

James M Cann**XID – 38639**

Commentary: James M Cann, sometimes listed as Carson, married Sarah Upchurch. She was the daughter of Courtney and a granddaughter of Moses, head of Upchurch Clan 1.

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(1) AL Marriages 1800 – 1920 in letter 21 Oct 2002

Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPU

Alabama Marriage Records, 1800 – 1920

Husband	Wife	Marriage Date	Place (county)
Moses Upchurch	Emily Wilson	25 Nov 1850	Perry
William Scarborough	Cynthia Upchurch	007 Feb 1852	Perry
John S McCulley	Frances Upchurch	19 Feb 1866	Perry
*James M Carson	Sarah Upchurch	06 Oct 1835	Perry

*CJP, Jr adds note: “Referred to in other records as **James M Cann**.”

(1) See letter 15 Oct 1995 Charles John Peterson, JR

He reports the following:

Actually I really am interested in whether you have fitted a certain Sarah Upchurch into the family. In 1835 a Sarah Upchurch married **James M Cann** in Perry County, Alabama. It is possible that I have overlooked her among your 37,000+ entries, but if this is not the case, who is she? Assuming that I have not overlooked something else, it appears that the only two Upchurch families in northern Alabama at this time would have been those of Abel Upchurch (XID – 589) and my great4-grandfather Courtney Upchurch (XID – 1109). Abel does not seem to have had a Sarah in his family (all of whom seemed to have married in Greene County), but Courtney (who has ties to Perry and neighboring Dallas and Marengo Counties) had several as yet unidentified daughters who would have been of the right age to marry in 1835. Barring contrary information I would suggest this Sarah is Courtney’s daughter.

[Note: Having reviewed my census records on all Sarah Upchurch files and census records I agree the above is in order – RPU – hence:

I. Moses Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Courtney Upchurch

1. Sarah Upchurch married 1835 (Perry Co, AL) **James M Cann**

[Note: See Upchurch Bulletin 12 #1 – Jan 1991, Page 11 for details on the proposed 14 children of Courtney Upchurch – some not named. Child C born 1820 – 1825 seems to be the best bet to be the above described Sarah Upchurch.]

(2) See letter 5 Aug 2002 Charles John Peterson, Jr to RPY

Charles did a computer search for James M Cann and found only one potential listing. There was a **James N Cann** on the 1840 Census for Lauderdale Co, MS age 40 – 50, wife 20 – 30 [presumably nee Sarah Upchurch], a male 0 – 5 [presumed child of James & Sarah], and a male 30 – 40.