

# Joseph Arthur Churchman

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Whig and Mollie Churchman  
taken by Kesler in Newport,  
Arkansas



Top (L to R) Thomas, John, and George Churchman  
Bottom (L to R) Hood, Mary Louisa, and William  
Churchman

This is 5 of Whig's sons and his wife, Mary Louisa.

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- *Sex:* M
  - *Born:* November 24, 1844 in Jefferson County, Tennessee
  - *Died:* January 25, 1891
  - *Buried:*

- *Notes:* Joseph's nickname was "Whig". He, his wife, and his first 3 children lived in Grainger County, Tennessee, according to the TN 1870 Census. He was a farmer and Mollie, his wife, kept house. In the Tennessee 1880 Census, Joseph and his family had moved to Moore County, Tennessee. The census showed that his brother, Jacob, and Jacob's family also lived in Moore County. According to James Hood Churchman, during the 1880's Whig and his family moved to Arkansas and settled in Calamine, IZARD County. Later some of the family moved to Jackson County, Newport, and Tuckerman.

According to Joe Churchman, son of James Hood Churchman, Whig was hunting raccoons one night and fell out of a tree. The fall killed him.

*Father:* [Rufus Jackson Churchman](#), b. April 13, 1814 in Jefferson County, Tennessee

*Mother:* Rachel Kinder, b. December 5, 1818 in Tennessee -- d. February 12, 1883

*Family 1:* Mary Louisa Thomson, b. October 13, 1847 -- d. April 7, 1921 -- nickname "Mollie"

- *Married:* September 26, 1865 at Pelham, Tennessee by Rev. William Guinn
1. [John Newton Churchman](#), b. July 28, 1866 in Grainger County, Tennessee
  2. Effie Lilliard Churchman, b. January 7, 1868 in Grainger County, Tennessee
  3. Sally Millard Churchman, b. December 29, 1869 in Grainger County, Tennessee
  4. William Jackson Churchman, b. October 18, 1871
  5. Mattie Moore Churchman, b. March 19, 1874
  6. [James Hood Churchman](#), b. February 22, 1876
  7. [Laura Louella Elizabeth Churchman](#), b. March 23, 1878 in Tennessee
  8. George Arthur Churchman, b. March 9, 1880 in Moore County, Tennessee
  9. [Thomas Decator Churchman](#), b. December 12, 1881
  10. Infant, b. October 15, 1883 -- d. October 15, 1883
  11. Jesse Alexander Churchman, b. February 11, 1885
  12. [Mary Lydia Sollie Churchman](#), b. September 27, 1887

## Sources:

1. Tennessee 1870 Census and 1880 Census
2. Marriage Certificate of Joseph A. Churchman and Mary L. Thomson
3. Research by Sandra Pryor
4. Pictures contributed by Sandra Pryor
5. Family Records from Joe Churchman