*The Upchurch Story by Olive A. Morgan, 1976, Inter-Collegiate Press, Inc., Mission, Kansas*

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"Morgan's treatment of the family of George Upchurch (1757-1830) is very detailed and the result of a huge amount of hard work in collecting names, dates, places, etc. The occasional pictures included are important contributions to the work. Morgan carefully depicts George as he was born, raised, and married in Brunswick Co., VA. She documents the move to Iredell Co., NC prior to 1790 and the completion of his family there. This is followed by the migration of George and his already married children to the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River in Wayne Co., KY in the 1810-1820 era. From the records Morgan presents, one can grasp the expansion of the family on the Little South Fork and on to nearby Otter Creek. Son Joseph finds himself in Fentress County, TN and ever since, the study of the George Upchurch family has required close examination of the records in these two nearby counties across the state line from each other. Raw material is provided which will allow us to chart the path of segments of the George Upchurch family to distant counties in Kentucky, Tennessee, and to other states. This diaspora was accelerated by the events of World War II. While two centuries of spreading of the George Upchurch clan is factual, a fascinating aspect remains the original situation of deep rural isolation, the remnants of which we can see today. A significant consequence of this situation was the frequent marriages of cousins. Another was frontier justice a la the Hatfield and McCoy mode. A challenge for the family is to reach back and record this aspect of the heritage of the George Upchurch family before it recedes beyond our grasp."

*The following photograph is of author Olive Ada Stevens Morgan, photo taken from Volume 6, No. 3 of the UAFA Upchurch Bulletin, dated July, 1985.*



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