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father, Richard U<sup>r</sup> (of Sutton) will in 1584. Thomas  
U (of Lincolnshire) left a will in Wyncely, Lincoln.,  
in 1654, More about this will later."

"The residence of Bridgett Hangyman is further established  
by the record of a lawsuit - "Bridgett Hangyman vs  
Edward Upcher and ~~to~~ Susan, his wife, regarding  
lands in Quadring, calendar in 2 mes. Feet of Fine, 29-30  
Ely. Mich. Term, pt. i. 27. (Quadring is in  
the southern part of Lincolnshire, and lies just  
north of the Isle of Ely in Cambridgeshire, in which  
section lay the property of Richard Upcher  
which he willed to his son Edward U (The Balywick) (28, pg 9)

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(d. 1538)

- ① "one John U (of Colchester), Essex, left a will in 1502 recorded in Chelmsford, Essex Recording Office, naming his son Thomas U. There followed, within six years, wills recorded in the same record office, of four persons apparently of different branches of the same family who spelled their ~~own~~ surname differently all with the given name Thomas. There is no evidence to prove which of these was the son of John U who left a will in 1502. In 1538 one Thomas Upcher was in Dedham, Essex, and left a will naming his "wife Joane —", sons John the elder, Steiner, John the younger and John my brother. The first Upcher with the given name Michael U of Dedham, Essex, was designated "clothier". He left a will dated 10 JUN 1575, which was proved by his son Richard Upcher 7 OCT 1575. In his will among other bequests, Michael left money to his brother John the elder and John the younger, which proves that he was the son of Thomas U (d. 1538) who left a will in Dedham in 1538 naming his sons John the elder and younger. (Prerogative Court of Canterbury, no. 38 Pichering)." (28, Pg 10, 11).

# THOMAS U

① "One John Upchurch of Colchester (John U of Colchester), Essex, left a will in 1502, recorded in the Chelmsford, Essex, Record Office, naming his son Thomas U (28, Pg 10)

[Note: This <sup>Thomas U</sup> appears to be the individual otherwise referred to as Thomas U (of Great Tey) b/1504 + md Jane - RPU] [Note also that West makes a point that:

"There followed within six years (of John U 1502 will) wills recorded in the same Record Office of four persons apparently of different branches of the same family who spelled their names differently - all with the given name Thomas. (~~28, Pg 10~~) - RPU]

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(OF LINCOLNSHIRE)

① "Referring again to the will of 1584 of Richard U (of Sutton) of Isle of Ely, Richard U (of Sutton) willed, among other bequests: To Thomas U (of Lincolnshire) my sonne £100 to be paid in 2 years after my death." A genealogist of Finsdon, England, of today, judges that the Thomas U, Clerke (minister) of Ulyncely, Finsdonshire, who left a will in 1654 was the Thomas U (of Lincolnshire) who matriculated in Christi College, Cambridge, in the Michaelmas term of 1578. "

"The genealogist found a record of Thomas U (of Finsdon) as a Rector in Ulyncely in 1647, when he petitioned Parliament for tithes due him. He was referred, by Parliamentary Committee, to justice of the Peace of the county, "who are desired to relieve him" (Plundered Ministers of Finsdonshire, 1900 page 131). "

"The language of the will of Thomas U (of Finsdonshire), dated April the 20<sup>th</sup> 1654 and probated 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 1654 indicated that he was quite elderly, as Thomas, the son of Richard U (of Sutton) who left a will in 1584 would necessarily have been."

"Thomas U (of Finsdonshire) willed:

A. Unto Mary my wife.

B. To Hamlet Richr and Robert Richr, my wife's sonnes

C. To my nephew William U.

D. To my brother Richard U (of Huntingdon)

E. To my nephew Michael U (only sonning)

F. To my niece Susannah U (sister of E).

G. My will is that Mary, my wife, shall have her dwelling in the house in Hulton, now in the hands of the widow Fish, with that parts of the yard only which is also in the tenure and occupation of the said widow Fish during the lifetime of Thomas Antoh of Salsbery, Gent., yet only upon condition that she doe not anye wayes molest or trouble my grandchildren in the peaceable possession of their lands and other goods. sole executor John Gately, my grandchild.

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"His brother, Richard U (of Huntingdon), to whom Thomas U (of Lincolnshire) bequeathed a small amount of shillings, we may assume was the same Richard U (of Huntingdon) whom Edward U (of the Balywick) called "brother" in her will of 12 NOV 1613, who married Frances Inghersol in 1608 in Godmanchester, Hunts."

"Another clue in the will of Thomas U (of Lincolnshire) is a small bequest: "To my niece, Susannah U" one of the important persons in the 'Beligious Household' of the Ferrars and Collets at Little Gidding, was Susannah (Ferrars) Collett. It would have been natural for Richard U (of Huntingdon) to have named a daughter for her as she was his benefactor. The bequest of Thomas U (of Lincolnshire) to his nephew, Michael U (orig emung) is a very strong clue that our Michael U of Virginia who addressed a letter in care of Mr John Ferrar of Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire on 4 MAY 1952, was the Michael who ran the legation of Thomas, and the son of Richard and Frances (Inghersol) U of Godmanchester who must have been on intimate terms with the Ferrars.

(28, Pg 9, 10).

# THOMAS U.

① Thomas U left a will in Dedham, Essex in 1538. He named several sons but not one son Michael U (the doctuer). When the latter left his will in Dedham Essex (dated 10 JUN 1575) he proved by citing his brother as being same as some of Thomas U that he was the son of Thomas d. 1538. Michael U (the doctuer) listed his sons

Richard U

Michael U

Thomas U ↑

Re Thomas U ↑ ~~4 To Nathaniel~~ his father will dated 10 JUN 1575 allowed " To Nathaniel, my son-in-law to have the bringing up of my son Thomas ↑ until 14 years of age." (28, Pg 10, 11).

THOMAS U.

- ① Thomas Upcher and William Butley renewed the will of Richard 4<sup>th</sup>, whose burial was recorded on 2 JUN 1641 in the Dedham, Essex Parish Register. (28, pg 12).

THOMAS U  
( OF GREAT TAY)

- ① "As far as we have found the first record of the Upchurch family in Essex County was that of John Upchurch of Colchester, who left a will, recorded in 1502 at the Chelmsford, Essex, Record Office, naming a son, Thomas U."

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(28, pg 7)

THOMAS U OF LINCOLNSHIRE  
(UPCHARE)

① Thomas U <sup>[OF LINCOLNSHIRE]</sup> <sub>1</sub> was son of Richard U [OF SUTTON], grandson of John U (of FORDHAM), great grandson of Robert U [OF BOCKING] & great-great-grandson of Thomas U of Great Tey. "Richard Upcharer Will: In the name of God, Amen --- the eleventh day of October, 1584 --- I, Richard Upcharer [OF SUTTON], Gentlemen --- To Anne my wife --- To Thomas [OF LINCOLNSHIRE] and Henry Upchare, my sonnes --- To Thomas Upchard [OF LINCOLNSHIRE], my sonne --- £100 to be paid in 2 year after my death. (28, pg 7, 8).

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THOMAS U OF RYDANS  
(UPCHER)

① Thomas U/ of Rydans was son of John U of Fordham,  
& grandson of Robert U of Barking and great grandson  
of Thomas U of Great Tey. "Then in April 1542,  
John Upcher [OF FORDHAM] left a will in Fordham,  
Essex, naming his wife, Johanna --- "son Richard  
[Richard of Sutton] - all my lands in Elye, called Sutton  
--- Thomas [OF RYDANS] ↑ my son - lands called  
Rydans --- my wife and Thomas [OF RYDANS] ↑ my son  
to be my executors." (Note - the Isle of Ely covers  
the northern section of Cambridgeshire, the county  
touching Essex to the north. Sutton lies just west  
of the town of Ely in the Isle of Ely.) (28, P. 2?).

FRANK

U

Item from Clyde Chader U, fr in Ltr Rec'd 7 OCT 1999 by RPH  
1881 British Census

Dwelling: High St Yards End  
Census Place: March, Cambridge, England  
Source: FHL Film 1341404 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 1691 Folio 35 Page 21

	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace	
Charles UPCHURCH		B. 1821			
	M	60	M	Woodhurst, Huntingdon, England	b about 1821
Ruth UPCHURCH					
	M	49	F	Wimblington, Cambridge, England	b about 1832
Frank UPCHURCH					
		12	M	March, Cambridge, England	b about 1869
Sarah E. UPCHURCH					
		8	F	March, Cambridge, England	b about 1873

Hi Phil -

My computer does not have this family.

REC'D  
7 OCT 1999

Very close to Little Giddings

Thanks for all the files you sent  
+ I am going fast as I can.

I gave up trying to hire help.

Crans Reference:

U, & ENGLAND  
1800-2000

all the best

Clyde

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ALBERT ROBERT U

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I. JOHN U MD (1)

ELIZABETH

FEAT

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MD (1) SARAH --

1. SARAH U BAPT.

25 APR 1847

(EATON SOLOD, ENGLAND)

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

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

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

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

In February 1857 a licence was granted for Maria Castle aged eighteen and six months to marry John Wilson, mariner, aged 33yrs. They were married at the private residence of the Rev., Harry Grein, in Wellington<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. Felina md 28 JAN 1884 (St Neots, Eng) Rose Wakefield

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

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

a. Thomas U BAPT 29 JUN 1953 (St Neots, Eng)

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

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

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

md 9 FEB 1914 (NZ) Maria Castle

← D/O John Castle & Maria Faries

md (1st) John Wilson, md (2nd) Joshua Clapham

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

(2) Albert Robert U b 1876

(3) Edward U b 1879

← (a) Allen Edward U b 1909

(i) Colin Henry U b 1947

md (1) Cynthia Joan Bateman

(II). Caroline U

(III) Lucy U BAPT 1828

(IV) \* Betsy U BAPT 1830 md (1) William Yeardye

(V) Thomas U b 1823 md Mary Ann Cole

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

(VI) Joseph U - went @ Bluecoat School - GF of Margaret Edna U - cooperates

Vn Another James U in 1881 also on Census

md (1) Ann Hutchcroft

on 1881 Census on Hackney, London

TO NZ on the BOLTON AS SERVANTS OF REV. CHURTON

Visited London in 1936 & stayed with his cousin Jack Clapham

NOTE: The 15 JUN 2002

LTR LISTS THE FOLLOWING I CANNOT CONNECT - RPA

I. JOHN U M&C

ELIZABETH

FEAT

A. JAMES U

md (1) SARAH --

1. SARAH U BAPT.

25 APR 1847

(EATON SOLOD, ENGLAND)

\* RESEARCHER = S. WISE

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

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

TRUDIE ANN U

○ See #1 1 JUN 2002 Cynthia Jean Galerman (D RPA-19)

Mrs Allen Greerhins (nee Trudie Ann U)<sup>↑</sup> of New Zealand is a descendant of John U who m'd 28 JAN 1684 (St Neots, England) Rose Whitfield. Trudie<sup>↑</sup> supplied Cynthia details on her part of the family. Cynthia has sent Trudie<sup>↑</sup> records to Ransome.