

**Hannah McSwain****XID – 33042**

**Commentary:** Hannah McSwain was the wife of James Upchurch, who in turn was the son of Harmon, head of Upchurch clan 16.

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(1) See letter 23 Oct 1979 Edwin Ralph Upchurch  
I. --- Upchurch married ---McSwain } a missing link

A. Jones Green Upchurch born 22 Oct 1816 (NC)  
died 20 Apr 1856 (MO) (Buried – MO)  
married Elizabeth Cooper

(2) See biofile Jones Green Upchurch – Entry (1)  
On 1850 Census in MO Jones Green Upchurch and his wife Elizabeth were present. With them were Hannah Upchurch age 54 and Robert Upchurch age 17. Mrs Keith Huffman says the identity of Hannah and Robert is unknown.

(3) See letter 14 Jul 1988 Jacquelyn Zelldora Upchurch to RPU  
**Hannah Upchurch** on the 1850 Census with Jones Green Upchurch is we believe, the mother of Jones Green Upchurch. The Robert Upchurch we believe to be a younger brother of Jones Green Upchurch.  
[Combining (1) 7 (3) we have **Hannah McSwain** – RPU]

(4) See letter 15 Sep 1993 Truex Newman Upchurch to RPU page 3  
**Hannah (McSwain)** Upchurch born NC

(5) From letter 15 Sep 1993 Truex Newman Upchurch to RPU – Re his visit to Albemarle, NC Public Library

At the library, I also found a book by Eleanor D McSwain entitled Some Descendants of David McSwain printed by the National Printing Company, Macon, Georgia in 1974. Several statements in the book fit very nicely with the family tradition that Green Upchurch's mother was a McSwain. The book shows a **Hannah McSwain** who was the daughter of the George McSwain in the Montgomery County 1800 and 1810 censuses. This **Hannah McSwain** is shown in the book as being born 1794.

The **Hannah Upchurch** in Jones Upchurch's household in the Cape Girardeau, Missouri census for 1850 is listed as 52 years old. This would make her birth year either 1797 or 1798. I don't see this as too great a discrepancy. It has not been unusual for women to lose years in the census. I have one ancestor who aged only six years in the ten years between censuses.

The mother of this **Hannah McSwain** was named Elizabeth Jones. If a source for Jones Upchurch name is needed, this easily could be used.

**Hannah McSwain** had a sister, two years younger, named Margaret. Jones' first daughter was named Margaret. Hannah and Margaret were of a family with 16 children.

Louis J McSwain, a brother four years younger than Hannah McSwain, migrated from Montgomery County, North Carolina to Henry County, Tennessee.

Hannah McSwain's line goes back through George<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, David<sup>2</sup>, and David<sup>1</sup> of the Isle of Skye in Scotland. They came to North Carolina by way of Virginia.

In this book, Some Descendants of David McSwain, the author gives as the source for much of her information, a book by S C Jones entitled The Hamrick Generations. David<sup>2</sup> McSwain married a Sousanna Hamrick. My local library, who has been very good at obtaining books for me through the inter-library loan procedures, was not able to locate this book. Very likely, if it can be found, it may contain additional relevant information.

**(6)** From letter 17 Jan 2004 Charles Vaughn Upchurch to RPU  
Charles is anxious to find a marriage certificate for **Hannah** and James Upchurch, VI from whom he is descended. The family Bible shows her death date as 25 Jan 1873. The census of 1870 shows her as being blind.

**(7) Hannah Upchurch** born about 1796 was listed on the 1850 census of Cape County, MO as living with in the home of Jones Green Upchurch, whom see. This information supplied by Mrs Keith Huffman in letter to RPU 23 Apr 1975. Mrs Huffman's relatives unable to explain who Hannah Upchurch is or to explain a 17 year old – Robert Upchurch – in the same household.

**(8)** See letter 10 Aug 1979 Edwin Ralph Upchurch to RPU  
1850 Census – Cape Girardeau Co, MO shows **Hannah Upchurch** age 54 born NC, cannot read or write.

**(9)** Note: RPU believes Hannah Upchurch in (1) & (2) above to be nee **Hannah McSwain** who married (Montgomery Co, NC) James Upchurch, VI born about 1797 (Montgomery Co, NC) – head of Harmon Upchurch/ James Upchurch, VI Sub-clan.

**(10)** See letter 11 Feb 1985 Charles Edgar Crow to RPU  
Stanly Co, NC Court Minutes Vol 1, Page 22 Nov Session 1841. William Swaringer, Esq, Levi Shankle & Benjamin Ivey be appointed a committee to settle with Howell Upchurch, Administrator for **Hannah Upchurch**.

**(11)** Question: Is the Hannah Upchurch the same as the Hannah Upchurch in (1), (2), (3), (4) presumed wife of James Upchurch, VI or the spouse of another Upchurch OR yet another nee **d** – cross-file UFU NC – General

**(12)** See biofile of William Eugene Upchurch – Entry 4 Sep 1979

A. The great 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.

**(13)** From letter 15 Jul 2005 Mae Frances Davenport to RPU

## 13. Hannah McSwain

Like I said before, I haven't really researched any lines except my direct-line-descendants. I did do over some stuff sent to me by Jason Marbut and in it there is no Hannah McSwain born about 1796 NC. He does mention a Hannah Josephine McSwain, born 1848 NC, daughter of Gabriel McSwain and Elizabeth Flow. I've written some of my contacts to see if they might have anything that fits the one you described and will let you know on that.

**(14)** 1840 Census – Henry Co, TN – Jones Upchurch Family

	Age	
F	40 – 50	[nee <b>Hannah McSwain</b> 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 Elizabeth Cooper 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 ± 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

**(15)** 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 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.