

Elizabeth Cooper**XID – 33043**

Commentary: Elizabeth Cooper was the wife of Jones Green Upchurch, who in turn was the son of James Upchurch and the grandson of Harmon, head of Upchurch Clan 16. This Biofile includes the story of their elopement against her father's wishes, and of their migration to Tennessee and thence to Missouri.

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(no number) See letter 15 Sep 1993 Truex Newman Upchurch to RPU

I. Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VI

1. James Green Upchurch

On 15 Nov 1848 in Cape Girardeau Co, MO Jones Green Upchurch issued a promissory note to Dr J D McFarland for \$21.25. He issued a 2nd note to Dr S Field covering Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct 1855 for \$46.00 for visits, medicine and an office visit. A third dated 12 Feb 1832 (sic) was to Andrew H T----- for \$12.95.

On 15 Feb 1858 the property of the late Jones Green Upchurch was sold to pay his debts. It was sold to the widow* on 21 Feb by H H M Williams Public Administrator and ex officio administrator of the estate of Jones Green Upchurch.

*nee **Elizabeth Cooper**

(no number) 1840 Census – Henry Co, TN – Jones Upchurch Family

	Age	
F	40 – 50	[nee Hannah McSwain age 44 born about 1796] widow of James Upchurch, VI, mother of Jones Green Upchurch
M	20 – 30	born NC [Jones Green Upchurch age 24 born 22 Oct 1816]
F	20 – 30	born NC [nee <u>Elizabeth Cooper</u> age 20 born about 1820 – wife of Jones Green Upchurch]
M	5 – 10	born NC [Robert J M Upchurch age 7 born 10 Mar 1833 – brother of Jones Green Upchurch]
M	0 – 5	born TN [Henry A Upchurch age 1 born 10 Jan 1840 – son of Jones Green Upchurch]

RPU Note – genealogy of the above family:

I. Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VI

married () Hannah McSwain

1. Jones Green Upchurch

married () **Elizabeth Cooper**

- a. Henry A Upchurch
- 2. Robert J M Upchurch
 - a. Edward Green Upchurch

I. George McSwain

married () --- --- Jones died 1828

George & 3 sons move to Henry Co, TN 1837 \pm 3 years

A. Hannah McSwain

married () James Upchurch, VI

B. --- --- McSwain (F)

married () --- --- Green

C. --- --- McSwain

- 1. Isaac A McSwain, MD (Re Henry Co, TN 1928)

D – P. 10 more daughters and 3 more sons

(no number) The excerpt below is from a letter 5 Feb 2004 Charles Vaughn Upchurch to RPU
Charles is a great grandson of Robert J M Upchurch.

[Note: 1840 Census, RPU note above and Charles excerpt all agree – RPU]

I believe that Hannah Upchurch's maiden name was Mcswain. By the way the children was named. Jones from Hannah mother maiden name, Hannah sister married a Green. **Robert J M Upchurch** son was Edward Green. In the census of Henry Co TN in 1840 Jones Green Upchurch was listed as head of household and four others were recorded. (1 male under 5) His son Henry A Upchurch. born 10 Jan 1840 (1 female 20 – 30) Elizabeth his wife. This leaves two others. One female age 40 – 50. One male age 5 – 10. In the census of Cape Girardeau Co MO in 1850. In the household of Jones Green Upchurch. Hannah Upchurch age was given as 54. **Robert J M Upchurch** age was given as 17. Subtract 10 years from the age they give. Hannah 10 from 54 – 44. Robert J M 10 from 17—7 This fits the age bracket of the two extra people in the TN per Census of 1840. One thing I seen in browsing the Internet that I think this this together. **Robert J Upchurch** was born in NC in 1833. Jones Green Upchurch was in Henry Co TN per Census of 1840. That leaves a time frame for them to have moved in as 1833 to 1840. I feel they came together. He and his three sons come with him. Have an article on them. Part of it. Her father was George W McSwain. His wife had died in 1828 I believe. I have a article from a Paris TN newspaper dated 11/20/1928 on a Dr Isaac A McSwain. Dr McSwain's grandfather was George McSwain, who had married a Miss Jones to which union four sons and twelve daughters were born.

I failed to put Jones Green in that census outline of Henry Co, TN. He was in the age group from 20 – 30.

(no number) See biofile of William Eugene Upchurch – Entry 4 Sep 1979

A. The great grandfather of your compiler (Wilburn E Upchurch) was a English immigrant, whose name I believe to be Allen, sailed to America about the Year 1790. Off the coast his ship ran into a storm and was lost. This Upchurch tied himself to the mast and floated to shore; he was the only survivor. He moved to North Carolina; the county I believe to be Montgomery. He

married a woman whose name I believe to be McSwain; they had at least two sons, Jones and Robert. Jones was a traveling school teacher, he wanted to marry Elizabeth Cooper, but her father objected. Mr Cooper told his daughter if she married Jones he did not ever want to see her again. He never did. Jones and Elizabeth eloped; moving first to Henry County, Tenn then to Cape Girardeau Co, MO in 1848. Robert and a woman by the name of Hannah Upchurch, who I think was their mother, came with Jones. Jones had a large family; his descendants are Hurbert and Oscar Upchurch at Marble hill, MO. I am a descendant of Robert.

B. RPU Commentary on above

I. Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VI → the actual great-great-grandfather of Wilburn Eugene Upchurch [not Allen Upchurch; Allen Upchurch was a brother of James Upchurch, VI]

1. Robert J M Upchurch

a. John Laws [or Jones? – CJM 1 Aug 2022] Upchurch

i. Wilburn Arther Upchurch

(I) Wilburn Eugene Upchurch

2. Jones Green Upchurch

married **Elizabeth Cooper**

a. Robert Ervin Upchurch

i. Oscar Upchurch = Moses Oscar Upchurch

ii. Hubert Upchurch = Herbert Ervin Upchurch

Hannah Upchurch = nee Hannah McSwain, wife of James Upchurch, VI

*This story about travel from England and the shipwreck is incorrect.

(1) born 1819 NC, d 1900 MO – wife of Jones Green Upchurch, whom see

(2) See letter 23 Oct 1979 Edwin Ralph Upchurch to RPU

I. --- Upchurch married ---McSwain

A. Jones Green Upchurch born 22 Oct 1816 (NC)

died 20 Apr 1856

married Elizabeth Cooper born 1819 (NC) died 1900 (MO)

(3) See letter 2 Apr 1985 Truex N Upchurch to RPU

Jones Green Upchurch, according to family tradition, married an Elizabeth Cooper in Buncombe Co NC against her father's wishes. They eloped and her father disowned her. Jones Green Upchurch was born NC 1816, left NC after 1833, was in TN between 1839 and 1844 and was in MO by 1848. He was on the 1840 Census in Henry Co, TN and on the Cape Girardeau Co, MO Census in 1850.

(4) See letter 14 Jul 1988 Jacquelyn Zelldora Upchurch to RPU

1860 Census of MO

Elizabeth Upchurch 39 born NC [**Elizabeth Cooper**] + 6 of her children including her married son Henry A Upchurch age 22 born TN

1870 Census Cape Girardeau, MO

William Flanegon 28

Maggie Flanegon 28

Amanda Flanegon 3

Elizabeth Yets 52 → Elizabeth Upchurch → **Elizabeth Cooper**

Viola Upchurch 15

In Feb 1858 the sheriff sold the land of Jones Green Upchurch and it was bought by his widow Elizabeth.

(no number) Information in letter 3 Jul 1997 Truex Newman Upchurch to RPU

I. Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. James Upchurch, VI

1. Jones Green Upchurch – possibly buried New Salem Methodist Church, Daisy, Cape Girardeau Co, MO [successor to the Old New Salem Methodist Church which is to the south a few miles]. No marriage record found. Tradition says he and **Elizabeth Cooper** eloped. First child born 1840 hence assume married about 1838 **Elizabeth Cooper** thought to have been daughter of a “well-to-do” man of Buncombe Co, NC – birth records for her:

1850 Census	age 31 born 1819	} [assumed 181 – RPU]
1860 Census	age 39 born 1821	
1870 Census	age 52 born 1818	

Jackie Upchurch reports **Elizabeth** buried Loundes Cemetery, Wayne Co, MO – based on input from relatives. Jones Green Upchurch is presumed to have had only six children. They are on 1850 Census – no other info available. **Elizabeth (Cooper)** Upchurch married (2nd) Mr --- --- Yates. He had a son John Yates by a previous marriage. Presumed correct date:

I. Samuel Yates age 56 on 1860 Census – Bollinger Co, MO with a son John Yates age 18.

Thus presume **Elizabeth (Cooper)** married (2nd) Samuel Yates and her daughter Amanda F (P) Upchurch married John Yates – Father and son

Who was the father of **Elizabeth Cooper**? Family tradition is that the father of Elizabeth Cooper was a “well to do” man in Buncombe County, North Carolina. Early records in Buncombe County are exceedingly sparse and meager. Records of land transfers show Adam Cooper, Jr, James Cooper and Alexander Cooper, all of ages that anyone could have been the father of Elizabeth. This, of course, does not preclude the existence of others named Cooper living there at that time. No other records naming a possible father have been found.