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It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended,
but the glory belongs to our ancestors.

Plutarch's Morals

Our devoted charter member, Mrs. Grace E. Jared, nee Grace E. Heminger, died Saturday, March 11, 1978, at her home in Olney, Illinois. Memorial services were held on March 14, 1978, in the Memorial Chapel of the Summers Funeral Home, the Rev. R. E. Dowden officiating. Interment was at Haven Hill Cemetery in Olney. Casket bearers were Jared Johnson, Lynwood Johnson, James Poole, Jr., Brian Jared, Alan Jared, and Jay Mack Jared.

Mrs. Jared was the daughter of Adam P. Heminger and Josephine Eva Upshaw. She was born on 23 May 1888 in Piatt County, Illinois, the youngest of three children. She and Mr. Ray V. Jared were married on 28 June 1910 at her parent's farm home in Douglas County, Illinois. They were the parents of three children: Mildred Josephine Jared, Milfrieda Louella Jared, and Leland Heminger Jared; in addition to an adopted daughter (her niece), Eula May Gaddis.

"Cousin Grace", as she is known to us, was selected for inclusion in the Dictionary of International Biography, Cambridge, England, volume XI, 1974 edition. She had already been named in "World Who's Who Women" (London) of seven thousand women as authors. She also holds a certificate of selection in "Who's Who in American Women" and her biography given in Eighth Edition as author and business woman.

Mrs. Jared was the first woman in Illinois to found a baby chick hatchery and had agriculture interests in three Central Illinois Counties. She had a lifetime experience in commercial writing, AP reporting, writer of civic and political interest, editorials and articles in many newspapers. She wrote a monthly column for eleven years on advertising and business.

She was a member of the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter D. A. R. and George Rodgers Clark Chapter Daughters of American Colonists.

Her book They Met Challenges ... With Memoirs was written in 1968 and included a section on her Upshaw genealogy which she was kind enough to share with us and allow to be reprinted in the Upshaw Family Journal.

I was never privileged to meet her personally but through our correspondence over several years, I developed a great respect and admiration for her. The membership of the Upshaw Family Association of America offers our condolence to her family.

"And so I close this final chapter -
'But the pages turn as life reads on
The next chapter is yours ...' "

Mrs. Grace E. Jared
1968

Our dear charter member, Mrs. Preston C. Upshaw, nee Sophie Daves Wright, died Sunday, 16 April 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia. Interment services were held on Tuesday, 18 April, at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs, a suburban community north of Atlanta. Dr. George McMaster officiating. Contributions may be made to the library fund of First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, or to the Georgia Heart Association.

Mrs. Upshaw was born on 25 March 1904 in Milledgeville, Georgia, but lived most of her life in Atlanta. She was the youngest of five children, the daughter of Rev. Joel T. Daves, D. D., and Sophie Pauline Wright. She and Mr. Preston Carl Upshaw were married on 20 January 1927 at her home on the Prado in Ansley Park, Atlanta, Georgia. They were the parents of three children: Anne Upshaw, Preston Carl Upshaw, Jr., and Allen Wright Upshaw.

She was a member of the Junior League and headed the Cator Woolford Garden at the Cerebral Palsy Center. She established the library at the First Presbyterian Church and was active in the Atlanta Speech School.

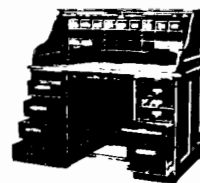
In 1975, she authored Captain William Upshaw, Gent., Planter, of Virginia (Gateway Press, Baltimore) which contains her husbands' Upshaw genealogy from William Upshaw, through Capt. Forrest Upshaw, Leroy Upshaw, Forrester Upshaw, Forrest Tinsley Upshaw, Preston Calhoun Upshaw, to Preston Carl Upshaw.

I was never privileged to meet her personally but we spoke by telephone on many occasions and I had great admiration for her. I last spoke with her in March when she was quite pleased to hear of recent major progress we have made concerning Upshaw genealogy. In spite of still recovering from a severe illness herself, she was not concerned about her own state, but asked about myself and my family. She was a gracious lady and she will be missed.

"Every person who believes in Jesus
Christ as Lord and Saviour is a member
of His Church"

Mrs. Preston C. Upshaw
1975

THE EDITOR'S DESK



I have postponed the miscellaneous Georgia county records originally planned for this issue and have continued with Georgia Upshaw records of a general or state-wide nature in order to conclude that area of our research. I also wanted to present as soon as possible the information on the allied family of Staples which reveals that Elizabeth ("Betsey") Upshaw, wife of John Staples, was a daughter of Leroy Upshaw and also reveals much of her and her family. Especially noteworthy is that her birthdate was 1 December 1770, which means that Forrester was born no earlier than circa 1772 (unless he was her twin, which is very unlikely). Elizabeth's marriage to John Staples on 19 December 1786 in Buckingham County, Virginia, means that in all likelihood her father, Leroy Upshaw, was still in Buckingham as of that date and not yet come to Georgia. John and Elizabeth (Upshaw) Staples lived in Burke County, North Carolina, from 1805 to circa 1816, but the Burke County courthouse was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1865 and all records were lost. We do have the 1810 census enumeration of them and I understand there are some 1200 original marriage bonds of Burke County in the Archives in Raleigh which may have some Staples marriage references. The Morgan County, Tennessee, records need to be searched to document as many marriages of their children as possible, etc., as well as for any references to any Upshaw relatives who may have been there with them.

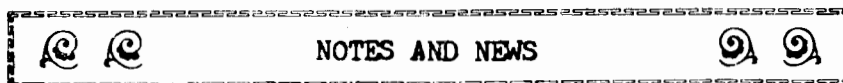
I believe it is extremely important to note that this startling new Upshaw family information was derived by search of the military records and pensions files in the National Archives. We have suspected for some time that John Staples was connected with the Upshaw family, due to his land being near them in Elbert County, his obvious interaction with them in various legal instruments, as well as the fact that his oldest son was named Leroy Staples, which was Elizabeth's father's name. But without the proof found in the Revolutionary War pension file, we could probably never have positively established and verified this connection. I am saying all this to emphasize that even today, after the many years, literally decades, already spent searching by diligent researchers, there are new and unsearched sources which can yield bountiful results, and the John Staples case is one example.

Another example which will be featured in our next issue is that of George C. Greenwood, who married Martha Upshaw, daughter of Leroy and Elizabeth (Bradley) Upshaw, and moved to Franklin County, Illinois, where she drew a pension for his service in the War of 1812.

Ted O. Brooke

Ted O. Brooke,
Editor





Mrs. J. P. (Mary Wells) Upshaw

Mrs. J. P. (Mary Wells) Upshaw, Sr., age 89, of 522 Stuart Ave., Marietta, died Monday. Surviving are daughters, Mrs. A. E. Townsend, Sr., Hiram, Mrs. M. Tom Whitfield, Marietta, Miss Jackie Upshaw, Springfield, Mass., sons, Mr. J. Petty Upshaw, Jr., Atlanta, Mr. James T. Upshaw, Marietta, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, sister, Mrs. R. V. Stephens, Richland, Ga., brothers, Mr. T. D. Wells, Seminole, Fl., Mr. H. A. Wells, Athens, W. Va., several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Marietta First Baptist Church, with remains in state at 10 a.m. Rev. Charles S. Lloyd officiating. Interment, Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the library fund of First Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga. Albert M. Dobbins Funeral Home, Marietta. (The Atlanta Journal, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1978, page 4-C)

Mrs. Mary Wells Upshaw

Mrs. Mary Wells Upshaw, 89, 522 Stewart Ave., died Monday. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of the Marietta First Baptist Church with Rev. Charles S. Lloyd officiating. The body will be at the church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Marietta First Baptist Church library fund. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. A. E. Townsend, Sr., Hiram, Mrs. M. Tom Whitfield, Marietta, Miss Jackie Upshaw, Springfield, Mass.; sons, J. Petty Upshaw, Jr., Atlanta, James T. Upshaw, Marietta, sister, Mrs. R. V. Stephens, Richland; brothers, T. D. Wells, Seminole, Fla., H. A. Wells, Athens, W. Va.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was the widow of J. P. Upshaw and a native of Alpharetta. She had lived in Cobb County most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Marietta. Albert M. Dobbins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (Marietta Daily Journal, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1978, page 7-A)

Mrs. Preston C. (Sophie Daves Wright) Upshaw

Mrs. Preston C. (Sophie Daves Wright) Upshaw of 1671 W. Paces Ferry Rd., N.W., died April 16, 1978. Surviving are her husband, daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Chalmers, Jr., Bethesda, Md., son, Mr. Preston C. Upshaw, Jr., Marietta, sisters, Mrs. Leonard Howard, Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Daisy Frances Smith, Blairsville, Ga., Mrs. Roseanne Brehm, New York City, brother, Roel Daves, Atlanta, seven grandchildren. Private interment services will be held Tuesday, April 18 at 11 o'clock at Arlington. Dr. George McMaster officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Library Fund of First Presbyterian Church or Georgia Heart Association. H. M. Patterson & Son, Spring Hill. (The Atlanta Constitution, Tuesday, April 18, 1978, page 4-C)

Mrs. Upshaw Rites Planned Today at 11

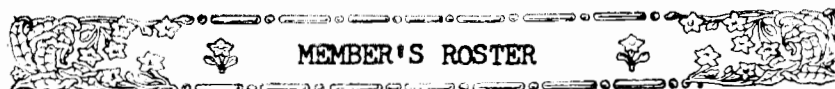
Private graveside services for Mrs. Sophie Daves Upshaw of 1671 West Paces Ferry Road N.W. will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Arlington Memorial Park.

Mrs. Upshaw, a native of Milledgeville, lived most of her life in Atlanta. She was a member of the Junior League and headed the Cator Woolford Garden at the Cerebral Palsy Center. She established the library at the First Presbyterian Church and was active in the Atlanta Speech School.

Surviving are her husband, Preston C. Upshaw; daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Chalmers Jr. of Bethesda, Md.; son, Preston C. Upshaw, Jr. of Marietta; sisters, Mrs. Leonard Howard of Greenville, S.C., Mrs. Daisy Smith of Blairsville and Mrs. Roseanne Brehm of New York City; and a brother, Roel Daves of Atlanta.

Grace Heminger Jared

In Loving Memory of Grace Heminger Jared, born May 23, 1888, died March 11, 1978. Services held in the Memorial Chapel of the Summers Funeral Home, March 14, 1978. Officiating Rev. R. E. Dowden. Interment, Haven Hill Cemetery. Casket Bearers, Jared Johnson, Lynwood Johnson, James Poole, Jr., Brian Jared, Alan Jared, Jay Mack Jared.
(Memorial Record sent by her daughter, Mrs. Ernest L. Johnson, Olney, Illinois)

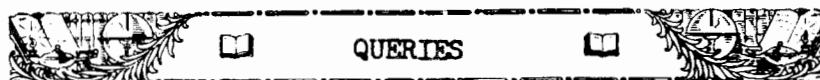


This column will present each member's name and direct Upshaw lineage, which will facilitate research on related lines. This information will be presented once only, upon joining our membership. The dates in parenthesis following the names indicate (birth - death) dates; a question mark indicates an unknown date. If any member wants corrections or additions made in their Upshaw lineage as presented here, please send that information to the Editor, who will make such changes.

The following membership has been received since our last issue:

Mrs. George J. Stewart 1401 Chandler Blvd. Burbank, Cal. 91506

Ruth Virginia Bourquin (b 24 Sep 1912) m George John Stewart (b 16 Mar 1911)
 F) Frank Neil Bourquin (1891-1930) m Mina Mary Valentine (1892-1961)
 GM) Frances Evelyn Dodson (1868-1946) m William Edward Bourquin (1867-1933)
 GGM) Frances Evelyn Upshaw (1843-?) m Neil Dotson (Dodson) (?-1874?)
 2GGF) Leroy Upshaw (1827-1876) m Lydia Parsons (?-?)
 3GGF) Drury Upshaw (ca 1786-1846) m Frankie Parnue(?) (?-1861)
 4GGF) Leroy Upshaw, RS (ca 1749-1800+) m Elizabeth Bradley (ca 1750-1818+)
 5GGF) Forrest Upshaw (ca 1718-ca 1759) m Ann Hunt (widow) (1725-1795)
 6GGF) William Upshaw (ca 1666-ca 1720) m Hannah Carber (ca 1679-ca 1763)



Free queries to all persons; we suggest a limitation of 75 words or less, but hope that you will include as much data as possible, in order to expedite identification. Please confine each query to one couple or family. Each query is assigned a reference number for permanent identification.

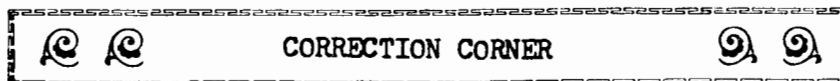
#27 Dr. Charles B. Upshaw, Jr., M.D., 90 Forrest Lake Drive, NW,
COOK Atlanta, Ga. 30327

ERWIN James UPSHAW was born and raised in Elbert County, Georgia,
HAM being the son of John UPSHAW (1755-1834). His wife was Lucendie
HARDEMAN HAM and they had twelve children, two sons and ten daughters.
NILES About 1836, when James was already 47 years old, he and his
PATRICK family moved from Elbert County to Cass (now Bartow) County.
RUCKER There must have been compelling reasons for a man of that age
UPSHAW to move from a County he had lived in all of his life into a
new home, virtually in the wilderness. This is puzzling enough,
but the most baffling part of this story is that he did not take
three of his children with him, but sent Clara UPSHAW (b ca 1821;
md _____ PATRICK), Caroline UPSHAW (b ca 1823; md _____ ERWIN),
and Mildred UPSHAW (b ca 1827; md _____ NILES) to live in
Dooly County, Georgia.

Family tradition has indicated that they went to live with
relatives, but I have never been able to trace them further.
I have presumed that, going into the wilderness with only two
sons (John James UPSHAW, b 1814 and Thomas S. UPSHAW, b 1825),
James and Lucendie must have feared that they might not be able
to feed their family of 14 people and so took the extraordinary
step of sending three of the girls to live with relatives
already established in Dooly County.

In the Upshaw Family Journal, Vol V, no. 1, (January 1978),
page 14, is the record of the orphans of John UPSHAW (1776-1818),
who married Rebeccah COOK in 1794. Their two orphans were
Elizabeth Burch UPSHAW and Middleton Cook UPSHAW, who married
Elizabeth RUCKER in Elbert County in 1830. Their land in the
1821 Land Lottery was granted to them in November 1825 in Henry Co.

It is improbable that Middleton Cook UPSHAW moved to Dooly
County after his marriage in 1830 (Editor's note: I have his
tombstone record in Elbert County, where he died in 1838).
Could Elizabeth Burch (UPSHAW) HARDEMAN have moved there and
had three of her uncle's daughter's come live with her, remembering
that John UPSHAW, Jr., and James UPSHAW were brothers. If not,
does anyone know what relatives James UPSHAW may have had in
Dooly County?



Under the 1840 Georgia census index as presented in UFJ, Vol I, page 57,
the Editor made a statement that the reference to Peter Upshaw in 1840 Dade
County, Georgia, was incorrect and that the spelling was actually Peter Upham.
After very careful study of the handwriting on this census, I have ascertained
that this spelling is Uphaw, and I now know from the number and ages of the
household members that this is definately Peter Upshaw, who died in 1841 in
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. This spelling discrepancy occurred, I suppose,
because the "s" in Upshaw got "lost" somewhere between the census taker's ear
and the end of his pen. Luckily, there is also a deed from Peter Upshaw, made
in Dade County 19 Sep 1840 (Deed Book D, page 339).



BOOKS

The Upshaws ... Our Story; by Mary Imogene Noble Carpenter, (no place, no date), hardbound, 100 pp; available for \$20.00, postpaid, from Mrs. R. A. Carpenter, 403 E. Parker, Hamburg, Ark., 71646.

This short volume fills a gap in the Louisiana and Arkansas branches of the Upshaw family which has been sadly neglected until now. This book deals primarily with the descendants of Richard and Rebecca (Elder) Upshaw, who were married in 1820, Elbert County, Georgia.

Although the book contains no table of contents and is not indexed, most of it is arranged by families: the family of E. D. Upshaw is on pages 36-67; the family of Ira Upshaw is on pages 68-75; the family of Will Upshaw is on pages 76-94; and the family of Jim Upshaw is on page 95.

As in many cases, the copies of courthouse documents and other items carefully selected by the author to appear in the book did not reproduce well and their value was thus lost. Despite this and other shortcomings, this book will doubtless be treasured by those whose families are detailed in it and is a valuable guide for Upshaw researchers to the various Upshaw families in Louisiana.

I don't believe that anyone who has never written a book can truly appreciate the tremendous effort that is required with a genealogical book. It is long evening and night hours, endless letter writing, lack of cooperation by many, the financial costs, and everything else which contribute toward making it sometimes seem like a thankless effort. Mrs. Carpenter is to be commended for her unselfish effort.

GEORGIA

Georgia 1840 Census Index; Accelerated Indexing Systems, Bountiful, Utah, 1977.

<u>name</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>page</u>	<u>census division</u>
UPHAW, Peter	Dade	080	no twp listed
UPSHAW, Adkin	Newton	011	477th Dist
Adkins	Coweta	324	no twp listed
Hasting	Walton	117	Circle D.
J. J.	Carroll*	110	827th Dist
James	Carroll*	110	827th Dist
Leroy	Elbert	151	197th Dist
Middleton	Walker	081	956th Dist
Richard	Walton	120	Blasseng
William	Coweta	350	2nd Dist

(*error - these are in Cass County)

Georgia Wills, 1733-1860; (an index to testators), by Ted O. Brooke, Atlanta, Georgia, 1976.

<u>name</u>	<u>year</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>reference</u>	<u>page</u>
UPSHAW, George	1832	Elbert	RB (1830-1835)	124
James	1847	Bartow	Will Book A	38

(Georgia Wills, 1733-1860, continued)

UPSHAW, John	1834	Elbert	RB (1830-1835)	472
John Jr.	1818	Elbert	Will Book L	198
John A.	1855	Bartow	Will Book A	126
Leroy	1842	Elbert	Will Book A	66

Some Georgia-Reported Deaths, 1842-1848; by Robert A. Hodge, Fredericksburg, Va., 1977. (Abstracted death notices, fully indexed for all names, from The Southern Banner of Athens, March, 1842 - March, 1845; The Southern Recorder of Milledgeville, May, 1843 - June, 1846; The Georgia Telegraph of Macon, August, 1845 - August, 1848).

No Upshaw references.

Abstracts of Georgia Death Notices from the Southern Recorder, 1830-1855; by Mrs. Vernon L. LeMaster, Orange, Cal., 1971 (fully indexed).

No Upshaw references.

Abstracts of Georgia Marriage Notices from the Southern Recorder, 1830-1855; by Mrs. Vernon L. LeMaster, n.p., n.d. (copy at Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.); (indexed by grooms and brides).

No Upshaw references.

Abstracts of Marriages Published in the Christian Index, 1828-1855; by Mrs. James C. Overby, 1971 (fully indexed).

No Upshaw references.

Georgia Marriages from the Earliest through 1810; published in various issues of The Georgia Genealogist, by Mary B. Warren, Danielsville, Ga. (indexed by grooms and brides).

Catherine Upshaw to Valentine Smith, 23 Dec 1806, Elbert County.

Early Georgia Marriages; These from the following sources:

37,000 Early Georgia Marriages; Maddox & Carter, 1975; includes early marriage records of Baldwin, Bulloch, Cass (Bartow), Columbia, Crawford, Emanuel, Fayette, Franklin, Gilmer, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Lincoln, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscogee, Pike, Putnam, Screven, Talbot, Taliaferro, Thomas, Troup, Union, Upson, Warren.

40,000 Early Georgia Marriages; Maddox & Carter, 1976; includes early marriage records of Bibb, Butts, Clarke, Coweta, Crawford, Decatur, DeKalb, Elbert, Greene, Hancock, Harris, Laurens, Liberty, Newton, Oglethorpe, Pulaski, Richmond, Telfair, Warren, Washington, and Wilkinson counties.

Early Georgia Marriage Roundup; J. T. Maddox, Irwinton, Ga., 1976; includes early marriage records of Brooks, Camden, Chatham, Crawford, Dooly, Forsyth, Glynn, Hall, Houston, Irwin, Gwinnett, Johnson, Lumpkin, Macon, Randolph, Stewart, Sumter, and Walton counties.

(Note: original source references are not given in the above books, which are arranged alphabetically by groom's names and bride's names have been searched name-by-name for Upshaw references by Ted O. Brooke; the following list is arranged in alphabetical order for easy reference)

<u>name</u>	<u>married to</u>	<u>county</u>	<u>date</u>
UPSHAW, Catherine	Valentine Smith	Elbert	23 Dec 1806
Eliza	Edward Manery (?)	Madison	20 Aug 1820
Elizabeth	John L. Reynolds	Walton	22 Dec 1844
Elizabeth	Preston Rutherford	Walton	27 Jun 1848
Elizabeth B.	Joel Hardeman	Elbert	5 Dec 1825
Fannie	Simon Roberts	Jones	11 Feb 1869
George	Elizabeth Tate	Elbert	4 Jan 1820
George F.	Frances E. Edwards	Walton	19 Aug 1842
George L.	Mary C. Latimer	Cass (Bartow)	15 Dec 1853
George M.	Dorotha D. Hamby	Walton	12 Nov 1861
Haston	Mary Brooks	Coweta	18 Jul 1848
Horton	Clarey WhitSELL	Oglethorpe	23 Nov 1817
Huston	Rhoda Oglesby	Elbert	3 Aug 1823
John	Tabitha Lawlis	Elbert	2 Apr 1818
John	Ann Maxwell	Elbert	10 Mar 1836
John	Mollie Frasier	Wilkinson	11 Dec 1878
(parents, Adkins Upshaw and Elizabeth Perkins)			
John A.	Mary E. McMullins	Cass (Bartow)	27 Oct 1842
John P.	Mrs. Mary Sellman	Walton	29 Dec 1858
Julia Ann	Martin Maxwell	Elbert	29 Jan 1835
Larkin	Elizabeth Purkins	Walton	30 Nov 1837
Leroy	Prudence T. Richardson	Elbert	14 May 1814
Leroy	Mrs. Catherine Ellington	Elbert	18 Nov 1830
Louisa E.	William M. Jones	Cass (Bartow)	6 Mar 1843
Lucinda C.	William R. Erwin	Cass (Bartow)	9 Jan 1840
Martha G.	Autrey Vincent	Cass (Bartow)	4 Jan 1838
Mary	John Eason	Coweta	12 Apr 1849
Mary A.	N. F. Legg	Newton	5 Mar 1865
Mary F.	James W. Tuck	Walton	19 Nov 1851
Matilda	Levi Pearce	Cass (Bartow)	8 Dec 1836
Middleton	Elizabeth H. Rucker	Elbert	2 Feb 1830
Middleton	Susan Berry	Newton	10 Nov 1833
Milly	Elbert Ivey	Walton	7 Apr 1842
Richard	Rebecca Elder	Elbert	27 Feb 1820
Sarah	William Tate	Elbert	4 Nov 1819
Sarah Ann	James Ivey	Walton	24 Dec 1843
Sarah E.	Joseph L. Dysart	Cass (Bartow)	3 Oct 1839
Susan A.	Abner J. Stevens	Walton	16 Dec 1865
Thomas S.	Mary A. Lowe	Cass (Bartow)	20 Oct 1853
Tinsley	Martha L. Phillips	Oglethorpe	2 Jan 1823
Tinsley	Frances Bird	Walton	26 Sep 1831
William	Mary Gibbs	Walton	12 Dec 1830
William T.	Mary Smith	Walton	26 Feb 1860
Wilson	Mahalia Farmer	Wilkinson	5 Dec 1867
(parents, Adkins Upshaw and Elizabeth Perkins)			

Family Puzzlers; Mrs. Mary B. Warren, Danielsville, Ga. (1964-1969 fully indexed):

- 1964-1967, article 94) Query of Mrs. Robert U. Parrott, Alexandria, La., regarding early Upshaw families in Elbert County, Ga.
 1964-1967, article 135) Query of Mrs. Robert U. Parrott, Alexandria, La., regarding early Upshaw families in Georgia.

1968, issue 19, page 5) Query of Mrs. Catherine S. Schron, 3113 E. 12th St., Tulsa, Okla., 74104; wants information on WALKER RICHARDSON, b. ca 1760, possibly in James City County, Va., d. 1822 in Elbert Co., Ga., m. PRUDENCE THOMPSON. They had sons Dr. William N. Richardson m. SUSAN WATKINS OLIVER, moved to Barbour Co., Ala.; Richard m. Frances Bolton and had daus. Katherine m. REUBEN THORNTON, Martha m. _____ HEAD, Prudence m. Leroy Upshaw, and Polly m. Thomas Allen.

EDITOR'S NOTE: JAMES HEAD and PATSY RICHARDSON m. Elbert Co. 25 Dec 1810.

1968, issue 29, pages 8-10) Query of Mrs. Robert U. Parrott, Alexandria, La., regarding early Upshaw families in Georgia.

1968, issue 30, page 2) Mr. William C. Pollard, College Librarian, E. G. Swem Library, William and Mary College, Williamsburg: "RESEARCH RESOURCES IN THE EARL GREGG SWEM LIBRARY."

Upshaw papers - from Eastern Shore of Virginia, part of the genealogical collection of Thomas T. Upshaw, with notes on all major families of these eastern counties, includes some lost county records. (Editor's note: These are actually Upshur family papers collected by Thomas T. Upshur - TOB)

1969 issues) No Upshaw references.

Civil War

Adjutant General, Incoming Correspondence (Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, Civil War section (Letters Do-E1) Agency Box no. 8, location 1204-04). Reference in Alphabetical Card File to "Upshaw, T. H." (incorrect, should be "Upshaw, J."); cross-referenced to "T. H. Dunson" (see UFJ, Vol V, page 17).

Troup County, T. H. Dunson, 1 Lt., 1086 Dist., G. M., Houston P. O., Heard Co. Report under General Orders no. 8, 13 May 1862.

Troup Co., Ga., May 13, 1862

Adjutant Gen. Wane(?) in answer to Gov. Brown order as a military officer the state (sic). I can state for the 1086 Dist. of Troup County, John W. Samples was elected Capt. in Jan. the 1st of the present year & commissioned by Gov. Brown the same month, T. H. Dunson was commissioned at the same time 1st Lieutenant & J. J. Hearn 2nd Lieutenant, J. Upshaw 3rd Lie(sic), all commissioned at the same time, the Capt. & 1st & 2nd Lieutenants accepted the commission & ware(sic) sworne(sic) in, the 3 Lieutenant at the time of receiving the commission was absent in the army and has not received his commission

T. H. Dunson, 1st Li.

Alphabetical Name File

This is a card index on the floor of the main research room in the Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.; there are a total of 22 card references to "Upshaw". ("M. R." is abbreviation for "Military Records", which are primarily Commission books of Georgia Executive or Adjutant General military records).

- # 1) UPSHAW FAMILY - see Genealogical Folder "Upshaw".
(Editor's note: This "Genealogical Folder" is primarily a correspondence file of the Archives; I have inspected this Upshaw Genealogical Folder and found it contains no information not already found elsewhere and in our files).
- # 2) UPSHAW FAMILY - Upshaw Family History;
Upshaw, Sophie Daves Wright, 1904- comp. The Upshaws of Virginia and Georgia and Allied Families. Compiled by Mrs. Preston C. Upshaw, Atlanta (1971).
1 v. (unpaged). Genealogical tables. Index. Photocopy of transcript.
1. Upshaw family. 2. Francis family. 3. MacAllen family.
4. Daves family. 5. Bardwell family.
I. Title
(Editor's note: This is a copy of the Upshaw family group record sheets compiled by Mrs. Preston C. Upshaw preparatory to writing Capt. William Upshaw, Gent., Planter, of Virginia and Allied Families in 1975).
- # 3) UPSHAW, CATHERINE. Married Valentine Smith, Dec. 23, 1806. Elbert Co. marriage licenses, Book H (rebound in Book L-F), page 38.
- # 4) UPSHAW, EDWARD. Original marriage license of Edward Upshaw and Christine Burgess. Ceremony performed June 1, 1929, by R. M. Donehoo, M. G. 1p. See Milton County; Upshaw, Edward (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.
- # 5) UPSHAW, GEORGE T. Original marriage license of George T. Upshaw and Florence Alma Morton. Ceremony performed Nov. 10, 1912, by Walter M. Blackwell. 1p.
See Milton County - Upshaw, George T. (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.
- # 6) UPSHAW, GEORGE T. Original marriage license of George T. Upshaw and Frankie Rucker. Ceremony performed Feb. 1, 1920 by Jas. F. Coleman, M. G. 1p.
See Milton County - Upshaw, George T. (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.
- # 7) UPSHAW, JAMES. J. P., 197th Dist., Elbert Co., Apr 18, 1814 -
(J. P., 1813-17, p. 399)
- # 8) UPSHAW, JAMES. J. I. C., Elbert Co., Jan. 13, 1829-1830.
- # 9) UPSHAW, JOHN JR. J. I. C., Elbert Co., Nov. 30, 1812- (Oct. 28, 1813- ;
Nov. 1, 1817-). died 1818.
- # 10) UPSHAW, JOHN TEASLEY. Original marriage license of John Teasley Upshaw and Mary Ruth Summerour. Ceremony performed Aug. 1, 1922 by Rev. S. F. Dowis. 1p.
See Milton County - Upshaw, John Teasley. (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.

- # 11) UPSHAW, L. C. (from Atlanta Journal, 9 Sep 1921).
Douglasville, Ga., Sept. 9 - Mr. L. C. Upshaw, brother and secretary to Congressman W. D. Upshaw, died at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in Washington, D. C., after a protracted illness. Mr. Upshaw had lived in Washington for a little more than two years.
He was an old citizen of this place, having lived here for more than thirty years, and was a member of the mercantile firm of Upshaw Brothers. He was a former mayor of Douglasville, and represented Douglas County two terms in the Georgia legislature. He was well known, popular, and always took considerable interest in the politics of his county and state.
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rosa Smith Upshaw; one son and three daughters, L. C. Upshaw, Jr.; Misses Marion, Louise and Carolyn Upshaw, of Douglasville, Ga.; Mrs. G. B. Lindsey, College Park, Ga., and Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of the Fifth District.
The remains will reach Douglasville Friday and the funeral and interment will take place here at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.
- # 12) UPSHAW, LEONA. Original marriage license of T. L. Carroll and Leona Upshaw. Ceremony performed June 15, 1922, by Jesse Warwick. 1p. See Milton County - Carroll, T. (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.
- # 13) UPSHAW, LEROY. Capt., Elbert Co., Sep. 11, 1820 - June 25, 1825. (M.R., 1808-1829, page 59)
- # 14) UPSHAW, LILLIE MAE. Original marriage license of John R. Findley and Lillie Mae Upshaw. Ceremony performed May 22, 1913, by W. C. Fox, M. G. 1p.
See Milton County - Findley, John R. (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.
- # 15) UPSHAW, LUCIUS C. H. R. Douglas Co., 1909-10, 1911-12; Sep. 1921. md. Rosa Smith.
- # 16) UPSHAW, TROY BARTON. October 30, 1910. H. R. Bartow Co.; 1953-54, 1955.
- # 17) UPSHAW, WILLIAM. Married Mary Gibbs, Dec. 12, 1830, Walton County, Marriage license book, 1820-1831, p. 156.
- # 18) UPSHAW, WILLIAM. Lieut., Wilkes Co., Nov. 27, 1817 - Sept. 28, 1818. (M. R., 1808-1829, p. 18)
- # 19) UPSHAW, WILLIAM. Original marriage license of Lafayette Bailey and Carrie Rollin. Ceremony performed Sep. 30, 1897, by Wm. Upshaw, M. G. 1p.
See Campbell County - Bailey, Lafayette (lined out)
Original located in Fulton County Courthouse.
- # 20) UPSHAW, WILLIAM DAVID. (Oct. 15, 1866 - Nov. 22, 1952).
M. C., 5th Dist. Mch. 4, 1919 - Mch. 4, 1921 - Mch. 4, 1923 - Mch. 4, 1925 - Mch. 3, 1927.
Atlanta newspaper states in 1952 he was survived by daughters, Mrs. Charles Whitworth, Emory Univ., Ga., and Mrs. Singleton Wolfe, Nashville, Tenn. M. May 5, 1909, Margaret Beverly.

- # 21) UPSHAW, WILLIAM S. Solic., City Ct., Monroe, Aug. 17, 1905 - Aug. 17, 1909.
- # 22) UPSHER, LEROY. Ens., Elbert Co., Nov. 25, 1815 -
(M. R., 1808-1829, p. 5)

"File II"

This is a file of personal notes, letters, etc., in the Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.

UPSHAW, EBB P.

- item 1 of 1) Letter, dated 10 Nov 1890, from Ebb P. Upshaw, Attorney at law - offices with Lumpkin and Burnett - Athens, Ga.; letter regarding endorsement of Mr. Sylvanus Morris for Solicitor of the City Court.

UPSHAW, GEORGE W.

- item 1 of 2) Inquirey, dated 9 Mar 1945, from Mrs. Ray V. Jared, regarding possible marriage record of her grandparents, George W. Upshaw and Mary Greenwood, in either Franklin, Gwinnett, or Barrow counties between 1819 and 1826.
- item 2 of 2) Reply to above, dated 21 Mar 1945, from Mrs. J. E. Hays, State Historian, stating that she checked Franklin County marriage records, with no results, and referred Mrs. Jared to the County Ordinaries of Barrow and Gwinnett counties.

UPSHAW, JOHN

- item 1 of 2) Letter, dated 9 Mar 1955, from Mrs. A. L. Young, 811 S. Court St., Cleveland, Miss., in regard to joining the UDC, requesting a Confederate military service record of John Upshaw, b 6 Mar 1832 and killed 2 Mar 1864; also requesting military service record of Isaac Oswell (Oswald?) Allbright, b 13 Sep 1842.
- item 2 of 2) Reply to above, dated 16 Mar 1955, from Mrs. Mary G. Bryan, Director, Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, referring Mrs. Young to Mrs. Lillian Henderson, Director, Pensions and Records Dept., State Capital, Atlanta, Ga., as well as to the National Archives for Confederate service records.

UPSHAW, LUCIUS C., SR.

- item 1 of 1) Letter, dated 19 Oct 1934, to Mr. Lucius C. Upshaw, Douglasville, Ga., from the State Historian, requesting him to complete an enclosed questionnaire and return it to them. This letter mentions "your father, the late Lucius C. Upshaw, Sr." and "your uncle, William David Upshaw."
- (Editor's note: No biographical form or any other material is found in this folder)

UPSHAW, WILLIAM D.

Newspaper article, dated 19 Jan 1967, Douglasville, Ga.; Douglas County Sentinel:

Upshaw "Favorite Son" of Douglas County in 1932 Presidential Race
(By Harris Dalton)

Memories of William David Upshaw are growing dim but the philosophy of the prohibitionist who carried Douglas County in the 1932 Presidential campaign is still firmly rooted in the soil where he once gave fiery speeches against alcohol.

No one remembers how many votes Upshaw garnered in that famous election which pitted Franklin D. Roosevelt against Herbert Hoover but Frank Winn remembers that Upshaw carried the day in Douglas County.

The staunch prohibitionist didn't do so well state-wide, however. Records show that he collected only 1,125 votes in his home state and 80,000 throughout the nation.

But despite his failure in the Presidential election, Upshaw continues to be a factor in the lives of Douglas Countians who knew him.

One Douglas County lady remembers signing a pledge which Upshaw passed out after all of his prohibition speeches. It stated that the signer agreed never to touch alcohol during his or her lifetime.

This particular lady says that she has until yet to break her pledge.

Another lady remembers that "Willie D" used to make speeches at the Douglasville High School and would shout, "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine."

After this he would say, "All you young ladies who agree with this, stand up." It is reported that all the ladies of that era rose in unison.

As far as it can be determined, William David Upshaw never lived in Douglasville, but he was a "favorite son" and visited his two brothers here quite often and was held in high esteem for his temperance work.

One of the brothers, Herschel Upshaw, lived on Bowden Street where the A. A. Bennetts now reside. Another brother, Lucius, lived at the corner of Highway 78 and Highway 5. That house has been torn down for several years.

The two Upshaw brothers operated a large "general store" in Douglasville for many years after coming to Douglas County from Powder Springs.

William David Upshaw was born October 15, 1866 in Coweta County. The family later moved to a farm in Cobb County near Powder Springs.

It was at Powder Springs that 18-year-old Willie D. Upshaw fell from a wagon while working. The accident kept the young man confined to bed for seven years and made him a cripple for life.

"Willie D." hobbling around a church yard on crutches was a familiar sight to Douglas Countians.

During the confinement of his accident, Willie D. became interested in writing and wrote a regular column called "Earnest Willie" for a newspaper of the day.

Later "Willie D." widened his literary world and wrote a book, "Earnest Willie or Echoes from a Recluse."

It was a masterpiece of flowery language with "Willie D." proclaiming he was suffering from "ennui" and that being unable to write the book himself, he dictated it to an "amanuensis."

But, apparently the people liked it. The book ran 11 editions and the money earned from the sales provided "Willie D." with the means of getting a college education.

In the book "Willie D." paraphrased another "Willie," William Shakespeare by saying "To be, and what to be: that is the question."

"I know one thing," Willie D. said, "I mean to be something and the best way to be something, is to do something."

"I have often felt that I would like to be a statesman ..." he cogitated, but pointed out that a "deficit of brains" would never let him be a statesman.

But "Willie D." didn't let this stand in his way long. With the support of the Temperance Leagues, he was elected to the Sixty-sixth Congress from the Fifth District of Georgia, securing 12 of 16 county-unit votes over six opponents.

In taking such a strong stand against alcohol, "Willie D." was bound to stir up enemies. One resident recalls, "He was a controversial man of his time. The feeling about him was very much like the current feeling of Lester Maddox. He had his strong supporters and his bitter enemies."

But "Willie D." didn't let his enemies dampen his prohibitionist views. In his book he pointed out that the one thing he would never be was a saloon keeper.

The author of the book said that saloon keepers were contributing to the fall of the weak father and the husband. Always interested in helping struggling boys and girls, Upshaw gave seven years without pay to this work at Mercer University and Bessie Tift College in Forsyth.

He founded the "Golden Age," an undenominational magazine; was vice president of the Georgia Anti-Saloon League and active in the fight against saloons that made Georgia a prohibition state in 1907.

He spoke widely under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In addition to being elected to Congress, and running unsuccessfully for president, he was also thwarted in his bid for Richard Russell's Senatorial seat.

Upshaw lived to be 86 years old and was active until the end when he died on November 21, 1952 in California where he had moved during the last years of his life.

The fiery prohibitionist candidate for president in 1932 died of a heart condition in a Glendale, California sanitarium with his second wife at his bedside.

A report in the Atlanta Constitution of November 22, 1952 stated, "Entering the hospital two weeks ago after a speaking tour of 22 states and seven European Countries Mr. Upshaw gradually slipped into a coma. Physicians said the tour seriously taxed his health.

"His death marked the end of a stormy political career, begun when he ran for Congress as an opponent to the liquor interests in Georgia. He was an ardent supporter of Rep. Andrew Volstead and the 18th Amendment."

The story about "Willie D.'s" injury took two paths after telling and re-telling. In his book, Upshaw said that he fell from a wagon. Later the story was that he was permanently injured in a fall from a mule.

Going along with the newer version "Earnest Willie" frequently told his temperance audiences, "That mule kicked the devil out of me and the fear of God into me," according to a report in the Atlanta Constitution.

The obituary notice said, "Handicapped as he was, he published his "Earnest Willie, or Echoes from a Recluse," a book which ran 11 editions and furnished the money with which he later attended Mercer University.

Elected to Congress in 1918 on a prohibition platform, Mr. Upshaw was the only Georgia representative voting for the 19th (Women Suffrage) Amendment. He also was instrumental in obtaining a pay increase for postal workers.

In 1928, he was one of the many Georgia supporters of Herbert Hoover, speaking actively in his behalf on frequent occasions.

He broke completely with the Democratic party in 1932, stating that "Republican liquor and Democratic liquor both came out of the same jug." As prohibitionist candidate for president he polled 80,000 votes.

Willie Upshaw's last visit to Georgia was in August, 1951 on the 67th anniversary of his baptism in Powder Springs Creek in Cobb County. He was ordained a Baptist minister at the age of 72.

In 1942, Upshaw waged a losing battle for the U. S. Senate against Richard Russell, saying, "Georgia has been good to the Russell family. It's about time the Russell family started being good to Georgia." He received 55,846 votes in his losing battle.

At a faith meeting in January of 1952, Upshaw threw away the crutches on which he had walked for 59 years. There are some who recalled that he would also abandon the crutches if he needed to hurry to catch a train.

He began a Bible school in Santiago, Calif., at the age of 80 and lectured widely on the evils of drink and sin to church and temperance societies.

During his campaign for Congress, he spoke at the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium. He leaned on his crutches and looked at his audience until there was absolute quiet. Finally he opened with this question: "Have you folks heard about the new bill that's going to be introduced into Congress? That bill is Bill Upshaw ..."

Funeral services for William D. Upshaw were held at the World Church in Los Angeles with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery in California.

The body of the noted congressman was not brought back to Georgia for interment because of the feeble condition of his widow.

It seems strange that William David Upshaw was not returned to his native Georgia soil, because it is here where his philosophy still lives.

As a footnote, it might be pointed out that Upshaw finished fifth in the seven man Presidential election. Roosevelt took the election with 22,809,638 votes with Hoover second with 15,758,901. Thomas, running on the Socialist ticket, garnered 881,951 votes and Foster, a Communist, was fourth with 102,785. Upshaw was next with 80,000 and Harvey of the Liberty Party sixth with 53,425 and Reynolds, representing Socialist Labor, seventh with 33,276.

But this was the closest a man with Douglas County ties has ever come to the White House.

UPSHAW, WILLIAM DAVID, REV.

- item 1 of 3) Letter, dated 16 Aug 1919, from Loy McAfee, Secretary, Board of Publications, Assistant, Medical and Surgical History of the War, Office of Surgeon General, Washington, D. C., to "Honorable W. D. Upshaw," Washington, D. C., making inquiry as to possible plans for compiling and printing the history of Georgia's part in World War I.
- item 2 of 3) Letter, dated 11 Sep 1919, from William D. Upshaw (5th Dist., Ga.), House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., to Mr. Lucien Knight, State Historian, Atlanta, Georgia, commenting on the statement by Benjamin Harvey Hill, "We are all back in our father's house, thank God, to remain forever", and expressing his views on the Southern states' role as a member of the household (the United States); also enclosed the above letter from Mr. McAfee to Mr. Knight for investigation.
- item 3 of 3) Letter, dated 7 Jan 1970, from Mr. Charles M. Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Georgia Department of Archives and History, requesting an autograph of Reverend William David Upshaw, as part of his collection of pictures and autographs of all candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

Biographical Questionnaire File

"Biographical Information for the Department of Records of the State of Georgia", located in the Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.

Full name: William David Upshaw.

Date of birth: 15 Oct 1866

Date of death: 22 Nov 1952

Occupation: Member of Congress and Platform Lecturer

Father's name: Isaac David Upshaw

Mother's maiden name: Addie Stamps

Where educated: Public schools, Atlanta; Country school taught by my father in Cobb County, and at Mercer University, Macon; attended 1898-99 but did not graduate; stopped to help endow Mercer and Bessie Tift College.

Date and place of marriage: 5 May 1909; Thomasville, Ga.

Wife's maiden name: Margaret Beverly.

Children: Margaret Adeline, 12, and Charlotte Beverly, 8

Religious Denomination: Missionary Baptist

Political Party: Democrat

Fraternal orders: Junior Order United American Mechanics, Red Men Knights of America.

Public offices held: Member 66th, 67th, 68th, and 69th Congress, U.S.

Miscellaneous: Active for several years in Christian education in Georgia; V-Pres Anti-Saloon League in Georgia when state banished saloons; later V. Pres. Anti-Saloon League of America and active in raising sentiment for passage of 18th Amendment; voted in Congress for 19th Amendment granting suffrage to women; active in fight in Congress for sober officials.

(Note: This questionnaire dated 1925)

This file also contains two newspaper clippings concerning William D. Upshaw:

The first, from the Atlanta Constitution, 26 June 1928, concerns a "Request by Congressman L. J. Steele that ex-Congressman William D. Upshaw be qualified as a candidate opposing him at the September 12 democratic primary was contained in a letter from Congressman Steels received Monday by Attorney William Schley Howard, chairman of the fifth district congressional committee."

The second, from the Rome News Tribune, 28 July 1929, headlined "Will D. Upshaw reporting on N. Y. Daily Paper now".

Allied Family Notes

This regular column presents research material from our files for various families allied with the Upshaw family. Our entire inventory of research data for each allied family is presented as each is published. Genealogical problems on any family line can often be solved through research of an allied family, as they often have common records in many areas. The Editor solicits contributions of material on any family allied with Upshaw.

Staples

Military Records

Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives; National Genealogical Society, Washington, D. C. (revised) 1976.

(Note: Staples references of Southern states only extracted).

Isaac Staples, Virginia, S14590

John Staples, Cont., Maryland, Margaret, W4518

John Staples, Virginia, Betsey, W22, BLWT 61340-160-55

Revolutionary War pension and Bounty Land claims, # W 22, Bounty Land Warrant 61340 - 160 - 55; based on the Revolutionary Service of John Staples.

(the following abstracts from photocopies of files in the National Archives)

Revolutionary War military service record; John Staples:

John Staples, Private, in Capt. Peter Jones' Company in the 14th (later designated 10th) Virginia Reg't commanded by Col. William Davies, appears on the following records of this organization:

- item 1) Company Muster Roll, August, 1778, dated White Plains, 1 Sep 1778; enlisted 14 Feb 1778 for term of 1 year; "on command".
- item 2) Company Muster Roll, September, 1778, dated West Point, 1 Oct 1778; enlisted 14 Feb 1778 for term of 1 year; "on command".
- item 3) Company Pay Roll, September, 1778; 6 2/3 dollars per month; 1 month time of service; amount, £ 2
- item 4) Company Muster Roll, October, 1778, dated 24 Dec 17__; 1 year term of enlistment; "Sick Morrostown(sic)".
- item 5) Company Pay Roll, October, 1778; "Absent".
- item 6) Company Muster Roll, November, 1778, dated 24 Dec 17__; 1 year term of enlistment; "Sick Morrirstown".
- item 7) Company Pay Roll, November, 1778; "Absent".
- item 8) Company Muster Roll, December, 1778, dated Middle Brook, 15 Jan 17__; 1 year term of enlistment; "Brunswick Sick".
- item 9) Company Pay Roll, January, 1779, dated Middle Brook, 6 Feb 1779; enlisted 14 Feb 1778 for term of 1 year.
- item 10) Company Pay Roll, December, 1778.
- item 11) Company Pay Roll, January, 1779; 6 2/3 dollars per month; amount, £ 6; amount of pay and subsistence, 20; "mustered sick, absent for the months of Octr., Novr., & Decr."
- item 12) Roll, dated 9 September 1778; enlisted for 1 year; "From Feby. 14th 78".

Revolutionary War pension; John Staples:

- I) Statement: Certificate No. 12, 536; East Tennessee Roll; John Staples, who was a private in the regiment commanded by Colonel Davies of the Virginia line, for the term of 1 year; inscribed on the Roll of Tennessee at the rate of 8 dollars per month, to commence on the 20 of July 1818. Certificate of Pension issued the 31 of July 1819 and sent to Wm. Davidson, Kingston, Tennessee. Arrears to 4th of Mar 1819: \$60.12. Semi-anl. all'ce ending 4 Sep 1819: \$48.00. Total, \$108.12. "Revolutionary claim, Act 18th March, 1818". Note sent Apl. 24th 1821, to William Wall, Esqr., Morgan Co., Tenn. Dead; Paid at the Treasury under the Act of the 6 April 1838 from 4 March 1837 to 28 June 1837, the day of his death - Agt. notified 17 Jany. 1839.
- II) Affadavit: Tennessee State, Morgan County. I do solemnly affirm that I was born and raised in the State of Virginia Albemarle County and on the 14 February 1778 engaged in the continental service as a soldier and shortly after joined headquarters at camp Valley Forge in Pennsylvania State, Genl. Merlingburgh Brigade, fourteenth Virginia Ridgment(sic), Capt. P. Jones company and continued in said company and ridgment(sic) till 18 February 1779 and was then discharged from sd. regiment at camp Middlebrook (in words at length) Middlebrook Jersey state 18th February 1779. John Staples a ----- in the fourteenth Virginia Ridgment(sic) P. Jones company Having served the time for which he engaged is hereby

discharged with honor and was assigned Davier Walker John Winston Capt. William Davis Col. from the length of time to this discharge cannot be found I hold no post or pension and has a large and helpless family of children living with me and my reduced circumstance of life requires assistance from my country I have no evidence to my knowledge to prove my service but my own oath.

John Staples

At a court held for Morgan County July 20, 1818 sworn and subscribed to before me. One of the judges of said court for the state of Tennessee and it appears to my satisfaction that the said John Staples did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the Preceding Declaration against the common enemy and from a reduced circumstance of life need assistance from his country.

Jilus England
--Lavender JP

Wm. Davidson
John Henderson

Tennessee State I William Wall Clerk of the court of pleas and Morgan Cty. quarter sessions do certify that William Davidson private seal whose name is assigned to the above certificate is chairman or presiding magistrate of sd. court and that full faith and credit ought to be given to his official acts as such. Given under my hand and private seal having no seal of office this 10th July 1818.

The Seal of the Court
must be attached to Clks. certf.

Wm. Wall Clk.

III) Schedule:

State of Tennessee

Morgan County; October Session 1820.

On this 17 day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment, and who having been made a court of record by the laws of said state for said county; John Staples, age 63 years, resident in the county of Morgan aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he Servd. in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he served the United States one year in the Revolutionary War, that he enlisted with Capt. P. Jones, Colo. William Davis's Ridgment(sic), that his pension certificate is of no. 12, 536, that his original declaration is dated July 20th, 1818, and I do solomnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled An Act to Provide for certain persons Engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18 March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the scheduled hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One mare	\$20.00
11 head of cattle	69.50
3 sows & 9 pigs	7. -
7 year olds	8.75

7 shoals		\$ 2.62½
Sundry articles of household and kitchen furniture		37.00
Working tools		6.00
Due to me		7.50
95 lb of bar iron		9.50
	amount	\$123.87½

Debts I owe \$79 dollars 12½ cents

remains \$44.75

My wife is a sickly woman aged 49 years; we have nine children living with us whose names and ages are as follows:

Nancy	22 years old
William	18 do do
Betsey	16 do do
Thomas	12 do do
Caroline	11 do do
Clarisy	10 do do
Christian	8 do do
Salley	6 do do
Taliafro	2 do do

John Staples

Sworn to by William Wall, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Morgan County "are truly copied from the record of said Court", 17 Oct 1820.

Revolutionary War Pension; Betsey Staples, widow of John Staples:

I) Statement: Certificate no. 4499; Tennessee, Knoxville. Betsey Staples, widow of John Staples, who served in the Revolutionary War, Col. Davies, Va., as a private, increased from \$40.00 per annum; inscribed on the roll at the rate of \$96.00 per annum, to commence on 1 July 1848. Certificate of Pension issued 2 September 1851; recorded on roll of pensioners under act of February 2, 1843, page 306. vol 3.

II) Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

State of Tennessee, Morgan County; on this the 3rd day of October A. D., 1838.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Jack a Justice of the Peace for said County. Betsey Staples, a resident citizen of Morgan County, state of Tennessee, aged 68 years the first day of December next according to her record in her Bible who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of John Staples who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States and was enrolled for payment at Knoxville in East Tennessee.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Staples on the 19th day of December 1786 agreeable to her record in her Bible. She was married to her said husband in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia; that her said marriage was solemnized by a Methodist preacher named Green, his first name she does not recollect. She states that her said husband was a good hand to write until he became too old, that her record of the family as put down in her Bible is in the handwriting of her said husband, that she has cut out the leaf of a record in her said husbands handwriting out of the Virginia Lawbook called Henning's Justice that her said husband brought from Virginia, which contains the true record of her said marriage and the ages of her children, that her said husband wrote the same, except where a few letters had sometime past become so dim that her son put the ink in the old marks, and the same is more deep in black ink. She further states that her said husband the said John Staples died on the 28th day of June 1837 in Morgan County, State of Tennessee; he died of some stomach(sic) affliction and old age, his affliction resembled consumption, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, to wit, on the 19th day of December 1786, the time she has stated. She further states she has been confined to her bed for many months with some affliction of the limbs of the rheumatic order and is entirely unable to attend court to transact business, that she has remained a widow ever since her said husband's death.

sworn to and subscribed this
3rd day of October 1838 before me
Thomas Jack
Justice of the peace

her
Betsey x Staples
mark

III) Affadavit: State of Tennessee, Morgan County.

Personally appeared before me Thomas S. Lea, a Justice of the peace for Morgan County aforesaid. William D. Fields, whose statements are entitled to credit and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath states that he has long been acquainted with John Staples, late a Revolutionary Pensioner of Morgan County and with his family and know that his widow Betsey Staples has remained a widow ever since her said husband's death; that I was acquainted with his handwriting and his manner of doing business and from my acquaintance with his writing, I have no hesitation in say(sic) that the leaf of a book this day exhibited to me, purporting to be his family Register of his marriage and the birth of his children is in his own handwriting to the best of my opinion and that from a long continued acquaintance with his handwriting and from my acquaintance with the age of Mrs. Betsey Staples, I am convinced that the same contains the true account of the ages of the children of said John and Betsey Staples.

sworn and subscribed this
3rd day of October 1838 before me
Thomas S. Lea
Justice of the peace

Wm. D. Fields

(Editor's note: There is only one page included in this file resembling a "family record", which is written on a small page titled "Index", and indexing legal matters from "Surety for the Peace" to "Wrecks"; written across this page vertically is: "Benjamin T. Staples, Thomas Jack, Justice of the Peace." I understand the DAR were given all such original family records years ago, but I have not been able to locate this original record in the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.)

Bounty Land Warrant Application; Betsey Staples, widow of John Staples:

State of Tennessee, Morgan County. On this 4th day of November A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Morgan and state of Tennessee, Betsy Staples aged 84 years 1st of Decr. 1854, a resident of Morgan County, Tennessee who, being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of John Staples deceased and that she refers to the proof on file in the Pension Office in behalf of a Pension claim she is drawing as the widow of the said John Staples and that she is the identical person she represents herself to be and for further proof of marriage and for the services for which she claims reference is made to the proof on file in her application for Pension.

She further states that she was married to the said John Staples in Buckingham County, Virginia by Greenberry Greene a Methodist preacher on the 19th day of Decr. A.D., 1786 and that her name before her said marriage was Betsy Upshaw. That her said husband died on the 28th day of June A.D. 1838 and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act of Congress approved 3rd day of March A.D. 1855 and all other acts. She further declares that she has not received any Bounty Land under any other act of Congress.

Attest
Wm. H. Jones

her
Betsy x Staples
mark

Sworn to by William H. Jones and Garrett Hall, "residents of the county and state aforesaid".

Pension Office Letter; from A. D. Hiller of the Pension Office to Mrs. Elysabeth A. Horn, dated 25 September 1939:

September 25, 1939

Elysabeth A. Horn
7954 Wildwood
Dallas, Texas

BA-J/CC
John Staples
W.22

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Staples of Virginia.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers in pension and bounty land claims on file under W.22, based upon service of John Staples in the Revolutionary War.

John Staples was born September 14, 1757, in Albemarle County, Virginia and was reared there. Names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted February 14, 1778, served as private in Captain P. Jones' company, Colonel William Davies' Virginia regiment and was discharged February 18, 1779.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed July 20, 1818, while a resident of Morgan County, Tennessee. He died there, June 28, 1837.

John Staples married December 19, 1786, in Buckingham County, Virginia, Betsey Upsher or Upshaw, who was born December 1, 1770. Place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Betsey Staples was allowed pension on account of the services of her husband, John Staples, on her application executed October 3, 1838, while a resident of Morgan County, Tennessee.

November 4, 1855, while still a resident of Morgan County, Tennessee, Betsey Staples made application for the bounty land which was due on account of the service of her husband, John Staples, in the Revolutionary War. She was granted one hundred sixty acres of bounty land on Warrant No. 61340, under the Act of March 3, 1855.

Betsey Staples died August 24, 1858.

Dates of birth of the following children are given:

LeRoy Staples	born August 31, 1788
Abner F. "	" July 16, 1790
John "	" December 26, 1791
Lucinda "	" March 2, 1795
David "	" November 25, 1796
Nancy "	" August 24, 1798
Benjamin T. "	date of birth not given. In 1838, he was residing in Morgan County, Tennessee.

In 1820, the soldier stated that the following children were living with him: Nancy, William, Betsey, Thomas, Caroline, Clarisy, Christian, Salley, and Taliafro, aged respectively, twenty-two, eighteen, sixteen, twelve, eleven, ten, eight, six, and two years.

In 1838, William D. Fields was referred to as a son-in-law; the name of his wife is not stated.

In 1838, one Kesiah C. Butler made affidavit in Anderson County, Tennessee, and stated that her mother and John Staples, the soldier, "were own cousins". She did not give her mother's name.

In 1855, one B. T. Staples was acting Justice of the Peace for Morgan County, Tennessee, no relationship to the family was shown.

In order to obtain information in regard to the location of the land cited above, you should address the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, and furnish the warrant number, the acreage, and the act under which said warrant was issued.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, and the name and address of person paid, you should address the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data:

Betsey Staples, widow of John Staples
 Certificate # 4499
 Issued September 2, 1851
 Rate \$96.00 per annum
 Commenced July 1, 1848
 Act of February 2, 1848 (continued from Act of July 7, 1838)
 Tennessee, Knoxville, Agency

Very truly yours

A. D. Hiller
 Executive Assistant
 to the Administrator.

DAR Records

DAR Library, Washington, D. C.; Pension Papers, Vol 22, pages 167, 168:

These pages have information from the pension file of John Staples and includes no additional information. There is a typed copy of a letter from the Bureau of Pensions, Nov. 26, 1912, to Mrs. Laura H. Portwood, 1016 South Adams Street, Fort Worth, Texas, listing John Staples' children, in response to her inquiry.

Georgia

Georgia Marriages from the Earliest through 1810; from various issues of The Georgia Genealogist, by Mrs. Mary B. Warren, Danielsville, Ga.:

Staples, (not given) - William Dodson, 27 Dec 1807, Wilkes Co.
 Staples, John - Anny Norman, 1 Nov 1808, Jackson Co.
 Married by James Thurmond, J. P.

Georgia Wills, 1733-1860 (an index to testators); by Ted O. Brooke, Atlanta, Ga., 1976.

Staples, David	1822	Elbert	Will Book M	page 94
Faney	1847	Elbert	Will Book A	page 102R
John	1849	Wilkes	Will Book (1837-1877)	page 172
Stephen	1805	Wilkes	Will Book (1806-1808)	page 96

Index to the Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia, 1756-1909; Georgia Genealogical Reprints, Vidalia, Ga., 1970.

<u>grantee</u>	<u>location of grant</u>	<u>Grant Book</u>	<u>page</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>year of grant</u>
Staples, Jno.	Elbert County	VVV	145	640	1791
Jno.	Elbert County	KKKK	774	595	1795
Thos.	St. Paul Parish	M	119	300	1774

1805 Georgia Land Lottery; by Virginia S. Wood and Ralph V. Wood, Cambridge, Mass., 1964

<u>name</u>	<u>serial no.</u>	<u>drew</u>	<u>County of residence</u>
Staples, David	644	blank-blank	Elbert
John	645	blank-blank	Elbert
John, Sr.	676	blank-blank	Elbert
Stephen	2040	blank-blank	Wilkes

The Second or 1807 Land Lottery of Georgia; Georgia Genealogical Reprints, Vidalia, Ga., 1968.

Staples, John; res Elbert County, Oliver's Militia District;
 drew land in Baldwin County, Lot 101, Dist 14
 Staples, David; res Elbert County, Keeling's Militia District;
 drew land in Baldwin County, Lot 213, Dist 20

Index to United States Census of Georgia for 1820; by the Georgia Historical Society, Baltimore, Md. (2nd Edition), 1969.

<u>name</u>	<u>county</u>
Staples, (torn)	Laurens
A.	Laurens
Elizabeth	Wilkes

Elbert County, Georgia1820 Census; Elbert County, Georgia:

page 134) Thomas Staples	2 males under 10	1 female under 10
	1 male 16-25	1 female 16-25
(J. Hannah District)	1 male over 45	1 female 26-44
		1 female over 45

Historical Collections of the Georgia Chapters, DAR, Vol III - Records of Elbert County, Georgia; fully indexed records which comprise this book are: Wills (1791-1835), Returns of Administrators and Guardians (1791-1838), Minutes of Inferior Court (1791-1830), Deeds (1789-1797), Land Court Records (1791-1822), Land Lotteries (1806, 1821, 1827, 1832), and Marriages (1806-1834) Also, Will Book 1829-1860 is listed by testator only.

Wills)

Book 2, page 17: Will of James Norris, dated 3 Oct 1801, reg. 12 Jun 1804. John Staples, test.

Book 2, page 178: Will of William Bradley, dated 12 Jan 1799, codicil dated 21 Jan 1799, reg. 26 Sep 1805.

To son-in-law Thomas Johnson and wife Mary several slaves until George Stovall (son to said Mary Johnson) comes of age, if he dies without issue, at their death to be put in the hands of Thomas Oglesby, James Christian, and John Staples to be equally divided amongst all Mary Johnson's children, the above men to be excrs. of the will also. John Staples, test. John Staples, test, at reg. of will, 26 Sep 1805.

Book L, page 128: Will of William Adams, dated 13 Oct 1817, probated 2 Mar 1818. Thos. Staples, test.

Book M, page 94: Will of David Staples, dated 30 April 1821, probated 19, Nov 1822.

To wife Fanny a slave Charity, household goods, etc., to dispose of at her pleasure. The residue to be distributed amongst my children, to wit: John Staples, Christian J. Phelps, Elizabeth D. Stovall, Prudence Smith, Barbara Denny, Patsy Staples, Lucy Brown, Melita Denny, the legitimate offspring of my dau. Tabitha Moon, (at majority). To dau. Tabitha Moon, \$2.00, to Thos. Staples, Anna Moon, slaves Gabriel, Hannah, Bridget, Phillis, Jack, Lucinda, Silvey, Benj., and Welborn to be divided amongst above named children. Wife Fanny and son John Staples, excrs. C. W. Christian, Wm. Branan, Edmond Smithwick, test.

Book 1835-1860: Will of Faney Staples on page 102R.

Returns of Administrators and Guardians, 1791-1803:

Book A: James Morris, dec'd. Sally and Isaac Morris applied for letters of administration July 22, 1795. John Staples, appraiser.

Administrators and Guardians Bonds, Will Book 1809-1812:

page 167: William Moon, dec'd. Inventory Feb. 25, 1811; David Staples, appraiser.

Returns of Administrators and Guardians, Will Book M:

page 377: David Staples estate.

Returns of Fanny Staples, excx. for 1824 shows receipts of John, Thomas, and Patsy Staples, Thomas Phelps, John Stovall, Edward A. Denna, Robt. Denna, Jesse Brown, Jacob Moon, and Thomas Staples for William Smith, each for \$391.00 their distributive shares, and Tabitha Moon for \$2.00 as per will.

Minutes of Inferior Court, 1791-1830 (another section of this book seems to be an index or brief record of names or administrators and executors, with dates of appointment, probably)

page 22: July term 1805. John Millican, admr. of Brinkley House.
David Staples, security.

page 35-36: The following seem to be a list of soldiers for Georgia Militia for the War of 1812. John Staples among autograph signatures on this list.

Deed Book A, folio 101: Thomas Burk, Sr., power of atty. to John Staples to settle all his affairs in the counties of Caroline, Hanover, etc., in Virginia. 1 Oct 1792. R. Hunt, J. P., Frans. Satterwhite, test.

Deed Book A, folio 62: Andrew Johnson and wife Nancy to Leonard Rice, 200 acres on Doves Creek, orig. granted 1788 to said Johnson. 6 Jan 1790. John Staples, Robert Burke, test.

Deed Book A, folio 9: Leonard Rice and wife Sary or Sarah, to John Staples, 50 acres on Dove's Creek orig. grant 1786 to Wm. Strong. 6 Jan 1791. Andrew Johnson, Robert Burke, test.

Deed Book B, folio 169: Thomas Burke to William Harrington, 58 acres on Doves Creek, 10 Oct 1794. John Staples, test.

Deed Book B, folio 180: William Howongton to John Staples, 58 acres on Doves Creek. 13 Oct 1794. Robt. McDowel, Thos. Burk, test.

Deed Book C, folio 11: John Staples to Larkin Gatewood, 53 acres adjoining John Upshaw and said Staples and Gatewood's land. 27 Jan 1795. John Upshaw, James Gatewood, test.

Deed Book C, folio 12: John Staples to John Upshaw of Louisa Co., Va. (Editor's note: this "Louisa Co., Va." is incorrect and does not appear in this deed), 63 acres adj. John Upshaw and said Staples. 27 Jan 1795. Larkin Gatewood, James Gatewood, test.

Land Court Records, 1791-1822:

7 Feb 1791 - John Staples, self and 4 in family.

2 Jul 1798 - Present (presiding at court), Nathaniel Hudson, Jos. Rucker,
John Staples, Esqrs.

3 Sep 1798 - Present (presiding at court), Ralph Banks, Nathaniel Hudson,
John Staples, Esqrs.

4 Mar 1799 - Present (presiding at court), John P. Harper, John Staples,
Jos. Rucker, Esqrs.

Land Lottery of 1806 (1807): Capt. Thomas Oliver's District:

John Staples

2 draws

Gold Lottery (1832): Capt. Jesse Nellum's Dist. 201:

<u>Frances Staples</u> , wid. Rev. sold.	1 draw
<u>Thomas Staples</u>	1 draw

Marriages:

Book 1809-1812:

Staples, Lucy - Jesse Brown, 17 Jan 1811, page 137

Staples, Barbary - Edward Denny, 30 Jun 1812, page 355

Staples, Tabitha - John Moon, 15 Aug 1811, page 251

Will Book K, 1812-1816:

Staples, Milita - Robert Denney, 2 Feb 1815, page 309

Will Book L, 1809-1824:

Staples, Anny - Jacob Moon, 28 Nov 1816, page 46

Staples, Martha - Robert Tucker, 16 Dec 1824, page 488

Plat Map: (Contributed by Mrs. Frank N. Reeder)

John Staples had 595 acres in Elbert County on the waters of Dove Creek, bounded by the lands of: James Patterson, Wm. (Lunsford?), James Regley, Francis Coulter, Larkin Gatewood, John Staples (the same John Staples or another?), Middleton Woods.

Warrant dated 7 Feb 1791, recorded 22 Aug 1791. Chain Carriers (for survey): Levi Levingson, Forrister Upshaw.

Deed Index, 1793-1879:

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Vol</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Lenard Rice	John Staples	A	9	1791	50 acres, Doves Cr.
Thos. Burke	John Staples	F	95	1794	100 ac, Doves Cr.
Wm. Howington	John Staples	B	180	-	58 3/4 ac, Doves Cr.
Benj. Higginbotham	John Staples	E	48	1797	224 ac., Beaverdam Cr.
Thos. Burke	John Staples	E	85	-	100 ac, Doves Cr.
David Staples	Thomas Staples	AA	22	1818	300 ac., Shoal Cr.
Thos. Denny	Thomas Staples	CC	200	1828	225 acres
David Staples	Thomas Staples	AA	22	1818	300 acres
John Staples	John Booth	M	156	1793	300 ac, Doves Cr.
John Staples	John Upshaw	C	12	1795	63 acres
John Staples	Larkin Gatewood	C	11	1795	53 acres
John Staples	Lewis Phipps	E	23	1797	189 ac, Beaverdam Cr.
John Staples	William Bradley	E	34	-	200 ac, Beaverdam Cr.
John Staples	John Power(?)	J	37	-	200 ac, Doves Crk.
John Staples	Zachariah Faulkner	Q	5	1800	Doves Creek
John Staples	Robt. Lawrence	G	41	1801	200 ac, Doves Cr.
John Staples	John Booth	M	106	1803	50 ac, Doves Cr.
John Staples	John Brown	J	18	-	6 acres, Doves Cr.
John Staples	James Oliver	N	91	-	72 8/10 ac, Doves Cr.
John Staples	John Booth	M	105	-	12 acres
John Staples	John White	S	21	1804	230 acres
John Staples	John Parham(?)	K	174	1805	153 acres, Doves Cr.
Thomas Staples	Sam'l Stone	CC	201	1835	225 acres

Deed Abstracts 1791-1817:

These are abstracts of all deed items in Elbert County which involve John Staples.

These abstractions reveal some important information:

1) In the second deed made by John Staples, 30 Jan 1793 (DB M, pg 106) he sold land to John Booth "of Buckingham County, Virginia", which was probably an acquaintance of his there, before coming to Georgia. Also, this deed names "Betsey" as his wife, and "Elizabeth" is found in the deed in Book K, page 174.

2) Throughout most of these deeds, it is seen that his land was situated in the Doves Creek area, in the vicinity of John Upshaw, Larkin Gatewood, and William Bradley.

3) In his deed to Zechariah Faulkner, dated 9 Dec 1800, two of the witnesses were Forristor(sic) Upshaw and William Faulkner.

4) In the last deed he made in Elbert County, dated 1 June 1805, he stated then that he was already of "Burke County, North Carolina", indicating that he and his family had moved there between 6 Jan 1804 and 1 Jun 1805 and they are found there in the 1810 census. We may note that John Staples was still in Elbert County, perhaps concluding his own affairs there, as well as acting as one of the executors of William Bradley, when he gave oath at the registration of the will of William Bradley on 26 Sep 1805; the earliest reference to him was when he signed as a witness to a deed dated 6 Jan 1790 (DB A, page 62).

We may conclude from these abstractions that John Staples lived in Elbert County, Georgia, from 1790 to 1805, which means that his children born during this period were born in Elbert County.

The following deed abstractions are arranged in the order of the date the deed was written, rather than the recording date.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book A, page 9

Inst. - 6 January 1791; Rec. - 7 March 1791.

Grantor - Leonard Rice and Sarah, his wife, of Elbert County, Georgia.

Grantee - John Staples, residence not given.

Amount paid - 65 pounds. 50 acres.

Description - Granted to Wm. Strong, 10 July 1786, in Elbert County on Doves Creek, adjoining John Barrett (Barnett?), Wm. Moss, Middleton Woods, when surveyed.

Witnesses: Andrew Johnson, Robert Burke.

Signed: Leonard X Rice, Sary X Rice

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book M, page 106

Inst. - 30 January 1793; Rec. - 28 January 1810.

Grantor - John Staples and Betsey, his wife, of Elbert County, Georgia.

Grantee - John Booth of Buckingham County, Virginia.

Amount paid - \$134. 320 acres.

Description - in Elbert County on the waters of Doves Creek, bounded at the time of the original survey by Larkin Gatewood and John Staples on the east and south, by Middleton Woods and Thomas Penn on the north and NE; "granted to John Staples 5 November 1791".

Witnesses: William Higginbotham, J. P.

Signed: Jno. Staples, (not signed by Betsey)

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book B, page 180
Inst. - 10 October 1794; Rec. - 19 January 1795.
Grantor - William Howington of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - 25 pounds.
Description - 58 3/4 acres in Elbert County on the branches of Doves Creek.
Witnesses: Robt. McDowel, Tho. Burk.
Signed: William X Howington

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book C, page 11
Inst. - 27 January 1795; Rec. - 14 May 1795.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - Larkin Gatewood of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - 1000 lbs of tobacco.
Description - 53(sic) acres in Elbert County "joining John Upshaw's land,
John Staples' land and on the said Gatewood's land".
Witnesses: John Upshaw, James Gatewood.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book C, page 12
Inst. - 27 January 1795; Rec. - 14 May 1795.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - John Upshaw of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - 1000 lbs of tobacco.
Description - 63(sic) acres in Elbert County joining Larkin Gatewood's land,
John Upshaw's land, and John Staples' land.
Witnesses: Larkin Gatewood, James Gatewood.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book F, page 95
Inst. - 10 March 1795(?); Rec. - 7 January 1800.
Grantor - Thomas Burk and his wife Rachel Burk of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - 100 pounds sterling.
Description - 100 acres in Elbert County on the south fork of Doves Creek,
bounded at the time of the original survey by Thomas Burk, Jr., on the
north, Robert Burke on the east and south, Middleton Woods land on the
west; was granted to Thomas Burk, Sr., 15 October 1795.
Witnesses: William X Howington, Flommen Burk.
Signed: Thomas Burk, Rachel Burk.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book J, page 37
Inst. - 15 March 1797; Rec. - 30 March 1804.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - Absalom Stinchcomb and John Penn of Elbert County.
Amount paid - \$350
Description - 200 acres in Elbert County on the branches of Doves Creek,
bounded by Brandon Woods; "being 200 acres granted to aforesaid John
Staples in 1795".
Witnesses: W. Higginbotham, J. P., William Bradley.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book E, page 85
Inst. - 18 April 1797; Rec. - 18 October 1798.
Grantor - Thomas Burke of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - 100 pounds.
Description - 100 acres in Elbert County on the south fork of Doves Creek,
"it being the tract of land whereon the sd. John Staples now resides,
and bounded at present by Wm. Howington's land on the east and south,
by Middleton Wood's land westwardly and John Staple's land (formerly
the property of Thomas Burke, Jr.) northward and was granted to
Thomas Burke, Sr."
Witnesses: Henry Gatewood, William Johnson, Lewis Phipps.
Signed: Thos. Burke.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book E, page 23
Inst. - 1 December 1797; Rec. - 31 March 1798.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - Lewis Phipps of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - 60(?) pounds.
Description - 189 acres in Elbert County on the branches of Beaverdam Cr.,
bounded by William Bradley, John Upshaw, Francis Higginbotham.
Witnesses: A. Stinchcomb, J. P.
Signed: John Staples

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book E, page 34
Inst. - 1 December 1797; Rec. - 12 April 1798.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - William Bradley of Elbert County.
Amount paid - 8000 pounds of tobacco.
Description - 200 acres in Elbert County on the branches of Beaverdam Creek,
bounded by Francis Higginbotham, John Upshaw, Thomas Penn.
Witnesses: A. Stinchcomb, J. P.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book E, page 48
Inst. - 1 December 1797; Rec. - 22 May 1798.
Grantor - Benjamin Higginbotham of Elbert County.
Grantee - John Staples of Elbert County.
Amount paid - 50 pounds.
Description - 224 acres on the branches of Beaverdam Cr., bounded by John
Upshaw, Francis Higginbotham, Larkin Gatewood; granted to Benjamin
Higginbotham 17 February 1795.
Witnesses: A. Sturdivant(?), J. I. C.
Signed: Benja. Higginbotham

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book Q, page 5
Inst. - 9 December 1800; Rec. - 23 December 1816.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - Zechariah Faulkner of Elbert County.
Amount paid - \$300
Description - "Tract of land formerly the property of John Williamson and
deeded from sd. Williamson to John Staples"; lies on the south side of
a branch of Dove's Creek "excepting a small neck that is now in possession
of Thomas Burges."
Witnesses: Forristor(sic) Upshaw, Wm. Faulkner, Thos. B. Scott, J. P.
Signed: John Staples

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book G, page 41
Inst. - 5 January 1801; Rec. - 9 February 1801.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County, Georgia.
Grantee - Robert Lowrymore of Elbert County, Georgia.
Amount paid - \$150
Description - 200 acres in Elbert County on the waters of Doves Creek,
bounded by M. Woods, Cridenton, Gatewood, Stinchcomb, Statham; "being
part of a larger survey which contained 595 acres granted to said
John Staples in 1795".
Witnesses: Henry Arrington, John Booth, John Coleman, J. P.
Signed: John Staples

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book J, page 18
Inst. - 10 May 1803; Rec. - (not given).
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - John Brawner of Elbert County.
Amount paid - \$12.
Description - 6 acres in Elbert County on the branches of Doves Creek,
bounding sd. John Brawner northwardly and westwardly, and Joseph King
eastwardly and southwardly.
Witnesses: David Anderson, James Christian, J. P.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book M, page 105
Inst. - 10 May 1803; Rec. - 28 January 1810.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - John Booth of Elbert County.
Amount paid - \$24
Description - 12 acres in Elbert County, joining him. said John Booth,
northwardly, by Robert Taylor's eastwardly, and Joseph King southwardly.
Witnesses: David Anderson, James Christian, J. P.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book M, page 106
Inst. - 10 May 1803; Rec. - 28 January 1810.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - John Booth of Elbert County.
Amount paid - 40 pounds
Description - 50 acres on south fork of Doves Creek, bounded on northeast by
William Moss's land, northwest by Middleton Woods land, and all other
sides by John Barnett's land; granted to William Strong 1 December 1786.
Witnesses: David Anderson, James Christian, J. P.
Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book N, page 91
Inst. - 30 July 1803; Rec. - 29 December 1810.
Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.
Grantee - James Oliver of Elbert County.
Amount paid - \$100
Description - 72 8/10 acres in Elbert County, bounded by "the west bank
of the south fork of Doves Creek near an old road running north",
John Booth, Isaac Ford.
Witnesses: C. W. Christian, Thomas Price
Signed: John Staples, Betsey Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book S, page 21

Inst. - 6 January 1804; Rec. - 16 May 1820.

Grantor - John Staples of Elbert County.

Grantee - John White of Elbert County.

Amount paid - \$100

Description - 220 acres in Elbert County on the branches of Doves Creek and Beaverdam Creek, "it being part of a survey of 640 acres granted to John Staples 5 November 1791." Bounded by Larkin Gatewood, William Bradley, Thomas Penn.

Witnesses: George Oglesby, James Christian, J. P.

Signed: John Staples.

Elbert County, Georgia; Deed Book K, page 174

Inst. - 1 June 1805; Rec. - 19 May 1807.

Grantor - John Staples and Betsey, his wife, of Burke County, North Carolina.

Grantee - John Parham of Elbert County, Georgia.

Amount paid - \$380

Description - 153 acres in Elbert County on the south fork of Doves Creek, bounded by Middleton Woods' land westwardly, James Oliver northwardly, Hick's land eastwardly and southwardly by Isham Parham land seniors line, "it being the upper half of the tract whereon said John Staples formerly lived."

Witnesses: John Sudderth, William Sudderth, Leroy Staples.

Signed: Jno. Staples, Betsey Staples.

"Georgia, Elbert County/

Personally came before me Leroy Staples and being duly sworn saith that he saw said John Staples and Elizabeth, his wife, acknowledge the within"

Witness: Jas. Christian, J. P.

Signed: Leroy Staples, 4 February 1807

North Carolina

1810 North Carolina Census Index; Accelerated Indexing Systems, Bountiful, Utah, 1976.

<u>name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>page</u>
Staples, John	Burke	112
R.	Cabarrus	155
T.	Cabarrus	159

1810 Burke County census, page 112:

John Staples	2 males under 10	3 females under 10
	1 male 10-16	2 females 10-16
(also 8 slaves)	3 males 16-26	1 female 16-26
	1 male over 45	1 female over 45*

(*Note: This enumeration incorrectly shows Elizabeth "Betsey" Upshaw Staples as being born before 1765)

Tennessee

1820 Tennessee Census Index; Accelerated Indexing Systems, Bountiful, Utah, 1974 (2nd edition).

John Stapler	White County, page 359	1 male 16-25	4 females 0-9 1 female 16-25
Charles Staples	Franklin County, page 50	1 male 0-9 1 male 26-44	1 female 16-25
John Staples	Franklin County, page 48	1 male 0-9 1 male 10-15 2 males 26-44	2 females 0-9 2 females 10-15 1 female 16-25 1 female 26-44

1830 Tennessee Census Index; Accelerated Indexing Systems, Bountiful, Utah, 1976.

<u>name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>page</u>
Staple, David B.	Rhea	352
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John	Morgan	093
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John M.	Morgan	094
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1840 Tennessee Census Index; Accelerated Indexing Systems, Bountiful, Utah, 1976.

<u>name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>page</u>
Staples, A. E.	Jefferson	284
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J. M.	Morgan	213
John	Franklin	035
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Thomas	Morgan	213
William	Morgan	211

1830 Morgan County, Tennessee, census, page 93:

John Staples	1 male 10-14	2 females 15-19
	1 male 20-29	3 females 20-29
	1 male 70-79	1 female 60-69

(Roane County, Tennessee); Historical Review, Rockwood's Centennial Year, 1868-1968; (no publisher's name noted):

Staples Family History (1 page); (submitted by Elsie S. Burkett):

The Staples family came to America from England and first settled on land along the James River in Virginia. The father and five sons of the Virginia family all fought in the Revolutionary War. The one who came to this area in Tennessee was John, who married Betsey Upshire(sic) in Buckingham County, Virginia, in 1786. Until 1816 they had lived in Burke County, North Carolina, where all of the fifteen children had been born but one, Benjamin T., born 1817. (Editor's note: The writer of this history was evidently unaware that John Staples had lived in Elbert County, Georgia, from 1790 to 1805). They lived in Morgan County after it became a county separate from Roane. John was a trader, dealing mainly in cattle, land, and timber. In 1826 he was appointed by the State as a Trustee of the old Montgomery Academy.

The son that moved into the Rockwood area was Thomas, whose first wife was Catherine Long; and second, Permelia Van Winkle. (etc.)

Capt. Thomas Staples' descendants still in or near Rockevans and children (Editor's note: evidently a line of type was omitted by the printer in the previous sentence, as it is not sensible), and Mrs. Elsie Staples Burkett. Among other descendants of the Revolutionary John Staples living here are Mrs. Allen Montgomery and daughter, Ellen; John Evans, Mrs. Betsy Evans Broyles and Tom Evans and children; Mrs. Rolland Register and Mr. W. C. Weatherford.

Virginia

Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800 (an index); by Clayton Torrence, Baltimore, (reprinted) 1972.

<u>name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>record</u>
John Staples	Amherst	1797	will
John Staples, Sr.	Henrico	1788	will
Samuel Staples	Amherst	1776	administration
Samuel Staples, Jr.	Amherst	1777	administration
Thompson Staples	Lunenburg	1777	will
William Staples	Charlotte	1795	will

Marriage Bonds and other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia; 1763-1800. Compiled by William M. Sweeny, Lynchburg, Va., 1937.

Elizabeth Staples, spinster, and John Bryant, bachelor; 21 December 1790. John Staples, surety.

Joseph Staples, bachelor, and Molly Loving, spinster, 7 March 1782. John Wright, surety.

Judith Staples, spinster, and Richard Bryant, 3 March 1798.
Parmenas Bryant, surety. Consent of Elizabeth Conner (mother)
and Daniel Conner (step-father) of Richard Bryant, for him to marry
"Judith Staples, daughter of John Staples". Consent of her mother,
Agatha Staples. Certificate of marriage by the Rev. William Crawford.

Mary Ann Staples, spinster, and Allen Blair, bachelor, 14 December 1778.
John Staples, surety. Consent of Sarah Staples.

William Staples and Polly Hamlet, spinster (she signed as "Polly
Hamblet"), _____ November 1798. Parmenas Bryant, surety, who
made oath that Polly was 21. Consent of Polly. Certificate of
marriage by the Rev. William Crawford.

Marriage Bonds of Bedford County, Virginia, 1755-1800; compiled by Earle S.
Dennis and Jane E. Smith, 1932.

John Staples and Martha Stovall, 13 January 1778. Oren Franklin,
surety. Consent of George Stovall, Jr., father of Martha.

John Staples and Judith Cobbs, 26 December 1798. (James Wood, Gov.)
Consent of Edmund Cobbs, father of Judith. William Cobbs, surety.

Mary Staples and Richard Oglesby, 1 February 1775. Thomas Oglesby,
surety. Consent of Samuel Staples, the father of Mary.

Prudence Staples and John Booth, 6 November 1780. John Staples,
surety. Consent of David Staples. Witnesses: Christian Staples,
John Staples, William Staples, and David Staples.

(Our member, Mrs. Charlotte D. Parrott, notes from DAR Historical
Collections of Georgia, Vol III - Elbert County, Georgia -
page 90: Land Court on 4 Dec 1820, John Booth, self and six
in his family - 500 acres in full. John Booth estate, David
Booth, admr; returns for 1822 shows receipts of Prudence Booth
for her share, etc; John Webb in right of his wife Barbara;
of Burwell Webb in full demand; of T. W. Booth, by his brother
John Booth and wife Patsy of Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Also note the Elbert County, Georgia, deed abstractions
in this issue of UFJ which show land transactions between
John Staples (RS) and John Booth)

Bedford County, Virginia, marriages, 1801-1870:
(from County records searched by Ted O. Brooke)

Jerome W. Staples to Louisa L. Ogden, 13 May 1843.
Louisa, daughter of John; bond.

William A. Staples to Julian R. Buford, 17 December 1831.
Julian, daughter of Abraham; bond.

Family Group Record # 1B911 (1 of 2)

HUSBAND John STAPLES, Sr.						
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	CITY, TOWN or PLACE	COUNTY or PROVINCE	STATE or COUNTRY
Birth	14	Sep	1757		Albemarle Co.	Virginia
Marriage	19	Dec	1786		Buckingham Co.	Virginia
Death	28	Jun	1837		Morgan Co.	Tennessee
Burial						
Biographical Data lived in Elbert Co., Ga., 1790-1805; Burke Co., N. C., 1805-ca 1816; in Morgan Co., Tenn, while drawing RW pension, 1818-1837; had sis, Christian J. Staples, md. Thomas Phelps (see will of Tabitha Holliday) of Bedford Co., Va., and						
Other wives, if any: (md to Betsey Upshaw 1786-1837) / settled in Elbert Co., Ga., in 1802						
Husband's Father David STAPLES			Husband's Mother			
WIFE Elizabeth ("Betsey") UPSHAW						
VITAL DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	CITY, TOWN or PLACE	COUNTY or PROVINCE	STATE or COUNTRY
Birth	1	Dec	1770		Bedford Co.	Virginia
Death	24	Aug	1858		Morgan Co.	Tennessee
Burial						
Biographical Data:						
Other Husbands, if any: none						
Wife's Father Leroy UPSHAW			Wife's Mother Elizabeth BRADLEY			
SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL		DATA	DATE	LOCATION	
M	1. Leroy STAPLES		Birth	31 Aug 1788	Buckingham Co., Va.	
	Full name of Spouse		Marriage			
			Death			
			Burial			
	(no War of 1812 pension record found)					
M	2. Abner F. STAPLES		Birth	16 Jul 1790	Elbert Co., Ga.	
	Full name of Spouse		Marriage			
			Death			
			Burial			
	(no War of 1812 pension record found)					
M	3. John STAPLES, Jr.		Birth	26 Dec 1791	Elbert Co., Ga.	
	Full name of Spouse		Marriage			
			Death			
			Burial			
	(no War of 1812 pension record found)					
F	4. Lucinda STAPLES		Birth	2 Mar 1795	Elbert Co., Ga.	
	Full name of Spouse		Marriage			
			Death			
			Burial			
M	5. David STAPLES		Birth	25 Nov 1796	Elbert Co., Ga.	
	Full name of Spouse		Marriage			
			Death			
			Burial			
F	6. Nancy STAPLES		Birth	24 Aug 1798	Elbert Co., Ga.	
	Full name of Spouse		Marriage			
			Death			
			Burial			
Authorities: Rev War pension & Bounty Land Claim #W22 (John, Betsey Staples); Bounty Land Warrant 61340-160-55 (Betsey Staples); Headright & Bounty Land Grants of Georgia; misc Elbert Co., Ga, rods; Elbert Co. deed abstracts; 1810 Burke Co., N. C., census; 1830 Morgan Co., Tenn, census; Rockwood's Centennial Year; DAR appl # 103413.						

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CHILDREN CONTINUATION SHEET for FAMILY GROUP No. 1B911

Husband's full name John STAPLES, Sr.

Wife's full maiden name Elizabeth ("Betsey") UPSHAW

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	No. <u>7</u> William STAPLES Full Name of Spouse <u>Ann DAVIS</u>	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1802</u>		<u>Elbert Co.</u>	<u>Ga.</u>	
F	No. <u>8</u> Elizabeth ("Betsey") STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1804</u>		<u>Elbert Co.</u>	<u>Ga.</u>	
M	No. <u>9</u> Thomas STAPLES Full Name of Spouse <u>(1) Catherine LONG</u>	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1808</u>		<u>Burke Co.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	<u>(2) Permelia Van Winkle</u>
F	No. <u>10</u> Caroline STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1809</u>		<u>Burke Co.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	
F	No. <u>11</u> Clerisy STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1810</u>		<u>Burke Co.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	
F	No. <u>12</u> Christian STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1812</u>		<u>Burke Co.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	
F	No. <u>13</u> Salley STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1814</u>		<u>Burke Co.</u>	<u>N. C.</u>	
M	No. <u>14</u> Benjamin T. STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1817</u>		<u>Morgan Co.</u>	<u>Tenn.</u>	
M	No. <u>15</u> Taliafro STAPLES Full Name of Spouse	Birth Mar. Death Burial	<u>circa 1818</u>		<u>Morgan Co.</u>	<u>Tenn.</u>	
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