

① Martha Louise U (b 2 MAR 1897 in Fairburn, GA) m 19 SEP 1925 Charles Wharton Tidd (b 15 FEB 1903 at Round Mountain, TX)
See p 83, 84 in (28) - not indexed. She now lives in San Francisco, CA. She is dau of Willie Gay U (b 11 MAY 1871 in Ashland AL - d 27 DEC 1945 in Atlanta, GA), gd of Jethro Wilson U, ~~ggd of Jethro Wilson U & Thomas Gay U~~ who was born in NC in 1797. ~~(28)~~
Their children:

1. Charles Wharton Tidd, Jr (b 14 JAN 1939 in Los Angeles CA. (28)

② See Ltr 11 DEC 1979 Belle West to RPU

"In your letter you gave credit for many who have collected collectively, and I feel that Martha Upchurch Tidd deserves mention. (Please note my book about her). She died just after my book was published. Her husband wrote me that she read it during the last months of her life."

③ See Ltr 10 JUL 1980 Elva Eva Burkhalter to RPU

Pg 2 & 3 "Charity U has to be the dau of Charles Upchurch. I believe Martha Tidd knew Charity was dau of Charles and that is why she would not accept Charles as her ancestor. This is my reasoning and please keep it to yourself."

④ See Elva Belle Jenter - Notes of RPU 23 FEB 1980 Visit

Elva met Martha Fay U only once - they had breakfast in Atlanta, GA. & spent the day together

⑤ See Pg 23 AUG 1981 Florence Rosina Upchurch to RPU

"I recall my father [Edward Franklin U], father of Martha Fay U and I believe she visited with him when we were living in Phelps, NY near Rochester, NY. Her mother was my father's parents' sister-in-law."

⑥ See Ltr 18 DEC 1981 to RPU from Robert Claud U Jr.

In this ltr he encloses a letter from Martha Lucy U to Mrs Crabtree, a friend of the mother of Robert Claud U Jr. This letter dated 16 APR 1963 reveals that Martha Lucy U & her parents lived in Atlanta GA during the period 1907-1913.

Rec'd by RPU from
Augusta Lee U in her
let 1 MAY 1982

1400 Geary Boulevard, Apt. 7 P
San Francisco, Calif. 94109
13 February 1970

Dear Ken,
Your nice letter arrived this morning for which I thank you very much. I am hastening to answer it before you send this information to some one else as it is all wrong.

Thomas Gay Upchurch was born in Wake County, N.C. on the 28th of November 1797. He died 4 miles west of Ashland Alabama in 1885 on the 23rd of June. He married Patience Barnes (daughter of Jethro Barnes) on the 6th of January, 1825. Patience was born in 1806 in North Carolina and died in Alabama in 1883. (I have a copy of this record, they were married in Henry County, Georgia.)

Their children were:

Thomas Gay Jr.	b. 1827	Georgia
Willis J.	b. 1826	"
Jethro Wilson (Pony)	b. 1831, 9 July	"
William	b. 1830	"
Martha	b. 1833	"
Rhoda	b. 1835	" Married a Barnes
Mary E.	b. 1837	" Hillary Hand
John C.	b. 1839	"
Joseph E	b. 1841	" Callic Russell
Margaret J	b. 1844	" a Bonner

TGU went from N.C. to Greene County Georgia before 1821. How early he went there I have not been able to find out. In 1821 in a land lottery he drew a Land Lot in Henry County Georgia. Later the section in Henry County in which he lived was annexed to Fayette County. Between 1840 and 1850 he moved to Carroll County Georgia after selling 500 acres in Fayette and 262 in Fayette which was the Land Lot. He was a Justice of Peace in Carroll and also had a farm. Later he moved to Clay County Alabama where he died.

Jethro Wilson Upchurch was born in Georgia 9 July 1831 and died there 27 March 1896. He married Rosina Morgan (daughter of Dr. Willis Morgan of Palmetto Georgia. She was born 11 June 1840 and died 16 May 1915.

Their children were:

John	b. 1861, Jan. 6	Georgia	d. 23 March 1933
Mollie	b. 1862	"	d. 1924
Joseph Alonzo	b. 1866, Feb. 3	"	d. 13 April 1932
Walter William	b. 1868,	"	d. 1958 in Texas
Willis Gay	b. 1871, May 11	Alabama	d. 1945 Dec. 27
Edward Franklin	b. 1873	"	d. 1958 in New York
Thomas	b. 1875	"	
Robert	b. 1878	"	

Thomas Gay was my great-grandfather. Jethro Wilson was my grandfather. Willis Gay was my father. I have the proof of the above. As you can see both men named a son William which led me to consider William as the father of Thomas Gay. TGU's first son was named for him; his second son, I do not know for whom; the third was for Patience's father Jethro Barnes; and if my thoughts are correct the fourth for TGU's father. My father was named Willis for his maternal grandfather and Gay for his paternal grandfather. William died in 1887 and it seems like his sons William and Abel moved to Wake County shortly after his death. Mrs. Huggins is going over everything that she can find in Wake County on William, even to reading the court minutes. Will let you know when I hear from her.

[NOTE: Here Mrs. Tied is trying to tie her line into WILLIAM IV of Wilkes Co, NC - Actually it goes back to Charles U - RPU]

I wonder where Mrs. Yeats got her information. I certainly have never heard of a Willis Gay Upchurch born in Henry County, Ga. in 1821. I think if there had been such a person he could not have married Patience Barnes as she was not born until 1806 and married TGU in 1825.

This seems to me something that has been passed on by word of mouth and has been changed from time to time. Did I ever tell you that I wasted five years and much money on the Tidds. A great aunt wrote that I would never find anything on the Tidds as they were Tories and went to Canada during the Revolution. When they wanted to return to the United States they took the maternal name of Tidd and that their real name was Somers. I struggled with this until one time in the Library in New York I found that Tidds, many of them had lived in New York. So after reading a great deal I discovered that they had lived at Van Cortland Manor. After Mr. Van Cortland died and the manor was divided between his sons. One was named Stephen and his section became Stephenville. After the battle of Tripoli the name was changed to Somers in honor of Admiral Somers. Many of the Tidds lived at Somers (there are living there to this date.) So in the course of a hundred years the place name was ~~xxxxxxx~~ substituted for the family in the minds of some. It made a good story, but it surely caused me a lot of trouble. I have been leary since then to accept anything that I cannot prove.

Please do not think that I do not appreciate all that you are doing, but it is just too wrong in many places. For instance, the names of the children she gave for Willis Gay Upchurch born in 1821 are the same as those that belonged to TGU. The one she gives as "Pony" was my grandfather Jethro Wilson b. in 1831 and Pony was his nickname. It was TGU's daughters who married Hand, Bonner, and Barnes. → JETHRO WILSON

My grand father died several years before I was born, but I knew my grandmother. My grandfather was in the Civil War and while he was away she stayed with her parents in Georgia. After the war the family went back to Alabama. When Dr. Morgan died she inherited the old plantation, and the family moved back to Georgia. My grand mother was a perfect Scarlet O'Hara: her biscuits would sink a battle ship; she was a terrible house keeper; during the war she took care of the slaves; doctored them; set bones; bossed them; was not afraid of the devil and was quite a character. Unfortunately I had not become interested in a family tree before she died. When Aunt Mollie, b. 1862 was a baby she drove with a black man and woman from ~~XXXXXX~~ Georgia to South Carolina to see my grand father. I have heard her tell many times how much all of the men enjoyed the baby.

I know Mrs. Huggins is working on the family as Belle met her recently when they were both reading court minutes. I shall send you any thing that she sends to me.

I hope all that Eloise is doing will not be too much for her. Please remember me to her. Thank you again Ken; but I felt you would want these things pointed out. I wonder if Mrs. Yeats could find the old Upchurch Bible.

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I think I have found the answers to some of her story.

TGU had a son Willis J. who was born in Henry County in 1826 who died in Ashland, Ala. the 28th of November 1910. (This is the same date of death that she gives for Willis Gay.) He is on the census for 1860 in Bowden ^{Mabry} Village, Carroll County Georgia. He was 33 and his wife Sarah age 38. Their children were Catherine, William, Jane, Charles, John, and another son who was born in 1860 named Joe Cephus. Willis J. Upchurch was a member of the 8th Regt. Ga. State Troops Co. I. He was a private. There is no record of his unit after 11 July 1864 as the files were destroyed by fire at Milledgeville by Sherman. His wife Sarah evidently died sometime between 1860 and 1863. He left for the war in 1863 leaving his children with mother and

□□ and father, Patience and TGU. After returning from the war he married
△ M.A. Whitehead Hutchins the 6th of September 1865, and moved to Clay County
□□□□□ Alabama. Their children were Will, Victoria, Georgia, Bob, Willborn, Love,
□□ Emma, and Mittie. ~~XX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

— Sorry this is so long, but it worried me and I kept searching for
— something concrete. I had run into the Gay and J being mistaken for the
— other so when I found the Willis J I thought I was on the right track.

Until next time, Fondly,

Martha

MARTHA LOUISE U

(6) XID-2106

- ① "Not enough thanks can be given to Martha (Upchurch) Todd (Mrs C.W.) of San Francisco, Cal. (formerly of Atlanta, Ga) for her untiring efforts toward solving the parentage of our progenitor, Michael Upchurch, who came into Virginia about 1649-50 from England. She, personally searched records in many counties in England where the name Upchurch and variants are to be found, particularly in Essex, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Kent and Suffolk. Having learned in records in the Virginia State Library that a letter from Michael Upchurch written to Miss Virginia Ferras at Little Gidding, Huntingdon County, England, could be found among the Ferras Papers in the library of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Mrs Todd journeyed to Cambridge to try to find the original letter. The library was closed for the summer but she contacted the librarian and he graciously opened the library to search for the letter. ^{They failed to find the letter} they were looking for, but did find an original letter from Michael Upchurch to his father, dated 4 MAY 1652, which was directed to the care of Mr John Ferras at Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire, England" (28, Pg 142).

MARTHA LOUISE U

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① Martha Louise U b 2 MAR 1897 Fairburn, GA d 22 JAN 1973 San Francisco, CA and 19 SEP 1925 Charles Wharton Tidd b Round Mountain, TX. Martha graduated from Smith College of Northampton, MA. Charles has degree of BS, MS and MD from Northwestern Univ. Martha and Dr Tidd have one son.

Martha is dau of Willie Gay U, gd of Jethro Wilson U, ggd of Thomas Gay U sr, & gggd of Charles U (29, Pg 63).

MARTHA ~~THOMAS~~ LUCY UPCHURCH

(8)

XID-2106

1 November 1960.

B3

→ BEN LANE U, SR

Dear Ben;

Enclosed is a summary on Charles Upchurch and one on Eaton. Please look carefully at the one on Charles. You will see that in 1788 Richard Upchurch and Thomas Gay witnessed a deed. I wonder if these two men were the father-in-law and the father. I know that Richard was Charles father. As I send copies of the summaries they will give all of the information. The best bet I think is that Thomas Gay was the father-in-law or the brother-in-law. This is why I suggested that you try to find Gay wills while in N.C. I do wish I had had time to copy all of the summaries before you go

→ ALICE GRAY

I am afraid I have upset Mrs. Fred Upchurch in Texas. I do not believe that her Thomas Gay was the son of Gay Upchurch and Patience Barnes. Her Thomas Gay was born in 1847 and Gay's son Thomas Gay was born in 1827. Her Thomas Gay went to Louisiana and Gay's son went to Maryland. He took the Oath of Allegiance there and stayed there after the war.

I will send the summaries of Gay and Keaton next, then of Richard, Charles' father. I hope that these reach you before you go on your trip.

As ever,

Mattie Lou.

P.S. When I went to College at Smith in Massachusetts I used my real name "Martha" and have used it since. My name is Martha Lucy, but my family always called me Mattie Lou. Only the people in Georgia still use that name.

FROM PACKET REC'D
FROM BEN LANE U SR
BY RPU 22 MAY 1980

Δ FOR
THOMAS
GAY U JR
XID-2082

19 October 1960.

→ BEN LANE U, SR

Dear Ben:

I received a letter from Belle West yesterday, and find that she has checked the things in Franklin Co. The one that we thought was a settlement to yhe heirs of Benjamin Upchurch was an error in the Index in Raleigh. It was for a Berry Upchurch probably Littleberry.

My suggestion now is that you look up all of the Gay and Barnes Wills in Wake Co. to see if any of them left anything to Charles Upchurch and his wife, or any other Upchurch. I am convinced that the Gay family enters in somewhere. It may be through one of these wills that we will find the answer to the parentage of Gay.

From 1806 on Eaton shows in Franklin Co. but never in Wake. Keaton joined him in 1811.

Charles was in Wake and in the same section were three Gay families. Charles moved from Wake to Franklin between 1790 and 1800, as he shows on the 1790 Census in Wake and the 1800 in Franklin. He never shows on a tax list in Franklin from 1806 to 1817. He also shows on the 1810 Census in Franklin.

In 1806 he was sued for 24 pounds and made over all possessions to John Williams and William Harrison. The oath was by Richard Upchurch.

Any thing that you can find in Wake will certainly be helpful. I have tried everything that I know except the wills of the Gays and Barnes. I have the will of Thomas Gay of 1784, but I do not have any of the Barnes Wills. I wish that I could be more specific but I know of nothing else to suggest.

Sincerely,

Mattie Lou.

From Pocket obtained
22 MAY 1980 by R. PH
from Ben Lane U Sr.

Δ FOR
THOMAS
GAY

Δ FOR
CHARLES
U

MARTHA LUCY U

(10)

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17 October 1960
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

→ BEN LANE U SR

Dear Ben:

→ ALICE GRAY

After all this time it was quite a surprise to receive a letter from you this morning. Mrs. Fred Upchurch also sent me some information and the enclosed letter which she asked that I send on to you. Since 1958 I have found out quite a lot including some interesting things from England. I was in Georgia for a week last December, and spent every day either in Henry or Fayette Counties or in the Archives.

△ FOR THOMAS GAY U, SR
The question of a Gay #1 and #2 was a misreading of the Census on microfilm at the Archives. My brother had read it 1820 instead of 1830. Henry was not a county in 1820.

As you will see from the enclosed, I have followed through on many of the men. If you can get to Louisburg, perhaps you could find the settlement of the estate of Benjamin in 1842. Only by a process of elimination do I think that we shall find the parents of Eaton, Keaton and Gay. Everything points to them being brothers.

△ FOR CHARLES U
Charles was surely a poor business man. he received land in N.C. either 2 or 300 acres, but in two years had only 70 acres left. In 1806 in Franklin Co he was bankrupt and being sued. Richard Upchurch went his bond. Then he received two grants in Georgia but sold the land in Monroe Co within a couple of years. I read court minutes in Henry Co. trying to find something about him, but he was never mentioned. I visited the old Cemetery but found no stones with names back that far. The old Church records go back only to 1888. I know he died in 1842, but have been unable to secure from the General Services administration in Washington who was paid for the funeral expenses and exactly when he died.

If you can find anything on Benjamin, Jubal, and James such as settlements of estates you might be able to find Gay. I had thought at one time he might have been the son of Richard Jr. but when I got the settlement of his estate I found that he was not. Jubal was another who at one time owned a great deal in 1822, 2165 acres and 500 for Nancy. In 1827 he had to sign over 1850 acres, all of his household goods, negroes and cattle to William Harrison and others. △ FOR JUBAL U & WM HARRISON

I have had a genealogist, Mrs. Huggins working in N.C. and I think I have everything from the Archives there. Belle West whose mother was an Upchurch has also covered the ground. It is only when I have to get things from the courthouses that I have trouble. I also have a Mrs. Fisher in Decatur working on the family. She has found practically nothing that I did not have. I have just asked her to call on Mrs. Ella Burgdorff, a ggeat grand daughter of Britain Upchurch to see if she might know any thing that would help, also Mrs. Lucy Jackson in Locust Grove who is descended from Clairbon.

△ I have made summaries of all of the Upchurch men beginning with Michael, except for a couple of gaps. I am going to copy them for Mrs. Upchurch in Texas so will make an extra copy for you.

I imagine your family keeps you busy. Give my love to Sallie and Helen. Please do not wait so long to write again.

Sincerely,

Mattie Lane
Martha

Mrs Burgdorff is at
the Alamo House
Fulton Co.

MARTHA LUCY U

(11)

County Seat Wake County N.C. Raleigh

County Seat Franklin County N.C. Harrisburg

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
February 19, 1958

B16

Mr. Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr.
109 Winbourn Terrace
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Ben,

Since you so kindly sent me the information on the UPCHURCH family which you had collected, I have continued along that line. I am enclosing a copy of what I have found to date. There are several gaps which I hope you can help out with as the main gap is in Georgia.

The confusion is with the name Gay. Gay #1 was 30-40 years old in the 1820 Census in Henry Co. Gay #2 was born in N.C., 28 November 1797, and married Patience Barnes 6 January 1825. I have been unable to find out who the father of Gay #2 was. Was Gay #2 the youngest son of Charles who would have been 42 at the time of his birth. If so, who was the father of Gay #1. Could you and would you look up old wills to see if you can come up with something? I am enclosing a copy of all Land Grants in Georgia to those by the name of Upchurch.

When I was in England last summer I found the letter Michael wrote to his father. I was looking for one that he wrote to Virginia Ferrer, but could not find it. One THOMAS UPCHURCH, was matriculated in Cambridge University as a sizar of Christ's College in 1587. This could have been Michael's grandfather. However at this point I am back only to Little Gidding and Michael's father.

At Cambridge I learned that the names UPCHER, UPSHARE, UPSHER, UPSHERE and UPCHURCH seem to have come from the same source. Only to-day I learned that Michael #1 was known as both UPCHURCH and UPSHURE.

Also in going over wills will you try to find out who Charles's wife was. The name of Gay and Thomas Gay seems to come from the Thomas Gay family in Franklin Co. N.C. You will note that Moses sold land to Thomas Gay in 1803 and Charles acted as witness.

Please let me hear from you, and I do hope you can find time to try to find some information on the Gays, #s land 2.

Sincerely,

Mattie Ann Upchurch Tidd
Mrs. Charles W. Tidd

Give my love to Sallie & Helen, please.

MARTHA LUCY U

(12) XID-2106

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This is to RPU in the 13 DEC 1968
Ruth Upchurch Church to
RPU

Mrs Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
31 October 1960.

[MRS JAMES FREDERICK U nee ALICE RAY BROWN
GRA]

Dear Mrs. Upchurch:

Finally the mystery is solved - we have been writing about two different Thomas Gays. Evidently your Thomas Gay is not the son of Gay Upchurch and Patience Barnes. I am so very sorry to throw a monkey wrench in to your work, but you can see that your Thomas Gay was born in 1847 and Gay's and Patience's last child a girl was born in 1844. Thomas Gay the son of Gay and Patience was born in 1827. This will explain Uncle Ed's statement that, "uncle Thomas Gay took the oath of allegiance in Maryland and lived there after the war". I am sending you a complete summary on Gay Upchurch. Did I send you a copy of his obituary written by a friend? If not I will do so. *I am enclosing it.*

I have done summaries like this on each of the Upchurch men that I have been able to follow through, beginning with Michael who came here in 1650. I also have many on the men in England, but at this point have not been able to pinpoint the father of Michael. I will send copies as soon as I can copy them of the ones in the U.S., and if I ever get the English part straightened out I will send summaries of those.

I do wonder who was the father of your Thomas Gay. Perhaps if we can get the Carroll Co census of all of the Upchurches for 1850 we might find the father. No, I just looked up the census for Carroll for 1850 and although there are some with young children I could not find one to fit your Thomas Gay.

If Gay was the son of Charles I believe I can see the reason for not continuing the name. Apparently Charles was, to say the least, a very poor business man. I am enclosing a summary on him so that you can see what I mean. I have to copy the summary so I will cut this short.

Do you not think that I am correct about your Thomas Gay ???

Sincerely,

[MARTHA LUCY U]

Martha

P.S. I know that Charles, Moses and Nathan were brothers as they refer to each other in their applications for pensions. I know Nathan was the son of Richard Sr. as on 17 September 1794 Richard Sr. gave property to Nathan "for the consideration of divers good causes but more especially for the natural love and tender affection that I bear to my son Nathan I do hereby devise give bequeath convey and confirm to my son Nathan Upchurch all my right, title and interest to the land and plantation whereon I now live etc, etc!----- signed Richard Upchurch

*Will send Eaton & Peattie and others
as I can copy them m.*

MARTHA LUCY U

(13)

XIN 2106

Charles U, Thomas Gay U, Sr.
Jethrowe Wilson U line
Martha Lucy U

February 1, 1986

Mr. Charles Tidd
104 Apple Lane
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

Dear Mr. Tidd:

Over the years I have become aware of the great interest your mother had in the Upchurch family. Also, the fragmentary details available to me indicate that she was an outstanding individual from several standpoints. My purpose in writing to you is to see if you will be willing to help me with the collection of details to allow an issue of the UPCHURCH BULLETIN to be dedicated to your mother. A sample copy of the bulletin is enclosed. Note the dedication to Mrs. Morgan. I would hope to do something similar for your mother. Other details on the bulletin are enclosed.

In order to get your address I put a note in the UPCHURCH BULLETIN. Ben Lane Upchurch, Sr. responded with the address of your Aunt, Mrs. James Glenn Upchurch, who sent me your address.

I do hope to hear from you and that you will be willing to help gather the needed details.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Upchurch, Editor
UPCHURCH BULLETIN

/s
Enclosures

CROSS FILE

MARTHA LUCY U "MOTHER"

CHARLES WARTON TIDD, JR

O RE UPCHURCH COOPERATORS 1950-1970

During the above period the following individuals cooperated extensively in documenting the Upchurch Family in America and in England.

William Kendrick U, Sr

Donah Carlton U

Etta Belle Seuter

Martha Lucy U ↑

Coy Upchurch

+ some "lesser" cooperators

About 1980 Etta Belle Seuter sent RPU a large packet of letters representing exchanges among the cooperators. It was only about 8 AUG 2002 that RPU was able to treat these letters in detail. By this time most of the contents had already reached me & had been incorporated in Biopiles & Master Outlines. However, some details were extracted & some of the letters distributed to relevant Biopiles. This sheet is being used as a cover sheet for multiple letters preserved in the Biopiles of Ken, Belle & Martha ↑ - RPU 9 AUG 2002

○ The attached set of pages seems to be missing the first page at least. However, it is clear this is a letter from Martha Lucy U to William Kendrick U, Sr. This set of pages was sent in a packet about 1980 from Eda Belle Lemter to RPA. I cannot be sure the pages of data were a part of this particular letter (some shuffling may have occurred). However, the pages are quite similar to data sheets created by Eda Belle Lemter & sent to me. As of an inspection on 7 AUG 2002 I consider it highly unlikely that any of the data in the attached set of pages is new to my files - RPA

John Rufus Upchurch, son of Gilbert Burtis, b. Feb 23, 1851, d. Jan. 19, 1886, d. Oct 26, 1911; married Melissa C. Bagwell Mar. 11, 1874, d Feb. 19, 1886. Married Emma Nora Wicker Oct. 15, 1889, d. Feb. 19, 1933. b Aug. 4 1867.

Children of John Rufus Upchurch:

Hallie Lee Beal, b. July 28, 1875, d----

Lulu Leary Upchurch, b Feb 20, 1877, d. Sept 17, 1877

John Edmund Upchurch, b. Aug 22, 1878, d Oct 22, 1880.

Nancy Judson Upchurch (Angel) (Ferree) b. Nov 13, 1880, d. Jan. 9, 1961.

No children.

Ira Gilbert Upchurch, b. July 11, 1883, d. Feb. 16, 1947. Married May Busbee, deceased,. Sons: Douglas, deceased; John, and daughter: Mary, married. John also married, may be dead.

Ada Gray Upchurch Howard, b. Aug 15, 1880, m L.T. Howard, deceased. One daughter Mary Lee Howard Williams, Richmond Va.

Thomas Everett Upchurch, b. April 30, 1892, d. Jan 24, 1958, m Vivian O'neal of Norfolk, presently of Alexandria Va. Two children deceased

Lydia Carson Upchurch, b. July 24, 1897, m. Joseph S. Upchurch.

Rufus Pearson Upchurch b. Dec. 5, 1904.

MR. LEO TURNER OF BIRMINGHAM SECURED THE ABOVE INFORMATION
DIRECTLY FROM MR. R.R. UPCHURCH.

Could your Aunt Hattie be the daughter of Charles Franklin Upchurch b. June 19, 1854, d. Oct 12, 1940. This man had a Hattie born in 1878. He was the son of Gilbert and the grandson of Bertie who was a brother of Moses Nathan, Charles, and Jubel. Do have the names of the wives of Moses, Charles, and Jubel ?

I am sorry to learn that you have been ill, but very glad that you are getting better. Charles and I both look forward to meeting you and your wife this summer. Be sure to stop to see us. Let me know which route you will drive, 99 or 101, then I will send you the directions to get to our house without going into Los Angeles. We live on the west side only about five miles from the ocean. My husband is Professor of Psychiatry at the Medical School at U.C.L.A., and we are about a mile from the Campus. Route 101 is the much prettier and cooler drive as a large part of it is along the ocean. Route 99 is very hot through the San Joaquin valley. Our son lives in Palo Alto and is with I.B.M.

One reason for no trip this summer is that I got a severe food poisoning in Greece last summer and again in Paris. Altho all of the tests and X-rays show nothing, I have to stay on a very bland diet, almost like an ulcer patient. I have spent the last seven months trying to gain back the fourteen pounds that I lost last summer.

I hope that the above has given you some things that you do not have. I feel sure you must have many things that I do not have, and these are the ones that I want so badly.

Looking forward to meeting you in June, I am,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
Mrs. Charles W. Tidd.

- 1772 Bought land from Richard upchurch, Sr. in Granville County.
Book 2, p. 281, Bute County.
- 1785 Book H, p. 40. Wake County Deeds. James Cone to Richard Upchurch. 60 pounds, 100 acres, north side of Mockerson Creek.
Book H, p. 41 Wake County Deeds. Jesse Broadway to Richard Upchurch 100 acres on Mockerson Creek.
- 1798 Franklin County Tax List. Richard Upchurch 451 acres, 1 w.
- 1805 Franklin County Tax List. Richard Upchurch 451 Acres.
- 1810 Cass: Ranklin County, N.C.
2 males 10-16 1 female 16-26
1 male 45 or over 1 female 45 or over
- 1810 1811-12-13-14-15 Tax list shows 450 acres.
- 1816 Richard Upchurch to son Briton for 1 silver dollar in hand, paid by Briton Upchurch, land adjoining land of said Richard Upchurch, Benjamin Upchurch and others - 100 acres. Book 17, p. 172.
Tax List for 1816 shows 350 acres.
- 1817 Richard Upchurch died intestate on December 12.
Children and heirs:
1- James, in 1820 on Tax list, no land, born 1765-1784
2- Buckner " 1774-1784
3- Claben in Georgia in 1821 " 1780-1790
4- Sion 1820 - 421 acres. " 1765-1784
5- Briton 1820 - 100 acres
6 Burkley 1820 - 218 acres
7 Larkin 1820 - 40 acres
8- John Pace and wife Clary (Clara)
Widow Susannah, also called Seekey in dower.
- 1818 Another paper shows 8 lots drawn for those above, as listed.
- 1818 Sion presented the inventory of his father's estate.
Book F. p. allowance for Sooky Upchurch, widow of Richard.
p. 120, division of lands to children above named. The administrators, Jubal, Claben, Abel, James, Brinkley.
- Elizabeth.
Sion died January 3, 1833. His widow was ~~Anna~~. His children were Richmond, ~~William~~, Willie Albert, and perhaps a daughter who married James Gay, as he is also named. Richmond was the administrator.
- Sion's son Willie died in 1836. Administrator Washington Harris. Widow Aisley. He named: Wm. Gay and wife Nicey, Henry Stallings and wife Mourning, Julia Upchurch, Moses Upchurch. Sales were made to Aisley, James Gay, Richmond Upchurch, Alfred Upchurch.

Richard Upchurch, Jr.

1817 Dec. 12, died intestate. Richard Upchurch

Children & heirs:

1. James
2. Buckner
3. Clabon
4. Sion
5. Briton
6. Burkley
7. Larkin
8. John Pace and wife Clary (Clara)

1818 Another paper shows 8 lots drawn of those above, as listed.

(From Mrs. Huggins, Raleigh N. C.)

~~ABER-UPCHURCH~~***** (probably son of Benjamin)

Willie or Willie Upchurch

1836 Estate of above named, Washington Harris, Adm., sales to James Gay, Aisley Upchurch, Richmond Upchurch, Alfred U.

Another page, "14 years ago" Willie Upchurch died intestate, and widow's dower laid off (not named). Those named in this paper,

William H. Gay and wife Nicoy
Henderson Stallings and wife Mourning
Julia Upchurch
Moses Upchurch
286 a on Turkey Creek.

1849 Papers

Sion Upchurch

1833 Jan. 8, sales to Elizabeth, Richmond, Cynthia, Albert Upchurch and James Gay. Inventory Jan. 5, 1833.

1844 Calvin Upchurch
inventory dated April 4, 1844.

ABEL UPCHURCH

(Probably son of Benjamin)

- 1800 Franklin Co. Census
 2 Males under 10 1 female under 10
 3 males 10-16 1 female 26-45
- 1801 Nathan Massey to Abel Upchurch of Franklin 75 acres in Wake Co.
 Nside Spring Branch. Wm Rays line Book U p 307
- 1804 Wm Ray of Wake to Abel Upchurch of Franklin Co. Sside mockerson
 Creek. Wit: Wm High, Behajah Temple Book U p 525
- 1809 Wake Co. Tax List. Abel Upchurch 375 acres on Little River.
- 1810 Abel Upchurch of Wake to Nathan Massey, 250 acres on Mock-
 erson Creek. Rec. Jan. 22, 1812. Wit. Callie Bunn, John
 Chamblee, Reddick Massey. Book 2 page 80
 of Wake Co.
- 1818 Abel Upchurch of Wake Co. from Benjamin Bolton 97 acres.
 Wit. Wm. T. Hollingsworth, Jacob Cooley, John Chamblee.

ABEL UPCHURCH Franklin Co. N.C.
born between 1755 and 1774.

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County, n side Spring Branch - Wm. Ray's line B. U p 307
- 1803 Abel bought 4/13/1803
- 1804 Wm. Ray of Wake Co. to Abel Upchurch of Franklin County
S side Meckerson Creek. Wit: Wm. High, Bobajab Temple
B. U p 525
- 1809 Abel bought 3/9/1809
- 1809 Wake County Tax list. Abel Upchurch 375 acres Little River.
- 1810 Abel Upchurch of Wake County from Nathan Massey, 250 acres
on Meckerson Creek. Rec. Jan 17, 1812. Wit: Callie Bunn,
John Chamblee, Reddick Massey B. 2 p 80
- 1818 Abel Bought 4/11/1818
- 1824 Abel Bought 4/20/1824
- 1838 Abel bought 6/28/1838

In 1809, Nov. 27, Abel Upchurch married Nancy Sorrell - Bartley
Upchurch

I did not follow up Abel, this is just what came to my attention
when looking up other Upchurch men.

Son of Bertice

John R. Upchurch b Nov. 22, 1822 m Pennie MAYNARD
d Nov. 18, 1907

their son.

John Upchurch b Aug. 30, 1863 m Della his wife
d Mar. 2, 1927 b Sept. 28, 1870, d May 11, 1951

Their Children

1- Connie Upchurch b. Mar. 25, 1887, d June 26, 1913, never married.

2- Eunice m Arthur Sorrell

3- Estes E. m Dora Nutt -- b 1 April 1891 d 22 March 1941
b 19 Nov. 1889 m Elsie Thorton

4- Vivian m Hugh Upchurch, Preacher, son of Matthew
b 23 Oct 1894 b 16 Oct 1890

5- Alice m James T. Bailey live in Apex, N. C.

6- James Leary m Valley Smith
m Virginia

7- ELVEY DWIGHT m Jessie Mae Sorrell
b 11-30-1905
d 10-17-1948

Children of Elvey and Jessie Mae

7-A. James Gilbert b Sept. 13, 1926 m May 30, 1951 Robena Peasley

7-B. Murphy Weldon b March 13, 1935 m Oct. 16, 1955 Rosa Faye Monda

7-C. William Harold b Sept. 3, 1936 m Sept. 18, 1955 Wonda Daniels

7-D Larry Wayne b March 21, 1941

Son of Bertice

(22)

GILBERT UPCHURCH

B Mar. 30, 1820
D Nov. 1, 1895

m Margaret Byrd.

B 11-4-1820
D 10-5-1896

Their Children

1- William Bertice
(a)

m Mrs. Horton
m Mrs. Sis Yates

2- Jern

m Bagwell

3- Charles Franklin

m Edwards

James 4- Bartley

b 27 March 1856 d 15 Sept. 1928

m Creel of Cary
b 25 March 1859 d 24 Nov. 1936

5- Alonsa

m Edwards, lived most of life in Florida.

6- Malama

m Louis Yates

7- Belle

m Morgan

8- Pat

m Whitehead

ALBERT DOCTOR

1(a) Served in North Carolina Legislature

CHARLES FRANKLIN

b 6-1-1854
d 10-12-1910

m Edwards

b 6-19-1851
d 12-5-1913

Their Children

1- Hattie
b 1878

m Young

2- Mertie
b 1880

m James A. Edwards, Morrisville, N. C. R-1

3- William Marmon

m Estell Harward, daughter sheriff Durham Co.

children by Lula near age 81 (1957) live at Apex

4- Charles Bernest

m Dracy

5- Myrle

m Philina

Charles B. lives at the old Gilbert home place where he and Charles F. are buried.

Inf. to D.C.U By Hattie Up. Young 1-12-57
1-18-57

By Mrs. Mertie Edwards 1-19-57

CALVIN UPCHURCH FRANKLIN COUNTY, N.C.

		Book	Page
1820	Calvin Upchurch to Wm. Jackson	19	9
1828 to 1834	Upchurch negroes of Calvin Upchurch who married Agnes Young, daughter of Fenner Young, June 1828	J	10
1829	Calvin Upchurch from Jubal Upchurch		
1832	Calvin from Littlebury Upchurch Calvin from Jubal Upchurch Calvin from Jubal Upchurch		
1844	Inventory of estate of Calvin Upchurch, April 4. Will names Charlotte, Agnes, Littlebury, John and Stephen	M	25

Bartley Upchurch, Wake County N.C. Deeds

1840	Bartley Upchurch from W.C. Upchurch	2/28/1840
1842	Bartley	4/28/1842

Bartlet ? should these be Bartly also?

1841	"	6/23/1841
1855	"	6/6/1855, last time he appears.

Marriages

1842	Bartley Upchurch to Jane Whitaker Dec. 27.	Sewel Little Calvin Finch
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- 1833 Bartley was bondsman for Acriel Upchurch when he married Mary Olive
- 1839 Bartley was bondsman when Abel Upchurch married Nancy Sorrell.

- 1825 Vol 22, except as referring to adjoining lands of Jubal

Upchurch, Bartley Upchurch, Williford Upchurch, Britton Upchurch, Littlebury Upchurch, and the heirs of Benjamin Upchurch, deceased. (25)

- 1827 Vol. 24, p. 34. 12/16/1827, Jubal Upchurch indebted to William Harrison for \$1,802.61¹².
- 1830 Jubal to Calvin, Vol. 26, p. 189; others pp. 415, 417, NOT IN ARCHIVES, ONLY COURTHOUSE.
- 1830 Jubal from Tannsey Cattlet (?), Vol. 26, p. 183. NOT IN ARCHIVES.

FRANKLIN CO. WILLS AND INVENTORIES

- 1817 - 1819, pages 136, 140, 143. Sales and inventory of Richard Upchurch, Book F;
 page 29, allowance of SOOKY UPCHURCH, widow of Richard.
 page 120, Division of lands of Richard Upchurch to John Pearce and wife, Sion, Berkley, Larkins, Briton, James, Claben, Buckner.
 page 120, dower of Susannah Upchurch, widow of Richard.
 page 23, sales of Richard's estate, to Sooky, Buckner, Briton, Berkeley, Sion. The Administrators, JUBAL, Claben, ABEL James, Brinkley. (were Jubal and Abel brothers of Richard, M.T.)

It would seem that Jubal had three children; Calvin, Littlebury, and Nancy.

In the 1827 transaction in which Jubal owes William Harrison \$1,802.61¹², he signed over a deed of trust:
 One tract on Crooked Creek, adj. Wm. Harrison, Henry Jones Event Coates (?), where Jubal lives 647 acres.
 One tract Jubal purchased from Harrison where Isham Massey formerly lived, adjoining Simon Massey, 150 acres.
 One tract bounded by Burnam Simon Massey and others, 137 acres.
 One tract conveyed to Jubal by James Sanderford on 11/13/1819, 348 acres.
 One tract adjoining Thomas Rogers, John Bell, 469 acres.
 Also many negroes listed, 50 head of cattle, horses, hogs, ox-cart, 5 feather beds, and walnut furniture, which property is to remain in possession of Jubal Upchurch until called for by Tharp.

Jubal (x) Upchurch
 William Harrison
 Hardy W. Tharp.

BURALL UPCHURCH

1810 Sold land in Greene Co. 2 deeds

EATON UPCHURCH

1820 Census - Henry Co. Ga.
50-60 years old
wife, 60-70
2 sons, 20-30

1821 From Greene Co. drew Land Lots, Houston Co. 125 5
Monroe Co. 21 1

1832 From Henry Co. drew Land Lots, Cherokee Co. 449 5 1
Cherokee Co. 59 2 4

1840 Census - Henry Co.
50-60 years old
wife, 60-70
10 slaves

(Something is wrong on the census reports of 1820-1840 even though this data was taken from microfilm in the Archives in Atlanta Ga.)

KEATON UPCHURCH

1811 Married Lareana Norris 25 September 1811 Franklin Co. N.C.
Eaton was bondsman.

1820 Census - Henry Co. Ga.
40-50
2 sons
3 daughters

1821 From Greene Co. Ga. drew Land Lot Monroe Co. 46 13

1822 May 13, 1822 sold 202 1/2 acres to John Duncan in Monroe Co.
Listed as living in Greene Co.

1830 Census - Henry Co. Ga.
30-40
wife
1 boy
2 girls

1832 From Henry Co. Ga. drew Land Lot Cherokee Co. 1121 2 4

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
April 1, 1958.

Dear Mr. Upchurch, [WILLIAM KENDRICK U, SR]

I certainly agree with you, that we would probably save time and money if someone could find a genealogist who would thoroughly search the records in Yorktown, Surry, and Williamsburg. I will be glad to join in this. Mrs. West has written that W. Kendrick Upchurch has had the Williamsburg records searched, however I should like to see what he has, so I am going to write him asking for a copy of the material.

Since this letter will go to all of you, I will just think on paper. For Mrs. West: yes there is a list of the ships and the passengers who came to this country in the 17th century, or I should say many lists, for they are the ones that the ships turned in. They have never been alphabetized, but are just as the passengers signed on. The Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London, S.W.7 has these registers. I attempted to look through them last summer, but until we can find the approximate time that Michael came here it seemed almost a hopeless task as I did not know from where he sailed to where. The reason that I picked up the ups for Edward and Daniel was: 1-that I had heard the story from my father that 3 brothers came over; 2- that they went to Pennsylvania first, then to Virginia and on to North Carolina. Of the three, one was a boot maker, and one was a blacksmith, and the third I do not remember. In as much as I learned the Upchurch was English and not Scotch, last summer I had sort of discounted the story. Now that the two others appear I wonder if Dan's story might have been correct. Also I have learned that Dan's mother's people were Scotch, and a part of the McKay Clan.

Do any of you know a genealogist whom I can get to ferret out the information on Charles. I am convinced that in some way he was tied up with the Thomas Gay family. I have just received from Franklin County a copy of the will of Thomas Gay probated in 1794. In this he leaves to his son Thomas Gay his land in Georgia. One of the witnesses is named Burwell, and I have found a Burwell Upchurch in Georgia in 1810. Also in Nathan's will he leaves his colored man Eaton to one of his sons. I have learned only this week that colored people could get land grants in Georgia, and one Eaton Upchurch did so. Could it be that this Eaton was colored and belonged to a nephew of Charles.

I hope that Mrs. West will write to the Genealogical Society to find out about getting the parish records abstracted especially for Huntingdonshire, Isle of Ely and Cambridgeshire. In the Genealogical Society I found the following:

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|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1538 John Upchurch | married Margaret Wolly | Arrington | Cambs. |
| 1538 John | " Margaret Wells | " | " |
| 1560 John | " Agnes Bush | " | " |
| 1611 Thomas | " Jane Relf | Ste. Coleman | " |
| 1615 John | " Agnes Pennington | Southwark | |
| | | Saviors | |
| 1665 Thomas | " Prissillie Kirby | Doddington | Cambs. |
- 1714 Nicholas" February of that year of Wisbardsugh Green was in the Sussex poor book as a freemolder.
1578 In August Thomas Upchurch was admitted to Christ College, Cambridge as a pay student.

Another reason for having the records at Huntingdonshire searched is that Mr. Graham-Vivian of the College of Arms said, "there is a printed list of the earlier Huntingdonshire Wills in which the name occurs (rather scarcely) at Godmanchester and Bythorpe". Huntingdonshire is a small county with Cambridgeshire on one side and Northamptonshire on the other. You will recall that Little Gidding was in Huntingdonshire, also that Nicholas Farrer went to the University of Cambridge.

I should like to suggest that we have the work done that Dr. Upchurch thinks wise, and also the work that Mrs. West, outlined in her last letter. With five of us going together I am sure it would not prove too expensive. Once we get the line established, we could then spend the time trying to find out more about each person. I would love to know what they were like, what their interests were, etc.

As soon as I hear from the Pepys Library at Cambridge I will send you any information that they give about the letter to Virginia Farrer.

Sincerely,

Martha T.

[MARTHA LUCY U]

13 January 1965.

Dear Ken: (WILLIAM KENDRICK U, SR)

Regarding the Upchurch family in Caly County, I have a little more information than I sent in my last note. {CLAY CO, ALA ?}

The Census for 1860 in Carroll County, Georgia, shows:

Thomas Gay Upchurch	age 62	merchant	b. N.C.
Patience	54	wife	b. N.C.
Mary E.	23		
John C.	20		
Joseph E.	17		
Martha J.	14		

Willis Upchurch	38	b. Ga.
Sarah	38	b. Ga.
Catherine	8	" "
William	7	" "
Jane	5	" "
Charles	4	" "
John	1	" "

J.W. (Jethro Wilson)	29	" "
Rosanna	20	" "
John E.	5/12	

- ▲▲▲ Willis and J.W. were sons of Gay and they all moved to Clay County Ala.
 ▲▲▲ Another son Joseph also moved there. Jethro Wilson was my grandfather.
 ▲▲▲ Uncle Ed, a son of Jethro, wrote me before he died that Willis lived
 ▲▲▲ on one side of his grandfather, Gay, and Joseph on the other. Jethro
 - moved to Georgia during the Civil War, enlisted there, served three
 ▲ years, and then moved back to Clay County. He then returned to Georgia
 - in the 80s and died there in 1896.

I do hope that some one of the people in Clay County has the old family Bible. In as much as Gay died there, it is probably there somewhere.

I hear from Belle West regularly, but when she is in N.C. she has no time for Genealogy, as her sister is almost helpless, and she goes there to help. Charles and I were in New York the first week in December, but Belle and I missed each other.

Our son was with us in October for a few days. He had a paper accepted for a meetong in New York, and stopped here on his way back to Hawaii. He was here again during the holidays and went back to Hilo on the 4th of January. He has been in Hilo since last June and loves it. He expects to go to Guam for about six months, leaving sometime in the spring. He and Diane are having a wonderful time. She will go to Maui with him and also to Guam. We did not see her at Christmas as she stayed a week after Charley went back, and stayed with her grandmother in Palo Alto.

My brother who lived in Atlanta died last May, and I went to Georgia for a week. I was sorry I could not stop in Alabama to see you and a cousin who lives in Birmingham. Charles was going down to the University of Mexico and the University of Guadalajara. so I got back home just in time to go with him. We had ten days in both places, and it was just what I needed. I am now the last one of my family, and my brother's death hit me very hard.

We are going to a meeting in Amsterdam from July 24th to the 30th, and then to London for a month where we have taken a flat. This will

give us a home base, and we hope to see western England and Wales. We will travel by train from place to place, and then rent a car or take bus trips.

Is your daughter still on the Peninsula? We have not been north since april 1962. We used to go often when Charley was there, but he left and our best friends moved to New York, so we just do not go any more.

We went to Hutchinson, Kansas, for Thanksgiving with a cousin of Charles, Harry and Ruth Tidd. We stayed five days there, and then went on to New York for a week. The mid winter meeting of the American Psychoanalytic was there so that is why we went. The trip to Europe is to the International Psychoanalytic in Amsterdam, and after it we will take our vacation.

I have finished the Tidd family history as far as I can go, which is 1784 when William Tidd was born in Canada. Canada does not have records for that far back. I cannot find the father of William, although I have the Tidds back to Jonathan who came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636. Massachusetts has wonderful records and I have almost all of the wives, and their history. It is interesting that I am stopped in the same generation in the Upchurch family- that is the father of Gay. I have a genealogist in Virginia and North Carolina trying to solve the puzzle.

I am enclosing the best article that we have found on the situation at U.C. The Regents are elected for 16 years, and can be re-elected, thus some of them may be 75 to 85 and still serving.

The other article is about where I worked from October until the Monday after Christmas as a volunteer. It was fun.

I do hope that you can get back to Clay County, and stir them up there, to find the family Bible.

Please give our best to your wife and family, and we send all good wishes for 1965.

Sincerely,

[MARTHA LUCY TIDD]

M. L. Tidd

Too bad there were not birth control pills in the 1700s, then there would not be so many Upchurch men by 1800. There must have been at least 100, so it makes it very hard to trace a family, especially as so many named their children the same given names. I wonder how many there are by now. Also if a husband died and the wife married again, the second husband settles her affairs which again confuses the issue. Women were not legally alive until 1850, so very few deeds give the wives given name, much less her maiden name. When and if I ever get the history straight, I will send it all to you.

MARTHA LUCY U

(31)

○ This is in a packet sent about 1980 from Edna Belle
Leuder to R. P. - Cranfile with
COLLETT FAMILY

Dear Ken: (WILLIAM KENDRICK U, SR)

You are correct about the Ferrars and the Virginia Company. Nicholas Ferrar (1545-1620) was a Governor of the Virginia Company, he married Mary Wodenoth. She died in 1634 at the age of 83 ten years after she bought the Manor of Little Gidding. Her son Nicholas was the Founder of the Little Gidding Community, which was a place of religious freedom. He was Deputy Governor of the Va. Co., and died in 1637. His brother, John Ferrar and his family also went to Little Gidding, and after the death of Nicholas he became Deputy Governor of the Va. Co. The sister of John and Nicholas, Virginia, is the girl to whom our Michael wrote and sent gifts.

Susannah Ferrar another sister of John and Nicholas married Nicholas Collet. Their son Nicholas, a goldsmith, was the one with whom our Michael asked that the letter to his father be left. A Michael Upcher married Frances Collett in 1583 and he died in 1584. They had a daughter Mary and in his will he says "and if my wife now be with child" etc.

According to Dr. Maycock of Cambridge, all of those at Little Gidding were related by blood. It was almost a monastic community except that they allowed marriage. Susannah and Nicholas Collett had a daughter Susannah who married Rev. Joshua Mapletoft, and another daughter Judith who married Rev. Solomon Mapletoft. One of these couples with two of her brothers John and Richard Collett came to Virginia about 1648. I have often wondered if our Michael came with them.

Also I have wondered if our Michael is the grandson of the Michael who married Frances Collett, and that after Michael's death in 1584 she returned to her people and that they all were at Little Gidding, after 1625. There are no records at Little Gidding from 1620 to 1655, just the time when our Michael was born. The widow of the former Rector there searched the records for me. I ~~have~~ sent to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in London for a list of Collett wills. I have this list but there are so many I have never decided which ones to order.

It was from The Library of Congress that I learned of the will of Thomas Upchurch, Clerk, Winceby, Lincolnshire, 1654, that named a brother Richard, a nephew Michael, and a niece Susannah. They also sent the name of Nicholas Upchurch, Wisborough Greene, Sussex, 1653. This Nicholas had a son Edward, and there was an Edward Upchurch in Virginia in 1662 (I think). He got a court order to make a man pay him as "he was leaving". I have protostats of these two wills.

Little Gidding is in Huntingdonshire, and I have searched every will in Huntingdonshire for an Upchurch or an Upcher, also in Essex, going back to 1502 where I found a John Upchurch. I have had the church records searched in every small hamlet where an Upchurch lived. I am convinced there is no birth certificate for Michael, as he was born at the time of the religious upheaval when it was a crime for a rector to have any records. Some were hidden and saved, but very few. Some day perhaps I will have time to summarize all of the information that I have. In Essex I found that I could not read the old writing so hired a young man who had been trained in this to work with me. He was wonderful. There the Librarian has a special class for students who wish to learn to read the old manuscripts.

I have a Mrs McCurley, a genealogist in Virginia working for

me now. She has found another Upchurch man in Virginia in 1694. His name was Richard, and he was living with Michael Jr. It would seem from the information that we have thus far that this Richard was a son of our Michael, perhaps the oldest child, and had gone from home before his father died, as he is not mentioned in the settlement of Michael's estate. Only Michael Jr. is mentioned as he was under age and his mother posted bond for an orphans estate. I think our family is descended from Richard and not Michael Jr. as Michael disappears completely after 1696. John W. married Elizabeth Hunnicut a widow between 1718 and 1721. In 1699 Richard was in the home of Robert Reynolds. I think John was the son of Richard, or another son of Michael. **

In Wilkes Co, N.C. Mrs. McCurley has found an Abel Upchurch. The will of William Upchurch was probated July 1787, naming his children; William, David, John, Eddy, Abel, Patty, Elizabeth Rein, Sarah Peller, and Amy Lundsford. Later a Lunsford Upchurch shows up in Henry Co. Ga.

** Michael was married in 1652, in 1683 his widow Frances paid tithes for Michael Jr. so he was the youngest. Mention is made in a torn fragment of her will which leaves clothes and jewelry to her daughter or daughters. Michael Jr. must have been born about 1667, so perhaps Richard was the oldest son, John the second and Michael Jr. the third. This is the only thing that makes sense to me as Elizabeth Hunnicut's first husband paid tithes in 1701, so John Upchurch must have been a contemporary. I wonder if John and Elizabeth had any children, as she would have probably have been too old by the time that they were married. Accounts for her estate were recorded by John 19 July 1721.

Enough of this genealogy for now. Your new home sounds wonderful. When do you expect to get into it? I do hope that you get back to Clay County sometime soon, just on the chance that some one has an old Bible. I am quite discouraged about finding the father of Thomas Gay Upchurch.

I finally finished the Tidd History, had it professionally Xeroxed and bound. I could get no farther back then 1784 when William Tidd was born in Canada. The Tidds rambled as much as did the Upchurches.

Charles and I are planning a trip to the Orient, on a freighter, next summer. It will take about six weeks, and we will go to Yokahama, Hong Kong, the Phillipines, back to Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Hiroshima, Kobe where we will leave the ship, go to Kyoto and on to Tokyo by train. We will join the ship again at Yokahama. Except for the time in Japan the ship will also be our hotel. We went down to see the ship recently and our quarters are luxurious compared to those we have had first class on passenger ships. This past summer we went to the Grand Tetons. It was a long drive but magnificent.

My best to you and your family,

[MARITA LUCY W.]

Martha

1336 Thayer Avenue

Los Angeles 24, Calif.

April 1, 1958.

Mr. W. Kendrick Upchurch

Box 1189

Montgomery Alabama

Dear Mr. Upchurch,

Mrs. West has written that you have had the information on the Upchurch family looked up in Williamsburg and that you would be willing to share it with others. Would it be possible for me to have a copy of anything that you have. In return I shall be glad to send you what I have, if you will tell me from the following what you would like. A photostat of Michael's letter to his father, dated May 4, 1651. All of the land grants in Georgia to those by the name of Upchurch. The census reports from 1810.

A fairly complete history of Thomas Gay Upchurch, born 1797, including his obituary, with a little information from his grand-son who lives in New York (my father's brother)

At the present time I am trying to find whether or not Charles Upchurch was his father (1755) and also who was the wife of Charles. I have a hunch that in some way, Charles was connected with the Thomas Gay family of Franklin Co. N.C. I have just received a copy of Thomas Gay's will that was probated in 1794.

I am now trying to get the records from Orgelthorpe Co. in Georgia, where Charles and several others were given land grants, also copies of wills in Henry Co.

Is there anything in the above that would interest you. I will be glad to pay for having a copy of the information from Williamsburg typed. If you

will tell me who your ancestor is, perhaps I can give you all that I have on that immediate family. If only I can find who was the father of Thomas Gay Upchurch, (1797) and the wife of Charles I will have the line complete back to Moses, Nathan and Charles, all of whom were in the Revolution.

I also have a couple of very interesting letters from the College of Arms in England, and the list of the Upchurch men who went to the University of Cambridge. While in London last summer I found marriages dating back to 1538. The letter from Michael to his father I found at Cambridge. I am now trying to get a copy of the letter that Michael wrote to Virginia Farrer in 1651. That is with the Farrer papers at Pepys Library, Magdeline College Cambridge. I hope that I have something that you would like in return for the information that you have.

I shall be most interested in hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Upchurch Tidd
Mrs. Charles N. Tidd

Dear Ken. Willis J. Upchurch was born in 1826, the oldest child of Thomas Gay Upchurch. In Linerille, Thomas Gay's home, Willis lived on one side and Joseph on the other.

If the woman you talked to could tell you who was the father of Thomas Gay, my problem would be solved.

Willis J. married Sarah Mabrey, who died while he was away in the Civil War. In 1865 he married M. A. Whitehead Hutchins. He probably went to Clay Co. in the 1850's. He died in 1910.

My grandfather, Jethro Wilson, was the brother of Willis J.

Please see if she can possibly remember the name of Willis J.'s grandfather.

Cottage
June 16, 1959

Dear Martha:

Thanks for the copy of the letter from England. Its nice of them to theorize for us the possible lineage of Michael, and they do mention circumstances which might mean that there are no records of the time when Michael was born, or place.

I am convinced that I would not be able to handle so effectively as you this correspondence which you suggest regarding Deeds, etc. You are entirely conversant with the circumstances, conditions and limitations. With my attention to records in Virginia and North Carolina from time to time I believe I can be more valuable at this part of the research. Also during the Summer my time is somewhat limited. I rather expect to bring my Mother to the cottage when we return from Harry's reunion in Delaware to which we go on the 17th, tomorrow. So, if it is agreeable, Martha, will you continue with the English research when you get time after you return from your trip.

I am keeping the negative of Michael's letter in my husband's supposedly fire-proof file in Detroit. A request has come from WM Upchurch (Walter McGowan) of New York for a copy. I will get more made when I get time after this trip. This W. M. Upchurch is a descendant of Kearney, son of James of Franklin County, N. C. Kearney's children were Dallas, Williford, James W. (whose great granddaughter is Mrs. McCollum of Atlanta), Calvin, Allen Perry, Emma Upchurch Rogers, Virginia Upchurch Poole and Tabitha Upchurch Poole. Why do I bother you with this? Its possible that Mr. Kendrick Upchurch will recognize a line that might lead to his connection in Alabama.

If we decide to go ahead for photostats of Deeds from England after you return home, Martha, I will be glad to assist with typing as I know this job becomes boring and takes a good bit of time. Deeds really do reveal a good bit, as I have learned lately, and we think so well of the possibility of clues from Deeds, that my husband and I are leaving early for this reunion in order to visit Court Houses in his Counties in New Jersey and Delaware. Discovering Richard as the father of Moses, Charles and Nathan has so interested me that I want to go back now and finish reading ALL Deeds that mention Upchurch, to place the many Upchurch in the Franklin and Wake County Indexes.

A Good Summer to all

Sincerely Belle

Copies to Dr. Upchurch
Donah Upchurch
Kendrick Upchurch

Dear Mr. Upchurch: We are waiting to hear how far back you have worked out your line. My daughter is living in Atlanta now and while visiting her in April I contacted several Upchurches and found they have gathered in Atlanta from many directions. Do you know if your line went into Alabama from Georgia or direct to Alabama? Via Georgia sounds plausible. I know there were Upchurches in Georgia early.

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
June 8, 1959

Dear Belle:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Society of Genealogists. What do you think of their suggestion of getting photostats of the wills? After your success with Court records in finding that Richard was the father of Moses, Charles and Nathan, I am inclined to go along with it. I am returning your check as this may be the last letter before we leave. We leave two weeks from to-day in the evening on the Polar flight, arriving in Copenhagen early the 24th. On the 25th we go to Lisbon, Portugal and will be at the Florida Hotel. On the 30th to Madrid where we will be at the Velazquez Hotel until the 11th of July. Then to Barcelona until the 16th and then back to Copenhagen at the Palace Hotel. Either before or after the meeting which is from July 26 to 31 we will go to Norway and Sweden. We will come home on the Polar Flight from Copenhagen on August 8th. From the 16th of July until we leave on the 8th of August mail will reach me at the Palace Hotel in Copenhagen.

Charley arrives home from Stanford on Thursday of this week. He will stay at home while we are away, and will be working at the Beverly Hills National Bank in Beverly Hills. Lucille will be here to keep house for him. We have had her for 14 years and she almost thinks that Charley belongs to her.

We went to San Diego last Friday after a Senior Class Party for the Medical Students and came home yesterday. Charles has two sisters there so we went down for a short visit. Dorothy his younger sister will be with us for three days in Madrid. She will be travelling with her principal and his wife. They are the ones with whom she was in Honolulu for a teaching year.

If you and the others decide to send for the photostats, can you take this on. I will be glad to go along with it, then perhaps you could send half of them to me to abstract when I get home. Your cottage sounds so peaceful and quiet that I wish I could find such a place for awhile.

As ever,

Dear Dr. Upchurch: I am returning your check, as you can see the situation from the above, and the copy of the letter that I am also enclosing. I wish that we were going to England again this year, so that I could get at these old wills, but we can't do every thing. Charles has two papers at the International Psychoanalytical Congress in Copenhagen so that is the reason that we are going. We have never been to Spain and Portugal, so will go there for a vacation.

Dear Mr. Upchurch: I am returning your check. Sorry that we did not get the final answer, but perhaps we can if we order the photostats. Please let Belle know what you would like to do.

To all of you: I hope that you have a wonderful summer and Vacation.

Mrs. West
Dr. Upchurch
Mr. Donah Upchurch
Mr. Ken Upchurch.

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Secretary-F.W.Bennett

AJC/RM

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd,
1336 Thayer Avenue,
Los Angeles 24,
California, U.S.A.

37 Harrington Gardens
London, S.W. 7
2 June 1959

Dear Madam:

We regret the delay in answering your letter of the 10th April, this has been due to several changes of the staff, which at the moment unfortunately means that we will not be able to undertake any further research at this time.

We also regret that you are disappointed with the results of the search and feel that you do not properly understand the difficulties of the English genealogical research at this period. We had considered the results of the search particularly good as it is not often that any clue can be found regarding the homes of early emigrants. We feel that the pedigree which can be built up from the information contained in our letters shows almost conclusively that your Michael was a member of the Dedham family. The lack of well kept registers (and in fact the definite gaps, e.g. 1620-1638) in Dedham registers make it doubtful as to whether Michael was baptised here or not. If he was and the baptism was not recorded it might be impossible to identify him - he being probably too young to make much impact in the town before leaving for America (thus he would leave no record of his existence in England at all). You will realise that once the wills, parish registers, and the few local records have been exhausted there is little else that can be consulted with any hope of success. (e.g. Quarter Sessions Records)

If you have constructed a pedigree from the wills and Dedham registers extracts you will note that the Upcher who married a Collet was ~~XXXXXX~~ probably Michael (son of Michael) who made his will in 1584 and is mentioned as being under age in his father's will of 1575. He married in 1583, had a daughter Mary in 1584, and died and was buried in 1585.

With regard to the Michael (baptised 1596) who was given land at Langham - he may have had children there, but you will remember that the Parish Registers of this place do not begin until 1639 and thus would be useless for any record of your Michael.

As stated in our last letter we feel that probably the only hope of finding your Michael would be by extracting all the other Upcher wills in the P.C.C. and at Chelmsford in the hope that mention may be made of him. You might in this case write to Somerset House (for the P.C.C.) and to the Essex Record Office (for the Essex Courts) and obtain photostats of all the wills we have listed - you would then be able to study them at your leisure.

You refer in your last letter to burials in Canterbury. All the burials mentioned in our first letter of February referred to Dedham, the Parish from which we feel that your Michael came. The Prerogative Court of Canterbury was the court (under the Archbishop of Canterbury) which had supreme jurisdiction throughout England up to 1858. ~~Buxington~~ It had no special connection with the town of Canterbury. During the Commonwealth period this court & nominally in the form of a Court of Civil Commission - had sole testamentary jurisdiction over all England.

If you should consider obtaining photostats of the wills mentioned it might be best to have those after 1650 done first concentrating, at the same time on the Essex Region.

Yours faithfully

J.W.M. Phillips, Secretary.

April 13, 1959

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Mr. Bennett, of April 10, 1959.
Your letter was excellently written and to the point.

I have the last two letters which you have written me forwarding the enclosures received from Mr. Bennett, and have been just a little at a loss as to how to comment. I would be very happy to go along with the others for further research, if it appears that anything can come from it. At the present time I am inclined to believe that Mr. Bennett is an amateur taking us for a short ride, and just doesn't have your ability to determine the thing we want to know.

Let me know what you decide, and I will respond immediately.

Very truly yours,

W. K. Upchurch

WKU:jk

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif. U.S.A.
April 10, 1959.

Mr. F. W. Bennett, Secretary,
Society of Genealogists,
37 Harrington Gardens,
London, S.W. 7, England.

Re: UPCHURCH

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have been going over all of the material that you have sent on the Upchurch family, since your letter of February 20th arrived saying that you had used up the funds for this search. I must say that I am quite disappointed, as your letter of January 6th states, "there is a very good chance that the birthplace of Michael Upchurch will be found", and two letters later you cut off the search saying the funds are exhausted.

I wish that you would re-read my letters and the material that you have sent. Your workers seem to have lost sight of the fact that Michael's parents were living in 1652, also that Michael was born about 1616 to 1620. His parents were living at Little Gidding in 1652, and there seems to have been a close connection with the two families as Michael also wrote to Frances Ferrar, and sent gifts to her.

Did you explore the family of Michael Upcher who married a Collett in 1583? What about the Michael, born 1596, son of Richard, who was given land in Langham in 1611? There is also a Nicholas Upchurch of Wisborough Green, Sussex, who died Aug 12, 1652, and a Thomas Upchurch of Wynyby, Linc. in 1654. Could this be the Thomas Upchurch who was at Cambridge University in 1578?

Richard Upcher of Isle of Ely, Cambs. (of Sutton Ely) had two sons Edward Upcher and Henry Upshare who went to Cambridge. Edward had two sons who also went to Cambridge. They were James who received his B.A. in 1614, and Richard who received his B.A. in 1608. Could this Richard have been the father of Michael? Michael was well educated as I have a copy of the letter to his parents written in 1652. This I found at Cambridge. This interests me as the Names Richard, James, and Jenn, have been in every generation in this country. Another name that stands out is under Burials in Canterbury, "Oct 28, 1560, Michael Upcher servant of Nysell Upcher." In this country there is a will in 1784 made by one James Upchurch which refers to "my son Nyel."

After going over all of the material, will you be kind enough to write what you think should be done next. Also please state what sum of money you would wish to continue with this research.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd.

Mrs. West
Mr. Upchurch
Mr. Upchurch

I hope you wait until I hold your
checks until I get an answer to this.
I want to know where we are going

March 16, 1959.

Dear Researchers:

Where do we go from here, and what do I write to the Genealogical Society? I feel that they have sort have gone around "Robinhoods Barn" and have lost sight of the fact that Michael wrote to his parents in May 1652, and they must have been alive then or maybe one died before the letter arrived there. In an earlier letter Mr. Bennett stated that he felt sure the solution would be along with the Ferrars, and that has not been mentioned. I wrote him in the beginning that we were only interested in Michael's family in a straight line back. They have sent so much negative information that I would like to write and remind them of their letter of September 1958, and ask why they did not follow that line. I am willing to put a few more dollars into this, since we have gone this far if the rest of you wish to do so. At least we could have the wills after 1651 extracted.

I wonder if the Edward Upcher who died in 1654 could be the one that Belle found in Virginia about that time. It seems that several of the men were seamen.

I had a letter from a Miss Upchurch in Atlanta to-day who says that there is an old Upchurch Bible in North Carolina, that is kept in a bank vault. She is going to N.C. next week and promises to try to find who has custody of it. I wrote her immediately and asked that she copy everything up to 1825. I only hope that she knows what she is talking about, as this might give us the answers that we are waiting and looking for.

Please answer my opening line.

Sincerely,

Martha Tidd.

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Secretary-F.W. Bennett

ALGEM

**37 Harrington Gardens
London, S.W.7**

9 February 1959

**Mrs. Charles W. Tidd,
1336 Thayer Avenue,
Los Angeles 24,
California, U.S.A.**

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd of January.

You had stated in your earlier letter that Michael Upchurch used also the name Upshure (uocher) but from earlier references found to this family in Godmanschester it had appeared that this was not a variant to be followed up as it appeared to relate almost entirely to the families of this name in Cambridgeshire and Sussex. However the connection with the Collet family has shown this to be incorrect and would now seem to be the largest clue connecting the Dedham family to your Michael.

We only possess transcripts of the marriage registers of Dedham and these were extracted for mentions of the name Upcher. The list is on page one of our report and shows that a Michael married a Collett in 1583. It was then decided to search the Calendar of wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and this was done for the years 1558-1660 and shows (page 1) several other mentions of this name including two Michaels. A Calendar of Wills at Chelmsford, which includes all the wills proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Essex, The Archdeaconry Court of Colchester, The Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex (Essex and Herts. Jurisdiction), the Commissary Court of London (Essex and Herts.) Jurisdiction and in the Peculiars of Writtle with Roxwell and Good Easter, was searched for the period 1400-1619, and all Dedham Upchers extracted (page 1). This Calendar of Wills has only been printed to this date (i.e. 1619). The one will mentioned has not been extracted, being too early to be of use in this search.

The wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury were then extracted for the period mentioned above and these are enclosed (pages 2-4) being the wills of three brothers, John Upcher (1587), Michael Upcher (1575) and Stephen Upcher (1594, and the wills of three of their sons - John Upcher (1652) son of John, and Michael (1584) and Richard (1611) sons of Michael. The latest Michael mentioned in these wills is the son of Richard who was given land in Langham (the parish next to Dedham) in 1611. The Baptismal record shows this Michael to have been born in 1596.

A complete search of the parish registers of Dedham was then made up to 1650, the usual fees being paid. Unfortunately there is a gap in the baptismal records from 1620 to 1638, the period when your Michael would be probably baptised. The usual copies of parish registers which were sent annually to the Bishop of the Diocese, known as Bishop's Transcripts, are mostly missing for the whole of Essex, as are nearly all of those sent to the Bishop of London. These extracts were made by the rural Dean and differ in a few respects from those transcripts of the marriages in our possession. They occupy an additional six pages of this report.

The persons mentioned in the will extracts are also mentioned in Water's Genealogical gleanings in England and Wales, particularly Robert Freeman, Nataniel Herse, and the Wood and Sterling families and there is now little doubt that your Michael was a member of this large family. You will notice that Michael Upsher was buried at Dedham as early as 1560. Unfortunately the Parish of Langham before 1639 are all missing, it being possible that your Michael was Baptised there.

We have several references to families of this name at Kelvedon, Great Tey, Wormingford and Kelvedon - all parishes near to Dedham. The name is probably a local name derived from Upshire, a hamlet in the parish of Waltham Abbey. It is first mentioned as a place-name in the Hundred Rolls for 1274 as Upshire (Reaney's "Place-Names of Essex").

As there is no mention of Michael in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills of Upshers at Dedham it has now been decided to visit the Chelmsford Record Office and search the Calendars of Essex Wills after 1619 and extract those wills of Upshers at Dedham and in the surrounding parishes. We hope that some mention of Michael may be found in these and will report on completion of this search.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. Bennett

Secretary.

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24
March 5, 1959

Dear Folks:

Here is the next installment of the work from the Genealogical Society in London. It would certainly seem from this (Richard, John, Michael, used so many times) that this must be the family from which we come. If so, then the Upchers in Virginia would probably be from the same family.

I have not had time to try to set this up in a family tree, as I have done the copying to get it to you as soon as possible. Will send the next installment when it arrives.

Sincerely,

Martha Tidd.

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles, 90024,
California.

7 August 1963.

→ [WILLIAM KENDRICK U, SR]

Dear Eloise and Ken,

The no spill stopper arrived yesterday, and we think it is perfect. We have never seen one like it. Many, many thanks, for your thoughtfulness. I am sure every time that we use it we will think of the very pleasant day that we had together. I am enclosing the nice note from the lady at the Corner Cupboard.

I have heard no more from the genealogist in Virginia. She wrote that she would be busy taking care of a new grandchild for a few weeks, but that she would be back on the job as soon as possible.

We are really parched out here, and several fires are going - less than nine inches of rain in the last thirteen months. We had about six drops this morning, and of course hoped that it would continue. Charles spends his week ends watering, and Lucille and I do quite a lot during the week.

Did I tell you that our son who lived in Palo Alto is now living in Hawaii. I suppose they are settled by now as they expected their furniture the last week in July. Diane went over with Charley and stayed until they found an apartment, then she returned to Palo Alto and stayed until the furniture was picked up, and then went back to Honolulu. IBM is the most paternal company I have ever known. They paid all expenses for Diane, Charley's hotel bill, the apartment in Honolulu until they let the one in Palo Alto go, all moving expenses including two cars, and a rented one for Charley until his got there. Perhaps that is why there stock pays such small dividends.

We are now counting the days until our friends from England arrive to spend about two weeks with us. They left Detroit today and will arrive here about the 26th of August.

Charles sends his best to both of you. Thank you

again for the lovely gift,

Much love,

A surne "CHARLEY" =
Charles Wharton Todd, Jr.
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1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
24 July 1963.

Dear Ken:

Your very nice letter arrived on Monday, and of course I was glad to hear from you. I am sorry that I have nothing more on Abel Upchurch. I went through every list of taxes, deeds, Census reports, etc. to get what I sent to you. Mrs. Huggins was able to find no will or settlement of Estate for Abel, Jubal or Benjamin. Perhaps the reason was that they went to other states. If Abel was the son of Benjamin, perhaps Benjamin went to Greene County with Abel.

I have made a summary of all that I have on Thomas Gay Upchurch, who went to Lineville to live. I thought you might get some help from it, when you go to Lineville. I think that Gay was the son of Charles, who went to Georgia before 1821. I have not been able to prove this except by a process of elimination and through Census reports. I feel sure Eaton, Keaton and Gay were brothers. Eaton left home as soon as he was 21, and Keaton went to live with him a short time later. Eaton and Keaton went to Greene County, Ga., about 1819, and Gay went with them. Next I find Charles and Keaton next to each other in Putnam County Ga. Then after the drawing of land lots, they were all in Henry County Ga. for a while. Eaton and Gay seem to have been the most stable of the lot. I have found them together in a number of transactions, and serving on Jury duty. If you find anything to indicate who was the father of Gay, please make a note of it.

The "Corner Cupboard" let you down. We have not received your gift. We certainly appreciate the thought, however.

You and Eloise will never know the joy that your visit gave to both Charles and me. We do hope that you will repeat it before too long. It was such fun to find that Dr. Otto Burton and Charles knew each other. I hope the Walkers will let us know, any time that they come south again.

I am enclosing a copy of the information that Mrs. McCurley, in Virginia, sent to me. Perhaps some day we will find the father of Richard. I will let you know when and if she gets this puzzle worked out. One thing we had never found are the transactions of Richard and Richard Jr. in Virginia. I have asked her to send these to em. The first thing any of us had on them was when they arrived in North Carolina in 1755.

I will stop now so that I can get this in the mail. I did want you to have all that I have on Gay before you go to Lineville.

Much love to you and to Eloise,

July 19, 1963

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Martha,

Thanks so much for your letter of July 1st which was on my desk when I returned home from California last week. I am having the sheet you sent, together with the two mimeographed sheets you gave me while in your home, run through the machine and I am forwarding you three copies of each sheet, together with the original. If this is not enough copies, return the original and I will make as many as you need. We will also try to get to the Williamsburg papers this afternoon, or the first of next week, and will send you copies of them.

One of the papers you sent me in your July 1st letter was on Abel, and looking through the files I have here, I find an Abel who died in Greene County, Alabama and whose will was probated on January 11, 1847. He had three sons, Bartlett, Benjamin, and Laton. He also had one daughter, Dolly. I am going to work on this line to see if I can tie it in. If you have anything further on Abel, I would appreciate it.

While in Carmel, we had the Corner Cupboard forward to you a little drip-stopper to use when pouring wine at the table. Someone gave us one of these stoppers some years ago, and we have found that it completely stops any dripping when pouring wine at the table. We thought you might enjoy using one. If you did not receive this drip stopper, please let me know and I will write the people, as I still have the paid invoice.

I want to thank you again for being so nice to me and my family while we were in your home.

Eloise's brother, Dr. Otto Burton, remembers Charles very clearly, not only from their days together in the Navy before the war, but also from their days at Northwestern. He sends his regards to Charles.

You have done so much in helping me in my feeble efforts to try to find out something about the family from this end, that I will always be in your debt. Please do not fail to call upon me for anything that I can do to help you. Incidentally, I am trying to schedule a trip to Ashland and Lineville, Alabama soon in an effort to re-establish contact with some of the relatives up there.

Eloise joins me in forwarding her love to you and Charles.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
1 July 1963.

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Dear Ken:

What a joy it was to meet you and a part of your family!! Charles and I both felt it was one of the nicest things that has happened to us for a long time.

I am enclosing some summaries of information that I have on some of the Upchurch men which might help you. In going over all of this, I would venture a guess that Benjamin married a woman named Strickland, and that Abel was his son, named for Abel Strickland, who was Benjamin's father-in-law or brother-in-law. I have found that the names go this way in so many cases. In fact it was through the given names that I traced one branch of the family in England.

Since you were here I have realised that I was talking of Greene County in Georgia and you were talking of Greene County in Alabama. Thomas Gay Upchurch went from Greene to Fayette and to Carroll Counties in Georgia before he went to Lineville Alabama where he died. So I believe that Clay County would be the only place in Alabama that might have some information that would help me.

Please do not forget to send what you have from Williamsburg Virginia.

If you want someone to look up things for you in North Carolina, I have found Mrs. Dewey W. Huggins, Box 623, Raleigh, N.C. one of the best that I have found so far. Her prices are very reasonable, and her work far superior to most all others, in any state.

Mr. Turner got the information in N.C. that JUBAL was a son of Richard who arrived in Granville in 1755. It would seem that Richard had sons:

Benjamin	born before	1755
Richard	"	1755
Moses	"	1753
Charles	"	1755
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		1757
Nathan		1759

Moses, Charles and
Nathan's dates from
Revolutionary papers.

I cannot believe that Jubal was a son of Richard as he was born between 1774 and 1784, if Belle West's figures are correct, also Mrs. Huggins'. To me it would seem that both Abel and Jubal were the son's of Benjamin. We have the names of the sons of Richard, Moses, Charles and Nathan, but no names for the ones of Benjamin.

We are going to San Diego on the third and will be home on the seventh. After that I will try to get some more summaries done for you. I will also send the names of all of the men who went to Georgia.

I do hope that we will see you and Eloise again before long. Thank you so much for stopping by to see us.

Sincerely,

W. L. Huggins

I did not make copies of these so will you put them through your ditto machine and send me several copies, please.

Just thought you might be interested in this

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1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24
California, U.S.A.
1 July 1963.

Austin L. Ferrar, D. D.,
Warden of Keble College
Oxford, England.

Dear Mr. Ferrar:

Professor John Lawler, who was a lecturer at Trinity College from 1947 to 1950 suggested that I write to you. Dr. Lawler was our guest last week and we got on the subject of Genealogy.

I am looking for the parents of Michael Upchurch who came to this country about 1650. Michael sometimes signed his name Upchurch with Upshure in parenthesis. On May 4, 1652 he wrote a letter to his parents, without giving their names, but addressed the letter to Mr. Ferrar at Little Gidding, but to be left with Mr. Nicholas Collet in Lombard Street. In this letter he tells of the gifts that he has sent to Miss Virginia Ferrar and to Mr. Ferrar. He also asks his parents to convey his thanks to the Ferrars for their many kindnesses to him. This letter I found in The University Library at Cambridge, with some Ferrar papers.

In 1649 the grand daughter of Susannah Ferrar Collett, Mary Mapletoft who married Lawrence Ward, came to the Virginia Colony. About the same time James Collett came here. He and Michael were on the Valentine Patent in 1656. Michael may have come at the same time that they did.

Do you have any suggestions as to how I can find the parents of Michael. In Henry Collett's book on Little Gidding, he states that the majority of the people there were connected by blood ties or marriage. There are no records available for Little Gidding, that I have been able to find, for the time of Michael's birth - about 1621. Michael also refers to "my sister", so it would seem that there were only two children Michael and a girl.

I am enclosing an International Coupon which I hope that you will use to answer this letter. I will be most grateful for any suggestions.

In 1654 Thomas Upchurch, Clerk in Holy Orders, died in Winceby, Lincolnshire, and in his will names a brother Richard, nephews Michael and William, and a niece Susannah. This may be a clue. I followed the Upshure family of Bocking, Essex, beginning with George in 1541, and whose son went to Sutton, Isle of Ely, and whose grandson (great) was at Cambridge at the same time as Nicholas Ferrar. Reverend Humphrey at Sutton has examined the birth records there, but found no Michael.

One Michael Upcher, son of Michael Upcher married Frances Collett 11 February 1583. They lived in Bedham, had one child, and Michael died in 1584. In his will he says, "and if my wife now be with child"....

I know I am asking a lot of you, but I do so want to find Michael's parents, that I could not resist following Dr. Lawler's suggestion. I have been trying for 10 years to find them, and have spent three summers in England doing little else.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd.

May 13, 1963

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

Please pardon me for not answering your nice letter of April 25th earlier. I have thought each day that my plans for visiting California would mature into something definite. However, they are just now coming to a head.

My present plans are for my wife and I to fly into San Diego on June 12th. We will leave San Diego on June 17th and pass through Los Angeles where we can stop by for a while to see you. I do not believe that I have anything on the family that you do not already have. Your letter of April 25th seems to eliminate Nathan as my great-great grandfather. Therefore, I am inclined to go back to one of the other brothers. All of my data has been retained in the envelopes in which it was received and most of it came from either yourself, Donah Upchurch from Durham, North Carolina, or from Mrs. West. I will try to get it all out and in file form and have it with me when I come through Los Angeles. I can then have anything that you might want marked and copied upon my return to Alabama.

I am sorry to learn that you haven't been well this year but hope that you will continue to improve.

I will write you a few days before we leave for California to let you know whether there are any changes in our plans and then will phone you from San Diego the night before we leave there the following morning.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Upchurch

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1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
25 April 1963.

Dear Mr. Upchurch:

Your letter arrived this morning and I am answering immediately to tell you that we will be at home in June, and will be very happy to see you and your wife. Our telephone is a Beverly Hills number, it is 270-4477. Just give us a call so we will be sure to be home. We are not planning to go any where this summer, that is until September when we may go to San Francisco. In May we will have a guest from England. In July we will have as guests a couple from Honolulu, and in September a couple from England. We plan to drive them to San Francisco.

Apparently you mis-understood my letter. I want the information that you have, and will be willing to pay a stenographer to copy it.

I will send you what I have on Nathan as it does not seem to tally with yours. First I will give a copy of a transaction that proves that Nathan is the son of Richard. In Moses' application for pension he mentions Nathan as a brother, and in Charles' he mentions Moses as a brother. This came from the assistant clerk of the Superior Court, Franklin Co. N.C. It is a certified copy. " This indenture, made this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Four between Richard Upchurch of the County of Franklin in the State of North Carolina of the one part and Nathan Upchurch his son of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for the consideration of divers good causes but more especially for the natural love and tender affection that I bear to my son Nathan Upchurch I do hereby devise give bequeath convey and confirm unto my son Nathan Upchurch all my right, title and interest to the land and plantation whereon I now live and bounded as follows:

Beginning on a maple on Benjamin Upchurch's corner on Mequeson Creek, thence up the said creek to a black gum thence N. to an ash on Richard Upchurch's corner..... Together with all improvements thereunto belonging to occupy and enjoy free and clear from all molestation or other hinderances whatsoever and I said Richard Upchurch do thereby bind myself my heirs executors and Administrators and assigns to warrant and forever defend the said land and premises unto my son Nathan Upchurch to him his heirs and assigns forever from any person or persons whatsoever holding or claiming any right or title whatever under my or any of my heirs or assigns &&&.

In Witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and fixed
my seal date and year above written.

his
Richard X Upchurch
mark

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us
Test Richard Upchurch Jurat Buckner Upchurch Jurat
B. Whelless

Now to Nathan:

1787 Vol 2, p 20. Nathan Upchurch and John Bunn on Jury for laying off
road from Smithfield to Wake Co. To Pettypool Massey's ford on
Mockerson Creek at Franklin Co. line.

W. K. UPCHURCH CONSTRUCTION CO.
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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
April 23, 1963

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

Thanks very much for your letter of April 16, 1963 having reference to the Upchurch Family.

I notice in your second paragraph that you mentioned only three sons of Richard who went from Virginia to North Carolina in 1755. Certain information that I have indicates that there were two additional sons, Bertice and Jubel. It has been my theory that either Bertice or Nathan, I am unable to tell which, was my great great grandfather. I have an Aunt Mattie, who is in her nineties who has told me verbally that her great grandfather was named Nathaniel and that she thinks he came to Alabama as an old man from Wake County, North Carolina with his son, my great grandfather, in 1819. The family settled in Greene County, Alabama near Etaw, Alabama. The Greene County Courthouse burned in 1830 and all of the records were lost.

I have a photo copying machine and will be very happy to copy any of the records that you have about Nathaniel. There will be no cost to you, of course.

For the past three years I have been somewhat under the weather, but have recently had a Trans-Urethral-Resection. My operation was a month ago yesterday. I already feel ten years younger and hope to be able to work on my records more than I have in the past three years.

My daughter, Carol, is living on the Monterey Peninsula at 1110 Sunnyhill Court, Seaside, California, while her husband, Lt. Thad Walker, is attending Navy post graduate school. My wife and I are planning on visiting her sometime in June and will probably drive from their home to San Diego where my wife has a sister. It may be that if you plan on being in California in June, we may get to meet you. However, under no circumstances would I want you to let our trip interfere with your travels.

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd

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April 23, 1963

If you will forward me the data that you want copied, I would be happy to have this done and return same to you within a day or so.

With kindest regards, I am.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Upchurch

WKU:zaw

cc: Mrs. George H. West
634 Lakewood Avenue
Detroit 15, Michigan

1336 Tha... Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
16 April 1963.

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Dear Mr. Upchurch:

A letter from Mrs. Crabtree stimulated me to write to you again and to tell you a little of what has been going on regarding the Upchurch family. If you do not have these things I will be glad to send them to you.

Charles, Nathan, and Moses were the sons of the Richard who went from Va. to N.C. in 1755. This was found through the applications for pensions for service in the Revolution, and a deed to Nathan from his father Richard. I have a copy of Nathan's will, naming his children and some of his grand children. Nathan had a son Burtis, and Burtis had a son Gilbert Burtis. John Rufus was the son of Gilbert Burtis, and John had nine children.

Richard also had a son Richard Jr. and I have a copy of his will. Some of the men who went to Georgia were the sons of Richard Jr.

I am now trying with a genealogist to find whether John or James was the father of this Richard. This in Virginia.

As to the English part of the family, I was in England for a month in 1962 and spent almost all of the time trying to find the father of Michael - no luck. I was there again for three weeks last summer and really combed the British Museum. Now I have two men working on this problem, one in Suffolk and one in Ely. So far neither has been able to find Michael's father. If I ever find this answer I will let you know immediately.

I have not yet been able to prove that Charles was the father of Thomas Gay my ancestor. Now I am trying to get Gay and Barnes wills from Virginia and North Carolina. I have found one Thomas Gay who left all of his land in Georgia to his son Thomas Gay. I know that the Gays and Barnes were connected, so perhaps I can find the connection with Charles Upchurch, or Thomas Gay Upchurch.

I was able to answer Mrs. Crabtree's question, as the Robert, who had a son Claude, was my father's brother. I remember Uncle Robert, his wife and the three children, Claud, Ruth and Malcolm. I wish I could find the answer to all of my problems as easily as she did.

If you do not have the above information about Nathan and his children I will be glad to send it to you. I still would like to have what you have, and I would be willing to pay a stenographer to copy it for me. Do you know of any one who could do this.

Although I have not written to you, I have kept working on the family. We got home in September 1962. While we were away our son became engaged, so we went to Palo Alto at Thanksgiving to meet her family. They came down in February 1963 for a week, and were married in April. By then we were getting ready to go back to Europe. Last summer we stayed three months starting in Greece and again did not get home until September, so this will explain where my time has gone, and why I have not written. Please let me know if you want copies of the information I have.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd.

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
January 23, 1959.

Mr. F. W. Bennett, Secretary,
Society of Genealogists
37 Harrington Gardens
London, S.W.6

Re: Michael Upchurch
AJC/NK

Dear Sir:

Your very interesting letter arrived on January 19th after I had written to you on January 14th. As you will see, our letters crossed each other. You say on page four of your letter, "It was at this point that the variant Upcher (or even Usher) was noticed to be particularly strong in some areas." You will notice that in my original letter to you I stated that Michael often signed his name Upchurch with UPSHURE in parentheses, and that William & Mary College in Virginia wrote that Upchurch had more variants than any other name.

Also on page four you state that searches in Essex have revealed connection with the Collet family. You will notice that in my letter to you of January 14, 1959, I tell you that one James Collet was one of the twenty men on the Valentine Patent as was Michael Upchurch.

I hope that you will have more information soon, and that you will be successful in finding the birthplace, and parents of Michael.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd.

1336 T. or Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
January 14, 1959

F. S. Bennett, Secretary
City of Genealogists
Arlington Gardens
S.W. 7
and

Re: Michael Upchurch

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Last July I wrote sending you a check for \$150.00 for research on Michael Upchurch, together with all of the information that I had. In August of last year I sent you additional information which you acknowledged. You stated that you would send information as the work progressed, however in the five months nothing has been received.

The information on the Collett family is interesting, especially as a James Collett, was one of the twenty on the Valentine Patent in Virginia, as was Michael Upchurch.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Charles E. Tidd

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C O P Y

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Secretary-F.W. Bennett
AJC/EM

37 Harrington Gardens
London, S.W.7
13 September 1958

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd,
1336 Thayer Avenue,
Los Angeles 24,
California, U.S.A.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st August. We apologise for not acknowledging your letter of the 7th July and the enclosed 150 dollars before this but we have been very short handed owing to the summer holidays.

We have carried out a considerable amount of preliminary research into the history of the Little Gidding Settlement which was founded by Nicholas Ferrar as we feel sure that the solution of your problem is connected with this settlement.

We are enclosing a pedigree which we have compiled of the Ferrar family, and from this you will observe that both Nicholas Ferrar and his elder brother John were Deputy Governors of the Virginia Company. The letter written by Michael Upchurch from Virginia and dated 4th May 1652, of which you sent us a copy, gives us certain clues. In the first place it is addressed to "Mr. Ferrar-Gidd"; this must be John Ferrar who had succeeded his brother Nicholas as head of the Community when the latter died in 1637. Miss Virginia Ferrar, referred to in the letter was John's daughter by his second wife. The direction "Leave this at Mr Michael Colletta in Lombard at the White Hind" shows that Michael was acquainted with a member of the Collett family who was a resident in London and this was almost certainly Nicholas Collet, goldsmith, a nephew of John Ferrar of Little Gidding. You will find John and Virginia Ferrar and Nicholas Collet marked in red on the pedigree. We have thus established the fact that Michael was on intimate terms with members of the Ferrar family of Little Gidding.

Histories of the Community which we have studied state that the Ferrars undertook the instruction of children in the neighborhood and it is quite possible that Michael Upchurch may have been one of their pupils. There can be little doubt that he owes his emigration to Virginia to the influence of the Ferrar family. We have studied the locality and drawn up a plan of action. It was our intention, even before we received your recent letter, to commence operation at Godmanchester as we discovered the existence of a family named Upchurch in that parish. If we fail to find Michael's baptism there, we propose to work systematically through the parish registers of the parishes surrounding Little Gidding and those lying in the neighborhood of Godmanchester.

We feel certain that the baptism, if it is recorded at all, must be somewhere in this area. For your information we are enclosing a map of the County of Huntingdon showing the different parishes. This will enable you to follow our work as it progresses, as we shall be reporting to you from time to time which parishes have been searched. As none of the registers have been transcribed or printed (except the marriages at Godmanchester) we shall be sending a member of our staff to the district to carry out the work. This may take sometime as we cannot spare his services for more than a few days at a time.

With regard to the Roma Pottery you mention, this is a particular type of pottery which is named "Upchurch Ware" because it was first found in the parish of Upchurch in Kent and it can have no connection with the family of Michael Upchurch.

Yours faithfully,
J.W.M. Phillips. Asst. Secretary.

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif. USA

Society of Genealogists
37 Harrington Gardens
London, S.W. 7
England.

Dear Madam:

On August 7, 1957, I spent a day in your place trying to get information on one MICHAEL UPCHURCH. At that time I had so little data on which to start that I found practically nothing. At the time I talked with you about your charge for looking up a family. I believe you told me that it is two pounds, 12 shillings, and sixpence a day. Is that correct? If so could you take on the task of this? I will give you all of the information I have.

At the University Library at Cambridge, among the Ferrar papers, I found an original letter from Michael to his father, written May 4, 1652. This letter was sent in care of Mr. Nicholas Farrer at Little Gidding. I am enclosing a copy of that letter. Finding this letter was an accident as I was looking for a letter that Michael wrote to Miss Virginia Farrer on March 27, 1651, a part of which is quoted in one of the Historical Magazines of Virginia. "... a basket of skins of animals, a flying hart's head and horns, rattles of a rattlesnake, a crowne of a bird. This is all I could provide to send you at present. Next year I hope to be better able to serve you".

After finding Michael's letter to his father, I wrote the College of Arms. Although Mr. Graham-Vivian could find no Coat of Arms, he wrote the following, "...the inscription at the bottom, 'To my loved friend Mr. Farrer living in Little Gidding in Huntingsh.' is most interesting, and I am not sure that you have noticed that it refers to the Little Gidding Community a well known experiment of the time. The only way to get further with this case would be to have local research done on the spot..... the position is stronger than most American searches, on account of having some definite connection with the Little Gidding Community and knowing the locality to be searched, and the fact that the name is not too prevalent".

Later I wrote to the University of Cambridge to see if Michael had attended any of the Colleges. I am enclosing a copy of their letter. It would seem from Nicholas Ferrar's Biography that he and Thomas Upchurch may have been at Cambridge at the same time.

From the Genealogical Quarterly of London the following has been received, "... We have searched some books we have on Huntingdonshire and we find that the Upchurch family was of property in that county as early as 1545, according to the Calendar of Upchurch Wills. The family was concentrated in the area of Godmanchester (Isle of Ely) and Bythorn, Huntingdonshire. The parish registers of that area do not appear ever to have been transcribed... we suggest that the marriage, baptisms and burials be extracted from the ancient Parish registers".

A genealogist friend of Mr. F. N. Upchurch of England has sent the following: William Upchurch of Hoddesdon, Herts.-named in the Subsidy Roll of 1545; Nicholas Upchurch of Wisborough Green, Sussex,- will proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1652; Thomas Upchurch, Clerk in Holy Orders, of Winceby, Lincs. - Will proved in Prerogative Court Canterbury 1654, COULD ONE OF THESE LAST TWO HAVE BEEN THE FATHER OF MICHAEL.

As nearly as we have been able to figure out, Michael was born about 1616 or later. He came to America before 1651 as his letter to Miss Ferrar would indicate. One other Upchurch was in Virginia: in 166, his name was Edward. Was he a brother of Michael. In several transactions Michael

signed as Michael Upchurch with Upshure in parenthesis.

While in your place I found the following marriages of Upchurch men:

1538 John	to Margaret Wolly,	Arrington, Cambs.
1538 John	to Margaret Wells	" "
1560 John	to Agnes Bush	" "
1611 Thomas	to Agnes Relf	Saint Coleman
1611 John	to Elizabeth Cooper	Chatteris, Cambs.
1615 John	to Agnes Pennington	Saviors
1628 Thomas	to Agnes Jeankins	Chatteris, Cambs

There were others but they came later and probably would have no bearing on Michael.

Can you tell me about how long it would take to get the information on Michael, so that we will have some idea of the cost? Will you wish a deposit, if so how much? Do you want the money sent in English pounds or in United States currency?

From what I have learned so far, it would seem that some of the Ferrar papers are at your place, some at Magdeline College Cambridge, and some in the Library of the University. I have written to the Library at Magdeline asking that they send a photostat of that letter to Miss Ferrar if they have it. I know the University Library does not have it. I also wrote you asking if you have the letter, but have received no answer.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible concernint this work.

Yours very truly,

Martha Upchurch Tidd
(Mrs. Charles W. Tidd)

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
August 20, 1958.

Dear Folks:

The information on Michael's service in the Revolution came from Washington a few days ago.

Michael enlisted February 11, 1778 as a private in Capt. John Gregory's Co., 11th Virginia Reg't of Foot, commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan. He did guard duty in July and August and in September was in the hospital. He was discharged Nov. 7, 1778 as unfit for service. He received 6 2/3 dollars a month (L2)

*About May 1778 the 11th (1776-1778) and 15th Virginia Regiments were incorporated and designated the 11th and 15th Virginia Regiments until about September 1778.

Michael was at Camp White Plains from July until his discharge. There is nothing to show his age, and no other information.

In Belle's last letter she told of a book "Upshur Family in Virginia", and that Arthur Upcher came to America in the 17th century. Perhaps this Arthur, and the Edward that she found earlier are brothers of the first Michael. If so, this would verify the statement that has come down in my family; viz, that three Upchurch men, brothers, came to this country in the 17th century. Maybe the Genealogical Society will be able to tell us. As you will recall, when I wrote to William and Mary College, the answer came back that there were more spellings from Upchurch than almost any early name. Also Michael wrote in parenthesis (Upshure)

I perhaps am wrong, but my understanding was, about the Upchurch pottery was that it was copied from the Roman Jars that were found in the vicinity. It is a surprise to see the statement, "The jars of local origin, being Upchurch type, dating from the first or second century".

I will write to the Genealogical Society and tell them that there are 30 entries at Godmanchester, so that they will be sure to cover these.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ford

Sept. 23, 1958.

Time just goes too fast. I can't seem to keep up. I am enclosing several things which I think will be of interest.

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1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24
California, U.S.A.
July 7, 1958

Mr. P. A. Bennett, Secretary
Society of Genealogists
37 Harrington Gardens
London, S.W.7

Ref: JP/EM
Upchurch, Michael

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In reply to your letter of 16th May 1958 I am enclosing a Cashier's check on the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles for \$150.00. This was the price you quoted for the study of the Upchurch family, who were at Little Gidding with Mr. Ferrar.

On April 29, 1958 I sent you the information that is available up to this time, and I hope that you can get started on this work before too long. In your letter you say that it will probably take considerable time, but I am sure you can imagine how anxious the Upchurch family here is to receive this study.

We shall be glad to receive your information as soon as you have completed the study.

Yours very truly,

Mrs Charles W. Tidd.

Copy to:
Mrs. West
Dr. Upchurch
Mr. Donah Upchurch
Mr. Ken Upchurch

June 10, 1958

Mrs. Martha Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

I am inclosing, herewith, my check in the sum of \$30.00, which I understand is my part of the fee to be paid to the Society of Genealogists in London.

I have been unable to see Dr. Sam Upchurch recently but when I next see him I will discuss the matter with him and if he is willing to participate will send you his check.

I appreciate all the work you are doing and feel certain that we will all be rewarded by your perserverance.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Upchurch

WKU:as

cc: Mrs. Belle West
634 Lakewood
Detroit 15, Mich.

Incl - Ck. 7675

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1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
June 5, 1958

Dear Upchurch Researchers:

The following letter came this morning from the Society of Genealogists, in London, in answer to the letter that you approved some time ago.

"Dear Madam,

We have studied the details sent in your letter of the 29th April concerning Michael Upchurch, and beg to advise you that we would be willing to undertake an investigation for you for a fee of £150.00.

There are various steps that could be taken in order to try and trace the family, including studying the Upchurch Wills that you mention. We should point out however, that this investigation will probably take considerable time, and we cannot, of course, promise that we will discover the required information. We do have, however, in our library, details concerning the Little Gidding Community, and the Ferrar family which must be consulted, and which may offer some clues about the Upchurch family.

We await your instructions in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. Bennett, Secty."

I am willing to go on with this if you are. If Mr. Ken Upchurch could get the doctor Upchurch in Alabama to join us, this research would cost each of us \$25.00. I feel that I would much rather trust these people than Mr. Graham-Vivian at the College of Arms, who wanted \$75.00 to start and more as that was used up. Then too, much of the material is at the Genealogical Society which would save travel time of an hour each way from the College of Arms.

Please let me know what your pleasure is.

Sincerely,

Copy to:

Mr. Donah Upchurch
Dr. C.T. Upchurch
Mr Ken Upchurch
Mrs. Belle West

P.S. From the Register of Deeds in Chatham Co. I received the following which I have not found in Dr. Upchurch's summary or in the copies that Mrs. West sent. "In 1794 John Upchurch received land from North Carolina State, of Land Grant."

April 25, 1958

Mrs. Martha Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

I have just received from Mrs. West the inclosed copy of your suggested letter to the Society of Genealogists, in London England.

Your letter is so complete and to the point that I would feel foolish should I attempt to make any corrections or suggestions. You are doing a wonderful job for which I want to congratulate you. I just wish that I could help a little more than I am doing. Maybe, later on, I will find more time to be of assistance.

Kindest regards and thanks for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Upchurch

WKU:as

cc: Mrs. Belle West
634 Lakewood Drive
Detroit 15, Mich.

634 Lakewood
Detroit 15, Michigan
APRIL 22, 1958

Dear Mr. Kendrick Unchurch:

Mrs. Tidd asked me to send this letter along to you for suggestions. Seems to me she has done a very thorough job and I agree with the others who have had the letter before me that she should go ahead right away and get the letter off.

I am returning Mrs. Bentley's administrative greeting which I brought along from Montgomery. She sounds pretty...

Best Luck with the new house.

Think Mrs. Tidd expects you to return the letter to her as soon as you have read same.

Sincerely

Belle West.

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California
April 17, 1958

Dear Mr. Upchurch:

Your letter of April 14, came yesterday, and I am sorry that I did not make myself clear. I have every thing I need from the time of Thomas Gay Upchurch, born 1797 to the present. What I am interested in is before that. There is no need to search the records for Ashland or Pineville except as it might throw light perhaps on brothers. I have my line and some of the others from Thomas Gay.

What I particularly want to know and am trying to find out is, who was the father and mother of Thomas Gay. What relation was he to Charles Upchurch born 1755.

On the summary I sent to you, will be found the name Surwell in Greene Co. Ga. in 1809 or 1810. Yesterday I found out that he was the son of James Upchurch of Brunswick Co. Va. and the grandson of James Upchurch in whos will he was named 24 June 1784.

Realizing how very busy you are, I wanted to correct my position immediately. The records from Virginia and anything up to 1797 is what I would appreciate receiving. That is why I would be happy to pay the cost of having them typed.

Sincerely,

Martha W. Tidd

COPY

April 15, 1958
Hatcher, W. Va.

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

I think your letter is an excellent idea and I am in favor of you beginning as soon as possible.

There are a couple of things that do not agree with the time table I have of the Upchurchs and Ferrars. Of course mine may be wrong, but you can check them as I got most of this information from one of you.

First you say, Michael's letter written to his Father was in care of Nicholas Ferrar. According to my time table Nicholas Ferrar died in 1637, and this letter should have been written in care of John Ferrar.

Second, my records show a Nicholas Upchurch Freeholder of Wisborough Green in Sussex in 1714. Is this date a mistake or was there another Nicholas Upchurch of Wisborough Green, Sussex whose will was probated in Court of Canterbury, 1682? I have gotten this information from different ones but can not quite get the time table straight.

Mrs. Tidd, I do hope you push this along for I see nothing gained by putting it off any longer.

Sincerely,

/s/
C. T. UPCHURCH

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April 14, 1958

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

I had a little more time yesterday to read your lineage as regards Thomas Gay Upchurch. It occurs to me that you might be interested to know there are still a considerable number of Upchurches in and around Ashland, Alabama. We have never been acquainted with this group but I will make every effort possible to contact some of them in the immediate future to see if they have any records that will help you.

I sincerely regret I am in the middle of certain operations that are taking all my time at present. However, I should have some available time in another month or six weeks after which I can spend some more time on this matter.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Upchurch

WU:as

634 Lakewood
Detroit 15, Michigan
April 11, 1958

Dear Martha:

Thanks for your very prompt answer to my letter regarding the three new addresses from Donah's correspondent F. N. Upchurch of England. Your letter setting forth procedure which you might take right away, and the letter you are willing to undertake to the "Society of Genealogists" in regard to tracing Michael's family, is eminently satisfactory to me, and I for one vote you a rising vote. I know how you might feel that you would like to have us approve your letter, but you have my Go ahead right now. I agree with you that we have more facts to set before the Society now and the job shouldn't take too long.

Its nice to have Mrs. Fred Upchurch come along if she has helped with your line. By the middle of May, if there is something specific that I might do for you in Raleigh, N. C. please let me know. This trip to N. C. will be short and complicated but I will try anything specific. Of course I will be in communication with you before then but my address will be: 1512 North Duke Street, Durham, N. C.

You may be on a good lead there in your Tidd matter. My husband recently cleared up a point in some Orphan's Court records. It is hard to work alone on a line. I have several of that kind.

Thanks for the additional material on Upchurches in Georgia.

Sincerely

Belle

Copies to

Dr. Copy Upchurch
Donah Upchurch
Mr. Kendrick Upchurch

Mr. Kendrick: Come on in, the waters fine...

Belle West

April 9, 1958

Mrs. Charles W. Tidd
1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Mrs. Tidd:

I enjoyed very much your letter of April 1 and would have answered sooner except that I have been simply snowed under.

I have no records of any connection by the name of Thomas Gay Upchurch but will be on the look out for this name when I start searching the Alabama Archives.

I will be glad to participate financially in any research that you and Mrs. West under take, to be understood, of course, that no major expenses will be incurred without notification. I feel certain that Dr. Sam Upchurch of Birmingham will also be glad to participate with us. I will communicate with him in the immediate future, as soon as time permits.

I will write you a little more fully as soon as I can find a breath to spare.

Thanks again for your letter and with kindest regards,
I am

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Upchurch

WKU:as

CC: Mrs. George West
634 Lakewood Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

1336 Thayer Avenue
Los Angeles 24, Calif.
April 8, 1958

Dear Belle,

Since your letter arrived this morning, I have gone over every

thing we have concerning Michael, and I believe the best thing and the cheapest would be to have the Society of Genealogists go on from here. I talked to them last summer about this, and their price is 2 pounds 12 shillings a day which at the present rate of exchange is about \$7.00 a day. The woman in charge said that it should not take more than four or five days. Knowing how slow this work is, I would say it would be nearer six or seven.

Since I talked with her we have found out so much about the family, such as the letter Donah sent, the letter from Michael trying them to the Little Gidding, the letter from Cambridge, and the letter from Mr. Graham-Vivian, that now we have a rather small area to be searched. I know nothing about Mr. Vivian-Graham except that I met him at the College of Arms. He is rather a prissy elderly English gentleman, and was not nearly so courteous as his letter would lead one to believe. I am, I think, more in favor of the Genealogical Society. Then too they have so many of the Ferrar papers, know exactly where the others are, have the lists of ships and the passengers, have all of the marriage, birth and death records that have been transcribed. They are on the spot where the information is, or at least much of it, and the man from Mr. Graham-Vivian's office would have a trip of over an hour to get from Victoria Street, London E.C.4 to Harrington Gardens London S.W.7. also The Society is where the Registrar General's office sent me as their records go back only to July 1837.

If you think the way I have stated my feelings seems sensible I will be glad to summarize all of the information that we have and send it to the Genealogical Society and ask them to get started. We are in so much better position than we were when I started cold there last summer that I think we have been wise to wait this long. I of course would send all of you a copy of the letter to approve before finally mailing it.

By that time we might have information about Michael's letter to Virginia Ferrar, as I wrote both to the Pepys Library at Magdeline College and to the Society of Genealogists trying to find it, and asked for a proof like the one of Michael's letter to his father, so that we could all have copies.

The letter that Mr. Donah received, from the Vicar at Upchurch said there was no connection with the family name of Upchurch. This second one, from the genealogist definitely ties them up.

The phrase, Clerk in Holy Orders, is really Clerk in Holy Orders, which term applied to five "minor orders" as opposed to Holy Orders, and these positions were held by laymen in the 16th century.

I have written to Mr. Kendrick Upchurch asking for the information that he has, and told him I would be glad to pay for having it typed. I hope it comes along soon. I have had a letter from Mrs. Fred Upchurch and have sent her quite a bit of information which she did not have. I have asked that she send me anything that she has that was not included in what I sent her. I wrote Mrs. James Herrick Hall in Washington D.C. offering to exchange Gay information with her, but have received no answer. I did receive from Franklin Co. A copy of the will of Thomas Gay which was probated in 1794 after having been written in 1784. This gave no information that was helpful. I am now going to write for the marriage record of two of his daughters to see if they married an Upchurch, I should have said "either of them". Thomas Gay left his land in Georgia to his son Thomas Gay. I will let you know what happens. In going over all information to-day I was struck with how often the Gay family comes in.

Williford Upchurch married Frances Gay 6th December 1854
 Oliver Upchurch married Amanda Gay 14 December 1857
 Charles acted as witness when Moses sold land to Thomas Gay in 1803

Another name that comes up is Burwell.

Burwell Perry was a witness to the will of Thomas Gay 1784

Burwell Bell sold land to Wm. C. Upchurch

Burwell Bell bought land from Buckner Upchurch

Burwell Upchurch sold land in Greene Co. Ga in 1809.

I am still in the house with the after effects of the flu. Sunday just when I thought I was about well, I started with an intestinal virus, so----- however I am feeling better. The floods did not hit us, except that the weather has been awful. Three times the amount of rain that we had up to this time last year. We have not heard from Charlie since he went back to Stanford, as he had to register, get started on his new classes, and rushing for the fraternities started last Thursday, so we do not expect to hear until that is over. Stanford does not rush until the spring quarter, and of course being a transfer he may not get in. He has finally decided what he will do, I think! He plans to go into foreign service. His Major is history, with math as a minor, and the Russian language his main interest at present. If he does not work this summer he hopes to get in the Army Language School at Monterey as a civilian and study nothing except Russian.

I had a thrill last week with my work on the Tidd family. I took over the work started by a cousin of my husband in 1930, and on which nothing had been done since then. From Bangor Maine I received a copy of the application for the appointment of a guardian for the seven minor children of William Tidd. My husband's father was at that time two years old, and the application was made by one of the children who was only 14 years old. I was really thrilled with this piece of information. It is so much more fun to work on the Upchurch family because of the people who are interested. With the Tidd I am the lone wolf.

I will start the letter to-morrow to The Genealogical Society and mail it for suggestions. If we do not use it now, we will have it ready for a later date. I hope we decide to go on with it now.

I am retuening the letter as requested also the latest I have on the Upchurch family in Georgia. I wish you would go through it and see if any of the names for land grants show up on the wills of Moses. I still would like to find out who the sons and who the nephews of Charles were.

Sincerely,

Martha

Copies to:

Dr. Coy Upchurch

Mr. Donah Upchurch

Mr. Kendrick Upchurch

After this I suppose I will try to run five at the same time so I can include Mrs. Fred Upchurch.

(73)

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April 5, 1958

Dear Martha:

Thanks for a copy of the letter you write Dr. Coy Upchurch. So sorry you had to have Flu but can thoroughly understand that boys in ones house for ten days can do anything to one. However, you seem to have bounced back as your letter sounds most energetic.

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Cambell of Yorktown which is revealing. Her sentence: "I have just this week discovered the location of an early church register of births and deaths which may reveal important information. This register has been in private possession, which is, of course, highly irregular, but I will be able to see it within a few weeks. My fee for these studies is \$3. an hour, with my client to set a limit on the time to be expended in preliminary search". Mrs. Campbell's letter is dated 8th of February. I will write her again now and find out what has happened. Shall we await her findings in this matter of the church register?

I am sending W. Kendrick a copy of this letter also and I suppose he will go along with us in matter of Surry records. This book of abstracts which I bought covers years 1652-84. I have been studying it and came on the abstract of the item which Dr. Upchurch found in detail. As far as I can find there is no further item about Upchurch, Upshure, Upsher, than we have already. I just counted the pages of the index and that is 30. Of course, the book is typed and in that mimeographed type of printing and 30 pages of typing is not 30 pages of printing. This purports to be complete I suppose. If Dr. Upchurch knows the name of the woman in Surry office it might be good idea for him to write her a kind of personal letter and ask her if Elizabeth Timberlake Davis abstracts are complete as far as Surry Records are concerned for that period. Oh, Doctor...

I am enclosing a short list of Genealogists in response to inquiry about someone to search for your Gays, Martha. The two names checked were recommended by Librarian in State Library. This list came to me this morning from State Archivist of N. C.

I did write Genealogical Quarterly to find for us prices on having parish records abstracted and they haven't answered yet. I sent \$1. to pay airmail as regular mail takes about 20 days.

On a letter from Donah of the 1st of April he marked "copy to Mrs. Tidd". However, I am enclosing copy of a letter from F. N. Upchurch which he sent me just in case he didn't send you copy of this one also. You are familiar with procedure in correspondence with English and please explain to me how to address a Vicar, quote "Thomas Upchurch, Clerk in Holy Orders, of Winceby Lincs. Will proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1654". What Vicar??? Seems to me this English side of our question is become continually more complicated. We have gone from one lucky break to another. Is it best to continue to scatter our correspondence or should we get your friend Mr. Graham - Vivien to recommend one person who could tie up the subject for us? I am willing to go on as we have been and write these three people as per letter of F. N. Upchurch but it takes a good bit of time and they don't seem to want to send airmail. Martha, would you undertake to write these three if you have procedure clearly in mind? I am not trying to keep from doing it. Just tell me how..... Do these addresses seem to

complete to you? Please return Donah's letter from N. H. to me please. I will forward Donah's check to you endorsed if you feel you know how to handle the matter.

I will try to find Upchurches in Pa. records when I get to the Burton Collection again. 1650 in Va. scarcely saw ~~no entries~~ any entries. But it could be worthwhile to pursue. This, in reference to your father's statement that 3 Upchurch brothers went to Pa. first, then to Va. and then to N. C.

As of now I expect to be in North Carolina during the last two weeks in May to see my Mother and attend my Class Reunion at Salem College. How nice it will be to be in that vicinity again. I will try to work on the Gays a little for you if you haven't figured a way to get your information. Likely will not do Franklin County unless some lead indicates that. I seem to think I have already copied there what will do any good. Mike could furnish something.

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