part I: Digest of County Commissioner's Meetings, 1 Sep 1823 - 20 Mar 1841:

page 20: 3 March 1828: Other fines reported: \$3 on Parsons Upshaw.

page 23: 3 March 1829: Richard J. Hamilton reported a fine of \$5 on James Upshaw, Jesse Griggs to collect. (Jesse Griggs was Sheriff).

Page 53: County Court session of 5 Dec 1837, is an item giving some information about a "Shawneetown Road", which is a connection linking George Upshaw of Jackson County with the George Upshaw of Gallatin County:

James T. Russell and George Hannah allowed \$2 for viewing that part of a state road from Pinckneyville, by way of Tyner's Ferry, across Big Muddy to Golconda in Pope County, which lay in Jackson County. This road crossed the Jackson County line near Woolsey's where the old Shawneetown Road intersects that line, and crosses the Little Muddy at the old bridge where the path to Charles Humphrey's leaves said road, thence with such path, excepting bending where it crosses the Franklin County line, this then becoming a public road.

Part II: Grand and Traverse Jury panels, March 1824 - April 1841:

Page 11: For April 1829 (appointed March 1829):

Traverse Jurors: George Upshaw

Page 16: For October 1831 (appointed June 1831):

Traverse Jurors: George Upshaw

Page 17: For April 1832 (appointed December 1831):

Traverse Jurors: James Upshaw

County Commissioner's Court Minutes, 1823-1841:

Page 104: (Court, Monday, 2 March 1829): Ordered by the Court that the following be and the same are hereby selected standing travers jurors to serve at the next April term of the Jackson county Circuit Court, to wit: Russell Greenwood, George Upshaw, (among others).

Page 104-105: (Court, Tuesday, 3 March 1829): Richard J. Hamilton Esq. Reported that a fine had been assessed before him for five dollars against James Upshaw; Jesse Griggs, constable, charged with the collection of said fine.

Page 106: (Court, Tuesday, 3 March 1829): On application of George C. Greenwood it is ordered by the Court that the said Greenwood be allowed a further time of two weeks for completing his job upon the Court house.

Page 131: (Court, 8 March 1830): Ordered by the Court that John Deason be and the same is hereby appointed Supervisor of the North District of the said road to extend from Muddy River and Perry Co. line (the said Second District to extend from William B. Davis to Muddy River) to superintend the following hands, to wit: George Upshaw, Adkins Greenwood (among others) in performing one day's labour each in opening the road in said district.

Miscellaneous comments regarding James & George Upshaw by the Genealogical Committee of the Jackson County (IL) Historical Society):

The Jackson County courthouse at Brownsville burned in January 1843 and only two books were saved, The County Clerk's records from 1823, which have been abstracted and printed in Meetings of the County Court 1823-1841 by the Jackson County Historical Society.

When James Upshaw was fined (\$5.00, usually \$3.00 for assault) 3 March 1829, the Justice of the Peace was the Cashier of the State Bank in Brownsville. Perhaps James Upshaw was helping George Greenwood repair the courthouse? When George Upshaw is named among hands to work "The Spiller Road", he may be working at the ferry Elijah Spiller ran across Big Muddy River, since he had no land of his own. Two known landowners in that area are marked on our enclosed map developed for use with the 1850 census, which is the general area where George Upshaw must have lived. (Note: Their marked map shows this area to be in central Jackson County, about 3 miles east of Murphysboro).

1870 Census, Carbondale P.O., page 49, dwelling #515, family #515, 9 June 1870, Carbondale, P.O. (National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll #232):

Harvey Upshaw, age 38, male, White, farmer, \$1,000 real estate, \$200 personal estate, b. Ill.; Leonora Upshaw, age 9, female, White, born Ill.; Hosea Upshaw, age 7, male, White, b. Ill.; Nancy Upshaw, age 5, female, White, born Ill.

Jersey County, Illinois

1860 Census (searched by Ted Brooke, August, 1983): No Upshaw references.

Macon County, Illinois

1860 Census (searched by Ted Brooke, August, 1983): No Upshaw references.

Peoria County, Illinois

Census Records

1860 Census, Peoria Co., Ill. (searched by staff of Illinois State Archives for Mrs. Grace E. Jared in response to her inquiry of November 19, 1961): No Upshaw references.

Deed Records

Peoria Co., Ill., Deed Book B, page 297-298:

3 May 1865: Wm. C. Stevens & wife, Maria C. Stevens, of the village of Princeville, to George Washington Upshaw, now a soldier in Hancock's Corps, recently organized at Washington, D.C.; \$85 for in township of Princeville in Peoria County, described as 50/72 part of Lot no. 6 in the subdivisions of the N.E. quarter of section 24, township 11 N. 6(?) E. of the 4th principal meridian as subdivided and platted by Q.B. Allen, on Oct. 14, 1864, reference being had to said plat for the relative position and size of said lot 6. The portion conveyed being the E. or N.E. end of said lot and extending back from it's S.E. corner in the center of the State road, a distance of 18 rods westwardly along it's S. or S.W. line to a corner, and from thence N. or N.W, drawn across a lot parallel to it's E. or road line and then comprising just 50/72 of the whole lot. (signed) Wm. C. Stevens, Maria B. Stevens.

Dower relinquishment by Maria B. Stevens, at Princeville, 4 (do not have copy of page 299).

Estate Records

Peoria County Probate Case Files Index, 1825-1887 (internet site of Peoria County on USGENWEB): No Upshaw references.

Marriage Records

Marriage Record: (reported by Mrs. Grace Jared on handwritten notecard):

Peoria, Illinois, Marriage Book 1, page 151: George W. Upshaw, age not stated, & Elizabeth Denbigh, age 28 years, married 12 Nov 1848 by John Chandler, M.G., Methodist Presiding Elder.

Obituary Notices

The *Peoria Journal Star* (Illinois), Obituaries, 1991-1999 (from an internet location):

Issue of 15 February 1997, page D8:

Illinois, East Peoria: Cecile Purnell, 100, of Fondulac Woods Health Care Center died there at 12:02 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997.

Born July 4, 1896, in Carbondale to Hosea and Mary Walbert Upshaw, she married Verner J. Purnell on Dec. 23, 1915, in Carterville. He died March 22, 1963, in Peoria. She also was preceded in death by one son, John Purnell, one brother and three sisters.

Surviving are two daughters, Velda Elliott of Peoria and Louise Moss of East Peoria; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Katherine Salkeld of Chehalis, Wash., and Ruth Mulchay of Jackson, Mo.

She and her husband managed the Hamilton Apartments in Peoria for 25 years, retiring in 1963. There will be no services. Cremation has been accorded, and private burial of ashes will be in Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria. Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to any charity or the building fund of East Peoria First United Methodist Church.

Issue of 4 May 1992, page B3:

Illinois. Charles A. Vandiver, 65, of 608 Tracy died at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 1992, at Saint Francis Medical Center.

Born Sept. 16, 1926, in West Plains, Mo., to Orval and Elsie May Upshaw Vandiver, he married Dorothy Meyers on Sept. 16, 1975 in Peoria. She survives. Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Orval and Lola Jane Vandiver of Brandsville, Mo.; two sons, Dennis of East Peoria and Karl of Bloomington; two daughters, Janie Combs of Brandsville and Velma McDaniel of Atlanta, Ga.; two stepsons, Darold Haskins of Peoria and Jerry Haskins at home; one stepdaughter, Vicki Berg of Yates City; one sister, Mabel Martin of Mount Savage, Md.; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, one son, one stepson and two grandsons.

A World War II and Korean War Army veteran, he worked for thirty years as a welder at Caterpillar Inc. before retiring in 1986. He was a member of First Missionary Baptist of Peoria.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Wilton Mortuary, the Revs. Lee Young and Bill Mitchell officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to his church.

Issue of 14 September 1993, page D7:

Ruth Ann Upshaw of Muscatine, Iowa, named as a surviving stepdaughter of Kathryn H. Watson, 80, of 204 N. 10th St., Albia, Iowa. Formerly of Canton, Illinois, died Monday, Sep. 13, 1993.

Issue of 16 July 1993, page C10:

“Upshaw Terrace”, Port Charlotte, Fl., named in obituary of Maurice J. Sewell, 76, formerly of Pekin, Ill., died Monday, June 28, 1993.

Periodicals

Prairie Roots; quarterly publication of the Peoria Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1489, Peoria, Ill., 61655; Vol. 1 (1974) – Vol. 30 (2002); (no Upshaw references except where noted):

Vol. 2 #3, page 4, 5: 1844 Peoria City Directory:

(resides in block 41):

Upshaw, George W., carpenter & joiner, Fourth St. between Franklin & Munson.

(resides in block 41):

Upshaw, James, carpenter & joiner, Fourth St. between Franklin & Munson.

Vol. 4 #2, page 18: Peoria County marriage licenses, License #636:

William L. Loomis & Narcisse Ann Upshaw, 4 May 1843, certified by George B. Parker, J.P.

Vol. 6 #4, page 6: Marriage licenses issued in Peoria, Ill., #1298:

George W. Upshaw & Elizabeth Denbigh, 12 Nov 1848, certified by John Chanderler [sic], Minister.

Vol. 8 #4, page 33: Marriage licenses issued in Peoria, Ill., #1993:

Charles S. Loomis & Melissa Jane Upshaw, 23 Nov 1851, certified by F.M. Miles, preacher.

Vol. 10 #4, page 15: 47th Illinois Volunteer Regiment, Co. “I” Privates: George W. Upshaw, Jr. (taken from the History of Peoria County, 1880, by Johnson & Co.)

Vol. 11 #2, page 6: Peoria County Marriages, #2752:

Francis M. Upshaw & Juliette B. Reed, 1 May 1854, certified by Wm. B. Atkinson,
Minister of Gospel.

Vol. 11 #2, page 45: query of Ted O. Brooke, Marietta, GA, regarding Upshaw,
Greenwood, Denby.

Vol. 12 #2, page 32: query of Ted O. Brooke, Marietta, GA, regarding Upshaw,
Greenwood.

Vol. 16 #1, page 2: "Former Peorians" from Peoria Daily National Democrat (note: there
is an index error here-the Upshaw reference is on page 3, not 2):

Frank M. Upshaw, assted [sic] by his son, W.L. Upshaw, is carrying on the furniture
business at Abillene [sic], Kansas.

Piatt County, Illinois

Biographical Indexes & Sources

*Portrait and Biographical Album of DeWitt and Piatt Counties, Illinois, Containing ...
Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County ...* (Chicago, IL:
Chapman Bros., 1891): indexed only by subject of biographical sketches: No Upshaw biography.

Cemetery Records

Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society, Blue Ridge Township Cemeteries (Monticello,
IL: the Society, 1986): No Upshaw references.

Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society, Cerro Gordo Township Cemeteries (Monticello,
IL: the Society, 1985):

Page 5: Old cemetery, Part I, row 8 (following is a double marker):

Upshaw, Elizabeth D., b. 1820, d. (Oct.) 1882. (note: the month "Oct." is not on marker, but
from unidentified auxiliary source)

Upshaw, Dr. George W., b. 1802-1805, d. 1875. (note: this marker was placed by his
granddaughter, Mrs. Grace E. Jared, in the 1961).

Ibid, Goose Creek Township Cemeteries (1985): no Upshaw references.

Ibid, Monticello Cemetery Records (1983): no Upshaw references.

Ibid, Monticello Township Cemeteries (1985): no Upshaw references.

Ibid, Sangamon Township Cemeteries (1987): no Upshaw references.

Ibid, Unity Township Cemeteries (1985): no Upshaw references.

Ibid, Willow Branch Township Cemeteries (1985): no Upshaw references.

Census Records

1860 Census, Piatt Co., Ill.; reported by Mrs. Linda Redmond, genealogist of the Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society; also searched by Ted O. Brooke): No Upshaw references.

1870 Census, Piatt Co., Ill.: Cerro Gordo Post Office, page 328 (page 24 in Cerro Gordo Twp.), dwelling 193, family #193, 1 July 1870:

George Upshaw, age 69, male, White, physician, no real estate value, no personal estate value, b. Georgia; Elizabeth Upshaw, age 45, female, White, keeping house, b. Virginia; Josephine Upshaw, age 13, female, White, at school & attended school within the year), b. New Jersey [sic]; John Upshaw, age 11, male, White, at school & attended school within the year), b. New Jersey [sic]. (Note: although the birthplace of the two children is plainly written "New Jersey", it is evident they were born in "West Jersey" Township, Stark Co., Ill.; see 1860 census for Stark Co., Ill. in this issue of UFJ).

Marriages

Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society, Piatt County, Illinois, Marriages 1841-1874 (Monticello, IL: the Society, 1984): No Upshaw grooms or brides.

Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society, Piatt County, Illinois Marriages 1874-1910 (Monticello, IL: the Society, 1987):

Page 38: Upshaw, Josie & Adam P. Heminger, 25 Dec 1877, license #11, Book B page 22.

Page 86: Upshaw, J.W. & Ela V. Ogle, 9 Aug 1883, License #735, Book B page 59.

Page 86: Upshaw, Wm. L. & Ora E. Bishop, 24 Oct 1878, License #115, Book B page 28.

Miscellaneous

Bumstead, Charles M., M.D., President of Piatt County Medical Society, *The Medical Profession in Piatt County, 1822-1930* (Monticello, Ill.: n.d., circa 1930):

Page 39: Dr. George W. Upshaw.

I had about given up hope of getting any information about this doctor, when a letter from Mrs. Mary Peck Styan gave me the address of a son, John W. Upshaw, of McPherson, Kansas.

Dr. Upshaw was born in Georgia in 1800 and little is known of his early life and education. He had four children by his first wife and all are dead. November 13th, 1847, he married Elizabeth Denby in Peoria and three children were born to this union, of whom John is the only one living today. He remembers, as a small boy, of living in some village, years before coming to Cerro Gordo, where the Upshaws had the only cook stove in the vicinity.

The family moved to Cerro Gordo in 1869, when the doctor was quite advanced in years, being sixty-nine, and remained until 1875, when he died. He is buried in the Cerro Gordo cemetery. A daughter, Mrs. Josie Heminger, died in Tuscola in 1910.

The father of Frank Dilatush was a farmer and quite fond of wrestling. After a certain match Mr. Dilatush was pretty well bruised up, so the family called Dr. Upshaw who, after observing the black and blue spots on the body, pronounced him ill of "spotted fever", which was prevalent here in 1870.

Obituary Notices

The Piatt County Herald, Cerro Gordo, Ill., issue of 25 Oct 1882:

Mrs. Upshaw, a well known resident of this place, died on Tuesday morning last after a painful illness. A wide circle of friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved son & daughter.

Vital Records

(Reported by Mrs. Linda Redmond, genealogist of the
Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society):

Death Index, Piatt County Courthouse (years included not reported):

Upshaw, Mrs. E., #392, 1882, Book 1 page 31.

Birth Index, Piatt County Courthouse (years included not reported):

Upshaw, Florence Ethel, #1903, 1885, Book 1 page 147.

Upshaw, Mary Estelle, #5109, 1887, Book 1 page 186.

Marriages, Piatt County Courthouse (1878-1924); (marriage dates not reported):

Upshaw, Wm. L. & Ora E. Bishop, Book C page 9.

Upshaw, John L. & Ella V. Ogle, Book C page 58.

Upshaw, Josie & Adam Heminger, Book C page 16.

Stark County, Illinois

Census Records

Smith, Marjorie, *1850 Federal Census, Stark County, Illinois* (Chicago, IL: Chicago Genealogical Society, 1971): No Upshaw references.

Berg, Irene R. Williams, *Stark County 1860 Illinois Census* (Veradale, WA: Variable Business Services, 1982), page 4: (Census page 770, West Jersey Twp., P.O. West Jersey, 4 Jun 1860, Dwelling #20, Family #20):

G.W. Upshaw, age 50, male, b. GA; (house carpenter, \$400 real estate, \$100 personal estate); Elizabeth Upshaw, age 40, female, b. VA; Emma Upshaw, age 9, female, b. IL; Catharine Upshaw, age 6, female, b. IL; Josephine Upshaw, age 3, female, b. IL; John Upshaw, age 8/12, male, b. IL; Sarah Upshaw, age 23, female, b. OH; Edwin Upshaw, age 3, male, b. IL; William Randolph, age 1, male, b. IL.

Berg, Irene R. Williams, *Stark County 1870 Illinois Census* (Veradale, WA: Variable Business Services, 1982), page 74: (Wyoming P.O., Essex Twp., 6 Jul 1870; Dwelling #65, Family #65, census page 8 & 9):

Delilah Noble, age 42, b. NJ, (\$1,000 real estate value; dress making); Clemence Noble, age 16, b. IL, (at home); Lois Noble, age 11, b. IL; George W. Upshaw, age 29, male, b. IL, (painter); Mary E. Upshaw, age 21, female, b. OH, (keeping house); Loretta Upshaw, age 2, female, b. IL.

Berg, Irene R. Williams, *1880 Illinois Stark County Census* (Veradale, WA: Variable Business Services, 1983): No Upshaw references.

Berg, Irene R. Williams, *Illinois 1900 Stark County Census* (Veradale, WA: privately printed, n.d.): No Upshaw references.

Local Histories

Leeson, M.A., *Stark County, Illinois* (history) (Chicago, IL: 1887), not indexed; this book includes marriage records 1831-1866 on pages 71-105: searched by Ted O. Brooke for Upshaw grooms or brides: No Upshaw references found.

Obituaries

The State Journal-Register (Springfield, Illinois) *Obituaries, 1993-1999* (Source: an Internet location of Ancestry.com).

(*The State Journal-Register*, issue of 13 July 1994, page 10):

Christine Marie Oliver, 66, of Springfield died at 7:15 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Hospital. She was born Oct. 22, 1927, in Glasgow, Mo., the daughter of Walter H. and Leatha L. Woods Stapleton. Surviving are nine sons ... two sisters ... **Cecelia Upshaw** of Springfield.

White County, Illinois

1870 Census, Fox River Precinct, page 387, dwelling #289, family #281, Phillipstown P.O., 11 Aug 1870 (National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll #289):

James Upshaw, age 35, male, White, farmer, no real estate value, \$550 personal estate, b. Indiana; Matilda Upshaw, age 34, female, White, keeping house, born Indiana; Andrew Upshaw, age 13, male, White, born Indiana, attended school within the year; Henry Cox, age 21, male, White, farm laborer, born Indiana.

Name Index to History of White County Illinois (Chicago, IL: Inter-State Publishing Company, 1883; Houston, TX: Vernon W. Garrison, 1974): No Upshaw references.

Obituaries of White County Illinois ... of White County Illinois Newspapers Volume I: 1872-1896; by Patricia S. Davis: No Upshaw references.

White County Illinois Marriages 1816-1865 (Marion, IL: privately printed, 1995):
No Upshaw grooms or brides.

White County Illinois Marriages 1866-1880 (Marion, IL: privately printed, 1996):
Page 171: 23 February 1877; Andrew Upshaw, age 19; parents: James & Matilda Upshaw.
Spouse: Mary C. Hungate, age 19 (Box 6/10).

Marriages from White County Illinois Volume No. 2 1881-1900, by Harriet Vaught; (note: this book is entirely unindexed and no separate index was found for it, so it has not been searched for Upshaw references).

Marriages from White County Illinois Volume No. 3 1901-1915, by Harriet Vaught; (note: although this book is entirely unindexed, the Upshaw references were found in the following);
Index to Harriet Vaught's "Marriages From White County, Illinois Volume 3, 1901-1915:

Page 35: Groom: Charlie Upshaw (of Indiana), age 19; father, Andrew Upshaw; mother, Mary Hungate; Bride: Martha C. Calvin (of Hamilton Co.), age 15; father, Virgil Calvin; mother, Matilda Allen; 23 December 1903.

Page 51: Groom: Jacob Walker (of Wayne Co., Il.), age 30; father, Samuel Walker; mother, Elizabeth Henrmenway [sic]; Bride: Ettie Upshaw (of Posey Co., Ind.), age 23; father, Andrew Upshaw; mother, Mary Hunget; 21 May 1905.

Page 120: Groom: Lewis Upshaw, age 20; father, Andrew Upshaw; mother, Mary Hunget; Bride: Mary Elizabeth Hughes, age 28; father, George Hughes; mother, Emyra Odell; 22 December 1910.

Page 127: Groom: John Dyson (of Indiana), age 37; father, I.K. Dyson; Mother, not named; Bride: Bell Vandaver, age 30; father: Andrew Upshaw; mother, Mary Hungate; 19 August 1911.

Page 139: Groom: Isaac R. Upshaw, age 34; father, Andrew Upshaw; mother, Mary Hungate; Bride: Orpha A. Calvin, age 22; father, Virgil Calvin; mother, Paulina Allen; 11 September 1912.

Genealogies

They Met Challenges ... With Memoirs: An Annotated Commentary

- Background and Historical Information -

Readers of *The Upshaw Family Journal* and, indeed, many Upshaw family researchers are familiar with the book *They Met Challenges ... With Memoirs* written by Grace (Heminger) Jared and privately printed in 1968. At that time, Mrs. Jared was one of the major Upshaw researchers, having begun in the 1930s, corresponding with family relatives to collect information for nearly four decades. She was descended from the second marriage of George Washington Upshaw to Elizabeth Denby (Denbigh) in 1848. Their daughter, Josephine Eva Upshaw, married Adam P. Heminger in 1877, and their daughter, Grace Heminger, married Ray V. Jared. (See transcripts of the Upshaw lineage portions of this book in UFJ, Vol. 1, page 46-55, 68-77, 94-99 and Vol. 2, pages 9-23).

In her book, Mrs. Jared endeavored to trace her Upshaw line back to Captain William Upshaw and did a great amount of research toward that goal. Genealogical research was vastly different in the mid-twentieth century than it is today; additional records have been discovered and made publicly available and many records have been abstracted, indexed and published, which were not available to past researchers. Her book includes miniature biographies of those she believed to be her ancestors from Captain William Upshaw to her generation, along with general summaries of the various related lines. Unfortunately, although she began with the correct lineage, she became disoriented and misidentified a key ancestor. As a result, much of her lineage was incorrect. It is the purpose of this article to show where and how this happened and to present the factual lineage for the benefit of future Upshaw researchers who might be inclined to use her book as a reference.

Mrs. Jared began her lineage with Captain William Upshaw and his second wife, Hannah Forrest, and correctly identifies their children as having been Jeremiah, Hannah, Ann, Sarah,

Richard, William, John, Margaret and Forrest, even though listing them in an improbable order. Mrs. Jared's objective was to link her known grandfather, George Washington Upshaw (ca. 1802-1875) to this family.

- The Incorrect Lineage -

Apparently, from statements in her book, Mrs. Jared did not have direct personal information about the parents of her grandfather, so she began searching for a "George Upshaw" who would fit into that time frame. She did have direct contact with her grandfather's son by his first marriage, Thomas Jefferson Upshaw (1844-1915), but he had left home at the young age of 13 and had very few recollections of his family and was of no help in identifying his father's parents. As a result, Mrs. Jared's investigation of the current research materials led her to incorrectly identify George Upshaw, the grandson of John Upshaw, the fourth son of Captain William Upshaw, who seemed to fit her specifications. (See *They Met Challenges ... With Memoirs*, pages 42-47).

Tracing this George Upshaw's lineage, Mrs. Jared correctly identified John Upshaw's wife as Mary Lafon (and she was pleased with the indications of French Huguenot ancestry) and she correctly identified their children as Edwin, Sarah, Lucy, Maria, Hanna, Cordelia, John H. and William. She correctly found that Edwin Upshaw (1777-1849) married Lucy Roane, which provided a connection to another aristocratic line, which Mrs. Jared developed in her book. She correctly identified the children of Edwin and Lucy (Roane) Upshaw as George, John, Roane, Samuel, Lucy, Edwin, Mary Ann and Thomas Roane Upshaw. Here, she thought, was the "George Upshaw", who must have been her grandfather, George Washington Upshaw, and she developed these various family links quite eloquently in her book.

Unfortunately or fortunately, subsequent research has proven that this "George Upshaw", the son of Edwin and Lucy (Roane) Upshaw, was actually George Augustus Upshaw, who was born in Essex County, Virginia in 1802 and died in Erath County, Texas in 1879. All of Mrs. Jared's lineage on the ancestors of her grandfather, George Washington Upshaw, back to Captain William Upshaw, was therefore in error, and she was not related to French Huguenots through the Lafon line, nor to English aristocrats through the Roane family. Obviously, Mrs. Jared never realized that this mistake had been made.

- The Correct Lineage -

Beginning with her last known ancestor, George Washington Upshaw, more recent research has identified his father as Parson Upshaw, born circa 1774 in Amherst Co., Va., the second son of Leroy Upshaw (circa 1750-1826), who was the oldest son of Forrest Upshaw (circa 1718-1759), who was the last and youngest son of Captain William and Hannah (Forrest) Upshaw. Therefore, there is a relationship to Captain William Upshaw but by a different lineage.

Beginning with Captain William Upshaw, the lineage goes not through his fourth son, John, but through his fifth (and last) son, Forrest (1718-1759), who married Ann Hunt (widow) and they had three children: Leroy, Mildred and John. This Leroy Upshaw (1750-1826) married Elizabeth Bradley and they had children: Elizabeth, Forrester, Parson, Richard, William, Adkins, Nancy Agnes, Martha, Drury, Leroy and Peter.

Parson Upshaw was born about 1774 and died about 1828, probably in Jackson County, Illinois, where nearly all County records were destroyed in 1843. He is first found named in June 1797

Oglethorpe County, Georgia, with Adkin and Forrester. He is documented in various records in Elbert County, Georgia in 1801 & 1802, received a land grant in Dickson County, Tennessee in 1814 and was in the 1820 census in Montgomery County, Tennessee where he had a male child age 16 to 26, who can be circumstantially identified as George W. Upshaw. Parson is further found in Gallatin County, Illinois in 1826 and lastly, in Jackson County, Illinois in 1828. We do not have any identification of Parson Upshaw's wife but we do know they had at least 10 children, as shown in the 1820 census of Montgomery Co., Tennessee. Note that George W. Upshaw married Mary Melinda Greenwood in 1825 Gallatin County where Parson signed a petition in 1826.

- The Individuals -

George Augustus Upshaw, the son of Edwin and Lucy (Roane) Upshaw, was born on 20 Aug 1802, as recorded in the Edwin Upshaw family record kept by Lucy (Roane) Upshaw (see UFJ Vol. 4 page 56). The 1810, 1820 & 1830 census for the Edwin Upshaw household in King & Queen Co., Va., show a male child consistent with the age of George Augustus; George A. Upshaw received 240 acres in St. Charles Co., Missouri in 1836 & was married in Polk Co., Missouri in 1840. George A. Upshaw served in the Mexican War, 3rd Missouri Mounted Volunteers. In 1848, his Mexican War discharge paper states that he was born in "Essex County, Virginia". The censuses for 1850 Dade Co., Missouri, 1860 Bell Co., Texas & 1870 Erath Co., Texas for George A. Upshaw consistently show his birthplace as "Virginia". In 1857, a letter from G.A. Upshaw to "wife" conclusively proves that George Augustus Upshaw was a son of Edwin Upshaw. (see UFJ, Vol. 7, page 71-74).

George Washington Upshaw, the son of Parson Upshaw, appears as a male child in the 1820 census for Parson Upshaw in Montgomery County, Tennessee, at an age consistent for him. He was married in 1825 in Gallatin County, where Parson was also documented in 1826. The censuses for 1850 Peoria Co., 1860 Stark Co., & 1870 Piatt Co. for George W. Upshaw consistently show his birthplace as "Georgia" without exception. There are numerous records pertaining to this George W. Upshaw, including the license issued to him on 16 June 1864 by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and the State of Illinois at Turnbridge, DeWitt County, Illinois, to practice medicine. He thus became the founder of a family of Medical Doctors which existed for more than one hundred years through three generations, in Illinois and Missouri. This was definitely the grandfather of whom Mrs. Jared was rightfully proud.

- Conclusion -

Although this unfortunate mistake is in print, hopefully this article will provide clarification and correction. The basic premises of her book were supported by her supposed relationship to the aristocratic Roane family. Additionally troubling is that this lineage to John Upshaw has, according to Mrs. Jared, been accepted by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. She states on page 12 of her book that "My great, great grandfather, John Upshaw was a Revolutionary ancestor. I joined the D.A.R. on his record December 11, 1961. My National number is 478-789 ...". Nevertheless, the lineage which is rightfully hers leads back to the same progenitor, Captain William Upshaw; his son Forrest was a Captain in the French and Indian War; his son Leroy was an officer in the Virginia Militia in the American Revolution; his son Parson was a pioneer settler, first to Georgia and then to Illinois. Perhaps these were not the aristocratic Roanes and Lafons, but they were pioneer American settlers who have made a meaningful and honorable contribution to the fabric of our country.

George Washington Upshaw census appearances: 1850, 1860, 1870

1850 Census, Peoria County, Illinois, dwelling #439, City of Peoria (21 August 1850)

1860 Census, Stark County, Illinois, dwelling #20, West Jersey Township (4 June 1860)

1870 Census, Piatt County, Illinois, page 328, dwelling #193
Cerro Gordo Township (1 July 1870)

G.W. Upshaw, Physician's License
Turnbridge, DeWitt County, Illinois, 16 June 1864

Land Records

The report for land records which follows is from a computer database of original land sales in Illinois furnished by the Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL. The term "Original Land Sale" indicates the first time a land title was transferred to a private individual from the Federal, state or county government.

The information in this report was taken from Federal Land Office Ledgers, State Auditor's files, or County swamp land sales records. Further information can be found in cases where the word "warrant" appears in the column headed "total price". This means the individual has used military bounty land warrants instead of cash for his payment. (note: see "Bounty Land Warrant #7049-160-50, William G. Williams" following). The additional information found in these ledgers is the number of the warrant, date of the warrant certificate, and the name of the person in whose favor the warrant was issued. This may or may not be the same name as appears on this report as the "name of purchaser". I have included the additional information from the ledgers in the following list:

Name of purchaser: Catherine Upshaw; Sale type: FD; Description: W2SW; Section: 06; Township: 27N; Range: 00W; Meridian: 2; Acres bought: 26.68; Price: Warrant; Date Purchased: 16 Apr 1852; Vol. 231, page 013.

Name of purchaser: Catherine A. Upsher; Sale type: FD; Description: SESW; Section: 06; Township: 27N; Range: 10W; Meridian: 2; Acres bought: 13.34; Price: Warrant; Date Purchased: 16 Apr 1852; Vol. 231, page 013.

Name of purchaser: Catherine A. Upsher; Sale type: FD; Description: SWNW; Section: 06; Township: 27N; Range: 10W; Meridian: 2; Acres bought: 13.34; Price: Warrant; Date Purchased: 16 Apr 1852; Vol. 231, page 013.

(Note: According to my calculations, this land, amounting to 53+ acres, was located in present-day Iroquois county, east-central Illinois, west of the town of Danforth, very near the Ford county line.)

Bounty Land Warrant #7049-160-50, William G. Williams:

Item #1:

District of Columbia, Washington County: On the 27 November 1850 appeared Mrs. Martha Peter, a resident of Georgetown in the District of Columbia, who declares that she is the guardian of the minor children of William G. Williams who was an officer with the rank of Captain in the Corps of Topographical Engineers in the U.S. Army; that the said William G. Williams was killed at the battle of Monterey in the war with Mexico on the 21 September 1846. She states that the said William G. Williams was married to her daughter, America P. Peter at Jude's Place in Georgetown on 27 June 1826; that the said William G. Williams, at the time of his death, was unmarried and had remained so since the death of his wife at Buffalo and left the following children surviving him: Catharine Alicia Williams, born July 19, 1830, aged 20; Lawrence Abert Williams, born January – 1832, aged 18; William Orton Williams, born July 7, 1839, aged 11.

She declares that she was appointed guardian to said minor children by the Orphans Court of Washington County on the 26th March 1847. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which the minor children above named may be entitled to under the

“Act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States” passed 28th September 1850. (signed) Martha Peter.

Item #2:

I certify that the Orphans Court of Washington County has this day appointed Martha Peter guardian to Lawrence A. Williams & William O. Williams, orphans of Capt. William G. Williams, late of the United States army, deceased. 26th March 1847. “the foregoing is a true copy from the original on file in this Office in the settlement of the half pay pension of the minor children of Capt. William G. Williams, deceased, late Topographical Engineer, United States Army. Treasury Dept., Third Auditor’s Office, Nov. 22, 1850.

Item #3:

Captain William G. Williams of the Topographical Engineers, who was killed at the battle of Monterey, left three minor children; Mrs. Martha Peter is guardian to the two youngest, the eldest has no guardian, she was a minor at the passage of the Act of Sep. 1850 but is now over the age of 21 years and married – The question is, may not a warrant issue in favor of the heir now of age and the guardian for the use of the two minor heirs.

(written in another hand in much smaller print): The warrant may properly issue in favor of the heir now of age, and the guardian of the two minor children. (initialed) JEH.

(reverse): Dec. 3, 1850. Martha Peter guardian to Lawrence A. Williams, William O. Williams, **Catharine A. Upsher**, minor children of William G. Williams, Captain of Top. Engineers, U.S.A. Mex. War. Land, 160 acres. Warrant 7049 issued July 26/ 51.

Marriages

Liahona Research, *Illinois Marriages Early to 1825* (Bountiful, UT: Precision Indexing, 1990):
No Upshaw grooms or brides.

Illinois Statewide Marriage Index 1763-1900; Internet index to all Illinois marriages prior to 1900 by the Illinois State Archives, print date 4 April 2003:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Vol./Page</u>	<u>License</u>
Upshaw, Addie L.	<i>Unknown</i> , Robert L.	11/16/1892	Alexander	I / 108	
Upshaw, Albert Thornton	Henderson, Blanche	02/15/1888	Cook	- / -	124075
Upshaw, Andrew	Hungate, Mary C.	02/23/1877	White	10 / -	-
Upshaw, Dorothy	Parker, Edward	01/02/1904	St. Clair	- / -	3238
Upshaw, Emma	Likens, Joseph	10/10/1869	Macon	- / -	-
Upshaw, Francis M.	Reed, Juliette B.	05/01/1854	Peoria	I / 318	2752
Upshaw, George	Greenwood, Melinda	01/16/1825	Gallatin	- / -	Isgs Art
	(date of marriage return)				
Upshaw, George W.	Denbigh, Elizabeth	11/12/1848	Peoria	I / 151	1298
Upshaw, George W.	Parker, Addie	03/19/1866	Peoria	3 / 173	7883
Upshaw, George W.	Robinson, Mary E.	01/13/1870	De Witt	C / 31	-
Upshaw, Grace	Lee, George	05/16/1881	Cook	- / -	53224
Upshaw, Hosea	Walbert, Mary	09/15/1895	Pulaski	1 / 172	
Upshaw, Isabelle	Veniwar, James M.	09/04/1895	White	19 / -	-
Upshaw, J.W.	Ogle, Ella V.	08/09/1883	Piatt	B / 59	735
Upshaw, Jennie	McCullen, George	09/22/1892	Cook	- / -	189376

Upshaw, Josie	Heminger, Adam P.	12/25/1877	Piatt	00B/22	11
Upshaw, Louisa	McCarty, John	05/20/1882	Jackson	- / -	-
Upshaw, Melissa Jane	Loomis, Charles S.	11/23/1851	Peoria	I / 229	-
Upshaw, Mollie (Mrs.)	Wright, William	02/03/1886	Pulaski	1 / 114	-
Upshaw, Nancy	Akers, Daniel	06/21/1845	Crawford	- / -	-
Upshaw, Nancy A.	Phillips, Samuel F.	10/10/1889	Perry	B / 174	102
Upshaw, Narcisse Ann	Loomis, William L.	05/04/1843	Peoria	I / 79	636
Upshaw, Singleton	Barnett, Amelia Jane	04/04/1856	Jackson	- / -	-
Upshaw, Thomas J.	Bowles, Maggie P.	01/27/1866	McLean	E / 122	-
Upshaw, Wesley	Pettiford, Susan	10/04/1875	Lawrence	G / 90	112
Upshaw, William L.	Bishop, Ora E.	10/24/1878	Piatt	00B/28	-
Upsher, Ann	Donley, Isiah	08/04/1874	Winnebago	- / 135	-
Upsher, Martha (Mrs.)	Huston, Wilson	04/17/1886	Jersey	00B / -	-
Upshire, George S.	Jany, Nannie D.	07/29/1874	DeKalb	E/210	-

(Note: the marriage of Nancy Upshaw & Daniel Akers does not appear in the April 2003 version of this database; can someone verify the accuracy of that record in Crawford County?)

State Marriage Indexes (CD 2 - IL, IN, KY, OH, TN); Genesys, 175 North Freedom Blvd, Provo, UT, 1993); (Illinois references):

Emma Upshaw & Joseph Likens, Macon Co, 10 Oct 1869
Francis M. Upshaw & Juliette B. Reed, Peoria Co, 1 May 1854
George W. Upshaw & Elizabeth Denbigh, Peoria Co, 12 Nov 1848
Upshaw, Melissa Jane & Charles S. Loomis, Peoria Co, 23 Nov 1851

Early Illinois Marriages (CD 002, Automated Archives, Nov. 1994 edition; this is a duplicate of the above):

Emma Upshaw & Joseph Likens, 10 Oct 1869, Macon Co., Ill.
Francis M. Upshaw & Juliette B. Reed, 1 May 1854, Peoria Co., Ill.
George W. Upshaw & Elizabeth Denbigh, 12 Nov 1848, Peoria Co., Ill.
Melissa Jane Upshaw & Charles S. Loomis, 23 Nov 1851, Peoria Co., Ill.

Illinois Marriages (CD 228, 1st edition):

George W. Upshaw & Elizabeth Denbigh, 11 Dec 1848, Peoria Co., Ill.
Narcisse Ann Upshaw & William L. Loomis, 5 Apr 1843, Peoria Co., Ill.

Illinois Marriages, 1851-1900 (from an unknown 1999 Internet source):

Andrew Upshaw & Mary C. Hungate, 23 Feb 1877, White Co., Ill
Isabelle Upshaw & James M. Veniwar, 4 Sep 1894, White Co., Ill.

Military

Database of Illinois Civil War Veterans; by The Illinois State Archives. "This database of Illinois Civil War Veterans indexes the first eight volumes of the nine volume publication, *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois* (the ninth volume lists veterans of Black Hawk, Mexican, and Spanish-American Wars.) This 1900-1901 publication, originating from the rosters

maintained during the Civil War by the Illinois Adjutant General is the result of an 1899 Illinois statute mandating that a corrected version of these records and subsequent publications be printed. The names of approximately 250,000 men, organized into 175 regiments, are found in its pages.”

Photocopies from the published reports or the State Archives record series, Muster and Descriptive Rolls (RS 301.020) from the Illinois State Archives, Reference Unit, Margaret Cross Norton Bldg., Capitol Complex, Springfield, IL 62756.

George Upshaw, Co. “5” (no unit stated), residence: Princeville.

George W. Upshaw Jr., Co. “I” 47th Inf., residence: Peoria.

Thomas J. Upshaw, Co. “G” 86th Inf., residence: Peoria.

Miscellaneous

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Rocheftort, Beth, Ed., *Prairie Pioneers of Illinois* Volume I (Lincoln, IL: Illinois State Genealogical Society, 1986): No Upshaw references.

Periodicals

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Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly; Vol. 26 (1994) – Vol. 35 #1 (2003): (each issue indexed): No Upshaw references except as follows.

Vol. 32, #4 (2000): “Family Bible Records” index Vol. 2, page 81:

Rutherford Family Bible; family places of residence: AR, MO, TN. Submitted by: Bessie Rutherford Ingenthron (dec'd). Member Taneycomo Chapter NSDAR.

Marriages: Joseph Thaddeus Rutherford of Knox Co., TN to Susan Parthene Sawyers of Knox Co., TN, 1 Aug 1878 at Corryton, TN.

Carrie Emma Rutherford to **Charles Upshaw**, 4 June 1922.

The Saga of Southern Illinois; Vol. 1 (1973) – Vol. 30 #1 (2003); (quarterly publication of the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, c/o John A. Logan College, 700 Logan College Rd., Carterville, Ill. 62918; this periodical (and society) includes the southern Illinois counties of Alexander, Clay, Clinton, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White and Williamson); No Upshaw references except as shown below:

Vol. 9 #1, page 47: Jackson Co., Ill., cemeteries: Glenn Farm Cemetery; located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, Carbondale Township:

Upshaw, Elender, dau. of H.S. & A.J. – d. 17 Oct. 1859, aged 1y, 10m, 12d.

Vol. 9 #3, page 26: Gallatin County, Illinois Marriages 1813-1845 (Groom index):

Upshaw, George.

Vol. 10 #4, page 58: Queries:

Query of June Upshaw, Star Rt. 1, Box 1183, Joshua Tree, CA 92252; regarding Allison, Hopper, Stringer & Young families.

Vol. 18 #4, page 31: Carterville (Williamson County) High School graduates, 1924:

Ruth Upshaw.

Vol. 23 #1, page 43: List of 1940 Registrants, Selective Service Board, Alexander Co., Ill.:

Vern C. Upshaw, 506 Jefferson, Cairo, White.

Vol. 23 #2, page 11: List of 1940 Registrants, Selective Service Board, Alexander Co., Ill.:

Harold E. Upshaw, 420-8th, Cairo, White.

Vol. 28 #4, (Winter 2001) page 54: a reference shown to "T.R. Upshaw" on page 54, but none is found there.

Vital Records

Illinois Statewide Death Index, 1916-1950; Internet list of the Illinois State Archives; see this website for information to order copies of death certificates (White Upshaw references copied):

Upshaw, Andrew: Male, White; age unknown; cert. # 0018215; death date 1944-05-05; Road District no. 2 Ale, Alexander County.

Upshaw, Arthur: Male, White; age unknown; cert. # 6025816; death date 1929-09-05; Chicago, Cook Co.; filed 1929-09-07.

Upshaw, Hosea; Male, White; age unknown; cert. # 1000156; death date 1931-03-25; Road District no. 9, Williamson Co.; filed 1931-03-26.

Upshaw, Lily; Female, White; age unknown; cert. # 3600098; death date 1924-07-27; Granite City, Madison Co.; filed 1924-07-28.

Upshaw, Marie; Female, White; age 26 years; cert. # 0013562; death date 1935-03-15; Decatur, Macon Co.

Upshur, Donald; Male, White; age 38 years; cert. # 0036248; death date 1950-09-14; Cook Co.; filed 1950-09-14.