

James Upchurch, VI**XID – 33025**

Commentary: James was a son of Harmon. He was born in 1797 and seemed to live out his life in Montgomery County, NC.

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(1) See 1830 Census – Montgomery Co, NC

There is a 7 member household headed by **James Upchurch**

1 male	5 – 10	son
1 male	10 – 15	[Jones Green Upchurch] [born 22 Oct 1816 – age 14]
1 male	20 – 30 ¹	brother?
1 male	30 – 40	<u>[James Upchurch, VI]</u> born circa 1797 age 33
1 female	5 – 10	daughter
1 female	10 – 15	daughter
1 female	30 – 40	[Hannah McSwain] wife of James Upchurch, VI, born circa 1796 age 34

¹Could be the same as the male <10 on 1810 Census – See (3) below.

(2) Note that James Upchurch, VI I not on the 1840 Montgomery Co, NC Census

(3) See 1810 Census – Montgomery Co, NC

There is a 6-member household headed Harmon Upchurch

1 male	< 10	probable son of Howell Upchurch
1 male	10 – 16	<u>[James Upchurch, VI]</u> [born circa 1797 – age 13]
1 male	16 – 26	[Howell Upchurch] born circa 1785 age 25
1 male	45+	[Harmon Upchurch] born circa 1740 age 70
1 female	10 – 16	probable wife of Howell Upchurch [Elizabeth Rebecca Dudley]
1 female	45+	[Elizabeth ---] born circa 1740 age 70

[Note: Who is the male <10? – Harmon Upchurch had two other sons = Allen Upchurch and Benjamin Upchurch but both are presumed to be older than 10 years of age in 1810 and to have been married and away from the household. A working hypothesis: The male <10 is a son of Howell Upchurch and the female 10 – 16 is the wife of Howell Upchurch – RPU]

(4) See letter 6 Dec 1993 Clayton Philip Mann to RPU

“Montgomery Co, NC Land Entries – 1779 – 1795” by Dr A B Pruitt on page 81 shows:

“Jan 3, 1792 William Johnson enters 25 ac on Jacobs Cr; border: Harmon Upchurch and George Shankle, Sr”. CPM presumes from this citation that Harmon Upchurch moved to Montgomery Co, NC about 1791 as he was not on the 1790 Federal Census for NC and that Harmon’s son **James Upchurch, VI** was therefore born in Montgomery Co, NC. **[James Upchurch, VI]** was born circa 1797.]

(no number) Excerpt from book “The Upchurches” by Mae D Cox Apr 2008

Item:

Fifth Generation
Harmon Upchurch
Pages 123 – 136 to his biofile

1. Michael Upchurch, I 1620 – 1681
2. Richard Upchurch 1658 – 1700
3. John Upchurch, I 1678 – 1758
4. James Upchurch, III 1724 – 1784
5. Harmon Upchurch 1740 – 1815
6. Allen Upchurch 1779 – 1848
6. Howell Upchurch 1785 – 1846
6. Benjamin Upchurch 1789 –
6. James Upchurch 1797 –
6. Daughter 1794 –

(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 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

(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 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 other 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 news paper 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 letter 5 Oct 1988 Jacquelyn Zelldora Upchurch to RPU

A quote from a letter from Wilburn Upchurch “My great-great-grandfather was Robert J M Upchurch. He is the Robert listed on the 1850 census of Cape Co, MO with Jones Green Upchurch. there is a link between the two and I can only surmise that they were brothers. In my family there is a Bible. The first name that appears is that of Jones Upchurch; listing her birth and death dates; after comes Robert J M Upchurch, then the children of Robert J M Upchurch. The **Hannah** that appears with them on the above-mentioned census I surmise to be their mother. I base my assumptions on the fact that in the 1870 census of Bollinger Co, MO, Lorance TSP, there was a **Hannah** living with Henry [Henry A Upchurch] and Mary. **Hannah** was listed as blind and 80 years old. The age of Hannah in 1870 does not fit the age of **Hannah** in 1850 (6 years off) but knowing how people would distort their ages for census reports, I feel the two are one and the same.”

(no number) Upchurch – McSwain Interactions – per RPU 20 Jul 2005

[Note: this page was photocopied twice in the biofile. Because the two copies were identical, only one page was transcribed. – CJM 1 Aug 2022]

In recent years fragments of data have continued to appear about the McSwain Family of Montgomery/ Stanly Co, NC from which two females married into the Harmon Upchurch/ Clan. If a thorough study of the McSwain Family could be made it might firm up some aspects of Upchurch History.

A Sketch:

I. Harmon Upchurch – Head of Clan

A. Allen Upchurch born about 1779 (VA) died 1948 [1848? – CJM 1 Aug 2022] (Stanly Co, NC)

1. Patrick Bogan Upchurch born 1816 (Montgomery now Stanly Co, NC) died 1885 (AR)

married 1837 (Montgomery Co, NC) Eunice McSwain “Nicey” born 1819 (Rutherford now Cleveland Co, NC) died 1897 (Cleveland Co, NC)

[Note: the above facts are firm – RPU]

B. James Upchurch, VI born about 1797 (Montgomery now Stanly Co, NC) died when? and where?

James Upchurch, VI is son of Harmon – per circumstantial evidence - RPU married presumably in Montgomery Co, NC **Hannah McSwain** born about 1896 [1796 – CJM 1 Aug 2022] died 1873 (presumably SE Missouri)

In 1974 Eleanor D McSwain produced a book Some Descendants of David McSwain which shows **Hannah McSwain** born 1794 as being in the home of her parents George McSwain and Elizabeth Jones on the 1800 and 1810 census for Montgomery Co, NC. **Hannah** was one of 16 children.

Other information shows that Charles McSwain and Lurane Washburn had 17 children including Eunice McSwain. Charles married (2nd) Sarah L Throckmorton.

Miles Philbrick of NC published The McSwain Family and cites Eleanor D McSwain’s book as bearing upon Charles McSwain, Jason Marbut (via Mae Frances Davenport) that Hannah Josephine McSwain born 1848 (NC) 2as daughter of Gabriel McSwain and Elizabeth Flow.