

Mary Ellen Simmons**XID – 4316**

Commentary: Mary Ellen Simmons married Samuel Upchurch of the John III/Samuel Upchurch Clan 14. Together this couple set out for Tennessee from NC shortly after the 1810 census.

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(1) Samuel Upchurch (of John Upchurch/Samuel Upchurch Clan) was born 11 Sep 1772 and married **Mary Ellen Simmons** born 13 Oct 1772. Samuel was in Chatham Co, NC in 1800, in Bedford VA in 1810. Shortly after the 1810 Census of Bedford, VA, Samuel and his family left VA for TN. They arrived in Wilson Co, TN before the War of 1812. (29, Page 159)

Mary Ellen (Sims) Upchurch [I presume this is **Mary Ellen Simmons** – RPU] was also born in VA, died 16 Dec 1841 Gallatin Co, IL. They (she and Samuel) were members of Bethel Creek Church Census records have indicated that the first nine of their 12 children were born in VA, the last 3 were born in TN (29, Page 159).

(2) The Bethel Creek Church located in Raleigh Township, of the present Saline County, IL was organized June 17, 1820. Mary (**Mary Ellen Simmons**) and daughter Rebecca Upchurch are listed as charter members of the church. All through the minutes of its church **Mary Upchurch** was an active member as were some of her children. (29, Page 161)

(3) See letter 8 May 1984 Miriam Anderson to RPU
1805 In Smith Co, TN Dec 1805 there was a purchase at the estate sale of the late Robert Bowen, deceased, by Samuel Upchurch and wife **Mary Ellen Simmons**?) witness to will 23 Nov 1805. Document signed by Samuel Upchurch & his wife Mary (**Mary Ellen Simmons**). This proves Samuel brought his family with him on his first trip to TN. Samuel Upchurch born 11 Sep 1772 married Mary Ellen Simmons born 13 Oct 1772.

(4) See letter received 24 May 1975 by RPU from Etta Harriet Shepherd
Samuel Upchurch born 11 Sep 1772 died 30 Jun 1841 married Mary Ellen Simmons born 13 Oct 1772 died 18 Dec 1841. They are buried at Bethel Creek Cemetery, Raleigh, IL. There is a monument at her grave.

(5) See letter 24 Jan 1980 Etta Harriet Shepherd to RPU
“Samuel and Ellen Upchurch (1772) are buried as above Raleigh, IL”

(6) See letter 20 Aug 1983 Leta Nelson to RPU
Mary Ellen Simmons (Sims?) born 13 Oct 1771 (VA) died 16 Dec 1841 (Gallatin Co, IL). She and husband buried at Bethel Creek Cemetery, Saline Co, IL.

(7) See letter 7 Mar 1988 James Newman Upchurch to RPU

This letter includes a history written by Robert Franklin Upchurch, great grandson of Mary Ellen Simmons Upchurch. He shows **MES** born 13 Oct 1772 died 18 Dec 1841 married 22 Mar 1795 (NC) Samuel Upchurch. [Other records indicate married 1793 which is probably correct since their first child was born in early 1795 – RPU]

(8) Mary Ellen Simmons born 13 Oct 1772 died 18 Dec 1841 was the wife of Samuel Upchurch born 11 Sep 1772 died 30 Jun 1841 – see Samuel Upchurch.