



November 16, 1997

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20 NOV 1997

Dear Phil,

As always I was delighted to receive the issue of "Englandia". It seems that professor Ransom is making splendid progress. I keep thinking that our specimens are from Huntingtonshire and no where else. Of course, this may not ever be proved one way or the other.

I would please like a copy of this history of Brighton Church. I am enclosing a cheque. If any money is left over, please

put it in the Englandia research fund.

We have had a time of it. On October 6 Diane was operated on for what we thought was a fibroid tumor. It turned out to be early ovarian cancer. The doctor was able to remove all malignant tissue, and subsequently all tests - tissue, body fluids, and lymph nodes - came back clear. As an added precaution, Diane will have chemo-therapy which will begin on Thursday. Clearly it is the best of a bad situation, and we certainly have much for which to be thankful.

As usual, the autumn here was beautiful. Beautiful. It looks as though we shall have an early winter, for already we have had a bit of snow.

I trust that you and yours will have a joyous and blessed Christmas.

As ever,

Ken

for  
Booklet P. 7, 1998  
sent booklet  
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12 FEB 1996

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Dear Cousin Ken,

Thank you for your letter and for your contribution towards the Ransome ltr. A number of cousins are responding so we will be in a position to meet the obligation without undue strain on any given individual.

I am especially pleased to have your reaction to Ransome's report. My sense of it is the same as yours. Still, I need to study it in more detail with a view towards interpreting it to the readership of the U & B when it is published. It is a little long compared to the items we usually publish. However, I feel it must be published. Otherwise someone will have to start at the beginning all over again in 10-20 years.

I have just returned from AZ where I had the pleasure of meeting with 5 cousins from different parts of our Upchurch family. 😊  
Sincerely yours,  
Phil Upchurch  
With Appreciation.

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

KENNETH RODERICK FRANKLIN

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Monday Evening

ZID 02889-1515

REC'D

8 FEB 1996

Dear Cousin Phil,

It was exciting to receive the notes of Prof. Ransome's research on the Huntingdonshire upland. Once more, I think that he is right on the mark. I see no reason to go beyond Huntingdonshire for Michael's immediate antecedents.

The social strata of small time farmers and farm laborers seem to fit perfectly. We know that Michael was a person of integrity and intelligence. It appears that his father, Richard, was also respected for these qualities. In the long run this is for more

important than any socio-economic status - either real or fancied - could possibly be. You did right in mentioning Ransome's bill. In my own modest way I certainly want to help with it.

Thanking you and wishing you the best, I sincerely remain your somewhat strange cousin

Ken

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Dec. 4, 1995

REC'D  
8 DEC 1995

Dear Cousin Philip,

Please forgive my long delay in writing to you. Diane's father died at the end of June. There have been the inevitable duties as well as selling the place in Swanzie Mass. and moving Diane's mother (who is crippled and has to be looked after) to Warwick. Also the parish has been exceptionally busy.

You did an excellent job in editing and publishing my article earlier in the year. Thank you very much indeed.

Enclosed please find a cheque for \$50.00. Please use part of it to pay my dues for the coming year and please accept the remainder as a modest contribution to the research fund. I shall be quite interested to learn of Prof. P.'s latest findings when they are available.

Diane joins me in wishing you and yours a blessed Christmastide.

Yours truly,  
Kenneth

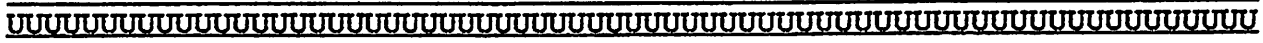
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10 JUL 1995

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Dear Cousin Ken,

Your report on Bunyans was included in U.B. Vol 16 No 2 which was mailed on 5 JUL 95. Your copy should reach you soon. Thanks so much for the article and your cooperation.

Since mailing the U.B. a letter from Professor Ransome dated 28 JUL 95 has arrived. A copy of his letter and of my reply of 7 JUL 95 is provided herewith. I would welcome any comment you may have about the status of our overall project to learn more about our ancestors and their surroundings in England.

Re your ancestor William Verrell in Franklin Co, NC - I cannot find him in my system but have now added a profile for him.

I was sorry to learn of the passing of your father-in-law. Please extend my condolences to your wife.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch  
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH



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May 22, 1995

REC'D  
5 JUN 1995

(Photos of All Saints Church  
Placed in Geographical File)

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Dear Cousin Phil:

Please forgive my long delay in writing to you. We made it to England "by the skin of our teeth, so to speak. We were scheduled to go to England on February 1. On January 13 my father-in-law had a major stroke. We stabilized just in time for us to make our trip.

~~Since~~ Subsequently he has met with one health disaster after the other, and still even now we do not know what the next few days will bring. I am sending you photographs of Brington Church and writing notes on the trip. I certainly do not necessarily expect you to include all the photographs or to repeat everything that I write. Please feel free to make full use of your rightful power as an editor. Having said this, I shall proceed with my "Notes on a Visit to Brington."

We do not know at this point where Michael Upchurch was born and raised. We do know that in the late 1640's and 1650's his father was living in "Brington by Old Weston" or, as it is known today, "Old Weston-Brington." The village is located on the western edge of what used to be Huntingdonshire. This county exists no more since some years ago it was combined with Cambridgeshire. We shall, however, continue to use the designation, "Huntingdonshire," for the sake of greater clarity.

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The northeastern part of Huntingdonshire, about one fourth or one fifth of the county, was originally fen country. The fens were swamps where a few shy and seemingly backward people lived. About the time that Michael Upchurch was born serious efforts were begun to drain the fens. Until then most of the villages in Huntingdonshire were located in the south and west of that county. Brington like little Little Meldring<sup>is in that</sup> area. It is a tiny village, and the feeling one has is that one is definitely in the country. We were driven by a friend. Even at the modest speed with which one has to travel on English country roads, Malesworth, Old Warden, and Brington seemed to run together. Only the signs along the road told us when we were passing from one to the other. Like Little Meldring and other non-fen areas of the county, the landscape around Brington ~~consists~~<sup>consists</sup> of low, gently rolling hills. The church, All Saints, is located a bit off the main road and sits on a slight rise.

Before proceeding, it might be wise to clarify some terms of the ~~area~~ architecture of Anglican church churches since the terms vary a bit from those used in the Free Church Protestant tradition. "Nave" refers to the part of the church where the people sit. "Chancel" describes the area where the choir and the altar, or "Holy Table" are located. "Sanctuary" is used to designate the area immediately around the altar.

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locked, and one has to go searching for the person  
who has the key in order to get into the building.  
Since the church has such a high roof and  
tower it gives the impression of being somewhat  
larger than it actually is. The nave looked <sup>lovely</sup> <sup>lovely</sup>  
though it would not seat more than a hundred  
people, and even at that some of them would  
have to be children or quite thin adults. The  
pulpit <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ large and handsome. The cover on the  
font, the place where infants and adults are baptized,  
is Jacobean and is really quite attractive. The  
church was clean and neat but did not have a  
polished look. Like the area it looked like the  
country - decent and in order but by no means  
elegant.

I could find no information on when the  
church was built. The chancel was added in  
the nineteenth century. When one sees the church  
it is obvious that the chancel was a later addition.  
With the nave as the only original portion the  
building was quite small when our Upchurch  
ancestors worshipped there.

No one was around to question. There was no  
service leaflet or bulletin. From the furnishings  
of the church I definitely gathered that the  
services are "Low Church" - tending toward the  
Evangelical - rather than "High Church" - tending  
toward the Anglo-Catholic.

As I stood there in the dim February light  
with the fine English rain falling outside, <sup>I thought</sup> that the  
church at Brington was very much like our Republic  
heritage - devoutly Christian, solid, enduring,  
respectable, and dependable. I can be proud of,  
and content with, such a heritage. I hope that  
all of my cousins share my feelings. -

Well Phil, that is it. It is neither my  
best composition nor my best handwriting.  
I am sending it on to you. With the pressures  
of family life and work that are now on me,  
I could be weeks or months in producing a  
better copy let alone a re-write. I shall  
try to call you in the not-too-distant future.

All my love,

Ken

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8 JUN 1995

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Dear Cousin Ken,

On 5 JUN 1995 we returned from a 15 day family history trip through TN and NC and found your delightful letter of 22 MAY 1995. I am now full late in preparing the U B 1995 issue #2. It seems quite likely I will want to use some or all of your notes in the issue. You have provided the first "on the ground" inspection of Brynston - our new focus on our English heritage. On first reading of your letter I was not clear on certain words but now on a more careful reading all the words are clear. Thanks for preparing such a timely and appropriate article.

When you next write or call could I have a telephone number where you may be reached. I do not believe I now have such a number.

I hope this finds matters as well as possible on the health front. Family and

Other duties seem to be keeping you rather busy. Perhaps your schedule will stabilize in due course. Sallaine says I am trying to do too much. It is true that my schedule is everly full but that in the way I have always operated. Over a few more months I hope to settle into an activity pattern that will be more reasonable. In retirement status I have tended to probe some areas that do tend to demand time - such as real estate sales.

Our NC visit included a lecture at Zebulon, NC a short distance from where your ancestor Claburn II, I was born. I was able over noon to drive by & over the land he inherited from his father Richard II, III in 1817. The lecture was well received and we have some new converts (to borrow a phrase from your line of work).

Yes, we must somehow arrange for a personal visit either in New England or the Midwest - all in due course.

☺ Sincerely yours,  
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13 APR 1994

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Dear Cousin Ken,

Thanks for your letter of 6 MAR 1994 and for the details. This past weekend I found time to extract the information in your letter and to place it on the Market Outline and in the various Briefs. A copy of the updated Market Outline for the Sidney Lee Simmons, Sr. Family is enclosed along with a list of questions about missing details. I will be grateful for any answer you have or can get.

The story of how your Grandfather was never able to receive due recognition for his accomplishments is a familiar refrain in family history. Sometimes it is a matter of people not being asked for their errors and sometimes they get credit where it is not due. Feelings within families can take an ugly turn whereas you would think the situation would call for love and compassion. I have several such instances in my own family. My super parents did not approve of our marriage in 1948.

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I was gradually able to win them over (I think) aided in large measure when they learned I could write a com. It seems as if either you or I could write a book on the complexities of relationships in families.

Ken, I am curious to know if you would be willing to carry out a limited correspondence project on behalf of the Upchurch Family in relation to our history in England. There are several potential dimensions to this including an aspect related to the Upchurch Family and Little Gidding. I have had limited contact in the last 2-3 years with an individual in England who said he would be doing research on the Little Gidding records for the 1600-1700 era. I have lost contact with him but suspect it could be reestablished. I am not pressing you to take on this assignment but offer it as an option. If you undertake the project you could do it at your own pace.

My New York trip was cancelled.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

{ ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH }



MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY OF <sup>3</sup> 13 APR  
SIDNEY LEE SIMMONS, SR  
1994

- 1) For Sidney Lee Simmons, Sr & wife
  - a) Did they have only nine children?
  - b) I have both died on 14 FEB 1947. Is that correct?
- 2) For Henry Madison Simmons
  - a) when & where died & where buried?
  - b) when & where married?
  - c) Full maiden name of wife, when & where born, when & where died & where buried?
  - d) Full name of children & when & where born + other details.
- 3) For Sidney Lee Simmons, Jr
  - a) when & where died & where buried?
  - b) Did he ever marry/have children? If so, details?
- 4) For Mary Elizabeth Simmons
  - a) when in MAR 1909 died
  - b) where buried?
- 5) For Paul Griffin Simmons
  - a) where buried?
  - b) Did he marry/have children? If so, details?
- 6) For Katie Frances Simmons
  - a) Is Katie a real (legal) name or is it a nickname for a longer version?
  - b) Did she marry/have children? If so, details?

- 7) For Amy Lou Simmons
- when and where died & where buried?
  - Did she marry? have children? If so, details?
- 8) For Millie Copers Simmons (→ Billie Copers Simmons)
- when & where did she marry?
  - Full name of her husband (— William), when & where born, when & where died & where buried.
  - Full name of her daughter Clegg William, when & where born?, details on her husband and children (if any).
  - Did she have children other than Clegg?  
If so, details?
- 9) For John Wesley Simmons
- where buried?
- 10) For Emily Rachel Simmons
- For Kenneth Roderick Franklin
    - Is the correct spelling Diane LYNN Young or Diane LYN Young?
    - Does your son have any children yet?
  - For Harold Elvin Franklin - All OK

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11 SEP 1994

Dear Cousin Ken

The complications of moving from Arizona to Missouri have finally caught up with us. It is not uncommon for me to run 4 - 8 weeks behind in processing genealogical information but I can see that this is going to get worse before it gets better. We are well pleased with our new home in Lake St. Louis, MO, to which we took title on 31 AUG 94. Our household goods and genealogical records will be shipped to MO in mid-September but I will not be there full time until mid-November. Both Sallaine and I will be back and forth some. I am sending this message to let you know that I have a letter from you on family history that remains unprocessed. It is deeply appreciated and I WILL get to it in due course.

Until November 1, 1994, you can continue to write to me at the above address. Items mailed November 1 or after should be addressed to me at:

R. P. Upchurch  
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Thank you for your patience.

Ken - Many thanks for your letter of 5 SEP & for your \$25 check for the England Project. We can make this also RPU:s a memorial. I hope for good results from Professor Ransome. We are deep into our transition now - retirement celebration on the 9th with two of our out-of-town children present - now to finish packing for Mayflower who will move all our worldly goods to Missouri on the 14th. I'll be in touch in due course.  
Phil Upchurch

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Upchurch, Editor  
UPCHURCH BULLETIN

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September 5, 1994

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Kenneth R.  
Franklin - for  
Ransome Project  
& Memorial.

Kenneth R. Franklin  
Diane L. Franklin  
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Dear Phil,

The last two issues of the "Upchurch Bulletin" have been fascinating. I was thrilled to see in April the notes on the English antecedents of the family. Even on careful reading I could not decide between the Colchester or Dedham genealogy, or between the Essex Walthams or Kent. Upchurch theory of the origin of the family. The prospect of further information from Prof. Ransome is most exciting. I am enclosing a modest cheque toward the fund for this endeavor. If you wish, it can be a memorial to my grandfather - S. Lee Simmons, but such is not strictly necessary.

I am sorry not to have sent you further information on the descendants of Morton Simmons. Several factors have contributed to my negligence. First, the ~~demands~~ demands of the parish ministry. Secondly, both my wife and

I have required surgery this summer. Thirdly, my greater interest in the past rather than the present. I will try to do a bit better.

Good luck on your mine. You will certainly have your hands full.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Franklin

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best composition nor my best handwriting.  
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of family life and work that crammers on me,  
I could be weeks or months in producing a  
letter, copy let alone a rewrite. I shall  
try to call you in the not-too-distant future.

All my best,

Ken



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18 JAN 1995

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Dear Cousin Ken,

I have now rapped our phone conversation of last evening for your Biofile and for the first time have looked at my English maps related to our recent interactions. I was going to call you about these matters but find I do not have your phone number. In any case writing gives me an opportunity to send some papers.

With regard to the village of UPSHIRE I enclose a copy of a map with this village highlighted. It is just north of M25 on a line between central London and Harlow. I don't recall anyone ever having mentioned this village before. I just spotted it on the map in 1989.

Enclosed is a blow-up of the area associated with BRINGTON. Until I reexamined the map I could not pour on the relationship

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of the village one to another. I was most pleased<sup>(2)</sup> to see that we had been very close to Brington although I don't recall that we ever drove through it. We did spend one night at the Leighton Bromswold Gatehouse which is (was) the residence of Vicar Robert Van de Meyer (He has guest rooms). He is the church leader for the church at Leighton Bromswold and at Little Gidding and I believe at Winkworth. We regularly traveled from Leighton Bromswold to Little Gidding by way of Hamerton. Also we drove from Great Gidding south on B660 to B662 especially to travel east from that point on B662 as it is shown as an old Roman Road. We stayed several nights at a nice motel at Upton on A1. We had a lovely dinner in a Pub at Elstern. I have no idea what we can find about the history of Brington but our heritage seems to be tied to this village - just how much we are not sure.

Enclosed is a letter & card re Peter M.G. Burrows. Esq of Norton Rose (A Legal Firm). I first met Peter in about 1980 ± 2 years when I paid a very brief visit to Little Gidding.

At that time he had a room in the Little Gidding manor and had a strong interest in the Little Gidding Community/Community. I next encountered him in MAY of 1989 by which time he was married, had children and lived (rented) in the house associated with the church at Great Gidding. He still had an interest in Little Gidding and did legal pro bono work for them. His office was in London. I helped with the transfer of a \$10,000 gift from an Upchurch Relative to Little Gidding with Peter's help (I paid for a new window in the church at Little Gidding. If it suits your purpose you could attempt to contact Peter at Great Gidding or in London.

Please don't let all of this preoccupy you too much. I know you have other interests and duties.

With appreciation.

P.S. my regards to your wife. I trust her father will recover speedily.  
Phil Y

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

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7 JAN 1995

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Dear Cousin Ken,

I have now crafted a letter to Professor  
Kansome dated 7 JAN 1995, a copy of which is  
provided herein along with a copy of cousin  
Ray White's letter of 1 JAN 95.

It also occurred to me that you might  
find the 42 pages of old Upchurch English  
documents useful so a set is provided  
herein and a similar set has been sent  
to Professor Kansome.

With All Best Wishes



Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



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at Little Midding, I hope to get to Old  
Weston-Brighton. Will be in contact  
with you upon our return.

REC'D JAN 1995

Best Wishes  
Kenneth

January 4, 1995

15 = B  
20 = M.F.

Dear Cousin Philip,

Hope that your Christmastide was  
a joyful and blessed one. It always is  
so good to talk with you. Enclosed please  
find cheque for \$35.00 - \$15 for annual  
 dues and \$20. for Research Fund re: work noted KFM  
Prof. Ransome is doing. Research Fund  
donation can be a memorial to Mother -  
Rebel Simmons Franklin. Our plans  
to go to England are progressing. While

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4 JAN 1995

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Dear Cousin Ken,

Thanks for your call on 21 DEC with the news that you will go to England on 1 FEB and that you might be able to look into Yehuda's heritage there. You asked about having a visit with Professor Ransome since you and he live near each other. I think this is a splendid idea and I hope he will be receptive. I promised to send you a copy of my letter of 18 DEC which is enclosed, sorry about being a little late getting this to you. We are still rather involved in setting in to our new situation. It is all taking shape but each little project seems to take more time than one would think. Evenso, every day that passes finds

in letter shape

I have not yet responded to Professor Ransome's letter of 18 DEC but will do so soon. Based on how the extended Upchurch family has responded so far I feel comfortable in writing Ransome that we can allocate \$500 for him to do research in England for me. By the time I write him it is likely that I can raise the commitment to \$1,000. That is not a lot - but it is a lot for our Michael Enterprises research fund.

I will be anxious to hear what kind of response you get from Professor Ransome and to have your advice on what he might best do for me. I should think he might best help me document the Upchurch family relationships in East Anglia for the period 1550 - 1700. What do you think?

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

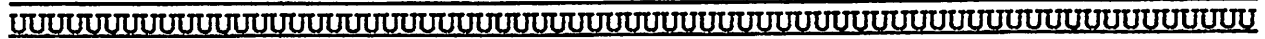


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12 DEC 1994

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Dear Cousin Kenneth,

We are now permanently located in Lake St Louis, MO but we have much to do to create a smooth operation for our mansion interests. We are about to get issue #4 of the 1994 U.B. completed but today the local Postmaster suggested we wait until after JAN to mail. It will consist largely of the articles prepared by Professor Ransome.

As a special mailing I provided herewith copies of Professor Ransome's letters of 11 & 29 NOV including his two articles plus my response of 4 DEC. I am sending this because of your special interest in the subject. If you are interested and have the time I would appreciate your conclusion regarding the relevance of the articles for our Upchurch heritage plus any questions which

may come to mind. I am asking <sup>2-</sup> ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> others to do likewise. I will attempt to digest any input I get and try to formulate some questions for a future U.S. Also, this may set the stage for me to

Ransome to do some more work, if he is so inclined.

As regards details on your line, I will always be happy to receive anything you can acquire and will incorporate the information into our records. I realize such details are not always easy to acquire and that you are pined with a number of concerns. The world somehow seems to keep us all very busy

Please accept my very best wishes for the Christmas season.

With All Best wishes

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch  
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH

Rec'd 10 MAR 1994 Ch March 6, 1994  
 # 0773 for 24 signed Sunday afternoon  
 6 MAR. Kenneth R. Franklin  
 Kenneth R. & Diane L. Franklin, 70 MOOD ST  
 WARWICK, R.I. 02889

Dear Cousin Phil,

Thank you so much for the two "batches" of material. Certainly they contain a wealth of information and are much more than I dared to hope for. Enclosed please find a cheque for \$24.00. I appreciate all that you have done for me.

RF p3  
1994

Actually for UB Volume 2 & 13 sent on 26 FEB 1994 marked off R.F. list

Now I turn to try to answer your questions. Sidney Lee Simmons was born either in 1862 or 1863. He changed his mind as to which year, and I still have the family Bible in which he made the change. I would go with 1863 because that was the date he gave as a younger man, and because I don't think that there was more than 3 years difference in age between him and his wife. Much of their childhood had been spent together in Putman City, Ga., and they shared too many memories to be much further apart in age. I think that he and M. Sig. Griffin were married in Macon, Ga. Because of the mistakes of Sidney's father, W.C., the Griffins-Sturdivant clan disapproved of the marriage, and the young couple had

- to run off to get married. In spite
- △ of Sidney's upright and industrious
- life, this disapproval vibrated down
- the generations, and probably is a
- factor in the lack of closeness in
- that side of my family to this day.
- △ Sidney Lee died Feb. 14, 1947 in
- Columbus, Ga. and is buried in
- △ that city. His wife, M. Eliz. Griffin,
- died there Aug. 8, 1947 ~~and also in~~
- △ Columbus and is buried beside her
- husband.

- I will give you such data as
- I have presently on the children of
- + □ S. Lee Simmons and M. Eliz. Griffin.
- △ + △ The couple live for the most part in
- Columbus but for a few years moved
- ~~across~~ across the river to Girard, Ala.

△ Henry Weston	b. 6/5/91	Columbus, Ga.
△ Sidney Lee, Jr.	1/4/93	Girard, Al.
△ Mary Eliz.	12/5/94	Girard, Al.
△ Paul Griffin	1/29/97	Columbus, Ga.
△ Katie Frances	3/12/1900	..
△ Amy Lou	9/18/01	..
△ Willie Capers	6/19/03	..
△ John Wesley	3/19/06	..
△ Emily Rachel	9/9/08	..

- Two of the children did not live to
- reach adulthood and died in Columbus

- △ Mary Eliz. had died March? 1909
- △ Paul Griffin John Wesley died 3/21/06.
- △ Willie Capers was a girl who changed
- △ her name to Billie and is the only
- △ one still living. She is in Birmingham,
- Al. and is totally deaf and somewhat
- △ addled. Her married name is Williams.
- △ There is one daughter named Clegg from
- △ whom I may be able to get some
- △ information on that line, but her
- husband is peculiar and he could
- prevent it. In time I will be able
- △ to get information on Henry Morton.
- △ Sidney Lee Jr. and his descendants
- △ have disappeared. Paul Griffin was
- △ a lonely and troubled individual. He
- △ married but never had children. He died
- △ in Jacksonville, Fla. 9/4/57. Hattie
- △ Frances never married. She stayed home,
- △ taught school, and took care of her
- △ parents. She died in Columbus 11/23/75
- △ and is buried there. Emily Rachel

- was born in Columbus; died in Birmingham and along with Ellis Brown is buried there. There was one other child

- △ Harold (Harold Ellis Franklin, a 6
- month baby, born in Birmingham
- 3/16/31, died and was buried there 3/21/31.
- The doctors made no effort to save
- △ him, and I can still remember mother
- crying about it.

△ I turn to my own immediate family. Elizabeth Lee Wood was

Born 2/13/42 in Lynchburg, Va.

Deane Lynn Young was born 7/6/46 in Newport, R.I. That is her full maiden name. She was never married previously, and, after being married to me, will probably never do so again.

My only children were Ft. Reader and Eliz. S. H. Reader married Catherine

Marie ~~Cross~~ Crosbie 5/7/88 in Staunton, Va. She was born 6/26/66 in Dr Kabb, Ill.

Allow me a bit of personal opinion.

I love and admire the Griffins very much. Certainly, I owe much to them and their love of education. Yet in adulthood I have upon consideration reached a very definite criticism of them in one regard.

None of them, including my grandmother, ever gave Sidney Lee Simmons his due.

The mistakes of his father were held against him until the day he died.

Carol Simmons Revell, Morton's daughter, agrees with me on this.

As much as I would like to do so, I cannot come to New York in April.

I do hope that we can meet. In time I shall try to get more information, but it is unlikely that I shall be able to do so before Easter. Again thank you so much for all your kindness.

Sincerely,

Ken

KENNETH ROBERT FRANKLIN

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26 FEB 1994

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Dear Cousin Kenneth,

It was a great pleasure to chat with you by phone on 22 FEB. I have since had a chance to review your letter of 1 FEB 94 and want to thank you for it. I hope we can exchange information over the months and years ahead and be of assistance to each other.

Enclosed herewith in my 11" x 17" chart are the first 6 generations of Upchurch in America. Your line is highlighted. Also provided is a copy of the five-page Master Outline for generations 7, 8 & 9 of the Rowena U Line. This covers Rowena, her children & grandchildren. Some questions on the Sidney Lee Simmons Family are enclosed. I will be grateful for any answer you have or can get.

There are many ways we can communicate considering your interests I have elected to send you, under separate cover, Volumes 2 & 13 of the Upchurch Bulletin. The charge for this is \$12.00 per

volume as a total of \$24.<sup>00</sup>. I hope you do not find this excessive. These two volumes will give you a sense of how I process information and I thought some of the individual articles might address some of your special interests. In Volume 2 note pg 5 (Photo of Clalwers U), pg 19 (Outline of the Richard U, III / Clalwers U Sub-Clan), pg 37 (1652 letter) and in Volume 13 note pg 9 (Photo of Kameana), pg 45 (Re Land of Richard U, III) and pg 133 (Land of Richard U, III).

Over time there will be opportunities to share more details.

On 25 FEB 94 I was the guest of our mutual cousin Charles Uphurch Harris, Jr at his Club in Campree, AZ. I gave him your name and explained the circumstances. He plans to look you up in the "book". He did not seem to recall the encounter with you ca 1970.

I don't know if you have reason to visit New York City or not. It happens I will be there for a meeting on 20 APR 94 and hope to schedule some free time possibly late on the 19th and/or early on the 21st.

Let's continue our correspondence.

☺ Sincerely yours  
 Phil Uphurch  
 (ROBERT PHILIP UPHURCH)



MISSING DETAILS ON THE FAMILY  
OF SIDNEY LEE SIMMONS

③  
26 FEB 1994

- 1) For Sidney Lee Simmons
  - a) He was born 28 OCT but was it 1862, 1863, or 1865?
  - b) when did he die?
  - c) where did he die?
  - d) where is he buried?
  - e) where did he marry?
  - f) For Mary Ann Elizabeth Grippen
    - i) where did she die?
    - ii) where is she buried?
  - g) Did he have only nine children?
  - h) Need details on children born before their daughter Emily Rachel Simmons (Assume she was their last child).
- 2) For Emily Rachel Simmons
  - a) where was she born?
  - b) where is she buried?
  - c) where is Ellis Brown Franklin buried?
  - d) How many children did she have?
  - e) Need details on children other than Kenneth Roderick Franklin.
- 3) For Kenneth Roderick Franklin
  - a) Did you have just two children?
  - b) Did either of your children marry/have children? If so, details.
  - c) when and where was Elizabeth Lee Wood born?
  - d) when and where was Diane Lynn Young born?  
and is this her full maiden name?

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1 FEB 94

February 1, 1994  
Candlemas Eve

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Franklin □ Dear Cousin Robert,

for — □

I thank you so much for your

Or list R.F. p. 3, 19

Kenneth R  
Franklin &

Diane L.  
Franklin

6 FEB 94

SS4

Please see  
URF list.

RPH

□ letter of January 15. Mrs. Whitley,  
□ now Cousin Susanna, had assured  
□ me that you would be of immense  
□ help. Nevertheless, your information  
□ far exceeded anything of which I  
□ had dreamt. I am most grateful  
□ to you.

□ As you supposed, one of Rowena  
— u. Branam's grandchildren was a  
□ grandparent of mine. Kinison and  
□ Rowena had a daughter named  
△ Mary Jane Frances Branam. On  
— Nov. 9, 1848 this young woman  
△ married William Capers Simmons  
— (Simmons) in Putnam Cty. Ga. Family  
△ stories have it that William Capers,  
△ called "W.C.", was a hired hand on  
△ the Branam farm. At best, he was  
— an inept and luckless individual  
△ and Frances' life was a hard one.  
□ I never have known how many children  
— there were in this marriage. One  
△ was my grandfather, Sidney Lee  
— Simmons born Oct. 28, 1862 or 3

- △ + △ in Macon Cty., Ala. where the family
- sojourned during the Confederate War.
- △ There were other children & Jack whose
- △ + △ real name was Walter, a Belle, and
- △ + △ a Cora. Cora married a man named
- + △ Bright, and she was the only one of
- + □ Grandpa's ~~and~~ siblings that I ever
- met. A few years after the war,
- △ + △ the family returned to the Estabaton
- △ area. About 1884 W.C. died having
- △ taken his own life. On March 18, 1888
- 
- △ Sidney Lee, called "Lee", married
- △ Mary Ann Elizabeth Griffin
- b. Mar. 12, 1866 in Butterm City, Mo;
- △ the daughter Daniel Wesley Griffin
- △ and Mary R. Sturdivant. Most
- △ + △ of their married life was spent in
- △ Columbus, Ga where in time Lee
- built a rather profitable grocery
- and butcher business. Nine chil-
- dren were born to this marriage
- and seven lived to adulthood.
- The ~~youngest~~ youngest was my mother,
- △ Emily Rachel b. Sept. 9, 1908;
- △ m. Ellis Brown Franklin
- Sept. 6, 1930 in Birmingham, Ala.
- △ The ~~bro~~ Ellis was born Sept. 30, 1906
- △ in Talladega Cty., Ala. He was the
- △ son of James Robert Franklin and
- △ Corie Hampton Verrell (Verelle).
- △ + △ + □ ↑ their only living child was myself

□ Kenneth Rodrick b. Oct. 29, 1932 in

△ Birmingham, Ala. m. 17 Elizabeth

- See Wood May 23, 1964 in Ankerst.

△ Va. 27 Diana Lynn Young Feb. 7, 1981

- in Warwick, R.I. To the 1st marriage

- two children were born, both in Mass.

△ with, Ct. Kenneth Peeder Franklin

- (called Peed) Feb. 26, 1966 and

△ Elizabeth Lee Griffin Franklin

△ Aug. 10, 1967. Ellis Franklin died

- June 4, 1979 in Birmingham, and

△ Rachel died there Apr. 3, 1973.

- the only other information which

□ I have is consists of the names and birth dates of my mother's siblings

- which I will send either at the end of this letter or later under separate

□ cover. The Simmons-Griffin line

□ was not so cohesive as the Franklin.

□ a word about the Franklins

- might be in order. The family came

- to Ala. in 1845 from the Abbeville

District of S.C. They had lived in

- S.C. since 1800. Prior to that they were in Charles Cty, Md.

□ Now to my further requests to you -

□+□ I would like some material on Rowena U.

□ and Kinson Brown. I also would

□ like enough material to trace Rowena,

- at least in summary form, back to

□+□ Michael Upchurch. I am absolutely

□ fascinated by West Michael Upchurch.  
 □ Was he born in Little Widding or some  
 - other place? Was the family from  
 - Huntingdonshire or some other other  
 □ part of East Anglia? Since I am  
 - an Episcopal priest, I know of  
 □ Nicholas Farrar and the community  
 - life at Little Widding and am  
 - somewhat of a devotee of that  
 - tradition. Some years ago when small  
 - stained glass windows were being put  
 - on interior doors at St. Mark's Church  
 □ + □ where I serve as Rector, I had one of  
 - them portray Little Widding and  
 □ Nicholas. Please explicate the relation-  
 - ship between the Upchurch family and  
 - Little Widding as fully as you can.  
 - Perhaps all this will enable you to  
 - guess how pleased and excited I was  
 - to receive your letter. The Upchurch  
 - line will always always have a very  
 - special significance for me.

□ I enclose a cheque for \$60.00  
 □ please let me know if I should send  
 - more.

□ Again I thank you. At the very  
 □ best, I shall keep trying to reach  
 - you by telephone. Perhaps some day  
 □ we can meet personally.

- Sincerely,  
 □ Kenneth

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15 JAN 1994

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Dear Cousin Kenneth,

I was delighted to receive your letter of 11 JAN 94 and to learn of your interest in your Uphurch Heritage. I am well aware of your ancestor Rowena U and how she fits into the Uphurch Family and will be happy to exchange information with you. The details on Rowena herself are somewhat limited but we can deduce aspects beyond the details known about her personally. Enclosed is a copy of my two page-eight item profile on Rowena U. I have published a picture of her in Vol 13 of the U<sub>13</sub> (it is not a very good picture). She belongs to the Richard U, III / Claburn U, I Subclan. My last recap of that Subclan was in Vol 2 of the U<sub>13</sub>. I probably need to update that Subclan in the U<sub>13</sub> as a fair amount of new information has come to light since Vol 2 was published.

I have accumulated a huge amount of information on your ancestor Richard U, III and quite a bit on his son Calvary U, I. In the last year or so we have identified the exact plantation owned by Richard U, III when he died intestate in Franklin Co, NC in 1817. I am anxious to get back to NC and see that tract. He was a brother of my GGF Nathan U, I.

I also have quite a bit of detail on the Remena U line in the Richard U, III / Calvary U, I Sublan. For her I have 10 children and 40 Grandchildren. I figure one of these grandchildren must be a grandparent of yours. Could you send me a sketch of your line showing how you are connected to Remena U? Over time I hope we can continue to exchange information.

Thanks for the \$30.00. I have placed \$15.00 of that into the Upchurch Research Fund and have assigned \$15 as a subscription for the U<sub>1</sub> for you for 1994. Additional details on the U<sub>1</sub> are enclosed.

Hope to hear from you soon.

P.S. - My regards to  
Susanne Whitley  
D.L. U

☺ sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch  
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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January 11, 1994

Dear Mr. Upchurch,

At the suggestion of Mrs.  
Susanne Park (Mrs. Walter)  
Whitley of Newport I write to you.

I am seeking information on  
one of my great, great grandmothers -  
Rowena Upchurch. I have precious  
little information on this woman.

She was born circa 1813 in North  
Carolina. On Feb. 10, 1831 she  
married Kenion Branham (Kenyon  
Branham) in Hancock County, Ga.  
She died circa Nov. 1877 in Putnam  
County, Ga - a county adjacent to  
Hancock.

I would be grateful for



whatever information you could send me. Failing any specific information on Rowena, I would like to know some general information on the N.C. Upchurch clan. When did they come to America? Is it known from where in England they came? Friends I have here who came from Devonshire say that "Upchurch" is a known "west country" name.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Enclosed please find cheque for 15 30.00. If additional payment is in order, please let me know.

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 Signed 11 JAN  
 Kenneth R. Franklin

Sincerely,  
 Kenneth Franklin

Kenneth R. Franklin & Diane L. Franklin  
 70 MOORE ST  
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REC'D  
9 JAN 1997

Sunday Afternoon,

Dear Phil,

It seems time continues to rush past me. Our Christmas was nice. There was a note of sadness, but my wife and her brother handled it well. The parish work both pastoral and administrative has been extensive. Things will not slow down until the end of the month, and then it will only be a few weeks until the beginning of Lent.

Enclosed there is a cheque to cover my 1997 subscriptions to the "Upchurch Bulletin" and "Englandia." Whatever is left over can be sent as a modest contribution to the Research Fund for work in England.

I hope that all is well with you and yours. Best wishes for the New Year.

70 More Street  
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Sincerely,  
Kenneth

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R-1-97  
\$35.00



together. All-in All retirement has made it <sup>(2)</sup> recommend it and I trust you look forward to this blissful state in due course.

My best wishes go to your wife and her brother for the sadness that befell them.

Our Church (United Church of Christ) (Parkway United Church) is under some strain at the moment. A new sanctuary is to be built and much of the money is in hand. However, a \$500,000 shortage appears likely and the membership is divided on whether to assume this much debt. My son Barry is President of the congregation and is in the middle of the deliberations. He is an optimist of sorts (like his old man) and keeps things stirred up.

We are looking forward to a great year with lots of family history and lots of farming.

With All Best wishes from our Home  
As yours.

☺ Sincerely yours  
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]



over. It is nice to have company in the venture.


Just a week ago I received a four page letter from Professor Ransome. He presented some interesting ideas but I need to get some clarification before putting his ideas to work. He indicates that he will be at Cambridge University 18 AUG - 13 SEP and while there will be working on Project No 3 for me. I hope he comes up with useful information.

Thank you also for the added details on Michael and his marriage. Coincidentally, I had for several years a close working relationship with a Walter Brown who at that time was the Chairman of the Board of Visitors (or whatever the body is called) for Sweet Briar College. He held this position in part because his wife "Bunny" was a graduate of Sweet Briar. Walter and I were members of the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum Board which met twice per year in Arizona. He was a very successful businessman and a partner in Brown Brothers Hamman, a

financial institutions in New York.

I can appreciate the pleasure you had on your vacation in Maine. Sallaine and I had a nice stay in the area several years ago. We are now considering the idea of touring the Blue Ridge Parkway from PA to NC during early October when the color should be at their peak. We really must make a firm decision on whether to take the trip or not. I want to go but have many projects in Missouri (Farming & Family History) that need attention.

Over the past year I have enjoyed learning much more about Richard U, IV, the brother of your Romana (U) Branham. As I wrote in the most recent U to it seems certain that in his later years he joined his children in TX and came to rest in the Pluto Cemetery in Ellis Co, TX.

Thank you again for your splendid cooperation.  
Sincerely yours  
 Phil Upchurch  
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]





Ken, when you find time could you drop me a note on how you see the importance/relevance of the Ferrar venture at Little Gidding in terms of the life of the Church in England. Some have told me that the example set by the Ferrar family in the 1620-1720 era is looked upon as a vibrant example of goodness in English Church history. But possibly I have been getting a slanted view possibly because some would like to embellish the telling of the Ferrar story (or even the Ypswich story). In any case I think it would be helpful to have a 2-5 page article in a future issue of Englandia on this matter. Although our focus on the Ypswich Family in England has shifted somewhat from Little Gidding to Bunyton, the Little Gidding situation is still there as a valid background story for the 'Ypswich Family'. I think the time is ripe to place the Ferrar into perspective as far as English Churchdom is concerned.

If you would feel inclined to write such an article, I would be all the more pleased. However, I realize you are busy. If you are not in a position to write such an article perhaps you could suggest someone who might do so. It would seem a proper subject for a thesis for a student. Perhaps it has already been done.

Life is full here. I have just bought a 278 acre farm and plan to split 120 acre off into 10 acre lots and sell them myself. The other part I plan to farm myself with some hired help. I bought a tractor and some other farm equipment yesterday.

Today, I start on a book (booklet) about the first 6-7 generations of the Lynchurch Family in America. It's a red letter day.

With All Best Wishes

(☺) Sincerely yours  
Phil Lynchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP LYNCHURCH,

KENNETH RODERICK FRANKLEN

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8 JUL 1996

70 Moore Street  
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July 5, 1996.

Dear Phil,

Naturally I am thrilled with the launching of the publication of "Englandia". It is quite a good name, I think. I meant to respond sooner, but I have had a lot of irons in the fire. My daughter married on June 1 to Michael Keeler and is now Elizabeth Franklin Keeler. My mother-in-law died June 12 less than a full year after the death of her husband. I hope this finds you

and yours well. I cannot help thinking that our Upchurch roots lie deep in the wolds of Huntingdonshire. Your work and dedication are impressive.

Handly.  
Ken

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