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6 JUL 2002

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P.S. - Cynthia - There was some
delay as I completed the
attachments. This packet is
being mailed to you on
1 AUG 2002 - Phil U]

Dear Cousin Cynthia,

I have just today finished processing the
details supplied with your letter of 1 JUN 2002
and want to thank you for them very much.
The new material you provided has been
added to my master outline with the symbol
 attached so I can track the source back
to your letter if necessary. Actually the master
outline is getting quite cluttered and it needs
to be placed in a new format and recopied.
That is a task for somewhere down the road.
I am not sending you the master outline now
as it contains only input made by you
and Margaret Butts. However, if you
need/want a copy just let me know.

Enclosed is a copy of a 2-page extract I made
of your text so you can see how I have

proceeded. A copy of this has been placed in my "English" Profile system for each person named with the name of the person written in at the top. This Profile system allows me to keep adding increments of information for the various named individuals. I have a huge Profile system for my American Yulwuch interests (several million Profiles) but until now did not have such a system for my non-American Yulwuch interests. The "English" system will include details from England and for Yulwuch who went to places other than America,

I am pleased that you sent Ransome your materials. I will send my master outline as well in the next few days even though it may be redundant. He continues to work on family trees for us and he is a very valuable consultant although one does have to come up with money to justify his work with us. He is well worth what we pay.

Enclosed is a draft of an article based on our trip to England and for publication in the Upchurch Bulletin. Please let me know if you have any corrections or suggestions.


Thanks for sending the address for the Family Research Centre. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to them.

I would be most grateful to receive from you at any time additional information on any part of the extended Upchurch Family. It is a challenge to keep this ever expanding group organized and updated. Fortunately a good many people are very helpful. My lot in life seems to be linking hatches of data together.

The story of James Upchurch & Maria Castle was fascinating. I am glad you sorted it out.

With Appreciations & Regards to Colin.

Sincerely yours

 Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

CYNTHIA JEAN BATEMAN ✓

3, Marsden Ave
Mt Eden
Auckland

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REC'D
8 JUN 2002

Notes - Page ① → ④ fully extracted
& info for all name placed
in the English Profile System
see pg ④ & ⑤ for copy of
extract sheet - RPU 6 JUN 2002

1 June 2002

Copy of this
passed to
Ransome 1 AUG 2002 - RPU

Dear Cousin Phillip,

I hope you had a pleasant and profitable time in the UK. David Ransome has recently written to me and sent a copy of the draft NZ Upchurch tree which I was very pleased with. I hadn't realised that he had so little information on my husband's line so I have sent copies of the data I sent you earlier on in the year.

WROTE
TO
THEM
JUL
2002

With regards to the placement of the Upchurch Bulletin the NZSOG has just opened a Family Research Centre in Auckland. The centre is now home to a number of the society's resources that had previously been scattered around the country and they may be interested in taking the sets. Their address is 159, Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland, NZ.

I have included with this letter copies of Robert's descendants which were put together by Trudie Geerkins nee Upchurch. We have only recently become aware of each other and she has kindly written up and sent me her research. It is interesting that her side knew Robert as Albert.

I realise that it does seem odd that James and Maria Castle were married in 1914, I should have explained why that happened when I sent Colin's family tree, otherwise it just looks as if I have made an error. I have included James & Maria's history with this letter.

I have sent copies of Trudie's research to David and the following is an extract from the letter I sent him answering a few of his queries:

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I am not sure what year James was born, he was baptised with his sister Lucy, 21 Sept 1828 at Huntingdon. Working from the ages given in the census James' est., DOB. is 1825 (1851 census). From his death cert. est., DOB is 1823 (which I think is too early) there is a five year gap between the baptisms of Thomas in 1823 and James in 1828. I wonder if the parents waited hoping to baptise James at St Neots as they did with his younger sister Betsy in 1830. (I have included a family chart of Betsy Upchurch and her husband William Yeardye researched by S. Wise)

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As far as Sarah, James' sister is concerned I have had no luck finding a marriage in the UK vital records and no sign of a death certificate here, I think she will be a hard one to crack but she may show up on the 1871 census if we can find her father James.

Best wishes

Lyndal

DATA Father Bryan Upchurch mother: Kay Simpson.

P.S. DATA Lyndal Kay Upchurch = Chris Jenny

△ | one child: Felix Bryan Francis
- | b. 10. Mar. 2000 Sydney Aus.

→ (LAST NAME JENNY - RPU?)

C. Upchurch
3. Marsden Ave
Mt Eden
Auckland
New Zealand.

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Maria was born 13th August 1838 in Gt Mongeham, Kent, England. She was the youngest of six children born to John and Maria Castle (nee Farrier). On the 19th Nov 1839 John sailed with his family as servant to the Rev Churton aboard the "Bolton". "She was a slow craft and didn't reach Port Nicholson (Wellington) until 30th April 1840. All the Bolton's passengers were landed at Thorndon beach where the majority of them lived in primitive shanties known as Bolton Row until they could build themselves something more substantial."¹

In February 1857 a licence was granted for Maria Castle aged eighteen and six months to marry John Wilson, mariner, aged 33yrs. They were married at the private residence of the Rev., Harry Grein. in Wellington²

By 1865 Maria was a widow with no children, she married Joshua Clapham (bachelor), 23rd July 1865 at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Sidney St, Wellington.³⁴

In the 1865-66 electoral roll Joshua Clapham's address is Thorndon Quay, Wellington

The first child of this marriage was Joshua in 1866, followed by William Henry, Frank, Francis and then Helen who was born in 1875.

James Upchurch arrived in Wellington on the "Helen Denny" in 1873 at the age of 21 and I can find no trace of him in the electoral rolls during his early years in NZ. How or when James met Maria is unknown and whether Maria had been abandoned by her husband or left him for James is speculation but we do know that James raised the children by Maria's previous marriage and Colin's father Allan told us that Edward didn't realise his brothers had a different father until he was quite old. In fact the boy's did keep their fathers name of Clapham and Colin's father Allan stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham in London when he visited in 1936.

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Joshua Clapham died 12 Dec 1913 aged 89 years in Wellington. On the death certificate the name of his wife is given as Maria Castles, living issue; four males and one female. Maria was now free to marry James which they did in Palmerston North, 9th February 1914 at the registrars office. James gave his age as 60 and Maria as 65

¹ White wings, Sir Henry Brett

² Intentions to marry

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⁴ Christchurch parish index, Christchurch Library

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Maria died of bronchitis/heart failure at Wellington Hospital on 12 June 1918.

James married Sarah Jane Taylor in 1920, and died 27 July 1924 in Wellington.⁶

⁵ Marriage certificate #282

⁶ Death certificates of James & Maria

See the 15 JUN 2002 Cynthia Joan Bateman to RPA which provides details re her Upchurch England -> NZ Avote - ?

I. James m'd 28 JAN 1884 (St Neots, Eng) Rose Wakefield

A. Thomas U B'pt 9 AUG 1886 (St Neots, Eng)

1. Thomas U B'pt 10 MAR 1920 (St Neots, Eng)

A. Thomas U B'pt 29 JUN 1953 (St Neots, Eng)

1. James U B'pt 20 FEB 1984 (St Neots, Eng)

(I) James U, St B'pt 21 SEP 1828 (Hunts. Eng) 1912

(A) James U, St B'pt 26 DEC 1854 (Hunts, Eng)

m'd 9 FEB 1914 (NZ) Maria Castle

= D/O John Castle & Maria Farnes

m'd (NZ) John Wilson, m'd (NZ) Joshua Clapham

(i) Helen Clapham b 1875 (Her father possibly James U b 1854)

(2) Albert Robert U b 1878

(3) Edward U b 1879

= (a) Allen Edward U b 1909

(i) Colin Henry U b 1947

m'd (NZ) Cynthia Joan Bateman

visited London in 1936 & stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham

(II). Caroline U

(III) Lucy U B'pt 1828

(IV) * Betsy U. B'pt 1830 m'd (NZ) William Yeardye

(V) Thomas U b 1823 m'd Mary Ann Cor

(A) James U - 2 dau b 1874-1878 Chelsea

(VI) Joseph U - went to Bluecoat school - GF of Margaret Edna U - cooperaton

in Another James U in also on 1881 Census in Hackney, London on 1881 Census

TO NZ on the BOLTON AS SERVANTS OF REV. CHURTON

NOTE: The 15 JUN 2002 LTR LISTS THE FOLLOWING I CANNOT CONNECT - RPA I. JOHN U M&C) ELIZABETH FEAT A. JAMES U m'd (L) SARAH -- 1. SARAH U BAPT. 25 APR 1847 (EATON SOLON, ENGLAND)

* RESEARCHER = S. WISE

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THIS SHEET IN PACKET 24 MAY 2001

MARGARET BUTLER TO RPU - TO HER FROM CYNTHIA UPCHURCH

PGH



(Page 7 - master outline)

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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

James UPCHURCH

Place All Saints St Johns Huntingdon Eng
 Place 19, Newtown Ave Wellington NZ
 Place Karori cem
 Mother Ann HUTCHCROFT
 Place Palmerston North
 Sarah Jane TAYLOR m. 1920 Wellington

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
 HUS BERTH Death cert James and Maria
 CHR Marriage cert "
 DEATH All Saints Parish Records
 BUR Passenger list nat archives
 F/M James UPCHURCH age 20 carpenter
 M/D arr. Wellington 1873 on the ship
 OTHER WTRD "Helen DeKey"

Maria CASTLE

3 AUG 1838 Place St Meungeham Kent Eng
 Place Wellington hosp
 Place Maria FARRIER family arr. Well. 1840 "Bolton"

W/F
 BIRTH
 CHR
 DEATH
 BUR
 F/M
 M/D
 OTHER
 Compiler Cynthia UPCHURCH
 Address 3 Marsden Ave
 177 Eden
 Date APRIL 2001

John CASTLE Mother Maria FARRIER family arr. Well. 1840 "Bolton"
 1857 John Wilson (w) Joshua CLAPHAM (bac) m. 23.7.1865
 2.13.12.1913

Children child/whether living or dead) in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where Born Town Country	State / Country	Died Day Month Year	Where Died And Where Buried	Married (First Husband or Wife) List other Marriages with Dates in space below		Where Married
						Date	To	
Joshua	1866	Wellington	NZ		D	Date		
William Henry	1868	"	"		B	To		
Frank	1870	"	"		D	Date		
Francis	1872	"	"	1899? 2 PA	B	To		
Helen / Nell	1875	"	"		D	Date	1899	
Robert	1876	CHRISTCHURCH	NZ	6. Feb. 1849	D MARTON NZ Mt View cem	Date 21 Dec 1898	To Helena BOYD	1918 Mary Alice WILSON
Edward	1879	"	"	18. 5. 1987	D Palmerston NH	Date Catherine McLEAN	To 29. JAN. 1902	Wellington
James	1881	"	"	11. APR. 1882	D Christchurch	Date	To	
					B	To		
					D	Date		
					B	To		
					D	Date		
					B	To		
					D	Date		
					B	To		

NZSG * Maria not free to marry James until the death of Joshua Clapham in 1913.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

JSBAND William YEARDYE shoemaker

Birth _____ Place _____
 Chr 1829 Place Huntingdon
 Death _____ Place _____
 Burial John x 1780-1859 Place Sarah GABNA 1786-1836
 Father John x 1780-1859 Mother Sarah GABNA 1786-1836
 Married 5 Dec 1852 Place Huntingdon
 Other Wives _____

IFE Betsy Emma UPCHURCH *pg 10 in Mother's outline*
 Birth _____ Place Huntingdon
 Chr 10 June 1830 Place St Neots
 Death _____ Place _____
 Burial Place
 Father James Mother Sarah
 Other Hus. _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Compiler S.G. Wise
 Address 28, Tiverton Rd.
Loughborough LE11 2R
 Date 1994 LE11 2RY

Sex UF	Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	Born			Where Born		State / Country	Died			Where Died And Where Buried		Married (First Husband or Wife) List other Marriages with Dates in space below		Where Married
		Day	Month	Year	Town	Country		Day	Month	Year			Date		
1	<u>John</u>			<u>1853</u>		<u>Huntingdon</u>	<u>HUM</u>								
2	<u>Emily</u>			<u>1855</u>		"	"	<u>11 Feb 1934</u>					<u>Henry James CLARK*</u>		
3	<u>William</u>			<u>1856</u>		"	"	<u>1859</u>							
4	<u>Harold James</u>			<u>1858</u>		"	"	<u>1859</u>							
5	<u>Albert</u>			<u>1861</u>		"	"								
6	<u>Joseph</u>			<u>1862</u>		"	"								
7	<u>Caroline</u>			<u>1865</u>		"	"								
8	<u>Arthur</u>			<u>1868</u>		"	"	<u>1871</u>							
9	<u>Mary</u>			<u>1871</u>		"	"								
10															
11															
12															

* lived Chiswick, London

UPCHURCH BURIALS
ST NEOTS

	Date	Name		
1	1678 Sept 20	Katherine	daughter of Johnis	
2	1679 Feb 1	Georgis	son of Johnis	ST. NEOTS,
3	1682 Apr 9	Ann	widow	HUNTINGDONSHIRE
4	1682 May 30	Martha	wife of John	ENGLAND
5	1709 Dec 18	John	son of John of Offord	FROM LTR
□ 6	1717 May	John		15 JUN 2002
□ 7	1723 Dec 31	John	son of Thomas	CYNTHIA
8	1725 Jan 13	Mary	spinster	JEAN
? 9	1727 Dec 8	Rose	widow [WIF OF 6?]	BATEMAN
10	1729 Nov 2	John	son of Thomas	TO RPR
□ 11	1730/1 Mar 1	Judith	daughter of Thomas	
? 12	1733 Jun 12	Ann	daughter of Thomas	COPIED FOR
□ 13	1737 Dec 27	Rose	daughter of Thomas	CEMETERY
14	1739 June 1	Ann	spinster	FILE.
15	1744 Feb 27	Elizabeth	daughter of Robert	
16	1745 Apr 7	Mary	daughter of Robert	
17	1747 Dec 24	James	son of Thomas jnr	
□ 18	1748/9 Jan 28	Thomas	Elder, parish clerk	
19	1759 Nov 23	Thomas	son of Gilbert	
20	1760 Dec 25	Catherine	wife of Robert	
21	1762 Dec 2	Robert		
22	1764 May 3	Catherine	wife of Robert	
? 23	1765 Feb 28	Sarah	widow [WIF OF 18?]	
24	1765 Jul 18	Catherine	wife of Gilbert, cordwainer	
□ 25	1769 Aug 23	Elizabeth	wife of Thomas, cordwainer	
26	1769 Nov 22	Elizabeth	daughter of Gilbert	
□ 27	1770 Apr 6	Mary	daughter of Thomas, cordwainer	
28	1774 Feb 16	Thomas	son of Gilbert	
29	1778 Sept 24	Mary	daughter of Gilbert	
□ 30	1779 July 5	Thomas	cordwainer	
□ 31	1783 July 7	John	bachelor	
□ 32	1783 Sept 18	James	cordwainer	
□ 33	1787 Oct 6	John	cordwainer, poor	
□ 34	1791 Jan 27	Sarah	daughter of Thomas	
? 35	1791 Dec 19	Mary	widow [WIF OF 32?]	
36	1793 Apr 26	Robert	poor widower	
37	1804 Jan 25	Gilbert	cordwainer	
38	1820 Feb 6	Elizabeth	aged 81	
□ 39	1823 Jun 27	Thomas	aged 70	
40	1827 Jan 11	Sarah Emily	2 years	
41	1828 Mar 22	John	late sexton of this parish	
42	1828 Nov 23	Joseph	9 months	
43	1829 Dec 6	Thomas	age 4	
44	1846 May 3	James Henry	19 weeks	
45	1848 Nov 17	John	26 yrs	
46	1851 May 4	John	2 yrs	

Transcribed from the St Neots burial fiche which includes BT records.

SON OF James & Maria (Nee Castle)

ALBERT ROBERT UPCHURCH

b

1314

m

1918

d 6 FEBRUARY 1949 PALMERSTON NORTH

bur. MOUNTVIEW CEMETERY MARION

CHILDREN

ERIC JAMES UPCHURCH

M/F 1920
935

b 27 DECEMBER 1919

m 1

d 27 April 1946

d

bur.

NOEL DOUGLAS UPCHURCH

M/F 1920
935

b 27 DECEMBER 1919

m Not MARRIED.

d

bur.

Peter Upchurch

b

1925

8a

2nd

MARY ALICE WILSON

b

d

bur.

1. STELLA MATHER

b

d

bur.

2. JEAN HUNT

b

d

bur.

1. Una Cooper

2. Jessie

Son of Robert & Mary Alice Wilson

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Δ Peter Upchurch

m¹ Δ Una Cooper

b. 1925

m.

d.

bur.

m² Δ Jessie

children

m¹ Δ Sheryl (married Δ Graham)

m² Δ Diane
b.

Δ Linda
b.

children - Δ Crystal
 - Δ Shaun

Not married

Son of ^ARobert & ^MMary Alice Wilson ✓

(10a)

Noel Douglas Upchurch

b. 27 December 1919, Rangitikei

not married.

Sons of ^A Robert and ^A Mary Alice Wilson



▷ Eric James Upchurch

b. 27 December 1919, Rangitikei

m.

d.

bur.

m (1) ^A Stella Mather

m (2) ^A Jean Hunt
m. 27 April 1946

children

▷ m (1) Colleen (married ^A Martin)
b. 1941

▷ m (2) Marilyn
b. 1947
m.

▷ Robert
b. 1949
m.

▷ Gillian
b. 1959

▷ Stan Vallance
children! ^A Shane
▷ Tania - children
▷ - Callan
▷ - Jonty ~~new~~ baby boy

▷ Debbie Walker
children ^A Nathaniel
- Simon

Not married.

Son of [△] James & [□] Maria (nee Castle)

[□] ALBERT ROBERT UPCHURCH

b c 1876

m 21 December 1898 Wellington

d 6 FEBRUARY 1949 Paungeston North

bur Mount View Cemetery, Marton

① HELENA

Boyd

b

d

bur

(ref. BDM, 20, 47, p 713)

CHILDREN

△ ALBERT EDWARD UPCHURCH

2857 b 1899 WELLINGTON

m 1 December 1922 Wanganui

d

bur.

△ Sylvia Neal

△ IDA FLORENCE UPCHURCH (BETTY)

664 b 1903 WELLINGTON

m

d

1977

bur

△ Cameron

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Robert
SON OF ~~ALBERT~~ HELENA

Δ ALBERT EDWARD UPCHURCH
2857 b 1899 WELLINGTON
m 1 December 1922 Wanganui
d 1951
bur Wanganui

Δ SYLVIA LILIAN NEAL
b 21 May 1899 Otahuhu
d 1967
bur Wanganui

CHILDREN

Δ NEIL UPCHURCH
b 11 October 1924 Wanganui
m 18 January 1947 Wanganui
d 11 July 1985
bur. Aramoho, Wanganui

Δ BETH FOWLER children
b 1-2-25
d
bur.
Δ Rodney
Δ Gary
Δ Sandra
Δ Carolyn

Δ JOHN FREDERICK UPCHURCH
b 30-7-30
m
d
bur

Δ LORNA children
b
d
bur.
Δ christine
Δ Bronwyn
Δ Roger
Δ Bruce

Δ BARBARA UPCHURCH
b 17-9-27
m
d
bur.

Δ DENNIS HIGGIE no children.
b
d
bur.
william Δ PAUL O'BRIEN
b 11-3-29 christchurch
d 20-7-95
bur. Aramoho cemetery, Wanganui

Δ DAVID EDWARD UPCHURCH
b 5-2-32
m 20 September 1952
d 6 January 1997
bur. Aramoho, Wanganui

Δ PHYLLIS JEAN BUCKLEY children
b 18 October 1934
d
bur.
Δ Tony
Δ Kevin
Δ Wendy
Δ Trudie

SON OF ALBERT & SYLVIA
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b 11 October 1924 Wanganui
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bur. Aramoho, Wanganui

Δ BETH FOWLER
b 1 February 1925
d
bur.

CHILDREN

Δ RODNEY LEWIS
b 27-5-50
m ① AROBYN 10-4-71
d
bur.

② Δ JANESSA HOOPER 22-1-83

Δ GARY NEIL
b 5-12-47
Δ m Lynette Maxwell 7-3-70
d
bur.

Δ SANDRA CAROLYN
b 30-5-52
Δ m Allan Jones 11-3-72
d
bur.

Δ CAROLYN BARBARA
b 21-1-56
Δ + Δ m ① Ian Porteous 5-11-77 ② Kevin Moriarty 26-1-85
d
bur.

children of ^Δ Gary & ^Δ Lynette



(15)

^Δ Angeia

b. 1 June 1974

^Δ Bevan Keith

b. 15 September 1977

✓
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Children of ^ΔRodney & ^ΔRobyn

^ΔMichelle Elizabeth
b. 4 October 1972

^ΔJason Lewis
b. 27 April 1975.

Child ... of ^ΔRodney & ^ΔVanessa

^ΔHarriet Alexandra
b. 28 March 1985.



Children of Δ Sordra e Δ Aiken

- Δ Nicola Carolyn
b. 13 march 1976

- Δ Kathryn Margaret
b. 16 April 1978

- Δ Kelly Ann
b. 20 December 1981.

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(186)

Children of ^Δ Carolyn & ^Δ Kevin

- Δ Glen Neil
b. 25 August 1987
- Δ Ashleigh Ann
b. 1 March 1990
- Δ Danika Erin
b. 21 February 1992.

(196)

Son of ^ΔAlbert e. ^ΔSylvia

Δ David Edward Upchurch

b. 5 February 1932, Wanganui

m. 20 September 1952

d. 6 January 1997

bur. Aramoho, Wanganui

Δ Phyllis Jean Buckley

b. 18 October 1934

d.

bur.

Children

Δ Tony Edward

b. 20 March 1953

m.

Δ Catherine Smith

Δ Kevin Clifton

b. 12 July 1954

m.

Δ 1 - Karen Pope

Δ 2 - Sharon Henwood

Δ Wendy Fay

b. 27 February 1958

m. 6 May 1978

Δ Stephen Larsen

b. 8 March 1956

Δ Trudie Ann

b. 12 July 1966

m. 18 February 1989

Δ Alan GreerKens

b. 13 November 1961

of David
Edward Upchurch & Phyllis
20 March 1953 Wanganui
March 1981

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Catherine May Smith
b. 23 February 1953
Wanganui

(20)

Children

Δ Sharna Leigh
b. 19 January 1982

Δ Dane Nicholas
b. September 1983

Δ Corby
b. 27 February 1991

CYNTHIA JEAN BATEMAN ✓

David

REC'D
8 JUN 2002

NOTE - Page ① → ④ fully extracted
& info for all name placed
in the English Profile System
see pg ④② & ④③ for copy of
extract sheet - RPL 6 JUL 2002

3, Marsden Ave
Mt Eden
Auckland

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1 June 2002

Dear Cousin Phillip,

I hope you had a pleasant and profitable time in the UK. David Ransome has recently written to me and sent a copy of the draft NZ Upchurch tree which I was very pleased with. I hadn't realised that he had so little information on my husband's line so I have sent copies of the data I sent you earlier on in the year.

WROTE
TO
THEM
JUL
2002

With regards to the placement of the Upchurch Bulletin the NZSOG has just opened a Family Research Centre in Auckland. The centre is now home to a number of the society's resources that had previously been scattered around the country and they may be interested in taking the sets. Their address is 159, Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland, NZ.

I have included with this letter copies of Robert's descendants which were put together by Trudie Geerkins nee Upchurch. We have only recently become aware of each other and she has kindly written up and sent me her research. It is interesting that her side knew Robert as Albert.

I realise that it does seem odd that James and Maria Castle were married in 1914, I should have explained why that happened when I sent Colin's family tree, otherwise it just looks as if I have made an error. I have included James & Maria's history with this letter.

I have sent copies of Trudie's research to David and the following is an extract from the letter I sent him answering a few of his queries:

We believe that James joined his sons in New Zealand about 1886, according to his death cert he had been in NZ for 26yrs when he died in 1912. I couldn't find him in the shipping list at the National Archives as his fare must have been paid privately, which is supported by family oral history on Joseph's side.

I am not sure what year James was born, he was baptised with his sister Lucy, 21 Sept 1828 at Huntingdon. Working from the ages given in the census James' est., DOB. is 1825 (1851 census). From his death cert. est., DOB is 1823 (which I think is too early) there is a five year gap between the baptisms of Thomas in 1823 and James in 1828. I wonder if the parents waited hoping to baptise James at St Neots as they did with his younger sister Betsy in 1830. (I have included a family chart of Betsy Upchurch and her husband William Yeardye researched by S. Wise)

I must admit that I have no real evidence the James in Hackney, 1881 is our James' father other than circumstantial evidence. On the shipping list James jnr gives his place of origin as Middlesex, in 1881 his uncle Joseph, (plumber) is married and living in Hammersmith, London and his aunt Caroline is living with the family. James' cousin, (also James, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Coe) although back in Huntingdon had been in London long enough to have had two daughters born in Chelsea between 1874-78. Not concrete evidence I admit, I should really try and find the family in the 1871 census, London is so huge that I have put it off. I see what you mean about the other James in the 1881 census and it should really be checked out. There is a Sarah Upchurch bapt Eaton Socon 25 April 1847 daughter of James and Sarah Upchurch, is she the daughter of James son of John and Elizabeth (nee Teat)?

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As far as Sarah, James' sister is concerned I have had no luck finding a marriage in the UK vital records and no sign of a death certificate here, I think she will be a hard one to crack but she may show up on the 1871 census if we can find her father James.

Best wishes

Lyndal

DATA Father Bryan Upchurch mother: Kay Simpson.

P.S. DATA Lyndal Kay Upchurch = Chris Jenny

Δ | one child: Felix Bryan Francis
- | b. 10. Mar. 2000 Sydney Aus.

→ (LAST NAME JENNY - RPU ?)

C. Upchurch
3. Marsden Ave
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Auckland
New Zealand

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③

Maria was born 13th August 1838 in Gt Mongeham, Kent, England. She was the youngest of six children born to John and Maria Castle (nee Farrier). On the 19th Nov 1839 John sailed with his family as servant to the Rev Churton aboard the "Bolton". "She was a slow craft and didn't reach Port Nicholson (Wellington) until 30th April 1840. All the Bolton's passengers were landed at Thorndon beach where the majority of them lived in primitive shanties known as Bolton Row until they could build themselves something more substantial."¹

In February 1857 a licence was granted for Maria Castle aged eighteen and six months to marry John Wilson, mariner, aged 33yrs. They were married at the private residence of the Rev., Harry Grein. in Wellington²

By 1865 Maria was a widow with no children, she married Joshua Clapham (bachelor), 23rd July 1865 at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Sidney St, Wellington.³⁴

In the 1865-66 electoral roll Joshua Clapham's address is Thorndon Quay, Wellington

The first child of this marriage was Joshua in 1866, followed by William Henry, Frank, Francis and then Helen who was born in 1875.

James Upchurch arrived in Wellington on the "Helen Denny" in 1873 at the age of 21 and I can find no trace of him in the electoral rolls during his early years in NZ. How or when James met Maria is unknown and whether Maria had been abandoned by her husband or left him for James is speculation but we do know that James raised the children by Maria's previous marriage and Colin's father Allan told us that Edward didn't realise his brothers had a different father until he was quite old. In fact the boy's did keep their fathers name of Clapham and Colin's father Allan stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham in London when he visited in 1936.

I do have a suspicion that Helen Clapham born in 1875 is in fact James' daughter. The reason I think this is two fold; children were often named after the boat a settler had come out on and on James' death cert surviving children are given as two boys and one daughter. There are three known sons of James and Maria; Robert born 1876, Edward born 1879 and James born 1881 but who died the following year. All three children were born in Christchurch, in the South Island of New Zealand but their births were never registered and only James appears to have been baptised.

Joshua Clapham died 12 Dec 1913 aged 89 years in Wellington. On the death certificate the name of his wife is given as Maria Castles, living issue; four males and one female. Maria was now free to marry James which they did in Palmerston North, 9th February 1914 at the registrars office. James gave his age as 60 and Maria as 65

¹ White wings, Sir Henry Brett

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James married Sarah Jane Taylor in 1920, and died 27 July 1924 in Wellington.⁶

⁵ Marriage certificate #282

⁶ Death certificates of James & Maria

See Ltr 15 JUN 2002 Cynthia Jean Baleman to RPA which provides details re her Lynchurch England -> NZ Avote - ?

I. James m'd 28 JAN 1864 (St Neots, Eng) Rose Wakefield

A. Thomas U B'pt 9 AUG 1886 (St Neots, Eng)

1. Thomas U B'pt 10 MAR 1870 (St Neots, Eng)

A. Thomas U B'pt 29 JUN 1853 (St Neots, Eng)

1. James U B'pt 20 FEB 1884 (St Neots, Eng)

(F) James U, St B'pt 21 SEP 1828 (Hunts. Eng) 1912

(A) James U, St B'pt 26 DEC 1854 (Hunts, Eng)

m'd 9 FEB 1914 (NZ) Maria Castle

← D/O John Castle & Maria Farnes

m'd (1st) John Wilson, m'd (2nd) Joshua Clapham

(1) Helen Clapham b 1875 (Her father possibly James U b 1854)

(2) Albert Robert U b 1878

(3) Edward U b 1879

← (a) Allen Edward U b 1909

(i) Colin Henry U b 1947

m'd (1) Cynthia Joan Baleman

in Another James U m'd also on 1881 Census
m'd (1) Ann Hutchcroft
in Hackney, London on 1881 Census
TO NZ on the BOLTON AS SERVANTS OF REV. CHURTON

NOTE: The 15 JUN 2002 LTR LISTS THE FOLLOWING I CANNOT CONNECT - RPA
I. JOHN U m'd (1) ELIZABETH FEAT
A. JAMES U m'd (1) SARAH - -
1. SARAH U BAPT. 25 APR 1847 (EATON SOLOD, ENGLAND)

Visited London in 1936 & stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham

(II). Caroline U

(III) Lucy U B'pt 1828

(IV)* Betsy U B'pt 1830 m'd (1) William Yeardye

(V) Thomas U b 1823 m'd Mary Ann Cor

(A) James U - 2 dau b 1874-1878 Chelsea

(VI) Joseph U - went to Bluecoat School - GF of Margaret Edna U - Cooperator

* RESEARCHER = S. WISE

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A second and more serious issue concerns the date on which James b 1854 named the mother of his two children Robert & Edward. Enclosed are copies of pages ① ⑧ & ⑨ of the updated master outline. This will show you how I have updated the outline using the data you provided [marked ³]. Note on page ① that James b 1854 is shown as having named on 9 FEB 1914 and in 1920. Neither of these dates makes sense in terms of Robert and Edward being born in 1876 and 1879, respectively. Can you resolve this issue for me? At first I thought I had made an error in transcription. However this seems not to be the case [see PGH enclosed].

It is still my desire to publish this outline in the Ypsilandy Bulletin as it illustrates how Ypsilandy families in NZ trace their ancestor back to the same part of England from whence the Anglo-American Ypsilander descended. It is just a matter of finding space in some future issue.

There is another matter on which you might be able to offer some advice. I have made an effort to place a full set of the Ypthurch Bulletin and Englandia in about 20 US libraries where family history is a focus. We now have an arrangement to place a set in Huntingdon, England. Perhaps you are well enough acquainted with family history research sites/libraries in New Zealand to suggest a single place that might welcome the Ypthurch publications and make them available for public use. Any thoughts you have on this matter would be welcomed.

We are excited about our upcoming trip to England. We will see Professor Ransome 4-6 MAY 2002 in the Cambridge-Huntingdon Area and before that will spend several days exploring London taking in sites we missed on earlier trips.

Please give my regards to Colin.

Sincerely yours
Phil Ypthurch
(ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH)

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24/2/02

Dear Cousin Phillip,

Thank you for your letter and the information sheets which I found very interesting. Your theory of a link between the families sounds reasonable given the proximity of the lines and the uncommon nature of the name.

You must be looking forward to your trip to England, I hope it will be a great success Colin and I both enjoyed our stay in 2000. How exciting for you to see a letter that an early ancestor wrote, not many people have such an experience.

Since the early Upchurchs' that we know of seem to be educated I wonder if David knows of any school records that may still be in existence dating to the C17th, or even if any of them went to Cambridge which I believe has records going back prior to the 15th century.

I have checked through the material you sent but could see no errors relating to the line I am researching except that James born 1854 had only two sons, Robert and Edward the other children were from his wife's previous marriage to Joshua Clapham.

While on holiday in Christchurch this summer I found the baptismal and burial record for a third son born to James and Maria: James Upchurch b. 24 Aug 1881. died 11 April 1882. I have included sheets for Colin, his brother Bryan and their Father Allan Edward.

Margaret told me that she had sent you the article I had written on my research and I am quite happy for you to publish it or any other material I send if you wish

Yours Sincerely

New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

JSBAND △ Allan Edward WECCHURCH

Birth 28 July 1909 Place Horton New Zealand

Chr _____ Place _____

Death 23 Dec 1996 Place Auckland N2

Burial △ Edward Place St Andrews Auckland

Father Edward Mother △ Catherine McLEAN

Married 10 Dec 1938 Place All Saints Kiburnie Wellington N2

Other Wives _____

WIFE △ Annie Dulcima Mc KINLEY

Birth 10 Aug 1912 Place Wellington N2

Chr _____ Place _____

Death 2 July 1992 Place LEVIN N2

Burial A Henry Adams McKINLEY Place St Andrews Auckland

Father Henry Adams McKINLEY Mother △ Dorcas Anne SAVAGE

Other Hus. _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Compiler _____

Address _____

Date _____

Sex	Children List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where Born Town Country	State / Country	Died Day Month Year	Where Died And Where Buried		Married (First Husband or Wife) List other Marriages with Dates in space below		Where Married
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M	<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan	6 Oct 1940	Wellington	N2	8 MAR 1991	D Wellington	B Lower Hutt	Date <input type="checkbox"/>	To <input type="checkbox"/> Kay Simpson	Wellington
M	<input type="checkbox"/> Colin Henry	21 Aug 1947	Auckland	N2		D	B	Date <input type="checkbox"/>	To <input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Bateman	Auckland
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

SBAND Bryan Allan UPCHURCH
 Birth 6 Oct 1940 Place Wellington NZ
 Death 8 Mar 1991 Place Wellington
 Burial Lower Hutt
 Father Allan Edward Mother Annie Dulcinea MCKINLEY
 Married Place
 Other Wives _____
WIFE Kay Louise SIMPSON
 Birth _____ Place _____
 Death _____ Place _____
 Burial Place
 Father George Mother Dulcie SIMPSON nee ?
 Other Hus. _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Compiler C Upchurch
 Address _____
 Date 2002

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1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyndal Kay	17 Oct 1967	Wellington	NZ		D B	Date To	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Jenny Sheffield Eng	
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan William	12 Jan 1970	Wellington	NZ		D B	Date To	22 Dec 2002 Stokes Valley Angeline NZ.	
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

JSBAND ^A Colin Henry UPCHURCH

Birth 21. aug. 1947 Place Auckland New Zealand

Chr _____ Place _____

Death _____ Place _____

Burial Place

Father Allan Edward Mother Annie Dulcima Mc Kinley

Married 21. Feb. 1975 Place Auckland

Other Wives _____

WIFE ^A Cynthia Jean BATEMAN

Birth 8 April 1952 Place Reading England

Chr. _____ Place _____

Death _____ Place _____

Burial Place

Father Harold Alfred BATEMAN Mother Ruby ASK

Other Hus. _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Birth cert

marr cert

Compiler C. Upchurch

Address 3 Marsden Ave
Mt Eden

Date Feb 2002

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M	¹ Nigel Colin	26. 4. 1980	Auckland	NZ			D	Date	
							B	To	
F	² Shelley Ann	10. Jan. 1983	"	NZ			D	Date	
							B	To	
							D	Date	
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FAMILY GROUP SHEET

MSBAND Edward UPCHURCH
 Birth 1879 Place Christchurch N2
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Death 18 Jan 1957 Place Palmerston North N2
 Burial _____ Place _____
 Father James Mother Maria CASTLE
 Married 29 Jan 1902 Place Wellington 49 Wallace St
 Other Wives _____
 WIFE Catherine McLEAN (Kate)
 Birth 29 Sept 1879 Place Wellington
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Death 18 Jan 1963 Place Wellington
 Burial Donald Place Mary PORTER
 Father _____ Mother _____
 Other Hus. _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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M 1	△ Fraser Libra	19	Oct	1902			NZ	April	1972			Date	Feb 1925	To	△ Jenny McArthur	
F 2	△ Edna	26	Dec	1906				April	1907			Date		To		
F 3	△ Enid Kate	15	Apr	1908								Date	June 1938	To	△ David Rae	
M 4	△ Allan Edward	28	Jul	1909	Marion		NZ	23	Dec	1996	Auckland	D	10 Dec 1938	To	△ Annie McKINLEY	St Marks
M 5	△ Ian	26	Jan	1911				18	April	2001	Australia	D	1952	To	△ Doreen Arnold	Wellington
M 6	△ Edward Graham	17	Feb	1914				3	April	2001	Palmerston Nth	D	June 1938	To	△ Doris Plummeridge	
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26 JAN 2002

MRS C. UPCHURCH
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MT EDEN
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NEW ZEALAND

Dear Cousin Cynthia,

Cousin Margaret Butler has kindly provided me with your address. She and Professor David Ransome, whom you met in England, have somewhat kept me informed about your interest in the English roots of your husband's Upchurch family. Margaret also sent me a copy of your three page document "From Huntingdon to New Zealand"

It seems clear that Colin's English ancestors and mine lived in Huntingdonshire in the 1600's and there is a great probability that these two sets of ancestors descend from a single Upchurch male who probably lived in Huntingdonshire in the early 1600's or perhaps the 1500's. If true this would make

me a documented cousin of Colin and of Margaret.
 The cousin relationship would be something like 12th or 13th or? - possibly several times removed. I am a 9th Generation descendant of Michael Upchurch, I. who is the ancestor of 99.9% of the American Anglo Upchurches. He was born in Huntingdonshire in the 1620's and came to America about 1638.

Enclosed are flyers on my Upchurch publications. I have now identified and published on over 50,000 members of the American Upchurch Family. In a way you and I have already been cooperating. I am writing in hope we can cooperate even more in the future. I will welcome any ideas you have on how we might help each other.

Enclosed is a copy of a 12-Page Master Outline of the Family of John U. Bur MA 1717 (England). This is based on work done by you and Margaret and supplied to me by Margaret. I sent this to her for review and she returned it to me 17 DEC 2001 with her corrections. These have

been entered and marked ". I got other
inputs from your 3-Page document mentioned
above and have entered them marked "²
To make the outline easier to follow I
have highlighted descendants of Thomas U
Boyd 29 JUN 1753 as follows: Children - yellow,
Grandchildren - blue, Greatgrandchildren - red.

I would like to publish this master
outline in a future issue of the Upskurd
Bulletin and Margaret has given permission
for this and I believe she has also obtained
your permission as well. Can you confirm
that you are agreeable to my publishing
this document? Could I publish your 3-Page
document as well?

I would welcome any corrections or
additions you would be willing to share
regarding the master outline. If you are
willing to make the input on your husbands
father and on you and Colin and your children
this would help complete the story.

Several Upskurd relatives were very active
in working on our Upskurd ancestry in

the 1950's and beyond. Two Upchurch books resulted. In about 1975 I took up where they left off. These early researchers learned that Michael U, I sent letters back to England in the 1650's and they traveled to England to explore this matter. Without expressing too much unhappiness at the work these earlier researchers did (much of which was very good) I must report they published two major items in error. One major error was in adopting without reasonable proof an ancestral line for Michael U, I that goes back several generations into the 1400's. This information has been spread around as if it were fact. With Professor Ransom's help we have been able to establish that the father of Michael U, I was probably Richard U but even that presumption requires one to carefully consider the results of several investigations. These days few people have the patience / time / willingness to consider the substance of such investigations.

The second major error was in assuming

that Michael U, I lived with the FERRAR family at Little Gidding. This happened because Michael U, I requested that one of his letters be delivered to Virginia Ferrar at Little Gidding. Although this Little Gidding connection is valid and important for us we learned in the 1990's that Michael U, I lived at Brinton as did presumably his parents. Still Brinton, Little Gidding and your St Neots are not that distant from each other.

In 1989 my wife, SALLAINE, and I visited Cambridge University and left my business card at the Gatehouse. Prof. Ransome later discovered this and wrote to me. He was researching the FERRAR papers. He is not a genealogist but has all the skills required and soon agreed to work as a consultant/researcher for us. We have since published 17 of his reports and more are to come - all on our Uphurch English roots.

Sallaine and I are now planning to be in England 26 APR-10 MAY 2002. This will include a coach tour of Scotland and several days with Prof Ransome in the area of

Cambridgeshire/Huntingdonshire. He has promised to arrange for us to see the actual letters Michael U, I sent back to England in the 1650's. They are preserved in Cambridge University.

I am sorry this epistle has become so long but there are so many things I would like to share with you I am like a pot boiling over. I'll be glad to settle into a more reasonable stance and in the future interact with you on matters that you see as mutual interests.

I would certainly welcome any questions you have and will try to do my best. Unfortunately, I do not have EMAIL - maybe someday.

With All Best Wishes to you and Celia

Sincerely yours



Phil Upchurch

{ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH}

cc Margaret Butler

CYNTHIA JEAN BATEMAN

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u to RPU ☐

Re: Stoke Newington, MDX - UPCHURCH 1840

Posted by: Cynthia Upchurch ↑

Date: April 06, 2001 at
17:40:50

In Reply to: Stoke Newington, MDX - UPCHURCH 1840s by Sue
Norris

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I was interested in your posting as my Upchurch line has disappeared from Huntingdon in the 1871 census. In the immigration records James Upchurch says he comes from Middlesex but no further details. This has made me wonder if the family had moved south to be with relatives. Just one thing though, on my maps Stoke Newington is in North London on a major road that runs to Cambridge and Huntingdon, not in Kent which is south of the Thames. Is there another Stoke Newington?

[NOTE: This appears to be the CYNTHIA u who
lives in New Zealand and whose ancestor
came from Huntingdonshire England and whom
Professor David Ransome met while she was on
a family history trip to England. I will pursue
more at a later date. - RPU 7 JUL 2001]

GROSS REFERENCE : ENGLAND FILE

CYNTHIA JEAN BATEMAN

○ See Ltr 15 JUN 2002 Cynthia Jean Bateman d RPA which provides details re her Upchurch England → NZ. Avote - ?

I. James m d 28 JAN 1884 (St Neots, Eng) Rose Wakefield

A. Thomas u BAPT 9 AUG 1886 (St Neots, Eng)

1. Thomas u BAPT 10 MAR 1920 (St Neots, Eng)

A. Thomas u BAPT 29 JUN 1953 (St Neots, Eng)

1. James u BAPT 20 FEB 1984 (St Neots, Eng)

(I) James u, St BAPT 21 SEP 1828 (Hunts, Eng) 1912 d

(A) James u, St BAPT 26 DEC 1854 (Hunts, Eng)

m d 9 FEB 1914 (NZ) Maria Castle

← D/o John Castle & Maria Faries

m d (m) John Wilson, m d (m) Joshua Clapham

(1) Helen Clapham b 1875 (Her father possibly James u b 1854)

(2) Albert Robert u b 1876

(3) Edward u b 1879

← (a) Allen Edward u b 1909

(i) Colin Henry u b 1947

m d (l) Cynthia Jean Bateman

in Another James u m m d (l) Ann also on Hutchcroft 1881 on Hackney, London Census on 1881 Census

TO NZ on the BOLTON AS SERVANTS OF REV. CHURTON

Visited London in 1936 & stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham

NOTE: The 15 JUN 2002

LTR LISTS THE FOLLOWING I CANNOT CONNECT - RPA

I. JOHN u m d (l)

ELIZABETH

TEAT

A. JAMES u

m d (l) SARAH - -

1. SARAH u BAPT.

25 APR 1897

(EATON SOLOM, ENGLAND)

(II). Caroline u

(III) Lucy u BAPT 1828

(IV) * Betsy u BAPT 1830 m d (l) William Yeardye

(V) Thomas u b 1823 m d Mary Ann Cole

(A) James u - 2 dau b 1874-1878 Chelsea

(VI) Joseph u - went to Bluecoat School - GF of Margaret Edna u - cooperates

* RESEARCHER = S. WISE

We believe that James joined his sons in New Zealand about 1886, according to his death cert he had been in NZ for 26yrs when he died in 1912. I couldn't find him in the shipping list at the National Archives as his fare must have been paid privately, which is supported by family oral history on Joseph's side.

I am not sure what year James was born, he was baptised with his sister Lucy, 21 Sept 1828 at Huntingdon. Working from the ages given in the census James' est., DOB. is 1825 (1851 census). From his death cert. est., DOB is 1823 (which I think is too early) there is a five year gap between the baptisms of Thomas in 1823 and James in 1828. I wonder if the parents waited hoping to baptise James at St Neots as they did with his younger sister Betsy in 1830. (I have included a family chart of Betsy Upchurch and her husband William Yeardye researched by S. Wise)

I must admit that I have no real evidence the James in Hackney, 1881 is our James' father other than circumstantial evidence. On the shipping list James jnr gives his place of origin as Middlesex, in 1881 his uncle Joseph, (plumber) is married and living in Hammersmith, London and his aunt Caroline is living with the family. James' cousin, (also James, son of Thomas & Mary Ann Coe) although back in Huntingdon had been in London long enough to have had two daughters born in Chelsea between 1874-78. Not concrete evidence I admit, I should really try and find the family in the 1871 census, London is so huge that I have put it off. I see what you mean about the other James in the 1881 census and it should really be checked out. There is a Sarah Upchurch bapt Eaton Socon 25 April 1847 daughter of James and Sarah Upchurch, is she the daughter of James son of John and Elizabeth (nee Teat)?

I haven't found a death record for James' mother Ann Upchurch (Hutchcroft) in Huntingdon, but there is a Ann Upchurch who died Greenwich, age 69 Sept Qtr 1879. 1d 483. Ann was born in 1816 not 1810 but as she has never given her correct age as far as I can see I don't think that is an issue. Margaret has told me that her grandfather, Joseph went to a Bluecoat School, there is one in Greenwich which is another reason I think she will prove to be James snr's wife.

Maria was born 13th August 1838 in Gt Mongeham, Kent, England. She was the youngest of six children born to John and Maria Castle (nee Farrier). On the 19th Nov 1839 John sailed with his family as servant to the Rev Churton aboard the "Bolton". "She was a slow craft and didn't reach Port Nicholson (Wellington) until 30th April 1840. All the Bolton's passengers were landed at Thorndon beach where the majority of them lived in primitive shanties known as Bolton Row until they could build themselves something more substantial."¹

In February 1857 a licence was granted for Maria Castle aged eighteen and six months to marry John Wilson, mariner, aged 33yrs. They were married at the private residence of the Rev., Harry Grein. in Wellington²

By 1865 Maria was a widow with no children, she married Joshua Clapham (bachelor), 23rd July 1865 at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Sidney St, Wellington.³⁴

In the 1865-66 electoral roll Joshua Clapham's address is Thorndon Quay, Wellington. The first child of this marriage was Joshua in 1866, followed by William Henry, Frank. Francis and then Helen who was born in 1875.

James Upchurch arrived in Wellington on the "Helen Denny" in 1873 at the age of 21 and I can find no trace of him in the electoral rolls during his early years in NZ. How or when James met Maria is unknown and whether Maria had been abandoned by her husband or left him for James is speculation but we do know that James raised the children by Maria's previous marriage and Colin's father Allan told us that Edward didn't realise his brothers had a different father until he was quite old. In fact the boy's did keep their fathers name of Clapham and Colin's father Allan stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham in London when he visited in 1936.

I do have a suspicion that Helen Clapham born in 1875 is in fact James' daughter. The reason I think this is two fold; children were often named after the boat a settler had come out on and on James' death cert surviving children are given as two boys and one daughter. There are three known sons of James and Maria; Robert born 1876, Edward born 1879 and James born 1881 but who died the following year. All three children were born in Christchurch, in the South Island of New Zealand but their births were never registered and only James appears to have been baptised.

Joshua Clapham died 12 Dec 1913 aged 89 years in Wellington. On the death certificate the name of his wife is given as Maria Castles, living issue; four males and one female. Maria was now free to marry James which they did in Palmerston North, 9th February 1914 at the registrars office. James gave his age as 60 and Maria as 65 (only 11 yrs out). James gives his status as a bachelor and Maria as a widow. The marriage was witnessed by A Clapham and F Clapham.⁵

Maria died of bronchitis/heart failure at Wellington Hospital on 12 June 1918.

James married Sarah Jane Taylor in 1920, and died 27 July 1924 in Wellington.⁶