

Ben Upton

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Name: Benjamin UPTON
Sex: Male
Father: Asa UPTON (abt 1811 - bef 12 Aug 1872)
Mother: Eliza UNKNOWN (bet 1812 and 1815 - bef 6 Jun 1887)

Individual Facts

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| Birth | 26 May 1833 | Warren County, GA ^{1,2} |
| Census | 1850 (age 17) | Jefferson County, GA ³ |
| Occupation | 1850 (age 17) | farmer in his father's house; Jefferson County, GA ⁴ |
| Census | 8 Jul 1860 (age 27) | Starksville P.O., Lee County, Georgia ⁵ |
| Census | 1864 (age 31) | Reconstructed Census of Georgia ⁶ |
| Military | frm 1863 (age 30) | Co. H, 14 Batt'n Georgia Inf. (State Guards); Lee County, Georgia ⁷⁻¹¹ |
| Residence | abt 1867 (age 34) | Duval County; Florida ^{12,13} |
| Census | 1870 (age 37) | Baldwin Voting Precinct, Duval County, FL ¹⁴ |
| Occupation | bet 1870-1879 (age 37) | RR Station Manager and Lumberman; Duval County, Florida ¹⁵⁻¹⁷ |
| Census | 1880 (age 47) | Village of Baldwin, Duval County, FL ¹⁸ |
| Occupation | 1880 (age 47) | Lumberman; Village of Baldwin, Duval County, FL ¹⁹ |
| Elected | abt 1884 (age 51) | Mayor; Baldwin, Florida ²⁰ |
| Census | 1885 (age 52) | 4th District, Baldwin, Duval County, FL ²¹ |
| Census | 1885 (age 52) | Agriculture Schedule 4th District, Duval County, FL ²² |
| Occupation | 1885 (age 52) | lumberman; Nassau County, Florida ²³ |
| Residence | 1885 (age 52) | Baldwin; Florida ²⁴⁻²⁶ |
| Occupation | bet 1886-1889 (age 53) | lumberman; Jacksonville, Duval County, FL ²⁷⁻³² |
| Residence | bet 1887-1889 (age 54) | Uptonville Station; Wainwright, Charlton County, GA ^{31,33-37} |
| Deed | 13 Feb 1891 (age 57) | 4th Circuit Duval County; Duval County, Florida ³⁸ |
| Heir | 25 May 1891 (age 57) | A. M. Upton; Baldwin, Duval County, FL ³⁹ |
| Residence | bef 1895 (age 62) | Baldwin; Florida ⁴⁰ |
| Baptism | Nov 1895 (age 62) | Jacksonville, Duval County, FL ⁴¹ |
| Death | 19 Nov 1895 (age 62) | Jacksonville, Duval County, FL ^{42,43} |
| Burial | 20 Nov 1895 | Baldwin, Florida ^{44,45} |

Marriages/Children

1. Adaran Miranda WALDEN

Marriage 18 Nov 1855 (age 22) Jefferson County, GA^{46,47}
Children Elizabeth Jane Miranda UPTON (15 Apr 1857 - 16 Mar 1912)
Sissy UPTON (16 Jul 1859 - 30 Nov 1859)
Annie (Anna) L UPTON (21 Apr 1861 - 6 Dec 1885)
Emma L (N) UPTON (26 Feb 1863 - 14 Dec 1886)
Florence M UPTON (1 May 1865 - 23 Oct 1887)
Eliza UPTON (abt 1867 - unknown)
Jordan A UPTON (9 May 1868 - 7 Jul 1868)
John D UPTON (abt 1871 - 1939)
Marietta UPTON (16 Jul 1872 - 19 Aug 1904)
James Alex UPTON (1 Feb 1875 - 2 Feb 1903)
Jessie Fay UPTON (28 Sep 1876 - 6 Sep 1877)

2. Elizabeth SMITH

Marriage 29 Dec 1892 (age 59) Jacksonville, Duval County, FL^{48,49}
Marr Lic 29 Dec 1892 (age 59) Jacksonville, Duval County, FL⁵⁰
Residence (fam) 1895 (age 62) 520 West Monroe Street; Jacksonville, Duval County, FL⁵¹⁻⁵⁴
Children Unknown UPTON (bet 1892 and 1895 -)

Notes (Individual)

General: The **Upton Encyclopedia** states, "Benjamin [great grandfather of Benjamin Upton in Duval County, Florida] was without any doubt the most successful of the Georgia Uptons. . . .he was granted and purchased several thousand acres of Georgia land. He left a large estate, including many slaves." It appears that Benjamin's namesake, his great grandson Benjamin Upton (son of his grandson Asa Upton) was equally successful with several locations in the lumbering business in Duval and Nassau counties in Florida and Charlton County in Georgia almost to the end of his life in 1895.

Census (8 Jul 1860): It appears that Ben moved to Lee County from his home in Jefferson County to work on the railroads. He was only once listed as "farming" on the 1850 census which was when he was still living at home in Jefferson County. Per Beverly Black, Walden/ Hannah family researcher in Georgia: "Several of the Walden Family/cousins also worked with the railroad and moved around in those same places. The only life in Jefferson was farming and it doesn't appear Benjamin was a farmer at any time."

The records of Bernie Cleary indicate that Eliza Upton was born in 1857 in Davisboro, GA which is in Washington County just across the Ogechee River from Jefferson County. If this is true, then we can pinpoint Ben's departure from his home in

Jefferson to be between 1857-1860.

Ben, Adaran and daughter Eliza are living at Starkville in 1860. We have some insight into their life there through this excerpt from the book *Lee County, Georgia, A History*: "Three miles east of Leesburg is Starkville, in ante-bellum days, one of the most important towns in the county seat of Lee County from 1842. . .until 1872. It was the wartime county seat . . . Starkville was known as a "wide-open town" where every man carried a gun and didn't hesitate to use it. . . with the exception to Cripple Creek, Colorado, it lead in the number of homicides in proportion to its size at the time. When the town was at it's best, it boasted of between 1800 to 2000 inhabitants, including slaves. There were more than 20 stores, 13 saloons and several poker joints. Once each month they had horse races, cock fights and other sporting events." Lee County Historical Society, *Lee County, Georgia, A History* (Atlanta, Georgia: W. H. Wolfe Associates, 1983). Page 100.

His service in the Confederate Army was with Walden's Company Railroad Guards and he appears to have been involved in protecting the Southwestern Railroad in Lee County.

Ben left Lee for Duval County, Florida around 1867 and from that point on he worked with the railroads, in the lumber business, and there is some indication that he may have been a photographer around 1876 and a painter near the end of his life in 1895. The Obituary of his son-in-law Milton Ivey also indicates that he was the Mayor of Baldwin, Florida in 1884.

Military (frm 1863/64): Benjamin and his brother George served in the same unit.

Residence (abt 1867): The following excerpts from Gold's *History of Duval County* give us some indication of what Ben Upton and his family encountered when they first arrived in Duval County. "[by the end of the war] ... Dead trees and logs fill the streets, many of the houses had been destroyed....Every sawmill in Jacksonville had been burned excepting Scott's mill....In other parts of the county conditions were much the same. **Baldwin** ... had suffered. There was no currency; no commerce; no steamboats on the river, and the one railroad in the county was practically useless." Page 153. "Nothing had been done in Duval County toward the building of new railroads since 1860. The road from Jacksonville to Lake City had by this time been repaired and was extended to Quincy. In 1868, the first gesture was made toward new construction in Duval." Page 159-160. It is possible that the rebuilding of these roads brought **Ben Upton** to Duval County in 1867/1868. "...during the period from 1865 to 1875, other parts of Duval had also developed. Upon completion of the Florida Railroad and Navigation Company's line, from Jacksonville to Pensacola and from Fernandina to Cedar Key, **Baldwin**, where the roads crossed, grew in importance. The damage done during the war had been repaired. There were at this time two churches, Baptist and Methodist, several stores, a telegraph, express and post office." Page 164. Pleasant Daniel Gold, *History of Duval County Including Early History of East Florida* (St. Augustine, Florida: The Record Company, 1929) pages 153, 159, 160 and 164.

Occupation (bet 1870 and 1879): The following narrative from the *Story of Florida Railroads 1834-1903* gives us a great visual sense of what the Baldwin Station was like around the time Ben Upton was Station Manager and gives an idea of what impact the lumbering business had on the lives of the people living in and around Baldwin in 1881. "The following scene met the eye of a traveler awaiting, at Baldwin on a brisk winter morning in 1881. After listening to the gossip and small talk of fellow passengers in the tiny waiting room of the Baldwin depot ... we decided to step outside for a look at the junction layout. At the northwest corner of the station platform is observed a ninety-degree cross-over, at which point the lines from Lake City, Fernandina, Jacksonville, and Cedar Key intersect. The brisk January air is filled with the pungent scent of pine smoke, which is drifting across the tracks from a nearby sawmill, and the music of the saws meets the ear. Faintly from the distance is heard the rhythmic beat of the cooper's hammer, at a turpentine still down the line. It is observed that there are four wyes arranged about the cross-over, so that trains approaching from any of the four lines can proceed directly to any one of the other three. There are several side tracks, also spurs leading to the sawmills, warehouses, etc. We are told by a man working at the woodrack near the depot, that some nights, when there is dense fog to obscure landmarks, train crews switching the yard tracks, and after having turned several times on the various wyes, occasionally have to go to the station to find out which way they are headed. Soon the the shrill whistle of a locomotive is heard and in a few minutes our train is seen approaching from the north track and slowing for its stop at the station. Smoke pours from the huge stack, as the engineer closes his throttle and the locomotive rolls past the station and comes to a stop by the woodrack, at the far end of the platform. The train is made up of three coaches, a baggage car, and several box cars and flats, two or three of which are switched from the train and left here in the yard. ... The lumber industry along this road is immense and every few miles the train comes to a halt before some huge lumber mill. Indeed one hardly loses sight of the stacks of lumber and piles of sawdust from the time he leaves Baldwin..." George W. Pettengill Jr., *Bulletin No. 86, The Story of the Florida Railroads 1834-1903* (Boston, Massachusetts: Baker Library, Harvard Business School, July 1952). Page 34.

Elected (abt 1884): Baldwin was chartered as a town in 1876. If Ben Upton was the mayor of Baldwin at the time of Milton's death in January 1884 he would have been elected in November sometime between 1876 and 1883.

Residence (1885): After reading the following excerpts from *The Baldwin Story* and comparing this information with the information on the 1885 Agriculture schedule for Baldwin, Duval County, you get a better picture of the family's standing in the community. "Within these years the government had a policy in granting small homesteads with encouraged family sized holdings of land. In 1883 land in Baldwin sold from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per acre. . . . According to historical data, the population in Baldwin in 1885 was 250. . ." Based on the lumber production of \$3000 for 1884 that Ben Upton reported in the Agriculture schedule of the 1885 Florida, Duval County census, and considering the price of land at the time, it seems that the Upton family would have been considered financially well off. Considering there were only 250 people in the Village of Baldwin at the time and the Upton and Ivey households made up 15 of them, and considering what appears to have been their financial standing in the community, it's easy to see that they would have been considered one of the prominent families.

Occupation (bet 1886 and 1889): This is an excerpt from *Yesterday's Reflections Nassau County, Florida A Pictorial History by Jan H. Jonnes, Sr.* "Emothy Sauls sold his property to Bill Wingate, who in turn sold to **Burton G. Dyal**. By early 1880, the origin of the name **Dyal Station** becomes obvious. The 1882 Gazetter shows, for Callahan, B.G. Dyal owning a sawmill and 804 acres; the Dayl & Upchurch Company, 302 acres; and David Dyal, 986 acres. Presumably this listing is for property lying fives miles north of Callahan, since the settlement had yet to be officially named. . . . He died at the

comparatively young age of 56, in 1905, and is buried at the Live Oak Cemetery." In the 1887-1889 Jacksonville City Directories Burton G. Dyal and Ben Upton are listed as business partners in the Waycross Lumber wharf B in Jacksonville and Burton's residence is listed as Dyal Station and Ben's is listed as Wainwright, Ga. now renamed Uptonville.

Residence (bet 1887 and 1889): During the time that Burt Dyal and Ben Upton are in the lumber business together in Jacksonville, Burt is listed as living at Dyal Station, FL. After checking some old maps, I did indeed find Dyal Station and today just northwest of Callahan is the town of DYAL where that old station stood. In the Jacksonville City Directories published by Wanton S. Webb for the years 1886-1890, Ben is noted as have a home in Wainwright, Georgia. I found two historical maps one from 1895 which show Uptonville located alongside the S.F. & W. RR. (Savannah Florida & Western Railway) just north of Folkston in Charlton County. The 1899 map showed the town as Wainwright and in parenthesis are the words (Uptonville Sta.) These maps can be found at www.cviog.uga.edu/projects/gainfo/histcountymaps/charlton1899map.jpg and [1895map.jpg](http://www.cviog.uga.edu/projects/gainfo/histcountymaps/charlton1895map.jpg). In checking current maps of the areas, you can still see Uptonville in Charlton County GA and Dyal in Nassau County just north west of Callahan. This is a little confusing since the Upton family is still listed in the 1885 Census and Adaran died there in 1891 according to her will and an article published in the Jacksonville, so there must have been two homes at that time.

In the **History of Charlton County** by Alex S. McQueen published in 1978 explains, "The Savannah, Florida & Western, now the Atlantic Coast Line, was constructed through Charlton county and several small towns sprang up along the railroad....Uptonville was, for several years a thriving little town. **There was a large saw-mill and turpentine plant there after the coming of the railroad**, and it was for a number of years an incorporated town. Its close proximity to Folkston caused it to gradually decline and is now only a flag-station on the A.C.L.Ry. The town charter was never legally abolished and the citizens of the community just agreed among themselves that the town would cease to function as a municipality." I believe that this sawmill and turpentine plant was perhaps the "lumber business" that the City Directories in Jacksonville are referring to. Speaking about the descendants of Jake Carter, the author of the book mentions, "...Hansel lives on the old Upton place near Uptonville, ..." Since this book was published in 1978, there is a chance that something of the "old Upton place" still exists today. Certainly worth a trip to Uptonville to take a look around.

Burial (20 Nov 1895): Upton Family Cemetery now part of the Piney Grove Cemetery, Baldwin, Duval County, Florida. To reach the cemetery travel west on I-295 from Jacksonville. Take the I-10 West exit. Take the Baldwin Exit which is Hwy. 301 and turn left at the end of the ramp. Turn right at the end of the street on to U.S. Hwy. 90 and take an immediate left onto Lima Street North. Go into the Piney Grove Cemetery and the Upton Cemetery is directly in front of you surrounded by what's left of an iron fence. Images can currently be seen at the following website address:
<http://members.aol.com/imony712/UptonCemetery.htm>

Notes (Family #1)

General:

The Religious Denomination of the Upton Family

Ben was raised in Warren County (created in part from Wilkes County) and Jefferson County, GA in an area that seems to have been primarily Baptist. Benjamin's father, Asa Upton, was raised by Benjamin's great grandfather for whom he was named - Benjamin Upton of Warren County, Georgia. In a deed dated June 7, 1806, Benjamin Upton (the G grandfather) received a donation of land as a "Trustee of the Baptist Church known as Church of Christ at Fellowship," indicating that he and his family were Baptist and most probably involved deeply in that church in Warren County, Georgia. Asa was born about 1811 and therefore it would be logical to think that he would have also participated in his guardian's religious life, however, Asa was an illegitimate child of Ben's daughter Obedience and I don't know what impact that would have had on the family's standing in their church at that time.

There is mention in the book, *Georgia Baptists: Historical and Biographical* by Jesse H. Campbell, Richmond, GA 1847, of the **Upton Creek Church** formed in 1784 and situated not far from that stream. It states that "it was constituted of the members of the Kiokee Church and formed under her auspices." In the book *The History of Wilkes County Georgia* by Robert M. Willingham, Jr., he states, "The Baptist denomination was the first to make any extended effort toward establishing themselves in the county. As early as 1773, a Baptist Church was established on Kiokee Creek approximately twenty miles above Augusta in St. Paul's Parish. This was the first Baptist congregation constituted in Georgia..." In the book, *The Records of The Church at Williams Creek* by J. Kenneth Brantley, Powder Springs, GA, 1995, Kiokee Church is mentioned as part of the Georgia Baptist Association Churches and in an entry dated 13 July 1827, it states "Received a letter from the Kiokee Church by their messengers Stanford & Upton..." Again from the book *Georgia Baptists*, they indicate that from about 1812-1827 over 20,000 people were baptized in the Georgia, Ocmulgee and Flint river associations. There is certainly a possibility that if the Uptons had not yet been baptized, they could have been during that time period.

On the other hand by the time Benjamin Upton (the great grandson) was living in Jefferson County in his father Asa's house the Uptons were also in contact with the Waldens in Jefferson as Ben married Adaran Walden. There was no doubt that Adaran's family was Methodist-Episcopalian. In fact, her father, Mitchell Walden, founded the Walden's United Methodist-Episcopal Church in 1854 and donated ten acres from his own property for the church building and cemetery. Since it would have made sense that Ben and Adaran attended church services together one would assume that they would have attended one or the other depending on who had the strongest family ties to the church or perhaps which church was nearest to their homes.

There is no indication that there were any churches in Baldwin when Ben and his family moved there around 1867. According to information in the *Baldwin Story*, the Baldwin Methodist Church was organized in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dupree deeded the lots to build the church on March twenty-sixth 1890, to the following trustees: Dr. G. W. Williams, Mr. H. S. Reed, and Mr. H. O. Berry. Adaran died in 1891 so she may or may not have ever attended this church. Like most churches

of the time in the area, the Methodist Church may have met in a public building like a school prior to the building of the church after 1890.

It does seem they had many friendships and close relations with prominent Baptists in Baldwin based on the fact that two of the founders of the Baldwin Baptist church, D. J. Parish and George Tanner, were witnesses on Adaran's will and one, D. J. Parish, wrote a glowing tribute to Adaran which was published in the Jacksonville newspaper after her death. It would seem logical, that if services were held in Baldwin by either of the denominations, the family might have opted to attend whichever service was available.

In Adaran's obituary (1891) written by D. J. Parrish, he mentions that "**Mrs. Upton was born in Jefferson county, Ga., where she joined the Methodist church and professed religion in her Lord and Savior early in life.**" Adaran obviously let folks know that she was Methodist so perhaps the Baptist ties were through Ben. It was also noted in the obit that "**The funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. Mr. Snyder of Jacksonville, Fla, in a beautiful manner.**" This seems to confirm the belief that there were no Methodist ministers in Baldwin at the time of Adaran's death in 1891 as **Rev. Snyder**, according to Senior Librarian Raymond Neal, Jacksonville Public Library, in an email dated 14 June 2004, "**was E. B. Snyder, paster of the Trinity M.E. (Methodist Episcopalian) Church in downtown Jacksonville.**" He goes on to state that the Methodist Episcopal eventually grew into the modern United Methodist Church and the congregation of Trinity eventually renamed the church in his honor as Snyder Memorial Methodist Church. The building is a landmark near Hemming Plaza and City Hall. It could also indicate that indeed the family might have traveled to Jacksonville to attend church services at least some of the time or that Rev. Snyder traveled to Baldwin to conduct services for the fledgling Methodist community in that area, since the Rev. Snyder made himself available for the funeral and burial in Baldwin.

Ben's daughter, **Eliza Jane M. Upton Ivey**, married Irish Catholic **Owen Travers** on 19 January 1886, and was baptized Catholic the same day. This was probably done to facilitate the marriage of a Catholic to a non-Catholic as mixed marriages were not the norm. Another daughter, **Marietta Upton**, on 23 June 1886 at the age of 14, was baptized while a scholar at the St. Joseph Convent and Academy run by the Sisters of St. Joseph located on Pine Street in downtown Jacksonville. She was listed on the census dated 30 June 1885 as a scholar boarding at the school. This again could have been as a result of her training at the school, combined with her sister's baptism early that same year when she married **Owen Travers** or she may have felt compelled to do so as a scholar in a school run by nuns.

Elizabeth Jane Upton Ivey's granddaughter and namesake, **Elizabeth Jane Gildea**, daughter of **Mary Jane Ivey** (b. 5 April 1916, d. 16 March 1999) and Irish Catholic **Neil Patrick Gildea** was a Sister of Mercy, **Sister Mary Daria**, in Savannah, Georgia. This is the same order of nuns who taught **Elizabeth Jane Ivey daughter of Eliza Jane M. Upton Ivey** when, at the age of 13, she was in attendance at the Sisters of Mercy convent school in Savannah, according to the 1870 Chatham County Census.

Two of his Ben and Adaran's grandchildren, **Asa Ivey and Thomas Ivey**, were also baptized Catholic, both on the same day 17 January 1893, however, I don't think Ben Upton ever intended to become a Catholic. He was baptized in what I believe to have been a death bed request from his new wife. I base this on the fact that the record of their marriage in the Catholic Church in Jacksonville recorded in Latin by the priest who married **Ben and Elizabeth Smith** said something to the effect that "despite the impediment of this being a mixed marriage" and referred to Ben as "not yet a Catholic" and to the bride to be as "Elizabeth Smith a Catholic." This would imply that they had attempted to convince him to become a Catholic prior to the marriage but did not succeed. So, I believe based on the teachings of the Church at the time, Elizabeth, being a good and loving wife, requested that the priest baptize Ben on his death bed to insure his entry into heaven.

To summarize, I believe that Ben was probably born into a family of Baptists, who married Adaran Walden from a family of Methodists, who had two children and several grandchildren who became Catholic, who married a Catholic and who became a Catholic at the time of death.

Notes (Family #2)

Residence (fam) (1895): Ben does not show up in the 1891-1893 Jacksonville Directories leading one to think that he was still living in Baldwin and had not yet moved to Jacksonville where he died in 1895.

Sources

1. Lucy Ames Edwards, Grave Markers of Duval County 1808-1916. (Upton Cemetery - Piney Grove Cemetery in Duval County, Baldwin, Florida) (Jacksonville, FL 1955). **Benjamin Upton** Born May 23, 1833, Died Nov 19, 1895.
2. Asa Upton household, 1850 U. S. Census population schedule, 48th District, Jefferson County, Georgia, dwelling 246, family 246; National Archives microfilm publication M432, roll 75. pages 149-150. **Benjamin Upton**, 18 male, farming, b. Warren County, GA.
3. Ibid., pages 149-150. Asa Upton, 39 male, farming, property value \$2000, b. Warren County; Eliza Upton, 35 female, b. Jefferson County, **Benjamin Upton 18 male, farming, b. Warren County**; John Upton 16 male, farming, b. Warren County; Jordan Upton 15 male, farming, b. Warren County; Wm F. Upton 12 male, farming, b. Warren County; George W. Upton 8 male, b. Warren County; Elizabeth Upton 3 female b. Jefferson County, GA.
4. Ibid., pages 149-150. **Benjamin Upton**, 18 male, farming, b. Warren County, GA.
5. Benjamin Upton household, 1860 U.S. Census population schedule, Starkville P.O., Lee County, Georgia, Sheet No. 21 dwelling 175, family 174; National Archives microfilm publication M653, roll 129. page 693. **Benjamin Oiptan** [sic: name is Upton], age 27 male, occupation overseer RR, value of real estate \$200, value of personal property \$800, b. GA; **Adaran M**, age 25 female, b. GA; **Eliza J M**, age 3 female, b. GA.
6. 1864 Georgia State Census, Lee County, Georgia. **Benjamin Upton**, age 30 yrs. 9 mos. RR overseer, exempt.

7. Janet B. Hewett, *Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865, Sudellert, James D. to Warn, R.C.*, Broadfoot Publishing Company, Wilmington, NC 1996, Volume XV. **Upton Benjamin**. GA Inf. 14th Bn. (St. Guards) Co.H Sgt.; **Upton Franklin**. GA 11th Inf. Co. I; **Upton G W**, GA Inf 14th Bn. (St. Guards) Co. H; **Upton Jordan** GA 11th Inf. Co. I.

8. 1864 Georgia State Census, Lee County, Georgia, 1864. **Benjamin Upton**, age 30 yrs. 9 mos. RR overseer, exempt.

9. NATF 86 Military Service File, National Archives, Washington, Folder 398. **Upton, Benjamin**, Co. H, 14 Batt'n Georgia Inf. (State Guards) (Confederate.) Sergeant, Card Numbers: 4563383, 3474.

10. Ibid., Muster Roll 7/25/1863. **Benj. Upton**. Capt. Walden's Company, Railroad Guards, Georgia Inf.* 5 Sgt. Appears on a Muster Roll of Capt. J. M. Walden's Company, for local defense, to serve as guards for Southwestern Railroad, for July 25, 1863 to (blank). Roll dated July 25, 1863. Joined for duty and enrolled: July 25, 1863, Macon, Ga. by Col. Whittle for 6 months. Present or absent - not stated. *This company was also known as Company H, 14th Ballalion Geroge State Guards. Other records show that it was not called out.

11. Ibid., Muster Roll 11/17/1863. **Benjamin Upton** 5th Sgt., Capt. Walden's Company Railroad Guards, Georgia, appears on a Muster Roll of Capt. J. M. Walden's Company for local defense to serve as guards for the Southwestern Railroad for July 25, 1863 to (blank). Roll dated Nov. 17, 1863.

12. John David Brandenburg and Rita Binkley Worthy, compiler, *Index to Georgia's 1867-1868 Returns of Qualified Voters and Registration Oath Books (White)* (Atlanta, GA: Brandenburg & Worthy, 1995), Pages xxiv, xxxviii, 483. Returns of Qualified Voters and Registration Oath Books are significant records because they locate both white and black males in Georgia during 1867 and 1868, a period of significant change after the Civil War and before the enumeration of the 1870 U. S. Census. The Second Reconstruction Act, passed March 23, 1867, stipulated that before September 1, 1867, each registration officer was to administer an oath to male citizens of twenty-one years of age and above, living in the county and district where they would vote. In the Third Military District, of which Georgia was a part, the Reconstruction Acts were administered from April 1, 1867 to January 6, 1868 by General Pope, and from January 6 to July 30, 1868 by General Meade.

13. Carol Cox Bouknecht, compiler, *Florida Voter Registration Lists 1867-1868* (Tallahassee, Florida 32315: Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Inc., 1992), Page ix. For all their value to genealogists, it is regrettable that the 1867-68 voter records of twenty of Florida's counties were lost or destroyed long before the state committed itself to the preservation of its history.

14. Benjamin Upton household, 1870 U. S. Census population schedule, Baldwin Voting Precinct, Duval County, Florida, sheet 215, dwelling 62, family 54; National Archives microfilm publication M593, roll 129. Page 435 B. **Opton Benjamin**, 26 white male, RR Station Master, Value of Real Estate \$200, b. GA, male citizen 21 or upwards; **Miranda**. 13 white female, b. GA; **Annie** 10 white female, b. GA, attended school within the year; **Emma**, 7 white female, b. GA, attended school within the year; **Florence**, 5 white female, b. GA; **Eliza**, 3 white female, b. GA.

15. Ibid., Page 435B. Opton Benjamin 36/M/W/RR Station Master.

16. Unknown, *The Baldwin Story* (Baldwin, Florida: none, 1976), page 11. "Mr. W. H. Duprey had a store at the end of Center Street across from the postoffice. **Mr. B. Upton was a roadmaster for the Florida Railroad, a sawmill operator or owner and a saloonkeeper. His saloon was near the depot.**"

17. W. S. Webb, *Webb's Jacksonville Directory, 1876-7*. (New York: W. S. Webb & Co., 1876). Benjamin Upton, photographer.

18. Benjamin Upton household, 1880 U.S. Census population schedule, Village of Baldwin, Duval County, Florida, Sheet 6, ED 28, SD 18, dwelling 47, family 53; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 126. page 460 B. **Upton Benjamin**, white male 47, married, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Adrienne M.** white female 45, wife, married, keeping house, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Anna L.** white female 19, daughter, single, at home, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Emma N.** white female 17, daughter, single, at home, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Florence M.** white female 15, single, attends school, attended school within the current year, b. GA, parents b. GA; **John D.** white male 9, son, attended school within the current year, cannot read or write, b. FL, parents b. GA; **Marietta V.** white female 8, daughter, attended school within the current year, b. FL, parents b. GA; **James Alex.** white male 5, son, b. FL, parents b. GA; **Walden, Margaret**, white female 34, sister in law, b. GA, parents b. GA.

19. Ibid., Page 460B. Upton Benjamin, white married 47, **lumberman**. b. GA, parents b. GA.

20. Suicide article, *Florida Times Union*, Jacksonville, Florida, January 15, 1884, Tuesday, January 15, 1884. Sunday afternoon, a white man by the name of M. M. Ivey, of Baldwin and a son in law of **Mayor Benjamin Upton** of that place, killed himself by taking morphine.

21. Benjamin Upton household, 1885 Florida State Census population schedule, 4th District, Duval County, Florida, dwelling 28, family 28; National Archives microfilm publication 1885 Duval County. Page 547. **Ben Upton**, white male 52, head, married, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Ada Upton**. white female 50, wife, married, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Anna Upton**, white female 24, daughter, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Florence Upton**. white female 20, b. GA, parents b. GA; **Jno D. Upton**, white female 14, son, b. FL, parents b. FL; **Mary V. Upton**. white female 13, daughter, b. FL, parents b. FL; **Jas. A. Upton**. 10, white female, son, b. FL, parents b. FL; **Margarett Walden**. white female 44, single, b. FL, parents b. FL.

22. Upton, Ford, Ivey, 1885 Florida State Census Productions of Agriculture, 4th District, Duval County, Florida; National Archives microfilm publication Duval County. Page 996-997. **Ben Upton**: Milk Cows: 7, Other: 35, Forest Production: Amount of wood cut in 1884 - 15 cords. Value of all _____ in 1884 - \$3000.

23. Jan H. Johannes Sr., *Yesterday's Reflections Nassau County, Florida A Pictorial History* (Callahan, Florida: Thomas O. Richardson, 1978), Page 237. The Webb publication cites that by **1885** three million feet of timber were being cut annually by a number of local men. In business and listed were G. W. Bryce, Clarke & Company, Cook & Nostrand, **Upton & Arnold** and Mr. Wadleigh - all milling for having some lumber-related activity.

24. Wanton S. Webb, *Webb's Historical, Industrial and Biographical Florida Part I. Illustrated* (New York: W. S. Webb & Co, 1885), Page 44. Baldwin as an advantageous location at the crossing of the F.Ry. & Nav. Co's roads running from Jacksonville to Pensacola and Fernandina to Cedar Keys . . . County schools, six stores, telegraph, express and post office, G. W. Ford, Esq., postmaster. Prominent citizens are A. B. Clark, W. J. Dupray, **B. Upton.**, Nathan Fourakers, Robert Parish . . .

and George Ford, Esq., is a land agent.

25. Benjamin Upton household, 1885 Florida State Census population schedule, 4th District, Duval County, Florida, dwelling 28, family 28; National Archives microfilm publication 1885 Duval County. Page 547. **Ben Upton**, white male 52, head, married, b. GA, parents b. GA.

26. Jan H. Johannes Sr., *Yesterday's Reflections Nassau County, Florida A Pictorial History* (Callahan, Florida: Thomas O. Richardson, 1978), Page 194. The rail reconstruction was completed and by 1872, the wood-burners were marked with the letters A.G. & W.I.T. (Atlantic, Gulf & West India Transit Railroad.) It was known as the "Transit Road." Milling operations, in existence on a small scale since before 1800, were revived and began again to produce at capacity. ... The 1880 construction of this railroad sparked an increase in the milling interests around Callahan. By 1884 (the year Milton committed suicide) the mills of B.G. Dyal (in business with Ben Upton around 1887-1893) and John Grantham were known to be the largest in production in the area.

27. *Wanton S. Webb, editor, Webb's Jacksonville and Consolidated Directory of the Representative Cities of East and South Florida 1886* (Jacksonville & New York: W. S. Webb & Company, 1886), Page 219. **Upton, Benjamin, (Dyal & Upton)**

Waycross Lumber Whf, B., h at Baldwin, Fla.

28. *Richard's Jacksonville Duplex Directory January 1887* (Jacksonville, Florida:, January 1887), Page 481. **Upton, Benjamin, lumber dealer.** S.F.&W. Ry whf, r Baldwin, Fla.

29. Ancestry.com Jacksonville Florida Directories, 1888-1993. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. Original data: Jacksonville, FL: *Webb's Jacksonville Directory 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893.* (Jacksonville, FL: Wanton S. Webb, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893.), Volume VIII. **Upton, Benjamin, lumber,** Waycross lumber wharf, B. at Wainwright Ga.

30. *Wanton S. Webb, Webb's Jacksonville Directory 1889 Volume IX* (Jacksonville, Florida: Waston S. Webb, 1889), Page 239. **Upton Benjamin, lumber,** Waycross lumber wharf, B., h at Wainwright, Ga.

31. Alex. S. McQueen, *History of Charlton County* (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company Publishers, 1978), Page 78 & 201. "The Savannah, Florida & Western, now the Atlantic Coast Line, was constructed through Charlton county and several small towns sprang up along the railroad....**Uptonville** was, for several years a thriving little town. **There was a large saw-mill and turpentine plant there after the coming of the railroad,** and it was for a number of years an incorporated town. Its close proximity to Folkston caused it to gradually decline and is now only a flag-station on the A.C.L.Ry. The town charter was never legally abolished and the citizens of the community just agreed among themselves that the town would cease to function as a municipality." Speaking about the descendents of Jake Carter, the author of the book mentions, "...Hansel lives on the old **Upton** place near **Uptonville.** ...".

32. *Webb's Jacksonville and Consolidated Directory* (Jacksonville and New York: Wanton S. Webb, 1887), 239. Upton Benjamin, lumber, Waycross lumber wharf, B, h at Wainwright, Ga. [B-Brooklyn section of Jacksonville; h - home].

33. John R. Richards, compiler, *Richards' Jacksonville Duplex Directory, January 1887* (Jacksonville, FL: John R. Richards & Co., January 1887), Page 239. **Upton, Benjamin, lumber,** Waycross lumber wharf, B. h at **Wainwright, Ga.**

34. Ancestry.com Jacksonville Florida Directories, 1888-1993. [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. Original data: Jacksonville, FL: *Webb's Jacksonville Directory 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893.* (Jacksonville, FL: Wanton S. Webb, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893.), 1888 Vol. VIII. **Upton, Benjamin, lumber,** Waycross lumber wharf, B. at **Wainwright Ga.**

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36. *1895 Rand McNally map of Georgia* (: Rand McNally, 1895), color map, detailing waterways and railroad lines. original at Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, Ga. Uptonville, Sav. Fla. & W'n.,

37. William Henry Upton, M.A., LL.M., *Upton Family Records: being enealogical Collections for an Upton Family History* (London: (privately printed) Mitchell and Hughes, 1893), Page 390. The following are given as present or recent adresses of Uptons:

Mrs. _____ Upton had yellow fever at Jackson, Fla., 1888.

B. Upton, Dyals Station, Fla.

B. Upton, Wainwright, Ga.

38. Index to Archibald Abstract Books - Deed Records, Book D1 or 7, Microfilm Box MF006: U, Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, Florida, Microfilm MF006. 39586, Book BY, Page 421, Feb. 13, 1891, Grantor: **Benjamin Upton.** Grantee: F.C. and P RR Co., Type of Document: Deed, Right of Way, Agreement and Lease. Through a Tr of la lying W of Blk 16 & 24 on W. bnd li of Town of Baldwin, comc 60 ft S fr center li of R.R. Track at the Western switch on the Western Div of sd R.R.& running on a curve of 8° 60 ft fr center of ad curve track on each ad, through & over sd track of la also through & over any & all tracts or parts of tracts or lots situate on the Y track, comc 60 ft E fr center li of the R.R. track at the N switch on the South Div. of sd R.R. & run on a curve West of 8° 60 feet fr center of sd curved Track on la wh may belong to sd Benj Upton, sd Rt of Way to be 60 ft wd measured each sd of & at rt angles to li of sd Ry now located as the center li of this curve Track of sd Y aforesaid & all other lots if any. Not signed by RR Co. Witness - no corporate seal.

39. Adaran (Adrian) A. M. Upton will dated May 25, 1891, 2102-D, County Clerk's Office, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida (Aug. 1891). Seventh: I give devise and bequeath to my husband **Benjamin Upton** one bull named "Magruder." Eighth [sig] It is my will that immediately after my death, all the residue of my personal estate shall by my executor and executrix be equally divided between my husband, **Benjamin Upton** and my children James A. Upton, Eliza Travis, Mary Beal, John D. Upton, and my grand-child Emma Keen.

40. Unknown, *The Baldwin Story* (Baldwin, Florida: none, 1976), page 11. "G.M. Tanner was active in civic affairs. He married Dora Peterson in 1896. They bought the **Upton home**, which at that time was the only two-story house in Baldwin. The house soon burned".

41. Mrs. Alexander J. Berger, Mrs. Ray O. Edwards, compiler, *Baptismal Records of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Jacksonville, Florida* (Jacksonville, Florida: Florida Genealogical Records Committee, 1947), Page 239. **Upton, Benjamin**, age 63, Nov. 1895, Page 298, Wm.J.Kenny.

42. Jacksonville Times Union, Obituary of Benjamin Upton (Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida 20 Nov 1895), Page 8, column 3. **DEATH OF BENJAMIN UPTON**. One of Duval County's Oldest Citizens Dies of Congestion. Benjamin Upton, aged 64 years, one of the oldest settlers and best known citizens of Duval county, died at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, 520 West Monroe Street, of congestion of the liver. The deceased had been ill only a few days. Mr. Upton was a native of Jefferson County, Georgia, and came to Florida shortly after the civil war. He has resided in his county during that entire time, principally at Baldwin. He leaves a wife and infant child, besides several grown sons and daughters by his first wife. The funeral will take place this morning at 7:45 a.m. from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at which the Requiem mass will be celebrated. The body will then be sent to Baldwin for interment in the family cemetery.

43. Wanton S. Webb, editor, *Webb's Jacksonville Directory 1896* (Jacksonville, Florida: Wanton S. Webb, 1896), Page 331. **Upton Benjamin**, died Nov. 19th, 1895 / Upton Elizabeth, wid Benj., h 520 w Monroe.

44. Upton Family Cemetery, Baldwin, Duval County, Florida - Transcribed by Kim Peters September 2003. **Benjamin Upton**, Born May 26, 1833, Died Nov. 19, 1895

Ye living men as you pass by, As you are now so once was I

As I am now you too must be, Prepare for death and eternity

Ben's stone has an oval indentation with a cross tipped over to the right in the middle.

45. Lucy Ames Edwards, Grave Markers of Duval County 1808-1916. (Upton Cemetery - Piney Grove Cemetery in Duval County, Baldwin, Florida) (Jacksonville, FL 1955), Page 106. **Benjamin Upton**, Born May 26, 1833, Died Nov. 19, 1895.

46. Adaran (Adrian) Maranda Walden Upton obituary, *Florida Times Union*, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, Friday, June 19, 1891, Column 2. At the age of **22 years she married Mr. Upton** and became a devoted and affectionate wife and mother, living a quiet and Christian life.

47. Jefferson County Georgia Marriage Records, Book 1a. **Benjamin Upton** to Miss A. M. Walden, 18 Nov. 1855.

48. Marriage Records Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Die vigesima nona Decembris 1892 ego infrascriptus a proclamatiore bannorum prof?t? causa ommissa et dispensatione ab impedimento mixtae religionis obtenta Efis? obtenta **Benjamin Upton** acatholicum baptizatum et **Elizabeth Smith** Catholica in matrimonium conjunxi. Testes fuerent **Jeremiah Travers** et **Catharine Smith**. Gulielmus J. Kenny, VG.

49. Jacksonville Times Union, Obituary of Benjamin Upton (Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida 20 Nov 1895), Page 8, column 3. **He leaves a wife and infant child**, besides several grown sons and daughters by his first wife.

50. Duval County Marriage Records 1885 to 1891 Copied from the Official Records in the Office of the County Judge. Jacksonville, Florida - Official Court Record Books 7 and 1NS (Florida Work Projects Administration for Jacksonville Chapter of the National Society of the D.A.R. 1940. Groom: **Upton, Benjamin**. Bride: **Smith, Elizabeth**, li Dec 29 1892, nc, rf book 2 ns, p 161.

51. *Insurance Maps of Jacksonville Florida* (New York, NY: Sanborn-Perris Map Company, 1897),. microfilm at Orlando Public Library, Page 16. The map shows that 520 We. Monroe is actually two dwellings in an area of similar structures, obviously a residential neighborhood.

52. Wanton S. Webb, editor, *Webb's Jacksonville Directory 1895 Volume I* (Jacksonville, Florida: Wanton S. Webb, 1895), Page 201. **Upton Benj. painter**, h W Monroe n Bridge.

53. Wanton S. Webb, editor, *Webb's Jacksonville Directory 1896* (Jacksonville, Florida: Wanton S. Webb, 1896), Page 331. **Upton Benjamin**, died Nov. 19th, 1895

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To Do

1. Cover page Marriages of Duval County for year 1892
 2. Look in 975.912 bap for Keene, Beall, mcNorrill
 3. Find bill of sale for the house in Baldwin 1895-1896
 4. 1891 City Director Rev. Snyder - what religion is he?
- He did Adaran's funeral in Baldwin.

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