

# William Barber UPJOHN



Born: 19 May 1843

Died: 17 June 1939

*HEAD GARDENER - Worsley New Hall*



In the local history section of Salford City Library & Archives there are several boxes of archived material which relate to Worsley and St. Mark's Church. In one such bundle, there is a copy of a magazine column about W. B. Upjohn, head gardener to the Earls of Ellesmere for over 50 years. Below is a transcription of that article of the man who was interred in the churchyard in 1939.

*Mr. W. B. Upjohn.* - Very few men have such a fine record of continuous service in one establishment as Mr. W. B. Upjohn, who for over fifty years has had charge of the Earl of Ellesmere's gardens at Worsley Hall, Worsley. Mr. Upjohn was born at Cley, Norfolk, in May 1843, and when fourteen years of age was apprenticed to Mr. John Monro who was then gardener to Mrs. Oddie of Colney House, St. Albans. Young Upjohn lived with Mr. Monro, and formed an attachment with his eldest son George (the founder of the great Covent Garden business), which lasted a life time. Eventually Mr. John Monro took over a market garden at Rabley and Mr. Upjohn went with him. Four years later he obtained a situation as journeyman at Dalkeith Gardens, under Mr. William Thomson, who took a very great interest in this keen young man from the south of England. The wages were 10/- per week; the hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and often longer. A year later he was promoted to full journeyman with a wage of 12/- per week. Mr Upjohn speaks very highly of Mr. W. Thomson, who endeavoured to inspire all his men with a keen interest in their profession, and frequently invited answers in written papers to a list of questions calculated to develop a knowledge of the theory as well as the practice of horticulture. For seven years Mr. Upjohn remained at Dalkeith, studying hard and working in each department, eventually becoming foreman in the plant department at a time when specimen Heaths and other large plants were a feature of large gardens and at prominent exhibitions. When the Earl of Ellesmere applied to Mr. Thomson for a head gardener Mr. Upjohn was recommended, and having left Dalkeith, Mr. Thomson gave him a written character "in case it might be useful," worded as follows: "W. B. Upjohn has been with me in these gardens for seven years. I have places some three hundred men in head situations, but in no instance have I had a man of whose moral character and professional abilities I have formed so high an opinion." When Mr. Upjohn took up his duties at Worsley Hall gardens it was with an earnest desire to live up to the high character Mr. Thomson gave him. With its ten acres of kitchen gardens and about sixty acres of pleasure grounds, Mr. Upjohn's duties were not light, especially as the climate was none too kind, and it was necessary to wash the glasshouses frequently during the autumn and winter to admit light to the plants in them. Men pruning shrubs became as black as chimney sweeps. Notwithstanding the difficulties, Mr. Upjohn made Worsley Hall gardens famous, and in all his efforts received the kindest assistance and consideration from his employers, the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere. In those days, more than fifty years ago, the bothy at Worsley shared a space on the north wall, with a potting shed and a tool shed. At Mr. Upjohn's suggestion a fine modern building was built, with mess room, separate cubicles for each of the eight men, sitting rooms and bath room. His own house was also made as comfortable as possible, and in it Mr. Upjohn has lived for fifty-two years, and brought up eleven children to manhood and womanhood. He considers that few men have had so much happiness as he in his domestic and business affairs, notwithstanding the great changes that have come to gardening throughout this long period, and despite the fact that the war and the high taxation following made it impossible to maintain the gardens at Worsley in their old-tile splendour. Mr. Upjohn continues to enjoy good health, and is particularly happy when old friends and acquaintances call upon him at Worsley.

[Extract from THE GARDENERS' CHRONICLE, December 1, 1923]

## William Barber UPJOHN

**William Barber Upjohn** was born in Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, on 19 May **1843**, and baptised on 15 July 1843. He was the son of **Edward Upjohn** (1816-1905) and **Susanna Dagless** (1815-1900). The first major census in **1851** showed the family living at Newgate, Cley next the Sea.

<b>Edward Upjohn</b>	Head	M	34	Farmer occupying 202 acres; Empl. 7 labourers, 2 lads.	
<b>Susanna</b>	Wife	M	35		b. Bodham
Thomas Wm.	Son		11	Scholar	b. Cley
Arthur E.	Son		9	Scholar	b. Cley
<b>William B.</b>	Son		7	Scholar	b. Cley
George	Son		1		b. Cley
Edward Sherman Venn	Curate		32	Curate of Cley	b. Islington
+ 2 servants					

In c. **1857**, he was apprenticed to Mr. John Monroe who was then gardener to Mrs. Oddie of Colney House, St. Albans

By **1861**, **William Barber** had moved to Shenley, Hertfordshire, as a servant to John Monroe (41, from Scotland) and his family, a Market Gardener, who lived at Rabley. In the years between the censuses, possibly about **1864**, he moved to work as a journeyman at Dalkeith Gardens, (the grounds of the Duke of Buccleuch) under Mr. William Thomson, who showed a great interest in this keen young man from Norfolk.

On 21 December **1870**, he married **Mary Mathieson Simpson Robertson** at Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland. Within four months, they had relocated to Worsley. Interestingly, Mr. William Thomson left Dalkeith Gardens in May 1871, after 20 years' service.

**1871** census: Garden House, Worsley.

<b>William Barber Upjohn</b>	Head	M	29	Head Gardener	b. Cley
<b>Mary M.</b>	Wife	M	23	Wife	b. Midlothian
Susannah Upjohn	Mother	M	55	Annuitant	b. Bodham, Norfolk.

This census was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April **1871** and does not include the names of any children. The first born, Thomas Dagless Upjohn, was born nine days later.

**William Barber Upjohn** had not even been at Worsley for 18 months before he wrote a short article/letter/commentary for the *Leigh Chronicle and Weekly District Advertiser*, dated Saturday 10 August **1872**.

### *The First Crops at Worsley Hall, Manchester.*

*Owing to the garden here being situated on the borders of Chat Moss, spring frosts have almost ruined our outdoor fruit crops. So lately as June 7th we had a sharp frost, leaving the eaves of the hothouses covered with ice and the grass quite white with hoar frost. Standard plum trees have suffered most, being in some cases quite denuded of foliage. We have no plums at all. Apples bloomed gloriously; but, they too, had to succumb to the relentless frost-laden north wind. Small fruits, with the exception of black currants, which are all but a failure, about half a crop. A few young peach trees, all we have out of doors, have been almost killed, all their first growth being cut off. Pears, very thin crop, though not bad apples. Jargonelles on the whole are carrying fair crops. Strawberries were a good crop, but more than half of them have rotted on the plants, owing to the excessive wet weather we have had. Morello cherries very good; of other sorts few are grown. Altogether the fruit crops are as unsatisfactory as I have ever known them to be.*

*W. B. Upjohn. —The Garden.*

The *Liverpool Mercury* of Thursday 11 September **1873** carried an extensive article entitled *The Autumnal Flower Show*.

*The Autumn Floral Exhibition in connection with the Liverpool Floral and Horticultural Society place yesterday in St. George's Hall, and the result has shown that if but suitable prizes are offered Liverpool will soon be able to enter into friendly competition with Manchester or any other provincial town or city famous for its floral productions. There can be no doubt that the limited interest attaching to most of the Liverpool shows has arisen from the small amount of the prizes offered in the respective classes; but that has been the fault rather of the public than of the committee, the prizes necessarily being limited to the public contributions in aid of the funds Manchester possesses no greater facilities than Liverpool for a grand floral display, If we except the building in which the show takes place; and the whole success of the horticultural displays in Cottonopolis is attributable to the public spirit which enables the committee to offer prizes which induce horticulturalists or private growers to send their collections of fruit or flowers from almost every part of the United Kingdom. In this respect it is hoped that an Improvement will be experienced in Liverpool.*

Further down the article, amongst the long list of prizewinners, within the section headed "FRUIT - collection of four dishes of Fruit, pines excluded" appears "2. Earl of Ellesmere, **W. B. Upjohn** gardener". This seems to be the first of numerous competition and exhibitions to which **W. B. Upjohn** contributed - and won prizes! His travels took him to the Crystal Palace, Alexandra Palace, Halifax, Dundee, Radcliffe, Carlisle, Preston, Leek, and numerous other places. In addition to placing entries in the competitions, he frequently acted as a judge across various categories. It would seem that many of his prizes were for grapes! He even offered an endorsement to Sutton's Seeds for their Sulham Prize Celery, stating - "it is the best pink variety. Your Sulham Prize is the largest celery I have". (From Mr. **W. B. Upjohn**, Gardener to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere: dated **1876**). In August of that year, he won ten prizes at the Worsley Show and his wife Mary won two prizes for floral bouquets. At all times, he was referenced as Head Gardener to the Earl of Ellesmere.

One local organisation with which he was associated over several decades was the Worsley Agricultural Show. Indeed, he may well have been a founder member. The *Bolton Evening News* for Friday 20 August **1875** mentioned his name as a commended in the Poultry Section. Also at this show, he won some first and second prizes for fruit and vegetables.

*The annual show of the Worsley and Swinton Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held on Thursday in the Earl of Ellesmere's Park at Worsley. As compared with last year's show, there was a considerable increase in the number of entries, and also in the amount of prize money offered for competition - the number of entries being 1160, as compared with 1040; and the amount of prize money £650, as against £600 last year. There was a large attendance of visitors. The leaping of hunters which took place during the afternoon excited a large amount of interest.*

On 16 August **1880**, he joined the Worsley Lodge of Freemasons, aged 35. He 'passed' on 20 September and was 'raised' on 18 October. He remained a member at least until **1887**. In the register covering those years, we find the names of the Earl of Ellesmere, the Earl Mulgrave, Henry Heaton, Reginald Froude Coules, William Wilson, William Hy. Baynes, George Temperley, and Joseph Roscoe, people associated with St. Mark's.

On an unspecified day in February **1881**, he appeared at Salford Quarter Sessions as a witness in a case brought against William Wells Robertson for obtaining money by false pretences. For this duty, he received a fee of 3/6 (18½p) for one day at court, and claimed 1/2 (6p) for his rail fare!!

**1881** census: The Cottage, Worsley Hall Gadens.

<b>William B. Upjohn</b>	Head	M	38	Domestic Serv.; Head Gardener
<b>Mary M.</b>	Wife	M	33	
Thomas D.	Son		9	Scholar
Ruth M.	Daur.		8	"
William	Son		6	"
Frank F.	Son		1	

The *Manchester Courier* of Monday 2 April **1883** reported on the Easter Vestry Meeting at St. Mark's the previous Friday. W. B. Upjohn was elected as one of the three Vicar's Sidesmen. At the same meeting, a long discussion took place to consider the proposed alterations in the church, for which a Faculty had already been obtained, and to discuss the Vicar's intended resignation [which did not materialise - Ed]. At the Meeting of April **1889**, he was nominated by the Vicar as one of four sidesmen (along with E. Noden, q.v.).

The **1911** census stated that **William** and **Mary** had 14 children, of whom 4 had died by that time.

1. Baptism: **1871**

Thomas Dagless Upjohn - Born 11 April 1871

2. Baptism: 6 Oct **1874** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Ruth Mary Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary (born **1872**)

Abode: Worsley

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

3. Baptism: 6 Oct **1874** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

William Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary

Abode: Worsley

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

4. Baptism: 13 Nov **1875** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Margaret Elizabeth Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary

Abode: Worsley

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

Burial: 6 Apr **1876** St Mark, Worsley,

Margaret Elizabeth Upjohn

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: Mulgrave

5. Baptism: 13 Oct **1877** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

Charles Edward Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary

Matthison

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

Burial: 4 Dec **1880** St Mark, Worsley,

Charles Edward Upjohn

Age: 3 yrs.

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: William H. Baynes

6. Baptism: 14 Dec **1878** St Mark, Worsley.

Kate Robertson Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary

Matthison

Abode: Worsley

Occupation: Head Gardener at Worsley Hall

Baptised by: Mulgrave

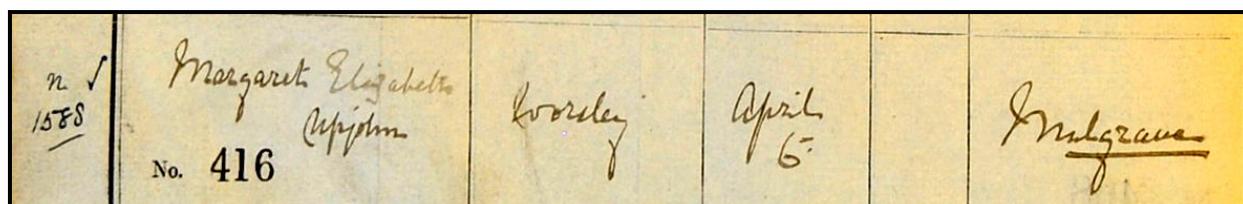
Burial: 4 Dec **1880** St Mark, Worsley,

Kate Robertson Upjohn

Age: 2 yrs.

Abode: Worsley

Buried by: William H. Baynes



n ✓ 1588	Charles Edward Upjohn Worsley No. 939	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	3 years	William H. Baynes
n ✓ 1588	Kate Robertson Upjohn Worsley No. 940	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	2 years	William H. Baynes

7. Baptism: 6 Jun **1880** St Mark, Worsley.

Frank Forsythe Upjohn - [Child] of William Upjohn & Mary

Abode: Worsley

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

8. Baptism: 13 Jan **1882** St Mark, Worsley.

Margery Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary Mathieson

Born: 18 Dec 1881

Abode: Worsley Gardens

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: William H. Baynes

9. Baptism: 15 May **1883** St Mark, Worsley.

Arthur Edward Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary Mathieson

Born: 13 Apr 1883

Abode: Worsley Gardens

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: W.G. Harland

10. Baptism: 27 Sep **1884** St Mark, Worsley.

Walter Ellis Upjohn - [Child] of William Barker Upjohn & Mary Mathieson

Born: 30 Aug 1884

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens

Occupation: Head Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

11. Baptism: 6 Apr **1886** St Mark, Worsley.

Percy Gordon Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary Mathieson Robertson

Born: 3 Mar 1886

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens

Occupation: Head Gardener

Baptised by: W.G. Harland

12. Baptism: 20 Oct **1887** St Mark, Worsley.

Marion Ida Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary Mathieson

Born: 10 May 1887

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens

Occupation: Head Gardener

Baptised by: Mulgrave

13. Baptism: 10 Jun **1891** St Mark, Worsley.

Florence Stanley Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary Mathieson

Born: 5 Apr 1891

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens

Occupation: Gardener

Baptised by: F.H. Hodgkinson

14. Baptism: 10 Oct **1892** St Mark, Worsley.

Constance Upjohn - [Child] of William Barber Upjohn & Mary Mathieson

Born: 15 Sep 1892

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens

Occupation: Gardener  
Baptised by: F.H. Hodgkinson

The fourth death was that of their seventh child, Frank Forsythe Upjohn who died in February **1911**, just weeks before the census was taken. He died in Hawaii!!

**Grave: N.1588** St Mark, Worsley, Lancs.

Owner: **W. B. Upjohn**

Interments:

	Name	Age	Abode	Date buried
1	Margaret Elizabeth <b>Upjohn</b>	?	Worsley	6 Apr 1876
2	Charles Edward <b>Upjohn</b>	3 yrs.	Worsley	4 Dec 1880
3	Kate Robertson <b>Upjohn</b>	2 yrs.	Worsley	4 Dec 1880
4	Mary M. S. <b>Upjohn</b>	72 yrs.	Worsley	22 Oct 1920
5	William B. <b>Upjohn</b>	96		20 Jun 1937

**1891** census: Worsley Hall Gardens ( Head Gardener's House)

<b>Will. B. Upjohn</b>	Head	M	47	Head Gardener
<b>Mary M.</b>	Wife	M	43	
Thomas D.	Son	S	19	Engineer's Fitter
Ruth M.	Daur.	S	18	
Will	Son	S	16	Telegraphist
Marj.	Daur.		9	
Walt. E.	Son		6	
Percy G.	Son		5	
Marion I.	Daur.		3	
(Un-named)	Daur.		1 day	
Sarah A. L. Robertson	S-in-law	S	41	

+ 1 midwife

**1891** census: 100 Roe Green

<b>Edward Upjohn</b>	Head	M	74	Retired Farmer
<b>Susan Upjohn</b>	Wife	M	76	
Frank F.	G'son		11	
Arthur E.	G'son		7	

**1901** census: Gardener's House.

<b>William B. Upjohn</b>	Head	M	59	Head Gardener
<b>Mary M.</b>	Wife	M	53	
William	Son	S	26	Clerk
Frank F.	Son	S	21	Carpenter
Marjorie	Daur.	M	19	School Teacher (assistant)
Arthur E.	Son	S	17	Apprentice Gardener
Walter E.	Son	S	16	Telegraphist
Percy G.	Son	S	15	
Marion I.	Daur		13	
Florence S.	Daur.		9	
Constance	Daur.		8	
<b>Edward Upjohn</b>	Father	Wid.	85	Retired Farmer
Arthur E.	Bro.	M	59	Retired Butcher

+ 1 servant

1911 census: Worsley Gardens. (9 rooms)

<b>William Barber Upjohn</b>	Head	M	68	Head Gardener domestic
<b>Mary Mathieson</b>	Wife	M	63	(14 children; 10 living; 4 dead)
Marion Ida	Daur.	S	23	
Florence Stanley	Daur.	S	19	
Constance	Daur.	S	18	

Burial: 22 October 1920 St Mark, Worsley.

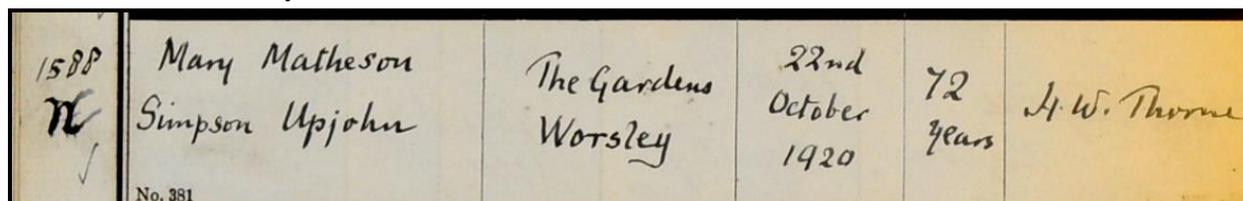
**Mary Matheson Simpson Upjohn**

Age: 72 years

Abode: The Gardens, Worsley

Grave: N 1588

Buried by: H.W. Thorne



In Kelly's Directory of Manchester and Salford, (1929), he was listed as *Upjohn Wm. B., domestic gardener, Worsley Hall gdns., Leigh Road, Worsley*. Also listed was *Upjohn Arth., 135 The Green, Worsley*: and also listed as *Upjohn Arth., gardener, Worsley Hall gdns., Leigh Road, Worsley*;

He continued to work as advisor, competitor and judge well into his nineties. In 1936, the *Halifax Evening Courier* reported that, at the age of 94, he "*officiated as a judge at the Homelands Agricultural Show, Culcheth, on Saturday*".

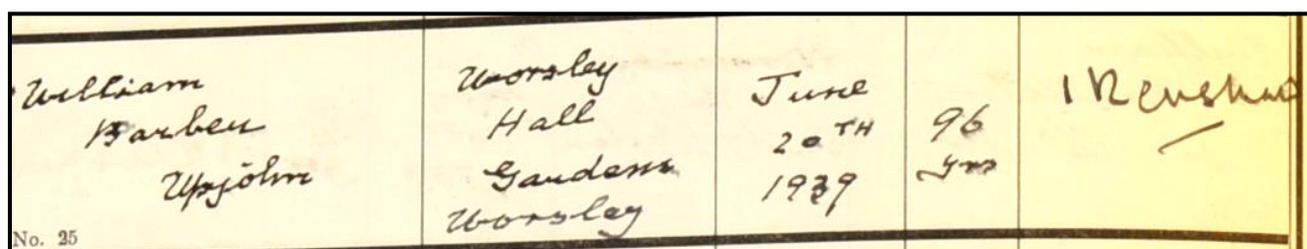
Burial: 20 June 1939 St Mark, Worsley.

**William Barber Upjohn**

Age: 96 yrs.

Abode: Worsley Hall Gardens, Worsley.

Buried by: I. Renshaw



The *Liverpool Echo* for Saturday 17 June 1939 reported:

#### G.O.M. OF WORSLEY

**Mr. W. B. Upjohn**, grand old man Worsley, Lancashire, died at his home, the head gardener's cottage on the Ellesmere Estate, to-day. He was 96. He was known to thousands as a pioneer of Worsley Agricultural and Horticultural Show. He missed only one show in seventy-five years. A native of Norfolk, in his early twenties he was head gardener to the Earl of Ellesmere, and once helped King George V. to plant a tree to commemorate a Northern visit. A keen church worker, he ascribed his long life to the goodness of God and a simple, temperate life.

The *Manchester Evening News* on Saturday 19 August **1939** announced:

*Show Was a Fashion Parade*  
*From Our Walkden Correspondent*

*WORSLEY Show, for years hampered by rain, had glorious weather to-day. There were more than 3.000 entries. This was the first show for threequarters of a century at which **Mr. W. B. Upjohn**, late head gardener to the Earl of Ellesmere, was not present. A founder member, he died three months ago. As usual the show was a South-East Lancashire fashion parade.*

The *Manchester Evening News* carried an advertisement on Monday 14 August **1939**:

*By Order of the Executor of **W. B. Upjohn**.*  
*F.H. COLLER*

*will SELL BY AUCTION Household Furniture and Effects at WORSLEY HALL GARDENS, WORSLEY, on WEDNESDAY. 16th August. The Sale to Commence at 1 30 p.m. prompt. On view Morning of Sale. Comprising: 6 Adams Chairs, Dining Table, Grandfather Clock. Brassware, Roll Top Desk, Bentwood Chair. Kitchen Utensils. Further particulars from the Auctioneer's office, 55. Cross-street, Manchester 2. or from Messrs. J. K. Simister & Co., 1b. Monton Road. Eccles. No Catalogues will be issued.*

## Edward UPJOHN

**Edward Upjohn** was baptised at St. Andrew, Field Dalling, Norfolk, on 11 August **1816**, the son of William and Mary Ann Upjohn. It happens that William Upjohn was the reverend William Upjohn and he was at that time vicar of Field Dalling. The family address was Cley Juxta Mare, Norfolk. Edward married Susann Dagless by licence on 9 October **1838** at the parish church of St. Andrew at Field Dalling.

In the first census of **1841**, Edward was a Farmer (24) in Cley, living with his wife Susann (25) and a son Thomas (1). The family was still there in **1845** according to White's Gazetteer and Directory for

1838. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of <i>Field Dalling</i> in the County of <i>Norfolk</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
5	<i>October 9<sup>th</sup> 1838</i>	<i>Edward Upjohn</i>	<i>22<sup>yo</sup></i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Cley juxta Mare</i>	<i>William Upjohn</i>	<i>Clerk in orders</i>
		<i>Susann Dagless</i>	<i>23<sup>yo</sup></i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Field Dalling</i>	<i>Thomas Dagless</i>	<i>Farmer</i>
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>State</i> <sup>by Licence</sup> by me, <i>W. Upjohn</i> Vicar								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>E. Upjohn</i> <i>Susann Dagless</i>				in the Presence of us, <i>Sarah E. Upjohn</i> <i>Frank Upjohn</i> <i>Elizabeth Ellis</i> <i>Margaret Dagless</i>				

Norfolk.

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George	Son		1	b. Cley
Edward Sherman Venn Curate			32	Curate of Cley b. Islington
+ 2 servants				

The curious thing about Edward Upjohn is that there appears to be no reference to him in either the '61 or '71 censuses. In addition, by 1881, he has changed from being a Farmer in Norfolk to being a Painter in London.

**1881 census:** 9 Basnett Grove, Wandsworth

<b>Edward Upjohn</b>	Head	M	64	Painter L.C.D.R.	b. Field Dalling, Norfolk
<b>Susan</b>	Wife	M	66		b. Bodham, Norfolk
Susan Upjohn	Lodger	Un.	75	Annuitant	b. Southwark

**1891 census:** 100 Roe Green

<b>Edward Upjohn</b>	Head	M	74	Retired Farmer
<b>Susan Upjohn</b>	Wife	M	76	
Frank F.	G'son		11	
Arthur E.	G'son		7	

Burial: 1 December **1900** St Mark, Worsley.

Susann Upjohn

Age: 86 years

Abode: Roe Green

Buried by: G. E. T. Body

No. 778	Susann Upjohn	Rose Green	December 1	86 years	G. E. T. Body.
No. 779					

**1901 census: Gardener's House.**

<b>William B. Upjohn</b>	Head	M	59	Head Gardener
<b>Mary M.</b>	Wife	M	53	
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Constance	Daur.		8	
<b>Edward Upjohn</b>	Father	Wid.	85	Retired Farmer
Arthur E.	Bro.	M	59	Retired Butcher

+ 1 servant

Burial: 24 July **1905** St. Mark, Worsley.

Edward Upjohn

Age: 88 yrs

Abode: The Gardens, Worsley Hall

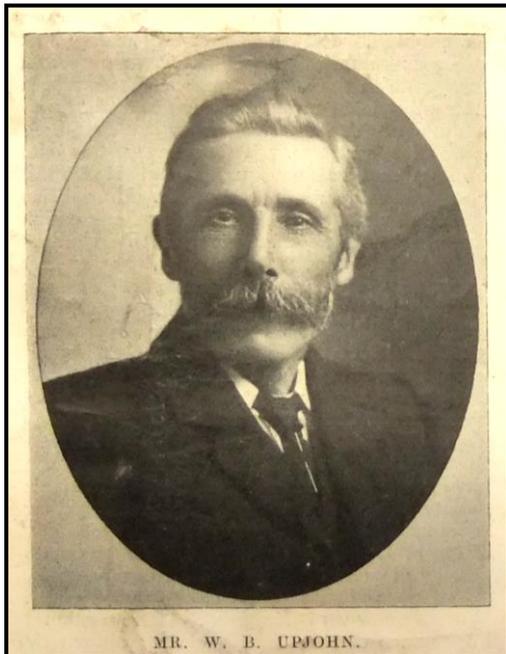
Grave: G 834

Buried by: F.K. Hodgkinson

834	Edward Upjohn	The Gardens Worsley Hall	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	88 yrs	F.K. Hodgkinson
No. 1251					



Edward (R), William (L), grandson (Rear),  
and gt.-granddaughter (C).



W B Upjohn

## POSTSCRIPTS

### Frank Forsythe UPJOHN

With such a large family, it is inevitable that some members of the extended family will have had a very interesting life story to tell. Here are some of those stories.

**Frank Forsythe Upjohn** (1880-1911): 7<sup>th</sup> child of William and Mary.

In the **1901** census, he was recorded as Son, Single, 21, Carpenter. He did not appear at all in the census of **1911**. In that census, the recorder noted that 14 children had been born to William and Mary, but that 4 of them had died. Three (as shown above) were buried at very young ages at St. Mark's, but who was the fourth? Further research showed that Frank F. had died in Hawaii, in **1911**?!! But how accurate was this?

1880	June 6 <sup>E</sup>	Frank Forsythe	William & Mary	Upjohn	Worsley	Gardiner	Worsley
No. 1347							

He was baptised at St. Mark, Worsley, on 6 June **1880**.



Buried at O'ahu cemetery, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. The name on the burial stone states **Frank F. Upjohn**. Birth place, Worsley, England. He died on 17 February **1911**.

**Frank** left Liverpool on 19 March **1908** on board the *CELTIC* of the White Star Line, bound for New York. In the ship's passenger list, he was aged 27 and a joiner. He travelled second class.

All this basic information is very important in our research. US Incoming Passenger Lists and Naturalisation Documents all verify that this was indeed the son of **W. B. Upjohn**. The 1910 US Census shows that he was by then living in San Francisco. So what was the story behind his death, if there was one? Perhaps digitised historic US newspapers may hold a clue?

*Chronicling America* is the best site, from the Library of Congress. He only appears under the name **Frank Upjohn**.

And there we find references to him in the *Hawaiian Star* and the *Hawaiian Gazette*, all dated February 1911. The first report appeared on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>, **1911**, in the *Star*, under the headline ...

#### **May be Murder Case**

*Frank Upjohn who was injured in a row in Hotel Street on Tuesday evening died at Queen's Hospital last night, after lying unconscious for two days. Upjohn, who was employed on the Explorer as carpenter, was walking along Hotel Street on Tuesday evening and interfered between two Hawaiians who were fighting. Upjohn received a blow in the face and fell onto the curbing, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull. Willie K. Kanakaliili, who is suspected of being concerned in the affray, was arrested yesterday.*

The next report, and a more detailed one, appeared on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1911 in the *Gazette* ...

## **Hawaiian is Held on Murder Charge**

### **Coroner's Jury Declares Kanakaliilii Killed Frank Upjohn**

*By a coroner's jury officially connected with the death of Frank Upjohn, which occurred on Saturday, following injuries received in a row Wednesday at the Winston Block, Willie Kananakaliilii was last night charged with murder and appears before Judge Lymer this morning.*

*"Death from a depressed fracture at base of the skull and haemorrhage, said injury being the result of a fall to the sidewalk on Hotel Street, near Maunakea, through being struck by one Willie Kananakaliilii," is the official opinion of the jury which investigated the case at an inquest held last night.*

*The sheriff's office, where the inquest was held, was crowded with men from the United States survey ship Explorer, where Kananakaliilii's victim was a carpenter's mate, first class, and several of their number went on the stand to testify to their companion's character. He was never known to have been in a brawl, and his conduct while a member of the survey ship's crew had been exemplary, according to their testimony, and it was, indeed, shown at the inquest that Upjohn had been killed while trying to stop a fight between a Chinaman and a Porto Rican woman.*

*The principal witnesses were Carl Cohen, a marine, and Chin Tai, both of whom witnessed the fight and afterwards chased the assailant through an alley as far as King Street. They told a straightforward and connected story that left no doubt as to the actual occurrence. The woman had been fighting with a Chinaman, when Upjohn came up and took her by the arm, telling her to stop it. She broke away from him and went after the Chinaman again.*

*He then tried to break in between them, and the woman seized his arm, demanding his business. She then called to Kananakaliilii to hit him and the Hawaiian sailed in. He knocked Upjohn down, but the pater got to his feet again and attempted to explain. He avoided a fight, but as he tried to walk away Cohen saw the Hawaiian take something from his pocket and strike the sailor heavily in the face. Upjohn fell and never moved. He was unconscious for forty-eight hours before he died.*

*The woman, Mrs. Magill, who appeared at the inquest with a baby in her arms, also testified, but apparently devoted her testimony to doing her best to shield Kananakaliilii, with whom she apparently had more than a passing acquaintance. She claimed that she knew him but slightly, had not seen him on the night in question, and had not seen him strike any blow. It was afterwards shown that she not only saw him, but called to him to "hit the baole [sic]".*

The *Star* then reported two days later on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ...

### **Murder Case to Grand Jury**

*The charge of murder against Willie Kananakaliilii, arising out of the death of Frank Upjohn, will probably be proceeded with on Tuesday next at the police court, when attorney Frank Andrade will appear for the accused. Deputy City and County Attorney Brown asked for a continuance this morning, announcing that Andrade could not get down until late and that the prosecution was not ready to proceed. He also intimated that the matter was to be taken up by the Grand Jury. Judge Wm. B. Lymer agreed to the continuance.*

A brief announcement was made in the *Star* on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February ...

### ***Waived Examination***

*Willie Kanankliilii, charged with murder in connection with the death of Frank Upjohn, waived examination in the police court this morning and was committed for trial to the circuit court.*

It is disappointing that, at this point, there were no further reports on the court case. However, all this evidence points to the fact that this man was indeed the son of **William** and **Mary** Upjohn.

Various documents within the USA help to form a better picture of **Frank Frederick Upjohn**.

#### **Naturalisation Papers 1908:**

5ft 5½ins; 148lbs.

Foreign residence: Worsley.

Arrived at New York on 29 March **1908**.

Residence: Seattle, Washington,

Occupation: Carpenter

Application: made in Kings County, State of Washington, 3 September 1908.

Possible residence was 616 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA.

#### **1910** census:

Age: 27 (??) Born about **1883** England

Residence: San Francisco Assembly District 45, SF, CA.

Filbert Street.

Boarder

Carpenter's mate Ast. Mass.

Steamer

Wage earner

Alien [though he was by now Naturalised]

(10 other household members were 'sailors')

[The American census details above were kindly provided by **David R. Kelland**, of Lexington, Boston - a dear friend]

## Margery UPJOHN

**Marjorie** (or Margery) was the 8<sup>th</sup> child of **William** and **Mary**.

1882 Jan. 13 Born Dec: 18 <sup>th</sup> 1881 No. 1468.	Margery	William Barber + Mary Matthieson	Upjohn	Worsley Gardens	Gardens	William Barber
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She was baptised at St. Mark on 13 January 1882. Her date of birth

was recorded as 18 December 1881.

1908		Marriage solemnized at		S. Marks Church		in the Parish		
		of		Worsley		in the County of		
				Lancaster				
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
164	October 6	Frederick Wheeler	28	Bachelor	Bleacher & Finisher	Worsley	Samuel Wheeler	Coal Merchant
	1908	Margerie Upjohn	26	Spicer	-	Worsley	Thomas B. Upjohn	Head Gardener Worsley Hall
Married in the _____ according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Established Church</u> by _____ or after <u>Banns</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,			in the Presence of us,					
Frederick Wheeler			Margerie Upjohn		Fred Timperlake Ada Upjohn W. Minchin			

She married Frederick Wheeler at St. Mark on 6 October 1908. He as the son of Samuel Wheeler, a coal merchant.

In the 1911 census, Frederick and Marjorie were living at South View, Dobcross, Saddleworth. He was a cloth bleacher and finisher and they had 1 child - **William Gordon**, born 5 May 1910 - and 1 servant. On 10 December 1915, Frederick attested to join the Army for a Short Service. He was then living at 256 Mulgrave Terrace, Worsley Road, Swinton, and was 35yrs 10months. He was assigned to the Lancashire Fusiliers, Motor Transport Division. By now, there was a second child, Marjorie Elizabeth Wheeler, born Greenfield, Saddleworth, on 6 June 1912.

*9 Feb 1880 died Midhurst Sussex 1971*

May 5	1890 July May 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Gordon	Frederick + Marjorie	Wheeler	Dobcross Oldham	Bleacher	J. T. Lattin
No. 1589							

What is of interest here is what happened to their son, **William Gordon Wheeler**, and to the relevance of this link I am indebted to **Janice Flanagan**, a local lady who is a great-great-granddaughter of **William Barber Upjohn**. In 2018, I printed a booklet entitled *The First Seven Incumbents*. In it, in a short biography of Canon H. W. Thorne, this editor wrote:

*One interesting story serves to confirm and illustrate his 'high church style.' A young man named **William Gordon Wheeler** was born in Dobcross, Oldham, on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1910, the son of Frederick Wheeler and his wife **Marjorie (née Upjohn)**. The young boy was baptised at St. Mark's on 3<sup>rd</sup> July that same year. It then would appear that by the time of the First World War, he had moved to Worsley, to live with his grandparents and aunts, for a hitherto unspecified reason. However, both his parents did originally come from this area and were married at St. Mark's on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1908. His paternal grandfather was a coal merchant, but his maternal grandfather was Head Gardener at Worsley Hall. Although Normanby had left the parish in 1891, he did return to conduct the service. This may partly explain why he came to Worsley.*

*Whilst at Worsley, he attended Manchester Grammar School and from there he went to University College, Oxford, in 1929, to study History and then Theology. After graduating at Oxford in 1932, he entered St Stephen's House, Oxford, to train for the Anglican priesthood and he was initially ordained into the Church of England*

in **1934**. From there, he went on to curacies in Brighton and Chesterfield before becoming Assistant Chaplain at Lancing College, Sussex. However, in his youth, he had been greatly influenced by the Anglo-Catholic regime at his parish church in Worsley, and in **1936** he finally decided to become a Catholic and was received into the Church at Downside Abbey in September that year. Ultimately, he became Bishop of Leeds in **1966**, a position he held until his retirement in **1985**. In his later years, he specifically mentioned the influence of Canon Thorne, 'my favourite Vicar, to whom I owe so much'. Bishop Wheeler died on 21 February **1998**, aged 87, after a brief illness.

