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MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY

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ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES

FOR THEIR COUNTRY

FOREWORD

This is the history of Willis Simmons and His Descendants. Willis and his wife, Jane Goslin Simmons, and three small sons left Georgia to come to Mississippi Territory in 1809. They settled in the "District West of the Pearl" River at what has been known since that time as Simmonsville (now Progress) in Pike County, Mississippi (originally Amite County). Willis Simmons and his descendants are known as the "Silver Creek Simmons". This is due to the fact that Willis settled on Silver Creek and that this Creek runs through the home places of many of his descendants. It rises above the old John Richard Simmons Place, now known as the Robert L. Simmons Place, down through the original Willis Simmons land and that of his son, George Washington Simmons, on through where Mary Simmons McClendon lived, down by the present Silver Springs Church and on past where Silver Creek Church was first established and into Louisiana. Many of the descendants now own land through which this creek runs. This location on Silver Creek was the place where Willis and his little family originally settled.

This history includes the descendants of Willis and Jane from 1809 to 1954, in so far as the authors could ascertain after several years of research. We have reliable evidence of one other son of Willis and Jane, but as yet have been unable to find out the name of this son. Attention is called to this fact, and evidence is presented in the first chapter. There may have been other children. As yet we have no evidence of this. After reading this manuscript, if any member of the family knows of other relatives, that member of the family would render a great service to future research for information about the Simmons family if the information could be sent to the authors of this history.

Every effort has been made to achieve accuracy, however, we know that in such a document as this, it is impossible for some errors not to occur. This, too, will be rectified if the correct information is provided. It is possible that records of services in the Armed Forces of many, not known to the authors, have been omitted. The data in this history came from Family Bible Records, from Department of Archives Records, both State and National, from grave markers, from census records, and from personal interviews and correspondence with living descendants. Differences of opinion concerning our forbears exist among living descendants. Attention of such cases is called to the reader of the manuscript and when possible, evidence is given to substantiate the correct version. Locations of grave markers are given in this history to enable members of the family to visit the graves if they so desire.

Errors in the data of several publications have been passed on to the families. We have tried to authenticate our data in such a way that we hope at least some of the errors may be corrected, however, we lay no claim to complete accuracy in this publication. Each generation could make a great contribution to generations to come by establishing a Family Bible Record for each family and handing it down through the years. Data from this history may be used to bring it up to date. This will do much to develop inward pride in the fine heritage of the Simmons Family and avoid errors in data of future genealogists.

An effort was made to include in this history, a picture of Willis and one of each of his children. We were able to secure the one of Willis and, as yet, only that of one of his sons. Any good photographer can make proofs at small

cost from an original picture, as was done to get the ones included. The writers are still interested in getting these pictures.

Research will continue on the background of Willis and Jane before they came to Mississippi. Much has already been done on this phase, but help is needed from any member of the family that has information that might assist us in the work and hasten the time when it too can be made available in printed form to all descendents.

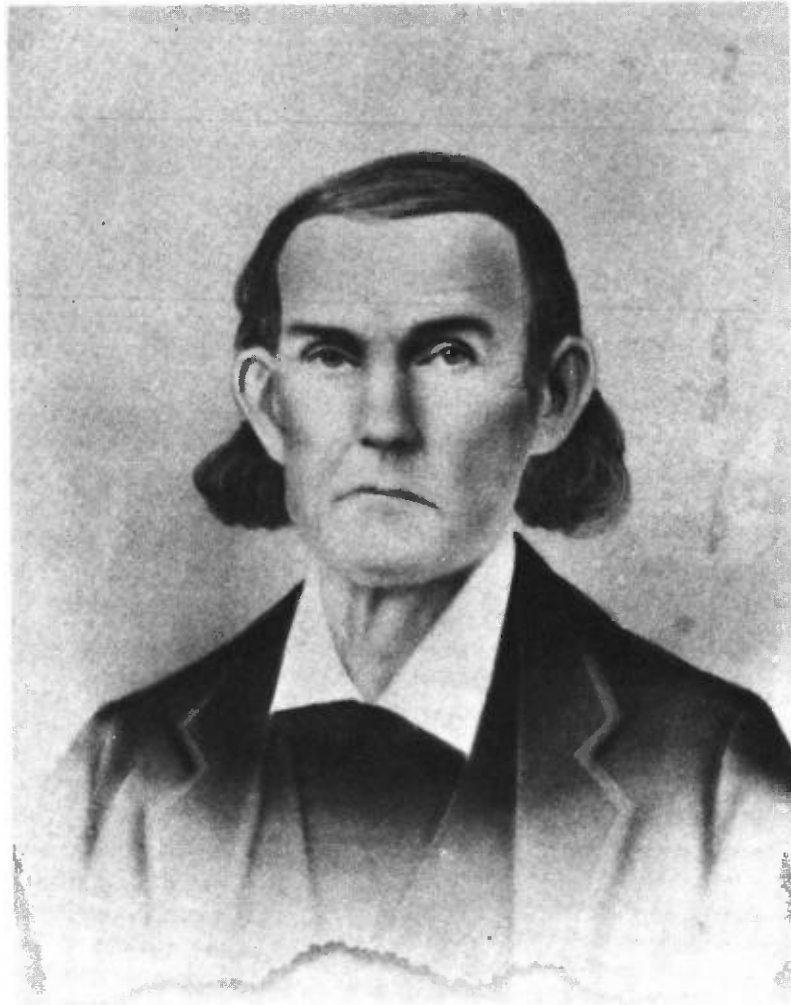
Lastly, it is impossible to give credit in this manuscript to the large number of people, both among the descendents and outside the family, who have assisted us in getting this history ready. However, the authors would like, through this means, to express appreciation to all of them. We sincerely hope that the results are such that everyone who contributed will feel that the time and effort given was worth while.

Signed:

Edna Simmons Campbell
Hansford L. Simmons

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WILLIS SIMMONS 1784-1862
(Original Owned by the Bosa Simmons Family.)

WILLIS SIMMONS

Willis Simmons, born in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1784, came to Mississippi from Jones County, Georgia sometime between October 11, 1809 and November 1, 1810, as will be shown by the evidence submitted in this history of his family.

Character references and passports were required of all who came to the Mississippi Territory from the time it was opened up in 1800 to about the year 1818. Willis Simmons presented his character references and requested a passport on October 9, 1809 and his passport was granted on October 11, 1809. A copy of these two documents is given below. Photostatic copies may be obtained from the Department of Archives and History, West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; Original Minutes of the Executive Council, Passport Book, pages 21 and 498.

"Georgia, Jones County

We the undersigned recommend John Mathews (Jones County), Willis Simmons and John Bond as good honest upright citizens and they wish to obtain a Passport from this County and State to the Mississippi Territory as they are about to remove there to.

To October the 6th, 1809.

Sion Thrower	Cuthberth Reese
Harrison Cabiness (Capt.)	Milton Amos
denton daniel	John Hogg
frederick daniel	Hardy Bullock
Drury Reese J.P.	Elijah Bailey
H. Carson I.I.Q.	Wilkins Jackson, J.P.
Nathan Peeples	George Cabiness
Wm. Ratcliff, Capt.	Stephen Kirk
Richard Ratcliff, Capt.	Amel Huggins
	Ephraim Cox
	Moses Cox
	Asa Cox

Recommended in favor of John Mathews, Willis
Simmons and John Bond.

Order taken October 11, 1809."

We have some information from the Records about the signers of this character reference which is given in this history to provide some added evidence as to where in Georgia Willis and his people lived.

Moses Cox was on the Pension Roll of Washington County, Georgia in 1840. He was 86 years old at that time.

Drury Reese was Justice of Peace in Hancock County in 1812. He attested a bounty land grant to William Simmons, father of Willis, in 1784. Drury Reese sold land to Abner Lockett in Jones Co.

Asa Cox, son of Carey Cox was born in Jones Co. Ga. Carey's Will is in
in 1810.
Jones County Records

Cuthberth Reese, son of Ishman Reese of Jones County, witnessed the wedding of a relative, Elizabeth Simmons, who married a Mr. White in Jones County in March, 1853. Cuthberth Reese had a son, L. L., and a daughter, Louise Caroline, in Jones County. Ishman Reese's Will may be found in Will Book B, Jones County, in which he gives Cuthberth as his son. Elizabeth Simmons was from Oglethorpe County (originally Wilkes).

Captain William Ratcliff was Justice of Peace in Jones County, in 1813.

Captain Richard Ratcliff belonged to the Jones County Militia in 1808 and 1813. The Ratcliff family Will is found in the Oglethorpe County (originally Wilkes County) Records.

Wilkins Jackson was Justice of Peace in Jones County in 1810 and 1811. He had two draws in Hancock Co. Lottery of 1806.

George Cabiness' Will is recorded in Oglethorpe County Records. His marriage record to Betty Gools on May 15, 1806 is recorded in Oglethorpe County (where Willis' father died). George Cabiness died in Jones County in 1816. Patty Cabiness married Samuel Langston in Jones County in 1816. George Cabiness witnessed Joseph Moore's Will in Oglethorpe County in 1807. Sarah Cabiness' Will is in Book C, Jones County.

Stephen Kirk was Ensign in Hancock County in 1796. He was Justice of Peace later in Jones County.

H. Carson attested a deed of Drury Reese in Jones Co. in 1810.

Jones County, Georgia was laid out in 1807. Willis Simmons's relatives lived in Wilkes (original) County, Hancock County, where his grandfather died, Oglethorpe County, which was originally a part of Wilkes County, where Willis' father died, Warren County, and other nearby counties. The signers of his character references were all neighbors of his and his family. Most of them had no doubt moved to Jones County.

The actual passport for Willis Simmons was issued on Wednesday, October 11, 1809. This exact copy is taken from the Executive Council Minutes of that year.

"On recommendation of several respectable citizens of the County of Jones

Ordered,

That Passports through the Creek Nation be prepared as aforementioned to wit, one for David Boyd, and one for John Mathews, Willis Simmons and John Bond, the two former with their families.

Which were presented and signed."

John Mathews and Willis Simmons were the "two former" referred to above as bringing their families. They were the first two mentioned in the application for the passport.

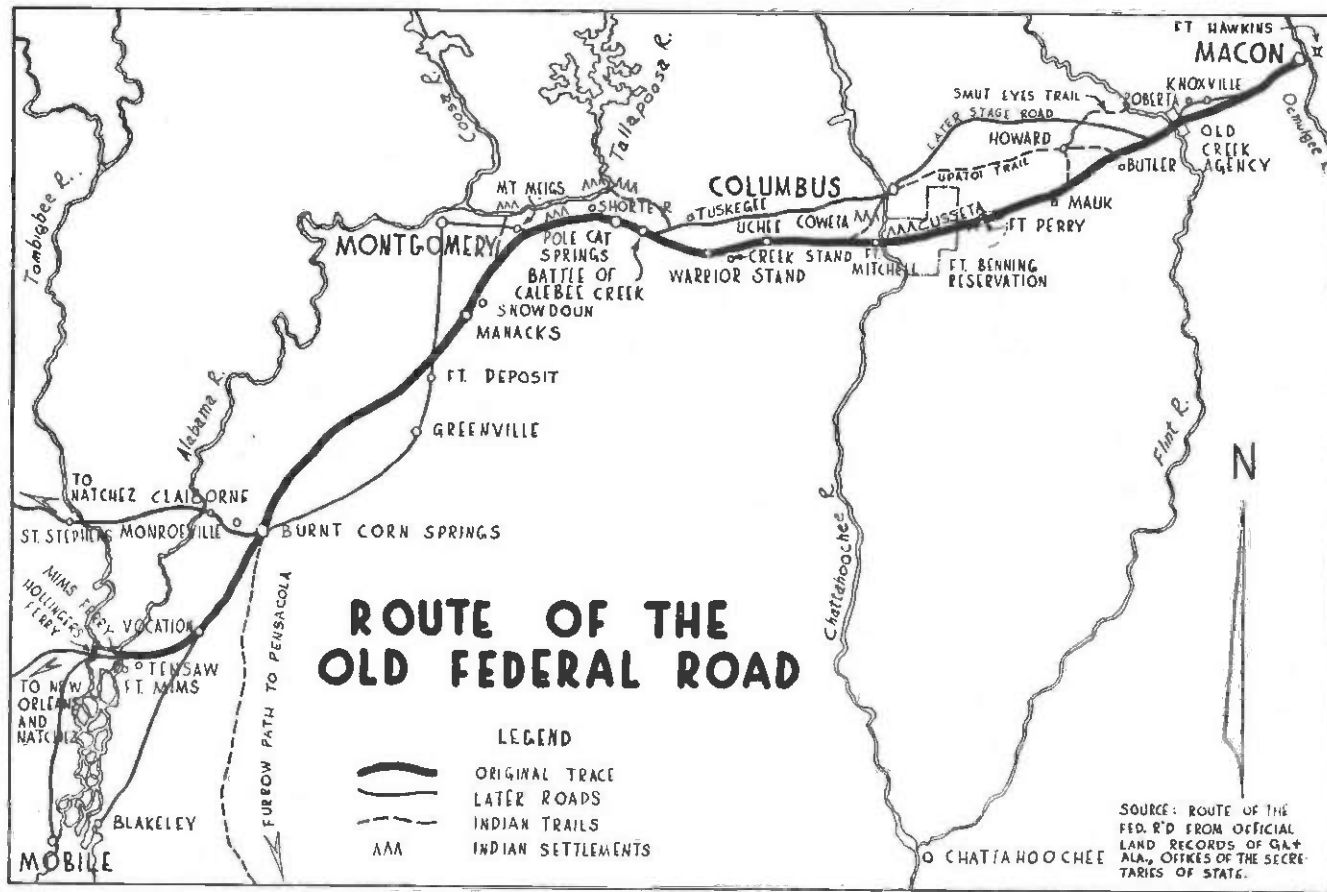
Willis Simmons had married Jane Goslin, born in 1785. She was the daughter of John Goslin and Judith Davis, who were married in Rowan County, North Carolina March 10, 1780. Family tradition is that Jane lived in Lancaster County, South Carolina when she married Willis.

In April, 1802, the Federal Government entered into a compact with Georgia known as the "Articles of Agreement and Cession", by which Georgia ceded to the United States the whole of her territory lying between what is now her western boundary and the Mississippi River. This pact called for the payment of one million and a quarter dollars, plus the stipulation to extinguish for Georgia the aboriginal title to all the lands still occupied by the Indians within her thus reduced limits. This land, bought by the Federal Government from Georgia, became the Mississippi Territory. It was inhabited by savage Indians, the worst of whom were the Creeks. But by negotiations with the Indians, the settlement of the Mississippi Territory was allowed.

Early in the Nineteenth Century, especially during the first decade 1801 to 1810, there was a popular tide of immigration to the territory between the Mississippi and Pearl Rivers. They came mainly from the Carolinas and Georgia. There had been a few venturesome immigrants to this region before this time, but very few who came as real settlers. Most of the white people who had come were in the villages and small towns on the coast and on the Mississippi River, which were mainly stations for trading with the Indians who occupied this whole countryside.

In the beginning of the century, all the territory above the present Mississippi State line was a part of the Mississippi Territory and belonged to the United States as a part of the land bought from Georgia. All below the State line was a part of West Florida and was still held by Spain with a Military Governor at Baton Rouge. But with the purchase of the Louisiana Territory by the United States from France in 1803, it was apparently taken as a matter of course that what is now known as East Louisiana was, or would be, included in that purchase, and immigrants settled at their pleasure below the line, though the question as to the possession of this East Louisiana section was not settled until 1819. In the meantime, these patriotic settlers rebelled against the Spanish Governor at Baton Rouge and established their independence, and in 1810 proclaimed themselves "The State of West Florida". This action of the settlers was ignored by the United States government, and the "Baton Rouge District" from the Mississippi to the Pearl River was incorporated within the State of Louisiana.

This territory of what is now East Louisiana and South Mississippi became the "Happy Hunting Grounds" for the Indians who lived there, but also to the hordes of immigrants from the



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Athens, Georgia

Carolinas and Georgia. Some few had come as early as 1780, fleeing from the oppression of the British Army and the persecution of their Tory neighbors during the Revolutionary War. Others followed later, but the real tide set in about the beginning of the Nineteenth Century.

Willis Simmons came to the Mississippi Territory over the wilderness trace known as the Federal Road, along with streams of people from Georgia and the Carolinas, who also settled on the lands referred to as the "District West of the Pearl River".

This historic highway, "The Federal Road", which played such a formative part in developing the early Southwest, ran 350 miles from what is now Macon, Georgia across the Creek or Muskhogee Indian Country to a ferry on the lower Alabama River in present-day Baldwin County, Alabama. When the Creeks were approached by the Government in 1804 on the matter of opening a way through their nation, they were reluctant to grant the right-of-way. The acquisition of the Louisiana Territory, however, created such a need for travel and communication between the new possessions and the old regions to the east, that Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States at that time, took a personal interest in getting the road through and directed Colonel Benjamin Hawkins, the Government Agent among the Muskhogees, to press the redmen for their consent to a passageway. In 1805, this effort bore fruit in the Treaty of Washington, by which the Creeks granted the United States the privilege of a horsepath across their lands. This Federal Road was built in 1806. The Indians also agreed to the establishment of "houses of entertainment", along the way to accommodate travelers and to provide ferries at points on major streams where the trace was to cross. A discussion of the above plans and agreements between the United States Government and the Indians and the general management of the "ferries" and "houses of entertainment" may be found in Territorial Papers of the United States, Vol. 6, Mississippi, published in 1953. There is also an interesting article in the Summer Issue, Georgia Review, 1952, University of Georgia Press.

One may trace the route on present day maps as follows: Macon, Georgia to Mauk to Cussetta to Fort Mitchell to Creek Stand to Shorter to Polecat Springs to Mt. Meigs to Snowdown to Calhoun to Burnt Corn Springs. Burnt Corn Springs was a noted forking point for all the early trails and roads. There were two branches of the route from Burnt Corn Springs to the Mississippi Territory and the West---one to Monroeville to Fort Claiborne on the Alabama River to Fort Stephens just across the Tombigbee, then on to Natchez---the other to Vocation to Tensaw to Fort Mims and across the river by means of Hollinger's Ferry then on to Natchez. Our people took the Fort Claiborne to Fort Stephens route. There were two routes from Fort Stephens to Natchez---one given in James Street's "O Promised Land", which passed Winchester, Mississippi to Monticello, then to Natchez---the other given in the "Diary of James Campbell" covering his

journey from Lumberton, North Carolina to Natchez in 1810. His route veered to the southwest from Fort Stephens and passed through McLain, Mississippi to about where Hattiesburg is now, to Columbia, thence to Liberty and on to Natchez. Just at the edge of McLain, Mississippi will be found a marker with the following inscription: "Old Federal Road. Built through here, 1806, extending the mail route west to New Orleans. Nearby Post Office Leaf River created 1814. Used by Sam Dale and in War of 1812 by Jackson and Claiborne." This route was paralleled by all coming from Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, and was undoubtedly the route taken by Willis Simmons and his family.

The United States Government had set up strict regulations as to how land in the Mississippi Territory was to be obtained. The order of procedure was about as follows: The United States engineers would survey portions of the land at a time. When the survey was completed on a portion, the President would issue a Proclamation designating a date for "public sale" of this portion. The Register of Lands in the District would publicize the date of the sales. He was not allowed to make any "private" sales in this portion until three weeks after the public sale. Of course, the Territorial Papers show many charges made to the Federal Government that certain individuals violated this order, but in general, this routine was followed. After the land was sold, a record of the sales was sent to the United States Land Office.

The first Proclamation for a "public sale" of lands in the "District West of the Pearl River" was issued on October 22, 1808 and the sale was held on the "second Tuesday in January, 1809". The next sale of the residue of land in the "District West of the Pearl" was held on the "second Tuesday in November, 1811."

So Willis Simmons either had someone already in Mississippi bid in his land for him on October 22, 1808, or he bought the land in private sale after he arrived.

In the Vol. 6 of U. S. Papers of the Mississippi Territory, on page 623, under "Letters to United States Congress by Purchasers of Land East of Pearl", by the author, Mr. Carter, we find the following:

"They had purchased land before they removed to the territory and during the state of Indian hostility it was impossible for the inhabitants of Georgia or Carolina to reach the land office at St. Stephens with the installment due-----."

The papers in this volume show long petitions to the United States Government explaining the reason why the payments were not made and asking for more time to pay up.

Although Willis Simmons' name does not appear in any of these

lists, this record does show that many bought their land before coming into the Mississippi Territory.

A maximum of 640 acres was allowed one individual. Land, however, could be bought and sold after titles were cleared. The land, in most instances, sold for \$2.00 per acre.

According to the records, the United States census for Amite County, Mississippi in 1810 was started, according to law, August 1st. All counties reported the census completed by November 14th except Madison County, and the official report was made to the Legislature by David Holmes, Territorial Governor, on December 1st, 1810. We find Willis Simmons with his wife and three boys under ten years of age in that census. Thus we know that he reached Mississippi after October 11, 1809, when his passport was issued, and before November 14, 1810. It is reasonable to assume that the "old timers" were accurate when they wrote of his arrival in Mississippi as of 1810. It took three or four months to make the trip from Jones County, Georgia to the "District West of the Pearl" (Amite County at that time, now Pike County) where Willis and his family settled.

Although we have no data as to how Willis Simmons and his family traveled, we do know that "the stream of travelers to the Mississippi Territory passed in a procession of individuals, families, groups of slaves, with accompanying droves of livestock or packs of hounds" and that "some went on horseback, others by wagons, while some traveled in San Soius, carry-alls, sulkies, Jersey wagons, dearborns, and carts."

Jane and Willis settled in the "District West of the Pearl" not too far from the present Silver Creek Church. Early historians say that "he settled in 1810 below what is now Walkers Bridge". The fact is the early lands owned by the Simmons family extended far in that direction. By 1815, when Pike County was organized from a part of Amite and Marion County, Willis and his family had established a large, two story, white plantation home with the tall, squared Georgian posts across the front porch, in this section. (To those who know the region, it was about a mile beyond the home of his son George Washington, which burned, on the old Dillon Bridge road, at the intersection of the Silver Creek road with this Dillon Bridge road.) A part of the Willis Simmons home remained in the early 1900's. The old fig tree in the back yard and other evidences remained for years and even today, visitors may find evidence of an "old home place" among the wilderness that has since grown up. The old Dr. Theodore Simmons place was later built not too far from Willis' old home place. It is thought that Willis and Jane were buried in the graveyard between the Theodore Simmons home and the Jimmy Tate place---a wilderness now. The community that grew up around Willis Simmons was named "Simmons ville". It was built by him and his descendants.

Willis and his family were active church members. He was one of

the founders of Silver Creek Church. According to the records, the following were organizers of this church: Thomas Batson, William Isles, William Busby, Silas Bullock, Joshua Stockstill, Loftin Fairchild, David Hines, Walter Jacobs, William Bond, Henry Bond, Willis Simmons, John Thompson and Frederick Croft. There may have been others in the church's organization in 1814 and its reorganization in 1816. The Reverend Nathan Morris began his pastorate of Silver Creek Church July 15, 1816. He was succeeded by Jesse Crawford in 1835.

At the time Silver Creek Church was organized, the pioneer settlers were becoming numerous in the section between the Bogue Chitto and the Tangipohoa Rivers along the north and south of the state line. They had no churches nearer them than Bogue Chitto, 20 miles north; Half Moon Bluff, 15 miles southeast; Mount Nebo, 25 miles southwest; Jerusalem, 25 miles west, all of which had been organized within two years---1810-1812.

It should be borne in mind that Silver Creek Church was organized during the exciting times of the war between the United States and England, 1812-1815, and three years after the battle of Baton Rouge between the settlers and the Spanish. Also in the later part of the year in which the church was first organized, in 1814, General Jackson's gathering army was pouring through this section, by different routes, converging on New Orleans, where the great battle there was fought January 8, 1815.

Silver Creek Church was first located some distance south of what is now Silver Springs Church, on the east side of Silver Creek, and later moved to its present location between Walkers Bridge and Simmonsville (now Progress).

Willis Simmons must have been a man of some ability and recognized leadership, as the Church for a good many years elected him as one of its two delegates to the annual meeting of the Association.

In 1819, Willis Simmons and Nathan Parker went as delegates from Silver Creek Church to the convention held with Hepzibah Church, in Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

In 1821, Willis Simmons and James Croft were delegates to the newly formed Pearl River Association which Silver Creek had assisted in organizing.

Early in 1827, Willis Simmons was ordained a deacon in the Silver Creek Church by a presbytery consisting of Shadrach Coker and A. S. Mercer. This is another evidence of his solid standing, as deacons in the early days of the church were chosen with care as to their character and conduct. At that time, Willis was about 40 years old.

Willis Simmons and Robert Forrest were delegates to the Association in the fall of 1827.

The Church resolved in 1828 to make an addition to the meeting house, and Willis Simmons, Benjamin Morgan, William Ellzey, William Beard, and Jeremiah Smith were appointed on the building committee. Delegates to the Association that year were Willis Simmons and Benjamin Morgan.

Again in 1829, Willis Simmons went as a delegate to the Association along with Wallis Thompson, and in 1830, Jeremiah Smith and Willis Simmons were the delegates. The same two went as delegates in 1831.

For some years, Henry Simmons appears to have taken the lead in affairs of Silver Creek Church. Henry lived out near Mt. Zion Church and was a son of Richard Simmons, who came to the Mississippi Territory with his wife, Ann Tyler Simmons, from South Carolina, via Georgia, and settled near Osyka, Mississippi along a little stream known as Bala Chitto. The descendents of Richard and Ann Tyler Simmons came to be known as the "Bala Chitto Simmons" while the descendents of Willis and Jane came to be known as the "Silver Creek Simmons". The descendents of the two groups never claimed kinship. No doubt, they were not aware of the history of the families before 1809 when they came to the Territory. Henry Simmons was ordained to preach, moved his membership from Silver Creek to Mt. Zion Church in 1838, and later moved to Texas.

In 1843, Willis Simmons reappears in the activities of the church as a member of a committee to consider the case of a church brother who had taken the "Bankrupt" law. This was enacted by the National Congress following the terrific panic of 1837 that had swept thousands to financial ruin.

The Silver Creek Church decided that a member had no honest right to take the benefit of this law. One member of the church reported himself as having taken the bankrupt law. It is likely that this member had been the subject of criticism for his action and wanted the church to determine if he were in the wrong.

A committee from the church was named to investigate the case. Willis Simmons, Benjamin Morris, G. C. Fortinberry, William Ellzey, and John Ellzey were members of this committee. The committee reported that the brother was not aiming to avoid the payment of any just debt, but to avoid consequences of a forgery of his name to a bond. He was excused by the church.

Also, about this time a committee was named "to assess the members their several shares of the church debt", the committee being, Willis Simmons, William Ellzey, William Brown, Gasuaway Fortenberry, and William Coney.

In 1844, Antioch Church lodged a complaint against New Zion Church, and asked Silver Creek Church to name a committee to go to New Zion Church for a settlement. Silver Creek sent Willis Simmons, William Ellzey, Sr., John Ellzey, Benjamin Morris, and

G. C. Fortenberry. This committee later reported the trouble settled.

In 1845, a black brother in the church was reported for "lying out from his master without provocation." This called for a committee---Willis Simmons and William Ellzey---to cite the offending brother to appear at the next conference and give account of his conduct. Nothing further appears in the record to reveal the outcome of this charge. Membership of the early church was made up of both white and colored.

Willis Simmons was appointed in 1848 to succeed William Coney, deceased, as officer to enforce the by-laws of the church incorporation.

In 1848, there was more trouble in a neighboring church, Mt. Pisgah, and Silver Creek was requested to send a committee to aid in adjusting the grievance. This committee consisted of Jesse Crawford, Willis Simmons, William Ellzey, William Lewis, and Solomon O. Magee.

A committee was appointed in February, 1851, to examine the meeting house, and report on needed repairs, the committee being Willis Simmons, William Ellzey, William Estess, and S. O. Magee.

The order for repairs being given, Willis Simmons, William Ellzey, and Benjamin Morris were named to superintend the work of repairing the house. In 1852, the committee reported repairs completed and paid for.

The same year a committee was named to revise the church roll, namely: William Ellzey, John Ellzey, Willis Simmons, Wyatt Smith, G. C. Fortenberry, and Jesse Crawford. It was found that the church had 128 members---34 males, 61 females, and 33 negroes.

In 1856, a proposition came from Mt. Zion Church to organize a Bible Society. A committee was named to confer with Mt. Zion Church about this matter. This committee was composed of: William Ellzey, B. W. Leggett, G. C. Fortenberry, Wyatt Smith, Willis Simmons, Calvin Magee, S. C. Magee, John G. Leggett, D. W. Forrest, and Jesse Crawford.

This is the last reference to active work of Willis Simmons in Silver Creek Church. He was getting along in years then, past 70.

During the past 100 years, the activities of the church have been in the hands of his descendents. Even today, many of his direct descendents are active members of this old church. Among these may be mentioned Jesse L. Simmons, Ollie C. Simmons, Hugh F. Simmons, Emmett Gullede, John Barclay, Mrs. Arthur Flippin, Mrs. Lulu McDaniel, Miss Mag Brumfield, and many others.

On April 10, 1814, Willis was drafted for six months service into the War of 1812 against the British. He served as a private

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.

Form of Declaration for surviving Officer or Soldier.

State of Mississippi }
County of Pike } ss.

On this Smith day of July A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me Barney Lewis Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, Willis Simmons aged 67 years, a resident of Pike County in the State of Mississippi who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he is the identical, Willis Simmons who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain William Spencer in the Regiment of Mississippi Territory commanded by Col George H Nixon in the War with Great Britain that he was drafted at Wood's muster ground on or about the twelfth day of April A. D., 1844 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war, for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Fort Claiborne on the Smith day of October A. D., 1814 as will appear by (his original discharge being lost) the muster rolls of said company

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," passed September 28, 1850.

J. A. Matthews Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written: and I hereby certify that I believe the said Willis Simmons to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated.

Willis Simmons Seal
Barney Lewis J.P.
Willis Simmons SEAL

attest
J. A. Matthews

Power of Attorney.

Know all men by these presents, That Willis Simmons of the county of Pike and State of Mississippi have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint John T. Keely of Washington my true and lawful attorney. irrevocably for me and in my name to receive from the United States the bounty land certificate or warrant, or Pension certificate, and all such sum or sums of money due me on account of arrears of pay, three months' extra pay, forage, mileage, for horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service, expenses incurred, or money expended for organizing volunteer companies before being mustered into the service of the United States, or any money or moneys which may be due me by the United States on any account whatsoever, and generally to do all lawful acts and things whatsoever touching the premises, and an attorney or attorneys under him for the purposes aforesaid, to make and at his pleasure to

in the Company commanded by Captain Spencer in the Regiment of Mississippi commanded by Colonel George H. Nixon. He served until he was honorably discharged at Fort Claiborne (now the town of Claiborne) on the Alabama River on October 9, 1814. His records of this service may be found in the Department of Archives both in Jackson, Mississippi and in Washington, D. C.

Much interesting information about Willis is found in his War of 1812 files. Under the Federal Act of September, 1850, he was entitled as a Veteran to 80 acres of land. He had difficulty getting this because the Pension Commissioner in Washington claimed that the Land Warrant had been issued to one Mr. Neely, authorized to act for Willis and Willis claimed he had never received the Land Warrant. The records show that he finally received Warrant 55547 for this 80 acres. Then a Federal Act of March, 1855, entitled the Veterans to another 80 acres. For this, Willis received Land Warrant 34961, Register 232, dated May 24, 1859. This 80 acres was located:

"NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, in Township 3N of Range 9 East."

A copy of an application for this land is inserted in this record and may be our best proof of his year of birth.

Richard Simmons of "Bala Chitto" was called into service at the same time Willis was. They served together in the campaigns against the Creek Indians. Richard became ill and Willis was detailed to nurse him. Richard died August 30, 1814 and was buried in the old Fort Claiborne area.

When Willis Simmons came to the "District West of the Pearl", it was a wilderness. Washington, Mississippi, just out of Natchez, was the capital of the Mississippi Territory. David Holmes was Governor of the Territory and James Madison was President of the United States. It was not until sometime after 1806 that the nearest Post Office to the "District West of the Pearl" was established, at the Ford House on Pearl River (Columbia, Mississippi now). During that year, the mail route was extended via the Ford House to New Orleans. It was not until 1814 that Willis had access to a nearer Post Office. Most of the mail north was sent over the Federal Road, via Milledgeville, Georgia since that was a quicker way than by boat up the Mississippi River. After a few years the mail routes were extended to the coast at Mandeville and Covington, Louisiana, thus providing a road over which the cotton grown in the "District West of the Pearl" was taken to market and shipped by boat.

As was noted earlier in the United States Census of 1810, taken soon after Willis Simmons arrived in the Mississippi Territory, he had a wife and three boys under ten years of age. His first child born in Mississippi was Willis, Jr., born December 17, 1810. We have been unable to find out who the 3rd child born to Willis

and Jane in Georgia was.

The original copy of the 1820 Census of Amite County, Mississippi found in the Archives in Washington, D. C. gives Willis Simmons as head of a family with wife, six boys, and two girls, and four slaves. Unfortunately, the 1830 Census is not available. Since Jackson, his youngest son, was not born until 1825, we know from these records that he had seven boys and two girls. There may have been another born between 1820 and 1825, though we have no knowledge of this as yet.

In the 1850 Census, the first to give names other than "head of family", we find the following record:

"Willis Simmons	age 66, born in Georgia
Jane	age 65, born in Georgia
Matilda	age 35, born in Mississippi
George W.	age 14, born in Mississippi
Jackson J.	age 14, born in Mississippi
Solomon	age 8, born in Louisiana
Letitia M.	age 6, born in Louisiana
Mason	age 1, born in Louisiana"

Matilda and her children were visiting Willis and Jane when the census was taken. This was the family of Willis' son, Willis Jr. The 1860 Census gives Matilda's age as 42, and born in Georgia. Errors like this are often found in the census records. The 1860 Census for Pike County, Mississippi also has the following:

"Willis Simmons, age 76, born in Georgia".

He was in a household alone so Jane must have died sometime between 1850 and 1860. Willis does not appear in the 1870 Census. There is a pencil notation in the Family Bible of Mason C. Simmons, son of Willis Jr., as follows: "Grandfather died May 31, 1862." This Family Bible is now owned by Mason's son, Albert Leon Simmons.

By 1860, Willis had given or sold most of his land to his children, many of whom lived near him. At the time of his death he still had 1000 acres of land, according to the 1860 Census. This was later divided among his heirs. If he left a Will, it was destroyed when the Magnolia Court House was burned.

Robert L. Simmons, father of Hansford Simmons, who married a granddaughter of Willis and Jane, left a notation when he died about his wife's (Sarah) grandfather (Willis) which is worthy of quoting in this manuscript. Hansford Simmons has this original. It is as follows:

Sarah's Family

..."Sarah's Mother was named Narcissus Simmons. There was a large family of them. Her father was named Willis.

That family as I know was Mason, Willis, William, James, Richard, George and Jackson. Two girls, Narcissus and Polly. Polly married Irb McClendon; They lived in near Silver Springs church. Grandpa Willis lived and raised his family in the Simmonsville community. Was considered rich. All the children settled near around. Later, Mason moved to Louisiana on the Ouachita, near Columbia.

Calvin and Narcis married; went back to the old home; built a small log cabin, lived and loved and prospered, and also became rich in slaves, but lost all when the slaves were freed. They built a good home.....

Her grandfather, Willis, is the one who waited on my grandfather in the War of 1812. They could not trace any relationship then so we never claimed kin with that family, known as the Silver Creek Simmons, while ours was known as the Bala Chitto Simmons, tho our children are related to them through their grandmother, Narcissus Simmons.

I remember Uncle Willis so well, he was a grand, good old man, and used to visit in our home so often. He lived seven miles from us and would ride out there and spend a day or two. He rode horseback, too, would ride anywhere he wished to go. I loved so much for him to come and hear him talk about old times. He was a great talker. He came from somewhere in the east where all other emmi-grants who settled here came from....."

This quotation indicates that there was a son named James which could have been the third son born in Georgia, and recorded in the 1810 Census, however, the authors of this history have been unable to locate any descendants of James as yet.

According to the 1810, 1820 and 1840 censuses, there is evidence that Willis and Jane had at least nine children. However, as yet we know of only eight. They are:

- I. Mason, born in Georgia in 1805
- II. William (Black Bill), born in Georgia, May 31, 1807
- III. Willis, born in Mississippi, December 17, 1810
- IV. Narcissa, born in Mississippi in 1813
- V. John Richard, born in Mississippi, September 28, 1816
- VI. Mary (Polly), born in Mississippi in 1819
- VII. George Washington, born in Mississippi, May 1, 1820
- VIII. ~~Jeremiah~~ ^{James} Jackson, born in Mississippi in 1825

Our source for this information as to the number of children comes

from the following census reports:

Census of 1810 - Willis Simmons	
Free white males over 21 - -	1
Free white males under 21 -	3
Free white females over 21 -	1
Total whites	5

Census of 1820 - Willis Simmons	
Under 10 (male)	2
10 - 16 (male)	2
16 - 18 (male)	1
18 - 26 (male)	1
26 - 45 (male)	1 (Willis himself)
Under 10 (Female)	2
10 - 16 (Female)	0
16 - 26 (Female)	0
26 - 45 (Female)	1 (Jane, his wife)

The 1830 Census for Mississippi, Pike County, is not available. By 1840, many of his children had married and were away from home.

ACCORDING TO THE SILVER CREEK RECORDS, JANE SIMMONS, WIFE OF WILLIS SIMMONS
DIED MAY 6, 1851.

D _____ MASON SIMMONS
Son of Willis Simmons

Mason Simmons, son of Willis and Jane Goslin Simmons, was born in Georgia, March 5, 1805 and died in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana on November 27, 1885. He is buried in the Mount Pleasant Church Cemetery, near Columbia, Louisiana. He came with his father, mother, and two brothers to the Mississippi Territory in 1809 and settled in what later became known as Simmonsville, in Pike County, Mississippi.

Mason married (1) Anna _____ and according to the Minutes of Silver Creek Church in Pike County, (Book 2, under State of the Church from November 25, 1842, "Sister Anna Simmons, wife of Mason Simmons, departed this life on April 10, A.D. 1845".) Mason joined this church by experience on July 10, 1827 and was dismissed by letter on October 22, 1859. Mason is referred to once in the Minutes as "D. Mason". The 1840 census of Pike County records the following:

Mason Simmons (Head of Family)
2 males under 5
1 male over 5 and under 10
1 male over 10 and under 15
1 male over 30 and under 40 years (self)
1 female under 5
1 female over 30 and under 40 (his wife, Anna)

It will be seen from the above that Mason and Anna had five children in 1840. There was another child born in 1842 (Hugh), so when Anna died, she left six children, if all were living.

Sometime between 1845 and 1850, Mason married (2) Patience Malinda Dunn. She was recorded as his wife in the 1850 census of Pike County, Mississippi. At that time, Mason was living somewhere near his father in the Simmonsville Community, and he and his wife, Malinda, withdrew their church letters from Silver Creek Church at the same time. They were no doubt planning to move when the letters were withdrawn, on October 22, 1859. The 1850 census gives us this record:

Mason Simmons	45	born in Georgia
Patience M.	26	born in Georgia
Redding (Workman)	20	born in Mississippi
William S.	17	born in Mississippi
Willis	16	born in Mississippi
Jane	13	born in Mississippi
Thomas R.	11	born in Mississippi
Hugh	8	born in Mississippi

It will be noted that the above six children could not have belonged to Patience Malinda, Mason's second wife and were thus his children by his first wife, Anna.

It is not known just when Mason left Mississippi, since the church record of 1859 is the last one available to the writers as to his whereabouts in that

state. Family tradition says that he moved from Mississippi to Louisiana and "reared his family on the Ouachita River, near Columbia, Louisiana." A quotation from A. L. Darden, Clerk of the Court, Caldwell Parish (Columbia, Louisiana) as of February 22, 1954 follows:

"I find that he (Mason) bought property in 1868 and that property has been sold to various persons as follows: from Abner Smith to Mason Simmons; from Mason Simmons to H. M. Simmons; H. M. Simmons sold to Gerome Simmons; Gerome Simmons sold to the Louisiana Central Lumber Company; and this company sold to the Brown Paper Mill, which now owns the property."

The 1870 census of Caldwell Parish, Louisiana records the following data. The census was taken July 14, 1870.

Mason Simmons	64	farmer	born in Georgia
Malinda	45		born in Georgia
Henry M.	19		born in Mississippi
Adolphus	16		born in Mississippi
Leon	15		born in Mississippi
Jerome	9		born in Mississippi
Sarah L.			born in Louisiana

It will be noted that Jerome, the last child born in Mississippi, was born in about the year 1861, so it was after that time that Mason made the move. As will be shown by the following data from the 1870 census of Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, William S. Simmons, his son by his first wife, also went to Louisiana:

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W. S. Simmons	39		born in Mississippi
Mary	29		born in Mississippi
Richard	12		born in Mississippi
William	7		born in Mississippi
Adaunie female	4		born in Mississippi
Hughey	3		born in Louisiana

Thus, this son of Mason's must have gone to Louisiana after the birth of his son, Hughey, in about the year 1867 or 1868. We do not know whether he went along with his father or not, but records would indicate that they both went at about the same time.

The inscriptions on the grave markers in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, near Columbia, Louisiana of Mason and his wife, Malinda, are as follows:

"Mason Simmons, born March 5, 1805
Died November 27, 1885"

"Malinda Simmons died September 20, 1896 at 72 years of age."

Other graves in this cemetery have the name "Simmons" on markers, but nothing more.

According to the above records submitted, Mason Simmons, son of Willis, had

the following children:

IA Redding Simmons, son of Mason and Anna Simmons was born in 1830 in Pike County, Mississippi. He was about 38 years old when his father moved to Louisiana.

IB William S. Simmons (or ~~William L.~~); son of Mason and Anna Simmons, was born March 31, 1832 in Pike County, Mississippi. According to census records, his name was William S., and William L. is recorded on his grave marker. He married Mary Vince. They moved to Caldwell Parish, Louisiana in either 1867 or 1868, and lived somewhere near Columbia, Louisiana. He later moved to Sikes, Louisiana, where he reared his family; William is buried at the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, about three miles west of Sikes, Louisiana. He died September 17, 1910. William and Mary had the following children:

IB-1 Thomas Richard Simmons was born October 15, 1858 in Pike County, Mississippi. He never married and lived with his father at Sikes, Louisiana. He died August 19, ____, and is buried beside his father at the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, near Sikes, Louisiana.

IB-2 William Mason Simmons, was born February 10, 1863 in Pike County, Mississippi, and died at Sikes, Louisiana, January 31, 1952, at the age of 89 years. He married Sarah M. Fox, from the Zion Hill Community in Louisiana. Sarah was born April 16, 1872 and died March 30, 1944. They are both buried at the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. Sarah and William Mason had the following children:

(1) W. Vinson Simmons married Pennie Ann Parker, who was born May 30, 1894 and died May 12, 1949. Pennie is buried at the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, near Sikes, Louisiana. W. Vinson now lives in Baucomville, Louisiana near West Monroe. Vinson and Pennie had the following children:

(a) Nora Lee Simmons, born October 25, 1921, died July 17, 1937.

(b) Norine Simmons, born December 13, 1920, died February 15, 1923.

(c) Grady Simmons married Opal Underwood. They live at Sikes, Louisiana.

(d) Myrtle Simmons married Jep Crain. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana.

- (e) Avis Simmons married Fred Tucker.
- (f) Edgar Simmons married _____. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana.
- (g) Ray Simmons married _____ Huguen. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana.
- * (h) Sharon Simmons was in the United States Army Infantry during World War II and lost his life in Germany.
- (i) Nellie Simmons lives in Monroe, Louisiana.
- (j) Shelby Simmons
- (k) Oleta Simmons

(2) Horace Simmons married Ophelia Bartley. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have one son.

(3) Malcolm Simmons married Tommie _____. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have one daughter.

(4) Pierce Simmons married Johnnie _____. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana. They have no children.

(5) Carson Simmons married Mamie Nixon. They live in Dodson, Louisiana where he is principal of the Dodson School. They have two children.

(6) Guy Simmons is single and lives in Sikes, Louisiana.

(7) Maggie Simmons married John Martin. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana and have 5 sons.

(8) Ora Simmons married Albert Crain. They live in Sikes, Louisiana and have one son and two daughters.

(9) Addie Simmons married Cicero Gates. They live in Sikes, Louisiana and have one son and four daughters.

IB-3 Adaunie, known as Addie Simmons, daughter of William Simmons, was born in Pike County, Mississippi in 1866. She married Richard (Dick) Britt. She is 89 years of age. They live at Conroe, Texas and have a large family, all of whom live near them.

IB-4 Joseph Hugh Simmons, son of William, was born in Louisiana November 5, 1867. He married Mary Elizabeth Smith, who was born in 1868. They lived at Sikes, Louisiana where Mary Elizabeth still makes her home. Hugh died August 22, 1953 and is buried at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery about three miles west of Sikes, Louisiana. Hugh and Mary had the following children:

(1) Iley Simmons married Rosa Sikes. They live at Sikes, Louisiana and have the following children:

(a) Cois Durwood Simmons married Zell Jones. They live in San Antonio, Texas and have two sons.

(b) DeVane Simmons married Barbara Chandler. They live at St. Joseph, Louisiana where he is with the Health Department and she is a registered nurse. They have one daughter.

(c) Lavance Simmons married Alice Aker. They live at Gastonia, North Carolina and have one daughter.

(d) Frank Simmons is single. He lives in Monroe, Louisiana

(e) Gene Simmons is 13 years old. He is at home with his parents.

(f) Vanoil Simmons married Thomas Adams. They live at Jena, Louisiana and have three children.

(g) Erline Simmons married Martin Barlow. They live in Monroe, Louisiana and have two children.

(h) Mary Ethel Simmons married Donald Thames. They live in Monroe, Louisiana and have no children.

(i) Annette Simmons is at home.

(j) Linda Simmons is at home.

(2) Earl Bailey Simmons married Edna Baker. They live in Monroe, Louisiana and have two children--Earl Hughey, and Patsy.

(3) William Debs Simmons married Margaret Horton. They live at Winnfield, Louisiana and have one son and one daughter.

(4) Josie Simmons married Thomas (Tommy) Gates. They live in Sikes, Louisiana and had three children, two of whom are deceased.

(5) Bessie Simmons married Albert Stanley. They live at Springdale, Arkansas and have no children.

(6) Mary Simmons married Buddy Carr. They live in Monroe, Louisiana and have no children.

(7) Infant son that died.

(8) Infant son that died.

IB-5 Alonzo Simmons, son of William Simmons, married Della Adams. They live at Winnfield, Louisiana and have the following children:

(1) Audia Simmons married Dewey Thornton, who is now deceased. She lives in Monroe, Louisiana where she is House Mother at the Girls' Dormitory at Northeast Louisiana College. Audia and Dewey had the following children:

(a) Donald Rudolph Thornton

(b) Jimmy Fay Thornton married James Box.

(c) James D. Thornton, who died at the age of 18 months.

* (d) Charles Dale Thornton, who was a Private in the U. S. Marine Corp and lost his life at Hampton Roads, Virginia in a Liberty Boat accident in May, 1948.

(e) Dorothy Nell Thornton is a student at Northeast Louisiana College.

(f) John Perkins Thornton is a student at Northeast Louisiana College.

(2) Vaudie Simmons married John Brister. They live out from Winnfield, Louisiana and had six children, one of whom is deceased.

(3) Homer Simmons is single. He lives at Winnfield, Louisiana.

(4) Oscar Simmons married Georgia McCarty. They live at Winnfield, Louisiana and have three sons and one daughter.

(5) Morris Simmons married Laverne Payne. They live at Ruston, Louisiana and have two daughters.

(6) Ava Simmons married Ellis Prince. They live at Winnfield, Louisiana and have one son and one daughter.

(7) Virginia Simmons married Aron Creel. They live at Winnfield Louisiana and have no children.

(8) Chlotile Simmons married O. B. Martin. They live at Robstown, Texas and have no children.

(9) J. V. Simmons married Fabrice Galloway. He lives in Dallas,

Texas and has one son.

IB-6 Mollie Simmons, daughter of William Simmons, married Albert Kelly. Mollie and Albert are both deceased. They are buried at the New Hope Church Cemetery near Dodson, Louisiana. They had the following children:

(1) Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kelly married _____ Lott, who is now deceased. Lizzie lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(2) Lettie Kelly married Alfred Elliott. They lived near Dodson, Louisiana and had two sons. Lettie is deceased, and is buried at the New Hope Church Cemetery near Dodson.

(3) Buford Kelly married Cornie Holmes. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have four children.

(4) Clomer Kelly married Ollie Payne. They live in Ruston, Louisiana and have one son and two daughters.

IB-7 Iley Simmons, son of William Simmons, married Sally _____ They reared their family near Alexandria, Louisiana. Iley has died and Sally lives in ~~New Orleans~~, Louisiana. *He is buried in Algiers. Algiers*

IB-8 Georgia Simmons is single and lives on the old home place near Sikes, Louisiana.

IC Willis Simmons, third son of Mason and Anna Simmons was born in Pike County, Mississippi in 1834. (No information.)

ID Jane Simmons, daughter of Mason and Anna Simmons was born in Pike County, Mississippi in 1837. (No information.)

IE Thomas R. Simmons, son of Mason and Anna Simmons, was born in Pike County, Mississippi in 1839. (No information.)

IF Hugh Simmons, son of Mason and Anna Simmons, was born in Mississippi in 1842. (No information.)

IG Henry Mason Simmons, son of Mason and his second wife, Malinda, was born in 1850 and died in 1912, according to his grave marker in the Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery, near Columbia, Louisiana. He married Mattie Ray, who was born in 1855 and died in 1901. The inscriptions on the grav markers are as follows:

"Henry Mason Simmons, born 1850, died 1912"

"Mattie Ray, born 1855, died 1901"

Henry Mason and Mattie had the following children:

IG-1 Thomas Simmons died young.

IG-2 Frank Simmons died young.

IG-3 Robert Simmons, born in 1878. died at the age of 23 years.

IG-4 Perry Simmons, born in September, 1882, married Nellie Sullivan, now deceased. He lives in West Monroe, Louisiana. They had no children.

IG-5 Sidney Simmons, born in November, 1886, married Mary Alma Belote, from Marion County, Texas. Mary Alma was born in 1897. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana where he is with the Brown Oil Tool Company. They have five children:

(1) Henry Stevens Simmons married Marie Frost of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. They live in Iota, Louisiana and have three children-- Robert, William Mason, and Bonnie Jean.

(2) Sidney Graves Simmons married Chlois Wood. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana and have no children.

(3) James (Jim) Simmons married Evelyn McDonald of Lebanon, Tennessee. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana and have two children--Janet Ann and James Thomas.

(4) Mattie Sue Simmons married James H. Messier of Massachusetts. They live in Cheshire, Connecticut and have two sons--John Michael, and James Stephen.

(5) Alma Ruth Simmons married John Kitchingham. They live in Monroe, Louisiana and have no children.

IG-6 Mollie Simmons, born in July, 1889, married Fred Humphries. They live in Taft, Texas and have no children.

IG-7 Mattie Simmons, born in February, 1892, is single. She lives with her sister, Mollie, in Taft, Texas.

IG-8 Lewis Simmons lives at Clarks, Louisiana. He was born in May, 1895. He married Ola May and they have no children.

IH Adolphus Simmons, son of Mason and Malinda, was born in Pike County,

Mississippi in 1853 and died in 1922. He married Sallie Evaline Powell, who was born in Mobile County, Alabama in 1857 and died April 2, 1936. Both Adolph and Sallie Evaline are buried in Crowville, Louisiana. There were no children.

I-I Leon Simmons, son of Iason and Malinda, was born April 5, 1855, in Pike County, Miss, and died in October, 1925. He is buried in the old cemetery at Winnsboro, Louisiana. He moved to Caldwell Parish, Louisiana with his parents in 1867 or 1868 and they lived at or near Columbia, La. until 1900, then moved to Franklin Parish, near Winnsboro. Leon married Cintheia Etta Meridith, born in 1869. She died in 1903 and is buried in the old cemetery at Winnsboro. They had five children;

I-I-1 Henry Iason Simmons, born in Columbia, Louisiana, December 18, 1888 and died November 23, 1918. He is buried in Winnsboro, Louisiana. He married Della Richardson on September 28, 1913 and Della lives now in Winnsboro. They had two children;

(1) Elsa Mae Simmons married Risdon Wood. They live in Crowville, Louisiana and have three children--Risdon, Rebecca Ann, and William Iason.

(2) Autry Iason Simmons is single.

I-I-2 Rudolph Gerome (R.G.) Simmons, son of Leon Simmons, was born in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, August 20, 1890. He moved with his parents to Franklin Parish in 1900. He married Maude Henrietta Choat on December 19, 1918. Rudolph served with the United States Armed Forces in World War I. He and Maude had four children;

(1) Myrtis Ophelia Simmons was born in Wayside, Miss. December 21, 1919. She married Dudley Joseph Sinnerly who at the time of the marriage, was a Warrant Officer in the U.S.Army. They were married July 1943. Joseph and Ophelia now live at 5517 Wickfield Dr., New Orleans, La and had three children;

- (a) Joseph Sinnerly Jr born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 13, 1947
- (b) Donna Jean Sinnerly born in Cleveland May 31, 1948.
- (c) William Gerome Sinnerly born in Shreveport, La., June 26, 1949, died at birth. He is buried at Arcadia, La.

(2) Rudolph Gerome Simmons Jr was born in Winnsboro, La., September 25 1922 and died November 3, 1925. He is buried in the old cemetery at Winnsboro.

(3) Nita Jean Simmons born in Homer, La. September 19, 1928 is single. She is now a beautician and lives in Monroe, La.

(4) Bobby June Simmons born in Arcadia, La, July 31, 1930 is single. He is now Forestry major at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La. Bobby's college education was interrupted by a four year service in the U.S.Air Corp. He served four tours of foreign service-in all parts of the world. He served as Radio Operator and with Radar. He was discharged December 20, 1954 with two medals to his credit.

I-I-3 Reubin Perkins Simmons, son of Leon, was born in 1892 and died _____ . He married Daisy Powell and their children were;

- (1) R.P. Simmons lives at 1119 West 23rd Ave, Pine Bluff, Ark. He married _____ and they have three children.
- (2) Dorothy Simmons married W. W. Simpson and they live at 319 Olive Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They have no children.

(3) Clarence Simmons lost his life as a Paratrooper in the U. S. Army in Europe during World War II.

(4) Alfred Simmons is a Master Sargeant in the United States Air Corp.

I-I-4 Hardie Simmons, son of Leon, was born in 1894 and died in 1900. He is buried in the old cemetery at Winnsboro, Louisiana.

I-I-5 Willie (Willis) Albert Simmons, youngest son of Leon, was born March 23, 1896 in Caldwell Parish, near Columbia, Louisiana. He moved with his parents to Franklin Parish near Winnsboro in 1900 and lived there until he joined the Army in World War I in 1918. He was a baker in the Army. He returned to Winnsboro and married Fannie Dulcencia Choat on November 9, 1919. They lived in Norfolk, Virginia for two years and then moved to Bossier City, Louisiana. They moved from there to Monroe, Louisiana and then back to Winnsboro on July 4, 1950, where they live now. They have four sons:

(1) Willie Leon Simmons, born June 23, 1921, married Lessie Lee Wilkerson on May 26, 1945. They live in Monroe, Louisiana where Willie works in the Post Office. They have three sons:

- (a) Micael (Michael) Simmons, born June 25, 1946.
- (b) David Rocky Simmons, born October 5, 1951.
- (c) Patrick Lynn Simmons, born January 15, 1953.

(2) Reubin Austin Simmons, born August 8, 1927, married Mary Jo Shaver on June 25, 1946. Reubin owns and operates the Simmons Esso Standard Oil Station at Louisville Street, in Monroe, Louisiana. They have one child:

- (a) Donna Sue Simmons, born August 6, 1948.
- (3) Robert (Bobby) Lee Simmons, born January 8, 1931.
- (4) Jack Cole Simmons, born August 3, 1932.

IJ Gerome Simmons, son of Mason and Malinda Simmons, was born near Columbia, Louisiana in Caldwell Parish, in 1861. He married (1) Mollie Ray. He died _____. He and Mollie had the following children:

IJ-1 Eunice Simmons married Marvin DePrang. They live at Bossier City, Louisiana and have one son:

(1) Percy DePrang

IJ-2 Charlie Simmons is in Oil City, Louisiana.

IJ-3 Myrtis Simmons

IJ-4 Dorothy Simmons

IJ-5 Lee Simmons died at 18 or 19 years of age.

After the death of his first wife, Mollie, Gerome married Dottie Dawes. They had no children.

IK Sarah Lizzie (Elizabeth) Simmons, daughter of Nason and Malinda, was born in 1864 and died in 1905, according to her grave marker. She married Thomas Marion Meridith, who was born in 1859 and died in 1945. They are buried in the Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery, near Columbia, Louisiana. The inscriptions on the grave markers are:

"Lizzie Meridith born 1864, died 1905"
"T. M. Meridith born 1859, died 1945"

Lizzie and Thomas Marion had these children;

IK-1 Ernest Meridith, Sr. married Bell Preston. They live at Clarks, Louisiana and have two children:

(1) Ernest Meridith, Jr., lives at Columbia, Louisiana.

(2) Mary Louise Meridith married Buddy Watson. They live at Grayson, Louisiana and have no children.

IK-2 Gerome Meridith, born in 1895, married Fay Miller. They live in West Monroe, Louisiana and have two children--William and Mildred Feazel.

IK-3 Henry Ed Meridith, was in the Army Infantry in World War I and lost his life at the Battle of Argonne Woods. He is buried at the Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery near Columbia, Louisiana. The inscription on his grave marker reads:

"Henry E. Meridith; Louisiana Private
7th Infantry, 3rd Division
October 1, 1918"

IK-4 Ellis Meridith lived at Sweetwater, Texas. He lost his life when he was thrown from a horse.

IK-5 Robert Meridith married Jessie Gibson. They live at Oak Grove, Louisiana. They have no children.

IK-6 Bertie (Pinkie) Meridith married W. R. Weaver, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They have three boys--J. Reid, Henry E. and _____.

IK-7 Jack Meridith, born in 1904 and died in 1929, was killed in an automobile accident.

IK-8 Jimmie Biggs Meridith is working on his Master's degree at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married _____ and they have two children.

Ed. Note: We know that Willis and Jane Goslin Simmons had three children when they landed in the Mississippi Territory, from the 1810 census, since Willie, Jr. was born after this census was reported to the Assembly in Jackson, of that year. We believe Mason was their oldest child, however, the next child, William (Black Bill) was born in 1807, then Willis, Jr. was born in 1810. It is believed that the third child that came with Willis and Jane was born sometime between 1807 and 1810, but we have as yet been unable to find out what the name of this third child was. We carry the record in this history of eight children, and we know from available records that there were the nine children.

The Mason Simmons Family Bible was burned. This information as to the descendants of Mason was secured from each of the families --given by members now living. None of the living descendants contacted could give the whereabouts of the children- Willis, Reddin Jane, Thomas R., and Hugh--. They were children by the first marriage and it is believed that only William of these children moved to Louisiana. They were perhaps married and remained in Mississippi.

II WILLIAM (BLACK BILL) SIMMONS

Son of Willis Simmons

William Simmons, son of Willis Simmons, was born in Georgia, December 31, 1807 and died April 6, 1892. He is buried in the old family cemetery about one hundred yards from his old home near Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi. His old home was on the site now known as the "Harvey Simmons Place": "Black Bill" as he was known to friends and relatives, was a Mason, as is indicated on his tomb. He belonged to the Holmesville Lodge, No. 69, which went out of existence in 1880. He married (1) Nancy Rimes, who was born March 3, 1808, and who was the daughter of William Rimes and Nancy Hogg. They were married March 18, 1829. Nancy is buried beside her husband. "Black Bill" and Nancy had four sons and one daughter as follows: (Nancy died March 10, 1854)

- IIA Willis Richard Simmons born March 5, 1830 and died March 6, 1904.
- II B John H _____ Simmons born August 19, 1831 and died about 1869.
- II C Calvin Mason Simmons born January 23, 1833 and died October 5, 1916.
- II D Margaret Simmons born June 10, 1834 and died _____.
- II E James Washington Simmons born September 1, 1836 and died in 1920.

William ("Black Bill") married (2) Margaret Frances (Fannie) Brumfield Carroll, a widow, with a young son, Thomas B. Carroll (born October 23, 1846). Margaret Frances, or Fannie as she was called, was born July 5, 1818 according to the marker on her grave (1860 census gives 1820) and died January 18, 1869. She, too, is buried beside her husband. Fannie and "Black Bill" were married January 16, 1856. They had one son:

- II F Jesse William Simmons born April 1, 1857 and died _____.

William ("Black Bill") married (3) Elizabeth (Eliza) A. Webb Terrell, a widow who was born June 2, 1831 and died August 6, 1905. She is buried in the Burkhalter cemetery, west of Walkers Bridge, in Pike County, Mississippi. Eliza had a young son, W. J. (Banks) Terrell (born February 7, 1864) when she married "Black Bill". She and "Black Bill" were married May 14, 1869. Eliza belonged to the Webb family around Liberty, in Amite County. "Black Bill" was 62 years old when they married. They had one son:

- II G Samuel (Sam) Webb Simmons born February 24, 1870 and died July 24, 1937.

Eliza's son, Banks Terrell, grew up in the home with his step-father. Banks married Katie Florence Alford, and brought his bride there. Their first child, J. Albert Terrell, was born at "Black Bill's" home in 1886. This association with the Simmons Family accounts for the feeling of kinship that the Simmons relatives had through the years for the Banks Terrell Family. Albert Terrell is now a retired government worker and minister living in McComb, Mississippi.

IIA WILLIS RICHARD SIMMONS
Son of William Simmons

Willis Richard Simmons, known as "Willis R.", son of William "Black Bill" Simmons, was born March 5, 1830 and died March 6, 1904. He is buried in the family cemetery near his old home place, one mile west of Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi, where he lived and operated a large estate. Willis wore a short, thick beard. He enjoyed people and was active in community activities.

Willis R. was a member of the 38th Mississippi Regiment of Calvary C.S.A. and served as a private in Company K of the Regiment during the Civil War. This Company was known as Brent's Rifles and was mustered into Confederate Service at Holmesville, in Pike County, on April 26, 1862. This record is on file in the State Archives Civil War Files in Jackson, Mississippi.

Willis R. married (1) Louise Elizabeth Reeves. (Some members of the family say her name was Margaret Elizabeth Reeves). She was a sister to Joe Reeves who married Margaret Simmons, a sister to Willis R. Louise Elizabeth died March 12, 1860 at the age of 28 years, according to the marker at her grave. She is buried near her Father-in-law, "Black Bill" Simmons. She and Willis had four sons as follows:

IIA-1 William (Bill) Alfred Simmons, eldest child of Willis R. and Louise Elizabeth, was born in 1852 and died in 1899, according to the marker at his grave. His daughter's records show that he was born December 1, 1854 and died March 5, 1899. He is buried near his old home.

Bill married Elizabeth Evylen Brock, daughter of Valentine Brock and Bathany Ginn Brock. Elizabeth, or "Lizzie" as she was called, was born in 1855 and died in 1936, according to the grave marker. Her daughter, Zenia, said her records show that Lizzie was born January 14, 1853 and died October 14, 1936. Lizzie was a sister to Dr. Jim and Dr. Jep Brock, physicians. She and Bill were the parents of eleven children: (Family rec. give Elizabeth E's birth-Jan 14, 1853 and death as Oct. 14, 1936)

(1) William (or Wright) Valentine (Vol) Simmons, born June 8, 1874 and died November 11, 1918, married Coney _____.
Vol died November 11, 1919. He moved somewhere in Alabama and not much is known about his family. We do know that he had one daughter and two sons as follows:

(a) Eula Simmons, his daughter, married Norton Williams. As far as is known, they had no children.

(b) Infant born June 13, 1895 and died September 16, 1896.

(c) Infant born August 15, 1899 and died August 18, 1899.

(2) Eliza Jane Simmons, daughter of William Alfred Simmons, was born April 28, 1876. She married Adolphus Monroe Miller, who

was born December 26, 1868 and died March 24, 1947. Adolphus was the son of Margaret Eustecia Smith and William Eual Miller. Eliza lives about two miles west of Kentwood, Louisiana. She and Adolphus had four children:

(a) Eola May Miller, born May 7, 1894, married Albert Moore. They have one daughter, as follows:

(i) Olive Moore, born January 27, 1914, married Ellis Berryhill of Natchez, Mississippi, and they have two children---Betty Jane, born October, 1936, and William (Billy) born in 1942.

(b) Evylen Elizabeth Miller, born August 15, 1897. She married Angus Oswald (Dock) Ott, son of Walter T. Ott and Leah McGhee. Evylen and Angus had six children:

(i) Margaret Elizabeth Ott, born September 22, 1919, married Robert Fillmore McFarland on March 1, 1947. Robert is the son of Howard D. and Amelia Hower McFarland of Rome and Utica, New York. Margaret and Elizabeth live at 40 Hoffman Road, New Hartford, New York; and have three children---Jane Ann, born September 1, 1948; Patricia Ellen (Pat) born May 24, 1950; and Jacqueline Ott McFarland, born April 2, 1953.

(ii) LaNelle Ingaba Ott, born October 17, 1922, married Thomas Albert (Tom) Rose of Dayton, Ohio, and they have two children---Sandra Kay Rose, born April 3, 1949 and Thomas Franklin Rose, born July 22, 1954.

(iii) Angus Oswald (Buddy) Ott, Jr. born April 28, 1925 is single and is employed in New Orleans.

(iv) Evylen Patricia Ott, born October 9, 1930, was married in 1951 to Mickey Fresina, son of V. C. and Frances Fresina. They live at 7332 Plank Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one girl---Evylen Frances, born November 12, 1952.

(v) Marilyn Miller Ott, born August 16, 1932, was married in 1950 to William Clyde (Billy) Carless. They live in Kentwood, Louisiana and have two children---Charlotte (Charlie) Elizabeth Carless and William Clyde (Bill) Carless III.

(vi) Minnie Bernice (Tinka) Ott, born November 5, 1937. Angus Oswald Ott married (2) Dot Varnado in 1950.

(c) Minnie Bell Miller, daughter of Eliza Jane and Adolphus, was born December 11, 1898 and died March 10, 1937. She never married. (Family records give birth-Dec 11, 1899 and death as March 10, 1937)

- (d) William Jewell Miller was born December 6, 1901 and died October, 1902.
- (3) Willis A. Simmons, son of William Alfred, was born March 15, 1878 and died May 11, 1898.
- (4) Thanie Simmons, daughter of William Alfred, was born March 20, 1879 and died September 9, 1926, according to the marker at her grave. She married Seamore Vol Brock, who died March 5, 1949 at the age of 75 years. They are buried at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church in Washington Parish, Louisiana. They had seven children: (One record gives Thanie's birth as March 20, 1880)
- (a) Janie Brock married William (Bill) D. Alford. They live one mile down the river from Walkers Bridge on the west side of the river, and they have one boy---William (Billy) D. Jr., who is 14 years old now.
- (b) Frankie Brock married J. B. (Jim) Johnson, deceased. She lives north of Mesa in Walthall County, Mississippi. They have one boy---Jimmy Earl Johnson, who is now 13 years of age.
- (c) Gordon Brock married Ollie Holmes. They live in Bogalusa and have the following children---Genelda, Silvia Ann, Betty Lou, Willie Faye, Ann, Glenda, and Susan.
- (d) Maude Brock married Wesley Burkhalter. They live on Route 6, below Tylertown, Mississippi, and have four children---Nannie May, Annie Glenn, Lampton Vol, and Everett.
- (e) Mary Brock is single.
- (f) Sandy Brock married Lexie Holmes. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have four children---Geneva, Ola Dean, Shirley; and Judy.
- (g) Seamore Vol (S. V.) Brock, Jr. married Lillie Mae Pigott. He teaches agriculture at Union Church School in Jefferson County, Mississippi. They have three children--- Sherry Lynn, Larry, and David.
- (5) Floy Leona Simmons, daughter of William Alfred (Bill) Simmons, married Billie Burch. They have both died and are buried at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, Washington Parish, Louisiana. They had two children. They were: (Floy was born Feb. 20, 1883 and died Dec. 13, 1918)
- (a) Allie Burch married Hugh Foils. They live at Clifton, Louisiana and have an adopted son---Larry.
- (b) Murphy Burch married Rosemond Bateman. They live at Amite, Louisiana and have two boys---Bill and Philip.
- (6) James Monroe Simmons, son of William Alfred, was born Sept. 4,

1885 and died October 27, 1888.

(7) Zenia Simmons, daughter of William Alfred, was born March 15, 1887. She lives with her sister Eliza Jane Miller, near Osyka. Zenia married (1) Oscar Walker and by this marriage had five children:
(Her real name was Elezzenia)

(a) Vardaman Walker married Zo Fussell. They live near Kentwood, Louisiana and have four children---Wilson, Dale, Joyce, and Shirley.

(b) Houston Walker married Mamie Bond. They live in New Orleans and have three children---Houston Enoch, James Burton, and Mary Elizabeth.

(c) Thelma Walker married Simpson Hope Raborn (born January 11, 1897 and died October 30, 1951). He is buried at Osyka, Mississippi. Thelma lives at Kentwood, Louisiana. They had five children---Thelma Louise, who married Walter Roberts (died 1954); Zenell who married Wiltz Ott of Osyka; Jo Ann who is single; Dannie, who is in the Marines; Jean Harlow, who married Benny Irwin, and they have one daughter--Jan.

(d) Floyd Walker married Willie May Newman. They lived in Jackson, Mississippi and had three children---William Eugene, Arnold Dale, and Linda Diann.

(e) James Monroe Walker married Davis Gerald. They live in the Mars Hill Community in Amite County, Mississippi.

(8) Hosea S. Simmons, son of William Alfred (Bill) Simmons, married Dixie Burch. They live southeast of Mt. Herman, Louisiana and have six children as follows:

(a) Kermit L. Simmons was born in 1910 and died in 1946. He is buried at Silver Springs Baptist Church in Pike County, Mississippi. Kermit married (1) Minnie Lou Miller and had two children by this marriage:

(i) Jewell Simmons, who married Jance Ruth Alford. They have one child Beverly Kharon.

(ii) Cleo Patricia Simmons who married George Walters. They have two children, Sherry, and _____.

Kermit married (2) Mildred Morris, and there were two children by this marriage:

(iii) Joyce Simmons

(iv) Judy Simmons

(b) Maxine Simmons, daughter of Hosea, married Willie Martin.

They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and they have one son---
Edwin Eugene.

(c) Willene Simmons married Joe Martin. They live in
Greenville, Mississippi and have three daughters:

(i) Billy Joe Martin married LeRoy Beasley and they have
one child--Sharon Lynn.

(ii) Dixie Frances Martin died in about 1946 at the age
of six years, when she was struck by a car as she
alighted from a bus.

(iii) Willene Martin (Squirrel) is now about twelve
years old.

(d) Elmese Simmons, daughter of Hosea married John Tinsley.
They live in Baton Rouge and have two children---Johnnie
Gay (14 years) and Edwin Eugene (12).

(e) Renon L. (Pete) Simmons, son of Hosea, married Fay
Dillon of Tylertown, Mississippi. They live below Mt.
Herman, Louisiana and have one girl--Kathy (4 years).

(f) Mary Louise Simmons married Lester Alford. They live
in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(9) Joe Reed Simmons, son of William Alfred (Bill) Simmons,
married Aline Brock. They live east of Mt. Herman, Louisiana
and have eight children. They are:

(a) Wilva Simmons married Canie E. Bond. They live and
operate a business one mile east of Magnolia, Mississippi.
They have two daughters---Carolyn Aline and Shirley Ann.

(b) Maydell Simmons married T. J. Beacham. He is with
Bickham Motor Company in McComb, Mississippi. They have
three children---Jerry, Mary, and George.

(c) Ollie Simmons married Johnnie Krischbaum. They live in
Chicago, Illinois, and have three children---Johnnie, Charles
Reed, and Mile Edsel.

(d) Burris Simmons married Doris Burch. They live east of
Mt. Herman, Louisiana near his father. They have two
children---Neddy Lane and Sandra Fay.

(e) Percy Simmons married Dorothy Detree. They live at
Franklinton, Louisiana and have three children---Jane Marie,
lyn Reed, and James Percy.

(f) Edsel Simmons married Gertrude Smith. They live east of
Mt. Herman, Louisiana near his parents. Edsel was wounded in

Burma in World War II when his battalion of Engineers was wiped out, leaving only two alive. He has never recovered from this wound.

(g) Joe Reed Simmons, Jr. lives at home.

(h) William (Bill) Simmons lives at home.

(10) William Archie Simmons, son of William Alfred (Bill) Simmons, married Lillian Alford. They live southeast of Mt. Herman, Louisiana and have three children. They are:

(a) Dr. Woodrow Wilson Simmons, Professor of Agriculture at Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, Louisiana. He holds a Phd (Doctor's) from the University of Minnesota. He married Charline Spring and they have two children-- William Woodrow (Bill) and Emily Jane.

(b) Geneva Simmons married Dr. William Taylor of Atlanta, Georgia. They have two sons---William, Jr. and Ted.

(c) Gwendelyn Simmons married Ernest Woodall. They live at 1411 Downs Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. They have two children---Gary and Gwen.

(11) Infant daughter of William Alfred Simmons and his wife, Lizzie, born and died October 15, 1895 and is buried in the family cemetery.

(Family records show a son, James Monroe Simmons born Sept. 4, 1885 and died October 27, 1888. Was this the 12th child?)

IIA-2 Wright Simmons, second child of Willis R. Simmons, was born in 1855 and died about September 11, 1885. He married (1) Alexine Brumfield and had one son by this marriage. He was:

(1) Mantee Simmons, who died in his early teens.

Then Wright married (2) Eliza Miller and they had two sons by this second marriage. They were:

(2) Ansil N. Simmons was born March 3, 1882 and died January 16, 1942. He graduated in Law from Tulane University in 1901 and practiced law in Napoleonville, Louisiana for many years. He established the law firm, "Simmons, Simmons, and Simmons" with two sons who still operate this firm. Ansil married Cora Brock of Mt. Herman, Louisiana. She is living in Napoleonville. They had nine children, as follows:

(a) Jewell S. Simmons married Esther Boudreaux. They live in Napoleonville where he is an attorney. They have three children---Shepard, Rebecca, and Glenn.

(b) Edrye Simmons married Dr. R. H. Dolese. They live at Thibodaux, Louisiana and have four children---Audrey, Robert S., Cora Lee, and Kathlene.

(c) Lucile W. Simmons married Joseph Alleman. They live at 8722 Willow Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and they have two children---David and Loretta.

(d) Ansil N. Simmons, Jr. married Lucy Blanchard. He is an attorney in Napoleonville and they have three children---Kathryn L., Jean E., and Judith A.

(e) Clyde J. Simmons married Rose Signorelli. They live in Napoleonville and have three children---Cynthia, Nelson, and Constance.

(f) Robert J. Simmons married Cathrine Laws. They live in Napoleonville and have two children---Robert J. Jr., and James.

(g) Norma Simmons married Linsey Berjeron. They live in Napoleonville and have two children---Rodney P. and Courtney.

(h) Marjorie E. Simmons is single and lives in Napoleonville, Louisiana.

(i) Willa Mae Simmons married Ray Toups. They live in Napoleonville and have two children---Kay Marie and Ray, Jr.

(3) Wright Simmons, Jr. son of Wright Simmons, married Dixie Brumfield. Wright Jr. died _____. They lived in Franklinton, Louisiana and had six children. They were:

(a) Othar Edgar Simmons born September 19, 1909. He married Maud Lee Breland of Bogalusa, Louisiana. They live in Franklinton and have two children:

(i) Othar Erral born July 20, 1939.

(ii) Mark Reginald born August 3, 1944.

(b) John Hillman Simmons, known as "Billy", was born August 25, 1911, and married Nelle Torrey, sister to Judge James A. Torrey of Meadville, Mississippi. Billy has one son:

(i) Bruce Wright, born September 4, 1940.

John Hillman and Nelle live in Franklinton where he operates a mercantile business.

(c) Dora Maude Simmons, born November 10, 1913, married Louie Dale Alford, son of Jesse Alford on December 23, 1934.

They live in Baton Rouge and have two children:

(i) Jerry Dale, born January 21, 1936.

(ii) John Larry, born February 3, 1941.

(d) Waynard Ansil Simmons, born January 21, 1915, married Mabel Chastant. They have two children:

(i) Waynard Horace, born October 8, 1938.

(ii) Patricia Ann, born August 1, 1943.

(e) Dudley Wright Simmons (twin) born April 8, 1924, married Jean Foil. They live in Franklinton, Louisiana and have one child:

(i) Dudley Glenn, born August 8, 1949.

(f) Dorothy Dixie Simmons (twin of Dudley Wright) born April 8, 1924, married Dewey Crain of Franklinton, Louisiana. They live at Greenville, Mississippi and have one son:

(i) Dennis, born December 19, 1949.

IIA-3 Calvin M. Simmons, third child of Willis R. and Louise Elizabeth Simmons, died January 10, 1859 at the age of one year and two months. He is buried in the "Black Bill" Simmons Family cemetery.

IIA-4 John G. Simmons, fourth child of Willis R. and Louise Elizabeth, died May 16, 1860 at the age of four months. He is buried in the "Black Bill" Simmons family cemetery. His mother died May 12, 1860, two months before the baby died.

After the death of his first wife, Willis R. Simmons married Martha Jane Brock, who was born August 6, 1843 and died June 24, 1906, according to the marker at her grave. She is buried beside her husband. Willis R. and Martha Jane had the following children:

IIA-5 James Washington Simmons, known as "Black Jim" by his relatives and close friends, was often called "Tater Jim" because he was such a good farmer. He was born April 27, 1861 and died July 10, 1924, according to the marker at his grave and according to family records. He is

buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. He married Mardeanie (Deanie) Smith. They lived at Simon, Mississippi, just south of Tylertown, where "Black Jim" operated a large farm and a wood business. Deanie is living there on the old place today. Two of her sons, Ralph and Acy (Asa) are single and live with her. James Washington and Deanie had the following children:

(1) Arnold Bosa Simmons, 2nd child, born August 16, 1891, lives across the road from his mother at Simon. He works in Mobile, Alabama. Bosa married Ina Virginia Humphrey. He fell heir to and has in his possession the Masonic Apron that belonged to his great, great grandfather, Willis Simmons. This Apron has been handed down in each generation. Pinned onto this Apron are the following names and the years it was worn by each individual:

Willis Simmons	1820 to 1840
William (Black Bill) Simmons	1840 to 1880
Willis R. Simmons	1880 to 1903
James Washington Simmons	1903 to 1923
Bosa Simmons	1923 to _____

Bosa also has in his possession the original picture of Willis Simmons, a copy of which is included in this history. Bosa and Ina have two children. They are:

(a) Arnold Bosa Simmons, Jr. born May 23, 1923. He is single and lives in Channelview, Texas.

(b) Duane Humphrey Simmons, born May 12, 1936. He is a student now at Louisiana State University.

(2) Bowie Greely Simmons, second son of James Washington (Black Jim) Simmons, was born September 10, 1894. He married (1) Ruby Yarbarough, who was born February 23, 1896 and died May 3, 1941. Bowie and Ruby had three children, as follows:

(a) Horace Greely Simmons, born February 11, 1920, married (1) Angella Gloria DeSmidt. There was one child by this marriage.

(i) Judith Ann Simmons, born August 30, 1942.

Horace married (2) Sarah Olive Lee. They live at 172 Dobbs Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, and have two children:

(ii) Ruby Elaine Simmons, born July 15, 1943.

(iii) Janie Lee Simmons, born April 8, 1952.

(b) Kermit Simmons, son of Bowie, was born April 24, 1923. He married Edith Rosner and they have two children:

(i) David John, born November 21, 1949

(ii) Deborah Sue, born August 19, 1953.

Kermit is a missionary serving in South American countries.

(c) Ruth Simmons, born June 20, 1924, married Marion Williams. They live at 3068 Fendley Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, and they have two children:

(i) Drozan Carrol, born April 14, 1946.

(ii) Joxie Elene, born September 26, 1950.

Bowie married (2) Camille Anderson and they live at 1457 Brown Street, Mobile, Alabama. Bowie served in the State Legislature from Walthall County, Mississippi from 1928 to 1932.

(3) Harlan Simmons, ~~third~~ son of James Washington and Deanie, was born September, 1895. He married Dolly Brock. They live at Simon and have no children.

(4) Veta Simmons, born July 10, 1899, daughter of James Washington and Deanie married Mancel Holmes. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have no children.

(5) Aylene Simmons, born August 24, 1901, daughter of James Washington and Deanie married Luther Mornhimveg. They have a Photographer's Studio at 216 Austin Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana. The prints from which the pictures in this history were made came from their Studio. The negatives are there in case some members of the family want framed pictures. They do beautiful work and are reasonable in cost. They provided these prints without cost as a contribution to this history. They have no children.

(6) Leminda Simmons, born May 5, 1903, daughter of James Washington and Deanie married Kenis Dillon. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi, and they have no children.

(7) Ralph Simmons, born October 31, 1905, son of James Washington and Deanie, is single. He lives with his mother at Simon where he is engaged in farming.

(8) Permaecie (Pur) Simmons, born March 1, 1908, daughter of James Washington and Deanie, married B. F. Roberts. They live near Osyka, Mississippi, and they have three children:

(a) Sheila Roberts

(b) Susan Roberts

(c) Phillip Roberts

(9) Densmore Winston, eldest child, was born in 1889 and died in 1891.

(10) Dollie (between Harlan and Veta) was born in 1898 and died the same year.

(11) Ospern (or Osborn) was born in 1904 and died the same year. He was between Leninda and Ralph.

(12) Acy (Asa) Simmons, born February 26, 1910, son of James Washington and Deanie, is single and lives at Simon.

(13) Wilkie Simmons, born September 4, 1913, daughter of James Washington and Deanie; married Stanley Spurlock. They live at Mt. Herman, Louisiana, and they have no children.

IIA-6 Fannie Simmons, sixth child of Willis R. Simmons was born in 1862, according to the census records, and she died in 1935. She is buried beside her husband in the family cemetery with her father. Her grave marker gives her birth as 1865, but this is in error. The 1870 census gives her age as eight years and family records show this to be the correct age. She married John R. Rimes, who was born in 1855 and died in 1936. He is buried beside his wife. Their children were:

(1) Alice Rimes born in 1880 and died in 1939.

(2) Lizzie Rimes, born December 24, 1882, married Andrew Barclay, who for many years was President of the Board of Supervisors of Pike County, Mississippi. He was born in 1876 and died in 1941. He is buried in the cemetery near Silver Creek Church. They lived in the old "John Rimes home" at the intersection of the Simmonsville-Magnolia-Tylertown road. Lizzie still lives there though the old home burned in 1954. They had three sons. They are:

(a) John Barclay married Mamie McMillan. They live near the old place and have one son---John Lamar.

(b) James Barclay married (1) Annie Laurie Strickland and they had one son--James, Jr. who married Norma Jean Simmons, daughter of Milton Simmons. Then James, Sr. married (2) Jean Prichy of Belgium, whom he met while overseas in World War II. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two daughters---Betty Jean and Arlett.

(c) Andrew Barclay, Jr. married Lucile Ervin. They live near the old place and have two children---Billy and Ellaree.

(3) Willis Rimes married Eula Yarborough. They live on Route 3, Jayess, Mississippi, near Magee's Creek Baptist Church, north of Tylertown, Mississippi. Willis and Eula had seven children as follows:

(a) J. L. Rimes married Mary Wall. They live in Mobile, Alabama.

(b) Vernon Rimes born in 1915, died in 1948. He married

Grace Magee and they had one daughter---Maron, 13 years old now. Vernon lost his life in a motor cycle accident and is buried at Magee's Creek Church.

(c) Willie Mae Rimes married Herbert Martin. They live near Tylertown, Mississippi in the Salem community and have three children---Vera, Ralph, and Vince.

(d) Will Knight Rimes married Nellouise Bennett. They live near his parents and have two children---Dwight, 6 years, and Curtis, 4 years.

(e) Paul Rimes is in the Armed Forces, stationed now at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Paul is single.

Willis and Eula lost two young boys:

(f) Joe Rimes, one of the older children, died in a car accident when he was five years old.

(g) Ford Rimes died when he was about three years old.

(4) Mattie Rimes, deceased, twin of Cassie Rimes married (1) Guy Jelks and she had two girls by this marriage. They were:

(a) Helen Jo Jelks married Stith H. Short, who is in the Armed Forces. They have four children---Brenda Jo, Stith H., Jr. Sarah Alice, and Charles Hunter.

(b) Guy Nell Jelks married Major Breland. They live in Grenada, Mississippi and have two children---Louis Henry and Patricia Ann.

Then Mattie married (2) Clyde McManus and they had five children:

(c) Genadine McManus married W. E. Fields. They had two children---Mona Fay and another who died at birth. The mother also died at the birth of her child.

(d) Katherine McManus married a Physician, Dr. Edward Schmidt. They live in Sunflower, Mississippi and have two children---Dora Jean and Beth.

(e) Clyde McManus, Jr. married Helen Frances Alford, daughter of Elmer Alford. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.

(f) Alyce McManus married Tony Betz of Belgium. Tony is in the Merchant Marines. They have two children---Anthony Clyde and _____.

(g) John Henry McManus married _____. They have one girl.

(5) Cassie Rimes, twin, married (1) Wallace Brumfield, deceased, and had two children by this marriage:

(a) Fannie Brumfield married (1) General Breland and they had one child known as "Peter Boy". Fannie married (2) Jim Miller and there were three children by this marriage--- Josie, Jimmy, and J. A.

(b) Ellis Brumfield married Euna Lee. They live in Franklinton, Louisiana.

Cassie Rimes Brumfield married (2) Hiram Jelks, a brother to Guy Jelks. There were six children by this second marriage:

(c) Lizzie Jelks married Cullen Dillon who is in the Armed Forces.

(d) Robert Jelks married Martha Moore Frye of Springfield, Tennessee. They have three children---Beverly, Bobby Moore, and Barbara Lynn.

(e) Fred Jelks married Julia O'Quin. They live in Columbus, Georgia and have no children.

(f) Mae Niel Jelks married Ellis Miller. They live at Lamesa, California and have one girl---Jean.

(g) Mary Jelks married Don Geiger. They live in Kansas and have one son---Michael.

(h) Howard Jelks married Doris Miller. They live in Hammond, Louisiana and have no children.

(6) Prentiss Rimes, son of Fannie Simmons and John Rimes died March, 1902 at the age of 12 years.

(7) Alcus Rimes, twin of Alfred, son of John R. and Fannie Rimes was born March 19, 1888. He married Estelle Potts. They live near Tylertown on Route 3 and have five children:

(a) Eugene Rimes married Nellie Sims and they have two children: Jerry and Brenda.

(b) Wade Rimes married Dollie Mae Conerly. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children---Jackquelin and Ford Wade.

(c) Larry Rimes is in the United States Navy.

(d) Alice Rimes married Dee Stovall. They have two children---Janie and Joe Nell.

(e) Dorothy Rimes married Elton Beard. They have two

children---Blanche Sue and Linda Gail.

(8) Alfred James Rimes, twin, was born March 19, 1888. He married Juanita Spurlock. They live in Amite County, Mississippi, west of McComb, and have four children:

(a) Dr. Alfred James Rimes, Jr., born January 25, 1922. He is a Veterinarian at Kentwood, Louisiana. He married Bonnie Nadine Melton, who was born November 19, 1923. She was the daughter of W. L. and Marie Elizabeth Everett Melton of Kentwood. Bonnie is a registered nurse. Their children are:

- (i) Marie Anita, born September 6, 1947.
- (ii) Janet Ann born March 9, 1954.

(b) Fannie Blanche Rimes married William Burt Snee. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have two children--- William Burt, Jr. and Diann Camille, born August 22, 1954.

(c) William Lee Rimes lives with his parents in Amite County.

(d) Annie Clyde Rimes is a registered nurse and works in McComb, Mississippi.

(9) Joe Carroll Rimes, son of John R. and Fannie Rimes, married (1) Nettie Roberts and (2) Myrtis _____. He has two children ---Tommy and Jo Jean.

IIA-7 Sandy Alexander Simmons, son of Willis R. and Martha Jane Brock Simmons, was born March 12, 1864 and died December 28, 1939, according to the marker at his grave and according to family records available. He married Irene Simmons, who was born January 29, 1869 and died December 21, 1938. She was the daughter of Cyrus Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons). Sandy owned and operated a large farm and mercantile business at Mesa in Walthall County, Mississippi. He took an active part in the formation of Walthall County and was appointed the first Sheriff of that county by Governor Earl Brewer. He later served two terms as Sheriff. Sandy and Irene are buried in the Tylertown cemetery. Their children were:

(1) Edward (Ed) Simmons married Fannie Brunfield, daughter of John J. Brunfield. They live at Mesa near his father's old home. He was a member of the State House of Representatives from Walthall County from 1938 to 1948, and is the Senator from the 39th District for 1952 to 1956. Ed and Fannie have no children.

(2) Rosa Simmons married Charlie Leonard Simmons, son of William Eli Simmons, of Simmonsville. They live in Columbia, Mississippi

where Charlie was with the Russell Wholesale Grocery and Grain Company until he retired. Rosa and Charlie have the following children: (Charlie died January 19, 1955.)

(a) Stanley Simmons, born in 1912, married Anna Soelter of Chicago, Illinois, whom he met while stationed there in the United States Navy. They live in Jackson, Miss and have two children--- Charlie L. and Robert S..

(b) Wallace Simmons, born in 1914, married Dorethea Russell of Covington, Louisiana. Wallace is a career man in the United States Marines. He fought in World War II and in Korea. He is now stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana. They have the following children--Dorothea Jane, Anita Louise, Russell L., and Wallace L. Jr.

(c) Charles (Red) Simmons, born in 1917, married Mary Jones of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Red graduated from Southeastern College, at Hammond, Louisiana. They live in Hattiesburg where Red works for the Russell Wholesale Grocery and Grain Company. They have no children.

(d) Edward Simmons, born in 1920, married Patricia Cerveney of Minnesota. Edward graduated in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State College. He fought in World War II. He and Pat live in Madison, Wisconsin and have two children--- Franklin Dale and Rebecca Rae.

(e) Irene Simmons, born in 1923, is single and teaches piano at Ferry Hall School for Girls, just out of Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from Mississippi State College for Women and has a Master's Degree in Music from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

(3) Walter Simmons married Maggie McElveen. They live at Mesa in Walthall County, Mississippi. Walter was a Captain in World War I. Their children are:

(a) Martha Simmons married Joe D. Conerly. They live in Arlington, Virginia; where Joe is an Electrical Engineer. They have two girls, Sheila and Janis.

(b) Ruth Simmons married Ned Humphries. They live in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where Ned is stationed in the Air Force. Their children are _____ and _____.

(c) Walter Tate Simmons married Fay Pittman of Tylertown. They have two daughters _____ and _____.

(d) Lucy Jean Simmons married _____ Robinson. They live in Jackson, Mississippi, and have one son, _____.

(4) Lucy Simmons, daughter of Sandy and Irene Simmons, married Arlie McElveen. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi and have no children.

(5) Fannie Simmons, daughter of Sandy and Irene, married Wyman Lee. They live on the old Henry S. Brumfield place near Walkers Bridge. Their children are:

(a) Mary Frances Lee married L. E. (Buster) Ramsey, of Fernwood, Mississippi. They live in McComb and have two children---Justina and L. E. Jr.

* (b) Alice Fay Lee married (1) Dick Stumpff, who was killed in a plane crash in Java during World War II. Dick and Alice Fay had one child---Beverly. Then Alice Fay married (2) R. D. Palier, and they live in Sumatra.

(6) Dixie Simmons married A. W. (Joe) Evans. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Joe worked for many years with the Reynolds Tobacco Company, but now has a business of his own. Their children are:

(a) Woodson

(b) A. W. (Joe) Jr.

(7) Laura Lee Simmons, daughter of Sandy and Irene Simmons, married J. Douglas McNair, who taught school for many years. They now live in the "Sandy Simmons Old Home" at Mesa, Mississippi. They have two children:

(a) Mary Ann McNair, who married Charles Copes, of Tylertown. They live in Lafayette, Louisiana and have one child.

(b) Patricia (Pat) McNair.

(8) Willis Simmons, born November 12, 1901, died an accidental death on September 6, 1918.

(9) Wallace Simmons, born October 8, 1903, died November 14, 1910.

IIA-8 Angeline (Angie) daughter of Willis R. and Martha Jane Simmons, was born October 26, 1865 and died December 29, 1934, according to both grave marker and family records. She married (1) Marshall Ellzey and by this marriage had six children:

(1) Lucie Ellzey, born March 1886, married W. C. Bennett, a certified Public Accountant, who died in March 1947 at Meridian,

Mississippi. Lucie taught Social Science on the Faculty of Martha Berry School at Mt. Berry, Georgia for four years and is now teaching in the Schools of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Missouri. She has one daughter:

(a) Frances Bennett married _____ Ball of Galveston, Texas and they have two daughters---Judy, 16 years and Nancy, 11 years.

(2) Linnie Ellzey, second daughter of Angie and Marshall Ellzey, was born in April, 1888. She married Will T. Knight and they lived at Carter, Oklahoma, where Will was drowned while trying to save his niece from drowning. His family received the Carnegie Hero Medal for his bravery. Linnie and Will had two boys:

(a) Dr. R. A. Knight is an orthopedic surgeon at Campbell's Clinic in Memphis, Tennessee.

(b) John Knight is an architect in Raleigh, North Carolina.

(3) Fannye Ellzey, daughter of Marshall and Angie Ellzey, was born in February, 1890. She married Dr. Howard Thompson, a Presbyterian Minister. After serving as Director of Evangelism in the Southern Presbyterian Church, Dr. Thompson resigned and is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in Ruston, Louisiana. Their children are:

(a) Howard Thompson, Jr. is associated with the New York Times, in New York City.

(b) Mary Frances Thompson married _____ Wightman and is living in New York City.

(c) Dr. William Young Thompson teaches in Presbyterian College at Clinton, South Carolina.

(4) Mary Ellzey, daughter of Marshall and Angie Ellzey, was born May 13, 1898. She married W. M. McKenzie. Both Mary and "Mac", as he is known, have been teaching in Hinds Junior College, Raymond, Mississippi, for twenty three years. They went there as bride and groom. They have one daughter:

(a) Mary Will McKenzie is 18 years old and has just graduated from High School.

(5) Myrtis Ellzey died.

(6) A son of Angie and Marshall died quite young.

After the death of Marshall, Angie Simmons Ellzey married J. W. Sandell of Magnolia, Mississippi. Angie is buried in the Simmons Family cemetery beside her father.

IIA-9 Thomas (Tom) C. Simmons, son of Willis R. and Martha Jane Simmons, was born March 12, 1867 and died July 29, 1915, according to the marker at his grave and according to family records. He is buried in the family cemetery with his father. He married Carrie M. Boyd, who was born June 22, 1867, and died April 21, 1934. She is buried beside her husband. Tom and Carrie lived near Silver Creek Church in Pike County. He operated a cotton gin, a merchantile business, and a large farm. They had the following children:

(1) Marion Simmons, born January 21, 1890, married Hettie Smith, daughter of Marshall Smith. They live in Beaumont, Texas and have one daughter:

(a) Lurline Simmons married N. A. McDaniel and they have three girls---Susan, Judy, and Martha Ann.

(2) Euna Simmons, born June 22, 1896, married Walter Jones Simmons, son of McClung Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons). Jones was born February 9, 1895 and died September 11, 1950. He is buried in the Magnolia cemetery. They lived in Magnolia and Euna still resides there. Jones worked for the Federal Government (Rural Mail Carrier). Their children were:

(a) Walter Jones Simmons, Jr. Married Anna Louise Wolf. They live in Magnolia and have three children---Walter Jones III, Janice Ann, and Dianna.

* (b) Wendell McClung, First Lieutenant in the Air Corp in World War II, was born October 25, 1921. He died in action over Italy, December 18, 1943. He is buried in the Magnolia cemetery.

(c) Lucy Juanita married Marvin Blanks. They live in Magnolia and have three children---Marion III, Wendell Lyn, and Thomas, born in 1954.

(3) Lloyd Simmons, son of Thomas C. and Carrie was born April 28, 1899. He married (1) Georgia Clyner, deceased, and had only one child by this marriage:

(a) Betty Jane Simmons married Richard Alexander. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Then Lloyd married (2) Earline McNair. They lived in Jackson, Mississippi. Lloyd has died and is buried in Jackson.

(4) Sandy Simmons, son of Thomas C. and Carrie, was born July 16, 1902. They live in Houston, Texas and have four children:

(a) John Thomas

- (b) Duain
- (c) Sadie Lou
- (d) Nita Rae

(5) Pat Thomas Simmons, son of Thomas C. and Carrie Simmons, was born April 16, 1905. He married Lucile Smith. They live in Houston, Texas, and they have five children:

- (a) Patty Lou
- (b) Richard
- (c) Robert
- (d) Connie
- (e) Pat Thomas Jr., Known as "P. T."

(6) Webb Simmons, son of Thomas C. and Carrie Simmons, was born June 21, 1907. He married Pearl Hughes. They live on his father's old place and have seven children:

- (a) Dorothy Simmons married (1) Frank Thomas and had two children by this marriage---Susan Adelle and Allen. Then Dorothy married (2) Joe Meyers.
- (b) Tom (Thomas) Simmons was born November 9, 1930 and died March 3, 1950.
- (c) Sandy Simmons married Benny Sue Lee.
- (d) Billy (a girl) lives with her parents.
- (e) Carrie Lee Simmons married Frank Alford, Jr. They live in Magnolia, Mississippi and have one daughter---Delilah Diane.
- (f) Dannie Simmons lives with his parents.
- (g) Pat, who was born in 1954.

(7) Milton Simmons, son of Thomas C. and Carrie Simmons, was born October 26, 1910. He married (1) Dorothy Warren of Mason City, Illinois, and they had five children:

- (a) Patsy Simmons married D. A. Gullledge, son of Julius Gullledge. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two boys---David and John Michael, who was born July 21, 1954.
- (b) Mickey Mavis Simmons married Dale Raborn. They live at Lexie, Mississippi and have one son---Nolan.

(c) Euna Mae Simmons married James Johnson.

(d) Norma Jean Simmons married James Barclay, Jr., son of Andrew Barclay and ~~Lizzie Rimes~~ ^{James} Barclay, on August 7, 1954. ^{Annie Louise}

(e) Linda Lou.

Milton Simmons married (2) Mae Smith.

(8) Iris Simmons, niece of Carrie Boyd Simmons lived with this family and grew up as a daughter.

IIA-10 Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Simmons, daughter of Willis R. and Martha Jane Simmons, was born August 25, 1868 and died May 23, 1942, according to the marker at her grave and according to family records. She married James Webster (Webb) Thornhill, who was born January 7, 1859, and died April 1, 1937. They lived northwest of Tyler-town, Mississippi. They are buried in the Thornhill family cemetery near the old home place. Their children are:

(1) Ada Thornhill married Louis Simmons, son of Cyrus Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons). They live near Holmesville, Mississippi in Pike County and have six children:

(a) Clara Simmons married Estess Forbes. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have two children---Estess C. (E. C.) Jr. and Zelma Ann.

(b) Arthur Simmons married Lillie Fortenberry, daughter of Tommy Fortenberry. He works with the Compress at Magnolia, Mississippi. They have three children---Ray, Ruth, and James.

(c) Lester Lee Simmons, a teacher, married Ila Stevenson. They have two children---Betty and Bobby.

(d) Alvin Simmons married Blanche Foster. They live in Houston, Texas and have four children---Betty, Peggy, Alvin, Jr., and Walter Louis.

(e) Edgar Tate Simmons married Nita Dowland of Magnolia, Mississippi. They live in Mobile, Alabama and have one son---Edgar Tate, Jr.

(f) Mildred Simmons married T. Colton Bullock. They live in Pascagoula, Mississippi and have five children---Tommy, Inez, Carroll, Terry, and Deborah.

(2) Thomas Walter Thornhill, son of Webb and Betty Thornhill,

married Martha (Mattie) Stringer. They have built a new home on the old place where they live. They have ten children:

(a) Irene Thornhill married J. Dillard Hill. They live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and have two children---Dillard, Jr. and Tommy.

(b) Webster Thornhill married Aline Hall. They live at Mesa, in Walthall County and have two boys---John Walter and Lee Webster.

(c) James Milton Thornhill married Faye Wood. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two boys---James Milton, Jr. and Rex.

(d) Aberdeen Thornhill married Theodore Cruise. They live in Harriman, Tennessee and have no children.

(e) Lanelle Thornhill married Van Fairborn. They live near her parents and have one son---Van, Jr.

(f) Ouida Mae Thornhill married A. J. Rayborn, Jr. They live at Nesa, Mississippi and have one girl, Nartha Lynn.

(g) Patty Jo Thornhill married Harold Foil. They live in the Dinan Community in Walthall County, Mississippi and have two children---Richard Walter, and Patsy Ann.

(h) Barnell Thornhill was born August 31, 1923 and died February 23, 1926.

(i) Infant died.

(j) Infant died.

(3) Myrtis Thornhill, daughter of Webb and Betty Thornhill married Charlie Little. They live near Tylertown and have two children:

(a) James Little married Ellen Williams and they have two children---James, Jr. and Linda.

(b) Maude Little is at home.

(4) Nola Thornhill, daughter of Betty and Webb Thornhill married Obid Magee. They live north of Tylertown and have one son:

(a) Marlin Magee married Ina Bell Bullock. They have three girls---Shelby Frances, age 15, Glenda Fay, age 11, and Janice Kay, age 7. Marlin has been with Southwest Junior College at Summit, Mississippi for eight years and is now Dean of Instruction there.

(5) James Robert Thornhill, son of Webb and Betty Thornhill, was born in 1893 and died in 1947. He is buried in the Thornhill cemetery with his parents. Robert married Bessie Brock and they had four children:

(a) Ava Thornhill married Major Pope. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have three children---Sue Carroll, Robert Brock, and Jane.

(b) Dr. James Robert Thornhill, Jr., twin, married Beatrice Fitzpatrick. He is a dental surgeon in Dallas, Texas.

(c) Dr. Talmage Brock Thornhill, twin of James, married Margie Hardidge. He is a dentist in Jackson, Mississippi. They have two boys---Talmage Brock, Jr. and Tommy.

(d) Betty Jean Thornhill married A. H. Gauger. They live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and have two children---Cathy and Jeffery Grant.

(6) William (Will) Simmons Thornhill, son of Webb and Betty Thornhill, married Mable Cothorn. They live in the Enon Community in Walthall County. They have four children:

(a) Willie Mae

(b) Ray, who was wounded at Pearl Harbour, December 7, 1941.

(c) Melva

(d) Infant that died young.

(7) Carrie Dean Thornhill, daughter of Webb and Betty Thornhill, was born in 1899 and died in 1926. She married Walter Stringer. They lived near Tylertown and had one girl.

(a) Doris Stringer married Melvin Ducett. They live in New Orleans and have two children---Zerell and Sherry Ann.

(8) Mae Thornhill, daughter of Webb and Betty Thornhill married (1) Oliver E. Whittington, deceased, and they had two children:

(a) Betty Marie Whittington married Jack Walker. They live in Mt. Clemons, Michigan and have two children---Jacquelin (Jackie) and Charlotte.

(b) Oliver E. Whittington, Jr. He lives near New Orleans.

Mae is a nurse at the Tylertown Hospital. Mae Thornhill Whittington married (2) Houston Lee and there were two children by this marriage:

(c) Infant that died young.

(d) John Houston Lee married Nancy McDavid, daughter of O. C. McDavid, who was Editor of the Tylertown Times and is now Mississippi Editor for the Times-Picayune. John Houston and Nancy have one girl---Deborah Sue(Debbie).

(9) Several children of Webb and Betty Thornhill died as infants.

IIA-11 Willis Richard Simmons, known as "Little Willis", son of Willis R. and Martha Jane Brock Simmons, was born December, 1869 and died May 12, 1916, according to the marker on his grave, and according to family records. He married Jane Smith, who was born October 26, 1871 and died November 3, 1937. They are buried in the old family cemetery on the old home place, where they lived in the Silver Creek Community, Pike County, Mississippi. "Little Willis" was an active Mason. He was a member of the Silver Springs Lodge, No. 410. He was also active in politics. Willis and Jane had nine children:

(1) William Edwin Simmons was born July 5, 1892 and died January 2, 1927. Edwin graduated from Mississippi State College and taught school for some years. He was a member of the Silver Springs Lodge, No. 410. He married Lucile Varnado, daughter of Loraine Varnado. He was killed when his car stalled on the railroad crossing near Baxterville, Mississippi. His two boys were with him in the car. One of these, the baby, was also killed in this accident. Edwin is buried at Silver Creek cemetery in Pike County, Mississippi. Lucile later married Yancy Simmons, son of Dr. Theodore Simmons. Yancy and Lucile had no children. He has died and Lucile lives in Columbia, Mississippi. Lucile and William Edwin had two children:

(a) Dr. William Edwin Simmons, a dentist in Columbia, Mississippi. He married Elizabeth Beacham and they have four children---Ellen Frances, Judy Rae, William Edwin, III and Elizabeth Lucile.

(b) Earl Ray Simmons born October 16, 1925 and died January 2, 1927. He was killed in the same accident with his father.

(2) Wright Simmons, son of "Little Willis" and Jane Simmons, married Alberta Woods. They live in Abbeville, Alabama and have one son:

(a) Wright, Jr.

(3) Lottie Simmons, daughter of "Little Willis" and Jane married Ellis. She lives at the old home place near Silver Creek Church. She is a nurse.

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(4) Hugh F. Simmons, son of "Little Willis" and Jane married Myrtis Fitzgerald. They live on the old home place and have no children. Hugh lost an arm in a cotton gin accident.

(5) Samuel Pleas Simmons, son of "Little Willis" and Jane was born April 5, 1902 and died March 15, 1953. He is buried in the family cemetery. He married Carrie Jones of Summit, Mississippi. They lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was when he died. They had three children:

(a) Mary Louise married Marion Hennon.

(b) Willis Ray

(c) Betty Lou

(6) Willis R. Simmons, son of "Little Willis" and Jane was known to his close friends and relatives as "Wrong" Simmons. He married Aline Stogner. Willis served as Justice of the Peace in the First District of Pike County, Mississippi for several terms. Willis and Aline have three girls:

(a) Myrtle Jane

(b) Patricia

(c) Willis Agnes

(7) Smith Simmons, son of Willis and Jane, operates a dairy on the old home place. He married Rucie Raborn. They have two children:

(a) Vance, an adopted son.

(b) Raiford, who was born after they adopted Vance.

(8) Mae Simmons married Robert Andrews of McComb, Mississippi. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children:

(a) Elizabeth Mae Andrews married Lloyd Cooper. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children---Meg Marie, Ellen, and Sammy Mae.

(b) Robert Simmons Andrews, age 23, is in the United States Navy. He married Mary Bladee and they have one child---Carolyn Marie.

(9) Delia Simmons, daughter of "Little Willis" and Jane, married William (Bill) S. Hurt, who was born in 1908 and died in 1953. Delia lives at Kreole, Mississippi. They had three children:

(a) Billy Jane Hurt, age 13 years

- (b) Carolyn Hurt, age 10 years
 - (c) William Victor Hurt, age 5 years
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IIA-12 Sara Jane Simmons, daughter of Willis R. and Jane Brock Simmons, was born December 31, 1873 and died February 26, 1941, according to the marker at her grave and according to family records. She married David Aquilla Gullledge who was born July 4, 1868 and died February 8, 1933. They are buried in the old family cemetery with her father. Sara Jane and Quilla lived in the Simmonsville Community (Between Simmonsville and Silver Creek Church). They had five children:

(1) W. Emmett Gullledge, born September 14, 1895, married Muriel Ellzey. They live on the old home place and have one girl:

(a) Marguerite Gullledge married Harry Carnay and they live in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

(2) Gussie Gullledge, born October 31, 1898 and died April 21, 1927, married Adrian E. Reid, of McNeil, Mississippi. Four days after her marriage, she was killed in an automobile accident. She is buried at the Silver Creek Church cemetery.

(3) Julian J. (Jim) Gullledge, born September 7, 1900, married May McDaniel. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have four children:

(a) David Aquilla (D. A.) married Patsy Simmons, daughter of Milton Simmons. They live in Baton Rouge and have two children---David and John Michael, born July 21, 1954.

(b) Evelyn married _____.

(c) Jewell lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(d) Rosemary is at home with her parents.

(4) Wallace S. Gullledge, born September 4, 1903, has been connected with the Buhrman-Pharr Hardware Company, Texarkana, Arkansas for 28 years. He married (1) Irma Lee Champion and there was one girl born to this marriage:

(a) Jane Marilyn Gullledge, born September 22, 1928, married John R. Jurey of Washington, D. C. They have one son--John Michael.

Wallace married (2) Cordelia Adeline Murphy and he has two girls by this second marriage:

(b) Carol Elizabeth Gullledge, born January 2, 1934, married Iman William Otwell and they have one girl---Martha Lynn.

(c) Sue Ann Gullledge, born October 17, 1936, has just graduated from high school.

(5) Lucy Gullledge born January 23, 1912 married Glenn Brock. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

IIA-13 Dr. Valentine (Vol) Simmons, son of Willis R. and Jane Simmons, practiced medicine in Summit, Mississippi for many years, then moved to Shreveport, Louisiana where he was when he died. We have been unable to find any of his direct descendents, although we know he had two children:

(1) Dorothy Simmons, daughter of Vol, is deceased.

(2) Dr. Robert Simmons, son of Vol, is a physician. (Perhaps some member of the family will have this family record and will pass it on to the writers of this manuscript.)

Dr Robert is a physician, living and practicing in New Orleans.

IIA-14 Ada Mary Simmons, the youngest child of Willis R. and Jane Brock Simmons, was born May 8, 1877 and died June 5, 1933, according to the marker at her grave and according to family records. She married Murray Smith who was born May 3, 1866 and died February 27, 1933. They lived near Chatawa, Mississippi in Pike County and are buried at the Centerville Baptist Church in Walthall County. They had nine children:

(1) Kelly Smith, born April 5, 1892 and died June 24, 1924, married Nellie Magee. Kelly is buried near his parents. They had three children:

(a) Wilburn Kelly Smith was killed in an automobile accident. He had served in the Armed Forces in World War II. He married _____ and they had two children--- Michael and Nancee.

(b) Lucious Smith married Fay Allen.

(c) Mae Smith lives in Mobile, Alabama. She married Thomas Foster.

(2) Cynthia Smith born June 15, 1894, married Barney Allen. They lived near Magnolia (Bala Chitto), Mississippi and had three children:

(a) Smith Allen married Eugenia Hill and they have two boys---Ronnie and Richard.

(b) Bickham Allen, was married twice but had no children by either marriage.

(c) Price Allen operates a store in the old Emerald Community, seven miles east of Magnolia, Mississippi.

(3) Iley Smith was born July 30, 1896 and died _____. He never married.

(4) Burton Smith, born March 26, 1898 and died March 8, 1954, married Jessie Lee White, of McComb, Mississippi. He is buried at Mt. Zion Church in Pike County, Mississippi. They had no children.

(5) T. C. Smith, born February 9, 1900 has never married and now lives at the old home place.

(6) Jesse Rankin Smith, born October 20, 1902, died young.

(7) Euna Smith born February 29, 1904 has never married and is now living at the old place.

(8) Quennie Smith, born August 6, 1906, married John Contennio. They live at 3238 Conti Street, New Orleans, Louisiana and have no children.

(9) Rhoda Smith, born August 24, 1910, married Ray Letellier. They live in New Orleans and have one girl:

(a) Dolores

IIB JOHN H _____ SIMMONS
Son of William Simmons

John H. Simmons, second son of William (Black Bill) Simmons, was born August 19, 1831 and died about 1869. We know that he had died when the 1870 census was taken. He was known to his friends and relatives as "Little John". He married (1) Hasseltine Crawford, daughter of the Baptist Minister, Jesse Crawford. Hasseltine was born in 1834, according to the 1850 census. John and Hasseltine had one son: (More at end of Family write-up)

IIB-1 Benjamin (Ben) C. Simmons, known as "Little Ben", was born in 1854, according to the 1860 census. He married Lizzie Brent and according to the best available information, they had only one child:

(1) Johnnie Simmons was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brock. Johnnie goes by the name of Johnnie Brock. He married and has five children.

According to the Silver Creek Records "Hasseltine J. Crawford was married to John Simmons Jan. 20, 1853. She died September 20, 1858."

John H. Simmons married (2) Miriam Bell of Washington Parish, Louisiana. According to the 1870 census Miriam was born in Mississippi and according to both the 1860 and 1870 census, she was born in 1836. She died January 9, 1880. John H. and Miriam had five children:

IIB-2 Hiram Simmons was born in 1859, according to the 1860 census. We have no further information about him. His birth date could have been early 1860 since census taking often extended into the next year.

IIB-3 Nancy N. (Nannie) Simmons, daughter of John H. and Miriam, was born March 28, 1861, according to the marker at her grave and according to the 1870 census. She married J. Warren Burkhalter. They lived east of Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi, and they are buried in the Burkhalter cemetery, west of Walkers Bridge. Nancy and Warren had eight children:

(1) Emma Burkhalter, born _____, married James N. Dykes, who was born April 18, 1877 and died June 4, 1911. Emma lives with her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Simmons. She and James had five children:

(a) Linnye Dykes, born June 19, 1901 and died January 8, 1902. He is buried in the Burkhalter cemetery.

(b) Eric V. Dykes, born March 28, 1904 and died March 3, 1933 is buried in the Burkhalter cemetery.

(c) Reverend Ray Dykes, Pastor of a Baptist Church in

Chattanooga, Tennessee at this time, married Ellen Shivers and they have two children---Ray Francis and Ann Judson.

(d) Reverend James Newland (Jimmy) Dykes, born _____ and died April 5, 1953 while Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Franklin County, Mississippi, married Ethel Elizabeth McMarry. They had two children---May Ethel and James Newland, Jr. Reverend Dykes is buried at Silver Creek Baptist Church cemetery in Pike County, Mississippi.

(e) Hilda Dykes married Ollis C. Simmons, son of Harvey Simmons. They have two children---Genevieve, who married John H. Payne, and they have three children, Sheryle Jean, Janet Marie and John Michael; Ollis C. (O. C.) Simmons, Jr. is at home with his parents. O. C. Jr. is quite outstanding in 4H Club work in his community.

(2) Ada Burkhalter, daughter of Nannie and Warren Burkhalter, married Eugene P. Allmand, son of Reverend I. Allmand. (Note: Some of this family spell their name without the "d" on the end.) They live near Brookhaven, Mississippi and have recently observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They had ten children:

(a) Kermit Allmand married Celeste Bouchillon. They live in Brookhaven and have three children---Jerry, Donald, and Barbara.

(b) Carey Allmand, deceased 1952, married Nell Thomas. They lived in Houston, Texas and had no children.

(c) Kenneth Allmand married Sadie Mae Harris. They live in Houston, Texas and have two children---Alice Marie and Kenneth, Jr.

(d) Lucile Allmand married Excel Daughdrill. She is a teacher in the Arcadia, Louisiana Schools and has two children---Harold and Robert.

(e) Eoris Allmand married Hayward Kern. They live in Brookhaven and have three children---Delores, Ralph, and Michael.

(f) Helen Allmand married Eugene Neal. They live in Brookhaven and have two children---Wayne and Margaret Ann.

(g) Eugenia Allmand married James Scheumack. They live in Houston, Texas and have no children.

(h) Jewell Allmand is single and lives in Brookhaven with his parents.

(i) Wilton Allmand married Ella Ratcliff. They live in

Seminole, Oklahoma and have two children---Steve and David.

(j) Fred Allmand married Ann Berfon. They live in Natchez, Mississippi and have one son, Fred, Jr.

(3) Oscar Burkhalter, son of Warren and Nancy Burkhalter is single and lives at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

(4) Myra Burkhalter, daughter of Warren and Nancy, married Sidney L. Simmons, son of Cicero Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons). They lived in Osyka, Mississippi where Myra died in April, 1946. They had two children:

(a) C. L. Simmons married (1) Ellen Mae Schilling. She died in childbirth. C. L. married (2) Mildred Fortenberry Jordan. They live in Osyka, Mississippi and have one son---Michael.

(b) Evelyn Simmons married Robert V. Dickey. Evelyn died April 7, 1946 at the age of 32 years. They had one child---Robert, III.

(5) Jerome S. Burkhalter, son of Warren and Nancy Burkhalter, married Ethel Allen, daughter of Henry Allen. They live five miles east of Magnolia on Highway 48. They have two children:

(a) Marguerite Burkhalter married C. T. Gilbert. They live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and have no children.

(b) Maurice Burkhalter, married Helen Cutrer. Maurice was a prisoner of War in World War II. They live near his parents and have two children---Donald Ray and Ralph.

(6) Lillian Burkhalter, daughter of Warren and Nancy Burkhalter, married Winford Coker. He operates a beauty parlor in McComb, Mississippi. They have two children:

(a) Winford L. (W. L.) Coker, born in 1918, married Laura Bess Hart. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son---Stephen.

(b) Aline Coker married (1) Glenn McGehee and they had one son---Kenneth. Aline married (2) Floyd O'Neal. They live in El Paso, Texas and have two boys---Patrick and Barry Wayne.

(7) Wesley Burkhalter, son of Warren and Nancy Burkhalter, married Maude Brock. They live on Route 6, below Tylertown, Mississippi in Walthall County, and have four children---Nannie Sue, Annie Glenn, Lampton Vol, and Everett.

(8) Ruth Burkhalter, daughter of Warren and Nancy Burkhalter,

married Ray Scott. They live in North Carolina and have two children:

- (a) Tommy
- (b) Margie

IIB-4 Mary Anne Simmons, daughter of John H. and Miriam Simmons, was born March 15, 1864 and died January 20, 1917, according to the marker at her grave. She married T. Wesley Thornhill. They are buried in the Burkhalter cemetery. They had four children: (Thomas Wesley Thornhill was born October 20, 1858 and died December 12, 1940.

(1) Courtney L. Thornhill was born March 8, 1893 and died October 2, 1911 of Typhoid fever. She is buried in the Burkhalter cemetery.

(2) James Luther Thornhill was born in 1898 and died in 1934 from injuries caused by a log truck accident. He married Lucy Brumfield, daughter of John W. Brumfield. They had three girls:

(a) Mary Lucile Thornhill married James Edward Holmes. They live at Holmesville in Pike County, Mississippi and have four children---James Edward, Jr., Richard Lane, Mary Irene, and Clarence Michael.

(b) Catherine Jane Thornhill married Norman R. O'Quin. They live west of Mesa, Mississippi and have three children---Charles Ray, Catherine Jane, and Ginger Ray.

(c) Valerite Thornhill married Sam Gianforte. They live in Magnolia, Mississippi and have one girl---Patricia Ann.

(3) Lillie Thornhill, daughter of Mary Anne and Wesley Thornhill, married Willis Brumfield. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi and have five children. Willis served as Sheriff of Walthall County for several terms. Their children are:

(Lillie was born October 16, 1886 and Willis was born July 5, 1888)

(a) Mildred Brumfield married James W. Ward, a Professor at the University of Mississippi. They have two children---Daphne and Jane. (Mildred was born November 28, 1909 and James Wellington was born October 27, 1904)

(b) Alton Brumfield married Ruth Ginn. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi and have one girl---Connie. (Constance Ruth born March 23, 1939)

(c) Kathleen Brumfield married J. W. Rawls. They live in Seattle, Washington and have two boys---David and Jimmy. (Kathleen Jane was born March 3, 1915.)

(d) Louise Brumfield married Fain Cochran. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have three children---Patricia (Pat), Dianne, and Jo Anne, and Fain Patton Cochran Jr.

(Louise Mable was born August 30, 1916)

(e) Juanita Brumfield married Hicks Parker, Jr. They live in Natchez, Mississippi and have four children---Edna Juanita, Lillie, Paula, and Deborah. (Juanita was born Jan. 8, 1920)

(4) Carrie Thornhill, daughter of Mary Anne and Wesley Thornhill, married Norman C. Fortenberry of the Silver Springs Community in Pike County, on May 23, 1915. Norman was born on June 6, 1892 and died April 11, 1934. He is buried at Progress (old Simmonsville). They had ten children: (Carrie was born June 8, 1890

(a) Ulmer Fortenberry born March 27, 1916, married Eva Therlen on March 10, 1944. They have one son---Marvin Randolph (Randy). Ulmer is in the Armed Forces.

(b) Mary Lou Fortenberry born July 23, 1917, married Pur Schilling on September 14, 1935. They live in the Progress Community and have two children---Norman Fortenberry, born March 26, 1942 and Cynthia Louise, born June 13, 1950.

(c) Luther Norman Fortenberry born June 28, 1919, married Dixie Simmons, daughter of _____, on December 30, 1941. They live in Glendive, Montana and have two children---Dixie Venne born December 6, 1942, and Richard Luther, born April 7, 1944.

(d) James Wesley Fortenberry born December 17, 1921, is in the Armed Forces, now stationed in Germany.

(e) Ora Fortenberry born June 5, 1923, married James Dillon on March 21, 1942. They live in the Progress Community and have four boys---James Jr. born September 11, 1943; Ray Alvin born October 9, 1948; Keth Raynard born September 1, 1950; David Earl born October 26, 1953.

(f) Hilton ^oHellis Fortenberry, twin, was born January 30, 1926. He is in the Armed Forces, stationed at present in Korea.

(g) Milton Wallace, twin, was born January 20, 1926. He is in the Armed Forces, stationed at present in Korea.

(h) J. F. Fortenberry, born March 16, 1927, married Charlotte Schilling on September 20, 1952. They live in the Progress Community and have one girl---Beverly Ann born April 14, 1954.

(i) Norma Lee Fortenberry born May 26, 1929, married Wilburn Fortenberry on January 30, 1948. They live on Route 1, Osyka, Mississippi and have two boys---Wilburn, III, born December 11, 1948 and Eric Miles born January 28, 1951.

(j) Louise Fortenberry born March 14, 1932 is a registered

nurse at the McComb Infirmary, McComb, Mississippi,

IIB-5 John Simmons, son of John H. and Miriam Simmons, was born in 1866, according to the 1870 census. We have no further information about him.

IIB-6 Martha Simmons, daughter of John H. and Miriam Simmons, was born in 1867, according to the 1870 census. She married D. Ernest Holmes who was born in 1869 and died in 1943. Martha died December 12, 1900. She is buried in the Jap Holmes cemetery, east of Tylertown, Mississippi. Martha and Ernest had five children:

(1) Earl Holmes was born November 2, 1889 and died June 12, 1954. He is buried in the Tylertown cemetery. Earl married (1) Rose Brewer and had one daughter by this marriage:

(a) Mildred Holmes married Earl Menette of New Orleans, Louisiana. They had three children---Sonny, Jimmy, and Martha Rose. Mildred died.

Earl Holmes married (2) Wilma Nobles. There were no children. Earl married (3) Jewell Creel. Earl has died.

(2) Elmer Holmes, son of Martha and Ernest Holmes married Ophelia Fortenberry, daughter of William G. Fortenberry. They live east of Tylertown and have seven children:

(a) Thelma Holmes married Otto Stallings. They live in Tylertown and have no children.

(b) Ruth Holmes married Winfred Morris. They live in Columbia, Mississippi and have one girl---Winnie Ruth.

(c) Jewell Holmes married Mary Lee Phillips. They have four children---Elmer Warren, Barbara Ann, Wayne, and Evelyn.

(d) Hilton Holmes married Altha Reeves. They live east of Tylertown near his parents and have five children---Hilton, Jr., Betty Sue, Judy Pearl, Jerry, and Wanda Kay.

(e) Rex Holmes married Inez Blackwell. They live east of Tylertown near his parents and have three children---Patty Lou, Bobby, and Jimmy.

(f) Wilkie Holmes married Willie Mae Conerly. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi and have two children---Carolyn

Fay and Ronnie.

(g) Olaf Holmes married Rachel Hobgood. He operates a store east of Tylertown. They have one son---Kerry.

(3) Wesley Holmes, son of Martha and Ernest Holmes, married Nellie Mae Harvey. Wesley was in World War I and died in France. He and Nellie had one daughter:

(a) Wessie Mae Holmes married (1) Robert Illsley and they had two children---Johnnie and Bruce. Wessie Mae married (2) Robert Ritmar. They live in Memphis, Tennessee.

(4) Idell Holmes, daughter of Ernest and Martha Holmes, married Boyd Smith. They live east of Tylertown and have three children---Olga, Doris, and Eloise.

(5) Myra Bell Holmes born in 1898 died in 1931. She is buried in the Tylertown cemetery.

Addition: John H. Simmons served as a Private in Company K. 38th Regiment, Mississippi, Calvary during the War between the States.

IIC CALVIN MASON SIMMONS

Son of William Simmons

Calvin Mason Simmons, third son of William (Black Bill) Simmons and Nancy Rimes was born January 23, 1833, and died October 5, 1916. He was known to close friends and relatives as "Uncle Cad". He was a tall, wiry man. His first wife was Jane Stallings, daughter of Jim Stallings, who operated a ferry for many years across Bogue Chitto River at what is now Stallings Bridge. Jane died February 15, 1858 (acc. S.S. Roe) The best information indicates that she is buried with her father a few hundred yards down the river on the West banks from Stallings Bridge. Calvin and Jane had two daughters:

IIC-1 Nancy Narcissa (Nannie) Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Jane was born September 16, 1855 and died December 20, 1928. On January 4, 1880 she was married to Joe Ben Crawford who was born May 3, 1856 and died June 12, 1946. These dates were taken from the grave markers and from family records. They are buried several hundred yards east of where their son, F. M. (Slim) Crawford now lives near Tylertown, Mississippi. Nancy and Joe Ben had six children. They were:

(1) Jesse C. (Jay) Crawford was born September 12, 1882. He married (1) Rebecca Johnson, who died about 1945. Jesse and Rebecca were the parents of eleven children:

(a) Hattie Crawford, born December 5, 1900; married Walter S. Jackson (Little Walt), born November 19, 1894 and died September 5, 1952. Hattie lives on Route 4, Tylertown, Mississippi. They had five children:

(i) Ray Jackson married Holine Bacot. They live near his mother and have one girl---Janet.

(ii) L. C. Jackson married Ellis Blackwell and they had five children---Clara Fay married Walter L. Smith now in the Air Corp; Walter E.; Nancy Laverne; Dwight Everett; and Mary Ann.

(iii) Laverne Jackson married William O. Tynes. They live at 4728 Robinson Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

(iv) Lacy Jackson married Glenn Goff. They live at Nachitoches, Louisiana and have one girl---Peggy Jane.

(v) Ralph Jackson married Irma Lee McMurray. They live in Vicksburg, Mississippi and have no children.

(b) Lonie Crawford, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca married Jerry Bullock. They live on Route 5, southwest of Tylertown, Mississippi and have four children:

(i) Juanita Bullock married Thomas Edward Wood. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have three girls---Rebecca Ann, Barbara Dianne, and Balinda.

(ii) Norman Julius Bulloch is employed by United Gas

Corporation, Jackson, Mississippi.

(iii) Crawford Bullock married Jean Boone. Crawford is in the Armed Forces.

(iv) Johnnie Sue Bullock married Altus Holmes. Altus works with Lampton Brothers Company in Tylertown, Mississippi. They have two children---Jerry Lynn and Altus Brent.

(c) Bernice Crawford, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca, married Walter D. (Dave) Ethridge. They live on Route 6, Tylertown, Mississippi and have nine children:

(i) Bernell Ethridge married Winston Brumfield. They have one son---Mike.

(ii) Wilkie Ethridge married Shirley Mae Bellevue. They have three children---Mike, Freddie, and Deborah.

(iii) Billy Jean Ethridge married Harold Fortenberry. They have three children---Sandra Kay, Bobby Earl, and Judy Diann.

(iv) Glenda Ethridge married Charles (Pete) Forbes. They live near Tylertown and have one boy---Charles Wayne.

(v) Cloy Ethridge is employed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(vi) Doris Fay Ethridge married Gene Thornton. Gene is in the Air Corp.

(vii) Harold Ethridge is at home with his parents.

(viii) Willene Ethridge, born June 27, 1941, is at home with her parents.

(ix) Clarence Ethridge is at home with his parents.

(d) Joe Ben (J. B.) Crawford, son of Jesse and Rebecca was born May 6, 1907 and died August 6, 1947. He married Iola Purvis who now lives in Tylertown, Mississippi. J. B. is buried in the Tylertown, Mississippi cemetery. They had two girls---Elizabeth Ann, who married John Stucky and lives in Jackson, Mississippi; and Nell, who is employed by United Gas Corporation, Jackson, Mississippi.

(e) Euna Crawford, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca married Richey Bullock. They live in the Progress Community in Pike County and have three children:

- (i) Bunny Jean Bullock married O'Neal Ellzey and they have one son---Jimmy.
 - (ii) Richey Q. Bullock, Jr. is at home with his parents.
 - (iii) Charles Jerry Bullock is at home with his parents.
- (f) Vicky Crawford, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca died at about six months.
- (g) Thomas Calvin (T. C. or Tom) Crawford married Eva Dunaway. They live at Ferriday, Louisiana and have three children---Jerome (Joe), Stanley, and Nancy Jane.
- (h) Carrie Crawford, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca married Charlie Purvis. They live near New Zion Church in Walthall County, Mississippi and have five children:
- (i) Reverend Ben Purvis, a Baptist Minister now in Germany with the United States Services. He married Judy Bishop and they have no children.
 - (ii) Jimmy Nell Purvis married Richard Mabry. He is in the United States Navy. They have one boy---Gary.
 - (iii) Betty Jo Purvis is employed in New Orleans, La.
 - (iv) Alice Fay Purvis is at home with her parents.
 - (v) Joe Purvis is at home with his parents.
- (i) Clarence Crawford, son of Jesse and Rebecca married Mary Ryals. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have no children.
- (j) Evie Crawford, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca married James Walters. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children---Hulan, Joyce Ann, and Mary Frances.
- (k) James Gilbert Crawford, son of Jesse and Rebecca married Sarah Catherine Jones of Charleston, Mississippi. He is with the Standard Oil Company in Jackson, Mississippi. They have one girl---Mildred Catherine.

Jesse C. Crawford married (2) Leona Johnson. They live at Gilbert, Louisiana.

(2) Willis Felder Crawford, son of Joe Ben and Nannie Crawford, was born February 9, 1884. He lives south of Highway 24, just east of Bogue Chitto River in Pike County, Mississippi. He was named for the pioneer Baptist Minister Willis Felder Crawford, born in 1831, and a son of Jesse Crawford, who came to the Mississippi Territory from Georgia, and was Pastor at Silver Creek

Church in its early history. On November 19, 1901, Willis was married to Gracie Johnson, now deceased. They were the parents of fourteen children:

- (a) Malissa Crawford died young.
- (b) Freddie Crawford married Percy Purvis. They live east of Walkers Bridge and have one son---Paul, who is now with the United States Armed Forces in Korea.
- (c) Logan Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie, married (1) Annie Brown and they had four children---Alfred with the United States Armed Forces in Korea; Barbara Joan; Gail, and Sue. Logan married (2) Bernice Haufspaur. They live east of Walkers Bridge.
- (d) Maybell Crawford, daughter of Willis and Gracie, married John M. Wood. They live in Mobile, Alabama and have five children---Willie Grace, Blanche, John D. who is in the United States Navy, William Henry, and Bobby Joe.
- (e) Chillis C. Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie married Dorothy Davis. They live at Magnolia, Mississippi where Chillis is a member of the Board of Aldermen. They have four children---Winston, Katie Grace, Sherra Lynn, and Debra Susanne, born June 25, 1954.
- (f) Sandy Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie, married Gertrude Murphry. Sandy retired from the United States Navy after 22 years of service. They live in _____ and have two boys---Patrick and Michael.
- (g) Wallace Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie, married Christine Norwood. They live in Mobile, Alabama and have four children---Nancy Faith, Julia Ann, Rex, and Marian Francis.
- (h) Norman Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie, married Emel Smith. They live at McKinney, Texas and have two children---Medford, and Ann.
- (i) Iris Crawford, daughter of Willis and Gracie, died young.
- (j) Felder Crawford, son of Willis, married Johnnie Barton. Felder is in the United States Navy. They have two children---Roderick and Casantha.
- (k) Polly Crawford, daughter of Willis and Gracie, married John M. Johnson. They live in Los Angeles, California, and they have one girl---Norah.
- (l) Jack Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie, married Emogene Clemmons. They live near his father and have no children.

(m) Carona Crawford, daughter of Willis and Gracie, married Pat Dugas. They live at St. Martinsville, Louisiana and have six children---Dianne, Sonny, Leroy, Ronald, Kenneth Joseph, and Deloria Ann.

(n) Walter Joseph Crawford, son of Willis and Gracie, lives with his father. He and his brother Jack are with their father in the produce business.

Willis Felder Crawford married (2) Christina Hamilton Evans and he married (3) Ola Dennison O'Quin.

(3) Murray Isaac Crawford, a Minister, was born November 1, 1886. He lives at Shreveport, Louisiana.

(4) Mary Crawford, daughter of Joe Ben and Nancy Crawford, was born December 25, 1888. She married Frank L. (Bud) Laseter. They live southwest of Tylertown and had eight children:

(a) Cora Laseter married Walter Brumfield. They live near her parents and have two children---Mary Nell and Hilton.

(b) Nona Laseter was born and died June 25, 1908.

(c) Susie Laseter married Verne Brumfield. They live near Walkers Bridge and have three children---Verna Sue, Larry, and Doye.

(d) William (Bill) Laseter married Dixie Brumfield. They live near his parents and have two girls---Joyce Fay and Dorothy.

(e) Roy Laseter married Lovie Brumfield. They live on the old Henry J. Brumfield place near Walkers Bridge and have one son---Mike.

(f) Marion Kenneth Laseter, born September 10, 1917 died April 30, 1942. He was in the Marine Corp and died a Hero's death at Corregidor in the Philippine Islands. The Purple Heart was awarded for his bravery. He is buried "over there" near Manila.

(g) Raleigh Laseter, born November 19, 1921, died July 28, 1928. He is buried in the Tylertown cemetery.

(h) Herbert Laseter married Veta Dillon. They live at Jayess, Mississippi and have one son---Kenneth.

(5) Flora Crawford, daughter of Nannie and Joe Ben Crawford, was born April 7, 1892. She married (1) Clarence Magee. She had no children by this marriage. Flora married (2) R. B. (Bob) Johnson, who was born September 3, 1885 and died March 14, 1947. He is

buried in the Rushing cemetery west of Tylertown. Flora lives about two miles north of Tylertown. She is employed in Tylertown. She and Bob had two sons:

(a) Rudolph Johnson married Marline Turner. They live in Fort Worth, Texas and have one girl---Cynthia.

(b) Robert Johnson married Eleanor Blackwell. They live just north of Tylertown and have two boys---Robert Jr. and James.

(6) Francis Marion (Slim) Crawford, youngest child of Nannie and Joe Ben Crawford, was born July 23, 1897. He married Lois Breeland. They live east of Walker's Bridge, on Highway 48, at "Trails End". They had one girl:

(a) Mary Grace, born September 26, 1920, died September 1, 1943.

IIC-2 Sarah (Sally) A. Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Jane was born in 1857. She married Jim McKeen. They lived for many years west of Tylertown, Mississippi in Walthall County, near Mesa. They had one son:

(1) Ellis McKeen married Fannie Burch. They live in or near Mobile, Alabama and have no children.

Calvin Mason Simmons married (2) Saphrona E. Crawford. She was known to her close friends and relatives as "Fronie". She was the daughter of Jesse Crawford, the Pioneer Baptist Preacher who came to the Mississippi Territory from Georgia and was Pastor of Silver Creek Church in Pike County in its early years. She was a sister to Hasseltine Crawford (sometimes known as "Felisa") wife of John H. Simmons. (Ed. note: This data may be found in the 1850 census records for Pike County, Mississippi). "Fronie's" grave marker gives her birth as October 27, 1840. For some reason she was born in Louisiana. All other children in her father's family were born in Mississippi according to census records. She died September 16, 1915, just about a year before Calvin, her husband, died. They are buried in the old Crawford cemetery, east of Walker's Bridge and down near the east banks of the Bogue Chitto River in Walthall County, Mississippi. The graves have markers. Calvin and Saphronia were the parents of eleven children, as is shown by an old Family Record in the handwriting of Saphronia and in the possession of her son, Jesse J. Simmons. These children were:

IIC-3 Mary Jane Simmons born August 13, 1860, died June 15, 1936. She married Thomas J. Burch who was born October 27, 1861 and died January 30, 1922. They are buried in the Burch cemetery in the

Southwest corner of Walthall County, Mississippi. They were the parents of seven children:

- (1) Hettie Emma Burch born January 14, 1883, died young.
- (2) Mertha Burch died young.
- (3) Wallace Thomas (Tom) Burch born May 5, 1887 and died May 7, 1949. He is buried in the Burch cemetery. Wallace married Nola Pierce and they had eight children as follows:
 - (a) Reverend Snellins Burch, a Baptist Minister, lives at P. O. Box 222, Jessup, Georgia. He married _____ and had one son by this marriage---Billy Ray. Rev. Snellins married (2) Catharine Popham and they have three children---Marsha Kay, Christine, and Tommie.
 - (b) Madge Burch married Laudis E. Alford. They live at 463 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana and have six children---Gloria married Clyde Jones who was killed in an automobile accident on August 25, 1954; Ludine, Carolyn, Laudis Jr., Wayne, and Howard, all of whom are at home with their parents.
 - (c) Odeal Burch married Moyese Johnson. They live just south of Tylertown, Mississippi and have two children---Myrtis and Major Byron.
 - (d) Marie Burch married Porter Campbell who is in the Air Force. They are at present stationed in Germany and have one son---Allen Tom.
 - (e) Fay Burch married Ray Roberts. They live in Mobile, Alabama and have three children---Larry, Esther, and Barbara Marie.
 - (f) T. J. Burch married Ann Pigott. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi and have no children.
 - (g) Pauline Burch married Archie Devers. He works with Willis Grocery and Market in Tylertown. They have one girl---Paula.
 - (h) Catherine Burch died as an infant.
- (4) Fannie Burch, daughter of Mary Jane and Thomas J. Burch married Ellis McKeen, son of Jim McKeen. They live in Mobile, Alabama and have no children.
- (5) Saphronia Burch married James Powell. They live in Saraland, Alabama and have no children.

(6) Rena Burch married Ira (Red) May. They live at Saraland, Alabama and have no children.

(7) Samanthe Burch, daughter of Mary Jane and Thomas J. married Early Miller. They live in Franklinton, Louisiana and have three girls:

(a) Vera Miller married Otto P. Forrest. They live _____ and have five children---Evelyn (married), Nathan J., Vickie, Otto, Jr. and Larry M.

(b) Joyce Miller married Marvin L. Miller and they have five children---Marvin Jr., Stanley, Bobbie, Jackie, and Paul.

(c) Claude (a girl) Miller married Wilson Burch. They live _____ and have one son---Edward.

IIC-4 Florence Gertrude Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Saphronia Crawford was born March 28, 1862.

IIC-5 Eliza Emily Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Saphronia Simmons, was born January 21, 1864 and died March 10, 1913. She married La Curtis (Curt) R. Jennings. She is buried about one fourth mile west of the Burkhalter cemetery. They had five children:

(1) La Curtis (Curt Jr.) Jennings lives at Peoria, Illinois. He married Annie White and they have two children:

(a) Curtis Lane married Babe Lingerling. They have three children---Larue Curtis Jr., Janet, and Sue.

(b) James Donald Jennings married Ella _____. They have three children---Vickie, Valery, and Vonica.

(2) Blanche Jennings married George Hartman. They live in Chicago, Illinois and have no children.

(3) Estelle Jennings, deceased, married James McElveen. She died an accidental death. They lived in Meridian, Mississippi. They had no children.

(4) Joseph Stewart Jennings married Nevina _____. Address unknown. They had three children:

(a) Eugene Elsworth

(b) Delvis

(c) Rolene

(5) Daisy Jennings married (1) _____ Gray and had one child by this marriage--Robert Gray, who was killed in a saw-mill accident in Wetumpka, Alabama. She married (2) Nelson Smith, a widower with five children (Claude, Clyde, Clarence, Lillian, and Corbett). Nelson has died and Daisy lives north of Tylertown, Mississippi.

IIC-6 William Taylor Simmons, son of Calvin and Saphronia was born October 29, 1865.

IIC-7 Margaret Hester Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Saphronia was born May 8, 1867. She married Sam King and they had four children:

(1) Willie King, deceased, married Ella Kirkfield. They lived at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and had nine children as follows:

(a) Curtis M. King, born December 25, 1913 and died December 8, 1939. He is buried in the Rushing cemetery. He married Birdie Brumfield and they had one daughter---Geneva.

(b) Elmer Earl (Jack) King lives at 806 Howe St., McComb, Mississippi. He married Minnie Evelyn Davis and they have two children---Jack Richard and Curtis Loyd.

(c) Eva Mae King married Johnnie Buford Thames. They live southeast of McComb, Mississippi. Johnnie is a contractor. They have four children--Annie Louise, 14 years, Johnnie Buford, Jr., 12 years, Marvin Michael, 8 years and Gwendolyn, 5 years.

(d) Pearl King married (1) Clifton Hilburn and they had one son---Jimmy. Pearl married (2) Buell Wallace. They live in Baton Rouge and have two children---Emma and Belinda Gail.

(e) Nell King married Harlan Fleming. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have three children--Fonald Earl, Gerald, and Roger Dale.

(f) Tim King married Audrey Williams. They live in Baton Rouge and have no children.

(g) Alma King married Homer Nations. They are in Natchez, Mississippi and have five children--Lynn, Lavelle, James Patrick, Ella Algene and Ronnie Earl.

(h) Juanita King married David McClendon. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have two children--Belinda Denise and David Glenn.

(i) Gordon King married Birdie Mae Adams. They reside in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one girl--Brenda Ann.

(2) Annie King, daughter of Hester and Sam King married Albert Brumfield. They live west of Tylertown, Mississippi near Highway 48 and had six children:

(a) Ardis Brumfield married (1) Lola Lee and they had two children--Myrna Joyce and O. C. Ardis married (2) Ava Dillon.

(b) Edna Brumfield married (1) Wes Dillon and they had one son--Wayne. Edna married (2) Ramsey Rockco.

(c) Winston Brumfield married Bernell Ethridge, daughter of Bernice Crawford and Dave Ethridge. They have one boy---Mike.

(d) Ruth Brumfield is at home with her parents.

(e) Aubrey Brumfield is at home with her parents.

(f) An infant died July 7, 1918.

(3) Ninny King, daughter of Hester and Sam King married William (Willie) S. Stewart, who was born March 3, 1876 and died January 13, 1945. Ninny lives in Tylertown. They had eight children as follows:

(a) Ethel Stewart married Hughey Breland. They have two children--Patsy and Clifton. Patsy married Hugh Bearden. They are at State College, Mississippi and have one son--Mike. Clifton is at home with his parents.

(b) Mildred Stewart married Hugh Felder. They live in Tylertown where Hugh operates a business. They have one son--Ronnie, 11 years.

(c) Ross Stewart, born November 24, 1919, died May 13, 1951. He married Jean Coe. Ross died in a car collision south of McComb. He is buried with his father and sister at Union Baptist Church, north of Tylertown, Mississippi.

(d) Kate Stewart married (1) Paul Beck, and (2) Bill Guinn of Grand Saline, Texas. Kate died January 11, 1952 at the age of 30 years.

(e) Seth Stewart married Evelyn Smith. They live in Pascagoula, Mississippi and have one daughter--Dianne, 6 years.

(f) Mae Stewart married James Henry Lee. They had one daughter--Connie. Mae lives at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

(g) Nell Stewart married Ted Lyons. They live at Texarkana, Arkansas and have one girl--Linda, 7 years.

(h) William (Bill) S. Stewart is employed in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

(4) Jane King, daughter of Hester and Sam King married George G. Johnson. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have seven children:

(a) Ralph Johnson married Nellie K. Rayborn. They live in Pascagoula, Mississippi and have three children--Kenneth Ray, Ralph, and Dennis.

(b) Milton Johnson married Virginia Rayborn. They have four children--Betty Lee, Deloris, Milton, and George G.

(c) Kelly Johnson married Catherine Rayborn. They have one boy--Raymond. Ralph, Milton, and Kelly Johnson all married sisters.

(d) Era Lee Johnson married Eunice Hughes. They have three children--Jerry, Judy, and Elizabeth.

(e) Delton Johnson married Ernestine Freeman.

(f) Laverne Johnson married Annette Bennett.

(g) Joyce Johnson married Daniel Brister.

IIC-8 Martha Sophronia Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Saphronia Simmons, was born June 27, 1869.

IIC-9 Joseph Jefferson (Joe) Simmons, son of Calvin and Sophronia Simmons, was born July 9, 1871. Joe married (1) Lillie May and they had four boys and four girls. Joe and Lillie are both deceased. Their children are:

(1) Della Simmons married Joe Miley. They live on Route 3, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have five children:

(a) Bertha Mae Miley married Clyde Moody. They have one girl--Charlotte Ann.

(b) Lillie Lucile Miley married Harold D. Corbello. They have two children---Dwight and Pamela Regina.

(c) Josie May Miley is at home.

(d) Betty Jo Miley is at home.

(e) Bobbie Joyce Miley is at home.

(2) Teena Simmons, daughter of Joe and Lillie, married Fulton Landry. They live at 934 Avenue E, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have one girl--Nellie Mae, who married Eddie Peters.

(3) Lucy Simmons married Ed Perilloux. Lucy has died. They had two girls and a son---Agnes, Alma, and Frank.

(4) Leota Simmons married Huston Pierce. Leota has died. They had three girls and a son--Helen, Elois, Pauline, and Buford.

(5) Percy Simmons, son of Joe and Lillie, married Elsie Mae Buckhann. They have five children--Onetha, Eva, Edith, Joel, and Jewel.

(6) Neal Simmons, son of Joe and Lillie is deceased. He never married.

(7) Robert Wesley Simmons, deceased, son of Joe and Lillie married Unice (Eunice) McDaniel. They had no children.

(8) Albert Simmons, son of Joe and Lillie married Bittie Thornhill. They have four sons:

(a) Albert Simmons, Jr. is married and has three children.

(b) William (Bill) Simmons married and has two sons.

(c) Richard Simmons married and has a son and a daughter.

(d) Buster Simmons married and has three children.

IIC-10 Hettie Emma Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Saphronia was born August 1, 1873.

IIC-11 Molly Harvey Courtney Simmons, daughter of Calvin and Saphronia, was born November 1, 1876 and died in 1947 at Shreveport, Louisiana.

She married and had two daughters.

- (1) Rhoda married Tommie Litton.
 - (2) Myrtle married Arthur Prestridge.
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IIC-12 Jesse John Simmons (Jesse J.) was born September 20, 1879. He lives west of Walker's Bridge on Highway 48. Jesse married (1) Mrs. Jesse Hall. He married (2) Mrs. Rosa Brumfield, born in 1915 and died in 1945. Jesse married (3) Molly Jackson.

IIC-13 Lucy Cornelia Simmons, youngest child of Calvin and Saphronia, was born November 17, 1882. She married Walter Jackson, Sr. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have five children:

- (1) Lee Jackson died in a truck accident.
- (2) Louis Jackson, deceased.
- (3) Laney Jackson married and lives in Georgia.
- (4) Golda Jackson married Roscoe S. Skidmore. They live on Prescott Lane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- (5) Buster Jackson died young.

IID MARGARET SIMMONS
Daughter of William (Black Bill) Simmons

Margaret Simmons, only daughter of William (Black Bill) Simmons, was born June 10, 1834. She married Joe Reeves. It is said that they lived near her father and that she is buried in the old cemetery with her father. Joe is buried in the Reeves cemetery, five miles northeast of McComb, Mississippi. Margaret and Joe had six children:

IID-1 George W. Reeves was born April 22, 1853 and died April 16, 1936. At the close of fifty years service with J. J. White Lumber Company, the Company gave him a testimonial dinner and presented him a check for five hundred dollars. Later, the cancelled check was given to George, and his daughter, Mrs. T. J. Wells, had it framed. Governor Hugh White, said that George Reeves was a fine, honorable man and a valuable employee of his company.

On July 4, 1875, George married Victoria Brabham of Amite County, Mississippi. The marriage ceremony was performed by Reddick Simmons, son of George Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons Line). Victoria died with an infant child.

On August 17, 1876, George married Nancy S. Miller, who was born May 21, 1857, with Reverend E. M. Schilling performing the ceremony. George and Nancy are buried at McComb, Mississippi. They were the parents of four children:

(1) Margarette Isabel Reeves, daughter of George and Nancy was born October 2, 1877. On December 22, 1898, she married Thomas Jefferson Wells. They lived several miles south of McComb, Mississippi on the east side of the railroad. Isabel lives there now. She is 76 years old and in good health. T. J., as Thomas Jefferson was called, and Isabel had six children:

(a) Clyde Wells was born May 26, 1900. He married (1) Estelle Martin and they had three children--Lloyd, Thomas Earl, and an infant that died. Clyde married (2) Bobby Quin and they live at Hardwood, Louisiana.

(b) Purser H. Wells born February 15, 1905 died at four years.

(c) Eugene Wells was born March 21, 1907. He married Margarette Martin. They live south of McComb and have one daughter--Bernice, who married J. B. Quin. Bernice and J. B. have one son--Mike.

(d) Benton Wells, born March 7, 1911, married Carson Hargon. They live near her mother and have an adopted girl--Lloyd Dene.

(e) G. W. Wells, born October 1, 1915, married Sue King. They live in Columbus, Georgia.

(f) Norma Lee Wells, born October 17, 1919, married Bates De Priest. They live with her mother and have an adopted son--Thomas Ray.

(2) John Ella Reeves, daughter of George and Nancy, was born April 27, 1881 and died September 23, 1911. On the marker at her grave, her name is spelled "Johnie Ella". She married on October 18, 1899, N. Leon Bales. She is buried in McComb, Mississippi. Leon lives at Liverpool, Louisiana. John Ella and Leon had three children:

(a) Robert Leon (Bob) Bales, married Mamie Lee Scroggins of Waynesboro, Mississippi. They live south of McComb and had four children:

(i) Ollie Bales, Publicity man in radio circles, married Aubrey May Smith of Poplarville, Mississippi. They had one son--Bobby.

(ii) Howard Bales married Lois May. They live at Alexandria, Louisiana and have four children--Joe Howard, Patricia Ann, Barbara Lois, and Ronald Edward.

(iii) Robert Edgar Bales is in the oil fields at Crowley, Louisiana. He married Charline Johnston, deceased. They had one son--Kenneth B.

(iv) Bobby Jean Bales died in 1937 at 10 weeks old.

(b) Fred Edgar Bales, son of John Ella and Leon, married Ardis Kennedy. They live at Osyka, Mississippi and have three sons--Billy Ray, Freddie Joe, and George Edgar.

(c) Etta Bales, daughter of John Ella and Leon, married Blanford Giles, and they live at Columbia, Mississippi. They have two sons:

(i) Bernell Giles married Polly Stampley. They live in Columbia and have one girl--Etta Louise.

(ii) Freddie Giles is in the Armed Forces. He married Betty _____.

(3) Walter Reeves, son of George and Nancy Reeves, lives at Columbia, Mississippi. He married _____ and they have no children.

(4) Blanche Reeves, born April 16, 1887, died of Typhoid fever August 21, 1903. She is buried in McComb, Mississippi.

IID-2 James J. (Jim) Reeves, son of Margaret and Joe Reeves, was born February 2, 1855. He married Ann Sandifer, who was born May 10, 1856 and died December 29, 1944, at the age of 88 years. These dates are taken from a Family Bible in possession of Jim's son, Dewitt Reeves. (Ann Sandifer came out of the Bala Chitto line of Simmons). Jim and Ann are buried in the Baughman Family Cemetery, west of Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had four children:

(1) Carrie Reeves married Hansford Lee Rhodus, deceased. Carrie lives about five miles south of Magnolia, Mississippi. They had eight children:

(a) Pearl Rhodus married Larkin Thompson. They are at Port Arthur, Texas. They have one son--E. H.

(b) June Rhodus married Pansy Sandifer. They live in New Orleans and have no children.

(c) Annie Rhodus married Bernie Blades. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have five children--Herman, Buford, Evelyn, Junior and Pearline.

(d) Myrtis Rhodus married Jesse Kuyrkendall. They live near Magnolia, Mississippi and have no children.

(e) Linda Rhodus married Wesley Kennedy. They live in Magnolia and have one girl--Joyce.

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(f) Floyd Rhodus married Mamie Rhodus. They are at Hammond, Louisiana and have five children--Dorothy, Gordon, ~~Wendell~~ *WENDELL*, Ronald, and ~~Gwayne~~ *ERIC DUANE*

(g) Mattie Lou Rhodus lives with her mother.

(h) Elmer Rhodus married (1) Rosa Lee Stiles on February 5, 1948. They had one son--Garry Lee, born November 6, 1948. ~~Elmer married (2) Rosalie Childs.~~

(2) Dewitt W. Reeves, son of Jim and Ann Reeves, was born August 10, 1880 in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, according to the Family Bible. He now lives a few miles west of Bogalusa, Louisiana (between Bogalusa and Sheridan). Dewitt said that his father told him that Margaret Simmons Reeves died suddenly; that she was sweeping the floor and fell over. Jim and Margaret's youngest child, Maggie, was born in 1865, so Margaret's death occurred sometime after 1865.

Dewitt married (1) Mattie Lang, who was born November 11, 1886 and died January 2, 1945. She is buried in the Baughman cemetery. Dewitt and Mattie had seven children who lived to maturity. Dewitt moved to his present home place 53 years ago. Their children were:

(a) Ollie Reeves married (1) Ellis Martin. They had two children:

(i) Ellis Martin, Jr. is single.

(ii) Mavis Martin married Bud Roberts. They have three children--Jimmy, G. C., and Glendol.

Ollie Reeves Martin married (2) Smylie Mohon.

(b) Ronnie G. Reeves, born March 16, 1904, died January 11, 1937. He is buried in the Baughman Cemetery.

(c) Walter Reeves married Margin Evans. They live near his father and have four children--Bobby Jean, Charles, Walter Ray, and Jimmy.

(d) Inez Reeves married Almon Mitchell. They are in Bogalusa, Louisiana and had two sons--Larry, who was accidentally killed November 28, 1954 by a gun he had just received. He is buried in the Baughman cemetery; and Robert Mitchell, the second son.

(e) Gracie Mae Reeves born September 12, 1914, died April 1, 1943. She is buried in the Baughman Cemetery. She married Dennom Dillon and they had three children--Donald, Delois, and Elaine.

(f) Delton Reeves married Marilean Branch. They have three children--Michael, Lyndall, and _____.

(g) Kermit Reeves married Vilette Slade. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Dewitt Reeves married (2) Nancy Hand, who died May 4, 1952 at the age of 64 years. Dewitt married (3) Frances Blackwell Barber.

(3) Ada Reeves, daughter of Jim and Ann Reeves, married William (Bill) Baughman, born September 3, 1876 and died December 20, 1924. (Dates taken from Bill's father's Bible). They lived near Franklinton, Louisiana and had five children:

(a) Velma Baughman, born August 28, 1901, married James Joseph (Jim) Simmons, son of William Pearson (Bank) Simmons. (See Black Bill Simmons' son's Line). They live on Route 2, Franklinton, Louisiana, near Sheridan and have five children:

(i) Eva Simmons married Clifton S. Simoneaux. They live near her parents and have no children.

(ii) James William (J. W.) Simmons married (1) Corrine Ball. They had two children--Marilyn and Ellen. J. W.

married (2) Ruth Childs. They live in Biloxi, Mississippi, and have one girl--Deborah Ruth.

(iii) Dewitt William (D. W.) Simmons married Lois Chappell. They are in Dallas, Texas, and have one girl--Patricia Evelyn.

(iv) Ella Rose Simmons married Vernon Fitzpatrick. They are at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have five children--Paula and Paulette (twins), born August 17, 1947, Linda Pearl, Carolyn Ann, and Vernon Kent, Jr.

(v) Bernell Linwood Simmons married Montorio Cotton. They live in the Pine Community on Route 5, Franklinton, La., and they have one son, James Linwood, born October 22, 1954.

(b) Estella Baughman, born August 26, 1902, daughter of Ada and Bill Baughman, married G. E. Breland. They are in the Pine Community, Route 5, Franklinton, Louisiana, and have eight children:

(i) Ada May Breland married Buck O'Quin and they have two children--Willene, and Ronnie.

(ii) Murphy J. Breland is single.

(iii) Percy Breland married Gloria Small. They are in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have two children--Donald and Caren.

(iv) Hazel Breland married Wilford Fourquet. They are in Bogalusa and have three children-- _____, _____, _____.

(v) Robert Earl Breland married Barbara Lang. They live at Sheridan, Louisiana, out from Bogalusa and have one child--Ann Myres.

(vi) Billy Ray Breland is at home.

(vii) Odean Breland is at home.

(viii) Michael Breland is at home.

(c) Felton Baughman, son of Ada and Bill Baughman, married Annie King. They are at 5077 Jefferson Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children:

(i) Marguerite Baughman married Carey Vickers. They have four living children--Bootsie, Jimmy, _____, and _____, and there is one deceased.

(ii) Versie Baughman.

(d) Sebie Baughman, child of Ada and Bill, married Lonie Rester. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children-- Billy, Charles (who is studying for the M.D. degree at Tulane), and Betty Ann.

(e) James (Jim) Baughman, son of Ada and Bill, died when he was eight years old and is buried in the Baughman cemetery.

(4) Alice J. Reeves, daughter of Jim and Ann Reeves died January 9, 1927. She married William Pleimner (Buddy) Corkern, who was killed by a car in about 1938. Alice died _____. They are buried in the Baughman cemetery. Alice was born in Magnolia, Mississippi. Alice and Buddy had five children:

(a) Odis Corkern, born August 14, 1906 married Evelyn Penten in 1944. Evelyn was born April 24, 1919. They live at Bogalusa, Louisiana and have three children--William Otto, born January 3, 1947; Doris Evelyn, born September 9, 1949, and Charles Ray, born December 4, 1951.

(b) Hezzie Corkern born February 13, 1909, married Retha Talley, born February 20, 1915. They reside at 1701 Thomas Blvd., Bogalusa, Louisiana and have one daughter--Alice Fay, born April 2, 1939, who married Elbert Amacker on April 23, 1954. Elbert was born May 20, 1939. He is in the United States Air Forces.

(c) Delos Corkern married (1) Bessie Lee Patterson. Delos married (2) Hazel Dean Jenkins and they have one son--Delos Esco.

(d) Talmage Corkern married (1) Queenie Merritt. Talmage married (2) Mable Wheat. They live east of Bogalusa, Louisiana just across the Pearl River in Mississippi and have three children--Talmage Wayne, Donald Ray, and Leatrice Ann.

(e) Lela Corkern married (1) Jesse Sumrall. They had one daughter--Doris Sumrall who married Curtis Landry and they live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Doris and Curtis have two children--Jacquelyn Joy and Deannie Joy. Lela Corkern Sumrall married (2) John L. Ross. He died in 1954. They lived in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is buried in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

IID-3 Nannie Reeves, daughter of Margaret and Joe Reeves, married (1) William Smith, and they had two children:

(1) Benjamin (Ben) Smith is known as Ben Jenkins. He married and lives in Memphis Tennessee and has several children.

(2) Beulah Smith, born in 1880, married Thomas (Tom) Welsh, born in 1867. Tom was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Norfield, Mississippi and was recorder of that Lodge until his death. He died in McComb, Mississippi. He and Beulah had nine children, according to one of the living children, Irene Stupka. They were:

(a) William Thomas (Willie) Welsh died at the age of five years. He is buried in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

(b) Christine Welsh lives in Mansfield, Ohio.

(c) Stanley Welsh works in McComb, Mississippi for the Better Printing Company. He married Ira Badon and they have two children--Jo Ann, who married Larry Boyd, and Stanley, Jr.

(d) Ledger Legee Welsh was born December 2, 1910. He married Ruby Birdsong on December 24, 1934. Ruby was born May 10, 1910. They live on Madison Street in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have two sons--Charles Thomas born October 6, 1935 and Alton Legee, born August 15, 1938. Ledger was reared in the Masonic Home for Children, Meridian, Mississippi.

(e) Irene Welsh, born September 22, 1912, married Sheldon Fortenberry and they had one daughter--Bobby Jean, born in 1935. Bobby Jean recently joined the Armed Forces and is stationed at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi. (See Nola Simmons Fortenberry Line). Irene married (2) Otto Stupa and they live in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Irene was reared in the Masonic Home at Meridian.

(f) Emanuel Eugene Welsh, born in 1914, died in 1925. He was reared in the Masonic Home in Meridian. He died while playing in a sand cave at Columbus, Mississippi. He is buried in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

(g) Mary Bell Welsh was born in 1916 and died in 1921. She is buried in Brookhaven.

(h) Dorothy Welsh married William Charles Birdsong, Sr., brother to Ruby Birdsong. They live at Mt. Gilead, Ohio and have one son--William Charles, Jr. (Buddy). They also have two adopted children--Roger and Jane. Dorothy Welsh was reared in the Masonic Home at Meridian, Mississippi.

(i) We do not know the name of the ninth child. It may have been that there was a "Willie" and a "William Thomas".

Nannie Reeves Smith married (2) James Monroe Bardwell and they had eight children:

(3) Nettie Bardwell; deceased, was born December 6, 1883. She married Jesse Myers; who was born February 12, 1880. They lived just east of McComb, Mississippi and had nine children:

(a) James Monroe Myers, born January 1, 1903, married Rena Lawrence on April 9, 1929. They had three boys--James Harold, Charles Raymond, and Aubrey.

(b) Jesse Edwin (Eddie) Myers, born June 1, 1905, works for Hederman Brothers, Jackson, Mississippi (Clarion Ledger Morning Paper). He married Mrs. Jewell Carr Moak on January 17, 1931. Jewell had one daughter by a previous marriage--Gloria Moak who is married and has two children.

(c) Hillrie Myers, born March 13, 1907; married Eva Howell on December 8, 1939. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have three children--Francis Hillrie, Jr., Clara Louise, and Brittie Fay.

(d) Hattie Marie Myers, born April 19, 1909 was married March 28, 1931 to Hugh McIntosh. They live at Paducah, Kentucky and had one child that died as an infant.

(e) Gladys Lucile Myers, born March 12, 1912, married Ray Foster on March 6, 1931. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Edwin Earl, Charles Ray, and Nellie Kay.

(f) Hubert Bilbo Myers, born August 30, 1915, married May Higginbotham and they had two children--Larry and Barbara Lee. Hubert married (2) Dorothy Williams and they had one son--Hubert Laverne (Butch). Hubert Myers, Sr. was wounded in World War II and died in 1948 in a car wreck.

(g) Evelyn Grace Myers; born March 21, 1918, married Lloyd Hamilton on December 8, 1939. They live east of McComb, Mississippi and have three children--Estelle Dupont, Lloyd Rembert, and Jauquine.

(h) Helen Louise Myers, born December 9, 1921, married J. C. Conerly, on June 22, 1939. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have three children--J. C. Jr., Helen Marie, and Larry.

(i) Jewell Maurice Myers, born March 19, 1926, married Dorothy Wilson. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have two girls--Sherry and Nadine.

(4) Sarah (Sadie) Bardwell, daughter of Nannie and James Monroe Bardwell, married Brace Cockerham. Both are deceased. They had three children:

(a) Claude Cockerham died at about 9 years of age.

(b) Nell Cockerham lives at Corpus Christi, Texas. She married _____ and they have one child.

(c) Neva Cockerham lives at Corpus Christi, Texas. She married

_____ Blackwell and they have three children--
_____, _____, and _____.

- (5) Monroe Bardwell died in 1898 at 12 years of age.
- (6) Bessie Bardwell married Albert White. They live at 702 34th Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana and had three children:
- (a) Homer White married and had one daughter--Roberta, who married Ray Shoutz. They have three children.
 - (b) Lamar Linton White is married and has no children.
 - (c) James White is married and has four children--Barbara Jean, Bessie, Lamar, and Jimmy.
- (7) William Albert Bardwell lives at Blue Lake, California. By his first marriage there were two sons and one girl--all married. By his second marriage there was one girl--Doris, who is married and lives in New Orleans. By his third marriage there are no children.
- (8) Mary Bardwell, daughter of Nannie and James Monroe Bardwell, married Ed Causey, a member of the McComb Police for many years. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have two children:
- (a) Mildred Causey married Reverend Elliott Jones, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Reverend Jones was recently made a District Superintendent in the Methodist Conference. They have one son--George Elliott Jones, 19 years of age.
 - (b) Clifton Causey married Ruby McCann. They live in Birmingham, Alabama and have three children--Sheryl, Cynthia, and Mary Celeste.
- (9) George Bardwell, son of Nannie and James Monroe Bardwell, married _____ and lives in Detroit, Michigan.
- (10) Mitchell Bardwell lives in Houston, Texas. He married _____ and they have five children--all married. They are Eva Bell, Gladys Mildred, Ruby Lee (died in about 1953 at the age of 28 years), Lois and Ina May. Mitchell also has one son--Mitchell Grady, who is in the Armed Forces, now stationed in Korea.

IID-4 Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Reeves, daughter of Margaret and Joe Reeves, was born March 28, 1858 and died July 10, 1912. She married John S. Hurst, who was born October 17, 1854 and died July 21, 1917. They are buried at McComb, Mississippi. They lived at Natalbany, La., and had six children:

(1) John Hurst married Annie Fitzpatrick. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(2) Hugh Hurst died in ~~1922~~ 1921. He married Annie B Mullins. *They had 4 children: Hugh L., Helen Louise, Jewell and George B. Annie married G. M. Hatcher. They live in Lufkin Texas.*

(3) Dora Hurst married William J. (Will) Finch. They lived in McComb, Mississippi and later moved to Natalbany, Louisiana. They had four children:

(a) John Revis Finch married Ruth Gertrude Cowan. They live on Route 1, Tickfaw, Louisiana and have five children:

(i) Ruth Theresa Finch married Alton B. Parker. They have two sons--Herman Alton, 13 years, and Willie B., 11 years.

(ii) Nina Estelle Finch married Sam Bankston. They have three children--Donald, 13 years, Ronald, 11 years, and Linda Fay, 9 years.

(iii) John Revis Finch, Jr. married Joyce E. Crowder. They have three children--Cheryl Elaine, four years, John Revis III, age three years, and Dennis Wayne, age one year.

(iv) Harold Lee Finch married Mary Gongwer and they have two girls--Ruth Calette, age 2, and Janice Lynn, age 4 months.

(v) James Allen Finch married Helen Maxine Bankston and they have one girl--Terl Sue, age 1.

(b) William J. Finch, Jr. married Viola Sharkey. They are on Route 3, Amite, Louisiana and have eight children:

(i) Willie Zelton Finch married Estelle Singleton. They are on Route 3, Amite, Louisiana and have three children--James Allen, Linda, and Sheryl.

(ii) Colleen Finch married Jack Ballard. They live at 1715 North 27th Street, Baton Rouge, La., and have three children--Jackie, Tommy, and Dennis.

(iii) Glyn Finch married Delores Crowder. They are on Route 3, Amite, Louisiana and have one child--Lynn Dale.

(iv) Inez Finch married Tyre McDonald. They live on Route 3, Amite, Louisiana and have two children--Marsha and Karen.

(v) Imelda Finch married Richard Davis. They are on Route 3, Amite, Louisiana and have one son--Richard Jr.

(vi) Janet Finch is at home.

(vii) Carl Finch is at home.

(viii) Jerry Finch is at home.

(c) George Finch married Nabel Baucam. They live in Houston, Texas and have two sons and a daughter.

(d) Ruby F. Finch, age 51, married Wilbert L. Robertson, age 60 (in 1954). Their address is Route 1, Box 104B, Tickfaw, Louisiana. They have a son and a daughter:

(i) Wilbert T. Robertson, age 31; married Stella Harper. They have four children--Dorothy, John, Janie Lou, and Sarah Sue.

(ii) Alma Dean Robertson, age 28, married C. L. Schulenburg. They live at 510 North Magnolia Street, Hammond, Louisiana and have one son--Clay Louis III.

(4) Carl Hurst, son of Lizzie and John, died in 1922. He had no family.

(5) Jewell Willie Hurst, son of Lizzie and John, born October 2, 1896, married Bertie Florence Williamson on April 14, 1914 in Jefferson County, Texas. Bertie was born September 24, 1896. They live at Silsbee, Texas and have five children:

(a) Sammie Jewell Hurst, born April 4, 1916, married (1) _____ Beard and they had one child--Clara Ruth, born July 23, 1931, who married Troy Derrell on March 12, 1954. Sammie Jewell married (2) a Mr. Condray and they had one child--Willie Joe, born February 4, 1938. Sammie Jewell married (3) A. B. Pye on September 21, 1941.

(b) Hugh Loran Hurst, born June 15, 1920 married (1) a Mr. Hayes. They had three children:

(i) Selina Jewell Hayes, born February 4, 1938, married Ross Delton Baker, Jr. on August 20, 1954.

(ii) Glenda Florence Hayes, born January 27, 1940.

(iii) Mildren Merlene Hayes, born June 13, 1942.

Hugh Loran Hurst married (2) Felix Foreman, Jr. on June 27, 1946 and they have two children:

(iv) Judith Foreman, born January 8, 1948.

(v) Jessica O'Dare Foreman, born January 16, 1954.

(c) Jewell Willie Hurst, Jr., born October 27, 1922, married Grace Elizabeth Hand, who was born November 5, 1920. They

have two children:

(i) Jewell Willie Hurst III, born February 4, 1943.

(ii) Beverly Ann Hurst, born October 4, 1943.

(d) Mattie Elizabeth Hurst born October 21, 1924 married Millard Johnson on May 15, 1945. Millard was born April 2, 1920. They have one girl--Linda Johnson, born December 21, 1946.

(e) Johnnie O'Dare Hurst born June 29, 1930 married (1) _____ Arnold and they have one son:

(i) Millard James Arnold, born December 16, 1945.

Johnnie married (2) Howard Federick Payne, born October 2, 1920. They were married on August 12, 1947 and they have two children:

(ii) Howard Federick Payne, Jr. born August 20, 1948.

(iii) John Taylor Payne, born February 21, 1951.

(6) George Hurst, son of Lizzie and George Hurst, lives on Radium Springs Road, near Albany, Georgia. He married (1) Albertine Bower. George married (2) Ollie Owens, deceased and they had one son:

(a) George S. Hurst, Jr. is married and has one son, born September, 1953--George, Jr. George S. is at Daytona Beach, Florida with Radio Station WMFJ.

George Sr. married (3) Ellabell Sledge.

IID-5 Lula (Lou) Reeves, daughter of Margaret and Joe Reeves, married James Crossley. They moved to Indiana and are buried there. So far as is known, they had seven children--Verna Crossley married Curtis Vaughn, Georgie Crossley, Willie, Norbin, Mitt, Lillie, and a daughter that died as an infant.

IID-6 Maggie Reeves, daughter of Joe and Margaret Reeves, was born November 19, 1865 and died February 16, 1908. She married C. O. (Quit) Bardwell, who was born December 28, 1875 and died May 12, 1908. They are buried at McComb, Mississippi. They had no children.

IIE JAMES WASHINGTON SIMMONS
Son of William (Black Bill) Simmons

James Wash. Simmons, known as "Jim" and also as James W. Simmons, was the son of William (Black Bill) Simmons and Nancy Rhymes (Rimes) Simmons. Jim was born September 1, 1836 and died in the spring of 1920. He died at the home of his son, Harvey, from a cold that he had contracted in the early fall. At the time of his death, he was living with his son, William Pearson (Pierson) Simmons, on the old Hughey Dykes place in Kentwood, Louisiana. Jim married Elizaweer Ann Stallings, who was born February 18, 1838 and died February 1, 1871. They were married in Pike County, Mississippi. Eliza was the daughter of James Stallings (born May 21, 1814 and died at his son's home, W. W. Stallings, in Pike County on June 23, 1892). Eliza's mother was Sarah Pearson (Pierson) Stallings (born July 21, 1813 and died November 5, 1878). Eliza had ten sisters and brothers, one of whom was Jane Stallings, who married Jim's brother, Calvin Simmons. Jim and Eliza are buried in the Stallings Cemetery near her father's old home place.

James W. Simmons was a Private in Company K, 38th Regiment of Mississippi, Calvary, C.S.A. during the War of the Confederacy. He drew a pension of about eight or ten dollars for his service in this war. The record of his service is on file in the State Archives in Jackson, Mississippi.

Jim and Eliza had seven children. The dates and the names of Jim and Eliza's immediate family included in this history came from the Stallings Family Bible, the Family Bibles of several members of the family, and from grave markers. Much of this information was supplied by Jim and Eliza's great-granddaughter, Hazel Dykes Kirby, after she checked with many living relatives. The children were:

IIE-1 James Silas Simmons, son of Jim and Eliza Simmons, was born in Pike County, Mississippi, in 1856, and died at Kentwood, Louisiana in 1932. He married (1) Tempie Parson. She is buried at Amite River Church. (The 1860 census for Washington Parish, Louisiana gives "John H. C." as the first child of Jim and Eliza, but the Stallings Family Bible gives the first child as James Silas.) Silas and Tempie had one daughter:

(1) Nola Simmons, born in 1883, married Asa J. Newsom. They lived at Portland, Arkansas. Asa died April 4, 1918, and is buried at Portland. Nola lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She and Asa had three sons and two daughters:

(a) Emerson Newsom owns and operates the Standard Cleaners, 3902 Powhatan Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married Loretta West and they have two children:

(i) Charles Alvin Newsom

(ii) Jerry Dale Newsom

(b) Asa J. Newsom, Jr. was killed October 5, 1945, in an accidental gas explosion. He married (1) Louise Gautier, and they had one daughter:

(i) Betty Jean married _____ Gleasson.

Asa Jr. married (2) Lula Denham, and they had two sons:

(ii) Bobby Wayne died with his father.

(iii) _____

(c) H. J. Newsom married Bobbie Prewett. They have two sons:

(i) Robert Asa Newsom

(ii) Jay Newsom

(d) Tempie Newsom married Silas Rittman. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(e) Emma Dean Newsom married C. A. Lewis. They live at Texarkana, Texas.

In 1904, Silas married (2) Hattie Swearengen, born in 1876 and died in 1942. They lived at Kentwood, Louisiana where they are buried.

IIE-2 Harvey Richard (Harve) Simmons, son of James ^{Washington} ~~William~~ and Eliza, was born September 6, 1857 and died June 25, 1931, according to both Family Bible and grave marker records. He married Mary Jane Dillon, who was born December 19, 1854 and died February 3, 1942. Mary Jane was a sister to Hester Dillon who married Harvey's brother, James E. Simmons (known as "Red Jim"). Harvey and Mary Jane are buried in the Burkhalter Cemetery, near Walker's Bridge in Pike County. They lived for many years on the site of the old Black Bill Simmons residence. They were the parents of ten children:

(1) Eliza Simmons married Allen Dunaway. She lives with her sister, Salley, in Fernwood, Mississippi. Eliza had no children.

(2) Elder W. Simmons, born in 1876 and died February 20, 1951, married (1) Sallie C. Dillon. He married (2) Margaret Jane Dillon and he married (3) Marie Stogner. Elder is buried in the old Stogner cemetery, east of Tylertown, Mississippi. He and Marie, his third wife, had one son--Harvey Esco Simmons, born August 6, 1931. Marie and her son live east of Tylertown. Elder's first two wives, Margaret Jane and Sallie, were sisters.

(3) Sallie (Sally) Simmons married Charlie Brumfield, who was born February 17, 1874 and died December 4, 1930. He is buried in the Rushing Family Cemetery, west of Tylertown, Mississippi. Sally lives in Fernwood, Mississippi and is not in too good health at the time of this writing. She and Charlie had seven children:

(a) Beatrice Brumfield lives at Fernwood, Mississippi and is employed in McComb, Mississippi.

(b) Hosea E. Brumfield, son of Charlie and Sally, was born April 7, 1898 and died March 17, 1946. He is buried in the Silver Creek Church Cemetery, in Pike County. He married Georgia Bryant and they had four children:

(i) C. W. Brumfield married Thelma Smith. They live at Hagerstown, Maryland and have one daughter--Roxie Ann.

(ii) Edward Brumfield married Fay Varnado. They have three sons--Glen Edward, Randolph, and James Burton.

(iii) Helen Brumfield married Willie Newsom. They live at Tangipahoa, Louisiana and have four children--Jerry, Willie Elliott, Dorothy Lavonne and Judy Ann.

(iv) Bryant Brumfield married Mary Evelyn Rimes. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(c) Smith Brumfield, son of Charlie and Sally, married (1) Amy Shelby and they had two daughters:

(i) Jimmy Nell Brumfield married Edward Rogers. He is in the United States Armed Forces.

(ii) Frankie Jean Brumfield married Frank Johnson and they have two children--_____ and _____.

Smith Brumfield married (2) Ruby McCain. They live east of Tylertown, Mississippi and had eight children--Annie Bell, Louise, Hubert, and Herbert (twins), Billy Sue, Charlotte, Perry Ann, and an infant that died.

(d) Gladys Brumfield, daughter of Charlie and Sally, married Wessie Vince. They live on Route 2, Sandy Hook, Mississippi, and had seven children:

(i) Lorene Vince married Devon Ard. They live at Sandy Hook and have no children.

(ii) Estelle Vince married Walter Goss. She is a registered nurse at Gulfport, Mississippi. They have no children.

(iii) Robert Earl Vince married Mary Breland. They live at Sandy Hook and have no children.

(iv) Katie Murrell Vince married Lester Thomas. They live at Sandy Hook and have one son--Hal.

(v) Sarah Deane Vince married Javus Branch. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have one girl--Valerie.

(vi) An infant died.

(vii) Willie Joe Vince is at home.

(e) Mary Brumfield, daughter of Charlie and Sally, married John D. Cooper, deceased, and they had two children:

(i) Gloria Dean Cooper married Otis Lenoir. They are at Mississippi State College at this writing and have one son--Robert Otis (Bobby).

(ii) Billy Ray Cooper married Juanita Hebert of Lafayette, Louisiana on December 2, 1954.

Gloria Dean and Billy Ray were adopted and reared by their aunt, Beatrice Brumfield.

(f) Ida Lee (Harvey) Brumfield, daughter of Charlie and Sally, married Denman Estess, who died in July, 1950 from injuries sustained while diving into water. They had four children:

(i) Margaret Lee Estess married W. D. (Doc) Smith. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children--Selinda Gean, and Edwin Delatt.

(ii) Carl Denman Estess married Rita Lemoine. They are in Baton Rouge and have no children.

(iii) Melvin Estess is at home.

(iv) Martha Ann Estess is at home.

(g) Mable Brumfield, daughter of Charlie and Sally, born February, 1916, and died February 2, 1916, is buried in the Rushing Cemetery.

(4) Edgar Simmons, son of Harvey and Mary Jane Simmons, married Maggie Thornhill. They live north of Walker's Bridge in Walthall County and have three children:

(a) Clyde Elton Simmons married Dora Brumfield, daughter of Dewitt J. Brumfield. Clyde has been Chief of Police in McComb, Mississippi for six years. He and Dora had one son:

(i) Clyde Elton Simmons, Jr. born June 28, 1932 and died June 19, 1953, when a car he was driving skidded from a wet bridge into a swollen stream near Percy Quin Park, McComb, Mississippi. Clyde is buried in McComb.

(b) Ulmer Simmons, son of Edgar, lives near his parents. He is employed in McComb. Elmer married Cordelia Rushing and they have one daughter--Dora Fay.

(c) Evelyn Simmons, daughter of Edgar and Dora, married Joe Simmons, son of _____ Simmons. They live near her parents and have one girl--Jo Ann.

(5) Della Simmons, daughter of Harvey Simmons, lives at Gloster, Mississippi. She married (1) Mac McQueen and (2) Dr. Will Varnado and (3) Charles M. Day. She had no children by any of the marriages.

(6) James T. (Jim) Simmons married Ollie Terrell. He was born in 1888 and died in 1949. He is buried at Silver Creek Church Cemetery in Pike County. Jim and Ollie lived for many years on the old Jesse C. Simmons place. They had four children:

(a) Elder Simmons married Dorothy _____ Simmons, a widow. Dorothy had five children by a previous marriage. Elder and Dorothy have no children.

(b) J. O. Simmons married (1) Veta Mae Goins and they had one son, _____. J. O. married (2) Elsie Brumfield. They live in New Orleans and have two children--Jerry and _____.

(c) Virgil Simmons married _____ Varnado. He is in the United States Armed Forces.

(d) Myrtle Lee Simmons married Johnnie Moreau of Opolusas, Louisiana. They have an adopted daughter.

(7) J. Dort Simmons, son of Harvey Simmons, was born June 21, 1889 and died February 27, 1939. He is buried in the Burkhalter Cemetery near Walker's Bridge. Dort married Lovie Thornhill, daughter of E. C. Thornhill and they had five children:

(a) Annie Lou Simmons married Deward Magee. They live east of Tylertown and have four children--Jimmy, Betty Jo, _____ and _____.

(b) Della Mae Simmons married P. J. Haidell of Gloster, Miss.

(c) J. D. Simmons married Nellie Mae Sawyer and they have three sons--John, Jesse Dort, and Billy.

(d) Veta Simmons married _____. They live in California and have four children.

(e) Vada Simmons, twin of Veta.

(8) Dixie Simmons, daughter of Harvey Simmons, was born April 21, 1891 and died February 16, 1908. She is buried in the Burkhalter Cemetery.

(9) Ollis C. Simmons, son of Harvey, married Hilda Dykes, daughter of Emma Burkhalter and James N. Dykes. They live where the old Holmesville-Silver Creek Church Road crosses Highway 48. They have

two children:

(a) Genevieve Simmons married John H. Payne and they have three children--Sheryle, Janet Marie, and John Michael.

(b) Ollis C. Jr. is at home. He is outstanding in 4-H Club Work.

(10) Ollie L. Simmons, twin of Ollis, married Texie Day. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have five children:

(a) Dora Jean Simmons married Robert Rockwell. They live in New Orleans and have one son--Robert, Jr.

(b) Dixie Simmons married Rene Cassibana. They have two children--Dixie Vonne and Richard Luther.

(c) Mary Simmons married Devon Schilling. They have one son--Leon.

(d) Rebecca Simmons is at home.

(e) Gwendolyn Simmons is at home.

IIE-3 William Pearson (Buck) Simmons, son of James ^{Washington} ~~William~~ and Eliza Simmons, was born in Mississippi, December 19, 1859 and died November 18, 1939, according to the Stallings Family Bible. He married Idella Dillon (spelled Idellar Dillon in the Stallings Bible). Idella was born July 21, 1865 and died January 8, 1940. The marker at Idella's grave records her as born in 1868 and died in 1941. This is in error and so is the one at Buck's grave, which has the dates 1860-1939. They are buried in the Baughman Family Cemetery, west of Bogalusa, Louisiana. They lived in Kentwood and in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Idella was the daughter of John Dillon and Margaret Ophelia Knighton Dillon. Buck and Della, as she was called, had seven children:

(1) Maggie Simmons, born February 22, 1886, is single and lives with her brother, James Joseph (Jim), on Route 2, Franklinton, Louisiana.

(2) Eliza Simmons, born November 29, 1888, married Albert Brown Hughes on November 21, 1905. Albert is deceased as of August, 1952 and is buried at Ebenezer Baptist Church, near Liberty, Mississippi. Eliza lives at their home, known as the George Smith place, built of logs during slave time. Albert was a farmer. They had three children:

(a) Audrey Brown Hughes; born January 1, 1907, married Iva Mae Welch, born March 1, 1907. They were married March 1, 1929. They live in Centerville, Mississippi and have two sons:

(i) Audrey Conway Hughes, born December 27, 1929, married Elaine Dawsey on November 23, 1950 and they have one son-- Stephen Conway Hughes, born in November, 1953.

(ii) Harrol Bradford Hughes, born March 2, 1931 is single.

(b) Clara Estelle Hughes, daughter of Albert Brown and Eliza Hughes, was born February 29, 1908. Clara married Lamar Perkins, a stock farmer. They had five children:

(i) Paul Lamar Perkins, born June 16, 1926, married Doris Flo Looney. They have two children--David, born November 13, 1952 and Clifford Marvin, born February 5, 1954.

(ii) Helen Viola Perkins, born January 16, 1927, married Ted Dodson. They live in Beaumont, Texas.

(iii) Albert Tola Perkins, born February 22, 1929, is single.

(iv) Clifford Perkins, born June 16, 1932, died July 27, 1948 as the result of an accident while riding a horse.

(v) Clayton Melvin Perkins, born January 27, 1935.

(c) William Odessa Hughes, son of Albert Brown and Eliza Hughes, was born June 14, 1910. He married Mary Elvira Evelyn Whetstone on October 9, 1937. Mary Elvira Evelyn was born December 24, 1914. Her nickname is "Tess". They live in Centerville, Mississippi and had two children:

(i) Michael Odessa Hughes, born November 19, 1940.

(ii) An infant daughter that died July 26, 1954.

(3) James Joseph Simmons, son of Buck and Della, married Velma Pauline Baughman, daughter of William Edward (Bill) Baughman and Ada Reeves Baughman. James Joseph (Jim) and Velma were married in 1917. Jim was born February 22, 1890 and Velma was born August 28, 1901. They live near Pine, Louisiana (Address, Route 2, Box 90, Franklinton, Louisiana). Their children are:

(a) Eva Ophelia Simmons, born March 23, 1918, married Clifton Francis Simcneaux, a pipe fitter for the Gaylord Container Corporation in Bogalusa. They live near Pine, Louisiana and have no children.

(b) James William (J.W.) Simmons married (1) Corinne Bell. They had two children:

(i) Marilyn Vera Simmons, born August, 1944.

(ii) Ellen Simmons, born September 10, 1945.

James William married (2) Ruth Childs. They live in Biloxi, Mississippi and have one daughter:

(iii) Deborah Ruth, born October, 1953.

(c) Dewitt William Simmons, born March 19, 1926, married Evelyn Lois Chappel. They live in Dallas, Texas and have one girl-- Patricia Evelyn, born December 21, 1932.

(d) Ella Rose Simmons, born July 27, 1928, married Vernon Kent Fitzpatrick. They live in Baton Rouge and have five children:

(i) Paul Fitzpatrick, born August 17, 1947 (twin).

(ii) Paulette Fitzpatrick, born August 17, 1947 (twin).

(iii) Linda Pearl Fitzpatrick, born November 1, 1948.

(iv) Carolyn Ann Fitzpatrick, born July 6, 1951.

(v) Vernon Kent Fitzpatrick, Jr., born July 12, 1954.

(e) Bernell Lindwood Simmons, born July 16, 1930; married Ossie Montoria Cotton. They live near Pine, Louisiana, where Bernell is a farmer. They have one child born October 22, 1954--James Lindwood Simmons.

(4) Eva Simmons, daughter of William Pearson and Idella Simmons was born August 6, 1892. She married David Bunion Anglin on August 30, 1908. They were married in Liberty, Mississippi. David is the son of Jasper Batey Anglin and Milche Hasseltine Allen Anglin. They live in Bogalusa. They had three children:

(a) William Ardell Anglin; born September 29, 1912, married Fay Jack Hilton, born June 27, 1917. They were married on December 15, 1939 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Fay's father was killed accidentally and her mother married John Henley and he legally adopted Fay. Her great-grandmother was Abi Bandifer, who married Charles Monroe Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons). Abi was born in 1861 and Charles was born in 1857 and died in 1925. William Ardell and Fay live in Bogalusa, Louisiana. They own Star Studio and are co-owners of the Tri-State Enterprises.

(b) Della Mae Anglin, born October 8, 1918 (twin) married Thomas Allison Reynolds, Jr., born August 14, 1917. They were married in Baton Rouge, Louisiana by S. C. Rushing on January 15, 1942. Thomas Allison is the son of Thomas Allison Reynolds, Sr. and Jewel Elizabeth Linsey Reynolds. Thomas Allison, Jr. was a Major in the United States Air Forces during World War II. They

live in El Dorado, Arkansas. Thomas owns and operates a saw mill. They have no children of their own, but have two adopted sons:

(i) Thomas Allison Reynolds III, born April 11, 1948.

(ii) Ronald Quentin Reynolds, born December 14, 1950.

(c) David Bunion Anglin, Jr. (twin of Della Mae) was born and died on October 8, 1918. He is buried in the Baughman Family Cemetery near Pine, Louisiana.

(5) Howard Leroy Simmons, son of William Pearson (Buck) Simmons, was born December 11, 1894 and died August 13, 1951. He married (1) Pearl Lee Miller, born in 1901. They were married July, 1916. Howard is buried in the Baughman Family Cemetery. Howard and Pearl had two daughters:

(a) Edrie Lee Simmons, born August 14, 1917, married Neil Victor Moran on October 1, 1938. They have no children and he is in the United States Navy.

(b) Helen Evelyn Simmons, born April 23, 1920, married Lofton Lesley on March 3, 1938. They live at Sun, Louisiana and have no children.

Howard married (2) Donna Sorrells Blackwell; a widow, born September 18, 1896. They were married on December 20, 1926. They had three children:

(c) Janis Simmons, born May 28, 1928, married Aubrey Claxton Byrd, son of Heburn Byrd. They were married on February 10, 1947. Aubrey was born February 24, 1928. They have one child--Richard Wayne Byrd, born November 23, 1947.

(d) Howard Donnal Simmons, born January 31, 1933, married Edna Hubert on January 30, 1954. He is in the United States Navy, stationed in Texas at this writing.

(e) Evelyn Jane Simmons, born August 2, 1936.

(6) Sallie Simmons, daughter of William Pearson Simmons, was born in Kentwood, Louisiana December 3, 1896. She married Earl Edwin Dykes, son of Hughie and Omie Dykes. Earl was born April 12, 1894. They were married in Osyka, Mississippi on October 1, 1911, by Reverend Esco Schilling. Sallie and Earl live in Bogalusa and have three daughters. Earl owns and operates an electrical shop.

(a) Omie Della Dykes, born July 27, 1912, married George Albert Johnson, Jr. on November 8, 1934 at the Superior Avenue Baptist Church in Bogalusa. They were married by Reverend S. C. Rushing. George is a Laboratory Inspector for the Gaylor

Container Corporation. They have one son--George Earl Johnson, born August 2, 1936.

(b) Marcella Evelyn Dykes, born November 19, 1915, married Iverson Bachlor Bienvenu, Sr., son of George Bienvenu. They were married on December 30, 1941 at the First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana by the Reverend Palmer. Iverson works as a Traveling Traffic Inspector for the Illinois Central Railroad. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have two children:

(i) Iverson Bachlor Bienvenu, born November 13, 1942.

(ii) Susie Marcella Bienvenu, born September 28, 1950.

(c) Hazel Ophelia Dykes, born February 12, 1918, married William Howard Kirby, son of Alexander Zillion Kirby. Howard was born January 2, 1917. Hazel and Howard were married on March 20, 1938 at the First Baptist Church in Bogalusa, by Reverend O. P. Estess. Howard died January 9, 1953. He is buried in the Ponemah Cemetery, Bogalusa, Louisiana. He served in World War II as 1st Sergeant, Hq. & Hq. Co: 534 E. B. & S. R., Amphibious Eng. 38378942 United States Army, from January 27, 1943 to January 9, 1946. He worked for the Gulf Mobile and Ohio Railroad and was a member of the Legislative Committee for this Railroad. He was a Colonel on the Staff of the Governor of Louisiana. He was a 32 Degree Mason with membership in Center Lodge, 244 F.A.M., Bogalusa, Louisiana. Hazel lives in her home at 907 West 6th Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had no children.

(7) Mattie Simmons, daughter of William Pearson Simmons, was born August 19, 1898 and died September 19, 1925. She is buried in the Baughman Cemetery near Pine, Louisiana. The marker at her grave gives the dates of birth and death as 1889-1929; but this is in error. Mattie married Hampton Albert Brumfield, Sr. on February 9, 1945. Hampton Albert was born August 29, 1892. They had three children:

(a) Virgie Olga Brumfield, born September 4, 1917, married Charles Edward Blount, Sr. on March 21, 1936. They live in Bogalusa and he works for the Gaylord Container Corporation. They have four children:

(i) Charles Edward Blount, Jr., born December 22, 1937.

(ii) Mattie Sandra Blount, born July 3, 1939.

(iii) Golda (Goldie) Rae Blount, born August 2, 1941.

(iv) Lucie Dora Blount, born May 14, 1949.

(b) Hampton Albert Brumfield, Jr., born March 8, 1919, married

Leoda Engrams. Hampton Albert was known by his initials, "H.A.". He died on December 25, 1939 of a motor-bike accident. He is buried in the Baughman Family Cemetery near Pine, Louisiana. Albert and Leoda had one daughter--Bernice, born in 1936.

(c) Maudine Lavada Brumfield, born September 30, 1921, married Louis Leonard Bush on April 16, 1941. Maudine is working in a store in Bogalusa.

Hampton Albert Brumfield, Sr. married (2) Ola Mae Hoyman. They live in Bogalusa and Hampton Albert is a carpenter.

IE-4 Margaret Ophelia (Sis) Simmons, daughter of James ^{Washington} ~~William~~ and Eliza Simmons, married Joe D _____ Deer. The 1870 census lists Margaret as 10 years old, and family records give her birthdate as April 1, 1862. A member of the family said that she was born about 1862 and died about 1934 at the age of 72 years. Joe Deer was born December 25, 1851, and died January 23, 1918. They are buried at the Centerville Baptist Church in Walthall County, Mississippi. Margaret and Joe had nine children:

(1) Susie Deer, lives southwest of Tylertown, Mississippi. She married George Pine Johnson, who died August 2, 1928. He is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. Susie and George had six children:

(a) Leroy Johnson, who is working for his PHD (Doctor of Philosophy) from the University of New York.

(b) Edd Ratliff Johnson teaches history at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. He married Agnes Boswell, also a teacher. They have no children.

(c) Margaret Eunice (Maggie) Johnson teaches Home Economics in the Varnado Louisiana High School.

(d) Vardaman Johnson lives near the old place in Walthall County. He married Lois Breland and they had three children--James Edward, Joyce Elizabeth (Sis) and Robert (Bob).

(e) Velma Sue Johnson married Joe Buckley. She teaches in the elementary grades and Joe teaches Agriculture in the schools at Ferriday, Louisiana. They have no children.

(f) Dorothy Marie Johnson, born December 28, 1912, died October 25, 1925. She is buried in Tylertown, Mississippi.

(2) William (Bill) Deer married Cassie Johnson. They live at Mesa, Mississippi in Walthall County and have one daughter:

- (a) Odera Deer married Austin Stogner. They operate Austin's Grocery Store just west of Tylertown, Mississippi, on Highway 24. They have two children--Joy Dea and Timothy (Tim).
- (3) Cullen Deer, born September 1, 1886 died January 17, 1937. His wife was Settie Ginn, born June 19, 1867 and died November 17, 1939. They are buried at Centerville Church in Walthall County. They had no children.
- (4) Worlie Deer married (1) Wallace O'Quin. Worlie married (2) Reverend Eugene Hope, born July 7, 1876 and died June 20, 1943. He is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana. Worlie now lives at 609 Avenue C, Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had five children:
- (a) Lydia Mae Hope, married Henry L. Pitts. They live at 609 Avenue C, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have four children--Lydia Ann, Sharon, Helen Louise, and Betty Ruth.
 - (b) Wallace Hope married Elizabeth James. They live in Pica-yune, Mississippi and have one son--William.
 - (c) Joseph Brown Hope married Emily O'Bach. They live at 514 Erie Avenue, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have three sons--Allen Joseph, James Marvin, and Michael Eugene.
 - (d) Esther Lee Hope married Roy Harper. They live at 1712 Avenue E., Lawton, Oklahoma and have one son--Wallace Harper. They have one step-son--Roy Harper, Jr.
 - (e) Samuel Paul Hope is single. He is a World War I Veteran and is now in the Veteran's Hospital at Gulfport, Mississippi as a patient.
- (5) Lovie Deer married LeRoy Moak, born in 1879 and died in 1951. LeRoy is buried at Centerville Church in Walthall County, Mississippi. Lovie lives at Tylertown, Mississippi. They had three children:
- (a) Jerome Moak married Dorothy Hope. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana.
 - (b) Linnie Mae Moak married D. C. Lawrence, a jeweler at Tylertown, Mississippi. They have two sons--Jerry Everett and Michael Gary.
 - (c) Idelle Moak married Willie C. Smith. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi and have three sons--Willie C. Jr., Frederick (Buddy), and James (Jimmy).
- (6) Kelly lives with his brother, Hezzie.
- (7) Hezzie Deer lives near the Centerville Church in Walthall County. He married Winnie Brock and they have eight sons and four daughters:

- (a) Doyle Deer married Elton Burch. They live near Warnerton, Louisiana and have one child--Frances.
- (b) Harold Deer married Mae Magee. They live at Osyka, Mississippi and have four boys--Kelly Edward, Gary Howell, Willie Aston, and Kenneth Michael.
- (c) Orvis Deer married Robert Casey. They live in Miami, Florida and have one girl--Margaret Jane.
- (d) Horace Deer married Lois Breland. They live east of Tyler-town, Mississippi and have two girls--Beverly June and Debla Sue.
- (e) Joe Deer is employed in Pascagoula, Mississippi.
- (f) _____ (Junior) Deer married Ruth Powell. They live in Lucedale, Mississippi and have one girl--Dorothy Mae.
- (g) Homer Deer married Frances Jackson. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have one girl--Patricia Ann.
- (h) Evelyn Deer married Ray Stewart. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have one girl--Linda Fay.
- (i) Pat Deer is employed in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- (j) O.F. Deer is at home.
- (k) Edna Mae Deer is at home.
- (l) Paul Deer is at home.

(8) Frances Deer, daughter of Margaret and Joe Deer, married (1) James (Jim) McCaffery. They had four sons and one daughter:

- (a) James McCaffery married Sarena Hart. They live at Harahan, Louisiana and have one son--Cleany Caneal.
- (b) Margie McCaffery married Vernon Smith. They live at 500 West Magnolia Street, Long Beach, Mississippi.
- (c) Monroe McCaffery married Frances Smith. They live at Jayess, Mississippi and have two children--Georgie and Sherry.
- (d) Jim McCaffery married Ardish Fairy. They live at 500 W. Magnolia Street, Long Beach, Mississippi.
- (e) S. W. McCaffery married Elaine Brown. They live in Eunice, Louisiana and have one child--Roger William.

Frances Deer was a twin of Hezzie. She married (2) Crawford Brown. They live on Route 3, Bogue Chitto, Mississippi.

(9) Otis Deer married (1) Inez Hope and they had three children;

(a) Joyce married _____.

(b) Otis Deer, Jr. born October 1, 1922, died in a tragic fire on January 4, 1929. The children were in a barn, or crib, and fire destroyed the building.

(c) Mary Inez Deer, born May 19, 1924, died in this fire.

Otis Deer, Sr. married (2) Elsie Creel. They live in Bogalusa and have one son--Herbert.

IIE-5 Sarah W. (Sally) Simmons, daughter of James ^{Washington} ~~William~~ Simmons and Eliza Simmons was listed in the 1870 census as 7 years old. She was born March 24, 1865 according to the Family Bible. She married Jesse E. (J.E.) Alford, born December 29, 1855 and died September 15, 1909. Sally died _____. They are buried near where Mr. and Mrs. Batey Anglin now live. Sally and Jesse lived east of Mt. Herman, Louisiana in what is known as "Alford Town". Jesse was the son of Johnnie Alford. Sally and Jesse had eleven children:

(1) Vesta Alford married Joseph Lafayette Swearengen. They live in Louisiana, west of Kentwood, Louisiana on Route 3, Osyka, Mississippi. They had eight children:

(a) Jesse Jewell Swearengen died April 8, 1907.

(b) Joseph Lafayette (J. L.) Swearengen, Jr. born in 1915 and died in 1919.

(c) Bennie Mae Swearengen married Iley W. Simmons, son of Albert Leon Simmons. They live near Line Creek Baptist Church and have two sons--Iley W. Jr., and Bennie Gaylen.

(d) Velo Swearengen married "Tincie" Strickland. They live in the Spring Creek Community, four miles east of Kentwood, La. and have two sons--Jerry and Norman.

(e) Leveta Swearengen married Downy Miller. They have two children--Dennie and Carroll.

(f) Marie Swearengen married Leslie Roberts and they have one son--Donald.

(g) Quennon Swearengen married Della Gorum. They live near his parents and have three children--Beverly, Connie, and Dianna Mae.

(h) Ludine Swearengen married Jewell Simpson. They have three children--Glen, Sandra, and Kenneth.

(2) Luna Alford, daughter of Sally and Jesse Alford, married T. J. Liles. They live near the old place and have an adopted son--Thomas.

(3) James (Jim) Alford, born April 6, 1886 and died August 4, 1933 is buried in Roseland, Louisiana. Jim married Mamie Bennett and they had six children:

(a) Loren Alford married Cecile Twellback. They live in New Orleans and have no children.

* (b) Hollis Murray Alford, born October 13, 1911, married Phyllis Hughes on December 28, 1941. They had one daughter--Mary Lou Kathryn. Hollis was killed in France under enemy machine gun fire while leading his Company as a Platoon Guide. He was a Staff Sergeant, 9th Infantry, 2nd Division, U.S.A. and is buried "over there". The family received the Purple Heart for his bravery. A Memorial was held for him in the Roseland Presbyterian Church on August 29, 1954.

(c) Otis Alford married Thelma Jordan of Bogalusa, Louisiana. They live in New Orleans and have three sons--James Woodie, Jesse Roy, and Ronald (Ronnie).

(d) Christine Alford died in an automobile accident at the age of 3 years. She is buried in the Roseland Cemetery.

(e) William (Bill) C. Alford married Bessie Russell. They live east of Roseland and have three sons--James (Jimmy), Donald, and David, and one daughter--Diane Sue.

(f) Isabel Alford married (1) Norman Courtney and they had two sons--Jerry and Marshall. Isabel married (2) Richard Melvin and they have one daughter--Connie Mae.

(4) Silas Alford, son of Sally and Jesse Alford, married Dora Anglin, born in 1886. They had two children:

(a) William Jesse Alford married Mildred Cutrer and they have two sons--Sammy and Jimmy (Samuel and James).

(b) An infant that died July 2, 1913.

(5) Hosea B. Alford, son of Jesse and Sally, was born November 23, 1890 and died December 28, 1952. He is buried at the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church in Washington Parish, Louisiana. Hosea married Beulah Fussell. They lived near the old home and had one son:

(a) Clifford Alford married Eloise Miller and they had two children--Vicky Sue and Ronald.

(6) Laura Alford, born October 7, 1894, died April 25, 1895. She is buried near her parents.

(7) Maggie Alford married Batey Anglin. They live on the old place and have four children:

(a) Elbert Anglin married Betty Allen and they have five children--Mary Geneva, Betty Jean, Sally Dianne, Elbert, Jr., and Donald.

(b) Sarah (Sally) Anglin married Shelby Burris. They are in Baton Rouge, and have one daughter--Sarah Ann.

(c) Jesse J. Anglin married Florine Dunaway. They live in Brookhaven, Mississippi and have one daughter--Patricia Elizabeth.

(d) Hillard Anglin married Alice Wald. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have four children--William (Billy), Kennet Richard, Pamela Sue, and Andrew (Andy).

(8) William D. Alford, son of Sally and Jesse, married Margie Bennett. They live at 219 Maple Street, New Orleans and have no children.

(9) Ottis Alford, son of Sally and Jesse, died September 4, 1936 at the age of 34 years. He is buried in the old family cemetery. Ottis married Angie Pierce of Bogalusa. They had three children:

(a) Melba Alford married Mike Foils, Jr. They live in Bogalusa and have one son--Randy.

(b) Ottis Jean Alford married Richard Adams. They live in Bogalusa and have no children.

(c) Durbin Wayne Alford is a student at Louisiana State University (1954).

(10) Willie Alford, daughter of Sally and Jesse, married (1) George Smith, deceased. He is buried in the old family cemetery. They had five children:

(a) Jesse R. Smith married Shirley Simonds. They live at 220 West Maple Drive, New Orleans, and have one son--Vernon George, 3 years old.

(b) Hilda Smith married Carl Warner. Carl is in the United States Armed Forces. They have two girls--Gayle and Betty Lynn.

(c) Geraldine Smith married Frank Ragusa. They live at 533 St. Ann Street, Marrero, Louisiana and have two sons--Ralph and Frank, Jr.

(d) Georgia Mae Smith married "Buddy" Bigale. They live at 4814 Marias Street, New Orleans, and have two children--Hal and Cathie.

(e) Jimmy (James) Smith married (1) Charles Stein of Bogalusa,

Louisiana. They had one son--Louis Ray Stein. Jimmy married (2) Lee Schultz. Lee is in the United States Navy.

Willie Alford Smith married Louis Le Blanc and they live at 320 Perrins Drive, Arabi, Louisiana.

(11) Laudis E. Alford, youngest child of Sally and Jesse, married Madge Burch. They live at 463 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana and have six children. Madge was the daughter of Wallace Thomas Burch and Nola Pierce Burch. Laudis and Madge have these children:

- (a) Gloria married Clyde Jones. Clyde died in a car accident August 25, 1954.
- (b) Ludine
- (c) Carolyn
- (d) Laudis, Jr.
- (e) Wayne
- (f) Howard,

Washington

III-6 James E. _____ (Red Jim) Simmons, son of James ~~William~~ Simmons and Eliza Stallings Simmons, was born February 17, 1866 and died in 1950, according to the Stallings Family Bible. The grave marker gives the dates as 1866-1950. The 1870 census records James E. as 5 years old. He married Rettie Burkhalter, born in May 1864 and died in August 1899, according to the grave marker. She is buried in the Burkhalter Family Cemetery near Walker's Bridge. Jim and Rettie had six children:

(1) Lucious Simmons married Ettie Lee. They live at Amite, Louisiana and have one daughter:

(a) Edrine Lee Simmons married Edgar A. Le Tarde, Jr. They have three children:

(i) Edgar A. Le Tarde III, born October 1, 1946.

(ii) Michael Dane Le Tarde, born January 28, 1948.

(iii) Dale Vaughn Le Tarde, born May 25, 1953.

(2) Emmett R. Simmons married Minnie Idell Herrington. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have two sons:

(a) Ernest LeRoy Simmons, born August 5, 1921 and died March 21, 1929.

(b) Kenneth T. Simmons lives in McComb. He married Helen Hutson

and they have three children--James (Jimmy) Wayne, Teresa Idell, and Kenneth Talmage, born September 10, 1954.

(3) Eva Simmons married Grover C. Dickey. They lived near Brookhaven, Mississippi. Grover died December 13, 1940. Eva died _____. They are buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, near Brookhaven. They had four children: *Three Living*

(a) *Joy Dickey lives in Washington D.C.*

(*) Irene Dickey married _____, a Colonel in the United States Army. They live in Ohio and have two children-- _____ and _____.

(B) Grover C. (G.C.) Dickey, Jr. lives in Washington, D.C. He married _____ and they have one child-- _____.

(4) William Powell (Buck) Simmons, son of Red Jim and Rettie, married Minnie E. Brabham. They live at 1626 Haight Street, San Francisco, California. According to the family tradition the nickname of "Buck" came down for several generations in the Simmons family. The middle name, "Powell" is said to have been given William because of the close friendship of Walley Powell, a neighbor on Beaver Creek in Amite County, to William's grandfather. This "Buck" had an uncle, William Pearson, who was nicknamed "Buck", but the name "Pearson" was the family name of William Pearson's grandmother-- Sarah Pearson Stallings. "Buck" was also the nickname of one of Willis (original Willis) Simmons' brothers who came to Mississippi from Georgia. Buck and Minnie have two daughters:

(a) Audrey Dell Simmons married Dr. D. F. Marsh and they have three sons--Michael Lee, Charles Fielding, and Mark Robert.

(b) Joyce Ann Simmons married Thomas F. Cody and they have two sons--Christopher Thomas and William Elliott.

(5) Enos Leamon Simmons, son of Red Jim and Rettie, was born February 6, 1899. On June 15, 1920, he married Edith Elois Faust, born October 23, 1901 and died October 20, 1936. Enos lives at Woodworth, Louisiana. They had seven children:

(a) Glenn Leamon Simmons, born October 22, 1921, married Helen Greye Malone on September 13, 1947. They have two children-- Le Dene, born July 13, 1948 and Bilenda Fay, born February 7, 1952.

(b) Enos Wyman Simmons, born September 23, 1924, married Mildred Johnson on April 5, 1947. They have two children--Peggy Lou, born August 16, 1949 and Vickie Lynn, born June 15, 1951.

(c) James Delis Simmons, born February 17, 1927, married _____. They have _____ children. They are _____.

(d) Juanita Lou Simmons, born February 26, 1928, married Ben

Houston Perkins, Jr. on April 12, 1946. They have three children--Glenn Shelton, born July 5, 1947; Brenda Kay, born July 14, 1951; and Gary Leamon, born July 26, 1953.

(e) Tommy Wayne Simmons, born October 21, 1929 married _____

(f) Edith Faye Simmons, born July 24, 1931 married _____ Chalker. They have one child--Leitha Dianne, born April 3, 1951.

(g) Connie Rae Simmons, born September 21, 1932, married Johnnie Keith Hill on October 13, 1951. They have one son--Leamon Keith, born February 2, 1953.

(6) Shelton (Shell) Simmons, son of Red Jim and Rettie, was born March 1, 1896. He married Lillie Strickland on September 7, 1918. They live at Zachary, Louisiana and have four sons:

(a) Amos Lamar Simmons, born May 5, 1921, married Wessie Harvey and they have three children--David, Stephen, and Carol Ann.

(b) Shelton Simmons, born August 18, 1923, married Vera Cruse. They have two girls--Deborah and Donna Lynn.

(c) Arnold Eugene Simmons, born April 15, 1927, married Gloria Picard. They have one daughter--Shelly.

(d) James M. Simmons born November 6, 1931, married Shirley June Wood.

Red Jim Simmons married (2) Hester Dillon, born April 19, 1874 and died February 1, 1936. Jim and Hester are buried at Kentwood, Louisiana where they were living at the time of their deaths. They had three children:

(7) James (Jamie) Simmons married Beulah Terrell of Norfield, Mississippi. They live in Oakland, California and have three children--James Hewitt, Carolyn, and Tommy (Thomas).

(8) Reter Simmons married (1) Henry Van, born in 1892 and died in 1947. He is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana. They had three children:

(a) _____ (Buddy) Van

(b) Leonard Van

(c) Nell Van married Vernon Rayborn, of Kentwood, Louisiana.

Reter married (2) Fred Gill and they live east of Kentwood, Louisiana.

(9) Exie Simmons, daughter of Red Jim and Hester, married Ira Lloyd, deceased. They lived in Meridian, Mississippi and had two children--Ira Carroll and Bessie Mae.

IIE-7 Willie Murray Simmons, son of James W. and Eliza Simmons was born June 17, 1867 and died March 18, 1926, according to the Stallings Family Bible and also according to the grave marker. He is buried at Kentwood, Louisiana. He married Maggie Allen, born May 6, 1867 and died January 5, 1954 at the age of 87 years. They had no children. Maggie Allen was the sister to Milche Hasseltine Allen, who married Jasper Batey Anglin, the father and mother of David Bunion Anglin, who married Eva Ophelia Simmons.

James Washington Simmons married (2) Margaret Ophelia Knighton Dillon, mother of Idellar, Courtney Jane, John, Mark and Billy Dillon. They had twin sons who died at birth. Margaret and the twins are buried in the Allen Cemetery near Look Out in St Helena Parish, La. beside her first husband.

James Washington Simmons married (3) Maggie Jones, a widow with several children. They lived in Kentwood, La.

IIF JESSE WILLIAM SIMMONS
Son of William (Black Bill) Simmons

Jesse William Simmons, known as "Jesse Bill" or "Jesse W.", was the son of William (Black Bill) Simmons and his second wife, Margaret Frances (Fannie) Brumfield Carroll Simmons. Jesse was born April 1, 1857 and died _____ . He was a dark haired, handsome man with a long black mustache. He was widely known and had many friends. He married (1) Elizabeth (Lizzie) Magee, sister to Vickey Magee, wife of Hyman H. Simmons. Jesse W. was active in politics. He was Supervisor of Pike County, Miss. in 1890-1891. Jesse and Lizzie lived near his father's place for many years and later moved to Osyka, Miss., where he was engaged in the mercantile business. They are buried at Osyka. They had four children;

IIF-1 Fleet William Simmons, born in 1881 and died in 1941, married Emma Dean Easley of Osyka. Emma was born in 1881 and died in 1952. They lived their last years in Greenwood, Miss. They are buried at Osyka, Miss. They had two children;

(1) Blanche Simmons married Lyle Kopfler. They live at 522 Saint Landry St., Baton Rouge, La and have four children-- Karen Lynn, Edwin Lyle, Dean Elizabeth, and Joseph.

(2) William Fleet Simmons lives with his sister in Baton Rouge, La.

IIF-2 Beulah Simmons, daughter of Jesse W. and Lizzie married (1) Marshal Rials and she married (2) Dr J.C. Wallace, a prominent physician at Osyka where they lived. Both have died. They had one son;

(1) J.C.Wallace Jr lives in or near Washington, D.C. He married _____ and they have one son--Ronald.

IIF-3 Fannie Simmons, daughter of Jesse W. and Lizzie, married Dr George Sanders. They live in Amite, La. Dr Sanders died suddenly and Fannie was killed when an Illinois Central train struck her car at a crossing. They are buried in Amite, La. They had no children.

IIF-4 Percy D. Simmons, son of Jesse W. and Lizzie, married Myrtis Tate. Percy is in the insurance business in McComb, Miss. They have three sons;

(1) Curtis (Curt) Simmons married Viola Rester of Poplarville, Miss. They operate the Red and White Store in Osyka, Miss. They have one son--Curtis Jr.

(2) Alvie Simmons married Hazel Rawls. He operates a Service Station at Osyka. They have one son--Larry.

(3) Fenner Simmons lives on the old place at Osyka, Miss.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Magee, wife of Jesse William Simmons, was the granddaughter of Fleet Magee of Marion County, Miss (now Walthall). Her son Fleet was named for this grandfather. This same Fleet Magee was the father of George Washington Simmons (son of the original Willis) wife, Mary Caroline Magee. George Washington and Mary Caroline also had a son, Fleet, named for this Fleet Magee.

Jesse William married (2) _____.

IIG Samuel (Sam) Webb Simmons was the son of William (Black Bill) Simmons and his third wife, Eliza Webb Terrell Simmons. He was born February 24, 1870 and died July 24 1937. He was known and loved as "Big Sam". He was a noted school teacher and was County School Superintendent of Pike County, Miss for a term beginning in 1912.

(Personal Note: It was while he was County Superintendent of Education, that Edna Simmons Campbell, co-author of this history, started her long career as a school teacher in the one-teacher school at Chatawa, Miss.)

"Big Sam" married Julia Leggett, daughter of John G. Leggett. They had one daughter;

IIG-1 Mary Webb Simmons was born January 2, 1904. She married Arthur Grady Flippen on June 30, 1929. Arthur served on the Pike County Board of Supervisors. Mary graduated from Mississippi State College for Women and taught school for a few years. They live on the old John G. Leggett place at the village of Leggett in Pike County, Miss. (The Leggetts came to Mississippi from Georgia. The old records of this family will be found in old Wilkes County (now Oglethorpe) Georgia.)

Mary and Arthur have four children;

(1) Julia Dee Flippen, born September 14, 1930, married ^MNolan Dykes Jr. They live in Houston, Texas at 4202 Lamar St.

(2) Arthur Webb Flippen was born June 17, 1932

(3) Mary Elizabeth Flippen was born December 7, 1934

(4) Ruth Randolph Flippen was born March 28, 1937.

III WILLIS SIMMONS
Son of Willis Simmons

This son of the original Willis Simmons and Jane Goslin, took his father's name. The date of his birth is given as December 17, 1810, in an old family Bible in possession of Albert Leon Simmons. Thus he was born just after his parents came to the Mississippi Territory from Georgia. The 1810 census of Amite County, Mississippi, which was taken and reported to the Assembly before this birth date, shows that the original Willis Simmons had three male children in his household, besides himself. Our records show these to have been Mason Simmons, born in Georgia in 1805, William (Black Bill) Simmons, born in Georgia in 1807 and one other not yet determined. (Personal note from authors of this history: If any member of the Simmons family knows of any not included in this history and will communicate with us, we may be able to straighten out the history of that third child born in Georgia.)

The 1850 census for Pike County, Mississippi, records the following in the household of the original Willis Simmons:

Matilda, age 35, born in Mississippi
Jackson J., age 14, born in Mississippi
George W., age 14, born in Mississippi
Solomon, age 8; born in Louisiana
Letitia, age 6, born in Louisiana
Mason, age 1, born in Louisiana

It seems that Willis Simmons married Matilda Bond, born November 16, 1812, according to the marker at her grave and that they had twin sons; Jackson J. and George W., while living in Mississippi. Albert Leon Simmons, son of the above listed Mason Simmons, said that his grandparents moved back to "Georgia" and that his grandfather, Willis, died there and that his mother came back to Mississippi with the children. Walter O. Simmons, son of the above listed Jackson, said that he understood that his grandparents moved from Mississippi over into Louisiana, on Beth River, Jackson and George going with them, and that the other three children were born over there. He said that Willis died and was buried over there, (We have been unable to locate the grave of Willis as yet) and that Matilda, the widow, then came back to Mississippi with her five children. This latter idea appears to fit in with census data. From census data and Family Records in the old Bible, we conclude that Willis and Matilda had twin boys, Jackson and George, in 1836. Between then and 1842, they moved to Louisiana and there the other three children were born--Solomon, Letitia and Mason. Willis died and was buried on Beth River sometime just prior to 1850, when Matilda and her five children resided temporarily in the home of her father-in-law, the original Willis Simmons, who was then about 66 years of age. The 1850 census was taken while she was there.

In the 1860 census of Pike County, Mississippi, Matilda and her family were recorded as in her own household as follows:

"Household 1023

Matilda Simmons	age 42; born in Georgia
Solomon	age 18; born in Louisiana
Litisha	age 16; born in Louisiana
Mason	age 11, born in Louisiana"

There are, as noted from the above census records, two discrepancies in those records--Matilda's age and her birthplace. Such errors are often found in census records, but we have the accurate records concerning her birth taken from the old Family Bible and the marker at her grave.

The data would indicate that Willis, husband of Matilda, was about 40 years old when he died, as he was born in 1810, and the youngest child was born in 1848, and Matilda was back in Mississippi in 1850.

Matilda Bond Simmons was born November 16, 1812 and died November 4, 1888 at the age of 76 years. She is buried in the old Easley Family Cemetery, several miles below Line Creek Baptist Church, not too far from Osyka, Mississippi. Five of the Mason C. Simmons children are buried around her. Her marker carries this inscription:

"A loving wife,
Our Mother dear
A friend through life
Lies buried here"

It is known that Willis and Matilda lived for a time on what was known as the "old Breeland Place" in Pike County, Mississippi, and it was here that Jackson and George were born. The record of their children follows:

- * IIIA: George Washington Simmons, twin of Jackson, was born November 25, 1836, as is shown by the family Bible. When a small boy, he moved with his parents to Louisiana. After his father's death and at the age of about fourteen years, the family came back to Mississippi and lived for a short time with his grandfather before moving into their own home,

About 1860, George married Jane Carson and they lived around Franklinton, Louisiana. When he was about 25 years of age, he joined the Confederate Army, along with his brother, Jackson. George was a private, Company K, 9th Regiment, Mississippi Inf. C.S.A. He was killed in the service. This record is on file in the Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi. One report is that he lost his life in the seige of Port Hudorn, Louisiana and is buried in the National Cemetery at or near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Another report is that he was killed and his brother buried him in a revine. Perhaps some member of the family may be able to provide us with the correct version. Luke Conerly's History of Pike County says that George W. Simmons was mortally wounded at Cold Harbor, Virginia. This is in error. The Simmons mortally wounded at Cold Harbor was George B. Simmons (Brother of Robert L. Simmons and one of the Bala Chitto Simmons). George W. Simmons and Jane Carson Simmons had one son:

IIIA-1 Leon A. Simmons, born November 9, 1862. It is said that he was in the garden, propped up between stuffed pants legs for pillows, when news came that his Daddy had been killed. Leon married Ella Brumfield, and lived near Franklinton, Louisiana. He is described as unusually tall and thin, nearly 7 feet tall. His daughter, Eula, has a good picture of him and his wife. Leon died August 19, 1938 and is buried in the Penton, or Penny cemetery, seven miles west of Franklinton, Louisiana. Leon and Ella had four children. They are:

(1) Alvah G. Simmons married Lettie Sylvest. They live west of Franklinton, Louisiana and have two boys--J. C. and Wayne.

(a) J. C. Simmons married Edna Hughes. They live at Franklinton and have one girl--Ruth.

(b) Wayne Simmons married Louise Creel. They live in Franklinton and have no children.

(2) Eula E. Simmons, daughter of Leon, married George W. Varnado, who for 12 years was marshall of Franklinton. They have three children:

(a) Lattimore B. Varnado married Roxie Jones. They live south of Franklinton and have five children--Jackie, age 18, Russell K., Patsy Rose, Kenneth, and Judy.

(b) Leo C. Varnado married Mary Magee. They are at Franklinton and have one girl--Mary Jean, age 9 years.

(c) Georgia Ray Varnado married Quincy Sumrall. They live at Franklinton and have three children--Donnie, John Larry, and Brenda Lou.

(3) Hilton Simmons, son of Leon, married Laney Walker. They live west of Franklinton and have two children:

(a) Donovan Simmons married Willie Mae Jenkins. They have three children--Jacquelin, Hollis, and Jerry.

(b) Ella Simmons married Austin Varnado. They live in Franklinton and have four children--Winfred, Rosemary, Rodney, and Judy.

(4) Leon and Ella had a daughter, Eggie Nardilla Simmons, born September 18, 1887 and died August 5, 1888.

IIIB Joel Jackson Simmons, son of Willis and Matilda, was born November 25, 1836. He was a twin of George W. The old family Bible in

possession of Albert Leon Simmons records him as Joel Jackson Simmons. The 1850 census lists him as Jackson J. Simmons. We knew him as "Cousin Red Jack Simmons". He reminded Hansford Simmons, co-author of this history, many times that he was Hansford's mother's first cousin.

Jackson (Jack) served in the Confederate Army, entering the service as a private, in Nash's Company, 39th Mississippi, Army of Tennessee, under Captain William M. Quin. The marker at his grave lists him as a member of Company K, 39th Mississippi Inf. C.S.A. He is buried near the Old Felix Allen home where Ora C. Allen now lives in Pike County. He died about 1922.

Jack married (1) Genevieve or Geneva Dykes and she died with an infant child. Jack married (2) Mary Jane Allen, sister of Henry Allen. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters:

IIIB-1 William (Will) M. Simmons, born February 27, 1869, died April 20, 1935, married Mattie Bullock, born November 5, 1874 and died November 28, 1944. They are buried in Magnolia, Mississippi. Will and Mattie lived east of Magnolia and had five boys and six girls:

(1) Janie Simmons married Reverend Frank Coker, a Baptist Minister. They have two girls:

(a) Bernice Coker married Cecil Crawford. They live in McComb and have two adopted boys--Jack and Jim.

(b) Lavell Coker is at home.

(2) Grace Simmons, married Curtis Scott. They live at Forest, Mississippi where he is a bookkeeper. They have two sons:

(a) Curtis Durant Scott married Willie Mae Nichols of Natchez. They have two children--Mary Duran Scott and William Curtis Scott.

(b) William Maxie Scott married Edith McLaughlin of Forest, Mississippi. They have no children.

(3) Victor D. Simmons, was born February 10, 1897 and died June 4, 1932. He was in World War I. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Victor married Lucy Pigott, sister of Clyde Pigott, and they have three children:

(a) Jackson (Jack) is in the Armed Forces.

(b) Dennis Simmons, son of Victor, is at home.

(c) Bennie Simmons married Chrismon Smith, son of Eugene Smith. They have two children--Clare Smith (a son) and Becky Smith.

(4) Jewell Simmons, daughter of Will and Mattie, married Roy Allen, son of Walter Allen. Roy was born January 1, 1896 and died April 6, 1931. He is buried in Magnolia Cemetery. Jewell lives one mile East of Magnolia. They had three children:

- * (a) Robert Kirby Allen, killed in action in World War II, around Saipan in the Pacific Theatre of War in June, 1944. He was in the United States Marine Corp and was buried "at sea".
- (b) Jewell Kieth Allen married Joyce Ford. They live in Houston, Texas.
- (c) Catherine Allen married W. A. Dick. They live with her mother and have two sons--Wilford and Donald.

(5) Vera Simmons, born August 27, 1901 and died March 20, 1928. She is buried at Magnolia. Vera married Arthur Alford and they had three children:

- (a) Willie Jean Alford married Jack Hannula. They live in New Orleans and have three children--Jack Burton, Sandra, and Barry.
- (b) Travis Alford married Hilda Rae Simmons, daughter of Woodrow Simmons. They live in Baton Rouge and have one son--Randy.
- (c) Robbie Alford married Krope Harris. They live in Meridian, Mississippi and have one son--Wellis.

After Vera died, Arthur married Velma Walters.

(6) Hazel Simmons married Ive Pounds. They live in New Orleans and have three children:

- (a) Willard Pounds married Dimple Heinz. They live in New Orleans and have two sons--Wilton and Allen.
- (b) Margaret Pounds married Herk Neil. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Sammy Sue, Claudia and Burk.
- (c) Peggy Pounds is a student at Mississippi College.

(7) Mildred Simmons married Dewey Alford. They live in New Orleans and have two children:

- (a) Eugene Alford married Alda _____. He was wounded in Korea. He is a student at Soule Business College in New Orleans.

(b) Martha Lee Alford married Stanley Monlezun. They live in New Orleans and have one girl--Janice.

(8) Kenneth Simmons, twin of Curtis, operates a pressing shop at Osyka, Mississippi. He married Frances Lang, daughter of Ammon Lang, and they have three children:

(a) Emma Jean married "Son" Ott. They live in Osyka and have one girl--Deborah.

(b) Joe Simmons is at home.

(c) Jerry Simmons is at home.

(9) Curtis Simmons, twin of Kenneth, operates a pressing business in Magnolia. He married Helen Allen, daughter of Ernest Allen and they have two sons--Tommie and Ronnie. It should be added that Kenneth and Curtis are good Gospel singers with choirs or quartets.

(10) Hilton Simmons operates a pressing business at Glos-ter, Mississippi. He married Mildred Wilson and they have two children--Patricia Ann and Hilton Lee, Jr.

(11) Carl Simmons lives in Magnolia, Mississippi. He married Beulah Mae Byrd and they have two girls--Joan Marie and Layla Janet.

IIIB-2 Lula Simmons, daughter of Jackson and Mary Jane, born October 15, 1872, was married on December 1, 1892 to Robert (Babe) Simmons, brother to David and Dudley Simmons. Robert was born July 16, 1871 and died September 11, 1924. He is buried at Union Church. They lived at Kokomo, Mississippi in Walthall County. Lula now lives at Foxworth, Mississippi in Marion County, active at 82. She and Robert (Babe) had nine children:

(1) Ernest Simmons, born October 4, 1893, was married June 7, 1913 to Valley Williamson. They live at Kokomo and have two sons and two daughters:

(a) Ernestine Simmons married Bill Pilgrin. They live in or near Greenville, Mississippi.

(b) Jackson (Jack) Simmons married Bertie Lee Powell. They live at Kokomo, Mississippi and have two girls--
and _____.

(c) Maxine Simmons married William (Bill) Gerald. They live at Kokomo, Mississippi.

- (d) Richard (Dick) Simmons is at home.
- (2) Thettie Simmons, born January 2, 1895, was married on February 18, 1912 to Henry Williamson. They live at Gladewater, Texas and have two sons:
- (a) Robert Therrell Williamson born Sept. 4, 1915, married Bertie May Petree on May 9, 1940. There is one son--Robert.
 - (b) James Calvin Williamson born 1912, married Elsie Lewis. There are two daughters--Martha Ann and Linda Lou.
- (3) Beatrice Simmons, born December 20, 1896, was married on July 19, 1920 to Frank Perrett. They live at Fernwood, Mississippi and have one daughter:
- (a) Mary Louise Perrett, born June 29, 1921, was married to Milford Allen James. They live in Natchez, Mississippi and have two sons--Michael Ray (Mickey) and Ronald Allen (Ronnie).
- (4) Dewey Simmons, born February 1, 1899, died May 24, 1905.
- (5) Felder Simmons, born January, 1902 was married on May 26, 1927 to Beulah Bracey. They live at Foxworth, Mississippi and had three children:
- (a) Helen Simmons died October 18, 1944 at the age of 16.
 - (b) Bobby Jo Simmons married Fred Stringer on Feb. 17, 1954.
 - (c) Robert Wayne Simmons married Jane _____ on May 23, 1954.
- (6) Gladys Simmons, born February 19, 1904, was married on April 5, 1922, to Major Buckley. They live at Hathorn, Mississippi and have five children:
- (a) Georgia Fay Buckley married H. Earl Ellzey. They live at Goss, Mississippi and have one son--H. Irl Ellzey III (Steve)
 - (b) John Olvy Buckley married Mildred (Tiny) Hathorn. They have one girl Judith Ann Buckley, born 1949.
 - (c) Martha Jane Buckley married Claude (Peewee) Daniels. They live in Columbia, Mississippi and have two girls-- Martha Lanell and Dahn Lynn born Nov. 7, 1947
 - (d) Marjorie Ann Buckley was married on September 25, 1954 to Larry Glynn Langston.
 - (e) Thomas (Tommie) Buckley is at home. He was born August 22, 1939.
- (7) Helen Simmons born January 4, 1906, died February 12, 1907.

(8) Hettie Simmons, born March 3, 1908, was married on May 7, 1928 to Jesse Quin. They live in Wink, Texas and have two girls:

(a) Janice Lee Quin married Eddie McDaniel. They live in Natchez, Mississippi.

(b) Patricia (Pat) Quin is at home.

(9) Lucille Simmons, born December 9, 1913 married Thomas Edgar Miller. They live at Odessa, Texas and have two sons--William (Billy) Edgar and Thomas (Tommy).

IIIB-3 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Simmons, daughter of Jackson and Mary Jane, died at two years of age.

IIIB-4 Ophelia Simmons, daughter of Jackson and Mary Jane, was born August 3, 1875 and died December 12, 1943. She married David L. Simmons, son of James M. Simmons. David was the brother of William (Blow Gun Bill) Simmons, Austin Simmons, Dudley and Samuel (Sam) T. Simmons and one other. This family lived east of Magnolia and so far as our information goes now, they were not related to the Silver Creek Simmons or the Bala Chitto Simmons. Ophelia and David lived east of Magnolia, Mississippi and are buried near their old home. They had eight children:

(1) Bessie Simmons married Joe C. Purl. They lived near where her parents lived (east of Magnolia) and had seven children:

(a) Ouida Louise Purl, born and died in 1913.

(b) J. C. Purl, Jr. born December 21, 1914, married Claudine Hedgepath. They have two children--Joe and Ouida.

(c) Reverend John Millard Purl, born January 3, 1917, is a Baptist minister at Sallis, Mississippi. He married Velma Booty of Progress (Old Simmonsville), Mississippi. They have two girls--Charlotte and Mildred Ann--and a new baby boy.

(d) Bessie Lee Purl, born and died in 1919.

(e) Irma Lee Purl, born May 27, 1920, married Estess William (Bill) Smith, Chief in the United States Navy. They live in Chicago, Illinois and have one son--Joseph Edward.

(f) D. S. Purl, born August 19, 1922, married Edna Honea. They have three children--Larry, Wayne, and Dianna.

(g) Mary Jane Purl, born July 24, 1926; married Carruth Lenoir. They live in Magnolia, Mississippi and have two children--Candace Ann and James (Jimmy).

(2) Gussie Simmons, daughter of Ophelia and David, married Phillys Laroux. They live in New Orleans and have one son--Thomas (Tommy).

(3) Wyman Simmons married Estelle Ervin. They live on Route 4, Magnolia, Mississippi and have four children:

(a) Margie Simmons married Roy Tyrone and they have one girl--Roylene.

(b) Marlin Simmons married Deloris Stoner.

(c) Sophia Jean Simmons married Louis Thomas. They live at Osyka, Mississippi and have one son--John Paul.

(d) G. W. Simmons is at home.

(4) Dwight Simmons married Myrtis Wall. They are employed by the East Mississippi Hospital at Meridian, Mississippi and have no children.

(5) James Homer Simmons, born January 11, 1906, died December 4, 1912 of Typhoid fever.

(6) David Simmons, son of Ophelia and David, married Nellie Capace. They have one girl--Judy.

(7) Therrell Simmons married Glayds Addison. They live on Route 1, Magnolia, Mississippi and have one son--Therrell Britton.

(8) Milton Simmons married Clara Temple. They live on Route 1, Magnolia, Mississippi and have three children--Mary Nell, Norma Ruth, and Shirley.

Milton and his brother, Wyman are contractors and builders.

IIIB-5 Amelia Rosalie Simmons, daughter of Jackson and Mary Jane, married Willis Hardin. Amelia is dead and Willie lives with his son, Thad. Willie is now about 80 years old. Amelia and Willie had eight children:

(1) Eva Hardin married John Whitworth. They live in Gaffney, North Carolina and have no children.

(2) Ethel Hardin married Garland T. Craft. They are at Valdee, North Carolina and have four children:

(a) Eva Estelle Craft married Lloyd Edward Williams. They live in Ashville, North Carolina and have two children.

(b) Helen Craft married G. Edison Hill. They have no children.

(c) Patline Craft married Guy Prow. They are at Valdee, North Carolina and have no children.

(d) Garland Craft is single.

(3) Thad Hardin, born May 1, 1904, married Mattie Ruth Fuller. They live on the old Isaac Sandifer place, 7 miles east of Magnolia and have three children--Nathan, Jean and Gerald (the latter, twins, born July 31, 1945.)

(4) Marie Hardin married Troy Smith. They live west of McComb, near the Percy Quin Park and have five children:

(a) Lavonne Smith married Ellis Freeman. They have two children--Benny Earl and Gene.

(b) Norma Jane Smith married Hubert Blackwell. They live in Natchez, Mississippi and have no children.

(c) Troy Alva Smith married Yvonne Watts. They live in Magnolia, Mississippi and have no children.

(d) Myrtle Smith is single.

(e) Donnie Ray Smith is single.

(5) Fred Hardin married (1) Lucille Lewis and they had one son--Tony. Fred married (2) Hazel Allmand Varnado. They live at Chatawa, Mississippi and Hazel is postmistress.

(6) Guy Hardin married Ruby Devine. They live at Cherryville, North Carolina and have three children--Milton (Mickey), Manselle, and Guyanna.

(7) Frances Hardin married Aric Wilson, Jr. They live east of Fernwood, Mississippi and have three children:

(a) Geraldine Wilson married Jewell Smith and they have one girl--Dianne.

(b) Robert Wilson is single.

(c) James (Jimmy) Wilson is single.

(8) Doris Hardin is single and lives at Margantown, North Carolina.

IIIB-6 Malissa Simmons, oldest child of Jackson and Mary Jane Simmons was born in 1867; according to the 1870 census. She married (1) Charlie Dean, deceased. They lived east of Kentwood, Louisiana and had four children: (Melissa was born in 1867 and died in 1926. Charlie was born in 1860 and died in 1905)

(1) Asa Dean married Jessie Bell Porter. They live at 2015 St. Thomas Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Asa is in the Merchant Marine. They have five children:

(a) Charles Ray Dean married Mary Beth Moore. They live at 6012 Music Street, New Orleans and have four children--Marylin, age 6, Bobby, age 5, David, age 3, and Eddie, age 1.

(b) Rebecca Estelle Dean married Bert Selmeri. They live in New Orleans and have no children.

(c) Louise Dean married Donald Chauvin. They are at 63 West Claiborne Street, Chalmette, Louisiana. They have two children--Geraldine, born February 10, 1948 and Malissa born January 1, 1950.

(d) Percy Joseph Dean is single and employed at Mandeville, Louisiana.

(e) Ruby Dell Dean is a student at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi.

(2) Narvel Dean married (1) Izma Howard. Narvel married (2) Fanny Perry. Narvel was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad for many years. He died September 25, 1953 and is buried in the McComb, Mississippi cemetery. He had no children.

(3) Albert Dean married Julia Gatwood. They live at Sims, Alabama and have four children--Johnnie, George, Albert, Jr. and _____ (Bell or Bill).

(4) Ilder Dean married (1) Clyde Hughes of Kentwood, La. and they had one son:

(a) Charles Hughes married (1) Catherine Smith and

they had one daughter--Patricia Ann. Charles lives in McComb, Mississippi and married (2) Dixie Mullins.

Ilder married (2) Hosea W. Magee, a builder and contractor at McComb. They have two children:

(b) Evelyn Magee married Grady Smith. They live in McComb and have four children--Carolyn Sue, Grady Eugene, Glen Williams and Randy Keith.

(c) Hosea W. Magee, Jr. is now 18 years of age and single.

(5) Cullin W. died at one year. (6) Infant died at birth. (1904) Malissa Simmons Dean married (2) Robert Phillips. Malissa is buried about 8 miles east of Kentwood, Louisiana in a family cemetery. Charlie Dean is also buried here. Charles F. Dean was born in 1860 and died in 1905. Malissa L. died in 1926.

IIIB-7 Walter Oscar Simmons, born May 5, 1880 was the youngest child of Jackson and Mary Jane Simmons. On March 27, 1904, Walter married Grace Stevenson and in 1954, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. He is known to many as "Square Dance Walter" because he knows how to call the square dance figures. Walter and Grace live east of Magnolia and have seven children:

(1) Ellis Simmons married Annie Pigott, sister to Lucy Pigott. They live on the old Pigott place near Tylertown and have one girl Nell Marie.

(2) Edgar Simmons married Lucy Mote. They live near his parents and have three children--Klimmer Lee, William (Bill) Ray, and Catherine Murrell.

(3) Ewell Jackson Simmons married Ann Dennard, daughter of F. E. Dennard. They live near Holmesville, Mississippi and have one girl--Mary Ann.

(4) William Denman (Bill) Simmons married Alice Wilson, daughter of Murdock Wilson. They live in Bogalusa, La. and have one girl--Sylvia.

(5) Ora Simmons married Frank Johnson. They live on the old Lum Johnson place, east of Magnolia, Mississippi and have two children--Jamie and Irene.

(6) Fay Simmons married (1) T. C. Phelps, deceased. They had twin boys--Calvin and Carroll, born December 19, 1935. Fay Simmons married (2) Louis Mackenhime, connected with the G.M.&O. Railroad. They live at 918 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

(7) Auline Simmons married Carl Lee Nobles. They had one son--Carl Winfred. Auline is employed by the McComb Manufacturing Company at McComb, Mississippi.

Mary Jane Allen Simmons, second wife of Joel Jackson Simmons, died July 10, 1880. She is buried in the Felix Allen Family Cemetery. She died when Walter was about two months old. Jackson married (3) Fluvanna Stevenson and she helped him rear his children. Fluvanna is also buried in the Felix Allen Family Cemetery. There are no markers at Mary Jane's and Fluvanna's graves. There is a government marker at Jackson's grave. Fluvanna died about 1922. She and Jackson had one child:

IIIB-8 Matilda, daughter of Jackson and Fluvanna, was named for Jackson's mother, Matilda Bond Simmons. She died about 1934.

IIIC Solomon Samuel (Sol) Simmons, son of Willis and Matilda Simmons, was born January 15, 1842 in Louisiana, while the family lived on Beth River. After his father's death, Sol came back to Mississippi about 1850. He was listed in the 1850 census for Pike County as 8 years old. His mother and the five children lived in the household with his grandfather, Willis Simmons, for a time, then went into a home of their own near by.

Solomon served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He entered the service as a _____ in _____ Company.

After his service in the Confederate Army, he went to California and remained for a time and later came back to McComb, Mississippi, where he was a contractor and builder. Many of the older homes of McComb were erected by him. Governor Hugh White said that Sol and his two sons, James and Harry, were good builders. Sol is buried at McComb.

Sol was married (1) to Angie Lee Bell of Los Angeles, California. They had several children including James, Harry and Clara:

IIIC-1 James Albert Simmons, known as Jim, was born in California June 10, 1878. In 1898, he was in the Spanish-American War from Mississippi. On September 10, 1897, he married Emily Fisher. He was a contractor and builder in McComb, Mississippi. James died November 9, 1906, only 28 years old, and is buried at McComb. Jim and Emily had three sons and a daughter:

(1) James Edward Simmons, born June 6, 1900, died August 17, 1901. He is buried in McComb.

(2) Jesse Lee Simmons, born April, 1902, lives at 6330 Harcourt Avenue, Los Angeles, 43, California. He married Gertrude Boomshaft and they have three children:

(a) James Allen Simmons born August 10, 1927.

(b) Emily Lenora Simmons, born December 30, 1931, married Floyd Albert Plummer. They have one son--Arthur Lee Plummer, born February 9, 1954.

(c) George Albert Simmons, born August 10, 1942.

(3) Clara Simmons, daughter of James Albert and Emily, married Floyd P. Netterville, a contractor at McComb, Mississippi. They live on Park Drive in McComb and have four children:

(a) Floyd Netterville, Jr. married Eva Lee Coker. They live near his parents and have two children--Floyd and Nell Darlene.

(b) Harry Netterville married Jean Kemp. They live in New Orleans and have one son--Aldon Bruce.

(c) Robert Netterville married Sylvia Cothorn and they have two children--Robbie Elaine and Carolyn Dianne.

(d) Mary Netterville married Paul Allen Dickerson.

(4) George Simmons, son of Jim and Emily, died when he was about 18 years of age. He is buried at DeLeon, Texas.

After James Albert Simmons died, his widow, Emily married C. E. Taylor and they have several children. Emily lives in Fernwood, Mississippi.

IIIC-2 Harry Simmons, son of Sol and Angie Lee Bell Simmons, was a builder and contractor in McComb, Mississippi. Harry was born in 1882 and died in 1952. (Personal note: Harry built the house at 509 Gaston Street, McComb where Hansford L. Simmons, co-author of this history, has resided since 1923.) Harry married Delia Lovett and she lives in McComb at 615 4th Street. He is buried in McComb. They had one daughter:

(1) Constance (Connie) Simmons married Edwin Mauldin. They live at 3502 10th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Charles Edwin Mauldin married July 16, 1953 Virginia Stokes.

(b) Beverly Ann Mauldin, age 20, was married on October 11, 1954 to Ensign Dean Duncan of the United States Navy.

IIIC-3 Clara Simmons, daughter of Sol and Angie Lee Bell Simmons, was born January 21, 1885 and died July 9, 1892. She is buried in McComb.

It is said that Sol and Angie Bell lost several other small children and that they are buried in Los Angeles, California.

Solomon Samuel (Sol) Simmons married (2) Mae Stevenson and they had six children:

IIIC-4 Bessie Leona Simmons, daughter of Sol and Mae, was born August 28, 1893 and died February 11, 1896. She is buried in McComb.

IIIC-5 Maude Simmons, daughter of Sol and Mae, was born August 12, 1898 and died September 8, 1904.

IIIC-6 Solomon Samuel Simmons, named for his father, was born September 3, 1900. He lived four days and is buried in McComb.

IIIC-7 Margaret Mae (Maggie) Simmons, daughter of Sol and Mae, married Dewey Lang. She died April 11, 1953 and is buried at Union Baptist Church, east of Magnolia, Mississippi. There were six children:

- (1) Maxine Lang died July 6, 1925 at the age of 6 years.
- (2) Dewey Robertson Lang (Bobby) married Lydia Robinson.
- (3) Clyde Woodson (C. W.) Lang married Pauline Wilson and they have two children-- _____ and _____.
- (4) Charles Eugene Lang married Robert (Bobby) Forman.

(5) Jesse Elmo Lang married Vivian Duckworth.

(6) Margaret Mae Lang married Ray Paul Flowers, son of A. J. Flowers. She is employed in McComb and he is a student at Southwest Junior College at Summit, Mississippi.

IIIC-8 Annie Bell Simmons, daughter of Sol and Mae married (1) Clifton ~~Pope~~. They had five children:

^{Page}
(1) Fannie Mae ~~Pope~~ ^{Page} married John L. Brown. They live at Chatawa, Mississippi and have four children--Patricia Lynn, Ann Elizabeth, Peggy Dianne and Margaret Nell.

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(2) Joe ~~Pope~~ married Emma Lee Phelps. They live at Magnolia, Mississippi and have two sons--Joseph Dwayne and Michael Eugene.

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(3) Maxine ~~Pope~~ married Quinton (Dan) Moody. They are at Chatawa, Mississippi and have one girl--Debra Denise.

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(4) Lucile ~~Pope~~ died November 10, 1951 in an automobile accident. She was about sixteen years of age.

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(5) James Earl ~~Pope~~ is with his mother.

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Annie Bell Simmons ~~Pope~~ married (2) Claude Westbrook and they live at Magnolia, Mississippi.

Important Note: Some of the members of Sol Simmons' family said that Sol wrote a history of his people or a list of his ancestors on the back of a large picture of his family. We would like so much to locate that picture. It is our feeling that there were other children in the Solomon Simmons family, perhaps by his first wife. We wish we might know whether or not this is true. Was there a Leonard Simmons, son of Sol that died up north somewhere?

IIID Matilda Lutitia Simmons, fourth child of Willis and Matilda Simmons was born May 29, 1844 in Louisiana. She was known as "Tish" or "Tishie". On December 4, 1861, she was married to Bledsoe Addison, who was born December 15, 1836 and who died December 6, 1904. Bledsoe is buried at Osyka, Mississippi. Lutitia or Letitia died September 13, 1912. They lived in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana with Tangipahoa as their postoffice. "Tish" and Bledsoe had ten children:

IIID-1 Solomon Bledsoe Addison, known as "Bud" was born March 8, 1866 and died in 1948. On November 3, 1886, he was married to

Julia Sartin. They had six children:

(1) William Jones Addison married Cynthia Westmoreland. William died around 1951 or 52. They lived west of Franklinton, Louisiana and had six children:

(a) Frank Addison, born December 10, 1908, married Linda Seals. They live on Route 4, Franklinton, La. and have two children--Gloria Helen, born February 24, 1939 and Elwood, born June 13, 1943.

(b) J. D. Addison, born April 1, 1912, married Eunice Pittman. They live at Franklinton, Louisiana and have one child--Cern Alien, born July 2, 1940.

(c) Leo Addison, born January 10, 1913 married Eugenia Corkern. They had four children--Dannie Lee, born December 10, 1938, Donald Paul, born December 18, 1939, Marie, born April 24, 1941, and Roberta Ann, born June 29, 1943.

(d) Uralee Addison, born August 21, 1914, married Essie Corkern. They have two children--Billy Dan, born September 26, 1939 and Myrtle Lee, born April 20, 1943.

(e) Willie Addison, born September 6, 1918, married Margaret _____.

(f) Vera Addison, born April 13, 1926, married (1) _____ Jones and they had one son--Marcel, born October 3, 1943. Vera married (2) Charles Welch.

(2) Clara Brezetta (Zettie) Addison, daughter of Bud and Julia, died at about six years of age.

(3) Alice Lutitia Addison, daughter of Bud and Julia, married (1) Oscar Brown. They had seven children:

(a) Leo Brown married Myrtis Lee Rowley. They live three miles southeast of McComb, Mississippi and have two children--Donald Lee and Doris Marie.

(b) Elmer Brown married Ikey Cutrer. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have seven children--Avos, Audrey, Charlie Leo, Arvey, Carl, Mildred, and William. The last two are twins, called Millie and Billie.

(c) Elowese Brown married (1) Tom Brown, deceased. They had two children--Jewell Wayne Brown and James Earl Brown. Elowese married (2) John D. Fowler, deceased. They had one son--Dannie Fowler.

(d) Jewell Curtis Brown married (1) Gladys Fisher, and they had one girl--Annie Catherine. Jewell married (2) Josie Carruth. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have one son--Kennith Wayne.

(e) William Joseph Brown married Pearline Brown. They live in New Orleans and have four children--Alice Vergene, Edna Pearl, Willie Fay, and Jo Ann.

(f) Cecil Norman Brown married Inez Freeman. They live east of McComb, Mississippi and have two children--Cecil Norman, Jr. and James Edward, deceased.

(g) Martin Brown married Edna Mae Case. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and had three children--Nettie Jane, died as infant, Martha Lynn, and Martin Bledsoe.

Alice Addison Brown married (2) Jesse Bates and they live east of McComb.

(4) Jewell Addison, son of Bud and Julia, married Myrtis Causey. They live east of McComb and had seven children:

(a) Carey Lee Addison, a private in the United States Army, died in France August 7, 1944, of wounds received in action August 2, 1944. He is buried at Navilla Baptist Church in Pike County, Mississippi.

(b) Thelma Addison married Clifford D. Bishop. He is overseas in the Armed Forces.

(c) Christine Addison married Thomas T. Smith. They live in New Orleans.

(d) Eugene Addison is at home.

(e) Herman Earl Addison married Hazel Hickman. They live in Houston, Texas and have three children--Julia, Steve Earl, and a baby girl born July 20, 1954.

(f) Julius Addison married Betty Golmon. They have one girl--Donna Marie.

(g) Shirley Addison married Billy Welch. He is in the Armed Forces, stationed in Germany.

(5) Martin Addison, son of Bud and Julia, married Bernetta Gillis. They live at Starks, Louisiana and had nine children:

(a) James Wilson Addison born August 3, 1918, married Lula Pool.

(b) John Jewell Addison, born August 24, 1919, married

Mary Arnal. They have two sons--Robert Anthony and James Colin.

(c) Ira Freeman Addison, born January 23, 1923, married Ina Stroud. They have two sons--Freeman Wayne and Larry Gene.

(d) Doris Evelyn Addison, born January 29, 1926, married Farley Johnson. They have two children--Elaine and Mickey.

(e) Colin Addison, born April 28, 1928, died July 22, 1944.

(f) Raymond Addison, born June 13, 1929 married Peggy Stevenson. They have one girl--Anita Sue.

(g) Carrie Bell Addison, born March 20, 1931, married Harris Ray Bass. They have one girl--Carolyn Kay.

(h) Byrl Addison, born May 11, 1933, married Eddie Deal.

(i) Gerald Addison, born April 30, 1935.

(6) Ruby Addison, youngest child of Bud and Julia, married Clyde _____. She died in childbirth and is buried in the Montpelier Community, east of Kentwood, Louisiana.

IIID-2 William Monroe Addison, son of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison, was born September 22, 1867 and died July 15, 1872.

IIID-3 Brezetha or Brezetta (Zettie or Zet) Addison; daughter of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison, was born November 16, 1869. The 1870 census lists her name as Bergetta or Berzetta. On April 8, 1891, she was married to Arnold Roberts. Brezetta died November 16, 1896, at the age of 27 years. She is buried at Osyka, Mississippi. She and Arnold had two sons:

(1) Daniel Benton Roberts, born July 30, 1892, married Bell Wingo of Fernwood, Mississippi. She was a sister to George Wingo. They had no children but adopted a son--Thomas. Daniel Benton died in 1945 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

(2) Samuel Augustus Roberts was born May 20, 1896. He was only six months old when his mother died. He was married May 4, 1918 to Lula Mae Clark, daughter of Reverend N. F.

Clark, a Baptist Minister of Poplarville, Mississippi. Samuel and Lula Mae live on Route 1, Lucedale, Mississippi and have four children:

(a) Samuel A. Roberts Jr. born January 31, 1920, married Delores Brenning of San Francisco, California. They have three children--Donald, 19 years, Janice, 6 years, and John Allan, 2 years.

(b) Edwin Hayes Roberts, born March 1923, married Velda Lightsey of Pachuta, Mississippi. They have two sons--Edwin Hayes, Jr. age 6 years, and Larry, 5 years.

(c) Annie Lucile Roberts, born August 4, 1924, married Reverend Gaston G. Mooney of New Orleans. They have two girls--Hillya Ann, 8 years, and Harriet Sue, age 7.

(d) Franklin Clark Roberts, born August 22, 1928, married Natalie Mae Barton of Lucedale, Mississippi. They have two children--Mae Elizabeth, 5 years, and Daniel (Dannie) Franklin, 1 year of age.

IIID-4 Randolph (Bus) Addison, born August 16, 1872, son of Bledsoe and Lutitia Addison, died May 22, 1953. He married Lula Hood. They are buried at Osyka, Mississippi. There were three children:

(1) Jessie Addison was born February 25, 1903. On June 9, 1929, she was married to Leopold E. Williams, a merchant at Gillsburg, Mississippi. She died May 12, 1934 and is buried at Gillsburg. Jessie and Leopold had three girls:

(a) Pauline Dare Williams was born October 25, 1930. She married Udell Lee. They live on Route 2, Osyka, Mississippi and have three girls--Beverly, born March 10, 1950, Lynn, born February 5, 1952, and Judy, born April 13, 1954.

(b) Lee Joyce Williams, born November 15, 1931, married Ray O. Wall. They live at Port Lanceca, Texas and have two children--Jan, born April 21, 1950 and James Ray, born April 23, 1954.

(c) Jessie Jacklyn Williams, born May 12, 1934, is employed at Jackson, Mississippi.

(2) Avis Addison, daughter of Bus and Lula, married Maurice Lane. They live on Route 2, west of Magnolia, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Claire Laverne Lane, a very gifted musician.

(b) Maurice Lane, Jr. is active in 4H Club work.

(3) Charles Addison, son of Bus and Lula, married Annie Lou Oliver. They live at Osyka, Mississippi and have three children:

(a) Charles Eugene Addison

(b) John D. Addison

(c) Margaret Ann Addison

IIID-5 Margaret Lutitia (Maggie) Addison, daughter of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison, was born January 13, 1875. Maggie was married to Dewitt Newman on September 20, 1893. She died September 22, 1950 and is buried at Osyka, Mississippi. Maggie and Dewitt had five children:

(1) Melvin Addison Newman, born February 25, 1897, died May 4, 1920. He is buried near his mother at Osyka, Miss.

(2) Golden Newman married Will N. Weathersby, a merchant at Jackson, Mississippi. Their address is 944 Morningside Drive. They have two children:

(a) Margaret Elizabeth Weathersby is employed by Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi.

(b) William M. Weathersby, Jr. married Dorothy McCharen and they have a baby--Dorothy Lynne.

(3) Inez Newman was married on September 25, 1922 to Sidney Brogdan. They are at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two girls:

(a) Doris Brogdan married W. H. Turnley. They are at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Donald Ray, Dianne, and _____.

(b) Louise Brogdan married Arthur Fairchilds. They are in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have four children--Sidney, Ronald (Ronnie), Paralee and Arthur Glenn.

(4) Eloise Newman married Lyle McCullar. They live in Corinth, Mississippi and have one son:

(a) Lyle McCullar, Jr. married Rita Jo Burus. They are in school in Memphis, Tennessee.

(5) William Dewitt (W. D.) Newman married Paralee Smith.

They live at 2228 Grenada Street, Jackson, Mississippi and he is connected with the Colonial Bread Company.

IIID-6 Oliver Addison, son of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison, was born February 23, 1897. He married Mamie Watson of Arcola, Louisiana. They live about two and one half miles west of Osyka, Mississippi and have four children:

(1) Homer Addison married Isabel Almond of Chicago, Illinois. Homer operates a market in Osyka, Mississippi. They live west of Osyka and have no children.

(2) Mildred Addison married Benjamin (Ben) H. Garner, son of Samuel (Sam) B. Garner. They live in Magnolia, Mississippi and have no children.

(3) Leona Addison married Clifton Conerly. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have four children:

(a) Phillips Edward Conerly

(b) Margaret Ann Conerly

(c) Mary Elizabeth Conerly

(d) _____ (new baby boy)

(4) Willie Belle Addison married Earl Childress. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have no children.

IIID-7 George Draton or Drayton Addison, son of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison was born April 4, 1880 and died October, 1885. He is buried at Osyka, Mississippi.

IIID-8 Willis Britton (Britt) Addison, son of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison, was born January 15, 1883. He was married on June 7, 1905 to Bertha Imhoff of Osyka, Mississippi. They live about six miles west of Osyka, Mississippi and had six children:

(1) Gladys Addison was married on April 6, 1933 to Therrell Simmons, son of _____. Gladys teaches in the city schools of Magnolia, Mississippi. They live east of Magnolia and have one son--Therrell Britton Simmons.

(2) Hazel Addison, born May 5, 1911 died at the age of 17 years.

(3) Helen Addison was married on February 2, 1934 to Sidney Raborn, son of Jim Raborn. They live west of Osyka, Mississippi and have three children:

(a) Winston Addison Raborn is in the United States Marines.

(b) Mike Raborn, 10 years of age.

(c) Patricia, 5 years.

(4) Lillie Addison married on December 24, 1935, Estus Miller. They live at Wiggins, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Victor Miller

(b) Brenda Miller

(5) Charles Britton Addison married Margie Miller. They live west of Osyka and have four children:

(a) Barbara Miller, age 14.

(b) Carolyn, age 12.

(c) Marylin, age 10.

(d) Willis Britton, age 8.

(6) Laverne Addison married on January 14, 1941, B. L. Brabham of Houston, Texas. They live near Osyka and have three children:

(a) Noel Brabham, age 12.

(b) Sandra Lee Brabham, age 7.

(c) Ruby Ann, age 2.

IIID-9 Elwell Addison, twin of Weldon, son of Lutitia and Bledsoe Addison, was born February 16, 1887 and died September 22, 1891.

IIID-10 Weldon Addison, twin of Elwell, son of Lutitia and Bledsoe, was born February 16, 1887 and died July 21, 1887. These twins are buried at Osyka, Mississippi.

IIIE Mason Cornelius Simmons, youngest child of Willis and Matilda Simmons was born November 15, 1848 in Louisiana and died in 1929. He was married on December 9, 1869 to Catherine (Cassie) Easley, born June 8, 1852 and died in 1928. Mason, a Minister of the Gospel, signed his name M. C. They lived near Line Creek Baptist Church, six miles west of Osyka, Mississippi, and are buried in the church cemetery at Line Creek. They were the parents of ten children:

IIIE-1 Robert Cornelius (Nealy) Simmons, son of Mason C. was born August 17, 1871 and died September 29, 1875. He is buried near his father and mother.

IIIE-2 Willie Mason Simmons; son of Mason C. was born December 10, 1873 and died October 18, 1875. He is buried near his father and mother.

IIIE-3 Mary Lavena (Mollie) Simmons, daughter of Mason C. was born July 11, 1876. She married James Monroe Holmes, deceased. He is buried at Kentwood, Louisiana. Mollie live at 3319 Pochontas Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She diod in Feb. 1955. They had seven children:

(1) Johnnie Mason Holmes lives at 3319 Pochontas Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(2) Clarence Holmes married Daisy Velma Hawthorne. They live at Bogalusa, Louisiana. Clarence had a stepchild-- Erline, who married Dewitt Jones and they had two children-- Judy and Loradel. Clarence and Daisy had six children of their own:

(a) Clarence Willard Holmes married Ovella Kae Sweet of Indiana. He is in the Army Air Forces and served in the Korean Conflict.

(b) Dudley Holmes is at home.

(c) Ralph Holmes has been in the Armed Forces three years and is now stationed in Japan.

(d) Frank Holmes is at home.

(e) Frances Holmes is at home.

(f) Geneva Holmes is at home.

(3) Willie Holmes, son of Mollie and James Monroe, lives at 3319 Poncahontas Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married Stella Mixon. They have two sons:

(a) Carl Edwin Holmes, born June 12, 1928, married Christine Womack. They live at 950 France Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have three children:

(i) Carla Jean, born December 13, 1949.

(ii) Carl Edwin, Jr., born November 26, 1950.

(iii) Kenneth Michael, born December 13, 1953.

(b) Aubrey Sidney Holmes was born June 30, 1933. He is in the United States Army Air Forces.

(4) Cassie Helen Holmes, married Joseph S. Brown. They live at 139 Westmoreland Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have no children.

(5) Mamie Holmes married Sebie Varnado, Sr. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have six children:

(a) Sebie Varnado, Jr. married Christine Edinsfield. They live at Baton Rouge and have one son--Sebie Varnado, III.

(b) James Roy Varnado married Shirley Segrest. They live in Albuquerque, New Mexico and have one son--James Roy, Jr.

(c) Mollie Leona Holmes married Purvis Schilling. They live at Jackson, Louisiana and have three children--Sandra, Ronald, and Linda Gail.

(d) Helen Beatrice Holmes married Minton O. Newman. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have two children--Minton O. Jr. and Charlotte Kay.

(e) Charlotte Ann Varnado, age 16, is at home.

(f) Mary Emily Varnado, age 15, is at home.

(6) Myrtis Holmes married (1) Oscar Brewer. They had one son:

(a) Roland Monroe Brewer, born May 1, 1925, married Betty Rhea Miller. They live at 3733 Colorado St., Long Beach, California.

Myrtis married (2) P. L. Martin. They live at 2005 18th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(7) Donice Holmes born July 18, 1903, daughter of Mollie and James Monroe, married Ernest Harvey Curtin, Sr. They live at 3060 Pocahontas Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children:

(a) Ernest Harvey Curtin, Jr., born July 13, 1925, married Ethelyn Robert. They live at 2230 Erie St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children:

(i) Patricia Ann Curtin, born May 5, 1945.

(ii) David Robert Curtin, born September 11, 1947.

(iii) Kerry Michael Curtin, born August 27, 1951.

(b) Helen Curtin, born June 30, 1927, married Jack Sachse. They live at 3060 Pocahontas Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have no children.

(c) Mabel Marguerite Curtin, born March 29, 1932 is single.

IIIE-4 Sidney Bledsoe Simmons, son of Mason C. Simmons and Cassie Easley Simmons was born November 26, 1878 and died September 14, 1882. He is buried near his father and mother.

IIIE-5 Albert Leon Simmons, son of Mason C. and Cassie Simmons, was born May 13, 1881 in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana. He was married on December 25, 1903, to Myrtice Magalene Lea, Reverend Frank Williamson, officiating. Myrtice was born November 12, 1888 and died in 1928. She is buried at Line Creek Baptist Church cemetery. Leon lived about one mile south of this Church. He had an old Bible, with Family records going back to his grandfather--Willis Simmons, son of the original Willis Simmons. It is from this Bible and from gravemarkers, as well as interviews with Leon and other members of this family that the information included here was secured. This old Bible also has a note in it as to the time of death of the original Willis. Albert Leon Simmons died at his residence northwest of Kentwood, November 18, 1954. He is buried at Line Creek Church. Albert Leon and Myrtice were the parents of eight children:

(1) Iley Wilkerson Simmons, born October 13, 1905, married Bennie Mae Swearngen. They live near his father's home and have two sons:

(a) Iley Wilkerson (I.W.) Jr. who has won National fame and many trophies in 4H Club Work in cattle circles.

(b) Bennie Gayler Simmons is beginning a career also in the cattle business.

(2) Ivy Lucas Simmons, born March 15, 1908, married Mary Ellen Magee. They live west of Osyka, Mississippi in Amite County and have one daughter:

(a) Iva Louise Simmons married Pat Dean, son of Floyd and Ora Jennings Dean. Iva Louise and Pat live near her parents and have two girls--Priscilla Jame and Ora Ellen.

(3) Willie Mason Simmons, son of Albert Leon Simmons, was born June 11, 1910. He married Katherine Miller. They live near his brother, Lucas; west of Osyka, and have three children--Bobbye June, Mason, and Dickie. Katherine is employed in the Morris Store in Kentwood, Louisiana.

(4) Beulah Lutitia Simmons, born December 15, 1912, married (1) Otis V. Bridges. They had two children--Otis V. Jr. and Alice Mae. Beulah married (2) _____ Wade.

(5) Freddie Benjamin Simmons, born January 4, 1914, married Given Youngblood. They live in Gonzales, Louisiana and have two girls--Sherry and Evelyn Myrtis.

(6) Jamie Leon Simmons, born February 14, 1916, married Edna Felkmar. They live at Anaheim, California and have one son--Gayle Leon.

(7) Thomas Stanley Simmons, born December 4, 1921, was married on August 3, 1947, to Bernice Monts. They live near his father's home and have no children.

(8) Morris Edward Simmons, born December 13, 1924, was married on February 14, 1945 to Doris Dyreng. They live at Richland, Washington and have three children--Thomas Randall, Sandra Lee and Royce Leon.

IIIE-6 Lillie Lutitia Simmons, daughter of Mason C. and Cassie was born November 7, 1883 and died February 13, 1943. She married Festus Nelson Lea, who was born November 20, 1880 and died August 4, 1933. They lived near Line Creek Church and are buried in the church cemetery. They were the parents of seven children:

(1) Orris Lea lives near Line Creek Church. He married

Nellie Lee and they have two sons--Robert and Thomas Eugene (Tommie Gene).

(2) Roy Lea is a member of the Tangipahoa Parish Police Jury. He married Effie Dean Miller and they have two children--Patricia and Glen.

(3) Lorene Lea married Hollis Hilburn. They live on Route 4, Osyka, Mississippi and have no children.

(4) Avis Lea married Virgil Sullivan. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one girl--Margie.

(5) Robert Lea married Hettie V. Faust. They live at Texas City, Texas, % Shadow Art Studio, and have one girl--Linda.

(6) Christine Lea married Everett Hilburn. They live on Route 4, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have five children--E.W., Richard, Wayne, Paul, and Jonathan.

(7) Guy N. Lea married Inez Carroll. They live at Greenwell Springs, Louisiana and have three children--Sandra Lutichie, Nelson Jr., and Christopher Leon.

IIIE-7 Willis Eugene Simmons, son of Mason C. and Cassie, was born July 22, 1886. He married Mary Hale, deceased. They lived at Picayune, Mississippi and had two children:

(1) William Sidney Simmons married Daisy Stewart. He is in the United States Army. They have two children:

(a) William Sidney, Jr., born September 8, 1948.

(b) Roy Muriel, born January 5, 1950.

(2) Ethel Marie Simmons, deceased.

Willis Eugene had an adopted daughter--Olivia. He lives at Picayune, Mississippi now.

IIIE-8 Walter Easley Simmons, son of Mason C. and Cassie Simmons was born November 18, 1888 and died January 20, 1951. He was a lumber-grader at Picayune, Mississippi. He married Myrtle Raborn, daughter of W. R. Raborn. They had six children:

(1) Ona Mae Simmons married Isaac Jenkins. They live in

Poplarville, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Weynance Hunt Jenkins, born April 17, 1935.

(b) Gwendolyn Elizabeth Jenkins, born April 8, 1939.

(2) Euna Simmons married Wilbert Smith. They live at 105 Crosley Street, Picayune, Mississippi and have no children.

(3) Helen Simmons married Jack White. They live at Picayune, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Jackie Ruth, born November 27, 1938.

(b) Arthur Wayne, born September 26, 1943.

(4) Margie Simmons, married Lyman Frierson. They live at Picayune and have three children:

(a) Walter Lee, born June 20, 1943.

(b) Sylvia Mozelle, born August 28, 1948.

(c) Ronald Lyman, born September 19, 1953.

(5) Dorothy Simmons married Norman Witthouer. They live at Picayune, Mississippi and have one son--Norman Everett, Jr., born January 18, 1950.

(6) Walter Easley (W. E.) Simmons, Jr. is in Oxford, North Carolina.

IIIE-9 Baby of Mason C. Simmons, born May 27, 1891 and died February 11, 1892. It is buried in the same cemetery with its father and mother.

IIIE-10 Docia May Simmons, daughter of Mason C. and Cassie was born May 12, 1893 and died October 20, 1895.

Mason C. Simmons reared a girl in his home--Rosebud. She married Dr. Martin of Picayune, Mississippi. After his death, she built a home near Line Creek Church.

IV NARCISSA SIMMONS
Daughter of Willis Simmons

Narcissa Simmons, daughter of Willis Simmons and Jane Goslin Simmons, was born in 1813 in Pike County, Mississippi at Simmonsville. We have been unable to find any record of the day and month of her birth. The grave marker carries the date of 1813 and the 1860 census for Pike County, Mississippi gives her age as 47 years.

Narcissa married Calvin Kennington Fortenberry, son of William and Violette Kennington Fortenberry who came into the Mississippi Territory about 1812 from South Carolina. Calvin was born in 1806, according to the grave marker. (The 1850 census for Pike County gives his age as 42 years and the 1860 census gives his age as 53 years.)

Narcissa and Calvin K. were married sometime about 1831. They established a home near where the old Jesse C. Fortenberry residence now stands. This was East of New Zion Baptist Church in what is now Walthall County. They were active in the early affairs of the New Zion Church. The Reverend Willis J. Fortenberry, the pioneer Baptist preacher, was the youngest brother of Calvin K.

Calvin K. and Narcissa accumulated considerable land, horses, slaves, and other property and were hard hit by the effects of the Civil War.

Narcissa died February 12, 1890 according to the grave markers. (The Fortenberry's History of the Fortenberry Family gives two dates--February 1880 and 1890. See pages 13 and 30) Calvin K. died December 18, 1887, according to the grave marker. (The Fortenberry History gives December 18, 1877 or 1887. See pages 13 and 30) We think the marker dates are correct. Kelly C. Brumfield, born in 1877 and a grandson of Narcissa, said he remembers riding horseback to his grandmother's funeral. He describes her as having had light red hair as well as he can remember.

Narcissa and Calvin K. are buried in the old Pittman Cemetery, north of New Zion Church in Walthall County, where his brother, the Reverend Willis J. Fortenberry is also buried. Narcissa and Calvin were the parents of twelve children:

IVA William G. Fortenberry, son of Calvin and Narcissa, known as "Bill Spanish" was born May 20, 1833 and died November 23, 1920. He was the eldest of twelve children. He was tall, thin, with a long stride and a hearty laugh. It is said that he often visited his mother in her older days and would not leave until he had made her laugh about something. He married Jane Tillis, who was born April 22, 1840 and died November 2, 1925. They established a home near his parents and spent their entire lives there. They are buried in a Family Cemetery near their old home--a site William selected before he died. Most of their descendants have lived around Oral Baptist Church, about eight miles east of Tylertown, Mississippi. William and Jane were the parents of ten children:

IVA-1 William Adolphus (Dolph) Fortenberry, son of William and Jane, born in 1863 and died in 1946, married Ada O. Warner, who was born in 1871 and died in 1949. They lived near his parents and are buried in the Family Cemetery near his parents. They had nine children:

(1) Ovie Fortenberry married Byron Eustace (Estess) Patten. They live in the Dexter Community, east of Tylertown, Mississippi and have eight children:

(a) Wilda Patten married Cooper Magee. They live near Oral Baptist Church and have four children:

(i) Dennis married Janice Calhoun.

(ii) Vernon

(iii) Douglas

(iv) Ruth

(b) Lila Patten married Ira Lee (Doc) Goodwin. Lila is employed by D. E. Lampton Co., Tylertown, Miss.

(c) Wesley Patten married Nita Nichols. They live at Columbia, Mississippi and have one son--Lyndel, born August 6, 1939.

(d) Wilson Patten married Mary Griffin. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have three children-- Sadel, Sharon, and Arlen. (By a previous marriage, Mary had one son--Jimmy Foils.)

(e) Iris Patten married Alfred Griffin. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

(f) Byron Eustace (B.E.) Patten, Jr. is at home with his parents.

(g) Charline Patten married George Stringer. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.

(h) Iva Patten, born June 17, 1936, is at home with her parents.

(2) Ollie Fortenberry, daughter of Dolph and Ada, married Willie H. May, a builder and contractor at McComb, Mississippi. They live on Parks Street, McComb and have five children:

(a) Maude May married Russell Lewman. They live in McComb and have two daughters:

(i) Marie Lewman, born July 3, 1935, married Warren Eisworth. They live in McComb and have one son--Warren Layman Eisworth, Jr, born November 29, 1953.

(ii) Rowena Lewman is at home with her parents.

(b) J. Edwin May, born November 6, 1916 married Margaret Jordan. Edwin is connected with the Southern Bell Telephone Company. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have two children--Jane and Lamar.

(c) Dixie May married Reed Meadows, Superintendent of Schools at Magnolia, Mississippi in 1953-54 and now at Greensburg, Louisiana. They have two children--Catherine Ann and Deborah Reed.

(d) Mary Nell May married James Lloyd Jones. They live at Pochontas, Mississippi and have one girl--Jeannette.

(e) Louise May married James Wardlaw of McComb, Mississippi. He is in the United States Armed Forces.

(3) Lillie Fortenberry, daughter of Dolph and Ada, married Cleveland McKenzie. They have three sons:

(a) Doyle McKenzie married Lureal Wright.

(b) William McKenzie is at home with his parents.

(c) James McKenzie is at home with his parents.

(4) Effie Fortenberry, daughter of Adolph and Ada, married W. Ottis Magee and they have three children:

(a) W. O. Magee, Jr. married Ruth Pierce and they have one son--William Eugene.

(b) Dimple Magee married (1) Doyle McKenzie and they had one girl--Betty Lou. Dimple married (2) Clyde Dillon and they live at Tylertown, Mississippi.

(c) Jewell Magee is at home with his parents.

(5) Velma Fortenberry, daughter of Dolph and Ada, born November 19, 1896, died January 13, 1947, married Andrew J. McKenzie and they had one son--Andrew, Jr.

(6) Jessie Fortenberry, daughter of Dolph and Ada, married Mason May. They live near Union Baptist Church, north of Tylertown and have four sons:

- (a) Levon May is at home with his parents.
 - (b) Harold May is at home with his parents.
 - (c) Lloyd May married Aline Brumfield and they have one son--Kenneth Lloyd.
 - (d) Charles May married Wilda May Boyd.
- (7) William Fortenberry, son of Dolph and Ada, died when he was about one year old and is buried in the Pittman cemetery.
- (8) Pearl Fortenberry, daughter of Dolph and Ada, married Lloyd Pope. They have one son:
- (a) La Rue Pope married Betty Frances Reynolds and they have one son--Daniel Reynolds Pope.
- (9) Noel Fortenberry, son of Dolph and Ada, married Emma Jean Holmes. They have three children--William, Larry Noel, and Lou Ann.

IVA-2 B. Walter Fortenberry, born November 27, 1865 and died May 31, 1944, son of William G. and Jane Fortenberry, married Mattie C. Moore, who was born April 3, 1870 and died September 23, 1912. They are buried in the Family Cemetery, near his father. They had eight children:

- (1) Burl H. Fortenberry married Osea Magee and they live near the old Fortenberry home and have seven children:
 - (a) Irma Jane Fortenberry married Woodrow Williams. They live at Angie, Louisiana and have two children--Wilson and Gladys.
 - (b) Denman W. Fortenberry married Deloris Rowley. They live near Oral Baptist Church in Walthall County and have one child--Brenda Dee.
 - (c) Jimmy Lou Fortenberry married Robert McElveen. They live near her parents and have two children--Dorothy Jane and Bobby Ray.
 - (d) Burl Wendell Fortenberry married Iris Stinson. They live near his parents and have two girls--Velva Ann and Delva Iris.
 - (e) Robert Fortenberry married Marilyn Gunn. He is Band Director in the schools of Heidelberg, Mississippi.

(f) Charles Edward Fortenberry married Dorothy Higginbotham. He is connected with the Rural Electric Association at McComb, Mississippi. They have one child--Deborah Marie.

(g) Lela Fay Fortenberry married E. J. Newman. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have two children--Richard Oliver and Janie Lou.

(2) Essie Fortenberry, daughter of Walter and Mattie, married Henry Kennedy. They live near Old State Line Church and have nine children:

(a) Hastel Kennedy married Wiletta Sheridan. They have one child--Sherry.

(b) Elvin Kennedy married Eva Blackwell. They have two children--Mary Ann and _____.

(c) Ouida Kennedy married Richard Troxler. They have two girls--Nelwyn and Carrol Rose.

(d) James Kennedy married Margie Berry. They have one girl--Charlotte.

(e) Herschel Kennedy married Sue Pace. They have two children--Reggie and Ronda.

(f) Nell Kennedy married P. D. Singleton.

(g) Betty Lou Kennedy married Otto Knight. They have one child--"Rusty".

(h) Johnnie Kennedy is at home.

(i) Louie Kennedy is at home.

(3) Sidney Fortenberry, son of Walter and Mattie, married Grace Conerly. They live near the old place and have four children:

(a) Louise Fortenberry married Charles Stogner and they have three children--Dale, Charlotte and Charles David.

(b) Van Fortenberry is at home.

(c) Earl Fortenberry is at home.

(d) Nellie is at home.

(4) Reverend Price Fortenberry, son of Walter and Mattie, is pastor of the Baptist Church at DeRidder, Louisiana. He married Bessie Waldrop and they have three children:

(a) Walter Fortenberry married Mary Gray. They have one son—John Price.

(b) Mildred Fortenberry is at home.

(c) Bessie Merle Fortenberry is at home.

(5) Stanley Fortenberry married Frankie Seals. They live near the old place and have four children--Richard, Myrna Rae, Mary Ann, and Mattie Frances.

(6) Oran Fortenberry married Bessie Thomas. They live near the old place and have three children:

(a) Douglas Fortenberry married Gloria Graves. They live at Bogalusa, and have one son--John Douglas.

(b) Fred Fortenberry married Hilda McKenzie. They live near his parents and have two children--James and Gregory.

(c) Ruth Fortenberry is at home.

(7) Wilton Fortenberry, son of Walter and Mattie married Lucile Dixon. They live near his parents and have three children--Paul, Sally, and Janie.

(8) Louis Fortenberry, born July 20, 1907 died July 11, 1919.

IVA-3 Murray Leon Fortenberry, son of William G. and Jane Fortenberry, was born April 2, 1868, and is still living near the old place. He said he was the oldest man in that section, and may be the oldest living member of the Silver Creek Simmons Line. He remembers his grandmother, Narcissa Simmons Fortenberry, and lives in sight of where Narcissa and Calvin K. built their home. Murray married Ida C. Warner, born May 7, 1868 and died January 4, 1953. They had eight children:

(1) Eli Fortenberry married (1) Pearl Knight. They had two children:

(a) Lillian Fortenberry married Henry Williams. She died with an infant child.

(b) Zelma Fortenberry married _____.

Eli married (2) Rogene Brock and they had one son--Joe William, who died in a car accident in 1952 at the age of 16 years.

(2) Albert Fortenberry, son of Murray and Ida, married Edna Magee. They live near his father and have two children:

(a) Aaron Fortenberry married Willene Pittman. They have three children--Arline, Milford, and Jacquelyn.

(b) Odelee Fortenberry married Henry Williams. They live at Angie, Louisiana and have three children--Clara, Margie Rae, and Robert (Bob).

(3) Wilbur Fortenberry is single and lives with his father.

(4) Marcus Fortenberry married Katie Stogner, who was born February 17, 1903 and died January 31, 1952. She is buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County. They had two children:

(a) Rhoda Fortenberry married J. D. Herring. They live at 1215 Wheelock Street, McComb, Mississippi. She teaches in the Universal School south of McComb and he teaches in the Johnson Station Consolidated School.

(b) Marcus Estess (M.E.) Fortenberry married June Herring. He has been with the Willis Hardware Company in Tylertown and is now in the United States Armed Forces.

(5) Alma Fortenberry, daughter of Murray and Ida, married Paul Fortenberry. They live in the Dexter Community, in Walthall County, and had two children:

(a) Pauline Fortenberry married Buford Pigott. They have three children--William (Bill), Paulette, and Mary Ann.

(b) Jack Fortenberry died in 1938 in an automobile accident at the age of about 14 years.

(6) Allie Fortenberry married Wilbur McKenzie. They live near Oral Baptist Church, in Walthall County and have one girl:

(a) Jessie Gay McKenzie married A. R. Sumrall. They live at Carriere, Mississippi and have one girl--Beverly Ann.

(7) Burkley Fortenberry, son of Murray and Ida, married Odie Lee Conerly. They live near his father and have two girls--Carrie Ann and Sue Ella.

(8) Inez Fortenberry, married Pearl Breeland. They live in the Union Church Community, north of Tylertown, Mississippi and have one girl--Elvis.

IVA-4 Geneva Fortenberry, daughter of William G. and Jane, born November 1, 1869 and died December 2, 1936, married Frank Stogner, who was born February 16, 1866 and died August 28, 1922. They are buried in the old Stogner Cemetery, east of Tylertown, near where Mrs. Marie Stogner Simmons now lives. Geneva and Frank had five children:

(1) Clyde Stogner married Annie Belle Waldrop. They live at Franklinton, Louisiana and have three children:

(a) Onita Stogner married P. A. Crosby. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have six children--Annie, J. P., Bettie, Maxine, Elaine, and Lee-Hamp.

(b) Juanita Stogner (Twin of Onita) married A. W. Forbes. They live east of Tylertown and have four children--Geneva Lee, Junior, Jerry, and Juda.

(c) Clyde E. Stogner, Jr. married June Eveline Holmes. They live east of Tylertown and have two children--Leroy and Marjorie.

(2) Claudius Stogner, son of Geneva and Frank, born February 23, 1892 and died February 16, 1909. He is buried near his parents.

(3) Iva Stogner, daughter of Geneva and Frank, died from injuries sustained in a car accident. She married Maurice J. Welsh. They lived at Franklinton, Louisiana and had one son:

(a) M. F. Welsh married Elois Erwin and they have one son--M. F. Welsh, Jr.

(4) Clarence Stogner married Edna Thompson. They live east of Tylertown and have one girl--Shirline.

(5) Cleon Stogner, son of Geneva and Frank, lives at Franklinton, Louisiana.

IVA-5 Olivia Nancy Fortenberry, daughter of William G. and Jane, was born August 18, 1874 and died April 10, 1952, married Charles E. Blackwell, who was born January 23, 1868 and died October 7, 1921. They are buried near her father. They had 11 children--ten of these children are living and all live east of Tylertown:

(1) Ophelia Blackwell married Kimbrough Smith. Ophelia, it is said, has a strong resemblance to her grandmother, Jane. Ophelia and Kimbrough live several miles east of Tylertown

and have three girls:

(a) Veryl Smith married Clyde Redmond. They live at Beaumont, Texas and have two children--Sterlin Clyde, and Cheryl Sue.

(b) Donice Smith married Albert Cline. They live at Hattiesburg, Mississippi and have one son--Albert, Jr.

(c) Lois Smith married Joe Stachurski. They live at 1976 74th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(2) Lucy Blackwell, daughter of Olivia and Charles, married Collier T. Pigott. They live east of Tylertown and have two sons:

(a) Doy Pigott married Elizabeth Brumfield. They have two children--Marilyn, born November 27, 1950 and Nancy, age two.

(b) Leroy Pigott married Dottie Mae Hemphill. They live at New Orleans, Louisiana and have two children--Sharon, born September 18, 1946 and Stevie Wayne, born December 13, 1951.

(3) Ollis Blackwell married Willis Brumfield who has been Supervisor in the 2nd District of Walthall County, Mississippi for twelve years. They live east of Tylertown and have four children:

(a) Maudine Brumfield married Eldon Holmes. They live at Lexie, Mississippi and have two sons--Victor Eldon and Willis Richard.

(b) Basil Brumfield married Vivian Hickman. They live at Wiggins, Mississippi and have one girl--Cynthia Gale, born September 18, 1954.

(c) Dorothy Jean Brumfield is employed by the Soil Conservation Office at Jackson, Mississippi.

(d) Charles Jesse Brumfield married Bell Cutrer. He is connected with the Rural Electric Association. They live at 408 Missouri Avenue, McComb, Mississippi and have one son--Charles Willis.

(4) Ellie Blackwell, daughter of Olivia and Charles, married Albert Brumfield, son of Elisha Brumfield. They live one mile east of Tylertown and have one girl:

(a) Keron Brumfield married Sam Owens. They live near Tylertown and have one girl--Vickie Sue. (See Jackson Simmons Line)

- (5) Virgie Blackwell, deceased, married Virgil Pigott. They had an adopted son--Calvin Burns Pigott.
- (6) Lois Blackwell married Winifred Owens. They live East of Tylertown.
- (7) Charles Blackwell married Elmer Thomas. They have one girl:
- (a) Kathleen Blackwell married Windell Stogner and they have one girl--Linda Lou.
- (8) Roy Blackwell married Hazel McKenzie. They live near Oral Baptist Church, east of Tylertown and have six children:
- (a) Christine Blackwell married Velder McBeth and they have one girl--Diann.
 - (b) Jerry Don Blackwell
 - (c) Brenda Blackwell
 - (d) Reta Blackwell
 - (e) Jo Ann Blackwell
 - (f) Charlie, age 4 years
- (9) Dixie Blackwell married Austin Guy. They live east of Tylertown and have one son--James.
- (10) Mary Dean Blackwell married Albert Grubbs. They live east of Tylertown and have one girl--Sylvia Deane.
- (11) Charline Blackwell married Otis Stringer. They live near Oral Baptist Church and have one girl--Gloria, age 5 years.

IVA-6 Ophelia Fortenberry, daughter of William G. and Jane married Elmer Holmes. They live near the old Fortenberry place and have seven children:

- (1) Thelma Holmes married Otto Stallings. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi.
- (2) Ruth Holmes married Winfred Morris. They live at Columbia, Mississippi and have one girl--Winnie Ruth.
- (3) Jewell Holmes married Mary Lee Phillips. They have four children--Elmer Warren, Barbara Ann, Wayne, and Evelyn.

(4) Holton Holmes married Altha Reeves. They live near his parents and have five children--Hilton, Jr., Betty Sue, Judy Pearl, Jerry, and Wanda Kay.

(5) Rex Holmes married Inez Blackwell. They live near his parents and have three children--Patty Lou, Bobby, and Jimmy.

(6) Wilkie Holmes married Willie Mae Conerly. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi and have two children--Carolyn Fay and Ronnie.

(7) Olaf Holmes married Rachel Hobgood. He operates a store east of Tylertown, and they have one child--Kerry.

(See Black Bill Simmons Line under IIE-6 (2) for the Ophelia and Elmer Holmes Family also.)

IVA-7 Narcissa (Sis) Fortenberry, daughter of William G. and Jane, married Ernest Holmes, deceased. She lives at Lexie, Mississippi. They had six children:

(1) Dewitt Holmes married Vickie Magee. They lived at Franklinton, Louisiana and had four children:

(a) Dewitt Holmes, Jr. married Lucile Everett. They live near Franklinton, Louisiana and have two children--Brenda Joyce and Rickie.

(b) Robert Glenn (Bobby) Holmes married Joyce Mosher. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children--Warren Eugene and Robin Glenn.

(c) Paul Holmes married Blondie Corkern. They live southeast of Franklinton, Louisiana and have two children--Ginger Ann and Peggy Jean.

(d) Harry Holmes is employed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(2) Ray Holmes, son of Narcissa and Ernest, married Doris Holmes. They live at Lexie, Mississippi and have one girl--Nellda Rae.

(3) Donald Holmes married Lucile Martin. They operate a merchantile business at Lexie, Mississippi and have one girl--Donette.

(4) Maud Holmes married Troy Magee. Maud died March 31, 1939. They had one daughter--Helen Troy.

(5) Golda Holmes married (1) Edmond LeBlanc. They had one

son--Ferris Edmond. Golda married (2) J. S. (Chuck) Dale. They live in Beaumont, Texas.

(6) Hazel Holmes married James Futch, son of Flem Futch. They live in Victoria, Texas and have two children--Glenn and Sherrie Ann.

IVA-8 Chris Fortenberry, son of William G. and Jane, married Grace Hobgood. They have a merchantile business at Hackley, Louisiana and have four children:

(1) Gladys Fortenberry married J. E. (Zeke) Warren who was born May 23, 1895 and died September 20, 1944. He is buried at Franklinton, Louisiana. Gladys operates the Warren Butane Gas Company at Franklinton, Louisiana and Tylertown, Mississippi. Gladys and Zeke had two sons:

(a) John Preston Warren married Jean Magee. They live at Hackley, Louisiana and have three children--John Ira, Stephen Eugene, and Katherine.

(b) James Leroy Warren married Billy Faye Carr. They live at Hackley, Louisiana and have one girl--Cynthia.

(2) Melvin Fortenberry, son of Chris and Grace, has been connected with Russell Wholesale Grocery Company for twenty years. He married Magetta Magee of Bogalusa, Louisiana. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Melvin Donald Fortenberry is at home.

(b) Barbara Jane Fortenberry married James Michael Doherty. He is in the United States Marine Corp.

(3) Ruffin G. Fortenberry married Doris Pace. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have two children--Jeannine and Chris.

(4) Christine Fortenberry married Geoffrey H. S. McCallum. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

IVA-9 Charlie (Buddy) Fortenberry married Lula Conerly. They live in the old William G. Fortenberry home and have six children:

(1) May Dee Fortenberry married Leroy Eastland. They live in the Dexter Community, in Walthall County, Mississippi.

(2) Joe Fortenberry married Claudine Stringer. They live near his parents and have one girl--Diane.

- (3) Ray Fortenberry married Ouida Sheridan. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana.
- (4) Undeen Fortenberry married Johnnie Stringer. They live in the Dexter Community in Walthall County and have one son-- John Ray.
- (5) Dorothy Fortenberry is at home with her parents.
- (6) Sadie Fortenberry married Glenn Pigott. They live in the Salem Community in Walthall County, north of Tylertown and have two children--Joan and Janet.

IVA-10 Mary Fortenberry, youngest child of William G. and Jane, married Oscar Crain. They live in Franklinton, Louisiana and had seven children:

- (1) Marvin Crain married Vera Ard. They live at Franklinton, and have one son:
 - (a) Edward Clayton Crain is employed at Greenville, Mississippi.
- (2) Wava Crain married Robert Earl Boyd. They live in Tylertown and have five children:
 - (a) Betty Jean Boyd, born February 15, 1933 married De Morris McCaleb Cryslor, Edwards, Mississippi.
 - (b) William Earl Boyd, born October 7, 1934.
 - (c) Robert Charles Boyd, born August 13, 1942.
 - (d) Gloria Boyd, born January 29, 1946.
 - (e) Ronald Paul Boyd, born July 26, 1949.
- (3) W. O. Crain, Jr. married Aline McElveen. They live in Franklinton, Louisiana and have three sons--Jerry, Glen, and Lowery.
- (4) Charles Crain married Grace St. John. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.
- (5) Phala Crain married Truman Wills. They live in El Paso, Texas and have four children--Gloria, Shirley, Truman, Jr., and Joy Lenn.
- (6) Dewey Crain married Dorothy Simmons. They live at

Greenville, Mississippi and have one son--Dennie George.
(See Black Bill Simmons Line)

(7) William Godfrey Crain, born July 4, 1909 and died July 16, 1909.

IVB Violette Jane Fortenberry, daughter of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry was born in 1835, according to the family records. (The 1850 census for Pike County gives her age as 16 years.) She died September 22, 1857 at the age of 22 years. One spelling of the first name is Violet and another Vilette. She was known as Jane. She married Samuel (Sam) A. Blackwell, who was born September 11, 1826 and died September 15, 1910. Sam A. Blackwell, Jr. 2nd Lieutenant in Minute Men, C.S.A., Commissioned June 5, 1862--Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Sam and Jane had one son and one daughter:

IVB-1 William Cornelius Blackwell died October 30, 1931, at the age of 76 years, according to the grave marker. This would indicate his birth year as 1855. He married Safronia Brock, who was born in 1852 and died in 1932. Their early married life was spent around Dillon's Bridge and their last years were at Fernwood, Mississippi. They had seven children: Cornelius and Saphronia are buried in the J. Calvin Fortenberry Lot in the Magnolia Cemetery.

(1) Bengie M. Blackwell, born 1878 and died in 1939, married Fannie Hilburn. They lived at Kentwood, Louisiana where he is buried. They had three sons and three daughters:

(a) Benjie Blackwell operates a shoe store at Kentwood, Louisiana and also at Magnolia, Mississippi. He married Ruby Lee McDaniel and they have three children:

(i) Karl Blackwell operates a shoe store at Kentwood. He married Iris McDaniel and they have one child--Karen.

(ii) Arlen Blackwell married Clariss Woods. They live at Hammond, Louisiana and have one girl--Debbie.

(iii) Jo Ann Blackwell is in High School in Kentwood at this writing.

(b) J. D. Blackwell is Co-owner of Blackwell Brother's Cleaners and Pressers at Kentwood. He married Martha Lambert and they have two sons--John Alan and J. D. Jr.

(c) Luther Lee Blackwell is interested, with his brother in the Blackwell Brother's Cleaners and Pressers in

Kentwood. He married Willie Edith Feigler. She operates the Tip Top Beauty Salon in Kentwood, Louisiana.

(d) Losia Zell Blackwell married Woodrow Wilson. They live in New Orleans and have one girl--Janice.

(e) Ozie Blackwell married Ray Thomas. They are at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one girl--Barbara.

(f) Avanelle Blackwell married Frank Lilly. They are in Houston, Texas and have one girl--Donna Jean.

(2) J. Leslie Blackwell, son of Cornelius and Saphronia, was born February 2, 1879 and died March 2, 1948. He is buried at Kentwood, Louisiana. Leslie married Janie Rimes (Rhymes).

(3) J. Edgar Blackwell, son of Cornelius and Saphronia, married Maggie Lambert. He owns and operates a Service Station at Brookhaven, Mississippi. They have one girl:

(a) Willard Blackwell married William Henry Stanley.

(4) Arney Cornelius Blackwell, son of Cornelius and Saphronia, is a retired pipe-fitter. He married Mary Andrews and they live at 255 South 4th Street, Ponchatoula, Louisiana. They have one son:

(a) Arney Clayton Blackwell is a druggist. He married Inez Hoover and they have one daughter:

(i) Elizabeth Ann Blackwell, born January 26, 1937.

(5) Velma Blackwell, daughter of Cornelius and Saphronia, married J. E. Godfrey. They live at Fernwood, Mississippi and have two daughters:

(a) Edwina Godfrey married Winton Walker. They live at Fernwood, Mississippi. Edwina is employed by the B & B Office Supply Company, in McComb, Mississippi. Winton and Edwina have one girl:

(i) Santa Walker, born April 6, 1950.

(Winton Walker is in the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons)

(b) Elizabeth Ann Godfrey married Ray Poole. They are at Monticello, Mississippi and have one girl--Cynthia Poole.

(6) Myrtis Blackwell, daughter of Cornelius and Saphronia, married W. I. Ball, deceased. They live at Slidell, Louisiana. Myrtis makes her home there and at Fernwood, Mississippi.

(7) William C. Blackwell, born May 4, 1891 and died October 12, 1893, son of Cornelius and Saphronia is buried in the Burch Family Cemetery in the southwestern corner of Walthall County, Mississippi.

IVB-2 Frances Narcissa Blackwell, daughter of Violette Jane and Samuel A. Blackwell, was born in 1856 and died in 1934, according to the grave marker. She married William Simmons (Bill) Rimes (Rymes) who was born in 1850 and died in 1928. They reared their family near Simmonsville, in Pike County, Mississippi and spent their last years at Kentwood, Louisiana where they are buried. They were the parents of thirteen children:

(1) Dred J. Rimes was born July 9, 1876 at Simmonsville and married Fannie Schilling, daughter of Barney Schilling. (Some members of the family spell the name Schillings, but the original Schilling who came to Mississippi from Georgia left off the "s"). Dred and Fannie were married on September 3, 1896. Dred died at Picayune, Mississippi on August 23, 1954 and is buried in the New Palestine Cemetery at Picayune. Dred and Fannie had four children:

(a) Anciel Rimes married Laura Thigpen of Honey Island, Mississippi. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have five children:

(i) Mattie Helen Rimes married Levert Smith and they have two children--Kenneth and Randy.

(ii) Myrtle Ruth Rimes married Sam Stewart. They live in Bogalusa and have four children--Marie, Patricia Ann, Carolyn and Glenda.

(iii) Elna Rimes married Stanley Roberts.

* (iv) Anciel Rimes, Jr. born June 19, 1932, died May 20, 1954. He was killed in an automobile accident while serving in the Armed Forces, stationed at Camp Lucas, Saulte Ste Marie, Michigan.

(v) Edna Rimes, born January 12, 1926, died January 10, 1929.

(b) William Burnet Rimes, son of Dred, married Mamie Penton of Carriere, Mississippi. They live at Medford, Oregon and had four children:

(i) Elaine Rimes married Donald Shors of Medford, Oregon and they have one child--Gary Lynn.

(ii) Jacqueline Rimes married William (Bill) Newman of Medford.

(iii) Dorothy Rimes is at home with her parents.

(iv) One child died when it was small.

(c) Georgie Rimes, daughter of Dred, married Harold C. Stockstill. They live in Picayune, Mississippi and have three children:

(i) Raylene Stockstill married Herbert Moody of Picayune, Mississippi and they have one child--Debie.

(ii) Shirley Stockstill married Kenneth Burks of Carriere, Mississippi.

(iii) Barbara Lynn Stockstill is at home with her parents.

(d) Dred J. Rimes, Jr., son of Dred, married Hazel Stewart. They live in Daley City, California and have one daughter:

(i) Nevelione Rimes married James Burge of Carriere, Mississippi and they have one child--Dennie.

(2) Vilette Jane Rimes, daughter of Narcissa and William (Bill) Rimes married Leslie Blackwell, deceased. Jane lives at Kentwood, Louisiana with her brother, Albert.

(3) Fannie N. Rimes married (1) Hez O. Schilling, deceased. They had three children:

(a) Emmitt Schilling married Minnie Blackwell and they have two children:

(i) Billie Schilling is single.

(ii) Mary Jo Schilling married Ray Booth and they have one son--David Ray.

(b) Wilma Schilling married Monroe Spencer. They live at 3701 Vanderbilt Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana and had four children:

(i) Monroe Spencer, Jr. married Louise Ayers. They live at 238 Vanderbilt Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana and have one child--Neal.

(ii) Betty Spencer married W. H. Cronin, Jr. They are at 3023 Dougherty Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have twins--Catherine and Rebecca.

(iii) Dorothy Jean Spencer married E. W. Parmiter. They live at 3701 Vanderbilt Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana and have one son--Bryan.

(iv) Billy Frances Spencer died at the age of 13 years.

(c) Obe Oliver Schilling married Elvina Rose Lavoy. They have four children, all born in Laurel, Mississippi:

(i) William Fletcher Schilling, born September 25, 1923, married Dawn Axford in Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia on January 6, 1945. William Fletcher was in World War II. They live at 27 E. Harvey Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin and have six children:

Barry William born July 6, 1947
Larry Scott born June 30, 1948
Thomas Wayne born September 15, 1949
Susan Kay born February 22, 1951
Kathryn Rose born February 12, 1952
Sherry Lee born July 31, 1954.

(ii) Mary Elizabeth Schilling, born October 27, 1926, married Pat Davis. They live in Prentiss, Mississippi and have two sons--Gregory, born in September, 1948 and Burt born in October 1951.

(iii) John Oliver Schilling, born July 22, 1929 is a career man in the Service of the United States Air Corp. He is now in Germany.

(iv) Harry Lee Schilling, born February 2, 1933, member of the United States Air Corp, just returned from Korea and is now stationed in Texas.

Fannie N. Rimes Schilling married (2) Henry Busby, deceased. She lives on Route 4, Laurel, Mississippi.

(4) Samuel T. (Sam) Rimes, son of Narcissa and Bill Rimes, married Smithie Dykes on November 21, 1907. They live on Route 1, Kentwood, Louisiana and have eight children:

(a) Ellen Rimes married Oscar Blades. They live four miles west of Tangipahoa, Louisiana and have eight children:

(i) William Oscar Blades married Ernestine Young. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son.

(ii) Audrey Blades is employed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(iii) Harold Blades is employed at Baton Rouge.

(iv) Bettie, (v) Wilber, (vi) Roger, (vii) Linda and (viii) Claton. These last five children are at home with their parents.

(b) Hugh Rimes, son of Sam and Smithie, married Anna Hutchinson. They live at Tangipahoa, Louisiana and have five children:

(i) Mary Evelyn Rimes married _____ and is employed in Baton Rouge.

(ii) Dorothy Rimes married _____ and is employed in Baton Rouge.

(iii) Ann, (iv) Jimmie Sue, and (v) Hugh, Jr. are all at home with their parents.

(c) Loraine Rimes, daughter of Sam and Smithie, married Edgar Waller. They live four miles southwest of Kentwood and have three children--Sue, Patsy, and Homer.

(d) Ralph Rimes, son of Sam, married Louella Bethel. They live west of Tangipahoa, Louisiana and have two children--James Ralph and Debra.

(e) Ruth Rimes (Twin of Ralph) married Clyde Griffin. They live at Baker, Louisiana and have three children--Wayne, Fay, and Cary Clyde.

(f) Clyde Rimes, son of Sam, married Iola Travis. They live in Garland, Texas and have two children--Thomas (Tommie) and Teri Diann.

(g) Ludie Rimes married Clyde Phillips. They live on Route 1, Kentwood, Louisiana and have five children--Adrin, Denis, and Virginia, Katha, and Marcia.

(h) Laverne Rimes (Boy), son of Sam, married Dorothy Fay Pearl. Dorothy Fay had two children by a previous marriage--Helen and Jerrold. Laverne and Dorothy Fay live in Garland, Texas.

(5) Nan Cordelia Rimes, daughter of Marcissa and Bill, was born in 1873 and died in 1951. She is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana.

(6) Rose Olivia Rimes married Nims Ridgeway. They live at Kilmichael, Mississippi.

(7) Amanda Otera Rimes married Wilton E. Dyson, a merchant at Kentwood, Louisiana. Wilton was born in 1880 and died in 1949.

He is buried at Kentwood. Amanda lives at Kentwood now. She and Wilton had two children:

(a) W. E. Dyson, Jr. is in Kentwood.

(b) Geraldine Dyson married Dr. A. D. Williams, a dentist at Kentwood. They have one daughter--Dianne.

(8) Albert W. Rimes lives in Kentwood, Louisiana. He married Bernice Bell.

(9) Sidney E. Rimes was born in 1888 and died in 1938. He is buried in Kentwood.

(10) W. S. Rimes died when he was small.

(11) Thomas C. Rimes married Merle Tibbs. They live at 419 South Beacon Street, Laurel, Mississippi and have two daughters:

(a) Katherine Rimes married H. Preston Shelton and they have two children--Kay and Gene.

(b) Nan Elizabeth Rimes married R. W. Mooney and they have one child--Anita.

(12) Mary Estelle Rimes married Frank L. Gehringer. They live in Kentwood and have two sons:

(a) Dr. Gerald Gehringer, a physician, married Merle Lee. They live in Kentwood, Louisiana.

(b) Frank Gehringer, Jr. is in the United States Armed forces.

(13) Sarah Lorene (Lola) Rimes married (1) Earl T. Vincent of Ohio, who died in a balloon crash. Lola married (2) Emery Goit who was born in Ontario, Canada and died in a car accident in 1936. Lola and Emery had two daughters:

(a) Alice June Goit married J. D. Garner and they have one child--Cheryl Jo.

(b) Sara Narcissa married Pat E. Carpenter of Tennessee and they have one child--Eddie.

Lola teaches at Lepanto, Arkansas and spends the summer months with her sister, Rose, at Kilmichael, Mississippi.

After Samuel (Sam) A. Blackwell lost his first wife, Jane, he married (2) Sarah Morris, and they reared a large family, including: Mary, Columbus Felder, Levi Jane, Sarah Adarine, Charlie, Annie, Jim, Lillie, and Ella.

Samuel (Sam) and his second wife Sarah are buried in the J. Calvin Fortenberry Lot in the Magnolia Cemetery at Magnolia, Mississippi.

IVC Nancy I. Fortenberry, daughter of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry was born in 1836, according to Family records, grave marker, and 1850 census records. She died April 22, 1882; according to the marker at her grave. She married (1) William Willis, who was born in 1829 and died December 23, 1858, at the age of 29 years. William is buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County. Nancy and William had two sons; Nancy is buried in the old Pittman Cemetery in Walthall County, Mississippi.

IVC-1 Frank Willis died young.

IVC-2 John Warren Willis, born April 11, 1856, died October 15, 1915. He married Mary Gabriella Magee who was born June 27, 1861 and died August 10, 1912. John and Mary are buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. They had three children:

(1) Gertrude Elizabeth Willis, born November 1, 1882, died September 3, 1938. She married William Harris Conerly who was born January 8, 1868 and died December 21, 1948. They are buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. There were four children:

(a) Hilen Hilda Conerly, born February 9, 1889, married Sam B. Lampton on December 24, 1922. Sam was born February 27, 1891. He is in the merchantile business in Tylertown, Mississippi. They had three children:

(i) William Alexander Lampton, born May 25, 1925. He is single and lives at Tylertown, Mississippi.

(ii) Elizabeth Ann Lampton, born January 19, 1928; married James David Powell. They live at Grenada, Mississippi and have one son--James Milton.

(iii) Josephine Lampton is a graduate student at Duke University at this writing.

(b) Aline Willis Conerly, daughter of Gertrude and William, married Edward J. Currie, Jr., formerly Mayor of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They had three children:

(i) Aline Conerly Currie died young.

(ii) Edward James Currie III married Carroll Prater

and they have two children--Mary Aline and Joan Carroll.

(iii) Lois Hilan Currie married Richard Tannehill. They have one child--Marjorie Aline.

(c) Price Truly Conerly is manager of Willis Hardware Company of Tylertown, Mississippi. He married Etha Magee and they have three children:

(i) Price Truly Conerly, Jr. married Betty Lou Brown and they have one daughter--Becky.

(ii) Joseph Warren Conerly married Molly Ann Allen of Natchez, Mississippi and they have one son--Russell Warren.

(iii) Wallace Conerly is a student at Milsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi at this writing (1954).

(d) Melne Conerly married (1) James Virgil Bilbo, born February 13, 1899 and died February 13, 1931. He is buried in Tylertown. Melne married (2) J. T. Richmond.

(2) Albert Wallace Willis born November 21, 1885, died July 11, 1945, married Rose McDonald of Walthall County. The Willis Brothers owned and operated the Willis Hardware Company for many years. Albert and Rose had two children:

(a) Charles McDonald Willis married Dorothy Nettles of New Orleans. They had two daughters--Suzanne Willis and Patricia Willis.

(b) Patricia (Pat) Willis married Dr. Walter Crawford, a physician, who with his father, Dr. Lampton Crawford, and his brother, Dr. Everett Crawford, own and operate the Crawford Hospital in Tylertown, Mississippi. Pat and Walter have two children--Jeffrey and Julie.

(3) Jesse W. Willis, born July 14, 1889 and died in 1933, was in World War I. Jesse married Marie Harlan of McComb, Mississippi. He and Albert were in business together. Jesse had no children.

After the death of William Willis, Nancy Fortenberry Willis married (2) Elisha K. Brumfield, who was born December 1, 1840 and died November 25, 1911. Elisha Brumfield was in Company K, Private, 39th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A. during the War between the States. This record is on file in the Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi. Nancy and Elisha had two children;

IVC-3 Kelly Calvin Brumfield, born July 13, 1877, has an enlarged picture of his mother Nancy, revealing her as a very beautiful woman. Kelly remembers attending the funeral of his grandmother, Narcissa Simmons Fortenberry. Kelly served many years as Justice of the Peace in Walthall County, Mississippi. He married Louisa Magee, 53 years ago. They live east of Tylertown and have three children:

- (1) Allie Brumfield married Adrian Turnage. They live near her parents.
- (2) Berdie Brumfield married Howard Kessler. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have three children--Louise, William and George Albert.
- (3) Fleet Brumfield married Etta Bearden. They live east of Tylertown and have one son--Joe Kelly.

IVC-4 Louise Brumfield, deceased, married Herbert Davis. They had six children:

- (1) Minnie Davis married Rossie Pittman. They live at Foxworth, Mississippi and have two sons:
 - (a) La Rue Pittman is in the United States Navy.
 - (b) Glen Doyle Pittman is at home--13 years old.
- (2) Bertie Lee Davis, deceased, was a teacher.
- (3) An infant child that died.
- (4) Fraim Davis married Josephine Tyler Welch and they have six children:
 - (a) Helen Davis married Ray Strickland and they have two children--Lynette and Willie Ray, Jr.
 - (b) Dorothy Lee Davis married Lannie Sturdivant and they have three children--John Arnold, Anthony and Donnie Ray.
 - (c) Charles Davis married Elaine Williams.
 - (d) Barbara Jo Davis is at home.
 - (e) J. F. Davis, Jr. is at home.
 - (f) Bonita Ann Davis is at home.
- (5) James Davis, son of Louise and Herbert, married Dicie Fain.

(6) Hoyt Davis married (1) Emma Hudson and they had two daughters:

(a) Geneva Davis is a graduate of Baylor University and is a choir director in Brookhaven, Mississippi. She married Dr. Howard Reeves, member of the faculty of Copiah - Lincoln Junior College at Wesson, Mississippi.

(b) Mary Lee Davis is a Registered Nurse at the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Hoyt Davis married (2) Jane Musselwhite.

After Louise Brumfield Davis died, Herbert Davis married again and now lives in Winnsboro, Louisiana.

After Nancy died, Elisha K. Brumfield married Corinne Simmons, daughter of Jackson Simmons. Elisha died November 25, 1911 and is buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County, Mississippi. Corinne and Elisha had seven children of their own. Corinne, Elisha's second wife was a first cousin to his first wife.

(This family is written up in the Jackson Simmons Line and will not be repeated here.)

IVD Willis Jackson (Jack) Fortenberry, son of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry, was born February 27, 1838 and died April 4, 1911. Some records give his name as William Jackson. He served in the Confederate Army, as a private in Company F., 7th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A. This record is on file in the Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi. (Some records show that he served at one time in Dahlgreen's Rifles, Co. H, 7th Mississippi Regiment.)

An interesting incident passed on to one of the writers of this manuscript by his mother, Jack's youngest sister, Sarah, is that when Jack came home at the end of the War and was within several miles of the old home, he began giving a yell that the family recognized. Sarah, then 10 years old, shouted "It's Jack" and ran down the road to meet him.

Jack married (1) Elizabeth K. (Lizzie) Pigott who was born September 30, 1845 and died March 3, 1883. They lived east of New Zion Church, east of Tylertown and had eight children:

IVD-1 Dudley Fortenberry was born in 1865 and died in 1937. He married Laura Drucilla Holmes, sister to H. B. Holmes. She was born April 23, 1865 and died March 6, 1954. They spent their last years around Baytown, Texas where they are buried. Dudley and Laura had five sons:

(1) Clarence I. Fortenberry married Agnes Jones. They live at Baytown, Texas and have one daughter.

- (a) Claire Fortenberry married E. B. Thoman and they live at Baytown, Texas.
- (2) Dealos A. Fortenberry lives in Houston, Texas.
- (3) Hyman L. Fortenberry married Margaret Cage. They live in Dallas, Texas and have one son--Hyman, Jr.
- (4) W. Ansel Fortenberry married Edna Cole. He lives at Paducah, Kentucky.
- (5) Hilburn Fortenberry married Myrtis Brown. They live at Baytown, Texas and had three children--Roger, deceased, Billie and Gloria.

IVD-2 Dula Annie Fortenberry, born in 1870 and died November 20, 1952, married C. Murray Davis who was born January 12, 1867 and died September 18, 1926. They lived near and were active in the New Zion Baptist Church and are buried there. They had nine children:

(1) Martha Davis, born January 31, 1891, married Edd Fortenberry, son of Wash Fortenberry. They live near New Zion Church and have three children:

(a) Dodd Fortenberry married Dorothy Bateman. He is with the J. C. Penny Company in Lafayette, Louisiana. They have two children--Linda and Jimmy.

(b) Joe Fortenberry married Tennie Bell Blackwell. They live with his parents and have two children--Jo Anna and Malcolm Wayne.

(c) Jean Fortenberry married Paul Kennedy and they have one son--Rickey.

(2) Fleita Davis, born April 21, 1893, and died January 5, 1955, married Frank White, deceased. Fleita lived in Tyler-town, Mississippi.

(3) Van Davis, born April 21, 1895, married Irma Graham. They live at Foxworth, Mississippi.

(4) Jackson Davis was born October 12, 1897 and died April 3, 1909. He is buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County, Mississippi.

(5) Johnnie Davis, born April 21, 1900, married (1) Joyce Burch. They had one son--John Edward. Johnnie married (2) Lucy Dean and they live at Columbia, Mississippi.

(6) Wilma Davis, born March 31, 1902, married Albert J. Yarborough who was born June 5, 1892. They live near Tyler-town, Mississippi and have five children:

(a) Reverend Homer Albert Yarborough, born February 8, 1923, is a Baptist minister at Mobile, Alabama. He married (1) Nell Bullock, deceased. They had one son-- Cecil Earl, born August 22, 1947. Homer A. married (2) Hazel Aikins, who was born February 4, 1921.

(b) Nell Yarborough, born April 21, 1924, married Reverend Frank Haire, who was born October 26, 1923. Frank is a Baptist minister. They live at Meadville, Mississippi and have four children:

(i) James Truett Haire, born January 1, 1947.

(ii) Nan Carol Haire, born August 22, 1948.

(iii) Cela Joy Haire, born February 3, 1951

(iv) Albert Alan Haire, born October 19, 1954.

(c) Patsy Yarborough, born August 10, 1929, is single.

(d) Nancy Sue Yarborough, born October 12, 1934 married Denver Kennedy.

(e) Jane Yarborough, born March 8, 1938.

(7) Lottie Davis, daughter of Murray and Annie, was born November 24, 1904. She married A. S. Roberts. They live at Mendenhall, Mississippi.

(8) Hansford Davis, born November 23, 1906, married Bessie Bateman. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children--Charles and Martha Lee.

(9) Annie Bell Davis, born July 25, 1909, married (1) Homer Stockstill. They live in Lumberton, Mississippi and have two sons--Jimmy and Ben. Annie Bell married (2) D. P. Williamson.

IVD-3 John Warren Fortenberry, son of Jackson Fortenberry, was born in 1872 and died in 1930. He is buried at New Zion Church. He married Lozannie Williams of Bogalusa, Louisiana.

IVD-4 Martha Lillie Isabelle (Belle) Fortenberry was born April 10,

1874 and died August 19, 1906. Belle married W. W. (Billy) Pope, who served in the Mississippi Legislature from Pike County in 1896-1900 and 1904-1908 and later from Walthall County. He was born October 25, 1850, and died January 8, 1929. Belle and Billy are buried at Tylertown. They had four children:

(1) Marlin Pope married Dorothy Milburne of Mattoon, Illinois. They live at Angie, Louisiana and have three sons:

(a) William Marlin (Billy) Pope is in the United States Navy. He married Shirley Howard.

(b) Robert Wesley (Bobby) Pope is in the United States Navy. He married Joyce Carpenter.

(c) Dudley Truett Pope.

(2) Annette Pope, daughter of Belle and Billy, married James Kelly. They are in Los Angeles, California and have one girl:

(a) Sylvia Kelly married Hugh Freeman and they have two sons--Roger and Alan.

(3) Dudley Pope, son of Billy and Belle, lives with his sister, Mrs. Zella Sandifer, Route 4, Magnolia, Mississippi. (Zella is Dudley's half-sister.)

(4) Jackson Truett Pope, born 1899 and died 1937, married Sarah Pigott. He is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi.

By a previous marriage W. W. Pope (Billy) had four children--Zella, Nellie, Dixie, and Laney.

IVD-5 Malinda Rebecca (Linnie) Fortenberry, daughter of Jack and Lizzie, was born March 27, 1876 and died August 22, 1952. She married Nolan Smith, who was born May 17, 1871 and died February 10, 1951. They lived a few miles east of Tylertown, Mississippi and had thirteen children:

(1) Eunice Smith married Carllee Fortenberry and they had two children:

(a) Nell Fortenberry married Carl De Prospero.

(b) Ina Lee Fortenberry married (1) Willard Ard and had one daughter by this marriage--Flora Patriece. Ina Lee married (2) Thomas Givens.

(2) Isaac Smith married (1) Lillie Fortenberry. Isaac married (2) Leola Hand. They live at Terry, Mississippi and have

one daughter:

(a) Mary Lynn Smith married Robert Crisler, Jr. and they have one daughter--Rebecca (Becky).

(3) Clara Smith married Oscar S. Willoughby. Clara died in August, 1953. They had five children:

(a) Christine Willoughby married Johnnie Bain and they have one son--Johnnie, Jr.

(b) Charles Willoughby married Peggy Myles and they have two daughters--Jean and Linda.

(c) Wilton Willoughby married Louise Ledbetter. They live at Henderson, Tennessee.

(d) O. S. Willoughby, Jr. is at home.

(e) Billy Francis Willoughby is at home.

(4) Lizzie Smith married Jessie L. Bullock. They have one girl, Elizabeth.

(5) Lee Smith married Daisy Fortenberry.

(6) Douglas Smith married Collin Akin. They live in the old Nolan Smith house and have two children--Douglas Nolan and Bobby Sue.

(7) Allie Smith married Roy Griffin. They live at 723 Wingfield Street, Jackson, Mississippi and have one daughter:

(a) Peggy Jo Griffin married Herman Harvey Piner, and they have one girl--Melanie Clarice. Herman received his wings as a pilot in the United States Air Corps, September 15, 1954.

(8) Crawford Smith, born November 26, 1908 and died May 10, 1909.

(9) Queen Smith married Ernest Ford. They live at Hub, Mississippi and have two children--Patsy Ann and Michael Russ.

(10) Fannie Laura Smith married Enochs Bickham. They live at Clifton, Louisiana.

* (11) Jewell Smith was killed June 30, 1943 in the Pacific Theatre of War while serving in the United States Army. He entered the service in 1940 and was 29 years old when he met his herioc death.

(12) Louis Smith married Lavera Hutson. They have one son--

Robert Pat.

(13) Doyle Smith is single and lives near the old home.

IVD-6 Willie J. F. Fortenberry, son of Jack and Lizzie, lives east of McComb, Mississippi. He married Myrtis Ellzey, daughter of Billy Frank Ellzey. They have five children:

(1) Eric Fortenberry married Leone Bardwell. They live southeast of McComb, Mississippi and have five children-- Jimmy, died at the age of 14 years, Jerry Lamar, Glenn D., Charles Larry and Betty Sue.

(2) Lucile Fortenberry lives with her parents. She is employed in McComb.

(3) Jackson V. Fortenberry married Clarence K. Bennett. They have one girl:

(a) Anita Bennett married Marvin Rouse. They live at Gulfport, Mississippi and have one son--Randy.

(4) Mildred Fortenberry married John E. Brumfield. They live on Pearl River Avenue, McComb, Mississippi and have two children--Harold Edwin and Mary Elaine.

(5) William H. Fortenberry married Thelma Bennett. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son--Joe.

IVD-7 Julia Narcissa Fortenberry, daughter of Jack and Lizzie, born in 1881 and died in 1911, married P. H. Pittman, a school teacher. They had one child that died September 2, 1911 at 11 weeks of age. Julia and the infant are buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County.

IVD-8 Thomas Calvin Fortenberry, son of Jack and Lizzie, married Irene Magee. They live near New Zion Church east of Tylertown, Mississippi and had seven children:

(1) Martha Fortenberry married Ivanee Dean Deaton.. They are at Greenwood, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Charles M. Deaton married Mary Dent Dickerson of McComb, Mississippi.

(b) Naomi Dolores Deaton married Allan Paul Nadar.

(2) Thomas Toxie Fortenberry married Martha Coston. They live in Memphis, Tennessee and have nine children: All of the children are at home--Sylvia Louise, Merle Irene, Martha Coston; Toxie Ann, Sammie Sue, Marjorie Elizabeth, Thomas, Luther, and Mary Lou. This family has been prominent in the church life of Memphis and the Southern Baptist Convention, attending church, Sunday School and other religious gatherings in a body.

(3) William L. Fortenberry married Pauline Guice. They live at Brookhaven, Mississippi and have three children--Carolyn, William L. (W. L.) Jr., and Rebecca Ann.

(4) Herman Winston Fortenberry married Golda Magee. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi and have three sons--Thomas Fred, Herman Wade, and Phillip Douglas.

(5) Marjorie Fortenberry married A. Rogers Hilliard. They live near Tylertown, Mississippi and have one son--Jerry.

(6) Malcolm Fortenberry died at the age of 10 years.

(7) Nelda Fortenberry, deceased.

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William, or Willis, Jackson Fortenberry married (2) Susan E. Stogner who was born September 16, 1853 and died February 16, 1925. They had five children:

IVD-9 Emma Sophronia Fortenberry, born October 3, 1885 and died February 15, 1951, is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. Emma married Relious E. Smith. They lived at Lexie, Mississippi and had six children:

(1) Jarmon F. Smith married Elizabeth Greer. They live at 1029 Glenwood Street, Jackson, Mississippi and have two children: Sue Ann, and James Blount (Jimmy).

(2) Woodfin D. Smith married Florence Knippers. They live at Lexie, Mississippi and have two children--Gregory and Rachel.

(3) Gwynneth (Gwyn) Smith married Ward G. Stokes. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have one daughter--Lou Ellen, born July 20, 1948.

(4) Aven Smith married Juanita Sturgeon. They live at 903 W. South Street, Washington, Indiana.

(5) Mattie Lou Smith is employed at the Tylertown Bank, Tylertown, Mississippi. She was married to Joe E. Felder, of Tylertown on October 10, 1954.

(6) Bonnie Sue Smith married Phillip Conerly. They live at Tylertown and have two children--Phillis and Saphronio.

IVD-10 Elizabeth Nettie Fortenberry, daughter of Jack and Susan, married Cordal Frances of Texas, deceased. Nettie now lives near Tylertown, Mississippi.

IVD-11 Howell Eugene Fortenberry married Bessie Fore. They live on part of the old Jack Fortenberry place and have four children:

(1) Jackson B. Fortenberry married Pauline Fortenberry. They live near New Zion Church and have one son--Lemuel Barrett.

(2) Susie Belle Fortenberry married William E. Jackson. They are at Houston, Texas and have one son--Mark Evans.

(3) Helen Fore Fortenberry married Armstead Hilliard. They live in Washington, D. C.

(4) Janie Fortenberry married William Sharp. They are in Jackson, Mississippi.

IVD-12 Jesse Barrett Fortenberry, son of Jack and Susan, was born June 24, 1891 and died November 20, 1916, eight days after the death of his sister, Lula. He is buried at New Zion Church.

IVD-13 Sarah Loula (Lula) Fortenberry, youngest child of Jack and Susan, was born January 18, 1895 and died November 12, 1916. She is buried at New Zion Church.

IVE Mary Elizabeth (Polly) Fortenberry, daughter of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry was born in 1840, according to the Family records and the 1850 census. She died August 20, 1888. She was married to Thomas Jefferson (Tom) Futch, who was born May 5, 1830 and died August 20, 1914.

Thomas J. Futch served as a Private, Company F, 7th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A. in the Civil War. He and Mary Elizabeth were the parents of 10 children:

IVE-1 William James (Jim) Futch, born January 10, 1859, died in 1924, married Lottie Amacker of Kentwood, Louisiana. They had two children:

- (1) Eula Futch was born in 1899 at Kentwood, Louisiana.
- (2) A son, born in Clarks, Louisiana, died at the age of 3 years.

IVE-2 Nancy Theodocia (Docia) Futch, daughter of Polly and Tom Futch, was born August 20, 1861 and died November 29, 1901. Docia moved with the family over around Harrisonburg, Louisiana about 1880 and was married there on February 15, 1883, to James Flimmore (Jim) Taylor, who was born March 5, 1856 and died December 9, 1933. They lived in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana and had ten children:

(1) Lyda Taylor, born November 26, 1883, married Andrew Sikes, deceased. Lyda is at Monroe, Louisiana. She and Andrew had seven children:

(a) Maud Sikes married Tom Harrington. They have two children:

(i) Harry Harrington married Mamie Dumas.

(ii) A. J. Harrington married Patricia Humphries and they have three children--Debra Ann, Andrew, and Ronda Kay.

(b) Taylor Sikes married Mattie Dickens. They have nine children:

(i) Charlie Sikes married Louise Harris and they have two children--Larry Wayne and Dewain Taylor.

(ii) Jerome Sikes married Mary Jane Evins. They have no children.

(iii) Wilma Sikes married Pat Wyet, and they have three children--Carel Ray, Phile Jane, and Thomas.

(iv) Lyda Sikes married Luther Hale. They have no children.

(v) Sidney Sikes is single.

(vi) Ethel May Sikes is single.

(vii) Martha Jo married Thomas Blackman. They have no children.

(viii) Jene Sikes is single.

(ix) Jerry Sikes is single.

(c) Wilma Sikes, daughter of Lyda and Andrew, married Jim Evins. They have two children:

(i) Irma Evins married James Mosley. They have no children.

(ii) Julia Fay Evins is single.

(d) Tim Sikes, son of Lyda and Andrew, married Tessie Doshier. They have five children--Sue married Bilbo Smith, Maxyen, Lyda Mae, Doyal and Kenneth Ray. The last four are at home.

(e) Lola Sikes married Buford Jones and they had 7 children--Maude Elizabeth, who married J. D. Pool, J. B., Edward, Catheran, Elaine, Leamon, and Robert.

(f) Aline Sikes, daughter of Lyda and Andrew--no information.

(g) George Dewey Sikes, son of Lyda and Andrew--no information.

(2) Lessie Taylor, daughter of Docia and Jim was born February 27, 1885. She married Albert Sidney Harrell, deceased. Lessie lives at 2612 Dillard Street., Shreveport, Louisiana. They had three children:

(a) Thelma Harrell married Lloyd Doyle (or Daigle). They live at Lake Charles, Louisiana and have three children:

(i) Betty Loyd _____ married Gene Depfig and they have one child--Penn.

(ii) Diane (Tina) _____ married Archie Hicks.

(iii) Eddie is single.

(b) Alda Harrell married Willie Mecom. They have two children--Serra and Sidney.

(c) Albert Sidney Harrell, Jr. married Virginia Gale and they have one child--Janice.

(3) Lucy Taylor, daughter of Docia and Jim, was born September 3, 1886 and died at about 11 years old.

(4) Elizabeth Dea Taylor, daughter of Docia and Jim, born February 7, 1888, married (1) Dixie Hair, deceased. They had three children:

(a) Harrell (or Harold) Hair married Wilma _____
They had one child--Harrell Wayne.

(b) Jeff Hair married Glen (Glin) Turner and they had two children.

(c) Dixie Mae Hair married (1) Bud Rashell and they had one child:

(i) Bettie Rashell married Durwood Britt and they have two children--Domice and Randall Dean.

Dixie Mae married (2) Albert Weaver and they have two children--Harrell and Richard and an adopted daughter--Mamie Louise.

After the death of her first husband, Elizabeth married Chris Harper and they have two children.

(d) Lillian Harper married Ellis Herring and they have two children--Patsy and Charles.

(e) Theron Harper married Ross _____ and they have two children--Juda and Kay.

(5) Jerome Taylor, son of Docia and Jim was born October 15, 1889 and died about 12 years of age.

(6) Lola Taylor, daughter of Docia and Jim, born March 28, 1892, married Luther Hendry, who died December 31, 1943. They had one daughter:

(a) Irma Hendry married Robert Patterson of Wesson, Mississippi. They have one girl--Patsy.

(7) Rose Taylor, daughter of Docia and Jim was born December 25, 1893. She married Lester Ward. Rose is now at 2612 Dillard Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. They had three children:

(a) James Ward, deceased.

(b) Lester Ward, Jr., married Mary Biggs and they have two children--Rose Mary and Rebecca Ann.

(c) June Ward married Dan Campbell. They have one child--Craig.

(8) Clara Taylor, daughter of Docia and Jim, born October 31, 1895, married (1) Luther Welch and they had one daughter:

(a) Lilla May Welch married Teddie Price and they have two children--Teddie Alven and Wayne.

Clara married (2) Owen Bankston. They live at Harrisonburg, Louisiana and have an adopted girl--Billie.

(9) Horace Taylor, born October 20, 1897, married (1) Orlando Crossett (or Crockett) and they had three children:

(a) Marie Taylor married Buster Bradford, and they had two children.

(b) James Horace Taylor married Helen Davis. They have two children--Gerome and Debbi.

(c) Cathleen Taylor married _____, They have one child.

Horace married (2) Berttie Hair Doyal, and they have an adopted child--Cherry June, and live at Manifest, Louisiana.

(10) Howard Taylor married Mary Elrod (or Alred). He was born October 26, 1899 and they have one child:

(a) Jerry Taylor married _____ and they have one child _____.

IVE-3 Thomas Jefferson (Tom) Futch, Jr., born March 23, 1864, died in 1939. Tom served as Marshall of Tylertown, Mississippi and as Deputy Sheriff of Walthall County. He married (1) Olivia Jane Blackwell, daughter of Sarah and Sam Blackwell. They had four children:

(1) Sarah (Sally) Futch married Joe Foxworth. They had two children:

(a) Louise Foxworth married Dr. Rupert C. Mitchell, a dentist, and they have one son:

(i) Walter Joseph Mitchell, born December 26, 1939.

(b) Josephine (Jo) Foxworth.

(2) Thomas James Futch, son of Thomas and Olivia Jane, was born October 12, 1894. He married Hattie Brock. They have one son:

(a) Jan Maxwell Futch; born June 5, 1917, married Dorothy Newton on December 25, 1941. They have three children:

(i) Jan Maxwell Futch, Jr., born February 24, 1944.

(ii) Thomas James Futch II, born April 16, 1948.

(iii) Diane Futch, born March 6, 1954.

(3) Freda Futch married Walter C. Honea on February 13, 1921.

(4) Infant son died at birth in 1906.

Thomas Jefferson Futch, Jr. married (2) Kate Bufkin. They had one son:

(5) James A. Futch married (1) Gertrude Major Metzdorf and they had two children:

(a) Dorothy Ann Futch

(b) Barbara Futch

James Futch married (2) Sue Inez Festa of New Jersey. They live at Prairie, Mississippi.

IVE-3 Rosa Futch, daughter of Polly and Tom, was born December 28, 1866 and died August 3, 1946. She was married to Warren N. Collins, son of Chauncy Collins, in September 1887. Warren was born November 11, 1851 and died April 21, 1930. They lived at Tylertown and are buried there. They had seven children:

(1) Mary Collins, born September 28, 1888, died May 30, 1946. She was married to John Linton Carr on February 23, 1908. John was born December 17, 1874 and died November 20, 1943. They are buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. Mary and John were connected with the post office at Tylertown for many years. They had four children:

(a) Mamie Carr, born February 27, 1909, married John L. Ney on October 31, 1941. They have one daughter:

(i) Rosemary Ney, born August 19, 1942.

(b) John Wesley Carr, born February 8, 1911, married Dorothy Van Keuren on May 8, 1943. They have one son:

(i) John Wesley Carr, Jr., born October 3, 1947.

(c) Rose Avalyn Carr, born October 4, 1914, was married to

Ted R. Pennebaker on June 4, 1948. They had three sons:

(i) Ted R. Pennebaker, Jr., born September 3, 1949, died 3 days later.

(ii) Robert W. Pennebaker, born January 6, 1951.

(iii) Richard Pennebaker, born February 12, 1953.

(d) Clarence Carr, born December 3, 1921.

(2) Seth H. Collins, son of Rosa and Warren, was born November 19, 1889 and died January 15, 1924. He is buried in Tylertown.

(3) Caroline Collins, born about 1892, lived 18 hours.

* (4) Wesley J. Collins, born July 19, 1894, died October 6, 1918, while on active duty in France during World War I. He contracted influenza which led to pneumonia. He is buried at Tylertown.

(5) G. Dewey Collins, born July 6, 1898, married (1) Ann McKenzie in 1919. Dewey married (2) Mrs. Myrtle Woods. They have an adopted daughter--Barbara Ann, born September 5, 1940.

(6) Chauncy Collins, born in 1901, died in 1905.

(7) Warren Linton Collins, son of Rosa and Warren, born March 7, 1908, married Lucyle Corley and they have two children:

(a) Warren Linton Collins, Jr. born August 5, 1939.

(b) Kaye Collins, born October 24, 1945.

IVE-5 Arnold Edward (Ed) Futch, son of Polly and Tom Futch, was born February 12, 1869 and died March 12, 1891 of pneumonia.

(Ed. Note: Ed Futch was a nice-looking, fine young man, full of fun and good-will. He was boarding in the Hansford Simmons (co-author of this History) home when Hansford was born near Osyka, Mississippi. Family records indicate his death in 1891. Hansford remembers seeing him, he thinks, about 1897 or 1898, and has a very distinct impression of his appearance. It may be that this impression was created by an older brother, Ora L. Simmons, who as a child was very devoted to Ed.)

IVE-6 Victor Bartoler Futch, born March 3, 1871, died September 2, 1880.

IVE-7 Albert Crawford Futch, son of Polly and Tom, was born April 23, 1873. He was married to Lily Blackwell on December 19, 1896. Lily was a daughter of Sam and Sarah Blackwell. Crawford is now living with his son at Baton Rouge and is 81 years of age. Lily was born December 10, 1875. They had two children:

(1) Albert Nola Futch, born June 28, 1898, died October 25, 1899.

(2) Dallas Wayman Futch, born January 31, 1902 was married to Catherine Baillio on September 27, 1928. They live at 1237 Stanford St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

IVE-8 Calvin Dewitt Futch, son of Polly and Tom, was born May 16, 1876 and died September 7, 1883.

IVE-9 Michael Eugene (Mike) Futch, son of Polly and Tom, was born March 16, 1879 and died August 21, 1953. He is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. Mike was married on December 22, 1901 to Margaret Hester (Maggie) Rimes, daughter of Louis Rimes. Mike and Maggie had eight children:

(1) Eva Mae Futch, born December 31, 1902 was married on September 3, 1927 to Clyde Bonham Surls. They live at Albuquerque, New Mexico and have one daughter:

(a) Harry Futch Surls, born July 8, 1928, was married on August 14, 1948 to John Maxwell Shirley. They have two sons--John Michael and Robert Wayne.

(2) Alma Gertrude Futch, born June 20, 1905, was married on December 20, 1931 to Mason Andrews. They have two children:

(a) Mason Lloyd Andrews, born October 31, 1932 was married on June 12, 1954 to Joan Anthony, of Columbia, Mississippi.

(b) Marguerite Louise Andrews, born August 10, 1933 was married on April 23, 1952 to Elton Cothorn.

(3) Albert Eugene Futch, born March 28, 1908, was married on June 2, 1934 to Marguerite Dempwolf. They have one daughter:

(a) Alberta Louise Futch, born September 10, 1938, is now in Southwest Junior College, Summit, Mississippi. She is a talented, beautiful girl. She is Drum Majorette for the Band there.

(4) Margaret Abba Futch (twin of Albert Eugene), born March 28, 1908, died June 17, 1918, with Typhoid fever. She is buried in Tylertown.

(5) Marjorie Lee Futch, born February 25, 1912 was married on June 4, 1931 to Dewey Joseph Hector. They have five children:

(a) Mary Lucile Hector, born December 6, 1932 was married on February 15, 1951 to Ralph Salzer. They have one child--Ralph Jr., born February 5, 1953.

(b) Michael Dewey Hector, born August 22, 1934.

(c) Frances Norbeth Hector, born February 22, 1937.

(d) Robert Carroll Hector, born March 21, 1938.

(e) Sybil Ann Hector, born November 11, 1940.

(6) Carlis Futch, born April 6, 1915, was married (1) to Lucile Wilson in 1936. They had two children:

(a) Mary Catherine Futch, born November 2, 1938.

(b) Linda Jean Futch, born October 4, 1941.

Carlis Futch married (2) Lula Van Metore and they have three children:

(c) Ruth Arlene Futch, born August 23, 1947.

(d) Melba Ann Futch, born September 12, 1948.

(e) Robert Carlis Futch, born May 21, 1950.

(7) Herbert Kelly Futch, born May 27, 1917, was married in 1946 to Joyce Herbert. They have four children:

(a) Michael Kelly Futch, born July 15, 1947.

(b) Cleveland Carlis Futch, born November 27, 1948.

(c) Leo Anthony (Tony) Futch, born February 15, 1953.

(d) Tavia Monica Futch, born February 21, 1954.

(8) Infant of Mike and Maggie, born March 2, 1920 and died at birth.

IVE-10 Tyra Flemmen (Flem) Futch, youngest child of Polly and Tom, was born August 12, 1883. He was married on June 9, 1904 to Delia Blackwell, daughter of Walter Blackwell. They recently observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Della was born January 10, 1883. There were six children:

(1) Rosa Futch was born April 5, 1905.

(2) Mary Futch, born August 24, 1907 was married on December 24, 1924 to Ernest Thompson, Jonesville, Louisiana. They had three children:

(a) Robert Thompson, born January 22, 1926 married Mary Louise Thompson.

(b) Herbert Thompson, born January 18, 1929.

(c) Elton Thompson, born March 6, 1938.

(3) Maude Futch, born September 8, 1910 married Lonnie Wynn on May 15, 1951.

(4) James Futch, born July 23, 1912, was married on August 30, 1932 to Hazel Holmes, daughter of Ernest and Narcissa Holmes. They live in Victoria, Texas and have two children:

(a) Glenn Futch, born July 6, 1934.

(b) Sherrie Ann, born June 1, 1938.

(5) Horace Futch, born August 23, 1916, was married on June 30, 1950 to Frances Roddick.

(6) Harold Futch, born January 26, 1920 was married on July 18, 1944 to Marie Pelt. They have one child:

(a) Candace Futch, born August 31, 1952.

Ed. Note: The data concerning the Futch Family came in large measure from Family Records supplied by Maggie Rimes Futch and Catherine Baillio Futch. The writers need help on the Taylor Family--some data on this family may be inaccurate.

IVF George Washington Fortenberry, son of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry was born December 30, 1842 and died September 13, 1910. He married Emily Pittman who was born in 1845 and died in 1920. Wash,

as he was called, was thin, with reddish face and sandy hair. Records of the Department of Archives and History in Mississippi show that he served in the War of the Confederacy as Private, in 38th Regiment of Mississippi Cavalry C.S.A., in Company I.

Wash and Emily lived near New Zion Church and are buried there. They had ten children:

IVF-1 Calvin Jefferson Fortenberry, born June 22, 1865, died in 1936. He married Lucy Stogner, daughter of Tom Stogner. Lucy was born in 1867 and died in 1935. They are buried in the New Zion Church Cemetery and had five children:

(1) Carl Lee Fortenberry married Eunice Smith, daughter of Nolan Smith. They have two children:

(a) Nell Fortenberry married Carl De Prospero.

(b) Ina Lee Fortenberry married (1) Willard Ard, and they had one daughter--Flora Patriece. Ina Lee married (2) Thomas (Tommy) Givens.

(2) Alma Fortenberry, born August 29, 1892, died December 8, 1910 when her clothing caught fire. Alma married Jim Rock and they had one daughter:

(a) Linnie Rock married Eulis Rayborn, son of A. J. Rayborn. They operate a merchantile business at Lexie and have four children:

(i) A. J. Rayborn, Jr. married Ouida Mae Thornhill, daughter of Walter Thornhill. They live at Mesa, Mississippi and have one daughter--Martha Lynn (See Black Bill Simmons Line)

(ii) Nolan Dale Rayborn married Navis (Mickey) Simmons, daughter of Milton Simmons (Black Bill Simmons Line). They live at Lexie, Mississippi and have one son--Nolan Dale, Jr.

(iii) Eulis Flemuel Rayborn, Jr. married Emogene McKenzie. He is with the Armed Forces in Germany (1954).

(iv) Chris Tobin (Toby) Rayborn (a girl) is a student at Southwest Junior College, Summit, Miss. (1954). She is a basket ball star on the college team.

(3) William (Bill) Fortenberry married Sophia Estess, daughter of Jesse Estess. They live on the old Flem Burkhalter place; west of Walker's Bridge and have three sons--Harold, Ralph, and Vance.

(a) Ralph Fortenberry married Elmese Schilling. They live at Franklinton, Louisiana and have one daughter--Delores Fortenberry.

(b) Harold Fortenberry married Billy Jean Ethridge. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi and have three children--Sandra Kay, Bobby, and Judy.

(c) Vance Fortenberry married Audrey Boyd. They live at Tylertown and have two sons--Ray and Kenneth.

(4) Lillie Fortenberry, born in 1900 and died in 1943, is buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County, Mississippi. Lillie married (1) Isaac Smith. She married (2) Thad Estess, deceased, and (3) William F. Hall.

(5) Tillie Fortenberry married Lela Sauls. They have six children--Marylin, Joan, Arlene, Bonnie Nell, Louie and Billy Don.

IVF-2 Charles Luther Fortenberry, son of Wash, was born September 30, 1867 and died March 10, 1954. He is buried at New Zion Church. Charlie married (1) Addie Stogner, daughter of Tom Stogner. She was born April 9, 1873 and died February 7, 1912. She is buried in the old Stogner Cemetery, east of Tylertown, Mississippi. Charlie and Addie had six children:

(1) Mary C. Fortenberry, born January 12, 1893, died February 2, 1893.

(2) Jasper (Jap) E. Fortenberry married Edith Watts. They live at Summit, Mississippi where Jap operated a barber shop. They have three children:

(a) Jasper E. Fortenberry, Jr. married Addie Leigh Adams. They live at Summit, Mississippi and have one son--Jasper E. (J.E.) III.

(b) Robert Elwood Fortenberry is single.

(c) Donald Peyton Fortenberry is single.

(3) Lemmie Fortenberry, deceased, married Audrey Brumfield. They had two children:

(a) Nellene Fortenberry married Wayne Corbett, and they have two girls--Paulette and Waynelle.

(b) Pauline Fortenberry married Jackson B. Fortenberry, son of Howell Fortenberry. Pauline and Jackson have one son--Lemuel Barrett.

(4) Theron Fortenberry married (1) Gertrude McMorris and they had one son--Theron, Jr. Theron, Sr. married (2) Helen _____ They live at Nederland, Texas.

(5) Buell Fortenberry, son of Charlie, married Louise Harvey. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi where Buell operates a barber shop. They have one daughter--Sarah Louise.

(6) Lennie Fortenberry married Ottis Pigott. They live at Tylertown and have three children:

(a) Alvin Pigott married Geraldine Fortenberry and they have two children--Sandra and Ronnie.

* (b) Charles Pigott lost his life in World War II.

(c) Rex Pigott married Joyce McKenzie and they have one son--Michael Rex.

Charlie Luther Fortenberry married (2) Samantha Magee who died about 1934.

IVF-3 Jesse Iverson Fortenberry, born September 1, 1869 died September 1, 1905, at the age of 36. Jesse married Jane Miller. They lived at Spring Creek, Louisiana, east of Kentwood, Louisiana. Jesse is buried in the Spring Creek Cemetery. Jane lives nearby with her daughter, Velma. Jesse and Jane had seven children:

(1) Lorie Fortenberry, born August 2, 1889, died October 7, 1918. She is buried at Spring Creek, Louisiana. Lorie married Theodore Schilling who lives now at Denham Springs, Louisiana. They had three children:

(a) Ray Schilling married Ivy _____. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one daughter--Janice.

(b) Cleo Schilling married Pat Loving. They live at Denham Springs, Louisiana and have four sons--Don, Alvaree, Robert, and William.

(c) Eva Schilling married Clance Pascal. They live at Denham Springs, Louisiana and have one daughter--Lora Jane.

(2) Ora Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse, born January 4, 1891, married Jim Pittman who was born August 22, 1879 and died July 8, 1950. He is buried at Spring Creek, Louisiana. Ora lives south of Spring Creek. (She lost her eyesight and one of her legs. Her spirit is wonderful, a most cheerful and hopeful and helpful individual, an example of all our big family).

Ora and Jim had nine children:

(a) Ruby Pittman married George Howse. They live five miles east of Ponchatoula, Louisiana and have two children:

(i) Enid Howse married Eugene McIntyre and they live in Jackson, Mississippi.

(ii) Glenn Howse is at home.

(b) Rufus Pittman married Doris Carruth. They live south of Spring Creek, Louisiana and have two children--Carol Jean and Douglas.

(c) Fannie Pittman married John W. McBride. They live at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

(d) Roy Pittman married Dorothy Hurdy. They live on Vicksburg Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. They have two daughters--Pamelia and Marylin.

(e) Edward Pittman married Aline Ballew. They live at Smithville, Texas.

(f) Lathan Pittman married Amelia Carriere. They live two miles east of Hammond, Louisiana and have two children--Linda and Jimmie.

(g) Arnita Pittman married Carey Schilling. They lived in New Orleans, Louisiana and had one son--Larry.

(h) Cecil Pittman married June Patterson. By a previous marriage, June had a daughter--Sandra.

(i) Kevin Pittman married Della Nora Coopenshack. They live at Smithville, Texas and have two children--Donnie Lynn and Catherine Marie.

(3) Preston P. Fortenberry, son of Jesse and Jane, born January 4, 1894, died July 2, 1901. He is buried at Spring Creek, Louisiana.

(4) Wilma Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse and Jane married Luther Clark. They had three children:

(a) Wildon Clark married Lula Varnado. They live at 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ North 80th Street, Houston, Texas. They have three children:

(i) Joyce Clark married Frank White. They live at Corpus Christi, Texas, and have one son--Burt.

(ii) Merrill Clark

(iii) Harold Clark

(b) Clem Clark married Lela Varnado. They are at Algiers, Louisiana and have two children--Deida and Delbert. In April 1955, Clem will complete 20 years service with the United States Navy.

(c) Cleta Clark, twin of Clem, born September 7, 1916, married Arliss Crawford. They live at Bolivar, east of Kentwood, Louisiana and have three children--Jo Ann, Betty, and William (Billy).

Wilma Fortenberry Clark married (2) D. C. Gates. They live in Kentwood, Louisiana and had five children:

(d) Doris Gates married J. B. Graham. They live at Lake Providence, Louisiana and have one daughter--Jackie Bernell.

(e) Velda Gates married Ray Brock. They live at 134 Treehaven Drive, Jackson, Mississippi and have one daughter--Debbie.

(f) Curtis Gates, Jr. married Myrtle Varnado. They live at 3711 Cole Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son--Donald.

(g) Loyce Gates married Wilton Hughes. They live at 7302 Poplar Street, Arabi, Louisiana, and have two children--Valeria and Dannie.

(h) Bobbye Gates, born January 13, 1939, died February 12, 1939.

(5) Braston Fortenberry married (1) Callie Varnado. Braston married (2) Dan Webb. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana where Braston is a barber.

(6) Velma Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse and Jane, married Morris Varnado. They live at Spring Creek, Louisiana and had two children:

(a) Clarice died young.

(b) Iris Varnado married Roger McDaniel. They live at New Orleans, Louisiana and have two children--Bruce and Rickey.

(7) Uneida Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse and Jane, married Harry Brumfield. They live on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana.

IVF-4 Columbus Washington Fortenberry, son of George Washington Fortenberry, was born August 31, 1871. He married (1) Fannie Dillon, deceased. They had one son:

(1) Byron Fortenberry married Myrtis (Hughey) Ginn. They live northeast of Osyka, Mississippi and had eight children:

(a) Mildred Fortenberry married (1) Fred Jordan, deceased. They had one son--Joe Edward who died at 2 years of age. Mildred married (2) C. L. Simmons, son of Sidney L. Simmons, and they live at Osyka, Mississippi.

(b) Hyland Fortenberry died young.

(c) Louise Fortenberry married Prentiss Ball. They operate Ball's Coffee Shop at Osyka, Mississippi and have two children--Johnnie and Shirley.

(d) Phillip Fortenberry married Nerine Wallace. They live at Bogue Chitto, Mississippi and have seven children--Charles Phillip, Kay Virginia, Patricia Fay (Pat), Nabel Ruth, Betty Jean, Sue Ann, and Bobby Jo.

(e) Sibyl Fortenberry died young.

(f) Junior died at about one year.

(g) An infant died.

(h) Jimmie Ted Fortenberry married Sarah Loyd Knippers. They live at Bogue Chitto, Mississippi and have one son--Randy Carroll.

Columbus Washington Fortenberry married (2) Nettie Dunaway. They live at Magnolia, where Columbus recently observed his 83rd birthday. He and Nettie had two daughters:

(2) Ruth Fortenberry, daughter of Columbus and Nettie, married Earl Saucier. They live at Magnolia, Mississippi and have three children--William Earl, Anna Lois, and George Oliver.

(3) Grace Fortenberry, daughter of Columbus and Nettie, married Luke Alford.

IVF-5 Robert Monroe Fortenberry, born September 1, 1874, died in 1950 at the age of 76 years. He married Addie Brumfield, daughter of Corinne and Elisha K. Brumfield. They lived at

Tylertown, Mississippi, and they are buried there. They had eight children:

- (1) Ferman Fortenberry married Velma Rennek. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.
- (2) Ellis Fortenberry married Barbara Gervah. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have one son--Robert.
- (3) Hilton Howard Fortenberry, born July 14, 1904, died March 8, 1950. He is buried at Tylertown. Hilton married Johnnie Bennett and they had one daughter--Patsy, who is now in France.
- (4) Lowry Fortenberry married Nora Rester. They live at Forest, Mississippi and have two sons--Bill and Ronnie.
- (5) Roland Fortenberry is single and lives at Tylertown.
- (6) Carey Fortenberry married Gladys Williams. They live at Pascagoula, Mississippi and have two daughters--Phillis and Rachel Gail.
- (7) Wanzie Fortenberry married Victor Dampeer. They live at Canton, Mississippi and have three children--James Monroe, Joe Edward, and Joyce Ann.
- (8) Ruth Fortenberry died small.

IVF-6 Warren Theodore Fortenberry, son of Wash Fortenberry, was born October 8, 1876. He married Docia Morris, deceased. Theodore lives at Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had ten children:

- (1) Dolan Fortenberry married Zella Blackwell and they had two children--Avis and Laurel.
- (2) Herman Fortenberry married Ollie Mae Rhodus and they have two children--Benard and Mathilda Fay (Matilda Fay).
- (3) Almie Fortenberry married Travis Powell.
- (4) Clemen Fortenberry married Dixie Sunrall and they have three children--Mary, Myrtis, and Etta.
- (5) Furlon Fortenberry married Mary Bertoniere. They have one child--Darryl.
- (6) Flemon Fortenberry married Christine Weir and they have one child--Nita Faye.

(7) Oscar Fortenberry married Laverne Cotton. They have four children--Kenneth Ray, Raiford, Edith, and Dorothy.

(8) Truly Fortenberry married Grace Pevey. They have four children--Betty Jean, Truly Ray, Sandra, and Sylvia Ann.

(9) Marie Fortenberry died young.

(10) Lutile Fortenberry married Paul Jenkins. They have two children--Gloria Dolle, and Darlene.

IVF-7 Thomas Malachi (Mack) Fortenberry, son of Wash, was born March 28, 1879. He married Rosa Fortenberry, daughter of John K. Fortenberry. Rosa died May 14, 1943. Mack lives at Tylertown with his daughter, Wessie. Mack and Rosa had seven children:

(1) Cohn Fortenberry married Maggie Stogner. They have two children:

(a) Margaret Fortenberry married (1) Clyde Stogner and she married (2) Ode Thomas.

(b) Christine Fortenberry married Dennis Thomas. They have three children--Charles Ray, Doris Fay, and Devon, born July 19, 1954.

(2) Lura Fortenberry married Herbert May. They had two children:

(a) Billy Joe May married Marynell Warner and they have one son--Charles Herbert.

(b) Patsy May married Olean Brumfield and they have one daughter--Jacqueline.

(3) Wessie Fortenberry married Zell Hamilton, deceased. Wessie lives at Tylertown, Mississippi. They had two children:

(a) Johnnie Hamilton married Henry Grady Harvey and they have one daughter--Rhonda.

(b) Jerry Hamilton married Dudley Packwood, who is in the United States Navy, stationed at this time at Gulfport, Mississippi.

(4) Johnnie Fortenberry married W. L. (Abe) Perkhoff. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(5) Lottie Fortenberry married Francis Dana. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(6) Lola Fortenberry married F. S. Sartin. They have two children--Judy Pat and Colett Sue.

(7) Rosa Lee Fortenberry married (1) Ed Carazo. They had one daughter--Nina Rose. Rosa Lee married (2) James Maharanza and they live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

IVF-8 Sarah Louise Fortenberry, daughter of Wash, was born April 7, 1882. She married Buddie Brumfield, deceased. Sarah lives at Houston, Texas and at Tylertown, Mississippi. There were four children:

(1) Easley Brumfield married Sarah Maxwell. They live at Odessa, Texas and have two children--William and Patricia Ann.

(2) Dean Brumfield married Emon Alford. They live at Tylertown, where Emon is a barber. They have three children:

(a) Harold Alford married Bobby Jones. They live at Crystal Springs, Mississippi and have one son--Patrick Colby.

(b) Robert Alford married Beverly Lagrande. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(c) Hasseltine Alford married Eddie Vollmar. They live at Elkhardt, Indiana and have one daughter--Jody.

(3) Wilda Brumfield married (1) Jo Gerald. Wilda married (2) Roy Canfield. They lived at Riverside, California where Wilda died in March, 1954.

(4) Maudie Brumfield died young.

IVF-9 George Edd Fortenberry, son of Wash, was born August 18, 1884. He married Martha Davis. They live east of Tylertown. Edd was a teacher for 31 years and recently retired. He and Martha have three children:

(a) Dodd Fortenberry married Dorothy Bateman. He is with J. C. Penny Company at Lafayette, Louisiana. There are two children--Linda and Jimmy.

(b) Joe Fortenberry married Tennie Belle Blackwell. They live with his parents and have two children--Jo Anna and Malcom Wayne.

(3) Jean Fortenberry married Paul Kennedy. They have one son--Rickey.

IVF-10 Rosa Olivia Fortenberry, daughter of Wash, was born November 10, 1886 and died June 4, 1910. She is buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County, Mississippi. Rosa married Hayden L. Fortenberry, son of John K. Fortenberry, and they had three children:

(1) Loyd Dean Fortenberry married Jep Smith. They had two children:

(a) Alvin T. Smith married Ruby Puckett. They live at Wichita, Kansas and have two sons--Thomas and Larry.

(b) Betty Lou Smith married Elvin McGhee. They live at Bogalusa, Louisiana and have one daughter--Deborah.

(2) Le Rue Fortenberry married (1) Inez Smith. They had two sons:

(a) Gerald

(b) Lloyd

La Rue married (2) Gabe Herring. They live at Bogalusa, La. and have three children:

(c) Charles La Rue Fortenberry

(d) Alice Rose Fortenberry married R. C. Newman and they have one daughter--Mary.

(e) John Lamar Fortenberry.

(3) Jes Era Fortenberry, daughter of Rosa and Hayden, was born May 17, 1910. Jes Era's mother died when she was a few days old and Jes Era was adopted by Monroe and Vicky Fortenberry. She married Hayward Magee. They live at Jackson, Louisiana and have six children--C.H., Ralph, Athalee, Bobbie (twin), Bettie (twin), and Barbara Jewell.

Hayden married (2) Audrey Shoemaker and they live west of Franklinton, Louisiana.

IVG Calvin Marion Fortenberry, son of Narcissa and Calvin K., was born

in 1844, according to both the 1850 and the 1860 census records. The Fortenberry History of the Fortenberry family has his birth as in 1839 which must be in error. Some members of the family say that Calvin Marion died of Typhoid fever when he was a young man. Some other information indicates that he was in the Confederate Army and died of Typhoid fever while in service. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History does not list him as in the Confederate Service.

IVH John Jefferson Fortenberry, son of Narcissa and Calvin K., was listed as 3 years old in the 1850 census and as 14 years of age in the 1860 census, making his birth date as either 1847 or 1846. Fortenberry's History of the Fortenberry Family, page 36, says Jefferson "Died in the Civil War, on Cat Island, Gulf of Mexico, as a prisoner of War with Billy Smith". Jefferson's youngest sister, Sarah Fortenberry Simmons, said that her brother rode away from home on a calico pony, to join the Confederate Army and that they never heard from him again. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History does not list Jefferson Fortenberry as in the Confederate Service.

IVI Narcissus (Narcissa) A. Fortenberry, daughter of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry, was born in 1848 according to both the 1850 and the 1860 census records. The grave marker of Narcissa gives her birth as 1844, which is in error. She died in 1909. She was rather small with a soft voice and a trace of light red in her hair. She was known as "Sis" and was called "Aunt Sis" by her neices and nephews.

Narcissus was married to William L. (Billy) Davis, who was born March 5, 1838 and died October 24, 1913, according to the grave marker. William L. Davis was a Private, Company E. 22nd Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A. This record is on file in the Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.

Sis and Billy lived near New Zion Church, and later in Tylertown, Mississippi. They are buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County. They had no children, but reared a boy known as Robert Davis.

IVJ Burrel Franklin Fortenberry, son of Calvin K. and Narcissa Fortenberry, was born April 5, 1850 and died March 26, 1900. (The grave marker, Fortenberry's History, and census records, all agree on his birth date). He married Mary (Nolly) Bilbo, who was born February 28, 1850 and died June 15, 1940. He was known among some of his family

as "Red Frank" because of his sandy beard and also to distinguish him from another Frank in the family. Burrel Franklin and Molly lived at Simmonsville. There, their home was about 200 yards from where the postoffice at Progress now stands. (It was the home in which Howard and Mamie Alford lived in more recent years.) Frank and Molly are buried in the Silver Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, in Pike County, Mississippi. They were the parents of seven children:

IVJ-1 James Calvin Fortenberry, oldest son of Frank and Molly, was born November 2, 1871. He died July 7, 1937. He married Ella Blackwell, daughter of Sam and Sarah Blackwell. Ella was born March 16, 1882 and died October 15, 1935, according to the marker at her grave. They lived in Magnolia, Mississippi where Calvin was associated with C. C. Gibson for many years. Calvin also served on the Board of Alderman in Magnolia. He and Ella are buried in the Magnolia Cemetery in Magnolia, Mississippi. They had three children:

- (1) Laura Mae Fortenberry married John C. Prichett. They live in New Orleans and have two sons--John C. and Jimmy.
- (2) Gibson Fortenberry married Effie Thompson of Virginia. They live in Washington, D. C. and have one son--Jimmy, age 6 years.
- (3) Otera Fortenberry married Eugene McCosker. They live at McComb, Mississippi and have one daughter--Barbara, age 6 years.

IVJ-2 M. Pedro Fortenberry, son of Frank and Molly, was born November 27, 1873 and died in 1933. He is buried at Silver Springs Church in Pike County, Mississippi. Pedro married Mary Jane Alford and she lives in the Progress Community in Pike County and is now 86 years of age.

IVJ-3 Hamilton Edwin (Eddie) Fortenberry, son of Frank and Molly, was born October 7, 1876 and died in 1939. He married Lizzie Stogner. They lived at Holmesville, Mississippi, then at Chatawa, Mississippi. Eddie is buried in the Burkhalter Cemetery near Walker's Bridge. They had four children:

- (1) Myrtis Fortenberry married Robinson Newman and they live near her mother.
- (2) Bertie Fortenberry, born September 26, 1902, married Clint R. Estess, son of Jesse Estess. Clint was born October 13, 1897 and died December 13, 1946. He is buried

in the Burkhalter Cemetery. Bertie lives near the old Flem Burkhalter place, west of Walker's Bridge. She and Clint had two sons:

* (a) Cecil C. Estess was born February 26, 1921 and died April 10, 1944. He was Staff Sargeant in the 8th Air Force in World War II and lost his life in the European Theatre in that War.

(b) Robert Estess married Pauline Rimes, daughter of Arie Rimes. They live west of Walker's Bridge and have two sons--Rodney and Cecil Paul.

(3) Marguerite Fortenberry has been Deputy Assessor of Pike County, Mississippi for several years. She married Engle Foreman. They live at Chatawa, Mississippi.

(4) Seab Fortenberry married Aline Ellzey. They live at Columbia, Mississippi where Seab is connected with the F. C. & G. Railroad. Seab and Aline have two daughters--Yvonne and Sue Evelyn.

IVJ-4 Louise Narcissa (Lula) Fortenberry, daughter of Frank and Molly Fortenberry, was born August 28, 1881. She married (1) T. M. Flack, who was born January 30, 1874 and died March 25, 1907. He is buried at Silver Springs Church in Pike County, Mississippi. He and Lula had two daughters:

(1) Annie Marie Flack, born March 9, 1904, died February 28, 1926. She is buried at Silver Springs Church.

(2) Mayme Louise Flack married Carey G. Raborn, son of Dolph Raborn. They live at Magnolia, Mississippi where Carey is postmaster.

Lula married (2) Willie H. McDaniel, who was born September 25, 1873 and died November 23, 1946. He is buried at Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi. Lula lives east of this Church in Walthall County, Mississippi. Lula and Willie had seven children:

(3) Dixie McDaniel married Joe Robichaux. They live at Ponchatoula, Louisiana and have an adopted son.

(4) Shelton McDaniel married Inez Trimble. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have five children--Billy Barr, Patsy Louise, Mike, Lois, and Reber.

(5) Frances McDaniel married Angelo Rodrique. They live at McComb, Mississippi where Frances is a beautician. They

have two daughters--Jennifer and Angela.

(6) Viola McDaniel married Ray Juve. They live at Natchez, Mississippi and have four children--Phillip, Janie, Bonnie, and Gayle.

(7) Hubert McDaniel lives with his mother. He married Laura Lee Sandifer and they had one daughter--Mary Frances.

(8) James Clifton McDaniel, born November 26, 1918, died December 18, 1940, in a car accident. He is buried at Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi.

(9) Sarah Lorena McDaniel, born June 4, 1922, died March 18, 1935. She is buried at Silver Creek Church.

IVJ-5 Annie Beulah Fortenberry, daughter of Frank and Molly, was born May 26, 1883. She married Emmett W. Simmons, son of Cicero Simmons (Bala Chitto Line). Emmett was born in 1880 and died in 1952. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. They lived in Arkansas for many years.

Annie married (2) L. C. Moore and they live at Newoka, Oklahoma.

IVJ-6 Willis Fleet Fortenberry, son of Frank and Molly, was born June 26, 1885 and died August 27, 1905 at the age of 20 years. He died of Typhoid fever. Fleet is buried at Silver Springs Baptist Church in Pike County, Mississippi.

IVJ-7 Burrel Franklin (Burl) Fortenberry, son of Frank and Molly, was born July 25, 1888 and died August 25, 1954. He is buried at Silver Springs Church in Pike County, near where he lived. Burl married (1) Daisy Fortenberry, daughter of Richard Fortenberry. She was born January 15, 1891 and died June 12, 1925. Burl and Daisy had four children:

(1) Wayne A. Fortenberry married Senie Alliston. They live on Robinson Road, Jackson, Mississippi and have three sons--Ronald Wayne, Dale Douglas, and Patrick Charles.

(2) Frank Fortenberry married Lula Pearl Ellzey. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have one son--Clyde Richard (Rickey).

(3) George Fortenberry married Christine Varner. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have three sons--George Edwin, Kenneth Warren, and Jerry Boyd.

(4) Vada Lee Fortenberry is employed by the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Burl married (2) Jessie Hucabee, of Magnolia, Mississippi and they had three children:

(5) Sarah Eleanor Fortenberry married Wesley Alford. They live at Mt. Herman, Louisiana and have one son--David Wesley.

(6) Oneida Fortenberry married Alex Morris, Jr. They live at Long Beach, Mississippi and have one son--James Michael.

(7) Clemie Gene Fortenberry is at home with her mother.

(Ed. Note: Burl had nine grandsons when he died and no granddaughters!)

IVK Jesse Crawford Fortenberry, youngest son of Narcissa and Calvin K. Fortenberry was born March 23, 1853 and died May 4, 1911. (The grave marker, the census record and the Family History all agree on this birth date). Jesse married Susan Ryals, born December 15, 1857 and died February 20, 1935. They lived on the old Calvin K. Fortenberry place and are buried in a Family Cemetery near the old home, along with all other deceased members of this immediate family. Jesse and Susan had eleven children:

IVK-1 George W. Fortenberry married Della Pigott. They live near the old home and have three children:

(1) Dean Fortenberry teaches at Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

(2) Donice Fortenberry married Major L. H. Jobe, a physician in the United States Army, now stationed in Atlanta, Georgia. They have one daughter--Janice.

(3) Joe Dale Fortenberry married Dora Lovett. They live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and have two children--Joe Dale (Joey) and Gwendolyn.

IVK-2 William Eslie Fortenberry married Nora Fortenberry, daughter of John K. Fortenberry. Nora was born in 1885 and died in 1944. Eslie lives in McComb, Mississippi. He and Nora had six children:

(1) Harry Fortenberry, born in 1901, died in 1920 in an automobile accident.

(2) Jackson Fortenberry married Hildred White. They live at Green Cove Springs, Florida and have two children-- Joe William and Linda.

(3) Jesse Fortenberry married Margie Ellzey. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and had three daughters:

(a) Jessie Merle Fortenberry.

(b) Annette Fortenberry died at about 2 years of age.

(c) Paulette Fortenberry had polio and has not fully recovered.

(4) Elmise Fortenberry married (1) Troy Givens. They had one daughter:

(a) Sarah Nell Givens married F. G. Steel, who is with the Federal Tank Company. They live at McComb, Mississippi and have three children:

(i) Albert William Steele, born November 23, 1951.

(ii) Robert Earl Steele, born May 27, 1953.

(iii) Barbara Ann Steele, born May 30, 1954.

Elmise married (2) Prentiss Wallace. They live at Fernwood, Mississippi and have two children:

(b) Jerry Wallace

(c) Jeannette (Net) Wallace.

(5) Martha Fortenberry married Hutch Statham. They lived at Green Cove Springs, Florida and had four children:

(a) Betty Jean Statham married (1) Johnnie Alford and they had one daughter--Gloria Jean Alford. Betty Jean married (2) Robert Hunter and they had one daughter--Alma Hunter. Betty Jean married (3) "Shorty" Mitchell.

(b) Jenny Lind Statham married Johnnie Brumfield. They are at Picayune, Mississippi and have two children--Deborah and Chuck.

(c) Norma Ruth Statham married Edgar Martin. They live north of Tylertown, Mississippi.

(d) John Statham is single, and is in school at St.

Augustine, Florida.

(6) Woodrow Wilson Fortenberry married Annie Svettie Hill. They live east of McComb, Mississippi and have one daughter—Sue Diane.

IVK-3 Dixie Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse and Susan, married Warren Oliver (Boss) Hobgood, who was born in 1879 and died in McComb, Mississippi on April 4, 1951. He is buried in the Jesse C. Fortenberry Family Cemetery. Dixie lives in McComb. They had three children:

(1) An infant son died March 29, 1905.

(2) Jessie Mae Hobgood married H. U. Warren. They live at Edwards, Mississippi and have one son:

(a) Morris Gray Warren, born November 6, 1930 is in the United States Air Corp.

(3) Warren C. Hobgood, born August 24, 1911, died December 6, 1933. He is buried in the Jesse C. Fortenberry Family Cemetery.

IVK-4 Jesse Crawford Fortenberry, son of Jesse and Susan, died in early manhood. He was accidentally asphyxiated while on a trip to New Orleans. He is buried in the Family Cemetery.

IVK-5 John Calvin Fortenberry, born April 2, 1886, died December 31, 1951. He lived in the old home, and never married.

IVK-6 Mattie Fortenberry, born October 22, 1889, died on April 4, 1910. Mattie was 20 years old and a very attractive young lady. She was stricken while ironing some clothing and soon passed away.

IVK-7 Easley Fortenberry married Truda Booker. Easley is employed by the Lampton Brothers Co. at Tylertown, Mississippi.

IVK-8 Sarah Fortenberry, born May 4, 1892, married Marshall E. Smith. They lived at Brookhaven, Mississippi where Sarah died on December 6, 1943. She is buried in the Family Cemetery. Sarah and Marshall had three sons:

- (1) Marshall E. Smith, Jr., born November 18, 1919, died February 10, 1921.
- (2) Billy Smith served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II.
- (3) An infant died October 14, 1928.

IVK-9 Willis Fortenberry married Annie Laurie Hand. They live near the old Jesse C. Fortenberry home, and have three children:

- (1) Willis (June) Fortenberry, Jr. married Doris Davis. He is with J. C. Penny Company at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and there are three children—Johnnie, Jimmy, and Sue.
- (2) Wyatt Fortenberry is in the United States Air Corps.
- (3) Joyce Fortenberry is teaching school at Bude, Mississippi.

IVK-10 Rubie Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse and Susan, married Warren E. Wood. They had one son:

- (1) Warren E. Wood, Jr. is employed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

IVK-11 Nell Fortenberry, daughter of Jesse and Susan, married Louis O. McDaniel, son of Cluster McDaniel. Louis was born in 1903 and died in 1950. He is buried in the Jesse C. Fortenberry Family Cemetery. Nell is employed by Sears Roebuck Company in McComb, Mississippi.

IVL Sarah Louise Fortenberry was the youngest child of Narcissus and Calvin K. Fortenberry. She was born June 15, 1854 and died November 19, 1928. While attending a school near her home, at the age

of 17, she became interested in the teacher, Robert L. Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons) and on August 31, 1871, they were married in the home of her parents with Reverend Willis Fortenberry officiating.

Sara and Robert lived in the New Zion Church Community, east of Tyler-town, for several years and later settled on the old John Richard Simmons place, one mile north of old Simmonsville, where they reared their family.

Robert was a deacon in the Silver Creek Baptist Church for many years. He was President of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi several years.

Robert was born September 10, 1847 and died February 27, 1939. Sarah and Robert were known to many relatives and friends as "Uncle Bob and Aunt Sarah". They are buried at Magnolia, Mississippi.

(Ed. Note: Much of the information about the older people in this write-up came from this couple, as both had clear memories until their death and were loved and revered by a very wide circle of friends and relatives. Robert was from the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons, and signed his name R. L. Simmons, Sr. to distinguish himself from R. L. Simmons, Jr., son of Dr. Fleet Simmons, who lived not too far away. Robert wrote in longhand a book of "Memoirs", a history of his life and times, a small book now in possession of his son, Hansford L. Simmons. The writers of this Simmons Family History have referred to this book of "Memoirs" many times to set us straight in our search for accurate accounts of the older generation. "Uncle Bob" had the original Willis Simmons in his home many times.)

Sarah and Robert were the parents of nine children:

IVL-1 George Calvin Waldon Simmons, born September 16, 1872, died April 8, 1952, married Zenia Simmons Walker. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi.

IVL-2 Robert William (Bobby) Simmons, born January 19, 1874, died November 5, 1879. He is buried in Catahoula Parish near Harrisonburg, Louisiana.

IVL-3 Mary Abba Simmons, born April 27, 1875; was a teacher in her early life. She married Edgar J. Simmons, son of Dr. Fleet Simmons on April 3, 1898. Edgar Simmons served as Circuit Judge of the 14th District of Mississippi from 1922 to 1934. He was born in 1871 and died in 1944 and is buried in Magnolia, Mississippi where he and Abba lived. Abba lives in Magnolia now. She is active in her church and in Garden Club work. She is a member of

the Eastern Star and is active in the affairs of her chapter.

Abba and Edgar had three children:

(1) Madge Simmons married R. Breezy Reeves, an attorney at McComb, Mississippi. Breezy was born in 1900 and died in 1953. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Madge lives at McComb, Mississippi. She is a member of the faculty at Southwest Junior College, Summit, Mississippi and has been and Election Commissioner of Pike County for 19 years. She and Breezy had two sons:

(a) R. Breezy Reeves, Jr. is practicing law at McComb with the firm, Reeves, Brumfield and Reeves. R. B. married Gail Ingram of Summit, Mississippi. They had two children:

(i) Mary Gail Reeves, born November 14, 1952.

(ii) An infant died at birth.

(b) Robert Simmons (Bobby) Reeves is completing his law course at the University of Mississippi in January, 1955 and will practice with his brother at McComb, Mississippi.

(2) Annie Hall Simmons lives with her mother in Magnolia, Mississippi and is a teacher in the High School at Fernwood, Mississippi.

(3) E. J. (Paddy) Simmons, born in 1906, died in 1949. He was a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi.

IVL-4 John Richard Simmons, named for his mother's Uncle, was born August 5, 1877. He married Blanche Simmons, daughter of George W. Simmons, on April 2, 1899 with the Reverend I. Allmand officiating. They live at Gretna, Louisiana where Richard has retired after more than 40 years with various railroads. They have five children:

(1) Wilma Inez Simmons was married on June 4, 1924 to Rev. Roy Peterson, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Culpeper, Virginia. They have three children--Gordon, Byron Dement, and Jean.--all married.

(2) Mary Simmons married Orville Childress. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(3) Frances Simmons married Wiley Lyons. He is manager of

Werlein's Music Store in Jackson, Mississippi.

(4) Margaret Fay Simmons married (1) Clifford R. Bettinger, who died November 19, 1947. Fay married (2) James Gardner.

(5) Elaine Simmons is employed at Gretna, Louisiana and lives with her parents.

IVL-5 Jesse Lamar Simmons, son of Sarah and Robert, was born March 6, 1882 at Harrisonburg, Louisiana. He lives on the old R. L. Simmons place in the home where he was reared. Jesse married Edith Brumfield, daughter of Corinne and Elisha Brumfield, on December 25, 1910. Edith died in 1941 and is buried in Tylertown, Mississippi. Jesse served a term on the Pike County Board of Supervisors and was a Trustee of the Progress School for many years. He is a deacon in the Silver Creek Baptist Church. He and Edith had four children:

(1) Dulcie Simmons married Thomas Jewell (Skeet) Wallace. They have a new home near her father. Dulcie teaches in the Progress Consolidated School. She and Skeet have two sons--Barry Kyle and Russell (Rusty).

(2) James Lamar Simmons is Assistant Manager of Swift & Company in the Southern States. Lamar married Odean Ellzey, daughter of Grady Ellzey. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have two children--Gale and Jimmy.

(3) Louise Simmons is a Registered Nurse at the Tylertown Hospital, Tylertown, Mississippi. She is the Anesthesia for the Hospital. She married Ray Stringer and they have two children--Anita and La Ray.

(4) Robert Elisha Simmons is a Major in the United States Air Corps. He married Johnnie Quin, daughter of Lucious Quin and they have two children--Sherry and Sandra.

Jesse L. married (2) Janie McElveen Brumfield.

IVL-6 Ora Lee Simmons was born August 1, 1886, near Osyka, Mississippi. He married on December 27, 1918, Mittie Terrell Fortenberry, daughter of Jack and Nola Fortenberry. Mittie was born July 15, 1893 and died in 1940. She is buried in Magnolia, Mississippi. Ora is employed by the Motor Vehicle Comptroller of Mississippi and has headquarters now in Greenville, Mississippi. He and Mittie had four children:

(1) Mitzi Lee Simmons born February 16, 1920, is employed by the State Board of Health at Jackson, Mississippi.

(2) Patty Louise Simmons, born May 26, 1925, married Marion Hill. They live in Greenwood, South Carolina and have three children:

(a) Terry Hill, born July 8, 1945.

(b) Randy Hill, born July 7, 1947.

(c) Kathy Louise Hill, born August 19, 1949.

(3) Ora Lee Simmons, Jr. born January 20, 1927, son of Ora and Mittie, was married on November 19, 1948, to Syble Victoria Dickens of Carthage, Mississippi. They live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi where Ora Lee is an Insurance Adjustor. They had two children:

(a) Phillip died an infant.

(b) Van Lee, born December 10, 1951.

(4) Andrew Glen Simmons, born July 13, 1929, married Margaret Elizabeth Decell, a Registered Nurse. They live at Greenville, Mississippi where Andrew Glen is with Swift and Company. They have one daughter:

(a) Sandra Elizabeth Simmons, born February 13, 1952.

IVL-7 Hansford Leggett Simmons, born near Osyka, Mississippi November 2, 1889, is a lawyer at McComb, Mississippi. He is a Representative in the Mississippi Legislature from Pike County, 1952-1956. He served in the State Senate 1928-1932 and 1936-1940. He married on February 10, 1918, Mattie McCabe of Bogalusa and Monroe, Louisiana. Mattie is the daughter of Captain J. H. McCabe. Hansford and Mattie live at 509 Caston Street, McComb, Mississippi and they had one son:

- * (1) Hansford Simmons, Jr. was born May 28, 1919, at Monroe, Louisiana. He was a 2nd Lieutenant and Pilot in the Army Air Forces in World War II and died March 29, 1943, in a plane crash at Garden City, Kansas, where he was a flight instructor. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Hansford married Mary Catherine Deavours, granddaughter of Judge Stone Deavours of Laurel, Mississippi. Mary is now Mrs. B. C. Whidden, Harlingen, Texas.

IVL-8 Sam Sibly Simmons, born February 22, 1892, at Osyka, Mississippi, married Gladys Allen, daughter of Walter Allen. Sam was with the Army of Occupation in Germany after World War I. He was the Game Warden of Pike County, Mississippi, 1936-1940. He died August 19, 1952, in the Veteran's Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee after a lengthy illness and is buried in Magnolia. Gladys lives 7 miles east of Magnolia, near Bala Chitto Church.

IVL-9 Nellie Louise Simmons was born June 18, 1894, near Kentwood, Louisiana. She was a school teacher for some years. She married Bernard E. Simmons, son of Edward A. Simmons (Bala Chitto Line). Nellie died December 31, 1924, a few weeks after her twin daughters were born. Bernard died October 11, 1935, in a truck accident at Algiers, Louisiana. Nellie and Bernard are buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. There were three children:

(1) Dr. Bernell Eustis Simmons, a dentist at McComb, Mississippi was born June 28, 1920. Bernell was severely wounded in France under enemy fire in World War II. He married Bess Van Norman of Liberty, Mississippi. They have three children:

(a) William Bernard (Bill) Simmons, born May 14, 1946.

(b) Nell Elizabeth Simmons, born August 11, 1949.

(c) Bernell Eustis (Bernie) Simmons, born June 23, 1951.

(2) Sara Simmons, (twin) born November 25, 1924, married Charles Elmo East. He is connected with a newspaper at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and edits a magazine on Genealogy. They have one son:

(a) Charles Elmo East, Jr., born December 5, 1949.

(3) Nan Simmons (twin), born November 25, 1924, is single and is employed at Cleveland, Mississippi.

(See Mary (Polly) Simmons Line)

V JOHN RICHARD SIMMONS
Son of Willis Simmons

John Richard Simmons, son of Willis and Jane Goslin Simmons, was born September 28, 1816, according to family records. His grave marker gives his birth as September 28, 1814. The 1850 census for Pike County, Mississippi gives his age as 34 years, and the 1870 census gives it as 55 years. The correct date, we believe, is 1816. John R. died December 30, 1885. He married Margaret Rhymes (Rimes) who was born September 15, 1822, according to family records. The grave marker gives the date as September 15, 1821. The 1850 census gives her age as 28 years and the 1870 census gives her age as 49 years. In the light of this information, we can only say that she was born in either 1821 or 1822. Margaret died July 13, 1889. John and Margaret were married February 22, 1836. They are both buried in the Family cemetery, just south of their old home place, (The Robert L. Simmons home place in later years), at Simmonsville, in Pike County, Mississippi. There is a succession record showing the distribution of John R.'s estate with names of the living children at that time, which is recorded in Book A Conveyance in the Magnolia Court House for the year 1886.

John R. and Margaret had twelve children. They were:

- VA- Nancy Simmons, born March 21, 1837
- VB- William Solomon Simmons, born July 14, 1839
- VC- John Dudley Simmons, born September 15, 1840
- VD- Amanda Louise Simmons, born January 1, 1842
- VE- Benjamin Franklin Simmons, born October 20, 1844
- VF- Thomas Jefferson Simmons, born January 12, 1846
- VG- Courtney Jane Simmons, born January 16, 1849
- VH- Richard Ivey Simmons, born June 7, 1851
- VI- Pricilla Elizabeth Simmons, born June 29, 1853
- VJ- Jesse C. Simmons, born September 14, 1854
- VK- Margaret Lenora (Norah) Simmons, born August 20, 1857
- VL- Hyman Hart Simmons, born February 8, 1859

(The above birth dates came from Obie Simmons, son of Hyman Hart Simmons. They differ from census and grave records, in some instances, as will be shown under the history of each family.)

VA Nancy Simmons, oldest child of John Richard and Margaret Simmons, was born March 21, 1837, according to the family records. The 1850 census gives her age as 13 years. She died August 16, 1916. She married William Bond, son of Preston Bond, on November 15, 1855. William Bond was born November 14, 1829 and died October 8, 1909. (These dates came from his son, Newton Bond, from grave marker and from Nancy's Family Bible.) Nancy and William are buried in a Family Cemetery near Tangipahoa River, southwest of Tangipahoa, Louisiana. Margaret Hyde Morgan and her brother visited this Bond Cemetery and sent the writers this description which may be interesting to family members:

"In the piny woods swamp, lost in underbrush and forest of young trees, on the land now belonging to Mr. W. E. Coney, a lumberman,

is the tiny Bond Semetary. There is a little wood slat fence, with a gate, and Milton's tombstone is especially old-fashioned looking, with a tall spire-type monument——"

Family tradition is that William was very prosperous. It is known that he owned more than 100 slaves and much land. It is said that there is a list of the slaves in the hands of some member of the family. During the Civil War he lost much of his wealth along with his slaves. Money was supposed to have been hidden about the place during the War and the rumor of this handed down has caused much digging for it, especially by negroes in the years since that time. (Preston Bond was born in 1802 in Georgia. He was son of Henry Bond, born in N.C. Preston married Anna _____) The following inscriptions may be found on the graves of William and Nancy:

"William Bond, Born November 14, 1829, Died October 8, 1909
Nancy Simmons Bond, Born March 21, 1837, Died August 16, 1916."

The 1870 census for Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana gives the following:

"William Bond	39	Born in Mississippi
Nancy	34	Born in Mississippi
Amanda	13	Born in Louisiana
John	12	Born in Louisiana
Rebecca	10	Born in Louisiana
James	8	Born in Louisiana
Alice	6	Born in Louisiana
Margaret	4	Born in Louisiana
William	2	Born in Louisiana"

Nancy and William lived near Arcola, Louisiana in Tangipahoa Parish and had twelve children. They were:

VA-1 Amanda Elizabeth (Lizzie) Bond was born October 22, 1856 and died November 21, 1921. She married Henry G. Vernon, who was born December 12, 1856 and died August 24, 1926. (Henry's first wife was Fannie Hyde, daughter of Elizabeth and Samuel Hyde). Lizzie and Henry are buried in the Hyde Cemetery at Chesbrough, Louisiana. They had nine children:

(1) Nancy Eula Vernon married William Henry Varnado. They live at Roseland, Louisiana and have no children. Will has been paralyzed for two years.

(2) John Mathew Vernon, son of Amanda Elizabeth and Henry G. Vernon, was born April 16, 1883 and died October 21, 1951. He is buried at Kentwood, Louisiana. He married (1) Bertha Dicks and they had four daughters and two sons:

(a) Doris Valentine Vernon, born February 14, 1904, married Aubrey Luther Bankston on April 15, 1930. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children:

- (i) Barbara Beatrice Bankston, born January 24, 1932
- (ii) Doris Sue Bankston, born January 17, 1940
- (b) Irma Elizabeth Vernon born November 29, 1905, died August 1, 1921. She is buried in Fayette, Alabama.
- (c) John Virgil Vernon born February 1, 1910, died September 13, 1910. He is buried in Greensburg, Louisiana.
- (d) Dixie Beatrice Vernon was born May 6, 1911. She was married to Stanley W. Choyce on February 3, 1946. They live in Seattle, Washington and have two children:
 - (i) Collen Rae Choyce, born February 15, 1950
 - (ii) Stephen Michael Choyce, born December 14, 1953.
- (e) James Reynolds Vernon born June 18, 1913, married Marie Booker on March 18, 1936. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children:
 - (i) Leon Reynolds Vernon, born April 28, 1937
 - (ii) Sylvia Dicks Vernon, born September 30, 1942
- (f) Elodie Olga Vernon born April 15, 1916, died December 13, 1916. She is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana.

John Matthew Vernon married (2) Amy Cribbs and they had five children:

- (g) John Matthew Vernon, Jr. was born August 16, 1924, married Mildred Cupit and they have two children--Mickey Diane and Michael John.
- (h) Evelyn Clemmy Vernon was born December 14, 1925, married Walter Johnson Woods and they have one son--Stephen Matthew Woods.
- (i) Dorothy Edd Vernon born September 2, 1927, married George Bernard Humphreys and they have two children--George Vernon and Glinda Gayle.
- (j) Amy Lee Vernon born October 14, 1929, married Marvin Eugene Templeton and they have one son--Johnny Eugene. Amy lives at Bude, Mississippi.
- (k) David Edward Vernon born February 1, 1931, married Helen Hodges. They have two children--David Edward, Jr., and Gary Lynn.

(3) Archie Vernon, son of Lizzie and Henry G. Vernon, married Eula Bankston. Archie was born April 20, 1886. They live on Route 1,

east of Roseland, Louisiana and have four children:

(a) William Luther Vernon was born February 20, 1915. He married Vivian Heth and they have four children--William Luther, Jr., Lois Fay, Ernest Neil, and Patricia Ann.

(b) Paul Laverne Vernon was born January 18, 1917. He married Clarinda Ricks and they have three children--Clara Jane, Glenda Paulet, and Robert Archie.

(c) Frances Irma Vernon, born January 4, 1923, is single.

(d) Ida Elizabeth Vernon born January 3, 1928, married Richard Garrett Allen and they have three children--Richard Garrett, Jr., Barbara Elizabeth, and Julie Frances.

(4) Isola Vernon married (1) Iva M. Durbin. He is buried in the Durbin Family Cemetery near Independence, Louisiana. They had one son:

(a) Ivy M. Durbin, Jr. is now with an oil company in Venezuela, South America. He married Wanda Donahoe and they have three children:

(i) Michael Monroe Durbin, born June 17, 1941

(ii) James Thomas Durbin, born August 2, 1942

(iii) Patricia Jean (Penny) Durbin, born July 23, 1950

Isola Vernon Durbin married (2) James A. Alexander. He is buried at Texas City, Texas. Isola now lives with her sister, Eula, at Roseland, Louisiana.

(5) James Elon Vernon, son of Lizzie and Henry G. Vernon, born October 6, 1890, died March 15, 1943. He is buried at Kentwood, Louisiana. James Elon married (1) Bertha Hogan and they had one son:

(a) James Elon Vernon, Jr. married Annabell Whitty. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two sons--James Elon III, and John Edward.

James Elon Vernon, Sr. married (2) Delle Faust. She now lives at 927 Avenue I, Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had three children:

(b) Dorothy Jewel Vernon born May 29, 1920, married on March 19, 1943 Hickie W. Rohr. He is a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Corps, now stationed at Baltimore, Maryland. They have three children--Della Jean, Robert Donald, and Ann Marie.

(c) Elizabeth Ann Vernon born November 26, 1921, married on

October 15, 1945, Paul A. Martin. They live in Greensburg, Indiana.

(d) Victor Henry Vernon born March 6, 1924, died February 16, 1930.

(e) Donald Eugene Vernon born October 24, 1926, married Beverly Prince. They have two children and live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana--Eileen and Lyanne.

(f) Emma Catherine Vernon born December 26, 1927, married C. D. Phillips on September 8, 1945. They have two children and live in Calhoun, Tennessee--Claire Kathleen and Woodrow Daniel.

(g) Charlotte Ruth Vernon born March 24, 1931, died May 6, 1952. She married Sanford Jewell Ritchey on December 24, 1951.

(h) Alden Earl Vernon born February 10, 1933, is single and lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(6) Thomas Olan Vernon, son of Lizzie and Henry G. Vernon Sr. was born July 31, 1892. He married Elizabeth Brown. They live at Port Neches, Texas where he is engaged in oil refinery work. They have three children:

(a) Beth Mae Vernon born June 8, 1921, married C. O. Burns. They live at Nederland, Texas and have two children--Judith Ann and Karen Gail.

(b) James Leland Vernon born September 18, 1923, married Gloria Patch. They live at Nederland, Texas and have three children--James Michael, Joseph Charles, and John Paul.

(c) Thomas Olan Vernon, Jr. born October 19, 1928, married Barbara Matthews. They live at Beaumont, Texas and have one child--Merrilyn Elizabeth.

(7) Henry G. Vernon, Jr. married (1) Jesse Bankston, who was born April 10, 1894 and died April 24, 1928. She is buried in the Bankston Cemetery. They had two sons:

(a) John Leland Vernon married Aurelia Cutrer. They live at Chesbrough, Louisiana and have three children--Kandis, John (Little John), and Henry G. III.

(b) Van Henry Vernon was born April 25, 1919 and died February 26, 1923. He is buried in the Bankston Cemetery.

Henry G. Vernon, Jr. married (2) Edith Simmons, daughter of Samuel Hyman Simmons (See Thomas Jefferson Simmons Line). They live near Chesbrough, Louisiana.

(8) Clarence Merton Vernon born July 6, 1893, died April 25, 1943. He is buried at Port Arthur, Texas. Merton married Ruth Dungan. They had one daughter:

(a) Betty Jo Vernon, born March 21, 1927, married Erling Hansen. They live at 1140 Almanar Street, Menlo Park, California and have one son:

(i) Gerald Vernon Hansen, born March 10, 1947.

(9) Azalea Vernon was born September 28, 1896. She married Earl Russell who was born May 10, 1901 and died August 17, 1945. He is buried in the Arcola-Roseland Cemetery. Azalea and Earl had four children:

(a) Bessie Russell married William C. Alford. They live near Roseland, Louisiana and have four children:

(i) Bonnie Sue Alford, born August 18, 1936, married Harold Newman and they have one daughter--Dianna Sue, born October 13, 1953.

(ii) James (Jimmy) Alford born February 25, 1939.

(iii) Donald Alford, born September 22, 1941.

(iv) David Alford, born January 10, 1944.

(See IIE in the William (Black Bill) Simmons Line)

(b) Vernon Russell married June Withiam. They live at Chesbrough, Louisiana and have three children:

(i) Vernon Milton Russell, Jr. born September 4, 1946.

(ii) Kendrick Eugene Russell, born December 14, 1947.

(iii) Susan Gretchen Russell born December 9, 1949.

(c) Hughla Russell born December 11, 1921, married Clayton Hendry. They live at Chesbrough, Louisiana and had four children:

(i) Barbara June Hendry born January 18, 1946, died January 20, 1946.

(ii) Patrick Leslie Hendry, born September 23, 1947.

(iii) Larry Russell Hendry, born July 18, 1950.

(iv) Peggy Jean Hendry, born November 18, 1952.

(See Samuel Hyde Line for Clayton Hendry)

(d) Willie Eugene Russell born November 28, 1932 is single and in the United States Army, stationed now in Japan.

VA-2 John Richard Bond, son of Nancy and William Bond, was born August 7, 1858 and died November 14, 1938. He married Martha Ann Elliott who was born December 29, 1859 and died July 18, 1950. They were married on December 24, 1883; with Elder N. W. Simmons officiating. They lived near his parents, east of Roseland, Louisiana. John Richard is buried near his parents. Martha Ann is buried in the cemetery at Amite, Louisiana. (The old Nancy Simmons Bond Bible gives the date of birth of John Richard as August 7, 1859; the old Family Bible of John Richard Bond gives the date as August 7, 1858, and this is the date on his grave marker. The 1870 census gives John Richard's age as 12 years.) Martha Ann was related to Judge Clay Elliott of Amite City, Louisiana. John Richard and Martha Ann were the parents of ten children. They were:

(1) Cleophas Bond was born August 22, 1885 and died October 16, 1913. He never married and is buried at Amite City, Louisiana.

(2) William (Billy) Bond was born August 13, 1887 and died June 17, 1888. He is buried in the Hyde Cemetery at Chesbrough, Louisiana. The grave marker gives the date of his death as July 17, 1888.

(3) Escoc Esrom Bond was born March 21, 1889 and died August 10, 1893. He is buried in the Hyde Family Cemetery.

(4) Robert Elliott Bond, born April 3, 1891, married Beatrice Hancock, of McComb, Mississippi. They live at Port Sulphur, Louisiana where he has been employed by a sulphur company for many years. They have two children:

(a) James Kenneth Bond is single and is employed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(b) Barbara Helen Bond is single and is employed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(5) Rufus Bond, born July 8, 1893, said that his people told him that the Simmons family originated in Ireland. (Note: The Simmons Family was one of many that left Scotland by way of Ireland when there was such a fight over religious principles.) Rufus married Molly Mae Russell. They live in Amite, Louisiana and have three children:

(a) Dr. John Russell Bond, a dentist at New Orleans, married Lillian Barnadas and they have two children--Hester Lynn and John Russell, Jr.

(b) Irma Mae Bond is clerk of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board at Amite, Louisiana. She married Robert Ashley and they have one daughter--Mary Frances.

(c) Charles Elliott Bond is single and connected with the United States Post Office at Amite, Louisiana.

(6) Elealeh (Lela) Bond was born January 18, 1895 and died May 22, 1930. She married John Feigler, who died May 21, 1932. They had two children:

(a) Marguerite Feigler married John M. Shipp. They live at Wagar, Alabama and have one son--John Ray.

(b) Bonnie Albert Feigler is single and in the United States Navy.

John and Lela died when these children were small, so the two were reared by their grandparents, John Richard and Martha Ann Bond, and their Aunt, Anna Ree Bond.

(7) John Ramar Bond was born February 6, 1896 and died July 8, 1896. He is buried in the Hyde Cemetery.

(8) Mitylene Bond was born December 21, 1898. She married Wesley Brabham. They live at Leesville, Louisiana and have two sons:

(a) Paul Columbus Brabham married Mixon Lee Leach. They live at Leesville, Louisiana.

(b) Douglas Brabham married Stella Craft. They live at Leesville, Louisiana and have one daughter--Jean.

(9) Sarah Zillah Bond was born May 9, 1902. She married William A. Hobbs, Jr., an architect. They live in Honolulu, Hawaii and have one daughter--Ann Jane.

(10) Anna Rebekah Bond, known as Anna Ree, was born December 13, 1904. She lives in the old John Richard Bond home, east of Roseland, on Route 1.

(The above data was taken from the John Richard Bond Family Bible in possession of Anna Ree Bond. The mother of Anna Ree, Martha Ann Bond, was a reader of and a strong believer in the Bible and this accounts for so many Biblical names in this family. Anna Ree also has many pictures of the Bond Family in her possession.)

VA-3 Rebecca Jane Bond, daughter of William and Nancy Bond, was born July 31, 1860 and died January 30, 1940. She married George Wash-

ington (Wash) Nixon. They lived at Pine Grove, Louisiana and had no children. They are buried at the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery near Pine Grove, Louisiana.

VA-4 James (Jim) Bond was born January 31, 1862 and died July 19, 1947. Jim was a leading farmer in the Pine Grove, Louisiana area and served in the Louisiana General Assembly from 1932 to 1936 from St. Helena Parish. He is buried at the Shiloh Baptist Church near Pine Grove. Jim married Ella Eudora Quin, who was born October 24, 1875. She lives in the old home and is very active as she approaches 80 years. Ella Eudora was the eldest child of L. Jack Quin and Elizabeth Eudora Fenn Quin. Jim and Ella had 12 children:

- (1) Eunice Estelle Bond, born August 4, 1893, married on December 25, 1913 Hugh L. Pevey. They live near her mother and had two children--Pauline Eunice and James Perry.
- (2) Christine Bond, born October 21, 1894, married on October 28 1922 George W. Stone. They live near her mother.
- (3) Louis Dewitt Bond, born December 28, 1896, served in the United States Army in World War I. He was married to Eula Reeves on May 27, 1936. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- (4) Thomas Milton Bond, born February 19, 1899, married Frances _____, in Los Angeles, California. They had one child--Milton Keith.
- (5) William Byron Bond, born December 6, 1900, served in a Construction Battalion branch of the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945. He married Addie Phelps on February 5, 1934. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- (6) Myrtle Bond (twin) was born June 5, 1903. She married Leon G. Noble on July 11, 1920. They had three children--Leon G. Jr Myrtis, and Laura Jeanette.
- (7) Myrtis (Myrtice) Bond, (twin) was born June 5, 1903 and died September 14, 1903.
- (8) Henry Bond was born June 8, 1905 and died February 20, 1906
- (9) Lilah Ruth Bond; born January 23, 1907, married Alva Clyde Mitchell on April 6, 1924. They had one child--Carolyn Marie Mitchell.
- (10) Catherine Bond was born March 3, 1910. She married Clifton A. Reeves on February 11, 1930. They had three children--Clift Ray, Ella Bond, and Marilyn Ruth.

(11) James Hunter Bond, born May 1, 1911, served in the United States Army Engineers from 1942 through 1945. He and Byron served for a time on the Aleutian Islands. James married Estelle Singleton on May 3, 1952. They live near his mother and have two children--James Hunter, Jr. and Sidney Singleton.

(12) Elizabeth Eudora Bond, born June 5, 1913, married Gordon Latham on June 25, 1933. They live in Texas City, Texas. They had three children--James Gordon lived only a few days, Gene Byron, and Beverly.

(The above information came from the Family Bible of Mrs. Ella Eudora Quin, in her possession now.)

VA-5 Alice Bond, daughter of William and Nancy Bond, was born June 18, 1864 and died September 17, 1908. She is buried with her parents. Alice married John Waller. (John had been previously married and had three children by his first wife--One of them, Dora, married Henry W. Strickland and they live at Kentwood, Louisiana.) John is buried in the old Waller Cemetery. Alice and John had four children:

(1) Thomas (Tom) Waller died in about 1942. He is buried at Greensburg, Louisiana. He married Allie Easley and they had one son:

(a) Edwin Waller married Mary Sully. They live at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and have two children--Marc and Mary Dianne.

(2) A. Emmett Waller born June 10, 1890 married Ruth East. They live at 313 Vardaman Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Emmett is a conductor and has been with the Illinois Central Railroad for 41 years. Emmett and Ruth have four children:

(a) Browder Waller born June 12, 1912, married Essie Lou Donald. Browder is an agricultural and industrial engineer for the Mississippi Power and Light Company at Jackson, Mississippi with 26 years service.

(b) Anna Mae Waller, born March 10, 1915, is single.

(c) Charles Waller, born December 23, 1917, married Marion Steiger. They have two children--Carolyn Elizabeth, eight years and Nancy Ruth, six years.

(d) Ruth Nell Waller born February 14, 1926, married Homer Temple. They have one son--Nicki Joe.

(3) Nina Waller married Ben Dykes. They had three children:

- (a) Irwin Dykes
- (b) Audrey Dykes died at two years.
- (c) Alice Dykes lives at Magnolia, Mississippi. She was reared in the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gwin and is known as Alice Gwin. She is an insurance writer.

After Nina's death, Ben Dykes married Inez Fletcher, a first cousin of Nina.

(4) Georgia Waller, born July 29, 1895, died August 19, 1952. She is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Georgia married Grover Gwin who is retired after many years service with the Illinois Central Railroad. Grover and Georgia had two sons:

- (a) Stanford Waller Gwin married Mary Nell Payne, daughter of Burley Payne, and they have four children--Stanford, Jr., Stephen, Judy, and Dianne. They live in Macon, Georgia.
- (b) Robert Sidney Gwin married Maxine Heuman and they have one son--Robert Sidney (Bobby) Gwin, Jr.

VA-6 Margaret (Maggie) Bond, daughter of William and Nancy Bond, was born June 20, 1866 and died March 13, 1941. She married Wylie Barron. They lived in Amite County, Mississippi. They had four children:

(1) Gladys Barron married Walter C. Martin. They live on Route 3, Summit, Mississippi and have three children:

(a) Louise Martin married Hosea Carroway. Louise is Amite County, Mississippi Health Nurse. She and Hosea have one girl--Anita Fay.

(b) Nellie Martin married Grady Crawford who is in the United States Army. They have three children--Velma Ree, Marcus Ray, and Charles.

(c) Gladys Fay Martin is single and in the United States Army (WAC's).

(2) William L. (Billy) Barron married Mildred Martin. They live on Route 3, Summit, Mississippi and have two girls--Patty Lynn and Cherrye.

(3) Addie Bell Barron married Curtis Chisholm. They live on Route 3, Summit, Mississippi and have four children--Walter Wylie, James Thomas, Maggie Belle, and Addie Lee.

(4) H. K. Barron married Mabel Williams. They live in Amite County, Mississippi and have two children--Leon, an adopted son, and Kenny.

VA-7 William Thomas (Tom) Bond, son of William and Nancy Bond, was born November 9, 1868 and died April 15, 1943. He married Dora Pray. Dora is living at the age of 83 years in Amite County, Mississippi. Tom and Dora were married on August 23, 1894. They had two children:

(1) Lillian Bond is employed in McComb. She has in her possession the Nancy Simmons Bond Family Bible from which some data on births and deaths of the Nancy Bond family was taken.

(2) Milton Bond married Evelyn Reeves of Greensburg, Louisiana. They live on Route 3, Summit, Mississippi and have two children--Barbara Ruth and Norma.

VA-8 Nancy Annie Bond, daughter of William and Nancy Bond, was born January 23, 1871 and died March 3, 1930. She married Andrew Kearney (Kern) Fletcher, born June 24, 1872 and died July 14, 1921, according to the grave marker. They are buried at Montpelier, Louisiana. They had four children:

(1) Altha Fletcher married Asa Demarcus Adams, who died April 22, 1938 and is buried at Montpelier. Altha is supervisor of the sewing room at the Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, Mississippi. Altha and Asa had three children:

(a) William Kearney Adams, born August 12, 1917, is garage foreman for the Railway Express Agency at Jackson, Mississippi. He married Hazel Fowler. They live at 410 Roland Street, Jackson and have one son--Roger Kearney, born September 12, 1941.

(b) Ella Mae Adams married George Bonnell. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son--George, Jr.

(c) Asa Albert Adams married Zelda Collins. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son--Asa Demarcus Adams, Jr., age two.

(2) Benny Buren Fletcher died small.

(3) Bettie Maude Fletcher lives at Montpelier, Louisiana and is employed in the S. F. Morgan Store there.

(4) Velda Fletcher was born September 13, 1908 and died April 5, 1925, according to the grave marker. She is buried at Montpelier.

VA-9 Milton Bond was born August 27, 1873 and died October 31, 1898, just past his 25th birthday. He is buried in the cemetery with his father and mother. He never married.

VA-10 Martha Ella Bond, daughter of William and Nancy, was born July 17, 1876 and died September 29, 1912. Martha Ella is buried at Montpelier, Louisiana. She married Charles Fletcher, who died September 20, 1930 and is buried in St. Louis, Missouri. They had five children:

(1) Inez Fletcher, born December 11, 1899, married Ben H. Dykes, who died in 1948. Ben had been married previously and had several children. Inez lived much of her life in New Orleans, and in recent years has lived at Roseland, Louisiana. She is temporarily with her son in Groton, Connecticut. Inez and Ben had two children:

(a) May Inez Dykes, married (1) Charles T. Hudspeth and they had one son--Charles T. Hudspeth, Jr. May Inez married (2) James L. Warren and they live at 2112 East Belfair Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(b) John Harlan Dykes is in the United States Navy. He married Sybil C. Johnson. They live at 22 Allen Street, Groton, Connecticut, and they have two daughters--Marilyn Midge, age 7 years, and Margarete Madge, age 5 years.

(2) Homer U. Fletcher married Olga Hamilton. They live on Route 3, Sheridan, Arkansas.

(3) Marvin Lee Fletcher, born December 10, 1904, married on October 27, 1936, Myrtis Howze. They live on Route 1, Holden, Louisiana and have one son--Marvin Lee Fletcher, Jr., born June 19, 1938.

(4) Charles George Fletcher, Jr., born July 20, 1907, married Faye Hayes on November 2, 1946. They live at 2212 Martin Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children:

(a) William Hayes Fletcher, born September 28, 1948.

(b) Charles George Fletcher III, born March 15, 1952.

(c) Lewis Randolph Fletcher, born April 20, 1954.

(5) Annie E. Fletcher died in the spring of 1914 in New Orleans at about 3 years of age.

VA-11 Henry Willis Bond was born November 14, 1878 and died July 29, 1879. He is buried in the Hyde Cemetery at Chesbrough, Louisiana.

VA-12 Newton Cowden Bond, only one of Nancy's children living at this writing, was born January 18, 1884. He is 70 years old and is at present Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Baptist Temple in Houston, Texas. He lives at 2215 Swift Street, in that city. He married (1) Ruby Bankston and they had four children:

(1) Clifton L. Bond married Justine Richardson. They live at 2518 Southgate Street, Houston, Texas and have two girls-- Marsalin and Judith Ann.

(2) Zelma Lee Bond is a teacher in the Houston Schools.

(3) Dorothy Pearl Bond married D. S. Green. They live at Graham, Texas and have two children--Barbara and Thomas Newton.

(4) Wilton Royce Bond is an attorney in Houston, Texas. He married Stephanie Bareka. They live at 2407 Watt Street, in Houston, Texas. They have two children--Carol Sue, and Beverly

Newton Cowden Bond married (2) Georgia Pittman.

VB William Solomon Simmons, son of John Richard Simmons and Margaret Rhymes (Rimes) was born July 14, 1839 in Pike County, Mississippi and die sometime after 1886 when he signed the papers recording the division of his father's estate. He married _____ Bond, a sister to William Bond. They moved to Newton County, Texas. His descendants now live in Jasper County, Texas, it is believed.

His niece, Carrie Simmons Boyd, has a picture of William Solomon in her possession at Tylertown, Mississippi. William Solomon had two daughters and five sons.

We can get no more information concerning William. Perhaps some member of the family will send us the names of his descendants.

VC John Dudley Simmons, son of John Richard Simmons, was born September 15, 1840, according to family records and the grave marker. The 1850 census gives his age as 8 years. He signed the papers in the division of his father's estate in 1886. He died in 1903. John D., as he was known, married Margaret B. Walker, whose age was given in the 1870 census as 29 years. They lived for some years about a mile southeast of the old John Richard Simmons home. This was known as the "John D. place". It was not far from the original Willis Simmons home place. Later they moved to a place one mile south of Walker's Bridge in the home now occupied by their son, Elijah (Lige). John D. and Margaret are buried near his old home place below Walker's Bridge.

John D. was a Private in Brent's Rifles, Company K, 38th Mississippi Cavalry, CSA, during the War of the Confederacy. This record is on file in the Department of Archives and History at Jackson, Mississippi.

John Dudley and Margaret had nine children. They were:

VC-1 Sarah Ann Simmons (Her name is given as Sarah D. in the 1870 census and appears as Sarah A. on the grave marker. Family records give it as Sarah Ann.) was born September 18, 1861 and died January 5, 1928, according to the grave marker. The 1870 census gives her age as 8 years and one member of the family said she was born in 1862. Sarah Ann married Pinkney (Pink) X. Simmons, son of Silas M. Simmons (Bala Chitto Line). Pink was born September 25, 1857 and died February 25, 1906, according to the grave marker, erected by the Woodmen of the World. The 1870 census gives Pink's age as 12 years. They lived near the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, five miles east of Osyka, Mississippi. Pink served as Supervisor and Justice of the Peace of the First District of Pike County, Mississippi. Sarah Ann and Pink are buried at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. They were the parents of twelve children:

(1) Parham A. Simmons was born March 3, 1882 and died August 5, 1885. He is buried at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

(2) Mary Emma Simmons was born November 17, 1883 and died

August 25, 1886. She is buried at Mt. Zion Church.

(3) Eugene Frank Simmons was born June 9, 1885 and died August 21, 1886. He is buried at Mt. Zion Church.

(4) Freddie McClung Simmons was born May 8, 1887 and died August 29, 1888. He is buried at Mt. Zion Church.

(5) Leslie Simmons married (1) Mattie Simmons, daughter of Cicero Simmons of the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons. They had four children:

(a) Rowena Simmons married Sidney Crawford. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have seven children--Carolyn, Billy (William), Fay, a twin of Billy, Milton, Margaret Ann, Donald Wayne, and Michael.

(b) Errol Simmons married Bessie Godbold, daughter of Burton Godbold. They live three miles northeast of Osyka, Mississippi and have three children:

(i) Virginia Simmons, born September 25, 1940.

(ii) Katheryn Simmons, born August 20, 1941.

(iii) Stephen Simmons, born December 6, 1948.

(c) Dora Dean Simmons died in young womanhood. She is buried with her mother in the Solomon Simmons Family Cemetery.

(d) Hugh L. Simmons married Marie Beeson. They live in Beaumont, Texas and have three children--Hilton, Harvey Joseph, and Bernice Adrian.

Leslie married (2) Mrs. Myrtle Lee Graves, who had several children by a previous marriage. Leslie and Myrtle live south of Tylertown, Mississippi and have two children:

(e) Helen Simmons married Billy Evans. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

(f) Ralph Simmons is at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

(6) Belle Simmons married Walter Raborn. They live east of Osyka, Mississippi and have one son:

(a) Curtis Raborn married (1) Minnie Mae Dickey, daughter of Eugene Dickey (See George Washington Simmons Line). After Minnie Mae's death, Curtis married Mrs. Mina Prescott.

(7) Virgil Dudley Simmons married Ida McDavit. Virgil was for

many years manager of the Lampton-Reid Company at Magnolia, Mississippi. He and Ida live one mile east of Magnolia and operate the Cottage of Flowers and Gift Shop, selling flowers, pottery and plants.

(8) Hugh Leroy Simmons married Alma Travis. They live five miles east of Osyka, Mississippi. Hugh has been a member of the Pike County Board of Supervisors from the 5th District for 24 years and President of the Board for 14 years.

(9) Ruby Simmons married Albert Brumfield. They have eleven children:

(a) Lucinda Brumfield married Paul Winn. They live at Florence, Mississippi and have one son--Paul Lamar.

(b) Pat Harrison Brumfield married Ann Quintanna. They live at McComb, Mississippi where he is employed by the Gulf Refining Company as an accountant. Pat Harrison and Ann have two children:

(i) Patsy Brumfield, born December 19, 1949.

(ii) Cynthia Brumfield, born October 15, 1952.

(c) George Albert Brumfield married Bobbie Breeland. They live at Moss Point, Mississippi and have one son--George Albert, Jr.

(d) Catherine Brumfield (Twin of Dorothy) married Sammie Mineo. They live at Scranton, Pennsylvania and have four children--Mary Ann, Sammie, Jr., Vanessa, and Catherine Ann.

(e) Dorothy Brumfield (Twin of Catherine) married James Woodward. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi and have three children--Amanda Marie, Jimmy, and _____.

(f) Robert Lee Brumfield married Shirley Stewart. They live on Howe Street, in McComb, Mississippi.

(g) Sarah Jene Brumfield married Reverend J. W. Magee, a Baptist Minister at Husser, Louisiana. They have three children--Betty Jane, Edna Earl, and J. W. Jr.

(h) Mike Conner Brumfield is just out of the Armed Forces. He married Jenny Lind Pezant. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi and have one daughter--Deborah Brumfield.

(i) Ruby Brumfield (twin) finished high school in 1954.

(j) Pearl Brumfield (twin of Ruby) finished high school in 1954.

(k) Albert Oliver Brumfield, Jr. is in high school.

(Ruby and Albert's family is also listed in the Courtney Jane Simmons Line of this John Richard Simmons family, but will not be carried in full there.)

(10) Grace Simmons married Cullen W. Conerly, son of Cullen and Dixie Simmons Conerly (See George Washington Simmons Line). Grace and Cullen live south of Holmesville, Mississippi and have no children. However, when Grace's sister, Katherine, died, Grace and Cullen adopted her twin girls--Jo Ann and Sarah Ann. They were known before they married as "the Conerly twins". (See below under Kate's family.)

(11) Katherine (Kate) Simmons married Edward E. Felder. They are buried in McComb, Mississippi and had five children:

(a) James Edward Felder died at about five years of age.

(b) Grace Felder married William C. Avant. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Jeannie, Sherrill, and William.

(c) Jo Ann Felder married C. W. Cook. He has just been discharged from the Armed Forces and they live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (Jo Ann was adopted by the Cullen Conerlys)

(d) Sarah Ann Felder married Devoix Price, discharged from the Armed Forces in December, 1954. They have a daughter, Judy, age 16 months. (Sarah Ann was adopted by the Cullen Conerlys.)

(e) Dixie Margaret Felder lives at 1712 Spruce Avenue, Lubbock, Texas with her Aunt, Mrs. Horace Felder.

(12) Ina Mae Simmons married Harry Dickey. Harry lives at 4753 Crescent Street, Jacksonville, Florida. He is the son of George Dickey.

VC-2 Benjamin Franklin Simmons, son of John Dudley Simmons, was recorded in the 1870 census of Pike County, Mississippi as six years of age, thus he was born about 1864. He married Delia E. Sandifer, who died February 23, 1901 and is buried at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Pike County. Frank and Delia had two children:

(1) Bernice (Berniece) Simmons was born July 15, 1897. She married Roy Neal, an employee of the Illinois Central Railroad. They live at 115 South 17th Street, Paducah, Kentucky and have two children:

(a) William (Bill) Neal, born November 26, 1930.

(b) Nellie Neal, born July 31, 1933, married on July 4, 1952, Joseph E. Yarboe (Yarbrough). They have one daughter Katherine Yarboe, born September 1, 1953.

(2) Jessie Simmons was born September 6, 1899. She married _____ Case. He died in 1949 and is buried in the Case Cemetery at _____.

Frank Simmons married (2) Mrs. Leah Forrest who died in 1931 and is buried at Osyka, Mississippi. Frank died March 20, 1920. He is buried _____.

VC-3 Margaret Hester Simmons, daughter of John Dudley Simmons is recorded in the 1870 census as being four years old, making her birth date about 1866. She married Asa Boyd. There were no children by this marriage. Hester is buried in the old family cemetery near her father. (After Hester's death, Asa married a Magee, sister of Fleet Magee, and at her death married Ernest (Ernie) Boyd's widow, Carrie Simmons, daughter of Richard Ivey Simmons.)

VC-4 Julia Simmons, son of John Dudley Simmons, was born about 1868, according to the 1870 census. Julia died June 19, 1919. She married Daniel James Ellzey, who was born November 15, 1860 and died August 10, 1928. Daniel had been married previously and had two daughters, Maude and Golda. He and Julia lived at Osyka, Mississippi where they are buried. They had three children:

(1) Myrtis Ellzey was born September 2, 1892 and died August 28, 1936. She married Roy S. Funchess, Sr., who was born March 7, 1891 and died March 25, 1938. They lived at Osyka where they are buried. Myrtis and Roy had two children:

* (a) Roy Sebastian Funchess, Jr. was born June 24, 1915 and died March 6, 1944 while in the Armed Forces. He lost his life in an accident on a rifle range at Fort Riley, Kansas and is buried in Osyka.

(b) Dorothy Funchess married Herschel Perry. They live at Houston, Texas and have one son--Herschel Perry, Jr.

(2) Molly Ellzey married Howard Bridges. They lived at Osyka, Mississippi. Howard died about 1926 and is buried at Osyka. They had three children:

(a) Howard Bridges is in the Merchant Marines. He married

Doris Coza and they have one daughter:

(i) Dorothy Amanda Bridges, born November 28, 1945.

(b) Evelyn Bridges married Dr. Francis Le Tarde. He is a specialist in the Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. They have two children:

(i) Frank Le Tarde born September 19, 1947.

(ii) Phillip Le Tarde born October 10, 1950.

(c) Earl Bridges married Audrey Tyrone. They live in Houston, Texas and have one son--Ronald Bridges.

(3) Daniel J. (Son) Ellzey was born December 2, 1895. He married Belle Dean, daughter of Pascal Dean. They live at 207 North Bay Street, Amite, Louisiana and have three sons:

(a) Daniel J. Ellzey, Jr. was born December 23, 1921. He married on May 4, 1941, Norris Stevens and they have four children:

(i) Connie Sue Ellzey, born December 6, 1943.

(ii) Daniel J. Ellzey IV, born October 16, 1947.

(iii) Warren Lynn Ellzey, born August 23, 1949.

(iv) Judy Belle Ellzey, born July 27, 1950.

(b) Dean Wilson Ellzey born January 13, 1926, married on January 14, 1946, Mary Lyle Russell. They have two sons:

(i) Dean Wilson Ellzey Jr., born April 6, 1947.

(ii) Russell Lynn Ellzey, born December 27, 1951.

(c) Jerry Lynn Ellzey, born February 6, 1937, is at home with his parents.

VC-5 Janie Simmons, daughter of John Dudley Simmons, was born in 1870 and died in 1920. She married N. Rankin O'Quin, who was born in 1867 and died in 1941, according to the grave marker. They lived just above old Simmonsville, in Pike County, for many years, then moved later near Holmesville, Mississippi. They are buried in the cemetery where old Smyrna Church once stood, east of Holmesville. Janie and Rankin had seven children:

(1) Julius O'Quin is State 4-H Club Agent for Louisiana, sta-

tioned in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married Lena Mae Hickman and they have one son--Julius O'Quin, Jr.

(2) Earl O'Quin married Helen Born. They live in New Orleans, and they have two children--Kathleen and Patsy.

(3) Roy O'Quin married Ada Lee Holmes, of Tylertown, Mississippi.

(4) Nellie O'Quin married Douglas McGaughey. They live north of Walker's Bridge in Pike County, Mississippi and had three children--Donald (Accidentally drowned at 18 months), Ronald, and Ida Jane.

(5) Otis O'Quin married Julia Williams. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son--William (Bill).

(6) Kenneth O'Quin lives with his sister, Nelle.

(7) Norman R. O'Quin married Catherine Jane Thornhill, daughter of James Luther Thornhill (See William (Black Bill) Simmons Line). They live north of Walker's Bridge and have three children--Charles Ray, Catherine Jane and Ginger Roy.

VC-6 Lane Simmons, daughter of John Dudley Simmons, married Dr. Tully Conerly. They lived around Angie, Louisiana, where she is buried. (Have no information about her descendants, if any).

VC-7 Walter Tynes Simmons, was born July 8, 1878 and died November 5, 1950, according to his grave marker. He was named for the Baptist Minister, Dr. Walter Tynes. Walter is buried at Silver Creek Baptist Church in Pike County, Mississippi. His wife was Georgia Stogner. Their children were:

(1) Margaret Marie Simmons, born June 11, 1925, married Edward N. Bush in 1947. They live on Route A, Poplarville, Mississippi, and have two children:

(a) Robert Edward Bush, born March 19, 1948.

(b) Jannet Lynne Bush, born July 9, 1953.

(2) Willard Lucille Simmons born October 31, 1927, married Donald J. Ward, in 1950. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one daughter:

(a) Donna Ann Ward, born October 16, 1952.

(3) Lawrence Ray Simmons was born March 30, 1938. He lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with his sister, Lucille.

(Ed. Note: We understand there were two daughters and a son of Walter's that died, but we do not have the names.)

VC-8 Richard Elijah (Lige) Simmons was born August 31, 1882. He married Nancy Terrell. They live in the old John Dudley Simmons (Lige's father) home below Walker's Bridge and have four children:

(1) Richard Terrell Simmons married Mary Agnes Carter. They live in New Orleans and have two children:

(a) Richard Terrell Simmons, Jr., born _____.

(b) Patricia Ann (Pat) Simmons, born August 3, 1951.

(2) John Philemon Simmons married Lamenda Pigott. He is with Western Electric Company in Jackson, Mississippi.

(3) Myrna Elaine Simmons married Paul Allen Wilson. He is in the United States Air Corps, stationed at this time, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. They have two children:

(a) Paul Allen Wilson, Jr. born June 25, 1953.

(b) Richard Austin Wilson, born August 30, 1954.

(4) Otis Irving Simmons married Nellie Ann Perry. They live at Walker's Bridge.

VC-9 Mattie Simmons, daughter of John Dudley Simmons, was born August 28, 1884 and died October 7, 1934. She married Hansford Clyde Sauls, son of G. W. and Dixie Leggett Sauls. Clyde was born February 4, 1886 and died October 16, 1946. (He is in the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons through his mother.) Mattie and Clyde are buried in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They had six children:

(1) Allie Sauls married Raymond Coughlin. They live at 404 Bay Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi and have three children:

(a) Raymond Coughlin, born November 12, 1935.

(b) Helen Marie Coughlin, born in 1939.

(c) Mary Ray Coughlin, born in 1941.

(2) Doris Sauls married Robert M. Keahay. She died November 2, 1950. They had one son--Robert Montgomery Keahay, Jr., born February 1, 1940.

(3) Mary Sauls married (1) J. J. Swilley, and they had two children:

(a) Sylvia Jay Swilley, born March, 1941.

(b) John James Swilley, born September, 1947.

Mary Sauls Swilley married (2) Ellis Myrick in 1952 and they live on Route 5, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

(4) Margaret (Peggy) Sauls married (1) G. L. Herring. Margaret married (2) R. M. Keahay and they live at Eight Mile, Alabama near Mobile.

(5) George Sauls married Audeen Steele. They live on Route 1, Purvis, Mississippi and have one daughter:

(a) Mary Audeen Sauls married James Hill.

(6) Harold Sauls married (1) Marie Weddle, and they had one son--Danny Clyde Sauls. Harold married (2) Helen Myrick in 1952. They live in Hattiesburg and have one daughter--Doris Lynn Sauls, born in May, 1953.

VD Amanda Louise Simmons (the 1850 census gives her name as Amanda E. which may have been for Eloise), daughter of John Richard Simmons, was born January 1, 1842 and died July 16, 1911, according to family records, and the marker at her grave. The 1850 census gives her age as 6 years. She is buried in the Hyde Family Cemetery at Chesbrough, Louisiana in Tangipahoa Parish. She married (1) Simeon E. Morris and had three children by this marriage. They were:

VD-1 Margaret Louise Morris married Phillip Ballard. They lived in Robeline, Louisiana, after leaving Tangipahoa Parish. They had children, but we have no information about them.

VD-2 Richard Simeon Morris was born March 1, 1861 and died June 17, 1942, according to the marker at his grave. He is buried in the cemetery at Amite, Louisiana. He married Union Belle Sanders, sister of Hardy Sanders of Amite. Belle was born April 24, 1862 and died November 15, 1924, according to the marker at her grave. She is buried beside her husband in the Amite Cemetery. They had nine children:

(1) Roberta M. Morris married William H. Slocomb. They lived in Lumberton, Mississippi, where they are buried. Their known children are:

(a) Billie Bernice Slocomb, born June 6, 1916 and died February 4, 1918.

(b) Marion Morris Slocomb married Magruder Winborn. They live at Lumberton and have two children:

(i) Patricia Winborn who married Robert Black.

(ii) Billy, 9 years old.

(2) Lillian Belle Morris, born August 8, 1886 and died September 29, 1887, according to the marker at her grave. She is buried in the Hyde Cemetery, at Chesbrough, Louisiana.

(3) Richard Simeon Morris, Jr. was born January 27, 1890 and died October 23, 1904, according to the marker at his grave. He is buried in the cemetery at Amite, Louisiana.

(4) Bessie Eva Morris has never married and now lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(5) Margaret Louise Morris married W. B. Smith, and both are deceased. They had four children:

(a) W. B. Smith, Jr. died in 1933.

(b) Margaret Louise Smith has never married. She is a registered nurse and lives in Houston, Texas.

(c) Dorothy Belle Smith married Robert K. Staples. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have four children--Margaret Louise, Carol, Kenneth, and Patricia.

(d) Warren Smith married _____ . They live in Crowley, Louisiana.

(6) Carrie G. Morris married A. A. Balcom, Sr. in 1917. They lived in Kansas City, Missouri until 1936, but now live at 4656 Capitol Heights Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Carrie and Lonnie, as he is called, had two sons:

(a) A. A. Balcom, Jr. married Grace Bronell and they have two children--Carolyn Ruth, 5 years, and Alan, 21 months. He is in the Plumbing and Supply business in Baton Rouge.

(b) Charles Richard married Margaret Montague of DeQuincy, Louisiana. They have two children--Charles Richard, Jr. 9 years old and Margaret Ardell, 4 years old.

(7) Dedric Morris married Louise Livar of Memphis, Tennessee. He is Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at Louisiana State University. He has been on the faculty for many years. Dedric and Louise had these children:

(a) Dedric Morris, Jr. died when he was 20 years old.

(b) Richard Sanders Morris married Cynthia Gallant of Centerville, Mississippi. They live in Baton Rouge.

(8) Edith Beatrice Morris married Duke B. Julian. They are living in Puerto Rico. Their children are:

(a) Robert M. Julian married Gloria Newton of New York. They live in New York and have two children--Meridith, age 6, and Winnifred, age 2.

(b) Norman Julian married Camille Thompson. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have four children--Malcolm, age 7, Becky, age 5, David, age 4, and Chris, age 2½.

(c) Charles Julian is single and lives in Baton Rouge, La.

(9) Jessie Sanders Morris died in about 1895 and is buried in the Sanders cemetery, east of Amite, Louisiana.

VD-3 Nancy (Nan) Morris, daughter of Amanda Louise Simmons and Simeon Morris, died when she was quite young.

Amanda Simmons Morris married (2) Samuel A. Hyde, born March 1, 1825 and died December 19, 1897, according to the marker at his grave. He was the son of Samuel Hyde, Sr. (who was born in Johnston County, North Carolina in 1785) and Mary Robertson Hyde (born in Georgia in 1793). They lived in the Chesbrough Community in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, and owned large acreage of land in that section. In 1895, according to Julia Hyde Cutrer, one of the daughters, Amanda and Sam lost their home by fire, and in this fire they lost all their personal belongings. It started from the backyard cabin of an old negro house servant. Julia said the family always had "hirelings" in that day, white men who worked on the farm and lived with the family. These were in addition to the "hands" (negroes). She said her mother and father always had two or three "hirelings" staying with them. (This was a custom used throughout the early history of the development of the Mississippi Territory, as may be seen from a study of the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census records. It is also interesting to note that in the 1850 census, men with large acreage were called "Farmers" and in the 1860 census the same men were called "Planters".

The term "Planter" is used to this day in the Mississippi and Louisiana Delta country.)

There is a Succession Court Record (Division of an estate agreed to at a family meeting of heirs) on file in the Courthouse in Amite, Louisiana in Book C.O.B. No. 30, page 629. In this settlement, there were 18 portions, including the wife, whereby Amanda in 1898 transferred property to the heirs of the estate. Quoting from this record, we find: "conformably to the advice of a family meeting in which advice was duly homologated and approved by the Judge of said Honorable Court February 18, 1898-----at said family meeting were present, Mrs. Amanda Hyde, acting individually and as natural tutrix of her minor children to wit; Hyman S. Hyde, Julia Hyde, David S. Hyde, Cornelius Hyde, Chester A. Hyde"---- Also besides the appraisers were "the following named heirs of age to wit; Genevra Hyde, Mrs. Mary Hyde, widow of J. Taylor Ballard, G. Benson Hyde, William I. Hyde, Benjamin F. Hyde, the latter individually and as under-tutor of said minors above named, Charles S. Hyde, Joseph E. Hyde, Mrs. Lizzie J. Hyde; wife of W. W. Hammonds, and said Hammonds to authorize and assist her, Mrs. Catherine E. Smith, wife of William B. Smith and said Smith to authorize and assist her, Miss Ella Hyde-----all residents of the Parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana, represented by B. F. Hyde under power of attorney authorizing so to do."

The above listing of heirs gives us valuable information as to the names of Amanda and Sam's children.

Dr. Edwin White, Sr. of Hammond, Louisiana said that he and his eldest sister used to spend the summers with his grandmother, Amanda, and that she was "one of the sweetest and finest persons he had ever known."

Samuel Hyde had been married before to Elizabeth Bond, a sister of William Bond, who married Amanda's sister, Nancy. Samuel had four children by this first marriage. We mention these here for information and to keep the record straight.

1. Frances (Fannie) Hyde, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Bond, was born March 26, 1853. She married Henry Vernon, Sr. who later married Amanda Elizabeth Bond, daughter of William and Nancy Bond, after Fannie died. Henry and Fannie had a number of children, among whom were--Emma, Dan, Will, Estelle, and Fannie. (See Nancy Simmons write-up.)

2. Genevra (as she signed her name) Hyde, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth, was born September 18, 1854. She never married. She died April 15, 1902. For some reason the marker at her grave has the following:

"Ginevea, daughter of S.A. and Amanda Hyde. Born September 18, 1854. Died April 15, 1902."

She was not Amanda's daughter. It may well be assumed that her closeness to Amanda, having never married and living in the home

with Amanda, may have prompted this inscription. She must have been like an own daughter to Amanda. Genevra is buried in the Hyde Cemetery.

3. Mary Emma Hyde, born May 18, 1856, the third child of Samuel and Elizabeth married J. Taylor Ballard and their children were--May, Guy, Joe, Lettie, Viola, Clifford and Phillip--all now living except Joe. They are all married and live in the Chesbrough Community except May who lives in Arizona and Viola who lives in DeQuincy, Louisiana. May married Winifred Hilbert, Lettie married George Rotzien and Viola married Henry Hamilton.

4. George Benson Hyde, fourth child of Samuel and Elizabeth Bond Hyde, was born July 10, 1860. He married Bertha Simmons, daughter of _____ . They live in Chesbrough, Louisiana.

As will be noted in the Succession Record, all of Samuel's children by both wives, were represented at the family meeting when the division of the property was made. These four children by the first wife, however, relinquished all claim to any part of the estate since their father had given them their share before he died--each had received 100 acres of land

It may be interesting to the Hyde and Simmons relatives to know that the now town of Fluker, Louisiana was called Hyde, Louisiana prior to 1900.

Amanda Simmons Hyde and Samuel A. Hyde had 13 children of their own. Thus, Amanda had by her two marriages 16 children and Samuel had by his two marriages 17 children. Amanda and Samuel had the following children:

VD-4 William Isaac Hyde, son of Amanda and Samuel Hyde was born June 7, 1864 and died _____. He was known to his family and friends as "Jim". He is buried in the Greenlawn cemetery in Hammond, Louisiana. He married Corinne Varnado, daughter of Moses Varnado. Corinne was born March 3, 1870 and is now living in Hammond at the age of 84 years. She has helped us with data. Jim and Corinne had the following children:

(1) Franklin Moses Hyde, born September 25, 1886 married Alma Stevens on December 22, 1910. Alma was the daughter of Warren and Nancy Carpenter Stevens. Alma was born December 12, 1890. They live in Hammond and have two children:

(a) Wilton Hubert Hyde, born August 12, 1918, married on November 19, 1937, Hattie Keen who was born October 7, 1917. They live in Hammond and have three children--Wilton Hubert, Jr., born December 2, 1938, Franklin Moses born January 31, 1941, and Elizabeth Jane (Betty Jane) born September 9, 1943.

(b) Franklin Moses (F.M.) Jr., born May 21, 1921, is single.

(2) Samuel Bolivar Hyde was born October 1, 1888 and died March

29, 1938. He married Maggie Starns on July 24, 1910 in Amite, Louisiana. Maggie was born February 9, 1891 and is the daughter of Aclin McMichael and J. P. Starns. She lives in Hammond, Louisiana. Samuel and Maggie had five children:

(a) Norman Russell Hyde born October, 1911, married Josie Jean Fredericks. They live in Covington, Louisiana.

(b) Lillian Pauline Hyde, born September 19, 1917, married Ennis Penton. They live in Hammond and have two children:

(i) Timothy Ennis, an adopted son.

(ii) Mary Beth Penton, born May 5, 1952.

(c) James Minton Hyde, born June 29, 1920, married Athalene Burkhalter. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Their children are--James Minton, Jr. and Larry Ennis.

(d) Samuel Bolivar Hyde, Jr. born March 24, 1923, married Ruth Halbert. They live in Jackson, Tennessee, and have no children.

(e) Helen Marjorie Hyde, born June 22, 1925, married (1) Monzel Lowe and they had one child--Sheron Lowe, born December 29, 1943. Helen married (2) Earl Orand. They live in South Bend, Indiana. She has children, but the names are unknown to us.

(f) Raymond Reginald Hyde, born April 13, 1928, is single and lives in Lucile, Mississippi.

(3) A girl--infant died.

(4) Rosietta died when a small child.

(5) Lula Corinne Hyde, born March 25, 1893, is single and lives with her mother in Hammond, Louisiana.

(6) Norman Victor Hyde, born September 8, 1894, married Mildred Jarman. They live in Helena, Arkansas and have one child:

(a) Norman Victor Hyde, Jr., born January 12, 1930.

(7) Hubert Darien Hyde, born February 15, 1897, married Marie Wilson. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have one child:

(a) William Victor Hyde, born May 6, 1928, married Evelyn . They live in Shreveport and have one child:

(i) Billie Darien Hyde, born in October, 1951.

(8) Georgia Irene Hyde, born December 19, 1903, married Hallie Sikes. They live in Hammond, Louisiana and have one child:

(a) Mary Lou Sikes, born January 21, 1929, married Roy Pierce.

(9) Norma Grace Hyde, born October 20, 1909, married Hollis Davis in 1954. Hollis was born July 10, 1899. They live west of Independence, Louisiana.

(10) William (Bill) Aubrey Hyde, born April 18, 1911, married Eleanor Varnado of Osyka, Mississippi. They live in Hammond and had two children:

(a) An infant that died.

(b) David Michael Hyde.

VD-5 Benjamin Franklin Hyde, son of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, was born December 11, 1865 and died in 1934, according to his grave marker and the family records. He married Sarah Cornelia Nixon, known as "Teen", who was born in 1870 and died in 1933. They lived in the Chesbrough Community and are buried in the Hyde Cemetery. They had the following children:

(1) Nancy (Nan) Hyde was born October 31, 1888 and died October 26, 1921. She married Angus Leslie Hendry, who was born November 28, 1887 and died August 8, 1924. They were married on June 20, 1910. They lived east of Arcola, Louisiana and are both buried west of Arcola in the Arcola Church Cemetery. Their children were:

(a) Clayton Hendry, born February 19, 1912, married Hughla Russell who was born December 11, 1921. They live at Chesbrough, Louisiana and had four children:

(i) Barbara Hendry, born January 18, 1946 and died November 20, 1946.

(ii) Patrick Leslie Hendry, born December 23, 1947.

(iii) Larry Russell Hendry, born July 18, 1950.

(iv) Peggy Jean Hendry born November 18, 1952.

(See VA-1, (9), (c) for information about this family)

(b) Malone Hendry, born April 18, 1914, married Virginia Halik, on September 18, 1948. They had one child:

(i) Malone Hendry Jr., born July 18, 1952 and died January 26, 1953.

(c) Clyde Hendry (a girl), was born July 2, 1916. She married Alton Long on June 26, 1938. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and had four children:

(i) Regina Long, born May 19, 1939.

(ii) William Frank Long, born April 6, 1943 and died January 29, 1944.

(iii) Terry Long, born September 30, 1945.

(iv) Ted Long, born October 12, 1947.

(2) Willis Hyde was born September 20, 1892 and died October 4, 1895.

(3) Arthur Hyde was born September 20, 1892 (twin of Willis). He married Pearl Varnado. They live at Chesbrough, Louisiana and have no children.

(4) Mollie Hyde was born October 26, 1894. She married James Ernest Davis, who was born in 1897. Mollie has her Mother's Family Bible and the data of this Benjamin Franklin Hyde family was supplied to Margaret Hyde Morgan from this Bible. Mollie and Ernest live north of Roseland and have the following children:

(a) Maxie Davis, born August 29, 1918, married Benton McNabb. They live at Arcola, Louisiana and have one child--Benton, Jr., born November 9, 1942.

* (b) James Ernest Davis, Jr., born April 23, 1920, was a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and was killed in the line of duty near Midway Island in a plane crash May 15, 1943.

(c) Perry Davis born July 23, 1924, married Elizabeth Phelps. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have three children--Catherine, Perrine, and Miriam.

(d) Greta Davis, born July 18, 1929, married Floyd Day on June 6, 1948. Floyd was born March 7, 1919. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children--Carroll, born August 18, 1949, and Mary Lulu, born November 22, 1951.

(e) Hollis Ann Davis, born October 25, 1936, married Carl Hayden. They live in the Mount Nebo Community near Chesbrough, Louisiana and have one child--Arthur Ernest Hayden. (See Thomas Jefferson Family VF-6, (1), (b).)

(5) Montie Hyde, born August 10, 1897, married Harvey Hutchinson. They live at Tangipahoa, Louisiana and have the following children:

(a) Evelyn Hutchinson, born October 20, 1918, married Ed Darouse; who was born October 15, 1916. They live in Hammond, Louisiana and have one adopted son--Dennis Edwin, born October 10, 1952.

(b) Harvey Hutchinson, Jr., born December 24, 1920, married Minnie Lou Travis, who was born September 28, 1923. They have the following children--Harvey Gene III, born January 17, 1945, Sue, born August 16, 1947, Nelwyn, born January 5, 1950, and Wallace Ernest, born November 1, 1954.

(c) Robert Nathaniel Hutchinson, born October 13, 1923, is single. He is in the Armed Forces, rating U.S.-AC-AV-2C.

(6) Ouida Hyde, born October 15, 1899, died September 20, 1925. She never married. She is buried in the Hyde Cemetery at Chesbrough, Louisiana.

(7) Ruth Hyde, born June 9, 1902, died July 4, 1902.

(8) Freddie Hyde (a girl), born April 29, 1903, married Guerdon Arthur Smith on April 9, 1927. Arthur was born October 17, 1881. They live in New Orleans, where Freddie teaches in the New Orleans Public Schools. They had two children:

(a) Arthur Smith, born March 12, 1935, is single and now a student at Tulane University.

(b) Katherine Loula Smith, born May 30, 1932, and died May 30, 1932.

(9) Loula Hyde was born December 13, 1905 and died December 20, 1930. She was single.

(10) Benjamin Franklin Hyde, Jr. born February 9, 1907, married Ludie Moore. Benjamin Franklin, known as "Buddy" is a life long dairyman of Tangipahoa Parish and an ex-ranger with the Louisiana Wildlife Commission. He recently has been appointed the Enforcement Agent in Charge of the Florida Parishes (See note on history in first chapter as to the Parishes involved.) for the Louisiana Forestry Commission.

(11) Catherine Hyde born September 6, 1910, died April 30, 1927. She is buried in the Hyde Cemetery at Chesbrough, Louisiana.

VD-6 Samuel Charlie Hyde, son of Amanda Simmons and Samuel Hyde, was

born February 28, 1867. He married Ann Varnado, daughter of Moses Varnado and Adolphine Lea Varnado. Ann was a sister to Corinne Varnado who married Samuel Charlie's Brother, William Isaac Hyde. Charlie died in 1948 and is buried in the Bolivar, Louisiana cemetery. Ann was born March 1, 1875 and died August 18, 1919. She is buried either at the Bolivar cemetery or the Varnado Family cemetery. Their children were:

(1) Dolly Hyde was born November 3, 1890 and died December 14, 1925. She never married.

(2) Samuel Hyde was born October 25, 1892. He married Lula Waller. They live in Port Arthur, Texas and have one son who is married.

(3) Isoline Hyde was born July 30, 1894. She married (1) Lem Hoggatt who died in 1948. They had one daughter:

(a) Rosa Lea Hoggatt married T. J. Davidson and they have five children and two grandchildren.

Isoline married (2) Reverend A. R. Coleman, a Baptist Minister. They live at 7245 Forest Road, Apartment 201, Kent Village, Hyattsville, Maryland and Reverend Coleman is Pastor of the church at Seabrook, Maryland, ten miles out of Washington, D.C.

(4) Grace Hyde, born July 11, 1897, married A. G. Munding on February 2, 1928. A. G. was born December 30, 1892. They live at 4559 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have no children.

(5) Leota Hyde was born August 12, 1898. She married Duncan M. Sanders, who was born December 31, 1888. He was the son of Newton A. and Nancy Bell Sanders. They live in the Mount Nebo Community near Chesbrough, Louisiana. They have these children:

(a) Wallace Sanders, born June 5, 1916, married Verda Ambrose. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Wallace A. (W.A.) Jr., and Allen and Allene, who are twins.

(b) Nancy Ann Sanders was born October 27, 1919. She married Robert Little. They live on R.F.D., Kentwood, Louisiana and have two children--Barbara Ann, who is married, and Brenda.

(c) Morris Sanders was born June 12, 1921. He married Vera _____. They live in Panama City, Florida and have three children.

(d) James Sanders was born May 20, 1927. He married Shirle Deese. They live at Angola, Louisiana and have several children.

(e) D. A. Sanders was born March 12, 1929. He married Myrtis _____. They live on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana and have one child.

(f) Ruby Sanders was born May 14, 1931. She married Edward (Ed) Ferguson. They live at Rockhart, Georgia and have one daughter--Denese.

(g) Yvonne Sanders was born February 4, 1935. She is a freshman at Southeastern College in Hammond, Louisiana.

(6) Moses Hyde was born April 28, 1889 and died August 21, 1900. He is buried in the Varnado Family Cemetery.

(7) Charlie Irby Hyde was born November 4, 1900. He married Ethel Smith who was born in Savannah, Georgia. They live near Spring Creek, Louisiana and have three sons and three daughters, all married with children.

(8) William Penn Hyde, born March 29, 1902, married Lila Deese. They have one daughter who is married and has a child.

(9) Bessie Hyde was born September 16, 1903 and died September 18, 1903. She is buried in the Bolivar or Varnado cemetery.

(10) Ila Hyde was born November 9, 1904. She married Dr. Ben R. Staler. They live at Belle Chase, Louisiana and have two sons--Ben R., Jr. and Charlie, both of whom are married.

(11) Marion Hyde was born February 26, 1909 and died in 1914, when he was a small lad.

(12) Mabel Hyde was born August 21, 1911. She married Allan Stevens. They have several children.

(13) Myrtie Hyde was born August 2, 1913. She married D. J. Landry who was born in Plaquemines Parish. They live in this parish now and have two children--James (Jim), who is married and has two children, and Lois Faye.

(14) Elmer Hyde was born May 2, 1916. He married Lydia _____. They live in Sulphur, Louisiana and have two sons.

VD-7 Joseph E. Johnson Hyde, son of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, was born September 28, 1868. He married Hester A. Crawford, daughter of Felder Crawford. He died _____. Their children were:

(1) Sidney Hyde married and lives in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

(2) Norvel Hyde is married and has a family.

- (3) Clarence Hyde is married and has a family.
 - (4) Irvin Hyde is married and has a family.
 - (5) Georgia Hyde married _____ Anderson. They live in Texas.
 - (6) Leslie Hyde born November 12, 1896 and died March 10, 1897 is buried in the Hyde Cemetery.
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VD-8 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jane Hyde married Dr. W. W. Hammonds, a physician. They live in Houston, Texas where they are both buried. They left two sons:

- (1) Frank Hammonds is married and lives in Houston, Texas.
 - (2) Willis Hammonds is married and lives in Fairbanks, Texas.
 - (3) One child that died.
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VD-9 Catherine Estelle Hyde, known as "Kate", was born December 11, 1871. She married William B. Smith on May 14, 1893. He died April 18, 1940, or 1942. Catherine has a quaint little home in the Chesbrough Community where she and her sister Rose Ella are living. Their address is Roseland, Louisiana, Route 1, Box 108. William and Catherine had no children.

VD-10 Rose Ella Hyde born June 30, 1873, daughter of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, married John Moody, on June 20, 1915. John was born in Tennessee. They lived in Texas until his death on March 15, 1931. They had no children. She now lives with her sister, Catherine, at Chesbrough, Louisiana.

VD-11 Flora Susan Hyde, daughter of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, was born February 28, 1875. She married Reverend George Phillip White on April 10, 1893 in Amite, Louisiana. He was a Methodist Minister. Reverend White was born September 18, 1866 in Centerville, Mississippi. He died June 28, 1953 and is buried in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Flora Susan died June 19, 1944 and is also buried in Baton Rouge. Their children were:

- (1) Georgie Irene White, born May 30, 1895, married Thomas

Russell Pregeant who was born August 26, 1894. They live in Donaldsonville, Louisiana and have one son:

(a) Thomas Russell Pregeant (Tommy) born April 13, 1921, married (1) _____ and they had one son:

(i) Thomas Russell Pregeant III, born April 27, 1944.

Tommy married (2) Julia Tucker who was born March 12, 1922. They live in Donaldsonville, Louisiana and have three daughters and one son:

(ii) Julie Ann Pregeant born March 3, 1949.

(iii) Madelyne Kay Pregeant born January 24, 1950.

(iv) Tom David Pregeant born December 19, 1951.

(v) Yvette Pregeant born October 11, 1953.

(2) Samuel Archie White, born May 31, 1897, married Carrie Pregeant who was born July 15, 1902. They live in Hammond, Louisiana and have three children:

(a) Samuel Archie White, Jr., born July 4, 1922, married Carol Hyde. He is a dentist in Hammond. Their children are Joel Lizabeth, and Samuel Archie III.

(b) Carolyn White, born November 7, 1923, married Charles Ibert. They live in Hammond and their children are-- Glynn Charles, George Philip, and Michael.

(c) Ellen White born May 2, 1935, is single. She lives in Hammond, Louisiana.

(3) Edwin Eugene White, born June 23, 1899 is a dentist in Hammond, Louisiana. He married (1) Bessie Long on June, 1924. They had two children:

(a) Elizabeth White married H. S. Reynolds, Jr. Elizabeth was born May 13, 1925. She has three children--Susan Elizabeth, Steven Eugene, and Sheldon Edwin.

(b) Edwin White, Jr., born November 13, 1931, is single.

Dr. Edwin White, Sr. married (2) Joan Hughes in October, 1946. They have one child:

(c) Joedde Hughes White born January 28, 1949.

(4) Catherine (Katie) Rose White born October 7, 1904, died April 1, 1905.

(5) George Philip White, Jr., born February 17, 1905, died when he was 12 years old.

(6) Amy White born June 16, 1907 died June 1, 1909.

(7) Eloise White, born June 1, 1909, married V. Eugene Pregeant. They live in Hammond, Louisiana and have two sons:

(a) Walter George Pregeant born November 20, 1933, is single and lives in Hammond.

(b) Russell Pregeant born October 21, 1937 is single and lives in Hammond.

(8) Thomas Jones White born November 28, 1911, married Ina M. Trekell. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one adopted daughter--Linder.

VD-12 Hyman Simmons Hyde (Bud), son of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, was born May 12, 1878 and died April 4, 1938. He married Myrtis Edwards, daughter of Nicholas and Alice Edwards. Myrtis was born January 19, 1884 and died April 21, 1940. They lived in Port Arthur, Texas where they both died and are buried. Their children were:

(1) Frankie Hyde (a girl) born October 10, 1904, married John S. Windell. They live in Commerce, Texas and have these children:

(a) John Charles Windell born October 14, 1927 in San Antonio, Texas.

(b) Mary Ann Windell born December 2, 1930, married John D. Dupy. They live in Boston, Massachusetts.

(c) Edith Jane Windell, born June 6, 1933, lives in Tyler, Texas.

(2) Nicholas (Nick) Hyde, born April 23, 1906, married Henriette Kinshan. They live in Port Arthur, Texas and have two children:

(a) Patricia Ann Kinshan born March 7, 1949.

(b) Marilyn Ruth Kinshan, born September 27, 1951.

(3) Mary Hyde, born September 14, 1908, married (1) Brodie E. De Jernett, deceased. They had one child:

(a) Renee DeJenett, born March 10, 1928 is now in Abeline, Texas.

Mary Hyde married (2) T. I. Truitt. They live in Port Arthur, Texas.

(4) Nevada Hyde, born August 4, 1911, married Weldon Burns. They had no children.

(5) Elizabeth Hyde, born May 18, 1914, lives in Kingsville, Texas. She married Harry B. Sanders and they have one child:

(a) Nicholas Hyde Sanders, born August 20, 1948.

VD-13 Julia Hyde, daughter of Amanda and Samuel Hyde; was born November 7, 1879. She married Samuel T. (Sam) Cutrer, who was born September 2, 1876. Sam came from Osyka, Mississippi. Sam and Julia lived in Roseland, Louisiana. They had three sons:

(1) Wallace Cutrer, born June 15, 1904, married (1) Leona Easley. They had one child that died. Wallace married (2) Ellen Penny. They had one child who is with the mother. Wallace married (3) Leah Grant. They live in Waycross, Georgia and have no children.

(2) Virgil Cutrer, born October 23, 1906, married Manee (or NeNee) Bridges and they have eight children:

(a) Beverly Cutrer married Leonard Turner.

Virgil's other children are--James, Ronald, Jerry, Bobbie, Wallace, Julia, and Mary Ann.

(3) John Harold Cutrer was born December 25, _____. Johnnie, as he is called, married Janie Lee. They live in Roseland, Louisiana and have no children.

VD-14 David Stillman Hyde, son of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, was born July 4, 1882. He married Ina Oakes, daughter of Charles Arsen Oakes. Ina was born February 22, 1896. They live at Leesville, Louisiana and had three sons:

(1) Chester Neal Hyde lives at Leesville, Louisiana. He was born September 20, 1917. He married Myrtle Mae Hyde in 1954.

(2) Merrill Ralph Hyde, born January 20, 1920, was Staff Sgt., United States Army Air Forces. He was killed in a plane crash in India during World War II. He died February 4, 1945. He was single.

(3) James Frank Hyde, married Marie Watson. He was born February 13, 1923. He lives in Moscow, Texas and has two children--Janie Marie and John David.

VD-15 Cornelius Jesse Hyde, known as "Neil", was born October 20, 1883. He married Eva Nesom who was born November 24, 1890. They live in the Chesbrough Community and have the following children:

(1) Cornelius Jesse Hyde, Jr., born December 4, 1916, married Regina Taylor, daughter of Ocie C. and Martha Elizabeth Taylor, on April 18, 1943 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Regina was born February 17, 1918. They have three children:

(a) Cornelius Jesse Hyde, III, known as Billy, was born February 24, 1944.

(b) Beverly Ann Hyde was born April 13, 1950.

(c) Sandra Dale Hyde was born September 25, 1952.

Cornelius Jesse, Jr. lives in Hammond. He is Registrar at Southeastern College there.

(2) Percy Nesom Hyde, born October 6, 1917, married Grace Price. They live in Kentwood, Louisiana and have no children.

(3) Edwin Lawrence Hyde, born August 13, 1919, married Becky Marie Bankston Fussell, born October 18, 1917, a widow with one child--Janice Jane Fussell, born January 22, 1938. Edwin and Becky Marie live in Amite, Louisiana and have two children of their own:

(a) Diane Hyde born June 14, 1944.

(b) Margaret Jenifer Hyde born May 23, 1952.

(4) Charles Elmer Hyde, born July 11, 1921, married Doris Corkern, who was born May 12, 1927. They were married on May 29, 1949 at Bethel Baptist Church in Franklinton, Louisiana. They live at 1402 Warren Street, in Jeanerette, Louisiana. Doris is the daughter of Colbert and Ruby Givens Corkern. Charles and Doris have two girls:

(a) Pamela Gail Hyde born November 5, 1952.

(b) Karen Elaine Hyde, born March 12, 1954.

(5) Eva Eugenia (Genie) Hyde, born January 13, 1923, married Shelby Young. They live at Tangipahoa, Louisiana and have no children.

(6) Claude Hyde (twin), born September 12, 1925, married Ethel Dickerson. They live on the old home place in Chesbrough, Louisiana and have one girl:

(a) Judy Catherine Hyde, born February 28, 1951.

(7) Clara Hyde, born September 12, 1925, (twin), married Harold Heiman who was born March 2, 1924. Harold is the son of Meyer and Zona Heiman. Clara and Harold were married on September 1, 1945 at Amite, Louisiana. They live at 1576 Normandy Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two children:

(a) Beth Suzanne Heiman, born September 4, 1946.

(b) Meyer Heiman born December 4, 1947.

VD-16 Chester Arthur Hyde, son of Amanda and Samuel Hyde, was born August 27, 1887. He married Ruby Hendry on December 24, 1908. Ruby was born November, 1889 and died November 26, 1948. She is buried in the Hyde Family Cemetery in the Chesbrough Community where they lived. Ruby and Chester had six children:

(1) Infant son born and died June 23, 1911.

(2) Pearl Amanda Hyde, born December 21, 1912, married Dwight Fore and they live at Spring Creek, Louisiana.

(3) Ruby Hyde, born September 26, 1914, married Floville A. Spring. They live on Route 1, Roseland, Louisiana and have two children--Elizabeth Lee and Chester Edgar.

(4) Myrtle Mae Hyde, born February 4, 1917, married Chester Neal Hyde in September, 1954. They live in Leesville, Louisiana.

(5) Chester Arthur (C.A.) Hyde, born September 29, 1921, married Juanita McCoy. They live in Jackson, Louisiana and have two children:

(a) Barbara Laverne Hyde, born November 9, 1946.

(b) Patricia Kay Hyde, born October 8, 1949.

(6) Warren Douglas Hyde married Maxie Toney. They live at Amite, Louisiana.

Chester Arthur, Sr. married (2) Mrs. Aline Montgomery, a widow, after Ruby's death. They were married on December 5, 1953.

(Ed. Note: James Robertson, ancestor of the Hyde family, born in 1759, was a famous scout during the Revolutionary. See Revolutionary Pension Roll in Vol xiv Sen. Doc. 514, 23rd Congress, session 1833-34. Also write-up in State Dept of Archives Bulletin, Alabama, 1911)

VE Benjamin Franklin Simmons, son of John Richard Simmons was born October 20, 1844. He was killed during the Civil War at the seige of Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was a private in Brent's Rifles, Company K, 38th Calvary, Mississippi Regiment. This record of his service is found in the Department of Archives, Jackson, Mississippi.

VF Thomas Jefferson Simmons, son of John Richard Simmons, was born January 12, 1846 and died October 2, 1904, according to his grave marker and the family records. There is a Masonic emblem on the marker. Jeff, as he was known, married Sarah (Sally) Hart. They are buried in the Bankston Cemetery, east of Chesbrough, in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, not too far from where they lived. Sally was a sister of Frank Hart and a niece of Samuel Hyde. Sally was born _____ and died _____. Jeff and Sally had the following children:

VF-1 John Thomas Simmons, born January 24, 1867 and died September 1, 1927. He married Martha Susan Bankston, born December, 1868 and died October 15, 1915. They are buried in the Bankston Family Cemetery. There were two children:

(1) Luther F. Simmons lives near Chesbrough School. He married
(1) Ella Eldredge, born in 1889 and died in 1925. Luther and Ella had nine children:

(a) Hulan Simmons is chief deputy sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana with headquarters in Amite, Louisiana. He married Myrtis Moore and they have two children:

(i) Patricia Ann Simmons was named Dairy Queen in the Third Annual Dairy Day Celebration of the cattlemen of her region for 1954. She is 17 years of age now and a very beautiful young lady.

(ii) Gerald Simmons.

(b) Natalie Simmons married R. M. Merritt, deceased. She lives on RFD, Osyka, Mississippi.

(c) Doris Simmons married H. E. Penton. He is a barber at Kentwood, Louisiana. They have one daughter--Constance Ray.

(d) Ivey Simmons married Ruth Johnson. They live on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana and have two children--Evelyn Jean and Sylvia Fay.

(e) Amos Simmons is Captain in the United States Army. He married Helen Blair. They live in Chicago, Illinois and have three children--David, Margaret, and Grace Ellen.

(f) Inez Simmons married James Lea. He is employed at Angola, Louisiana. They have two children--Barbara Ann and James Franklin.

(g) Hillrie Simmons married Margie Ricks. They live in Yazoo City, Mississippi and have four children--Hillrie, Ji Ted, Maurine and Marylin.

(h) Winnie Rae Simmons married J. B. Brignac. They live in Lake Charles, Louisiana and have one child--Sharon Gail. Winnie Rae is a twin of Essie Mae.

(i) Essie Mae Simmons, twin of Winnie Mae, married Thomas Graham. They live at Centerville, Mississippi and have three children--Dianne, Beverly, and Thomas, Jr.

Luther married (2) Flora Corkern, born July 15, 1905 and died November 4, 1950. She is buried in the Bankston Family Cemetery.

(2) Eula Simmons, daughter of John Thomas, was born August 9, 1891. She married Nuah Smith, who died in 1954. Eula lives in the Sunny Hill Community, Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana. They had two children:

(a) W. Deloy Smith owns and operates Smith's Feed and Seed Store at Kentwood, Louisiana. He married Neva Burch and they have five children:

(i) Mary Frances Smith, born March 7, 1937.

(ii) Cellia Ann Smith, born January 3, 1939.

(iii) Wallace Deloy Smith, Jr. born February 24, 1945.

(iv) Neva Dianne Smith, born March 16, 1946.

(v) Rachelle Estelle Smith, born July 4, 1954.

(b) Willie Mae Smith, married James Sumrall. They live on the old place, Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana and have no children.

VF-2 Richard Benjamin Simmons, son of Jeff, born May 29, 1868 and died August 22, 1949, married Mary Jane Creel, daughter of William Columbus Creel, who came to this country from Ireland. (The old Creel Bible is in the hands of this family. It was brought over from Ireland.) Mary Jane was born April 9, 1868 and died November 8, 1940. Richard Benjamin and Mary Jane had nine children:

(1) Bertha Simmons, born October 6, 1889, married Floyd

Walters. They live near Warnerton, Louisiana (address Route 6, Tylertown, Mississippi). They had three children:

(a) Otera Walters married Edward (Ed) Stubbs. They live at Ponchatoula, Louisiana and have six children:

(i) Alton Stubbs was born November 5, 1926. He married Vernie Thompson. They live at Ponchatoula and have two children--Dorothy Mae and Patsy Ann.

(ii) Jewell Stubbs was born December 6, 1928. He married Janie Cothern. They live in Phoenix City, Alabama and have three children--Kenny Wayne, Bobby Edward, and Jewell Louise.

(iii) Beatrice Stubbs was born January 24, 1931. She married T. C. Milton. They live at McComb, Mississippi and have three children--Wendell Ray, born August 15, 1947, Wyman, born September 11, 1949, and Kathy Sue, born January 31, 1951.

(iv) Floyd Stubbs married Ruby Carpenter. They live in Ponchatoula, Louisiana and have one daughter.

(v) Rufus Stubbs, Jr. born October 6, 1939.

(vi) Billie Jean Stubbs born June 10, 1942.

(b) Carrie Walters married James Barber. They live at Thomas, Louisiana where Carrie died some years ago. She is buried at Star Hill Baptist Church near Thomas. Carrie and James had five children:

(i) Alvis Barber married Quennie Ball. They live at Thomas, Louisiana and have one son--Dannie.

(ii) Wanzie Barber is single and lives with her grandmother, Bertha.

(iii) Jimmy Barber.

(iv) Nora Mae Barber.

(v) Rudolph Barber.

(c) Rufus Walters, born November 5, 1913, is single and lives with his parents.

(2) Samuel (Sam) H. Simmons, son of Richard Benjamin, was born April 4, 1891 and died January 24, 1912.

(3) Frank Benjamin Simmons, son of Richard Benjamin, was born March 30, 1893 and died August 6, 1947. He is buried in Tyler-

town, Mississippi. Frank married Lydia Dunaway. They had one daughter:

(a) Laverne Simmons born September 9, 1922, married Milton Ginn. They live east of Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi and have five children:

(i) Glenda Merle Ginn, born May 8, 1938.

(ii) Frank Talmage Ginn, born July 20, 1943.

(iii) Donna May Ginn, born December 24, 1946.

(iv) William Wayne Ginn, born January 7, 1949.

(v) Jeanette Estelle Ginn, born May 20, 1951.

(4) William Leon Simmons, son of Richard Benjamin Simmons, was born January 17, 1895. He married Mary Johnson. They live at 425 Second Avenue, Bogalusa, Louisiana and had eight children:

(a) Willene Simmons was born January 24, 1928 and died January 26, 1928.

(b) Christine Simmons was born April 16, 1929. She married John R. Sellers, Jr. He is in the United States Army, stationed at this time in Germany. They have two children--John R. Sellers, Jr., 21 months and Catherine Ann Sellers, 3 months.

(c) Lucile Simmons born July 24, 1930, married Thomas E. Smith. They live at 3136 Laurel Street, New Orleans, Louisiana and have one son--Gregory E. Smith, 3 months.

(d) William Leon Simmons, Jr. (Junior), born September 23, 1932, is single and lives with his parents.

(e) Ruthie Simmons was born January 20, 1935. She married Ellzey Lee Miller. They live in New Orleans and have one son--Ellzey Lee Miller, Jr., 4 months.

(f) Betty Joyce Simmons born September 28, 1936 died when a truck struck her in Bogalusa at 3 years, 3 months and five days old.

(g) Richard Benjamin (R.B.) Simmons born March 30, 1938, was named for his grandfather and is in the Bogalusa Junior High School at this time.

(h) Bonnie Lou Simmons was born and died on May 22, 1939.

(5) Carl Cleon Simmons born March 10, 1898, married Ruby Hall, daughter of Bill Hall. They live on Route 2, Mount Herman,

Louisiana and have five children:

(a) Merlean Juanita Simmons born September 13, 1923, married Cully Walker. They live on Route 2, Mount Herman, Louisiana and have three children:

(i) Dorothy Walker, born May 14, 1943.

(ii) Jerome Walker, born April 18, 1944.

(iii) Roger Walker, born March 12, 1949.

(b) Carl Armstead Simmons was born December 20, 1926. He married Emma Rae Thompson of Natchez, Mississippi. He served through the Korean Conflict and is now Captain in the United States Army, stationed at this time in Germany. They have two children--Terry, born January 31, 1948 and Barbara born August 20, 1950.

(c) C. J. Simmons born July 24, 1929, married Eleanor Ruth Eubanks of Atlanta, Georgia. He is an A/1C in the United States Air Corps, stationed at this time in the Panama Canal Zone.

(d) Esco Roosevelt Simmons born June 7, 1934, married Audrey Holmes of Bogalusa. They live in Bogalusa, Louisiana and have one son--Edwin Simmons, born May 15, 1954.

(e) Henry Milton Simmons, born December 26, 1940, is with his parents and is in High School now.

(6) Richard McKenzie Simmons, born November 4, 1900, married Clara Boyd. They live near the old Black Bill Simmons place in the Silver Creek Church Community in Pike County, Mississippi and have six children:

(a) Marie Simmons married Herbert Stogner. They live at Bogalusa and have two sons--Bobbie Melvin Stogner and Tommie Earl Stogner.

(b) Mary Louise Simmons married Joseph Scardina. They live in New Orleans and have three children--Carolyn Jo, Patricia Clara, and Joseph, Jr.

(c) Joyce Lavell Simmons married Eddie Sherman. They live in New Orleans and have one son--Richard Edward.

(d) Richard McKenzie Simmons, Jr.

(e) Hilton Harrison Simmons, age 15.

(f) Sadie Mae Simmons.

(7) Lucious Byron (Red) Simmons was born June 22, 1904. He

lives on Route 6, Tylertown, Mississippi and is not married.

(8) Lillie Belle Simmons was born July 23, 1906. She married Eugene Thompson. They live at 116 S.W. Railroad Avenue, Amite, Louisiana and have two sons:

(a) Walter Eugene Thompson born November 12, 1939.

(b) William Henry Thompson born July 24, 1941.

(9) Beulah Simmons was born October 19, 1908. She married Joe Mixon. They live on Union Avenue, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have two children:

(a) Joe Wendell Mixon married Jessie Lee Pritchard.

(b) Glory June Mixon married Odell Seals and they have one son--Odell, Jr.

VF-3 Franklin Willis Simmons, son of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hart Simmons, married Anna Varnado, daughter of Judson and Lizzie Varnado. He was known as "Frank" and is buried in the Bankston Cemetery. Anna later married Fred Miller, and is buried in the Cemetery at Tangipahoa, Louisiana. Frank and Anna had three children:

(1) Milton Percy Simmons married Hattie Dickson. They live on Route 1, Osyka, Mississippi, near East Fork Baptist Church in Tangipahoa Parish.

(2) Velma Simmons was married on December 24, 1919, to Rodric R. Dykes. They live near her brother Milton and have three children:

(a) Blanch Dykes was born January 22, 1921. She married Robert Lea. They live at Prairieville, Louisiana and have three children--Sheila Lea, Robert Nick Lea Jr., and Aregrea Sue Lea.

(b) Rodric R. Dykes, Jr. is single and lives with his parents. He was born December 18, 1930. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean Conflict.

(c) Sidney Addie Dykes, born September 9, 1936, is with the Southern Bell Telephone Company in New Orleans.

(3) Clyde Franklin (Clyde) Simmons was born March 11, 1903. He married Golda McGehee. They live on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana and have eight children:

- (a) Ivy Lee Simmons married Roy Robertson and they have three children:
- (i) Roy Edward Robertson born December 23, 1943.
 - (ii) Gwyndalyn Annette Robertson born December 16, 1947.
 - (iii) Michael Edwin Robertson born December 11, 1952.
- (b) Lucy Jeannette Simmons married Wilton R. Walker. They have one child--Ronald Keith Walker born November 29, 1947.
- (c) Percy Edwin Simmons married Sallie Vera Scott and they have two children:
- (i) Deborah Kathleen Simmons born June 12, 1952.
 - (ii) Terry Lynn Simmons born November 1, 1954.
- (d) Bernard Clyde Simmons married Ida Tvette Cross, and they have one child--Stacy Lanell born January 18, 1954.
- (e) Sidney Coney Simmons lives with his parents.
- (f) Reginald Trenton Simmons married Shirley Dawn Cozad, and they have one child--Pamela Jeannette, born October 21, 1953.
- (g) Patsy Yvonne Simmons married Edgar Dillon and they have one child--Stephen Wallace Dillon born December 15, 1953.
- (h) Iris Kay Simmons lives with her parents.

VF-4 Samuel Hyman (Sam) Simmons, son of Jeff, was born in 1871 and died in 1949. He is buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Spring Creek, Louisiana. His picture is embedded in the grave marker, and reveals a resemblance to his grandfather, John Richard Simmons. Sam married Allie Varnado, daughter of Judson and Lizzie Varnado. (Judson was in the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons.) Allie lives on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana. They had five children:

- (1) Elmer Melton Simmons married Dora Brumfield, deceased. They had two children:
- (a) Frances Dean Simmons married Ralph Lutz. They live in Chicago, Illinois and have four children--Judy, Jerry, Janet and Buzz.
 - (b) Patricia Carroll Simmons lives in Chicago, Illinois.

(2) Nuna Augustus Simmons died December 25, 1952. He married Pearl Parmen. They were the parents of four children, two of them living now:

(a) Charles N. Simmons is in medical school.

(b) Marian Simmons married Joe Thomas. They live at Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and have two children--Larry and a baby.

(3) Edith Inez Simmons married Henry G. Vernon (See Amanda Elizabeth Bond (7)). Edith and Vernon live near her mother.

(4) Myrle Donice Simmons married Armand Blades. They live on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana and have two sons:

(a) Wiley Blades is in the United States Navy.

(b) Karie Winstead Blades married Dorothy Milton.

(5) Boyd F. Simmons married Floy Varnado. They live near his mother and have two children--Gene Lamar and Betty Lou.

VF-5 Jesse C. Simmons, son of Thomas Jefferson Simmons, died October 28, 1951, at the age of 76 years. He is buried in the Bankston Cemetery. (This Jesse C. Simmons is not to be confused with his uncle, Jesse C. Simmons, who lived for many years near old Simmonsville.) He married Lurilla Cutrer, and they lived at Chesbrough, Louisiana. They had five children:

(1) Edison Simmons born July 25, 1912, married Audis Miller, (Sister of Mrs. John Otis Simmons). They live on Route 2, Mt. Herman, Louisiana and had five children:

(a) Devoy Simmons born March 15, 1933, married Willie Mae Montgomery and they have one son--Kenneth Devoy, born February 28, 1954.

(b) Edward Simmons born March 21, 1937.

(c) Jeanell Simmons born April 17, 1941.

(d) Linda Simmons born August 18, 1946.

(e) Catherine Simmons born October 17, 1948, and died January 8, 1949.

(2) Emma Simmons born August 10, 1914, married Leon Schilling, deceased. They lived at Franklinton, Louisiana and had two daughters--Betty Rae married Hunter Jones and Naomi.

- (3) J. C. (Jesse C.) lives at Amite, Louisiana.
 - (4) Ouida Simmons born July 12, 1922, married (1) J. W. Freeman and they had one child--Carolyn Ann Freeman. Ouida married (2) _____ Vince and they have one child--Judy Fay Vince.
 - (5) Lettie Mae Simmons born September 15, 1926, married Albert Yates. They live in New Orleans and have one girl--Mary Evelyn.
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VF-6 Fairy Belle Simmons, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Simmons, was born December 12, 1878 and died October 19, 1922, according to the marker at the Bankston Cemetery. She married Sam Hayden, who is still living east of Amite, Louisiana, at the age of about 80 years. Fairy Belle and Sam had eight children:

- (1) Arthur Hayden married Orval Stafford. They live near his father and have six children:
 - (a) Rose Marie Hayden was born June 12, 1927. She married James T. Fagan. They live at Hammond, Louisiana and have one son--Michael Fagan.
 - (b) Carl Hayden born April 18, 1931, married Hollis Ann Davis. They live near Chesbrough, Louisiana and have one son--Arthur Ernest Hayden.
 - (c) Zeta Ina Hayden born March 12, 1933, married Charles Frank Lea. They live at Hammond, and have one daughter--Gloria Lea.
 - (d) Billy Nick Hayden born July 25, 1935, married Barbara Ann Little. They live with his parents.
 - (e) Steve Alford Hayden born June 9, 1943.
 - (f) Arthur Ronald Hayden born February 8, 1947.
- (2) Hulan Hayden was born August 17, 1907 and died July 9, 1908. He is buried in the Bankston Family Cemetery.
- (3) Jesse Hayden is single and lives with his father.
- (4) T. J. Hayden married Mary Brown. They live near his father and have seven children--Douglas, Frances Lou, Dan, Victor, Thomas (Tommy), Clara Ruth, and William Samuel Hayden. All of these children are at home with the parents.
- (5) Victor Hayden married Frances Winborn. They live near his father and have two children--Barbara Jean and Richard Earl.

(6) Ollie Dean Hayden married Walter H. Allen, who was born June 2, 1902 and died May 5, 1953, in an automobile accident near McComb, Mississippi. Ollie Dean operates a grocery business at 531 North Live Oak Street, McComb, Mississippi. Walter is buried in the Bankston Cemetery, near Chesbrough, Louisiana. Ollie Dean and Walter had one son:

(a) Robert Layton (Bobby) Allen, born March 24, 1934. He is now in the United States Army.

(7) Elois Hayden married (1) Herbert Payne, and they had three children:

(a) Marion Henry Payne, age 19 years, is in the United States Navy.

(b) John Glenn Payne.

(c) Hugh Marshall Payne.

Elois married (2) Ray Lashnet and they have one son:

(d) Ray Lashnet III, born July 16, 1951.

Elois operates the Drive-in-Supper Club at McComb, Mississippi.

(8) Johnnie Hayden married (1) Billy Jean Tyler. They had one daughter--Gloria Jean Hayden. Johnnie married (2) Ella Clee Hyde and they have two children--Lewell Patrick Hayden, born August 21, 1947 (known as Pat) and Joanie Jena, born October 6, 1951.

VF-7 Thomas Jefferson Simmons (Jeff) Jr., son of Thomas Jefferson Simmons, was born May 3, 1881. He bears a strong resemblance to the picture of the original Willis Simmons. Jeff was born near old Simonsville in Pike County, Mississippi and now lives on Route 2, Kentwood, Louisiana. He married Lessie Carter and they had seven children:

(1) Raymond Simmons is single. He was in the United States Marines in World War II, and fought through the Southwest Pacific area. He was wounded in the spine and spends a good deal of time in the Veteran's Hospital at Gulfport, Mississippi.

(2) Elva Simmons married Claude Pullium. They live at Amite, Louisiana and have one daughter--Patsy Pullium.

(3) Maxie Marie Simmons is a Registered Nurse in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(4) Ruthie Mae Simmons is employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in New Orleans.

(5) Dorman Simmons was born May 3, 1932 and died August 20, 1953. He is buried in the Bankston Family Cemetery. Dorman served in the Armed Forces in the Korean Conflict. After discharge, he came home and died in a tractor accident.

(6) Joseph Jefferson Simmons is at home.

(7) Betty Elizabeth is with her parents. She is 11 years old.

VF-8 William Claiborne Simmons, son of Thomas Jefferson Simmons, was born August 3, 1884 and died June 17, 1930. He married Izella Cutrer who was born September 30, 1887 and died June 27, 1947. They are both buried in the Lea Cemetery, east of Amite, Louisiana. Claiborne and Izella had six children:

(1) John Otis Simmons was born December 15, 1907. He married on May 6, 1931, Audrey Miller, who was born April 27, 1911. They live 7 miles east of Amite, Louisiana and have eight children:

(a) Boyce Otis Simmons, born February 1, 1932, is in the United States Air Corps.

(b) Dorothy Elizabeth Simmons, born November 21, 1934, married on May 30, 1953, James Montgomery, who is in the United States Army.

(c) Ara Jane Simmons was born August 13, 1939.

(d) James Claiborne Simmons was born March 2, 1942.

(e) Gerald Simmons was born December 27, 1943.

(f) Ruth Simmons was born August 25, 1947.

(g) Shirley Elaine Simmons was born June 22, 1949.

(h) Earl Wayne Simmons was born April 29, 1953.

(2) Lucius Thad Simmons died when he was small.

(3) Isaac Wilbur Simmons is single.

(4) Louis Delmar Simmons is single.

(5) Gracie Veatrice Simmons married William Rohner. They live near her brother Otis and have two sons--Joseph William (J.W.)

age 14, and John Thomas (J.T.) age 5 years.

(6) Fairy Jeannette Simmons married Wilson Miller. They live near her brother Otis and have four children:

- (a) Veatrice Virginia Miller, born October 14, 1940.
 - (b) Robert Wilson Miller, born February 23, 1945.
 - (c) Joan Marie Miller, born December 23, 1946.
 - (d) Francis Ray Miller, born October 20, 1948.
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VF-9 Lillie Simmons, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Simmons, married William L. McElveen, who was born in 1876 and died in 1945. He is buried at East Fork Baptist Church, southeast of Osyka, Mississippi. Lillie spends part of her time on Route 3, Osyka, with her daughter and part of her time in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Lillie and William had five children:

- (1) Mattie Emma McElveen married Emmett Pritchard. They live in Baton Rouge and have two children--Martha Lucile and Emmett Howard.
 - (2) Samuel Aubrey McElveen died at about the age of one year.
 - (3) Willie Mae McElveen married Richard McDaniel. They live on Route 3, southwest of Osyka and have two children:
 - (a) Billy Jo, born June 14, 1945, is a student at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi.
 - (b) Larry Scott McDaniel was born June 18, 1953.
 - (4) Mary Inez McElveen married Gerald A. O'Conner. They live in Baton Rouge and have two children--Mary, age 8, and Barry, age 6 years.
 - (5) Ralph McElveen is in the United States Air Corp, stationed now in California. He married Mary Nell Brumfield and they have two children--Linda Karon and Bruce Wayne.
 - (6) Sybil McElveen married Nelson Pope. They live at Baton Rouge and have one son--Samuel (Sammie).
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VF-10 Linnie Simmons, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Simmons married William (Bill) Rushing, deceased. They lived in New Orleans and had three children:

- (1) Gladys Rushing.
- (2) Joseph Eugene Rushing.
- (3) Claiborne Rushing.

(Editor's Note: There was another Thomas Jefferson Simmons, known as Tom, who belonged to the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons. He lived near Franklinton, Louisiana and two of his sons, Tom and Norman, served terms as Sheriff of Washington Parish, Louisiana.)

VG Courtney Jane Simmons, daughter of John Richard Simmons, was born January 16, 1849 and died July 27, 1925, according to the marker at her grave. She married Joseph W. (Joe) Brumfield, who was born February 27, 1841 and died October 1, 1910, according to his grave marker. They lived at Walker's Bridge in Pike County, Mississippi. Their son, Albert, lives in their old home today. They are buried in the family cemetery in front of this old home on Highway 48. Courtney Jane and Joe had eight children:

VG-1 Frank (Franklin) R. Brumfield, son of Joe and Courtney Jane, was born _____. He married Julia Gardner, sister of Reverend Elisha Gardner, Baptist Minister. Julia was born November 12, 1877 and died August 3, 1948. She is buried in the Brumfield Cemetery with her father-in-law. Frank is living in the Leggett Community just west of Walker's Bridge, where he and Julia reared their family. They had twelve children:

(1) Dorothy (Dot) Brumfield married (1) Tex Kauvenosky and they had two children--Harold and Julia Dee. Dorothy married (2) Philip (Phil) Burnson and they have two children--Hannah Merolyn and Philip (Phil) Jr. Dorothy and Phil live in Magnolia, Miss.

(2) Joseph (Joe) Brumfield married Flossie Wingo. They live in Pascagoula, Mississippi where Joe is in business. They have two children--Mary Moor and Henry M.

(3) Hannah Brumfield retired after 30½ years service with Western Union Telegraph Company and lives with her father at Leggett.

(4) Norine Brumfield married Harry Pittman. They live at Fernwood, Mississippi and Norine is a teacher in the Fernwood School. Harry is with the F.C.&G. Railroad. They have one daughter--Rena Claire.

(5) Pearl Brumfield married Dr. Thomas E. Short. They live at Pascagoula, Mississippi and have two sons--Thomas (Tom) and Joseph Frank (Joe).

(6) Clem Brumfield was born January 1, 1905 and died April 8,

1908. He is buried in the Brumfield Family Cemetery with his grandfather and mother.

(7) Henry M. (twin) Brumfield was born August 6, 1907 and died April 2, 1931. He is buried in the Brumfield Family Cemetery.

(8) Grace Brumfield (twin) was born August 6, 1907 and died March 14, 1908. She is buried in the Brumfield Family Cemetery.

(9) Leta Brumfield married Aubrey Ford. They live in Magnolia, Mississippi and own and operate a nursery and also operate the Greyhound Bus Station there. They have three children--Dorothy Dee, Aubrey Jerome, and Leta Frances.

(10) Frank Brumfield married Elizabeth Simmons, daughter of Sam T. Simmons and they have one daughter--Carolyn Sue.

(11) Thad Brumfield married Robbie Barton. They live at Gulfport, Mississippi and have three children--Judy, Thad Jr., and Robert Lee.

(12) Julia Toy Brumfield married Lindsey Murphree. They live in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

VG-2 Henry Monroe Brumfield, son of Joe and Courtney Jane was born March 21, 1871, according to the marker at his grave. He died September 24, 1950. He is buried at Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Mississippi. He was known as "Red Henry". He married Ruby Smith and they had six children:

(1) Josie Brumfield, born November 18, 1914, married Dr. Mason Morris, Jr. They live in Washington, D. C. and Dr. Morris is a Commander in the United States Navy, now stationed at Whidbey Island, State of Washington. They have one son--John Wallace, born October 21, 1952.

(2) Stanley Brumfield, born June 3, 1917, married Wilda Harvey. They live at Walker's Bridge and have three children--Stanley Harvey, born November 21, 1939, Brenda Beth, born November 6, 1946, and Jane, born November 6, 1952.

(3) Douglas Brumfield born January 28, 1919, married Louise Harvey. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have one son--James Douglas, born June 26, 1941.

(4) Rachel, born May 11, 1929, married Joseph M. (Buddy) Ros. They live at Panama City, Florida and have one daughter--Rebecca Ann, born January 18, 1953.

(5) Henry Monroe Brumfield, born June 19, 1934, is single. He

is in the United States Army, stationed now at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland.

(6) Ike Scharff (Ike) Brumfield is single. He was born July 28 1937. He is in high school in Magnolia and is quite a musician. Ike resembles his father very much.

VG-3 J. Edward (Ed) Brumfield was born _____. He married Sally Brumfield, daughter of _____. They live at Walker's Bridge, just a short distance from his father's old home. Sally and Ed had four sons--Eleck, Philip, Donald, and David.

VG-4 Maggie Brumfield, daughter of Joe and Courtney Jane, has never married. She lives with her brother, Ed, at his home at Walker's Bridge and is active in her church--Silver Creek Baptist Church. She also takes an active part in political affairs.

VG-5 Jessie Emma Brumfield, daughter of Courtney Jane and Joe, was born _____. She married (1) Robert Eugene Lee, who was born February 25, 1877 and died October 27, 1912, according to the marker at his grave. He is buried in the Joe W. Brumfield Family Cemetery. Jesse Emma and Eugene had seven children:

- (1) Elsa Lee married E. A. Whitten. They live at Jackson, Mississippi.
- (2) Mattie Lee is single and lives with her mother.
- (3) Nella Lee married Cletus McCurley. They live at Crosby, Mississippi.
- (4) Julia Lee married Laurence Vinz. They live at Jackson, Mississippi and have two children:
 - (a) Judy Vinz was born November 8, 1931. She married B. I. Graves. They live at Jackson, Mississippi and have two children--Vickie and James Mikal.
 - (b) Mary Laurence Vinz born June 22, 1934.
- (5) Mary Lee married L. E. Rushing. They live at Jackson, Mississippi and have two children--Edwin and Marilyn.
- (6) Robert Eugene Lee was Sheriff of Pike County, Mississippi.

from 1948-1952. He married Naomi Bridges. They live at Holmesville, Mississippi and have three children:

(a) Alfred Eugene Lee, born December 18, 1936.

(b) Treasure Lee born March 12, 1940.

(c) James Gary Lee, born May 5, 1949.

(7) James Wesley Lee was born August 18, 1910 and died in October, 1911.

After Eugene Lee's death, Jess Emma married (2) Dort Fortenberry, son of Luke Fortenberry, and they live near Walker's Bridge in the Lee Home.

VG-6 Mattie Brumfield, daughter of Courtney Jane and Joe Brumfield, married Fletcher Brumfield. They live on Route 4, Tylertown, Mississippi and had these children:

(1) Madge Brumfield born July 1, 1910 and died December 15, 1911. She is buried in the Joe W. Brumfield Family Cemetery.

(2) Mead Brumfield married Diane Payne. They live on Route 4, Tylertown, Mississippi and had six children:

(a) Terry Mead Brumfield born November 6, 1936.

(b) Meadette Diane Brumfield born July 25, 1939.

(c) Janet Gay Brumfield born March 1, 1943 and died March 5, 1943.

(d) John Hugh Brumfield born March 5, 1944 (twin).

(e) Gwendolyn Jane Brumfield (twin of John) born March 5, 1944.

(f) Carol Maud Brumfield born February 2, 1946.

(3) Frances Brumfield married B. H. Ricketts. They live at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

(4) Courtney Jane Brumfield, named for her grandmother, married Gordon E. Rushing. They live at Tylertown, Mississippi and have one daughter--Matolyn, born June 15, 1944.

(5) Charles Edward Brumfield born March 2, 1924, is at home with his parents.

VG-7 Dewitt J. (Dee) Brumfield, son of Courtney Jane and Joe W. is a Justice of the Peace in the First District of Pike County, Mississippi (1952-1956). Dee married Anna Brown. He had been married before, but there were no children. He and Anna had these children:

(1) Dora Brumfield married Clyde E. Simmons, Chief of Police at McComb, Mississippi from 1948 to 1954. They had one child:

(a) Clyde Elton Simmons, Jr. born June 28, 1932 and died June 19, 1953 when a car he was driving skidded from a wet bridge into a swollen stream near Percy Quin Park, McComb, Mississippi. Clyde is buried at McComb. (See Black Bill Simmons Line, IIE-2)

(2) Joe Reed Brumfield is with the Illinois Central Railroad at McComb, Mississippi. He married Ouida Varnado, daughter of Luther Varnado and they have three children:

(a) Joe Lamar Brumfield born July 12, 1938.

(b) Jerry Brumfield born February 4, 1943.

(c) James Edward (Jimmy) Brumfield born July 26, 1949.

(3) Virginia Brumfield married Eugene Terrell. They live in the Silver Creek Church Community in Pike County and had three sons:

(a) Joseph Eugene Terrell.

(b) Claude James Terrell.

(c) Robert Murrell Terrell died at about 3 years of age in an automobile accident. He is buried at Silver Creek Church.

(4) Elree Brumfield married Raymond Voss. They live at Hammond, Louisiana.

(5) Paul Brumfield died at about 13 years of age and is buried in the Joe W. Brumfield Family Cemetery.

VG-8 Albert Oliver Brumfield, son of Courtney Jane and Joe W. Brumfield, has retired after many years service with the Mississippi State Highway Department. Albert married Ruby Simmons, daughter of Pink and Sarah Ann Simmons and they live in the old Joe W. Brumfield home at Walker's Bridge, in Pike County, Mississippi. They have 11 children:

(Ed. Note: This family is written up under Ruby Simmons in the John Dudley Simmons family VC-1 (9) and will not be carried again here.)

VH Richard Iverson Simmons, son of John Richard Simmons, was born June 7, 1851 and died February 11, 1930, according to the marker at his grave. Ivey married Florence Elizabeth Tate, born March 16, 1854 and died August 16, 1935. Florence Elizabeth was a half sister to Willie Ails who married George Washington Simmons. Florence was younger than Willie. Ivey served some years as constable and deputy sheriff in Pike County, Mississippi. He and Florence lived for a number of years in the old John Richard Simmons home, north of old Simmonsville (later the R. L. Simmons home) and later moved near East Fork Baptist Church in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, southeast of Osyka, Mississippi. Ivey had a broad attractive smile, a trait handed down to nearly all of his children. Ivey and Florence are buried at East Fork Baptist Church in Louisiana. They were the parents of twelve children:

VH-1 Carrie Simmons married (1) Ernest (Ernie) Boyd "at East Fork Baptist Church in Amite County on December 30, 1896 in the presence of R. I. Simmons Family, E. J. (Ed) Brumfield, May Gordon (who was the maid of honor), Reverend J. H. Lane, officiating". Carrie was born at her grandmother Tate's home in Osyka, Mississippi on July 21, 1876. Ernie was born at Walker's Bridge January 16, 1872 and died August 7, 1913, from injuries sustained when a horse stumbled and fell with him. Ernie and Carrie lived at Walker's Bridge where all of their children were born. These children were:

(1) Bessie Boyd, born February 8, 1898, married Marcus Waring, of Tylertown, Mississippi and they have two children:

(a) Dr. Elton M. Waring, a physician, was employed as resident physician at the Tylertown Hospital until he was recently called into the United States Army.

(b) _____.

(2) Jewell Boyd, born October 30, 1899, married Eula Donner on April 1, 1920. They live in Algiers, Louisiana where Jewell works for the Southern Railroad. They have three children--Jewell May, Etelka, and Wheldon.

(3) Charlie Boyd, born April 28, 1901, married Clementine Bowman on June 18, 1930. They live in Gretna, Louisiana. He and Clementine have two children--Betty Sue and Charles, Jr.

(4) Leslie Boyd, born March 12, 1903, married Louisa Becknell on April 24, 1944. They live in the old family home at Walker's Bridge and have one child--Betty Lou.

(5) Florence Thelma, born January 1, 1905, married (1) Orville Howard and they had two children--Genevieve and Hilton. Thelma

married (2) Frank Fanning and they have two children--Frances and Michael.

(6) Vivian Boyd was born May 4, 1907 and died August 13, 1928. She never married.

(7) Dehra Maurine (Dee) Boyd was born November 7, 1908. She married Sam B. Cook. They have no children.

(8) Ernest Carroll (E.C.) Boyd, born December 9, 1912, has never married. He works for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He owns and operates an apartment house in New Orleans where he lives.

After Ernie Boyd died, Carrie married his brother, Asa Boyd, a widower. They had no children. Asa is deceased and Carrie is now living in Tylertown in the Asa Boyd home. One of Asa's children by his first wife lives there with her.

VH-2 Obie Lester Simmons, son of Richard Iverson Simmons, was born October 8, 1877 and died February 10, 1948 at McComb, Mississippi. Lester married (1) Maggie Owens of Osyka, Mississippi. Maggie was the daughter of Ben F. Owens. Lester and Maggie had four children:

(1) Frances Simmons, born September 30, 1904, married William C. Harris. They live in New Orleans and had three children:

(a) William C. Harris born November 27, 1926.

(b) Leslie Owen Harris born May 7, 1929 and died May 12, 1929.

(c) Barbara Jean Harris, born December 16, 1935.

(2) Charles Simmons, born August 22, 1906, married (1) Margaret Caronna and they had two children--Charles Owen, and Margaret Ann. Charles married (2) Berniece Haufpauier and they live in Hammond, Louisiana.

(3) Leslie Owen Simmons born August 18, 1908, died March 21, 1953 in Magnolia, Mississippi where he was a merchant. Leslie married Sally Womack and they had twin girls--Joyce and Loyce, born April 26, 1946.

(4) Dorothy Simmons born May 18, 1911, married Gaston Allen Strain. They live in Alexandria, Louisiana and have one son--Donald Allen Strain, born in 1932.

Lester Simmons married (2) Addie Carruth Moak and they had two children:

(5) Elizabeth Simmons born November 23, 1925, married Harold Fern Douglas of McComb, Mississippi, son of A. P. Douglas. They live at Ponchatoula, Louisiana and have one daughter:

(a) Sarah Elizabeth Douglas, born October 18, 1953.

(6) Ivey Allen Simmons, born July 4, 1927, married Norma Jean Schilling. They live in Galveston, Texas and have two sons:

(a) Ivey Allen Simmons, Jr., born February 26, 1949.

(b) Donald Wayne Simmons born October 4, 1950.

Lester is buried at East Fork Baptist Church, east of Osyka, Mississippi. Addie lives at Kentwood, Louisiana.

VH-3 Charles Simmons, son of Richard Iverson and Florence Simmons, left home in early manhood and went to Texas. He left Texas for a visit home at Christmas time and no message had been received from him since that time. The family has no further information about him. He was single at the time.

VH-4 Lady Simmons, daughter of Richard Iverson Simmons, born February 14, 1883, married John W. McElveen. They live on Route 1, Osyka, Mississippi, north of East Fork Church. They were married November 17, 1904. They observed their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1954. Lady and John had five children:

(1) Hilda McElveen married Luther Strickland. They live near her parents and have four children:

(a) Eugene Strickland married Jeannie Bryan and they have one son--Rocky Bryan Strickland, born January 10, 1954.

(b) Donnie Mae Strickland married Darwin Strickland and they live in the Sunny Hill, Louisiana Community.

(c) Trena Fay Strickland is at home with her parents.

(d) Diane Strickland is at home with her parents.

(2) David McElveen is single.

(3) E. P. McElveen married Bessie Louise Gordon. They are in Osyka, Mississippi and have one son--William Otis McElveen.

(4) Garland McElveen lives with his parents. He is employed in

the United States Post Office at Osyka, Mississippi.

(5) Gordon Rex McElveen, born June 8, 1924, married Elsie Lavine Varnado, daughter of Kermit Varnado. They live on Route 1, Osyka, Mississippi. Gordon is employed by Burt Butane Gas Co. at McComb, Mississippi. He and Elsie have two children:

(a) Dennis Gordon McElveen born January 9, 1948.

(b) Patricia Ann McElveen born September 15, 1949.

VH-5 Omer Simmons, son of Richard Ivey and Florence Simmons, born March 5, 1885, married Oma Varnado. They live east of Kentwood, Louisiana and just south of East Fork Church. They had eight children:

(1) Dorothy Alice Simmons, born in 1914 and died in 1932. She was known and loved as "Dot" and is buried at East Fork Church.

(2) Milton Omer Simmons, born February 14, 1916, married Mildred Foil. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Milton Larry, born October 15, 1939, Patricia June, age 17 and Mary Elizabeth, age 5.

(3) Ivey Adonial Simmons born November 11, 1918, married Dorothy Nell Verger. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(4) Norman Ralph Simmons, born August 26, 1921, married Willie Jean Fortenberry. They have three children:

(a) Sharon Jean Simmons, born March 3, 1949.

(b) Ralph Kavin Simmons, age 3 years.

(c) Robin Grace Simmons, born September 16, 1953.

(5) Rebecca Lucile Simmons, born December 2, 1924, married V. J. McMorris. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--Bertha Diane, age 9, Valmar Joseph, Jr., age 6, and Rebecca Darline, age 3.

(6) Margie Ethel Simmons, born December 2, 1926, married Richard Elarton. They live at New Orleans, Louisiana and have two children--Richard Michael, age 6, and Douglas Williams, age 1.

(7) Janice Elaine Simmons, born November 21, 1929, married Bennie Castella. They live at Kentwood, Louisiana and have three children:

(a) Richard Wayne Castella, born December 23, 1947.

(b) Linda Marie Castella, born July 17, 1950.

(c) Bennie Ray Castella, born December 11, 1953.

(8) Woodrow Tilton Simmons, born January 21, 1933, is single and in the United States Navy.

VH-6 Wesley Eugene Simmons, born September 15, 1887, married Amy D. Varnado. They live east of Kentwood and have eight children:

(1) Eunice Eugene Simmons married (1) Kenneth Ott and they had two girls:

(a) Margaret Ann Ott married John Vail Ott. He is in the Armed Forces. They have one child--Dinah Lee.

(b) Ruth Ritchie Ott married (1) Loyd Bardwell and they had one child--Linda Ann Bardwell. Ruth married (2) Alton Varnado. They live now in Maryland and have two children--Kenneth and Alton.

Eunice married (2) Arthur Cushing and they live at Baton Rouge.

(2) Evelyn A. Simmons married George West and they had four children--Virginia, G. W., Diane and Marilyn.

(3) Ashford H. Simmons married Sylvia Foster. They have two girls--Sandra and Charllie.

(4) Helen Marie Simmons married Russell Saia. They lived at Baton Rouge and had two children:

(a) Wesley Salvadore Saia, born February 8, 1945.

(b) Amy Marie Saia, born March 27, 1947.

(5) Natalie Rebecca Simmons married Dr. Blackie Romaine. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he is an eye specialist. They have two children--Phillip and Donna.

(6) Eugene Wesley Simmons is single. He lives in New Orleans, Louisiana where he is a hair stylist.

(7) Melba Mae Simmons married Robert (Bob) DeKay. They live at Great Falls, Montana and have two children--Debbie and Dannie.

(8) Carrol Jean Simmons, born December 23, 1935, is a senior at Kentwood High School (1954).

VH-7 Earl Morgan Simmons, born July 12, 1889, married Rosa Varnado, daughter of Robert Varnado. They live in McComb, Mississippi where Earl is employed by the Illinois Central Railroad. Earl and Rosa have one daughter:

(1) Mildred Elizabeth Simmons married Claud S. Carlisle. They live in Memphis, Tennessee and have one daughter:

(a) Elizabeth Ann Carlisle married Erman Lowe, Jr.

VH-8 Maggie May Simmons, daughter of Ivey and Florence Simmons, died as a small child from burns sustained when her clothing caught fire before an open fireplace.

VH-9 Kenneth Ivey Simmons, born September 12, 1892, married Mamie Fortenberry, daughter of Noah Fortenberry. They live on the State Line Road, Route 1, going east from Osyka, Mississippi. This Louisiana-Mississippi Line runs through his lawn and he is on the Louisiana side. Kenneth was a wrestler in his younger days, and retains much of his vigor and strength. He and Mamie were married May 28, 1916 and had five children:

(1) Kenneth Ivey Simmons, Jr. died at one week old and is buried in New Orleans.

(2) Miriam Simmons married T. R. Fanning. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have one son--Kenneth Robert Fanning, born September 23, 1953.

(3) Kathleen Simmons married Albert L. Morgan. They live at Mobile, Alabama and have three children--Alfred, Glen, and Kathy

(4) Pauline Simmons is single and employed in Mobile, Alabama.

(5) Elinor Simmons married Norman Simmons, son of Clifton Simmons (See George Washington Simmons Line). They live at Bremer, Ga. and have three children--Gale, Rome, and Eileen.

VH-10 Ethel Simmons, daughter of Ivey and Florence Simmons, married Edgar T. Sudduth. Edgar was Sheriff of Pike County, Mississippi when he died in 1946. He is buried at McComb, Mississippi. Ethel has a nice home at the Ozone Courts on Highway 51, south of McComb.

VH-11 Jessie Simmons, born December 31, 1895, married Thomas (Tom) Sanders. They have a store and farming interests on Route 1, east of Osyka, Mississippi. They are in Louisiana and have two sons:

- (1) McClendon (Mac) Sanders married (1) Olatha Dickey. They had one son--Paul Sanders born October 16, 1937. McClendon married (2) Joy Forbes. They live near his parents and have one son--Roger Dale Sanders, born June 6, 1944.
 - (2) Thomas Aubrey Sanders, born April 24, 1923, married Geraldine Merritt. They live near his parents and have four children:
 - (a) Barbara Ann Sanders, born September 13, 1943.
 - (b) Aubrey Ray Sanders, born April 24, _____.
 - (c) Judy Lynn Sanders, born March 19, 1950.
 - (d) Jessie Marie Sanders, born December 14, 1951.
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VH-12 Thomas Gordon (Tom) Simmons, youngest child of Ivey and Floren Simmons, was born March 5, 1898. He married Grace Jones, daughter of Walter Jones. They live at McComb, Mississippi where Tom is a mechanic for Williams Motor Company. Tom and Grace have six children:

- (1) Edgar Thompson (Jack) Simmons married Mary Margaret Fiduccia. They live in New Orleans and have two children--Margaret Ann, age 6, and Grace Marie, age 5.
 - (2) Mary Ruth Simmons married Robert Vaiden. They live at Baker, Oregon and have three children--Bonnie Ruth, age 10, Marylin Doris, age 8, and Evelyn, age 6.
 - (3) Florence Evelyn Simmons is a Registered Nurse in Athens, Tennessee. She married Olaf Eugene Miller who is in the Armed Forces at this time (1954).
 - (4) Henry Eugene (Gene) Simmons married Evelyn Oubre. He is with J. C. Penny Company at Helena, Arkansas. Gene and Evelyn have one child--Cynthia Holland, born January 19, 1954.
 - (5) Billy Smith Simmons, born October 26, 1934, is employed in McComb, Mississippi.
 - (6) Thomas Gordon (Tommy) Simmons, Jr. born July 1, 1938, is at home with his parents.
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V-I Priscilla Elizabeth Simmons, daughter of John Richard Simmons, was born June 20, 1853. She died when she was quite young.

VJ Jesse C. Simmons was born at Simmonsville, Mississippi September 15, 1854 and died at Shreveport, Louisiana July 30, 1927. He married Ada Corrine Prescott, born at Magnolia, Mississippi May 19, 1857 and died at Longview, Texas April 18, 1943. Their children were:

VJ-1 Fred Lamar Simmons, born at Simmonsville, November 3, 1876 and died at Shreveport, Louisiana, June 26, 1929. Fred never married

VJ-2 Ellis Burlington Simmons born at Simmonsville October 20, 1878 and died at Longview, Texas, February 11, 1943. Ellis never married.

VJ-3 William Arthur Simmons, born at Simmonsville, December, 1880 and died at Fresno, California, July 16, 1917. Arthur never married.

VJ-4 Martin Luther Simmons, born at Simmonsville, September 23, 1882 He married Lucille Tatum of Longview, Texas, on January 15, 1952. They live in Longview, Texas and have no children.

VJ-5 Lillian Florence Simmons born at Simmonsville, October 29, 1885. She married W. J. Kemp of Brunswick, Georgia on May 3, 1908. They reside in Shreveport, Louisiana and have three children:

- (1) William Sheffield Kemp, married Anita Brown of New Orleans, Louisiana. They live in Memphis, Tennessee.
 - (2) Virginia Kemp married Fred W. Ayer, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. By this marriage, there is one son--Michael Kemp, age 1 year. They reside in Birmingham, Alabama.
 - (3) Mabel Kemp married Sam Brown of Shreveport, Louisiana. By this marriage there are two sons--Sam Brown, Jr., age 11, and William (Bill) Kemp Brown, age 9 years. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana.
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VJ-6 Sidney Richard Simmons, born at Simmonsville, October 20, 1888. He married Lillian Agnes Carter, June 1, 1916. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana at 510 Slattery Blvd., and they have these children: (Sidney is a graduate of Miss. State College.)

(1) Sidney Catherine Simmons born March 24, 1918. She married Jack Holwill of New York City in 1945. They have two children-- Dick Holwill, age 9, and Fahy Holwill (Daughter) age 6 years. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana.

(2) John C. Simmons born September 5, 1920, married Barbara Johnson of New York City in 1945. They have three children-- Johnnie age 9, Barbara, age 6, and Kay, 21 months old. They live in Dallas, Texas.

Jesse C., the father, served as Justice of the Peace in the First Dist. of Pike County, Miss. for many years.

VK Margaret Lenora (Nora) Simmons was born August 20, 1857, according to Obie Simmons' record. She is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Nora married Claiborne (Claib) Dickey. Claib had been previously married and had several children--one of them, Joe Dickey. Nora and Claib had six children:

VK-1 Cordelia Dickey, now deceased, married Tom Woods. They lived near Tylertown, Mississippi and had four daughters:

(1) Beatrice Woods

(2) Georgie Woods

(3) Margie Woods

(4) Mesella Woods.

VK-2 Esco Dickey married Annie Davidson. They live at Houston, Texas and have three sons:

(1) Leland Dickey

(2) Barney Dickey

(3) Harry Dickey, who died young.

VK-3 James Jefferson (Jimmy) Dickey died in an automobile accident while a young man. He is buried in Magnolia, Mississippi.

VK-4 Richard Dickey died when a small boy.

VK-5 Grace Dickey married Will G. Lofton. He is a retired electrician. They live at 313 Nebraska Avenue, McComb, Mississippi and had eight children:

(1) Ruby Lofton married (1) Sandy Bedgood, who, as a member of the McComb Fire Department, was killed while fighting a big fire that destroyed X. A. Kramer's store. (Two other firemen died at the same time when a wall collapsed on them.) Ruby and Sandy had one daughter:

(a) Madeline Bedgood married William M. Lea. They live at Summit, Mississippi and have one son--William M. Lea IV.

Ruby married (2) Jesse Jones, and they operate a grocery and market business at Summit, Mississippi.

(2) William Parker Lofton died at three years of age.

(3) J. Wilford Lofton married Mazie Herring. They live at Houston, Texas and have two children--Pete and J. W.

(4) Beatrice Lofton married Charles Jones. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have three children--George Michael, William Clyde and Lou Catherine.

(5) Bessie Lofton married Jimmie Neal, who operates the McColga Hotel Barber shop at McComb.

(6) George Edward Lofton married Annie Mae Sheffield. They live at Woodville, Mississippi and have one son--George Tyrone.

(7) Veta Grace Lofton is employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company at McComb.

(8) James Alfred Lofton served in the Armed Forces, and is an electrician at McComb.

VK-6 Lamar Dickey, son of Nora and Claib, married Bessie Jenkins. They live at Houston, Texas and have one son:

(1) Jimmy Dickey (James)

VL Hyman Hart Simmons, son of John Richard Simmons, was born February 8, 1859 and died November 2, 1936. He married Victoria (Vickie) Magee, born June 15, 1866 and died March 9, 1942. Hyman and Vickie are buried in the cemetery at Tylertown, Mississippi. They lived for many years near the old John Richard Simmons home at Simmonsville, and later moved to Tylertown where Hyman and his sons established a mercantile business--"H. H. Simmons & Sons Company". Hyman and Vickie had seven children:

VL-1 Albert Wallace Simmons, born July 3, 1886 and died December 25, 1947, according to the marker at his grave. Albert married (1) May Holmes and there were no children by this marriage. He married (2) Ruby McElveen. They operated a mercantile business in Hazlehurst where Albert died. Ruby has continued the business. Albert and Ruby had two children:

(1) Ruth Agnes Simmons married Ellis Allen, an Attorney at Hazlehurst, Mississippi. They have one daughter--Ruth Lynn Allen.

(2) Hyman Hart Simmons is associated with his mother in the mercantile business at Hazlehurst, Mississippi. He married Joy Magee of Prentiss, Mississippi and they have one son--Hyman Hart Simmons III.

VL-2 Obie Oliver Simmons was born March 15, 1888. He married Mamie Collins. He lived in Tylertown until the Simmons Family opened another store in Magnolia, Mississippi. He and Mamie now live in Magnolia. They have three daughters:

(1) Frances Glenn Simmons married Ira Curtis Mikell. They live in McComb, Mississippi where Curtis owns and operates the Mikel Battery and Supply Company. They have two sons:

(a) Curtis Glenn Mikell, born August 1, 1952.

(b) Collins Simmons Mikell, born April 12, 1954.

(2) Gene Hudson Simmons is a teacher at Slidell, Louisiana.

(3) Mamie Amelia Simmons was married in 1954 to Dr. Guy Lewis, a dentist at Gulfport, Mississippi.

VL-3 Dannie Richard (Dan) Simmons was born August 7, 1890 and died September 14, 1949, according to the grave marker. He is buried in Tylertown, Mississippi. He married Eva Packwood of Walthall County, Mississippi. She lives at Tylertown and assists in the operation of

the mercantile business there. Dan and Eva had three children:

(1) Elinor Simmons married Windell Craft. He is associated with the mercantile business at Tylertown. Elinor and Windell have one daughter:

(a) Sky Eva Craft, born June 13, 1954.

(2) Eva Fay Simmons (twin) married Dr. Hassel Jones, a dentist at Columbia, Mississippi.

(3) Dannie Ray Simmons (twin of Eva Fay) born August 23, 1929, died November 7, 1929. He is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi.

VL-4 Linnie Belle Simmons was born May 21, 1893. She married Joseph (Joe) T. Thompson of Amite County, Mississippi. They lived in Tyler town for some years where Joe was connected with a bank. Then they moved to Little Rock, Arkansas where they now live. They had two sons:

(1) Joseph Talbert Thompson, Jr. born January 25, 1917, and died April 13, 1928. He is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi.

(2) George Hyman Thompson is professor of History at Hendrix College, Arkansas. He is a candidate of a PHd degree at Columbia University now (1954).

VL-5 Lucy ^{Arena} ~~Amie~~ Simmons was born September 1, 1895. She married Woodfin Leverett and they live in Houston, Texas. They have one daughter:

(1) Lynn Victoria Leverett married Wallace Chapman and they have two sons:

(a) Wallace Todd Chapman

(b) Larry Leverett Chapman.

VL-6 Hyman Ottis Simmons was born July 29, 1898. He married Vanda Burris. They live at Franklinton, Louisiana where Ottis is in the mercantile business. They have two sons:

(1) Hyman Ottis Simmons, Jr. operates a Simmons Store at Kent-

wood, Louisiana. He married Joan Richardson and they have three children--Michael, Rebecca and David.

(2) Ronald Burris Simmons married Nan Pierce. He is in the United States Army, stationed now at Washington, D. C.

VL-7 Marshall Alton Simmons was born October 17, 1904 and died May 1906. He is buried in the Old Cemetery at Tylertown, Mississippi.

VI MARY (POLLY) SIMMONS
Daughter of Willis Simmons

Mary (Polly) Simmons, daughter of Willis Simmons, was born at Simmonsville, Pike County, Mississippi, in 1819. She died August 10, 1862. (Some of the descendants refer to her as "Holly", but the nickname of all Marys was "Polly" in records of the past.) Mary married Urbane (Urb) McClendon on August 8, 1833. Urb was born in 1814 and died May 31, 1862. According to the census records, Urb was born in South Carolina. Mary and Urb lived between the old George Washington Simmons place and Silver Springs, near the Reverend Esco Schilling place. The old family Bible of Mary McClendon was found in possession of Dudley Brumfield, their grandson. Some data from the Bible is given below:

"Urbane McClendon married Mary Simmons August 8, 1833
He died May 31, 1862 and Mary died August 10, 1862."

Their children and their dates of birth as shown in this Bible are as follows:

"Jesse Verlin McClendon, born October 14, 1834, died April 6, 1853
Jane Ann McClendon, born March 3, 1836; died January 3, 1867
David Jackson McClendon, born March 10, 1838
Narcissa McClendon, born March 27, 1840, died October 9, 1899
George Washington McClendon, born January 27, 1842, died September 25, 1849
Mary Elizabeth McClendon, born February 14, 1845
Nancy Eliza McClendon, born July 10, 1849
George Ann McClendon born October, 1853
Benjamin Wesley McClendon, born February 24, 1856"

The 1850 census for Pike County, Mississippi records the following:

Urbane McClendon	36	farmer	born in South Carolina
Mary McClendon	31		born in Mississippi
Jesse V.	15		born in Mississippi
James A.	14		born in Mississippi
David J.	12		born in Mississippi
Narcissa	10		born in Mississippi
Mary E.	5		born in Mississippi
Eliza	1		born in Mississippi

According to the Bible record, the name James A. appearing in this 1850 census should have been Jane Ann, and that she should have been listed as female and not male. It is thought by members of the family now living, that Mary and Urb were buried in the old cemetery of Willis Simmons, her father, which was on his old place at Simmonsville.

Their children follow:

VIA Jesse Verlin McClendon, son of Urb and Mary, born October 14, 1834, died April 6, 1853 at the age of 19 years. He was no doubt single at the time of his death.

VIB Jane Ann McClendon was born March 3, 1836 and died January 3, 1867. She is buried _____ . She married Franklin (Frank) Houston Coney, born May 15, 1836 and died July 12, 1863 at Clinton, Louisiana. Frank was the son of Jeremiah and Emily Quin Coney. They were married December 29, 1858. (Emily Quin was the daughter of Daniel Quin and Keturah Deer. Emily was born September, 1817 and died in 1885. Jeremiah Coney was born April 30, 1806 and died July 1, 1868. Jeremiah Coney was the son of William and Rachel Coney, who came to Pike County from Georgia. William Coney was Superior Court Judge from 1840 to 1848. Daniel Quin was the son of Peter Quin. This information is included here for the use of this family since a Daughters of American Revolution Record has been run on the Quin side.) Jane Ann and Frank Coney had three sons as follows

VIB-1 William David Coney was born January 24, 1860 and died September 16, 1898. He lived somewhere in Arkansas and we have no further information about him.

VIB-2 Van Franklin Coney, long time President of the Pike County Board of Supervisors, was born August 7, 1861 and died February 12, 1940. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Van married (1) Bessie Walker, on December 20, 1882, and they had one son:

(1) Franklin (Frank) Coney was born in 1883 and died in 1934. He is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Frank married Vivian Sutes. They lived in Bogalusa, Louisiana and had three sons-- Frank C., Van Davis, and James B.

Van Coney married (2) Mae Little, born August 7, 1861. They were married February 2, 1890. She resides one mile east of Magnolia, Mississippi and, so far as known, is the oldest living In-law in the Silver Creek Simmons Family. Van and Mae had five children:

(2) Emily Coney married Wallace W. Barr. They live at 921 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi and have one son:

(a) Wallace Barr, Jr. married Patricia Switzer. They live in New Orleans and have four sons--Wallace Wesley Barr, Jr. born March 21, 1944, John Patrick Barr, born July 3, 1947, James Coney Barr; born March 1, 1951, and Robert Charles Barr, born March, 1954.

(3) James Coney, born December 10, 1890, died August 5, 1913, while trying to save some swimming companions in the Bogue Chitto River at Walker's Bridge. On his marker at Magnolia are these words, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

(4) Dede Coney was married on June 4, 1916 to Clyde E. Henley. They lived in McComb for many years, and later in Jackson,

Mississippi where Dede died May 30, 1954. She is buried in Magnolia. They had one son:

(a) Dr. Clyde E. Henley, Jr. was born June 24, 1917. He married Helen Saulthaus and they live at Albuquerque, New Mexico. They have two daughters--Mae Deanne born January 9, 1945, and Janie, born July 29, 1951.

(5) Charles L. Coney married Ruth McClendon. They live at Greenville, Mississippi and have one son--Van F. Coney II.

(6) Helen Coney married Claude Meyer. They live at Magnolia, Mississippi and have one daughter:

(a) Celeste Meyer married Miles Ferguson. They live at Columbus, Georgia and have one daughter--Helen Carel Ferguson, born December 13, 1948.

(Note: A D.A.R. Line has been worked out on the Van Coney Line.

VIB-3 Jerry E. Coney was born January 18, 1863 and died November 16, 1943. He married Mattie Varnado, daughter of Newton B. and Isabel Simmons Varnado, on March 29, 1893. Mattie was born July 12, 1869, and died June 8, 1945. (She was in the Bala Chitto Simmons Line). Jerry and Mattie lived east of Magnolia, near Bala Chitto Church and are buried in Magnolia. They had three children:

(1) Hilda Coney was born January 24, 1894 and died September 5, 1903. She is buried near the old Walter Allen Home in Pike County.

(2) Wood Coney was born May 13, 1898 and died January 2, 1925. He is buried in Magnolia, Mississippi. Wood married Winnie Allen and they had two children:

(a) Oma Camille Coney born September 25, 1921, married April 5, 1944, to James M. Adams. They live in New Orleans and have one son--Harry.

(b) Ota Bix Coney born November 3, 1922, married January 22, 1944 to J. C. Thompson. They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have two children--Jimmy and Camille.

Winnie Allen Coney married (2) S. E. Bales.

(3) Dot Coney married Louis Tate, son of Jimmy M. and Mattie Covington Tate. Dot and Louis live on Route 4, Magnolia, near Bala Chitto Church and have one daughter:

(a) Doris Tate born January 24, 1921, married Emery Fisher.

They live in New Orleans, Louisiana and have three children--Ellen Fisher, born November 15, 1943, Louis T. Fisher born August 30, 1945, and Adele Fisher, born February 12, 1948.

VIC David Jackson McClendon, known as Jack, was born March 10, 1838. He was married on August 3, 1862 to Eliza Jane Smith, daughter of Wyatt and Euseba Fortenberry Smith. Eliza Jane was born January 21, 1846 and died August 31, 1913. They had two children:

VIC-1 Annie Idelia (Nan) McClendon was born November 18, 1864 and died July 10, 1942. She married Edward Alexander Simmons, son of Solomon O. Simmons of the Bala Chitto Line of Simmons. Edward was born November 4, 1856 and died November 13, 1940. Nan and Edward lived in what was known as the "Gladhurst" Community in Pike County and are buried in the old Solomon Simmons Family Cemetery, about 7 miles east of Magnolia, Mississippi. They had five children:

- (1) William Wyatt Simmons, born April 19, 1883, married Mary Allen Clark on June 24, 1922. Wyatt is an attorney, a former mayor of Cleveland, Mississippi and a former district attorney. He has done much research into the history of both the Bala Chitto and the Silver Creek Lines of Simmons and related families. They live in Cleveland, Mississippi and have no children. Mary was a teacher for many years. Wyatt is known to many people as "Bill".
- (2) Eunice Simmons died at the age of six.
- (3) George Eugene Simmons was born July 4, 1887 and died May, 1949. He married Alice Holden and they lived at Summit, Mississippi where George is buried.
- (4) Myrtis Malissa Simmons was born in November, 1890. She married C. Vernon Webb, who died in December 1948 and is buried at McComb. Myrtis lives in McComb. They had three children:

(a) Elsie Webb married (1) Maurice Catha and they had two children:

(i) Maureen Catha married Ollie Dennis (Buddy) Lovell and they live at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

(ii) George Russell Catha

Elsie married (2) James Brabham. They live at McComb, and have one son--James Vernon Brabham.

(b) Edward Webb has been in the United States Army about

15 years.

(c) Mary Webb married Reverend Otis A. Varnado, a Baptist Minister. They live in Texas and have one child--Mary Margaret Varnado.

(5) Bernard Eustis Simmons was born May 6, 1893 and died October 11, 1935 in a truck accident at Algiers, Louisiana. Bernard married Nellie Simmons, daughter of Robert L. and Sarah Fortenberry Simmons. (See Narcissa Simmons Fortenberry Line.) Bernard and Nell are buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Nellie was born June 18, 1894 and died December 31, 1924. They had three children:

(a) Dr. Bernell Eustis Simmons, a dentist at McComb, Mississippi was born June 28, 1920. He was wounded in the Armed Forces in Europe during World War II. Bernell married Bess Van Norman of Liberty, Mississippi and they have three children:

(i) William Bernard (Bill) Simmons, born May 14, 1946 in New Orleans.

(ii) Nell Elizabeth (Nell) Simmons, born August 11, 1949.

(iii) Bernell Eustis (Bernie) Simmons, born June 23, 1951.

(b) Sara Simmons (Twin) born November 25, 1924, married on September 30, 1948, Charles Elmo East. They live at 1455 Alfred Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one child--Charles Elmo East, Jr.

(c) Nan Simmons (Twin) born November 25, 1924, lives at Cleveland, Mississippi. (Ed. Note: When the twins, Sara and Nan, were about 5 weeks old, their mother died and they grew up in the home of their uncle, Wyatt Simmons, at Cleveland, Mississippi.)

VIC-2 Reverend Eugene Wellington McClendon, son of David Jackson McClendon and Eliza Jane Smith McClendon, was born January 24, 1867. He was a Baptist Minister in Washington Parish, Louisiana and later moved to Texas where he died at about 60 years old. He married Lucy Harvey of Terry, Mississippi and she lives in Houston, Texas. Somewhere along the way, this family dropped the "c" out of the name and now spell it McLendon. There were four children:

(1) Mrs. Vera Slay, 819 La Monte Lane, Houston, Texas

- (2) Holly (Mrs. Eugene Burris), 2831 Ferndale, Houston, Texas
- (3) Adelia (Mrs. Kenneth H. Aynesworth), 2815 Ferndale, Houston, Texas.
- (4) Eugene W. McLendon, born September 5, 1900, owns the McLendon Motor Company, Ford Dealers, at 1212 Main Street, in Liberty Texas and has served as mayor of Liberty. Eugene married Lillie Campbell of Center, Texas on June 4, 1925. They have one son:

(a) William Eugene McLendon, born February 17, 1927, married Arthur Jean Franklin of Dayton, Texas. They have three children--Lee Ann born June 19, 1951, Paul Campbell born November 11, 1952, and Eugenia Dee, born November 18, 1953.

Eliza Jane McClendon later married Reverend Norvell Fortenberry and they had a number of children.

(Ed. Note: The family will be interested to know that the original Scotland name is MacLennan.)

VID Narcissa McClendon, fourth child of Mary (Polly) Simmons McClendon and Urbane McClendon, was born March 27, 1840 and died October 9, 1899. She was married on December 27, 1864 to Jesse G. Alford, who was born September 19, 1838 and died January 12, 1900. These are dates from the old McClendon Bible. Narcissa and Jesse G. lived below Tylertown, Mississippi and later moved to Pine, Louisiana, where they are buried in the Nobles Cemetery. They had five children:

VID-1 Jesse F. Alford born June 24, 1866. (No further information about him. The writers of this manuscript hope that some member of the family may send further information to them.)

VID-2 Kate Florence Alford, daughter of Narcissa McClendon Alford and Jesse G. Alford, was born in 1868. She died August 4, 1892, according to the McClendon Family Bible. She is buried in the old Family cemetery, near William (Black Bill) Simmons old home place. Kate married W. J. (Banks) Terrell and they lived in the home of his mother, Eliza Webb Terrell, who had married Black Bill Simmons. It was here that Kate's only child, Albert Terrell, was born. Kate and Banks built and moved into a home of their own, near the Black Bill Simmons old place. Their son was:

- (1) Jesse Albert Terrell, born October 15, 1887, married Claudi.

Thornhill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thornhill. They moved to McComb, Mississippi in early life, where Albert was connected with the Post Office for many years. He is a Baptist Minister, and for many years was Clerk of the Pike County Baptist Association. Claudia died March 12, 1950. They had seven children:

- (a) Kaytee Terrell married Clyde A. Richmond and they live at Brownsville, Texas.
- (b) Leo Elisha Terrell married (1) Ermalee Holmes and they had one son--Michael Terrell. Leo married (2) Pauline Doss. They live at Nacogdoches, Texas and have one daughter--Lois Ann Terrell.
- (c) Claude Albert Terrell married Jeannette McKinly. They live at McComb, Mississippi.
- (d) Ray E. Terrell married Sue Stevens. They live at Houston, Texas and have three children--Susann, Stephanie, and Forest.
- (e) Charles E. Terrell married Virginia McKinley. They live at Buffalo, New York and have two sons--Dudley Terrell and Joe D. Terrell.
- (f) Hattie Terrell married Harry McGuffee. They live in McComb, Mississippi and have three children--Woodson, David, and Betty Jane.
- (g) Jack Doty Terrell married Betty Mason. He is a student at Clarks College, Newton, Mississippi. Jack and Betty have one daughter--Robbie Elizabeth Terrell, born March 1, 1955.

After Kate died, Banks Terrell married Ola Alford and they had several children, including--Ollie, Maggie, Willie M. George T., Carl, Eugene, and Lee.

VID-3 Walter Theodore Alford, known as "Boas or Bos", was born June 18, 1871 and died November 13, 1912. He was married on December 13, 1894 to Rosetta Ophelia Varnado, daughter of Frank Varnado and Elizabeth Corkern Varnado. Rosetta was born January 2, 1874 and died August 23, 1951. They are buried in Franklinton, Louisiana. Walter was killed in a sawmill accident near Clifton, Louisiana. They had eleven children:

- (1) Lucy Xina Alford, born April 30, 1896, married on December 25, 1916, Owen Sylvester Kemp. They had three children:

- (a) Walter Bradford Kemp, Jr., born February 5, 1918, and died February 24, 1918.
- (b) Owen Sylvester Kemp, Jr. born September 2, 1920, married Muriel Cutrer of Bogalusa, Louisiana and they have two children:
- (i) Gregory Owen Kemp, born February 4, 1945.
 - (ii) Stephen Kemp, born June 12, 1949.
- (c) Woodrow Wilson Kemp, born May 30, 1923, is single.
- (2) Jessie Nurcelia Alford, born March 17, 1898, died July 6, 1899.
- (3) Otto Theodore Alford, born December 9, 1899, married on October 30, 1928, Ada Lee Mizell. They live at Franklinton, Louisiana and have two sons:
- (a) Walton Theodore Alford, born August 8, 1929, married on February 11, 1954, Gladys Sharp.
 - (b) Royce Wayne Alford, born November 10, 1940.
- (4) Albert Frank Alford, born February 22, 1902, lives at Franklinton, Louisiana and is single.
- (5) Avery Kahn Alford, born June 14, 1903, died May 11, 1912. He is buried at Franklinton, Louisiana.
- (6) Infant girl, born March 15, 1906, and died March 17, 1906.
- (7 and 8) Twins born and died January 13, 1907.
- (9) Reverend Loubie Ronald, Alford, born December 3, 1908, married on May 11, 1938, Grace Bass, daughter of June Forrest Bass, Sr. Ronald is a Baptist Minister, pastor of the Georgetown Baptist Church in Copiah County, Mississippi. He and Grace have two children:
- (a) Raymond Albert Alford, born August 27, 1941.
 - (b) Rosamond Joy Alford, born June 2, 1952.
- (10) Louie Dale Alford, born April 28, 1910, married Dora Maude Simmons on December 23, 1934. (See Black Bill Simmons Line). They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two sons:
- (a) Jerry Dale Alford, born January 21, 1936
 - (b) John Larry Alford, born February 5, 1941

(11) Mary Elizabeth Alford, born October 17, 1912. She was four weeks old when her father died. She married on June 9, 1935, Eric L. Fussell. They operate a drug store at Franklinton, Louisiana and have two children:

(a) Gayle Elizabeth Fussell, born May 27, 1941.

(b) Brian Eric Fussell, born July 18, 1948.

VID-4 William Edward (Ed) Alford, son of Marcissa McClendon Alford and Jesse G. Alford, was born May 28, 1876, according to the old McClendon Family Bible. Ed was married on May 4, 1898 to Leona Crain, the Rev. C. P. Toney, officiating. Ed died January 25, 1934, and Leona died January 24, 1936. They are buried in Bogalusa, Louisiana. There were eight children:

(1) Arthur Alford was born August 31, 1900; married September 17, 1920, Mattie McKenzie, born May 26, 1902. Mattie was a daughter of Sam McKenzie of Tylertown, Mississippi. Arthur and Mattie live at 710 Superior Avenue, Bogalusa, Louisiana and had these children:

(a) Roye Alford, born August 3, 1921, died August 7, 1921.

(b) James Monroe (J. M.) Alford, born April 15, 1923; married on July 25, 1942, Versie Lee Tynes. They have two children:

(i) Anna Lee Alford, born April 17, 1943

(ii) Mary Lee Alford, born September 29, 1946.

(c) Elton Alford, born February 25, 1926; married on December 6, 1947, Johnnie Lee McGehee. They have one child:

(i) Suzon Alford, born July 20, 1952.

(2) Xina Mae Alford, born May 4, 1902; she is now Mrs. W. A. Wolhar and operates the Ivey Beauty Salon, 127 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

(3) Effie Fidalia Alford, born December 26, 1903; married (1) Jesse C. Lloyd of Covington, Louisiana. Fidalia married on August 7, 1937, (2) Garvin B. Farris, who had two sons by a previous marriage--Garvin B., Jr. and Robert Earl. Fidalia and Garvin live on 93 West Norris Road, P.O. Box 423, Norris, Tennessee.

(4) Carwin E. Alford, born March 23, 1906; married (1) Sadie Foil and they had one daughter:

(a) Mary Lee Alford

Carwin married (2) Clotilde Crawford, and they had two children:

(b) Robert Alford, a student at Louisiana State University.

(c) Ann Alford, in Bogalusa High School.

Carwin died on March 8, 1951, and is buried at Bogalusa.

(5) William Edward (Eddie) Alford, born March 18, 1909; married Joyce Stringer, daughter of Walter Stringer, at Tylertown, Mississippi. They operate "Eddie's Hatchery", a nice business on the Franklinton Highway, just west of Bogalusa. There are three children:

(a) Delores Alford, born September 28, 1950.

(b) Joan Alford, born January 24, 1952.

(c) Patricia (Pat) Alford, born January 18, 1953.

(6) Charlie J. Alford, born January 14, 1911; single, and at present with his sister in Houston, Texas.

(7) Jessie Alford (Mrs. A. J. Chetta) born January 2, 1913; lives at 1111 Orion Street, Metairie Branch, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(8) Georgia Viola Alford (Mrs. Robert J. Gill) born January 17, 1917; lives at 3719 Gramercy Street, Houston, Texas.

VID-5 William Emmett Alford, son of Narcissa and Jesse G. Alford, was born October 20, 1879 and died September 20, 1889. He is buried in the old cemetery at Tylertown, Mississippi.

VIE George Washington McClendon, son of Mary and Urbane McClendon, was born January 27, 1842 and died September 28, 1849. Some descendants think he is buried near his grandfather, the old original Willis Simmons.

VIF Mary Elizabeth McClendon, daughter of Mary and Urbane McClendon, was

born February 14, 1845. She married Raymond Alford. They are buried at Magnolia, Mississippi. Their grave markers show: "Raymond, 1834-1909, Mary, 1842-1910."

Their children were:

VIF-1 Reverend E. Leslie Alford, a Methodist Minister in the Mississippi Conference, married Frances (Fannie) Ball. They are buried at Magnolia. Their grave markers show these dates: "Leslie born May 14, 1869, died August 11, 1923; Frances, born November 7, 1870, died March 22, 1950." Five of their children died young and are buried in Magnolia, Mississippi.

(1) Frances Elise Alford, born February 10, 1905, died November 17, 1905.

(2) Loren Galloway Alford, born August 20, 1907, died November 27, 1908.

(3) Mary Tyler Alford (Twin) born July 23, 1913, died May 14, 1914.

(4) Elizabeth Acker Alford (Twin) born July 23, 1913, died May 13, 1914.

(5) Ruth Tyler Alford, born and died September, 1915.

(6) Alton Alford. (No information about him.)

(7) Camille Alford married _____ Carson. They live at Detroit, Michigan.

VIF-2 Howard S. Alford, son of Mary and Raymond Alford, was born September 29, 1873 and died June 28, 1917. He is buried at Jackson, Mississippi. Howard taught school in Pike County and founded Draught Business College at Jackson. Howard married Florence Schilling, daughter of Dr. H. L. Schilling. She now resides at 801 Poplar Blvd., Jackson, Mississippi. Their children were:

(1) Irene Alford, born February 6, 1910, died March 15, 1910. She is buried at Magnolia, Mississippi.

(2) Elsie Alford married W. L. Dell Fairchild, and they live at Raymond, Mississippi.

(3) Thelma Alford married Louis I. Dailey and they live in Memphis, Tennessee.

(4) Ruth Alford married S. C. Wallace and they live in Jackson, Mississippi at 518 Cooper Road.

(5) Marybelle Alford, born May 4, 1907, married Eugene Furness, on July 7, 1936. Marybelle is a teacher at Raymond, Mississippi. Eugene was born at Leland, Mississippi October 2, 1904 and died August 18, 1939. He is buried at Hollandale, Mississippi. They had two children:

(a) Barbara Jean Furness, born July 5, 1937.

(b) Betty Irene Furness, born January 14, 1939.

(6) Charles Henry Alford married Clovis Kennedy. They live in Memphis, Tennessee.

VIF-3 Hetty Alford, daughter of Mary and Raymond Alford, married Rankin Ellzey. They had four children:

(1) Charlie Ellzey, deceased, lived at Meridian, Mississippi.

(2) Luther Ellzey lives at Memphis, Tennessee.

(3) Henry Ellzey lives at Memphis, Tennessee.

(4) Mamie Ellzey

VIF-4 Beatty Alford, daughter of Mary and Raymond Alford, married Henry Smith. They had three children:

(1) Edna Smith

(2) Dinsmore Smith

(3) Mattie Smith

(Ed. Note: Information about the descendants of Mary and Raymond Alford is very incomplete and further data about them would be appreciated.)

VIG Nancy Eliza McClendon, was born July 10, 1849 and died May 24, 1934. She married Thomas W. Brumfield, born November 12, 1842 and died March 18, 1930. They lived in the Sunny Hill, Louisiana Community and are buried in the Robert's Cemetery, about 10 miles east of Kentwood, Louisiana. They had seven children:

VIG-1 Lucious A. Brumfield, known as "Loo", was born in 1872 and died in 1954. He is buried in the Robert's Cemetery near his parents. Lucious married Elizabeth Blades, who now lives with her daughters in Shreveport, Louisiana. They were the parents of nine children:

(1) Myra Brumfield, born January 22, 1898, died November 12, 1916. She is buried in the Robert's Cemetery.

(2) Lora Lucine Brumfield, born June 23, 1899, married (1) Richard A. Phipps. They had one son:

(a) Richard A. Phipps, Jr., born October 3, 1932, married Lora Jean Boyd, born September 19, 1932. They live at 2216 Henrietta Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Lora Lucine married (2) David A. Gibbs and they live at 2510 King's Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana.

(3) Minnie Brumfield, born January 26, 1901, married on September 14, 1918 Otis Thompson, son of John Thompson of Osyka, Mississippi. Otis was born March 19, 1901. He operates a Dental Laboratory (Thompson Dental Laboratory). Their address is P.O. Box 775, Montgomery, 4, Alabama. They have one son:

(a) Dr. Donald Maurice Thompson, a dentist in Montgomery, Alabama, was born March 1, 1920. He married Rosamond Grant, born October 6, 1919. They have two adopted children:

(i) Bobby Thompson, born April 7, 1942.

(ii) Jean Elizabeth Thompson, born March 29, 1953.

(4) Werlein Brumfield, born May 11, 1902, married on August 7, 1927, Emma Finch, daughter of Thomas F. Finch and Amanda Holden Finch. They live near the old home and have three children:

(a) Evesta Brumfield, born January 22, 1929, is a teacher at Baker, Louisiana.

(b) Jo Ann Brumfield, born October 7, 1931, married Robert Sanches. Jo Ann is a Registered Nurse. They live at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son--Robert, Jr., born July 18, 1953.

(c) James Allen Brumfield, born April 15, 1934, is a medical student at Louisiana State University.

(5) Milford Brumfield married Inez Cutrer. They live on Route 3, Osyka, Mississippi.

(6) Pansy Pearl Brumfield, born October 28, 1907, married Elvin

Peyton Bond, born August 18, 1902. They live at 3504 Lillian Street, Shreveport, Louisiana and have two sons:

(a) Arnold Bond, born August 28, 1926, married Margaret McDowell, born June 25, 1927. Their address is Box 857, Route 4, Shreveport, Louisiana.

(b) John Henry Bond, born September 9, 1927, married Barbara Jean White, born September 28, 1928. They live at 3608 Michigan Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana and have two children:

(i) John Henry Bond, Jr. born July 22, 1951.

(ii) Sylvia Ann Bond, born September 19, 1953.

(7) Delmas Brumfield married Gwynnette Terry. They live on Route 2, Amite, Louisiana.

(8) Cleo Brumfield born March 11, 1912, died June 2, 1917. Buried in the Robert's Cemetery.

(9) Bessie James Brumfield; born August 18, 1915, lives at 3504 Lillian Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

VIG-2 Chauncey Edward (Chance) Brumfield, son of Thomas W. Brumfield and Eliza McClendon Brumfield, was born August 10, 1874, died on June 18, 1944; and is buried at Houston, Texas. Chance was married on January 23, 1903 to Lily Lamkin, daughter of Walter Frederick Lamkin and Elizabeth Humble Thomas Lamkin, Greensburg, Louisiana. Lily now lives at 704-C Street, NW, Ardmore, Oklahoma. Chance and Lily had one son:

(1) Willard Earl Brumfield, born October 14, 1904, married (1) Julia Thelma DeSalle on February 15, 1926, and they had two children:

(a) Elaine Joyce Brumfield, born November 19, 1926, married August 4, 1946, Robert L. Tolbert, who has an insurance and farmer's loan agency at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

(b) Rodney Earl Brumfield, born September 21, 1928, married on March 2, 1948, Frances Haley of Houston, Texas. Rodney is a purchasing agent for Norvell-Wilder Supply Company in Houston, Texas. He and Frances have two children:

(i) Diana Lynne Brumfield, born March 7, 1949.

(ii) Richard Edward Brumfield, born May 7, 1950.

Julia Thelma, Willard's wife, died June 19, 1952 and was buried in Houston, Texas. Willard Earl married (2) on July 19, 1953, Nina Simmons Oliver, a widow. Nina is a mathematics teacher in the Ardmore High School and Willard is a public accountant with Steed and Reed, C.P.A.'s. They reside at 21 Ninth Street, N.W. Ardmore, Oklahoma.

VIG-3 Cadwell L. Brumfield, son of Thomas W. Brumfield and Eliza McClendon Brumfield, was born November 5, 1880. He married on December 4, 1904, Elizabeth Josephine Lamkin of Greensburg, Louisiana, a sister to Chauncey Edward's wife, Lily Lamkin. Cadwell and Elizabeth lived in the Sunny Hill, Louisiana Community until 1918, when they moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where Cadwell died August 21, 1933. He is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Memphis. Elizabeth Josephine now lives in Memphis. They had three children:

(1) Lillian Hortense Brumfield, married Clyde W. Carter of Sunny Hill, Louisiana. They live at 5622 Leighton Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one daughter:

(a) Barbara Carter married Mark W. Levert and they have one son--Mark William Levert.

(2) Josephine Lacine Brumfield, married Lemuel M. Hays. They live at Arcadia, Louisiana and have one son--Thomas Hardy Hays.

(3) Thomas Yates Brumfield, married Evelyn Phillips of Brighton Texas. They live at 200 North Rose Road, Memphis, Tennessee and have two children--Richard and Nancy Lynn.

VIG-4 L. Clifton Brumfield, son of Thomas W. and Eliza McClendon Brumfield, was born December 7, 1882 and died October 27, 1918. He is buried in the Robert's Cemetery and has a Woodmen of the World monument at his grave.

VIG-5 H. Albert Brumfield, son of Thomas W. and Eliza McClendon Brumfield; was born March 30, 1885 at Sunny Hill, Louisiana. On October 1, 1907, he married Elzada Huddleston, daughter of Edward Huddleston of Harrisburg, Arkansas. Albert and Elzada lived in Memphis, Tennessee where Albert died December 25, 1952, and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery. His widow lives at 1894 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. They had no children.

VIG-6 James A. Brumfield was born February 10, 1888 and died March 20, 1909. He is buried in the Robert's Cemetery near his parents.

VIG-7 Bessie Brumfield, daughter of Thomas W. and Eliza McClendon Brumfield, was born July 10, 1890. She married on May 19, 1910, Jesse A. Weakley, born September 23, 1885 in Montgomery County, Tennessee. Jesse was Superintendent of Education for Washington Parish, Louisiana from 1937-1941. He was with East Baton Rouge Parish High (1941-1949), Pineville College (1950-1953) and is now retired. They live at 3725 Fairfields Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have one son:

(1) Walter G. Weakley, born July 13, 1911, married on December 27, 1930, Julia Spring. They live at 3883 W. Bourne, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and have two sons:

(a) George O. Weakley, born January 11, 1934.

(b) Pat L. Weakley, born June 21, 1937.

VIH George Ann (Georgeann) McClendon, born October 18, 1853, died May 6, 1931. She was married on October 11, 1871 to Isaac Preston (Ike) Brumfield, born March 5, 1843 and died October 26, 1921. They lived south of old Simmonsville, below the old Willis Simmons place and north of Silver Springs church, in Pike County, Mississippi. Georgeann and Ike had six children:

VIH-1 Mattie Estell Brumfield, born September 7, 1872, married on December 16, 1891, Charles E. Pigott, who was born June 12, 1866, and died July 14, 1902. At present, Mattie is living with her sons in Tylertown, Mississippi. She and Charles lived in Walthall County, Mississippi during their married life. They had six children:

(1) Elsie Pigott married Fred Smith, and they live at Poplarville, Mississippi.

(2) John Ellis Pigott married Lessie Bailey. They have a mercantile business at Tylertown, Mississippi. They have two children:

(a) Billy Jean Pigott married Charles Walker. They live at Tylertown and have three children.

(b) Ralph Pigott married _____, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They live at Tylertown.

(3) Dewitt Pigott married Mildred Moore. They have a drug store at Tylertown, Mississippi. They have three children:

(a) Betty Jo Pigott married _____

(b) Charles Pigott.

(c) Donald Pigott.

(4) Lewis Pigott married Lou Armstrong. They have a drug store in Magnolia, Mississippi. They have one son--Lewis, Jr. in high school.

(5) Lawrence A. Pigott, born October 31, 1899, died November 5, 1937. He married _____ and they lived at _____

(6) Dixie Pigott married Joe Ford. They live _____

VIH-2 William Preston (Willie) Brumfield, son of Georgeann and Ike, was born April 27, 1874. He married Beulah Pigott.

VIH-3 Fred Lafayette Brumfield born January 1, 1876, married Alice Caldwell.

VIH-4 Minnie Louise Brumfield, born July 26, 1878, married J. Dort Smith.

VIH-5 Dudley Clarence Brumfield, born November 20, 1881, married (1) Frances McCain and they had one son:

(1) Virgil Brumfield, born October 17, 1909, married Myrtle Forbes. They live in New Orleans and have two children--Jacquelyn and Geraldine.

After the death of his first wife, Dudley married Montoria Pittman. They live on the old Ike Brumfield place and have four children:

(2) Laverne Brumfield, born December 15, 1912, married Claud Holcomb. Laverne is a Registered Nurse. They live at Miami, Oklahoma and have two children--Max and Jo Lynn.

(3) D. C. Brumfield, born September 19, 1917, married Ruth Terrell, daughter of Willie Terrell. They live at 913 Avenue E. McComb, Mississippi and have two children--Celia Carrel and Donald (Don).

(4) Georgene Brumfield, born July 16, 1921 is a Registered Nurse and was in the United States Navy in World War II. She married L. A. Cundiff. They live at Harahan, Louisiana and have two children--Montie and Michael.

(5) DeWayne Brumfield, born May 12, 1923, is single. He is employed by an oil company and spends part of his time with his parents.

(Ed. Note: Dudley and Montorio Brumfield have the old Family Bible of Urbane and Mary McClendon and other family records of interest.)

VIH-6 Florence Caturah (Kittie) Brumfield, daughter of Georgeann and Ike Brumfield, was born November 5, 1883. She married Will Patton.

VI-I Benjamin Wesley McClendon, son of Urbane and Mary McClendon, was born February 26, 1856. He went to Texas as a young man and we have no further information about him.



GEORGE WASHINGTON SIMMONS AND WIFE, MARY CAROLINE

VII GEORGE WASHINGTON SIMMONS
Son of Willis Simmons

George Washington Simmons, son of Willis Simmons, was born at Simmonsville, Pike County, Mississippi, on May 1, 1820 and died January 2, 1872. He married Mary Caroline Magee, daughter of Fleet Magee of Marion County (now Walthall County), on December 4, 1845. Mary Caroline was born March 25, 1829 and died January 31, 1918. She is buried in the cemetery at Magnolia, Mississippi. When George Washington died, he was buried in the Willis Simmons Family Cemetery on Willis' old place at Simmonsville, but after Mary Caroline died, his body was disinterred and moved to the Magnolia cemetery to rest beside her. When the disinterment took place, all were amazed to find that the metallic coffin in which he was buried was in perfect condition after 46 years.

George Washington was a member of the Silver Creek Baptist Church in Pike County. The records of the church show that Mary Caroline joined this church by letter in 1847. They remained members of this church until their deaths.

George Washington was a planter, and tradition in the family is that he was a wealthy one in terms of wealth of that day. An interesting fact found in the original census records of Pike County, was that he valued his real estate, assessed at \$1.00 per acre, at \$3000.00 and his personal tax evaluation at \$35,000.00. Mary and George lived just west of his father's old place. The home was burned some years after George died, and it is said that the only thing saved was the portrait of his father, handed down to the eldest son, Dr. Fleet Simmons, and in later years, passed on to William Eli, who was the only living son at the time. William Eli gave the portrait to his daughter, Edna, who had an artist restore it as well as it could be preserved.

Mary Caroline was left with a large plantation to run just after the Civil War. George and William Eli were the oldest sons at home (16 and 14 years of age). Fortunately the older sons had settled close by and were, no doubt, a great help to her in the running of the large estate. Many of the negro families remained on the place after slavery was abolished and descendants of these may be found in that section, bearing the name of "Simmons" at this time. The youngest child, Allie, as she was known, was only 10 months old when her father died. George, Sr. died before his 52nd birthday.

During the Civil War, a Company of "Home Guards" was organized at Osyka, Mississippi, composed of older men and younger boys. Aquilla McElveen was Captain and George Washington, Sr. was First Lieutenant. The Company never was mustered into service, but did guard duty,

The births, death dates and marriage dates of George Washington's children included in this history come from the old Family Bible of William Eli Simmons family, kept over the years by his wife, "Lizzie". The picture included here of George Washington and Mary, was made from a tin-type in possession of the William Simmons family.

George Washington and Mary Caroline had the following children:

VIIA Sarah Elizabeth Simmons, daughter of George Washington, was born November 19, 1846 and died March 21, 1909. She married Seaborn (Sebe)

Dickey, son of George W. Dickey and Emeline _____ Dickey. Seaborn was born in Pike County, Mississippi on April 22, 1842 and died September 27, 1915. They were married on December 12, 1865. (George W. Dickey, father of Sebe, was born in 1812 and his wife, Emeline, in 1814 according to the census data.) Elizabeth and Sebe lived just south of Chatawa, Mississippi on Highway 51, and they are buried in the Dickey Family Cemetery, a few hundred yards from their old place. Their children were:

VIIA-1 G. Eugene Dickey, born September 12, 1867 and died May 5, 1940, married Mary Brabham Brame, a widow with one child--Merle Brame, who married Fleet Williams, son of Jimmy and Ida Simmons Williams of Osyka, Mississippi. (See Ida Simmons family line.) Mary was born December 29, 1877 and died November 19, 1949. Eugene and Mary are buried in the cemetery with his father and mother. They lived in the old Sebe Dickey home. They had three children:

(1) T. C. Dickey married Mary Cutrer. He was born August 14, 1907. They live near Osyka, Mississippi and have two children:

(a) Thomas Eugene Dickey, born February 28, 1934, served three years in the United States Coast Guard. He was discharged October 20, 1954.

(b) Mary Ann Dickey was born October 6, 1943.

(2) Bonnie Bee Dickey married Edwin Simmons, son of McClung Simmons (of the Bala Chitto Simmons line). Bonnie was born August 28, 1909. They live at Osyka, Mississippi and have one child:

(a) Dorothy Simmons married Hughie P. Gray and they have one son--Hughie P. Gray, Jr., born in 1951.

(3) Minnie May Dickey was born December 8, 1910 and died February 19, 1942. She married Curtis Raborn. They had no children. She was killed in an automobile accident.

VIIA-2 Minnie Dickey, daughter of Sebe and Lizzie Dickey, was born August 22, 1872 and died August 10, 1950. She married (1) George P. Birdsong, born October 3, 1860 and died May 3, 1900. George was a Railroad Track Foreman. He is buried in the Sebe Dickey Family cemetery at Chatawa. They had no children. Minnie married (2) Benjamin (Ben) N. Sauls, a widower with children. Ben was in the merchantile business at McComb, Mississippi, where they lived. Ben was born May 22, 1866 and died March 22, 1939. Minnie and Ben are buried in the McComb cemetery. They had one child:

(1) Benjamin (Ben) N. Sauls, Jr. died at birth.

VIIA-3 Carrie Dickey was born June 1, 1875 and died April 16, 1909. She married William (Will) H. Little, born March 11, 1864 and died December 13, 1913. Will was a lumberman and owned and operated a sawmill. They lived at Chatawa, Mississippi. They are buried in the Sebe Dickey Family cemetery. They had six children:

(1) Bessie May Little, born January 28, 1894, died November 30, 1896. She is buried in the Dickey Family cemetery, at Chatawa, Mississippi.

(2) Maude E. Little was born November, 1895 and died May 26, 1896. She is buried in the Dickey family cemetery.

(3) George Little, born April 16, 1897, married Leona Price, a widow with three children. Leona was born January 6, 1893. (Her children by her first husband were: Edwena Price, born August 27, 1911, married L. R. Sanders and they live in Bogue Chitto, Mississippi; Etha Price, born October 10, 1913, married R. C. Cael and they live at Ashland, Ohio; George W. Price, born November 30, 1917, is now in the United States Armed Forces stationed in Japan and his wife and three children are living in Brookhaven, Mississippi.) George and Leona live at Bogue Chitto, Mississippi and have no children of their own, but are enjoying the children and grandchildren mentioned above. George served in the 138th Engineer Corps during World War I.

(4) James Little, born March 1, 1900, married Margaret Wade. They live at Hazlehurst, Mississippi and have two children. James was in World War I in the United States Navy. Their children are:

(a) Dr. James Little, Jr., born February 20, 1927, married _____ Hutchinson. Dr. Little served in the United States Army in World War II. They live at Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

(b) Peggy Ann Little, born August 3, 1930, is a stewardess with the Southern Air Lines with headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(5) Parser Eugene Little, born August 24, 1902, married Edie Seals, who was born in 1905. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have four children:

(a) Evelyn Little, born July 27, 1930, married Robert Pope. They live in Jackson, Mississippi and have one son - Robert, Jr.

(b) Dorothy Little, born January 1, 1933, married Ira C. Frazier. They live in Stillwater, Texas.

(c) Jean Little, born January 26, 1935, is in school at Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi.

(d) Carrie Eugenia Little was born June 25, 1939. She is with her parents in Jackson.

(6) Lucie Little, born April 5, _____, died December, 1909.

VII B Willis Fleet Simmons, son of George Washington Simmons, was born May 6, 1848. Dr. Fleet was a prominent physician, recognized as a leading citizen of Pike County, Mississippi. They lived at Simmonsville, now too far from his grandfather's old home place.

On the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Court House at the county site, Magnolia, the Sincerity Lodge No. 214 F. and the A.M. Tangipahoa Lodge 100F of Magnolia, had a big part in the ceremony, and Dr. Fleet Simmons was in charge of that part of the program put on by the Lodge. This ceremony was held on May 27, 1876.

Dr. Fleet was always active in the Democratic Party. On May 5, 1876, John S. Lamkin, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Pike County, issued a call to the Democrats of the county in general convention on the 3rd of June to take into consideration matters recommended by the State Executive Committee, their first meeting since the Civil War ended. At this convention, the Executive Committee was reorganized and it was composed of W. F. Simmons (Dr. Fleet), F. M. Lea, E. C. Andrews, A. A. Boyd, Ephraim Prescott, and Captain John S. Lamkin, President and Hugh O. Bridges as Secretary. The following delegates were chosen to the State Convention to assemble in Jackson on the 14th of June: Dr. George Nicholson, W. Fleet Simmons, Benjamin Lampton, Ralph Regan, W. C. Barnes, R. H. Felder, W. Lee Patton, James Greener, W. W. Vaught, and Joe Nixon. A resolution was passed at this State Convention urging various political clubs to keep up a thorough organization. Two large clubs were formed in the Silver Creek District--The Tilden Club with C. W. Simmons, President and S. M. Simmons, Vice-President and R. L. Simmons as Secretary; and the Simmons Precinct Democratic Club, which was organized July 29, 1876, with the election of Benjamin Franklin Ellzey as President and Adolphus S. Smith as Secretary.

Dr. Fleet Simmons married Annie Hall, whose mother whose mother was Indiana Hall, a widow who came to Mississippi from Massachusetts with two children--Annie and Mariah. (Indiana Hall met and married John Ellzey, a widower with many children. John and Indiana had two children, namely, Daniel Ellzey, who married Julia Ida Simmons, and Mollie Ellzey, who lived with her step-sister, Annie, most of her life.) Dr. Fleet and Annie Hall were married in 1868. Mariah Hall, Annie's whole sister, married Frank (Black Frank) Fortenberry. Annie and the children of Mariah, who had died, received considerable monies from an estate that was administered in Massachusetts.

Dr. Fleet was killed August 18, 1888. He is buried in the Family Cemetery near his old home at Simmonsville, Mississippi. His wife is beside him.

Dr. Fleet was a member of the House of Representatives from Pike County in 1882-83 and served on three committees--Public Health and Quarantine, Proposition and Grievances, and Universities.

Dr. Fleet and Annie had the following children:

VIIB-1 Edgar Joseph Simmons, born in 1871 and died in 1944. He married Abba Simmons, daughter of Robert L. Simmons (of the Bala Chitto Simmons Line). Edgar was a prominent lawyer and served as Judge of Circuit Court for many years. He was recognized as a brilliant, though stern Judge. Edgar and Abba lived in Magnolia, Mississippi, where Abba still lives. They had three children: (This family is written up in the Narcissa Simmons Fortenberry Line but will be carried briefly here)

- (1) Madge Simmons married R. B. (Breezy) Reeves and their children are--R. B. Jr., and Robert (Bobbie).
- (2) Annie Hall Simmons lives with her mother in Magnolia and is teaching school in Fernwood, Mississippi.
- (3) Edgar Joseph, Jr. (E. J.) was born in 1906 and died in 1949

VIIB-2 George Oliver Simmons was born in 1872 and died in 1948 according to the dates on his grave marker. He married Carrie Lee Alford, daughter of Dock Alford. She was born in 1878 and died in 1919. George Oliver was known as "Ollie". After his father died, he and his Uncle William Eli (Willie) became co-owners and partners of the Simmonsville Store and Post Office. They operated this business for many years. After Carrie's death, Ollie went to Arkansas with his brother, Walter, and his brother-in-law, Lush Brock, where they owned and operated large rice farms at Titchnor, Arkansas for some years. Bad rice markets brought him back to Simmonsville; where he bought a store from his brother-in-law, Howard Alford, at what had become the Progress Community in Pike County. He was in this business when he died. He and Uncle "Willie" were devoted to each other throughout the years and he was with Uncle "Willie" when he became ill, just before he died. Ollie and Carrie are buried in the Family Cemetery at Simmonsville. They had the following children:

(1) Clifton Simmons married Eula Price of Bala Chitto Community. They live at Progress, in Pike County, Mississippi. Their children are:

(a) C. Norman Simmons married Eleanor Simmons, daughter of Kenneth Simmons and they have three children--Gayle, Rome, and Eileen.

(b) Rex Simmons married Mildred Green (Hopkins). (Mildred

was an adopted child and went by the name of Hopkins.)
Rex and Mildred have two children--Rex, Jr. and Donna Kay.

(2) Gladys Simmons married Bill Schaffer. They have one daughter--Willene.

(3) Katherine Simmons married Kib Johnson and they have one son--Kim.

(4) Reggie Simmons married Mattie Lou Moore. They have two children--Oliver and Deborah.

(5) Pansy Simmons married Fred Botcher. They have no children.

(6) Ollie Dale Simmons was born January 30, 1905 and died January 18, 1906, according to the marker at her grave. She is buried in the Family Cemetery at Simmonsville.

VIIB-3 Robert Lee Simmons, known as "Bob", married Lillie Alford, daughter of Dock Alford and sister of Ollie's wife, Carrie. Bob and Lillie lived at Simmonsville. He died _____. Lilli has married again to John Ellzey and lives in the Progress Community. She taught school for many years. She and Bob had two sons:

(1) Joe Simmons married Norma Lasig and they have two sons--James Edward (Jim), and Larry.

(2) Clyde Simmons married Opal McMullen. They live on his father's old place at Simmonsville and have three children--Rosemary, June, and Robert (Bobby).

VIIB-4 Mamye (Mamie) Simmons, daughter of Dr. Fleet Simmons, married G. Howard Alford. Howard was connected with the Progressive Farmer Magazine for many years, stationed in Texas. They moved back to Simmonsville and he was the leader in the formation of the Progress Community in Pike County. He opened a store there and later secured a Post Office. He later sold this business to his brother-in-law, Ollie Simmons. Mamie died _____ and is buried in the Progress Cemetery. Howard still lives at Progress. Their children were:

(1) Ruth Alford is now teaching in the Houston, Texas Public Schools. She has never married.

(2) Mildred Alford married (1) Thad Ellzey, deceased, and they had one child that died at birth. Mildred married (2) Walter Stiers. They had no children. Mildred was County Superin-

tendent of Education of Pike County, Mississippi for one term.

(3) Percy Alford married Murrel Ellen Dodd. They had three children--Keith, Martha, and Gary.

(4) George Alford married Kay Prisock, and they have one child--Randy.

VIIIB-5 Ida Iola Simmons married Lusher V. Brock (Lush), who was born January 27, 1879 and died February 17, 1942. He is buried in the Magnolia, Mississippi cemetery. Ida and Lush were in the rice farming business at Titchnor, Arkansas for many years. Ida now lives with her daughter, Annice, in Memphis, Tennessee. Ida and Lush had three children:

(1) Lusher V. Brock, Jr. was born December 7, 1919 and died April 22, 1930. He is buried in the Magnolia cemetery.

(2) Era Brock married Ted Jones. They live at 784 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

(3) Annice Brock married (1) _____ . She married (2) O. J. Davis, and they live at 1911 Benning Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

VIIIB-6 Walter Fleet Simmons, son of Dr. Fleet Simmons, was born May 29, 1886. He married Caro Miller, born in Savannah, Georgia, November 10, 1890. They were in the rice business in Arkansas for many years, but bad rice markets brought them back to Mississippi and they are living at Simmonsville (now Progress) in the old John Leggett home, not far from the old home place of the original Willis Simmons. Their children were:

(1) Walter Fleet Simmons, Jr. married Ann Miller (no relation to his mother's family). He was in the United States Army in World War II and was active in the South Pacific Zone of warfare. Walter and Ann live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

(2) Ann Miller Simmons was killed in a car accident in 1946. She was single and working in Savannah, Georgia for the Army at Hunter Field at the time of her death. Ann was a very attractive and beautiful young lady.

(3) Margaret Owens Simmons is working in Savannah, Georgia.

(4) George Hall Simmons (Buddy), is single and is at home with his parents.

VIIB-7 Willis Roy Simmons, son of Dr. Fleet Simmons, married Losia Alford, daughter of Julius Alford. Roy was born November 6, 1888 and died March 21, 1935. He is buried at Simmonsville, where they lived in his father's old home. After Roy's death, Losia married Glen Fortenberry (Note Jackson Simmons Line). Roy and Losia had the following children:

- (1) LaVerne Simmons, born July 5, 1916, married Ansel Estess. Ansel is the Farm Demonstration Agent in Walthall County, Mississippi. They have two children--Roy and Teddy.
- (2) Annie Helen Simmons was born October 10, 1917 and died March 24, 1918.
- (3) Floy Simmons, born October 19, 1919, married Bonnie Schilli. They live in her father's and grandfather's old home at Simmonsville. They have two children--Prentiss and Sharon Irene.

VIIC Rebecca V. Simmons, daughter of George Washington Simmons, was born January 17, 1850 and lived only three months. She died April 19, 1850.

VIID Jacob Theodore Simmons, son of George Washington Simmons, was born July 3, 1851 according to the Family Bible records. The date of 1852 birth is on his grave marker, but this is in error. He died February 22, 1909. He married Nannie Quin of Holmesville, Mississippi on December 8, 1876. He was a physician in the Simmonsville Community. Dr. Theodore and Nannie lived for many years just north of the old Willis Simmons place (his grandfather) at Simmonsville. In later years, he and Nannie were separated, but never divorced. Dr. Theodore continued to live at Simmonsville until he died. He is buried in the Cemetery at Simmonsville. Nannie lived in Columbia, Mississippi with her son, Yancy, until her death. She died about 1952. Dr. Theodore and Nannie had three children:

VIID-1 Yancy Simmons did not marry until late in life, but made a home for his mother in Columbia, Mississippi. He worked and owned stock in the Rankin Stores in Columbia. Several years before his mother's death, he married Lucile Varnado Simmons, the widow of William Edwin Simmons (See Black Bill Simmons Line). Yancy and Lucile had no children. Yancy died in about 1950.

VIID-2 Wallace Simmons married _____ and lived in Alabama until his death. He was killed in a boiler explosion in 1929. He had four children:

- (1) Katie
 - (2) Eileen
 - (3) Evan
 - (4) J. T. (Jacob Theodore)
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VIID-3 Vickey Simmons married _____ Black. They lived in Kansas City. She has died. They had no children.

VIIE Julia Jane Simmons, daughter of George Washington Simmons, was born September 3; 1853 and died November 25, 1916. She married Adolphus Scott Smith, eldest son of Wyatt Smith and Sibby Fortenberry Smith. Dr. Smith was born June 22, 1848 and died October 18; 1921. Julia Jane and Dr. Smith are buried in the cemetery at Magnolia, Mississippi, where they lived at the time of their deaths. Julia Jane and Adolphus were married in September, 1871 while he was a student at the first Dental College in New Orleans, now Tulane University. After their marriage, they lived for a time at Smithburg, a community in Pike County, not too far from where the original Willis Simmons lived. Three of their children were born there. While living at Smithburg, Dr. Smith was active in the reorganization of the Democratic Party in Mississippi, after the Civil War, having been elected to serve as Secretary of the Simmons Precinct Democratic Club in the Silver Creek District of Pike County on July 29, 1876. In about 1882, Dr. Smith and Julia moved to Magnolia. He was co-owner with William Eli Simmons, his brother-in-law, in a store there for a year or so, then gave full time to his dental practice, which he continued until his death.

Julia Jane and Dr. Smith had six children:

VIIE-1 Linnie (Linnie) Blanche Smith, born October 11, 1872, died November 23, 1945. She married Judge Joseph (Joe) McMillan Gardenhire of Carthage and Nashville, Tennessee. Linnie was a talented musician and taught music and voice until she married. Judge Gardenhire was Judge of the Circuit Court of Smith County, Tennessee and later became Attorney General of the State of Tennessee. He was a law partner of Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., during the Roosevelt Administration. When he became Attorney General, they moved to Nashville to live and were living there when he died in 1950. They are both buried in Carthage, Tennessee. They

had no children. In Carthage they lived in the Ex-Governor McMillan Home, which he owned. Lynnne was a graduate of Hillman College, Clinton, Mississippi.

VIII-2 Dixie Irene Smith, born July 26, 1878, married Hugh Alger-non Brown, who died June 15, 1947. Hugh is buried in Hope Mansoleum in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a pharmacist and druggist in New Orleans. Dixie graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, Missis-sippi and has a Master's Degree from Tulane University. She served as Principal of a grammar school in Jackson, Mississippi and Princi-pal of a grammar school at Gretna, Louisiana for some years. Dixie lives at 2820 Calhoun Street, New Orleans. She and Hugh had one daughter:

- (1) Julia Francesco Brown, born June 11, 1911.
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VIII-3 Mary C. (Pet) Smith, born October 17, 1884 at Smithburg, married Oscar William von Ludwig, of Evansville, Indiana, traveling salesman and manager of the University Club, Jackson, Mississippi. Oscar graduated from the University of Michigan. Pet and Oscar will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in September, 1955. They live at 1722 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. They have one daughter:

- (1) Julia Elizabeth von Ludwig married Lieutenant Commander Frank Paul Benson of the United States Navy, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He is on the Admiral's Staff at Kodiak, Alaska. They have two children:

- (a) Mary Elizabeth
 - (b) Michael William
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VIII-4 Emile Ottho Smith, born in Magnolia, Mississippi June 26, 1886, married (1) Mamie McDonald and there was one son. Ottho worked for the Illinois Central Railroad until he recently retired. He is a graduate of Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. After Mamie's death, Ottho married (2) Florence Young, niece of Supreme Court Judge Harvey McGehee of Mississippi. They have three daughters:

- (1) Stanley Smith, child by first wife, is in the United States Navy.
- (2) _____, small daughter.

- (3) _____, small daughter.
(4) _____, small daughter.
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VIII-5 Adolphus Oliver Smith, born in Magnolia on June 11, 1888, married Grace Graham of Peoria, Illinois. He served in World War I in France. Grace died in 1947 and Adolphus is now retired and living at 2007 North Jefferson Street, Peoria, Illinois. He owns a marble business in Peoria. He and Grace had nine children:

- (1) Robert Smith served in World War II. He is married and lives in Los Angeles, California.
 - (2) Betty Smith married John Gerehan and they live in Peoria, Illinois.
 - (3) Adolphus Ottho Smith, Jr. is in the United States Navy, stationed at this time in Japan.
 - (4) John Smith lives in Memphis, Tennessee.
 - (5) Elmer is in college.
 - (6) Mary Smith is in college.
 - (7) William is in high school in Peoria, Illinois.
 - (8) Kay Smith is in high school in Peoria.
 - (9) Dorothy Smith is married and they have a jewelry store in Peoria, Illinois.
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VIII-6 Lucia Jane Smith was born in Magnolia on May 22, 1898. She married Jere Gardenhire, a brother to Judge Joseph M. Gardenhire. Jere was the Publisher and Editor of the Carthage, Tennessee Newspaper for some years. He is now Postmaster at Carthage. They live on the edge of Carthage on the Turnpike. Their home is on the side of the mountains, overlooking the Cumberland River and the Cordell Hull Bridge. They have no children. (What a shame because the sense of humor of that red-headed Lucia is wonderful.)

VIII-7 Elias George Washington Simmons, son of George Washington Simmons,

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was born February 21, 1856 and died December 27, 1932. He married Willie Ailes, who was born April 1, 1885 and died December 28, 1928. The Ailes family lived in Kentwood at the time of Willie's marriage to George on November 15, 1876. (The world could use more Willie Ailes Simmons. She enjoyed playing jokes on her husband and afforded her family and friends much fun throughout her lifetime.) George and Willie lived at Simmonsvil not far from the original Willis Simmons old home place and just across the road from his father's place. All of their children were born and grew up there. Willie and George later moved to Magnolia, Mississippi where George was Manager of the Pike County Farm until his death. They are buried in the cemetery at Magnolia, Mississippi. They had nine children:

VIIF-1 Mary Blanche Simmons was married on April 2, 1899, to John Richard Simmons, son of R. L. Simmons (Bala Chitto Simmons Line). They have lived for many years in Gretna, Louisiana, where Richard is a retired railroad worker. (This family is written up in the Narcissa Simmons Fortenberry Line.) Blanche and Richard have five children:

(1) Wilma Inez Simmons was married June 4, 1924, to Reverend Koy Peterson. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Culpepper, Virginia and Wilma is actively assisting him. They have three children--Gordon, Byron Dement, and Jean.

(2) Mary Simmons married Orville Childress. They live in New Orleans.

(3) Frances Simmons married Wiley Lyons. He is manager of Werleins at Jackson, Mississippi.

(4) Margaret Fay Simmons married (1) Clifford R. Bettinger, who died November 19, 1947. She married (2) James Gardner and they live at Gretna, Louisiana.

(5) Elaine Simmons is employed at Gretna and lives with her parents.

VIIF-2 Bertha Florence (Bert) Simmons married John Goffe Leggett, son of John G. Leggett. John was born in 1876 and died in 1936. He is buried in McComb, Mississippi. Bert lives in McComb now. She and John had three sons:

(1) Julian Wright Leggett, born October 1, 1899, married Gaynell Bradley. Julian died April 4, 1954 and is buried at McComb. Gaynell is now in McComb. They had one son:

(a) Julian Bradley Leggett married Alecia Smith. They live in Shreveport, Louisiana and have one son--Julian Bradley, Jr.

(2) George Alton Leggett has been with the Railway Express Company in McComb for many years. He married Merlee Eidson and they have two girls--Anna Merle and Carolyn.

(3) John Goffe Leggett is an attorney. He married Grace Lee and they live in Washington, D.C. They have two sons:

(a) John Goffe Leggett, Jr., the fourth to bear this name in the family.

(b) Lee Simmons Leggett, born August 6, 1947.

VIIF-3 Cullen Adrian Simmons was born in 1883 and died in 1945; according to the marker at his grave. He is buried in Magnolia, Mississippi. Cullen was Marshall of Magnolia and Deputy Sheriff of Pike County, Mississippi for many years. He married (1) Irene Ellzey, daughter of _____ Ellzey of Smithburg, in Pike County. Irene was born July 14, 1890 and died January 25, 1919. She is buried in Magnolia. After Irene's death, Cullen married (2) Laura Roberts, and at her death, he married (3) Benita Purser. Cullen and his first wife, Irene, had six children: (There were no children by other marriages.)

(1) Cullen Adrian Simmons is a civil engineer with the Mississippi Highway Department, stationed at McComb, Mississippi. He married Carrie Mae Chapman, who operates Miss Katy's Beauty Parlor at McComb. Adrian and Carrie Mae have two daughters:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Simmons, born September 16, 1947.

(b) Adrienne Chaille Simmons, born September 8, 1949.

(2) Christine Simmons married Dr. Julian Knipp. He is doing research in chemistry at this time at the University at Ames, Iowa. They have three children:

(a) Julia Simmons Knipp

(b) Pauline (Polly) Knipp, a twin.

(c) Lynelle (Nelly) Knipp, a twin.

(3) Evelyn Simmons married Victor Estess. She is employed at the Magnolia Bank, Magnolia, Mississippi, and Victor operates a barber shop in Magnolia.

(4) Lynelle Simmons married Bailey O. Fridge. She is with Dunn's Florist at Magnolia, and Bailey is with the Mississippi Highway Department. Lynelle and Bailey have three children--Irene Elizabeth, Jeannie Lynelle, and Bailey O. Jr.

(5) George Everett Simmons married Juanita Hutson. They live in New Orleans, where he is an electrical engineer with the Illinois Central Railroad. They have one son--George Everett Simmons, Jr.

(6) Purser Ellzey Simmons married Catherine Iona Looney of Port Gibson, Mississippi. Ellzey is an electrical engineer with the International Paper Company at Natchez, Mississippi where they live. They have two children:

(a) Catherine Maru Simmons, born January 24, 1948.

(b) Purser Ellzey Simmons, Jr., born November 2, 1952.

VIIF-4 Emmett F. Simmons was born January 12, 1885 and died January 15, 1905, according to the marker at his grave. He was single and was accidentally killed while removing a loaded gun from a wagon after a hunting trip. He is buried in the Dr. Fleet Simmons Family Cemetery, at Simmonsville.

VIIF-5 Eulalie (Eula Lee), affectionately known as "Pet", has never married. She was a twin. She runs a business school at Monroe, Louisiana.

VIIF-6 Natalie Simmons, twin of Pet, died at about six months of age. One member of the family said this twin's name was Euna Terese while another member said the name was Natalie. She is buried near the old home place at Simmonsville in the same cemetery with the original Willis Simmons.

VIIF-7 Lucile Simmons married Zeb F. Reeves, Sr. of McComb, Mississippi. Zeb owns and operates the Mullins-Reeves Furniture Company in McComb, where they live. Zeb and Lucile have one son:

(1) Zeb F. Reeves, Jr. is associated with his father in the Furniture Company at McComb, Mississippi. He married Hazel Sanders and they have two children:

(a) Sandra Kay Reeves, born December 22, 1939.

(b) Zeb Felder Reeves, born November 14, 1946.

VIIIF-8 Thad A. Simmons married (1) Lillian Middleton of Magnolia, Mississippi, daughter of J. Q. Middleton. They lived in Magnolia and McComb. They had five children:

(1) Thad A. Simmons, Jr. is manager of the McComb Lumber and Coal Company in McComb, Mississippi. He married Dorothy Butler, daughter of Burt Butler. They have two children:

(a) Dorothy Gaye Simmons, born February 7, 1947.

(b) Thad A. Simmons III, born August 6, 1950.

(2) Maxine Simmons married Harold W. Godbold. Maxine is with Monfourt's Florist at McComb and Harold is with Williams Wholesale Grocery Company there. They have two children:

(a) Lynn Middleton Godbold, born October 10, 1947.

(b) Elizabeth Pepper Godbold, born March 29, 1952.

(3) Ardis Clotile Simmons married Bernard K. Blailock. He is with the Bickham Motor Company in McComb. Ardis and Bernard have four sons:

(a) Stephen Bernard Blailock, born July 9, 1944.

(b) Thomas Thad Blailock, born January 1, 1950.

(c) Joseph Simmons Blailock, born August 20, 1952.

(d) Bernard Kraft Blailock, born May 7, 1954.

(4) Shirley Simmons married Charles Wadsworth of McComb. They live in Biloxi, Mississippi.

(5) Lillian Simmons married Robert I. Cole. They are at Kennet Missouri and have one daughter:

(a) Paula Cole, born April 26, 1954.

Lillian lives in McComb, Mississippi. Thad married (2) Gladys Watkins. They live at Bogalusa, Louisiana.

VIIIF-9 Boyd Simmons is General Chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks over the entire Illinois Central System, with headquarters in Chicago. He married Mae Harrell and they live in McComb Mississippi. They have one daughter:

(1) Marianne Simmons is in her senior year at St. Mary's of

the Pines School at Chatawa, Mississippi at the time of this writing.

VIIG William Eli Simmons, known as "Willie" and as "W. E. Simmons, Sr.", son of George Washington Simmons, was born November 24, 1858 and died October 17, 1945. He married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Covington, daughter of John Martin Covington and Mary Jane Washburn Covington. Lizzie was born March 16, 1862 and died June 22, 1939. William Eli and Elizabeth were married on April 7, 1881 at the Shirk Home in Osyka, Mississippi, by the Reverend Shirk (Lizzie's uncle by marriage). William Eli and Lizzie are both buried in the cemetery at Tylertown, Mississippi. After their marriage, they lived with William Eli's mother during the first year of their marriage, then William Eli and his brother-in-law, Adolphus Smith opened a store in Magnolia, Mississippi. The eldest child, Farrar, was born in Magnolia. They lived in Magnolia only a short time when they moved back to Simmonsville and bought what is now known as the "Dock Alford" place. Eugene and Eunice were born there. They sold this place (deed recorded in Magnolia) to Dock Alford and built a home about one half mile away on a part of his father's estate. They lived with his mother a few months again, while the house was being built. After a few months, however, they moved into the new house, where the rest of the children were born and where they were to spend the rest of their lives. His mother's home burned a few years later, and his mother then lived the rest of her life with her children, making her "headquarters" with William Eli and Lizzie.

William Eli and his nephew, George Oliver (Ollie), son of Dr. Fleet Simmons, bought the Dr. Fleet Simmons Store and Post Office and operated what was known as the Simmonsville Store and Post Office for many years. The mail was delivered to the inhabitants of the surrounding countryside from the Post Office until the Rural Route Service was initiated by the United States Government. William's sons would go each day to Magnolia and bring the mail by cart and horse to Simmonsville, a distance of about twelve miles. When the Rural Route Service came in and William Eli's sons grew up, he sold his interest in the store to Ollie, and the Post Office was closed. William Eli and his nephew, Robert (Bob) Simmons, brother of Ollie, owned and operated a cotton gin, saw mill, and grist mill at the same time he was in the store business. This cotton gin, et al, was located between William Eli's home and the Simmonsville Store on what was and is known as "Gin Creek". These businesses burned one night when William Eli had gone to spend the weekend, as he usually did, with his family in Magnolia, where he had bought a house and moved his family temporarily to allow his younger children to finish high school. After all the children had finished high school, except the youngest, the home in Magnolia was sold and the family remained all the time at the Simmonsville home.

William Eli met Elizabeth (Lizzie) when she was invited to visit her sister, Mattie, who had married Jimmy Tate and lived just above Simmonsville.

Some of the earliest memories of William Eli's children were the happy times at Christmas when William and Lizzie returned from New Orleans, ("the city") where they went to buy for the store and to do their family Christmas shopping. They would go by buggy and horse to Osyka and take the train to New Orleans. Their favorite eating places in New Orleans were Kolb's Restaurant and old Faubacker's Restaurant. They always stopped at the Pennsylvania Hotel, which was one of the principal hotels in that day.

William's home and land was sold when his estate was settled after his death. Many of the old negroes who lived on his place bear the name of Simmons, dating back to slavery time.

William Eli and Lizzie had the following children:

VIIG-1 Sidney Farrar Simmons, born February 23, 1882, married (1) Lucy Crawford, daughter of Howell Crawford, of Tylertown, Mississippi. Just after their marriage, Farrar, trained in Business Education, lived in Jackson, Mississippi, where he was Bookkeeper for Morrison Coal Company. He and Lucy moved from Jackson to Leaksville, Mississippi where they owned and operated a merchantile business for a few years. They moved from this to Slidell, Louisiana where he managed the Salmen Stores. From this they went to Bogalusa, Louisiana where they owned and operated the Washington Parish Grocery and Grai Company, until he retired and moved to Tylertown, Mississippi, where he has large farming interests. Lucy died November 14, 1949. After Lucy's death, Farrar married a widow with one son, Birdie Lee Lovett. Farrar and Lucy had two children:

(1) Nadyne Simmons married Dr. C. R. Mullins, known in the family as "Frock". Nadyne graduated from Judson College in Alabama in Home Economics. Dr. Mullins is a practicing physician and surgeon in Concord, New Hampshire, where they live. They have three sons--C. Ross, Jr., in college at this time, Gary, and Jimmy.

(2) Sidney Farrar Simmons, Jr. married Olive Brock, of Bogalusa, Louisiana. He operates a Furniture Store in Columbia, Mississippi. Sidney graduated from Mississippi College. They have one child--Susan.

VIIG-2 William Eugene Simmons, son of William Eli Simmons, was born October 10, 1883. He married Ethel Simmons, daughter of Lee Simmon. (of the Bala Chitto Simmons Line). Eugene, at one time, operated the Enoch Farms near Jackson, Mississippi. He later moved to the old place at Simmonsville and operated his father's farm for a while. After that, he and Ethel moved to Tylertown, Mississippi, where he owns and operates the Walthall Grocery and Grain Company. Their children are:

(1) Mabel Simmons married (1) T. D. (Bob) Lampton, son of Dudley Lampton, one of the Lampton Brothers of Pike, Walthall, and Marion Counties. Bob was a stockholder in the Lampton Brothers Corporation and managed one of the main Lampton Brothers' Stores in Tylertown, where he contracted typhus fever and died. Mabel graduated from Mississippi State College for Women and taught Home Economics until she married. She and Bob had two sons:

(a) T. D. (Bob) Lampton, Jr. graduates from high school in Tylertown this spring (1955).

(b) William (Bill) Lampton is in school.

After the death of Bob Lampton, Mabel married a widower with two children, Dr. J. J. Pittman, who is a physician and surgeon and owns and operates the Tylertown Hospital in Tylertown, Mississippi. Dr. "Pitt", as he is affectionately known, has a son and a daughter. The daughter is married and lives in Jackson, Mississippi, and the son, Jimmy, is in Mississippi College and plans to become a physician.

(2) William Lloyd Simmons married (1) Ruth Nettles and he married (2) Margaret Conner Collins, a widow of Columbia, Mississippi. Lloyd graduated from Mississippi College and is associated with his father in business, and also has a wood-pulp business of his own. They live in Tylertown. He and Margaret have two sons:

(a) William Lloyd Simmons, Jr. is in high school in Tylertown.

(b) Eugene (Gene).

(3) Mildred Simmons married Richard Willoughby, of Walthall County. Mildred graduated from Mississippi Southern College, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Richard runs a meat market in his father-in-law's store. They live in Tylertown and have three children--Zan, Jill, and Richard, Jr.

(4) Norma Lee Simmons married (1) Eugene Hall, of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They had one child--Judy. Norma Lee graduated from Mississippi Southern College. She married (2) H. J. Sims, a widower from Columbia, Mississippi. Norma Lee has been teaching in the Tylertown Schools for some years. She and H. J. live in Columbia where he is associated with his brother in the Furniture business.

VIIG-3 Eunice Eloise Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons, was

born December 17, 1884. She was a talented musician before her marriage. She taught music in Vian, Oklahoma for several years and then was a teacher in the Magnolia High School when she married James Monroe Alford, a widower with one son, James Monroe Alford, Jr. James, Jr. has a Master's Degree from Ohio State University and is an electrical engineer with Southern Bell Telephone Company. J. M. as he is known, taught school for many years and is a lawyer in Tylertown, Mississippi at this time. He has been active in politics having served as County Attorney and is at present serving a term as a member of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Legislature. Eunice and J. M. have one daughter:

(1) Fay Elizabeth Alford graduated from Mississippi State College for Women in Secretarial Science. She worked for a time for the Standard Oil Company at Jackson, Mississippi. She taught for a year in the Walthall County Schools. She married John Thomas Reagan, of Tylertown, who is a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy, now stationed on recruiting duty at Monroe, Louisiana. They have one son-- Thomas Eugene (Gene).

VIIG-4 Charlie Leonard Simmons, son of William Eli Simmons, was born November 16, 1886 and died January 19, 1955, and is buried in the old cemetery in Columbia, Mississippi, where he lived. He married Rosa Simmons, daughter of Sandy Simmons. (See Black Bill Simmons Line.) Charlie graduated from Soule Business College in New Orleans. He was connected with the Russell Brothers Wholesale Grocery and Grain Company in Brookhaven, Mississippi, Covington, Louisiana, and Columbia, Mississippi, where he was manager of the Russell Brothers Store when he retired several years ago. Charlie and Rosa had the following children:

(1) Stanley Simmons; born September 18, 1912, married Anna Soelter, of Chicago, Illinois, while he was serving in the United States Navy for a term. They live in Jackson, Mississippi where he works for the Irby Construction Company. They have two sons:

(a) Charlie L. Simmons, Jr. who graduates from high school this spring (1955).

(b) Robert S. Simmons, who is in high school.

(2) Wallace L. Simmons, born September 4, 1914, married Dorothea Russell of Covington, Louisiana. He is in the United States Marines and fought throughout World War II in the South Pacific. He fought also in the Korean Conflict and now is back at sea after three years recruiting duty in New Orleans. Dorothy is living in Covington, Louisiana near her parents while he is away. Wallace and Dorothy have four children-- Dorothea Jane, Anita Louise, Russell L. and Wallace L., Jr.

(3) Charles (Red) Simmons was born March 21, 1917. He married Mary Jones of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Red graduated from Southeastern College in Hammond, Louisiana. He works for the Hattiesburg Grocery Company (a branch of Russell Brothers). They live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They have no children.

(4) Edward Simmons, born November 23, 1920, married Patricia Serveny. He graduated in electrical engineering from Mississippi State College, and now works for the Minnesota Power and Light Company in Duluth, Minnesota. Edward was in battle in the South Pacific in the United States Navy during World War II. He and Pat live in Duluth, Minnesota and have two children--Franklin Dale and Rebecca Rae.

(5) Irene Simmons, born January 8, 1923, is single and is teaching music at Ferry Hall Private School for Girls at Lake Forest, Illinois, just out of Chicago. She graduated in music from Mississippi State College for Women and has a Masters degree in music from Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois.

VIIG-5 Alice Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons, was born August 9, 1888 and died February 11, 1895 of spinal meningitis. She is buried at Simmonsville in the Dr. Fleet Simmons Family Cemetery.

VIIG-6 Nellie Mae Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons, was born November 28, 1891. She married Ferman E. Fortenberry, son of W. J. (Jack) Fortenberry and Canola Simmons Fortenberry (See Jackson Simmons Line). Mae and Ferman lived near his father's old home place in the Silver Springs Community in Pike County, Mississippi until after the death of Ferman's parents. All of the children were born there. Then they moved to Clarkston, Georgia, near Atlanta. Ferman was a builder and contractor. He and his sons owned and operated the F. E. Fortenberry and Sons' Building and Contracting Company in Clarkston. Ferman died June 9, 1952. Mae still lives at Clarkston. Her family of sons all live there near her and they are a very closely knitted, devoted group. Mae and Ferman had six sons:

(1) Victor Everett, born February 11, 1915, married Jane Howard Carruth, daughter of Charles and Eleanor Ross Carruth, of Canton, Mississippi. Everett was in Government Soil Conservation work until he recently joined his brothers in business in Clarkston, Georgia. He graduated from Mississippi State College. Everett and Jane have four children--Eleanor, Victor Everett, Jr., Liza Jane, and Charles Augustus. (Everett is the bookkeeper for the Company.)

(2) Ferman Elmo Fortenberry, born December 5, 1916, married Claudia Martha Brumfield, daughter of John and Ada Fortenberry Brumfield, of Silver Springs Community in Pike County, Miss. Elmo has received several awards for his outstanding work in the building business, having supervised the work of outstanding projects in the Atlanta region. Elmo and Claudia have three children--Patricia Lou (Pat), Ferman Elmo, Jr., and Martha Jo. Pat finishes high school in 1955.

(3) Adrian Woodrow Fortenberry, born December 7, 1918, married Wanda Werbecki, daughter of Raymond and Pauline Werbecki, of Brooklyn, New York. Adrian was in the United States Navy when they married. He was on the U. S. S. Oklahoma when it was bombed in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and was badly burned. After a long hospital experience, he recovered from his burns completely. They live in Clarkston and Adrian is in business with the other brothers. Wanda and Adrian have five children--Raymond Clyde, Regina Adriene, Terrica Ann, Linda Pauline, and Barbara.

(4) William Jackson (Jack) Fortenberry, born December 7, 1920, married Carolyn Rebecca Whitaker, daughter of David and Elah Whitaker, of Tucker, Georgia. Jack was in the SeaBees during World War II, having been kept out of regular service due to a lost finger. Jack is in business with the other brothers at Clarkston. Carolyn and Jack have five children--William Jackson (Bill) Jr., Carolyn Rebecka (Becky), Benjamin Thomas (Ben), Barry Lane and Bab (daughter).

(5) Donald Curtis Fortenberry, born December 7, 1924, married Iris Washington, daughter of Luther and Ruby Moore Washington, of Jackson, Georgia. Iris is a direct descendant of George Washington, First President of the United States. Her father is now President of the Organization of Washington Descendants. Don is the electrician in the Fortenberry Brothers' businesses. He and Iris have two children--Gloria and Donna.

(6) Homer Clyde Fortenberry, born December 16, 1926, married Joyce Ellen Martin, daughter of Lafayette and Marjorie Cain Martin of Clarkston, Georgia. Clyde is in the businesses with his brothers and runs the sales end of the businesses which include the building materials and a grocery store. Clyde and Joyce have two children--Robert Clyde (Bobby), and Dale.

VIIG-7 James Lewis Simmons, son of William Eli Simmons, was born August 18, 1893. He married Rose Sauls of North Carolina. Lewis spent twenty years in the United States Navy, and was a Chief Petty Officer when he retired. He was called back on recruiting duty during World War II and died of a heart attack in his office in 1943

Lewis and Rose had no children. They were living in Birmingham, Alabama at the time of his death. Lewis is buried in the Tylertown Cemetery.

VIIG-8 Bessie Belle Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons, was born May 7, 1895. She married Ernest Scott, of Tylertown, a pharmacist. He and his brother, Homer, owned and operated the Tylertown Drug Store until his retirement a few years ago. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi. Bessie taught school until her marriage. Ernest had one child by a previous marriage--Velma, who married Reverend James Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. Velma is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and she and James have three children--Mary Beth, Martha Lynn, and David. Bessie and Ernest have two children:

(1) Edith Scott graduated from Mississippi Southern College, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She married James (Jimmy) Wells and he is working in Decatur, Alabama at this time. They have one child--Chad.

(2) Betty Lou Scott graduated from Mississippi College. She married Marius Fuselier, an honor graduate of Annapolis. His family lives in Jennings, Louisiana. Marius is employed by General Electric and they live in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. They have two children--Christopher (Kit), and Ricky.

VIIG-9 Edna Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons, and co-author of this Family History, was born March 25, 1897. She married Doak Sheridan Campbell, a widower with two children--Doak Sheridan, Jr. and Carolyn. Edna taught school for many years before her marriage--as a teacher, principal, and supervisor in the Mississippi Public Schools, then as a member of the faculty of Martha Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C., where she was when she married. Edna was Vice-President and President of the Mississippi Education Association while a teacher in Mississippi. Doak was President of Central College in Arkansas, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Field Survey Division of George Peabody College, Nashville, and is now President of Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. The reader is referred to Who's Who in America for a list of Doak's works and publications. They live in the University President's Home in Tallahassee, Florida. They have no children.

VIIG-10 Richard Oliver Simmons, son of William Eli Simmons, was born August 16, 1898. He married Nita Packwood, daughter of John A. and Maggie Holmes Packwood, of Tylertown and Walthall County, Miss. Dick, as he is known, has served as Mayor of Tylertown and has been interested and active in civic affairs. He operates the Packwood Stores in Tylertown where they live. Dick and Nita have two children

(1) Nita Jean Simmons, a talented musician, graduated from Mississippi State College for Women and is now a teacher of mathematics in the Natchez Public Schools.

(2) Joseph Larry Simmons, a very talented musician, is a junior at Florida State University at Tallahassee, studying to be a concert pianist. He spent two years in Louisiana State University.

VIIG-11 Flora Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons, married Kenna Craft of Summit, Mississippi. Kenna works for the Illinois Central Railroad in McComb, Mississippi. They lived on R. F. D. Summit, Mississippi. Flora taught school until she married. She was born August 31, 1900 and died in December, 1947. She is buried in the cemetery at Summit. Kenna has married again and they live out from Summit. Kenna and Flora had five children:

(1) Dewitt Craft graduated from Mississippi State College. He is employed in Summit.

(2) Ann Craft graduated from Southwest Junior College and is now working in the Registrar's office there. She was married on August 28, 1953 to Clarence A. Wilkinson, of Meadville, Mississippi. Clarence is a student at Southwest Junior College at this writing.

(3) Jerry Craft is a student at Southwest Junior College, Summit, Mississippi.

(4) Jesse Craft is at home.

(5) Edna Elizabeth Craft is at home.

VIIG-12 Jewell Simmons, son of William Eli Simmons, was born May 24, 1907. He married Mildred Porter, daughter of William H. Porter of Tylertown, Mississippi and Pensacola, Florida. Jewell owns and operates the Simmons Motor Company, the Dodge and Plymouth Agency at Tylertown, Mississippi, where they live. He is a top flight automobile salesman and has won innumerable awards for the Dodge and

Plymouth Company for his work. Mildred and Jewell have one son:

(1) Robert (Bob) Simmons is a freshman at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. He is associated with his father in the automobile business in Tylertown, Mississippi when not in school.

VIIH Mary Dixie Simmons, daughter of George Washington Simmons, was born September 24, 1861 and died June 18, 1895. She married Cullen William Conerly of Pike County, Mississippi, on February 12, 1880. Cullen was born March 9, 1851 and died December 10, 1912. They are buried at the old place in Pike County. Cullen owned and operated a farm near Magnolia, Mississippi. They had the following children:

VIIH-1 Anna Myrtis Conerly was born in Pike County, Mississippi on January 14, 1881. She married Frank Seldon Robertson at Hornbeck, Louisiana on April 17, 1901 with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Conerly and others as witnesses. Frank was born January 4, 1873 in Oto County, Nebraska, and died February 13, 1942. Myrtis died December 31, 1951. They are buried at San Benito, Texas, where Frank was Civil Engineer and District Manager for the Rio Grande Valley Water Works. Myrtis was very active in church work. She was President of the Mission Work over the Rio Grande Valley for many years and was probably the most responsible person for the magnificent church that is now in that region. There was no church in the District when she became leader. The Valley people put out a book, now in possession of her family, about her work there. Frank and Myrtis had two children:

(1) Merry Mildred Robertson, born February 15, 1902, married Fred Worth Thomas of Pearsall, Texas. They were married June 3, 1926. Merry is a Librarian at Magnolia, Mississippi. Their children were:

(a) Frank Seldon Thomas, Jr. was born in San Benito, Texas, July 1, 1928. He married Dorothy Simmons and they had a daughter and a son:

(i) Susan Thomas is in school in Magnolia, Mississippi

(ii) Allen Thomas

(b) Fred Worth Thomas, Jr. was born September 1, 1935.

(c) Sam Arthur Thomas was born August 12, 1938.

(2) Kate Elizabeth Robertson, born June 30, 1914, married Harwood K. Smith. They live in Dallas, Texas where Harwood is a noted architect and they have two children--Kay and Mark.

VIIH-2 Mary Ida Conerly, born February 16, 1882 in Pike County, Mississippi died _____ as a young girl. She is buried at Abbeville, Louisiana.

VIIH-3 Sarah Elizabeth Conerly, born September 8, 1883, died January 1, 1946. Sarah married George Vaught, a lumberman in Walthall County, Mississippi. George was born August 16, 1872 and is now living at their home place in Tylertown, Mississippi. Sarah is buried in the Tylertown Cemetery. They had two sons:

(1) Walter Warren Vaught married Nina Siders Brulte of Monroe, Louisiana. He died January 21, 1948 and is buried in Tylertown, Mississippi. Nina lives in Tylertown where she operates a beauty shop. Walter and Nina had two children:

(a) Walter Warren Vaught is now in the United States Armed Forces.

(b) Valerie Lee Vaught

(2) Werner George Vaught married Clevella Corder of Vandalia, Missouri. Werner is manager of a farm and cattle ranch and he and Clevella also own and operate the Jack and Jill Youth Shop in Tylertown, Mississippi. They live with his father and have no children. Werner was an officer in the 155 Infantry, 35th Division, and was overseas in World War II.

VIIH-4 Rosalie Julie Conerly was born January 14, 1885. She has never married. She lives on her Dad's old home place out from Tylertown and goes and comes each day to her little hat and dress shop in Tylertown, Mississippi.

VIIH-5 George Fleet Conerly, born October 29, 1886 is single. He served as Sargeant in C.A. 7th Machine Gun Batalion in World War I. He was in the army of occupation following the armistice. He was shell-shocked in service and has been in the Veteran's Hospital since 1928. George had gone to the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, from which he entered the Service. He is now in the Veteran's Administration Center at Jackson, Mississippi.

VIIH-6 Willie Marion Conerly, born May 24, 1888, married Mae Reagar

They live near Tylertown, Mississippi, where Willie is a farmer and Merchant. Willie served in the 114th Infantry in World War I. He and Mae have three children:

- (1) Louise Conerly married Lane Lyons, Jr. and they live at Sulphur, Louisiana and have two daughters--Lana and Pam.
- (2) Marion Conerly married Elaine Guidry. He served in the 4th Division, United States Marines and was in the famous battle of Iwo Jima where he received shrapnel wounds. Marion and Elaine live in Canton, Mississippi where Marion is a merchant and transfer truck owner. They have two children--Marion and Lisa.
- (3) Sam Conerly married Betty Renfro. He has recently been discharged from service in the United States Air Forces. The government sent him to New York University to study dentistry and he became a dental technician, and is now at Sulphur, Louisiana where he has a dental laboratory. Sam and Betty have one son--Sam Seldon Conerly.

VIIH-7 Ethel Estelle Conerly, born April 8, 1890, married Luther Quin on October 4, 1908. Ethel died October 3, 1945 and Luther died December 1, 1951. They lived in Tylertown, Mississippi and had one daughter:

- (1) Dixie Quin married Sydney Guy. They live in Laurel, Mississippi and have two children:
 - (a) Betty Jean Guy married Ted May and they have one child--Patricia. They live in Monroe, Louisiana.
 - (b) Sydney Lewis Guy.

VIIH-8 Cullen William Conerly, born October 31, 1892, married Grace Simmons, daughter of Pink X. Simmons. Cullen was a Corporal in the 359th Infantry in World War I. He was wounded in action in the Meuse-Argonne Battle and lost several ribs as a result. His health has been impaired somewhat since that time. Grace and Cullen live south of Holmesville, Mississippi and have no children of their own, but when Grace's sister, Katherine, died, Grace and Cullen adopted her twin girls--Jo Ann and Sarah Ann:

- (1) Sarah Ann married R. D. Price and they have one daughter--Judy.
- (2) Jo Ann married C. W. Cook.

(Note: A write-up of this family is given under the Sarah Ann Family in the John Richard Simmons Line, so will not be repeated in full here.)

VIIH-9 Odile Dixie Conerly, born December 5, 1894 married Thomas Edward (Ed) Tate, on June 11, 1913. Ed is a farmer in the Leggett Community in Pike County, Mississippi. He and Odile have two sons:

(1) Thomas (Tommy) Edward Tate, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1943 to July, 1945. He went overseas and was with the 28th Division, 112th Infantry in France until he had to be hospitalized in England and later returned to the United States. Tommy married Carol Bailey, Tylertown, Mississippi. They live in Jackson, Mississippi where Tommy is employed as a loan inspector by the Federal Savings and Loan Association. Tommy and Carol have one daughter--June Carol.

(2) Hugh Edward Tate married Frances Adams of Blytheville, Arkansas. They live near his father. Hugh is manager for Schilling Service Station at Magnolia, Miss. They have one girl--Gaye Frances, 7 years old.

VII-I Unnamed Child, born to George Washington Simmons and Mary Caroline Simmons, on November 17, 1863 and died December 30, 1863.

VIIJ Idae (Ida) Irene Simmons, daughter of George Washington Simmons, was born July 17, 1865. She died in 1946. She married (1) James (Jimmy) O. Williams, born in 1858 and died in 1923. He served as a member of the Pike County Board of Supervisors from the 5th District. Ida and Jimmy lived at Osyka, Mississippi where they are both buried. They had four children:

VIIJ-1 Bernard R. Williams married Ruby Dean Ott. They live at Osyka, Mississippi and have two sons:

(1) Bernard R. Williams, Jr. married Bonnie Gardner. He is in the United States Air Corps, now stationed in Tucson, Arizona. They have one daughter--Kay Williams.

(2) Kenneth Williams is a student at Southeastern Louisiana College at Hammond, Louisiana. He married Nadine Netterville Centerville, Mississippi and they have one daughter--Bridget.

VIIJ-2 Lillian Williams taught music many years before and after she married. She married Robert Balch, deceased. Lillian now lives in New Orleans with her daughter. Lillian and Robert had one daughter:

(1) Elizabeth Balch married _____ . They live in New Orleans.

VIIJ-3 Alcus G. (Ack) Williams married (1) Lillian Guynes, who was born April 1, 1894 and died November 2, 1951. She is buried at Osyka, Mississippi. Alcus and Lillian had three children:

(1) Irene Williams married David L. Legier. They live in New Orleans and have five children--Carolyn, Gwendolyn, David, Jr., William (Bill) and Irene.

(2) Alcus G. Williams, Jr. married Virginia Payne, daughter of Burley Payne. They operate a mercantile and filling station business at Osyka, Mississippi. They have one daughter:

(a) Lynn Williams, born February 26, 1950.

(3) James G. (Jimmy) Williams married Marita (Dede) Hebert. They have three children--Judy and Jennie (twins) and Sally.

After Lillian died, Alcus, Sr. married Josephine Colbert. Alcus, Sr. lives in Osyka.

VIIJ-4 Fleet James Williams was born March 29, 1889 and died May 2, 1948. Fleet was a Veteran of World War I. He lived in Osyka, Mississippi. He married (1) Meryle Brame, born in 1904 and died in 1922. (Meryle was the daughter of Eugene Dickey's wife by her first husband.) Fleet married (2) Mabel Claire Varnado, born in 1904 and died in 1929. She was the daughter of Mrs. Pet Varnado, Postmistress of Osyka, for many years. Fleet and Mabel Claire had one daughter:

(1) Janice Williams, whose mother died when she was two days old and Janice was reared in the home of her grandmother--Mrs. Pet Varnado. Janice is now with Eastern Air Lines in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Fleet married (3) Mrs. Dickey Allmand, who had two children by a previous marriage. Fleet is buried at Osyka, Mississippi.

After the death of her first husband, Ida Simmons Williams married John Wilks Booth, member of the McComb Police Force for many years. He was born in 1867 and died in 1940, and he is buried at Osyka, Mississippi.

VIK Richard Oliver Simmons, son of George Washington Simmons, was born May 26, 1868. He died in 1945 and is buried in Alexandria, Louisiana. He married Laura Andrews. Dr. Richard (Dick) was a prominent physician and surgeon and owned and operated the Sanitorium in Alexandria. His widow still lives there. Dr. Richard and Laura had two daughters and an adopted son:

VIK-1 Catherine Simmons married _____ . They live in Alexandria, Louisiana.

VIK-2 Elizabeth Simmons married _____ and they live in Alexandria, Louisiana.

VIK-3 Richard (Dick) Simmons, an adopted son, was killed in an airplane accident just as he was entering manhood.

VII Annie Albertine (Allie) Simmons, youngest child of George Washington Simmons, was born February 26, 1871. She died April 6, 1953. She was the last of the family to go. Allie married Dr. Louis A. Welch, a prominent physician in Walthall County, Mississippi. He was born September 3, 1869 and died December 12, 1937. Allie and Dr. Welch are buried in the cemetery at Tylertown, Mississippi, where they lived. They had four children:

VII-1 A daughter that died when quite young. She is buried at Gillsburg, Mississippi, where the family lived when first married.

VII-2 Will C. Welch, born February 21, 1894, married Maude Bailey. He is manager of the Underwood Typewriter Company in Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma, where they live. They have no children.

VIII-3 Ina Welch, born October 9, 1895, married (1) John Breazeal and they had one child:

(1) John Breazeal, Jr. is single, and he holds the position of Exchange and Collection Teller for the Ouachita National Bank in Monroe, Louisiana.

Ina married (2) Joe Sanders, who is Chief Clerk for the Master Mechanic of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Monroe, Louisiana, where they live at 1907 Jackson Street.

VIII-4 Herbert Welch, born July 6, 1896, married Ruth _____. They live at Fort Worth, Texas where Herbert (Hub) is manager for the Underwood Typewriter Company there. They have no children.

VIII JAMES JACKSON SIMMONS
Son of Willis Simmons

James Jackson Simmons, son of Willis Simmons and Jane Goslin Simmons, was born in 1825. He married Sarah Brewer, daughter of Patience Brewer (who was born in 1780 in South Carolina). Jackson and Sarah lived near Osyka, Mississippi on Bala Chitto Creek. They both died of Typhoid Fever a number of days apart in 1859. They contracted Typhoid when they went to help a neighbor whose entire household was ill with the fever.

Since there is some difference of opinion as to the first name of Jackson, records are included here to justify our acceptance of the name "James Jackson" and not "Jeremiah Jackson". The old Family Bible of Jackson is in the hands of the Della Branch Family in Franklinton, Louisiana, and this family gives the name as "Jeremiah Jackson". We must go to press without an exact copy of this Bible record. The 1850 census of Pike County, Mississippi gives the following:

Jackson Simmons	25	born in Mississippi
Sarah	22	born in Mississippi
William M.	3	born in Mississippi
Dolphus	6 months	born in Mississippi
Patience Brewer	70	born in South Carolina

The records of Silver Creek Church in Pike County, Book 3, beginning 25 December, 1852---gives the following:

"Sister Sarah Simmons, deceased December 9, 1859
Brother James J. Simmons, deceased December 17, 1859"

As given in the first paragraph, we know definitely that they died only a short number of days apart. In the record book of the church, they are recorded together.

In Book II (1835 to 1852) of the Silver Creek Record in a list of members, we have

"James Jackson Simmons"

We know that Jackson and Sarah were members of Silver Creek Church for some years, and were members when they died. They are buried near their old home place. There are no markers at their graves that could help us determine the exact date of their births. To reach their graves, one should cross the Bala Chitto Creek on the way from old Simmonsville to Osyka, and just after crossing, there is a road to the right, follow this road to the first house on the left and in front of this house and across a cleared space, one will find the graves. Sarah's mother lived with her at the time of their deaths. Patience had made her home with them since her husband died. She was willing to keep the children together in the home, but the relatives thought that unwise, so the children were sent to live with relatives. The youngest child, Mary LuElla, was a babe in arms at the time of her parents' death.

Jackson and Sarah were married on October 22, 1846. They had the following children:

VIIIA William Monroe Simmons, son of Jackson Simmons, was born in Pike County, Mississippi, near Osyka, on September 5, 1847, and died in Washington Parish at Franklinton, Louisiana on November 11, 1929. He is buried in Franklinton. He married (1) Eliza Jane Smith, daughter of Jeremiah (Jerry) Smith on November 26, 1863. She died April 11, 1873 at the birth of her fourth child. William Monroe and Eliza had the following children:

VIIIA-1 Sarah Peneda Corean Simmons was born March 30, 1865. She died young.

VIIIA-2 Malissa Jane Simmons, daughter of William Monroe Simmons, was born January 15, 1867 and died May 5, 1933. She married Milton Tines Brumfield and lived on the Bogue Chitto River in Pike County, Miss. Both Malissa and Milton died in Bogalusa, Louisiana and are buried there. There were the following children:

(1) Victor Leslie Brumfield, born January 15, 1882 and died May 5, 1940. He married (1) Lillie Brock in June, 1908 and they had one child--Brock Brumfield, who died in 1948. Victor married (2) Ruth Mosley and they had one child--Kenneth Brumfield, born in 1930.

(2) Elmer Tines Brumfield, born June 29, 1884 and died in 1914. He married Edna Rose Brock, who died in 1919. They had no children.

(3) Dewitt Talmage Brumfield, born June 29, 1888 died May, 1951. He married Ada Foil in 1920 and they had two children--Elma Tine Brumfield and Ray Charles Brumfield.

(4) May Ella Brumfield, born January 2, 1890, married Jasper Warner. They live at Warnerton, La. and have these children:

(a) J. J. Warner, born December, 1908, married (1) Eran Fortenberry and they had two children--J. J. III, and Berr J. J. Warner, Jr. married (2) Corma Stringfield.

(b) Sybil Ellener Warner, born January 28, 1913, married (1) James Denman and they had one child--James Jerry Denman. James died in 1954. (See Leila Fortenberry Denman Line in this Jackson Line.) Sybil married (2) Louis Howard Magee and they have one child, born September, 1953.

(5) Corine Eliza Brumfield, born in 1892, married Will Brumfield. They live in New York and have three children:

(a) Willene, who married _____ Morris.

(b) Hellen, who married _____ Lee.

- (c) Clyde (twin of Hellen).
- (6) Maude Ophelia Brumfield, born February 25, 1894, died at the age of 5 years.
- (7) Cinderella Brumfield, born November 1, 1896, died May, 1951. She married Frank Pierce and they have two children:
- (a) Louise Pierce married Mabry Dellinger and they have two children--Mabry, Jr. and Donna.
- (b) Marguerite Pierce married Lynwood Ourso and they have two children--Lynwood II, and Larry.
- (8) Allyne Shivers Brumfield, born December 29, 1902, married James Fullen in 1932. They live in Baton Rouge, La.
- (9) Edna Milton Brumfield, born November 16, 1902, married Herman E. Guillory. They live in Ville Platte, Louisiana. Herman is a lawyer and former District Attorney. They have two children--Laura Jane and Edna Milton II.

VIIIA-3 Jeremiah Jackson (Jack) Simmons, born November 4, 1868, was named for his two grandfathers. He married Mattie Holmes, daughter of Frank Holmes. They lived in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Mattie was born November 14, 1870, and died March 6, 1915. Jack died June 27, 1927. They are both buried in the old Holmes Cemetery near Tylertown, Mississippi. They had the following children:

- (1) Velma, now deceased, married Louis Adams of Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had two sons:
- (a) Harold
- (b) William, who was in the Army Air Force and lost his life in the South Pacific during World War II.
- (2) Archie married Lauree _____. They have two children.
- (3) Roy married Bobbie _____. They live in Laurel, Mississippi and have four children.
- (4) Milton married Edna Seals. They live in Varnado, La. and have two sons and one daughter.
- (5) Bessie married Bill Alford. They live in Bogalusa and have two daughters--Freda and Brenda.
- (6) Ewel M., born January 24, 1899 and died September 30, 1899.

- (7) Maud married Russell Adams of Bogalusa, Louisiana and they have one daughter.
- (8) Nell married Grover Ragland. They live in Bogalusa and have two sons.
- (9) Shell, now deceased, married Wallace Davidson. They had one son--Wallace, Jr.
- (10) Brown lives in Memphis, Tennessee, and has no children.
- (11) Robin married Mary _____. They live in Natchez, Mississippi.
- (12) McClain married Betty Adams. They live in Bogalusa and have two daughters and one son.
- (13) Victor married _____, They live in Arkansas and have two daughters.

VIIIA-4 Eliza Alice Simmons, born December 6, 1870, in Pike County, married Willis D. Brumfield, who was born July 3, 1863, at Franklinton, La. Eliza Alice died July 17, 1905 and Willis D. died June 30, 1947. They were married October 17, 1889. They are buried _____. They had six children:

- (1) Eliza Jane Brumfield, born August 17, 1891, married Tommie Burch of Franklinton, La. and they had four children--Alice, Norma Ruth, Shelton, and Doyle.
- (2) Samantha Ophelia Brumfield, born September 9, 1893, married Dewitt Albert Walker of Magnolia, Miss. and they have two sons--Albert and Wayne.
- (3) Jaratte Cylmon Brumfield, born November 26, 1895, married Ve Thomas of Bogalusa, La. They have two children--C.J. and Louis.
- (4) Kate Alice Brumfield, born April 12, 1898, married June Dewitt Hall. They live east of Magnolia, Miss. and have three children:
 - (a) Iona Daisy Hall married George Clark Brumfield. They live in McComb, Mississippi.
 - (b) Ruth Ophelia Hall, married Willie D. McGehee, now teaching at Covington, La. They have one son--Dan Hall McGehee.
 - (c) Bobby June Hall is in the Armed Forces.
- (5) Tylmon Jerry Brumfield, born January 23, 1901, married Donnis Allen of Magnolia, Miss. They have one daughter--Dorothy.
- (6) Willis Jewell Brumfield, born May 19, 1903, married Myrtle ByJohn of Bastrop, Louisiana. They have no children.

William Monroe Simmons married (2) Candacia Brumfield, daughter of Jack Brumfield. They were married December 11, 1893. Candacia was born July 22, 1850 and died March 9, 1929. She is buried in Franklinton, Louisiana. Monroe and Candacia had the following children:

VIIIA-5 Lula May Simmons was born October 24, 1876 and died _____ . She is buried at the old Melton Brumfield place. She married W. E. (Bill) Warren. They had one child:

- (1) Allie Warren married (1) Willie Parker and they had four children--Wilbur, Lula May, Cleo, and Warren. Allie married
- (2) John Strain and they live at Abita Springs, Louisiana and she has no children by this marriage.

VIIIA-6 Leuna Loudean Simmons, born October 17, 18__, and died _____. She is buried at the old home place. She married Charles Hayden of Montpelier, Mississippi. Louna is buried at Mt. Point, Louisiana. They had one child:

- (1) Infant that died.

VIIIA-7 Alma Alexina Simmons, born February 19, 1878, died in 1904. She married Dewitt Edgar Branch, who was born November 1, 1878 and died March 30, 1917. They had one child:

- (1) Infant that died.

VIIIA-8 Della Irene Simmons, born February 29, 1881. She married Dewitt Edgar Branch, widower of her sister, Alma, in July, 1906. Dewitt Edgar was born November 1, 1878 and died March 30, 1917. Della lives in Franklinton, and has the old Family Bible. Dewitt and Della had these children:

- (1) Mildred Branch, born April 20, 1907 and died May 4, 1912.
- (2) Alma Branch, born November 12, 1908, married A. G. Magee, Jr. They live in Franklinton, Louisiana and have no children.
- (3) Dewitt Edgar Branch, Jr., born September 26, 1910, married Dorothy Baker. They live in Franklinton and have two children:
 - (a) Dale Edgar Branch, born November 18, 1938.
 - (b) Albert George Branch, born October 3, 1948.

VIIIA-9 Willis Fleet Simmons, born August 6, 1883, married Verne Walker. Willis died December 5, 1954. He was in the automobile business in Bogalusa, Louisiana. They had one son:

- (1) Wilfred Fleet Simmons, born December 25, 1913. He is a Major in the United States Air Corp, was a pilot in World War II, transporting troops. Wilfred married Katherine Adam and they live in Greenville, South Carolina at this time. They have two children--Anita Gayle and Wilfred Fleet, Jr.

VIIIA-10 Jesse Wilson Simmons, born October 10, 1886, married Margie Patterson. Margie died in an automobile accident in 1954. They lived in New Orleans, Louisiana. Jesse Wilson now lives with his daughter, Gloria, in New Orleans. He and Margie had four children:

- (1) Jesse Wilson Simmons, Jr. lives in Gulfport, Mississippi. He is a veteran of World War II.
- (2) Thurman Nelson Simmons died September 9, 1945. He married Alya Clesi. They lived _____ and had one child--Thurman Nelson, Jr.
- (3) Clarence Simmons lives in New Orleans. He married Kitty _____. They have one child--Clarence, Jr.
- (4) Gloria Simmons lives in New Orleans. She married Lester Kabbacoff. Her father, Jesse Wilson Simmons, Sr. lives with them. Gloria and Lester have two children--_____ and _____.

VIIIA-11 Thurman Nelson Simmons, son of Monroe, was born March 8, 1888 and died June 3, 1950. He married Lois Wallace and they had one child:

- (1) Thurman Nelson Simmons, Jr., born June 6, 1932, was killed in the Korean Conflict October 1, 1951.

VIIIA-12 William Monroe, Jr., born September 29, 1889, lives in Franklinton, Louisiana. He married (1) Etta Nagee, born in 1893. She was killed in an automobile accident in 193____. She is buried in the Franklinton, Louisiana cemetery. Monroe, Jr. married (2) Mima Bateman Foil, a widow. Monroe had no children by either marriage.

VIIIA-13 Barrett Preston Simmons was born May 29, 1891. He lives at Little Farms, a suburb of New Orleans. He married Lillian Valoff. They both are employed at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. They have two children:

(1) Barrett Preston Simmons, Jr. lives in New Orleans. He is an invalid as a result of World War II service.

(2) Marion Simmons, a daughter, married Dr. _____.
They live in New Orleans and have one child--_____.

VIIIB Wilks Adolphus Simmons, son of Jackson Simmons was born December 12, 1849. He died at the same time his mother and father did in 1859 of Typhoid Fever.

VIIIC James Nelson Simmons, son of Jackson Simmons was born July 28, 1851 and died June 6, 1929. Nelson went to live with his brother Monroe after Monroe married and was living there when he, Nelson, married Clara Joannae Smith on December 7, 1872. Clara was the daughter of Jeremiah (Jerry) Smith and a sister to Monroe's first wife, Eliza Jane. Clara was born April 29, 1855 and died December 7, 1938. They lived in Franklinton, Louisiana and had the following children:

VIIIC-1 Ansil Monroe Simmons, born June 6, 1873, and died May 17, 1953. He married Annie Moore of Osyka, Mississippi. They lived in Bogalusa, Louisiana and had no children.

VIIIC-2 Oliver Eugene Simmons born January 6, 1875 and died November 11, 1929. He married Mary (Sweetie) Bickham of Franklinton and they had two sons:

(1) Hal Simmons was single when he died in November, 1953. He was born in 1906. He lived in Franklinton and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(2) Imbus (called Jack) Simmons lives in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He was born in 1910. He married Margaret Black and they have five children--Margaret Ellen, Robert Imbus, and Mary, Jill, and Jim.

VIIIC-3 Larcia Lamenda Simmons, born April 3, 1877, married John Edgely Sturdivant on December 16, 1900. John Edgely died April 20, 1918 and is buried in the Enon cemetery just below Franklinton, Louisiana. Larcia Lamenda and Edgely lived in Franklinton. Larcia lived there until 1932 when she then moved to Ruston, Louisiana where she was until 1947. Since that time, she lives with her daughter, Kathryn, in Winnsboro, Louisiana. Larcia Lamenda and John Edgely had five children:

(1) Hubert Nelson Sturdivant, born September 13, 1905, married (1) Nancy Reeves of Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1930. They had two sons:

(a) Hubert Nelson Sturdivant, Jr. born November 20, 1931.

(b) Clifford Reeves Sturdivant, born September 18, 1937.

Hubert Nelson married (2) Mary Greco in 1952. Hubert is a Colonel in the Regular United States Army and is stationed in Washington, D. C.. He will retire in four years and plans to make his home on Grasse Key in the Florida Keys. He is working on a master's degree at George Washington University in Washington, D. C.. He has served in all parts of the world.

(2) An infant that died in 1907.

(3) Johnnie Sturdivant, born December 12, 1908, married A. C. Lazarus in 1930. They live in Ruston, Louisiana and have two daughters:

(a) Jacquelyn Sturdivant, born July 9, 1931, married A. C. Torbert on January 27, 1955. They live in Ruston, Louisiana.

(b) Sidney Flavia Sturdivant, born March 14, 1933, married Charles E. Parker, of Bastrop, Louisiana. They live in Winnsboro, Louisiana and have two children--Charles E. Parker III, born December 7, 1952, and Lamenda Vallerie Parker, born September 17, 1954.

(4) Kathryn Sturdivant, born May 10, 1911, married Juston H. Colvin of Ruston, Louisiana on January 3, 1931. They live in Winnsboro, Louisiana and her mother, Larcia Lamenda lives with them. Kathryn's address is Box 646, Winnsboro, Louisiana. They have two children:

(a) Rebecca Louise Colvin, born February 14, 1935, is now a student at Louisiana State University.

(b) Juston H. Colvin, Jr., born September 7, 1938 is with his parents.

(5) John Edgely Sturdivant, Jr., born January 31, 1915, married

Sara Dorsey from Shelby, North Carolina. They have three children

- (a) Sara Kathryn Sturdivant, born November 5, 1938.
- (b) Joel Eugene Sturdivant, born May 2, 1948.
- (c) Janice Sturdivant, born February 20, 1951.

John Edgley lives in Columbia, South Carolina and is with the Bell Telephone Company.

VIIIC-4 George Washington Simmons (twin) born July 26, 1878, and died December 7, 1898. He was single when he died. He is buried at Dillon's Bridge, near Tylertown, Mississippi.

VIIIC-5 Sara Pernesa Simmons (twin) born July 26, 1878, married (1) Walter A. Alford of Mt. Herman, Louisiana. There were two children:

(1) Georgia Beatrice Alford, born May 16, 1899, married Hosea Felder Stafford of Franklinton, Louisiana. He was born February 1895. They live in Franklinton and have two children:

(a) Gary Stafford, born in 1930, married Josie Bateman and they had four children, three living and one deceased. Gary lives across the Bogue Chitto River, near Franklinton.

(b) Lilburne Stafford, born in 1932, married Pat Scheurmann. They live in Franklinton and have three children.

(2) Blanche Alford died at 8 years.

After the death of Walter A. Alford, Sara Pernesa married (2) Sidney L. Smith. He died in 1942. Sara lives in Franklinton. There were no children by this second marriage.

VIIIC-6 Lela Eliza Simmons born December 6, 1879, married William Averice Erwin, born February 10, 1878 and died July 21, 1941. He was a merchant in Franklinton. They were married on December 21, 1898. There were eleven children:

(1) Lehman Erwin born March 4, 1900, married (1) Johnnie White of Eunice, Louisiana. They had one child--Richard. Lehman married (2) Irene Musser. He is in the lumber business in Yoakum, Texas. They have one child--William.

(2) Mildred Angeline Erwin died at the age of 15 months.

- (3) Thomas Butler Erwin died at 8 months of age.
- (4) Ruby Armeda Erwin, born September 6, 1904, married LeRoy E. Morrison of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They live in Baton Rouge and have one child:
- (a) Gloria Ann Morrison, born March 6, 1926, married Joseph Carson. They live in Baton Rouge and have three children--Johnny, Lewis and Jo Ann.
- (5) Joanna Faye Erwin, born October 13, 1906, married Ralph Wilson. They live in Franklinton and have no children.
- (6) Lela Doris Erwin, born January 10, 1910, married Dewey Thompson. They live in Baton Rouge and have one son--Erwin Dewey Thompson.
- (7) Grace Erwin, born April 17, 1911, married Earl Bruce Rowan. They live in Monroe, Louisiana and have three children--Heidi, Lela Grace, and Earl Bruce, Jr.
- (8) Woodrow Wilson Erwin, born May 13, 1913, married Mary O'Brien of New York. Wilson is a lawyer in Franklinton, Louisiana and is at this time Assistant District Attorney. They have three sons--James Russell (called "Rusty"), Michael Ralph, Thomas Butler III, and one daughter born December 5, 1954.
- (9) Dora Elizabeth Erwin, born December 27, 1916, married Hardin Fremin. They live in Baton Rouge and have no children.
- (10) Virginia Evelyn Erwin, born December 28, 1919, married Vernon Smith. They live in Kernersville, North Carolina and have three children--Alan, Neil, and Virginia Lynn.
- (11) Jeanne Mason Erwin, born April 27, 1922, married William James McGowan, Jr. who is a Captain in the United States Army. They have three sons and one daughter--William James III, Michael Jean, Brian Patrick, and Susan, born April 28, 1954.

VIIIC-7 James Osborne Simmons, son of Nelson, born June 31, 1882, married Eva Magee on November 14, 1917. They live in Franklinton and have four children:

- (1) Howard Simmons, born in 1919, married Betty Cantrell of Lafayette, Louisiana and they have one daughter--Katie.
- (2) Evelyn Simmons, born in 1923, married John Ruddlester of Washington, D. C. They have two sons--Mike and Johnny.

(3) Janella Simmons, born in 1921, married Gary Robertson of Huddlesfield, New Jersey. They have two sons—Mark and Kennedy.

(4) Opal Simmons, born in 1932, is single and is living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

VIIIC-8 Mirar Modes Simmons, son of Nelson, was born February 24, 1885 and died a single man at the age of 30 years. He is buried in the Franklinton cemetery.

VIIIC-9 Otto Orel Simmons, born June 26, 1886, died December 6, 1910. He married Clotilde Magee, of Franklinton on November 9, 1910. He is buried in the Franklinton cemetery. There were no children.

VIIIC-10 Cubic Cilman Simmons, born February 18, 1889, died November 2, 1954. He married Olive Stuart of Woodville, Mississippi on July 11, 1911. They lived in Franklinton where Cubic owned and operated an Undertaker's Establishment. Olive teaches music in the Franklinton Elementary School. Their children were:

(1) Dr. Adele Simmons, born March 23, 1915, married Dr. O. D. Thomas and they have a clinic together in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. They have three children--Martha, Tommy, and Timothy Stuart.

(2) Cubic Stuart Simmons, born February 18, 1919, married Jenny Wren Knight. They live in Franklinton and Cubic is running his father's business. They have two sons--Stuart Gregory and Charles Bryant.

(3) Beryl Simmons, a daughter, born July 10, 1923, married Robert Crain. They live in Franklinton and have one daughter--Renee'.

VIIIC-11 McCauley Simmons, son of Nelson, lived only three days.

VIIIC-12 Levy Jackson Simmons, son of Nelson, born April 12, 1893,

married Roberta Gayle, of Wesson, Mississippi on October 6, 1920. He is cashier of the Amite County Bank in Gloster, Mississippi, where they live. They have two children:

(1) Gayle Simmons married Oliver Poole. They live in Crowville, Louisiana and have no children.

(2) Janice Simmons is single. She works at the City National Bank in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

VIIIIC-13 Richard Earl Simmons, born August 31, 1894, married Marion Estelle Jackson of New Orleans on August 22, 1922. They live in New Orleans and have two children:

(1) Katherine Simmons married Dr. Ralph Downs. They live in Fort Smith, Arkansas and have two sons--Richard and Ralph.

(2) Richard Simmons married Alma Winn. They live in Birmingham, Alabama and have two children--Richard III, and _____.

VIIIIC-14 Jeptha Loyd Simmons, born January 7, 1897; married Mary Virginia Mason of Birmingham, Alabama on November 6, 1924. They live in Birmingham and have two children:

(1) Mason Loyd Simmons died in a swimming accident during his honeymoon in the summer of 1954.

(2) Rosemary Simmons is single and works in Birmingham, Alabama.

VIIIIC-15 Clara Mae Simmons born July 30, 1902, married Frank E. Payne on February 24, 1924. They live on Columbia Road, Route 2, Box 136, Bogalusa, Louisiana and have no children. Clara Mae is a graduate of Louisiana State University and has been a teacher for 36 years. Frank was an automobile dealer for many years.

VIIID Sarah Corean (Corrine) Simmons, daughter of Jackson Simmons was born May 16, 1853 and died September 14, 1927. She was about six years old when her parents died and was reared in the home of Wyatt Smith and other relatives. Corean married Elisha K. Brumfield, born December 1, 1840 and died November 25, 1911. Elisha had been married previously to

Nancy Fortenberry Willis, daughter of Narcissus and Calvin K. Fortenberry. He had two children by this first marriage--Kelly and Louisa. (See Narcissus Simmons Fortenberry Line). Elisha and Corean lived just east of Tylertown, Mississippi and are buried at New Zion Church in Walthall County.

Elisha served as a private, Company K, 39th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry CSA during the Civil War. This record is found in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi. Corean and Elisha had six children:

VIIID-1 Addie Angeline Brumfield born April 16, 1883, married Robert Monroe Fortenberry. Addie died February 22, 1950. Robert Monroe died February 10, 1950. He was the son of George Washington Fortenberry (Wash). Addie and Monroe lived on a farm near Tylertown, Mississippi in Walthall County. They are buried in the Tylertown cemetery. Their children were:

(1) Ferman Fortenberry, born September 1, 1901, married Velma Reynolds of Laurel, Mississippi. They live in Atlanta, Georgia where Ferman is District Manager, Classified-Ads, Southern Bell Telephone Company. They have no children.

(2) Ellis Fortenberry, born March 12, 1903, married Barbara Gerve of New Orleans, Louisiana. They live in New Orleans where Ellis is employed with Southern Bell Telephone Company. They have one son--Robert.

(3) Hilton Howard Fortenberry, born July 7, 1904, married John Bennett of Mayfield, Kentucky. Hilton died March 8, 1950. He is buried in the Tylertown cemetery. They lived in Columbia, South Carolina where Hilton was owner and operator of an automobile parts company. His wife, Johnnie, is still living in Columbia, where she is employed in a Bank. They had one daughter:

(a) Patsy Ann Fortenberry is single and with the Red Cross in Japan.

(4) Roland Fortenberry, born January 19, 1906, is single. He lives with his Aunt, Mrs. Eudene Blackwell, in Tylertown, Mississippi since his mother and father died. Roland is caretaker for the Tylertown Baptist Church.

(5) Lowery Fortenberry, born November, 1908, married Nora Resté of Poplarville, Mississippi. They live in Forest, Mississippi. Lowery is owner and operator of a Dry Cleaning and Laundry Business. They have two sons--Ronny, and Bill.

(6) Ruth Fortenberry, born in 1910, died in infancy.

(7) Wanzie Fortenberry, born September 17, 1912, married Victor

Dampeer, son of James Estess Dampeer. They live in Canton, Mississippi where Victor is owner and operator of the Piggly Wiggly Store. They have three children--Joyce Ann, James, and Joe Everette.

(8) Carey Fortenberry, born June 22, 1914, married Gladys Williams of McComb, Mississippi. They live in Pascagoula, Mississippi where Carey is employed as an electrician. They have two children--Phyllis Ann and Rachel Gayle.

VIID-2 Ella Edith Brumfield, daughter of Corean and Elisha, born April 16, 1886, died August 26, 1941. She is buried at Tylertown, Mississippi. She married Jesse L. Simmons, son of Robert L. Simmons, on December 25, 1910. They lived near his father's old home place at old Simmonsville and operated a farm and country store. Jesse still lives in this Simmonsville community. He and Edith had four children

(1) Dulcie Simmons, born January 14, 1913, married Thomas Jewell (Skeet) Wallace. They live at old Simmonsville near her father. Thomas Jewell is a dairy farmer. Dulcie teaches school at the Progress School. They have two children--Barry Kyle and Russell (Rusty).

(2) Louise Simmons, born June 8, 1914, married Ray Stringer, son of P. C. Stringer of Tylertown, Mississippi. They live in Tylertown where Ray is employed by Ginn Funeral Home. Louise is a Registered Nurse and is employed as Anesthetist at the Tylertown Hospital. They have two children--Jessie La Ray, and Anita Louise.

(3) James Lamar Simmons, born February 29, 1916, married Odean Ellzey, daughter of Grady Ellzey of Silver Springs Community in Pike County, Mississippi. Lamar is District Manager of Swift and Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, where they live. They have two children--Gale and Jimmy.

(4) Robert Elisha Simmons born August 22, 1920, married Johnny Quin, daughter of Lucious Quin of Mt. Herman, Louisiana. Robert is a Major in the United States Army Air Corp, stationed at this time in Newfoundland. They have two daughters--Sherry and Sandra.

(Note: This family is also written up in the Sarah Fortenberry Simmons Line.)

VIID-3 Lucy Leota Brumfield, daughter of Corean and Elisha, was born December 11, 1887. She married Walter Lewis, who died February

18, 1917. Walter was the son of Joe Lewis. Lucy and Walter lived on a farm in the Knoxo Community in Walthall County, Mississippi, and since her husband's death, Lucy lives in Jackson, Mississippi with her daughter, Elrene. Lucy and Walter had four children:

(1) Elrene Lewis married Jimmy R. Payne of Jackson, Mississippi. Jimmy is owner and operator of the Payne Bus Line in Jackson. Elrene is a Registered Nurse. They live at 1314 Grand Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi and have two daughters--Linda and Patsy.

(2) Christel (or Christelle) Lewis married William Bickham, son of Bob Bickham of Franklinton, Louisiana. They live in Jackson, Mississippi, where William is a salesman for a Coffee Company. They have two children--Gloria and Lucy Hope.

(3) Juanita Lewis married Maurice Foil of Franklinton, Louisiana. They live at Hattiesburg, Mississippi where they operate a grocery store. They have two children--Janice and Carter.

(4) Joe William Lewis married Earline Garrett, daughter of Charlie Garrett, of Franklinton, Louisiana. Joe William is employed by Colonial Bread Company at Bogalusa, Louisiana where they live. They have three children--Mary Jo, age 15, Walter, and Michael, age 2.

VIIID-4 Sarah Brumfield, born July 14, 1890, died January 1, 1937. She married Luther Alford, son of John Griff Alford of Clifton, Louisiana. Sarah and Luther lived at Clifton where he had farming interest. They had one daughter:

(1) Lamenda Alford married Thomas M. Berry. They live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he is in the Insurance business. They have one daughter--Carol Ann.

VIIID-5 Albert Davis Brumfield, born April 27, 1892, married Ellis Blackwell, daughter of Charlie Blackwell. They lived on a farm in the old Brumfield home at Tylertown, Mississippi until it was destroyed by fire. They now live in Tylertown where Albert has farming interest and has been in charge of the County Court House and Jail for 17 years. They have one daughter:

(1) Keron Brumfield, born November 4, 1920, married Sam Owens, Jr., son of Sam Owens, Sr. of Oklahoma. They live in Tylertown where Sam is Parts and Service Manager for Chevrolet and Pontiac Whitaker Motor Company. Keron does secretarial work and book-keeping for Whitaker Motor Company and General Service Company.

They have one daughter--Vicki Kay.

VIIID-6 Annie Lee Brumfield, born August 3, 1894, married Eudene Blackwell, son of James M. Blackwell, of the New Zion Community, Walthall County, Mississippi. They live in Tylertown, Mississippi where Eudene is owner and operator of the Sweet Shop and has farming interest. They have two children:

(1) Sarah Ann Blackwell, born August 16, 1922, married Doyle Dillon, son of John David Dillon of the Kirklin Community in Walthall County. They live in New Orleans where Doyle is employed as a mechanic for Kaiser Aluminum Company. They have one child--Denese.

(2) James Murray Blackwell, born January 8, 1929, married Virginia Louise Bariola, daughter of Tony Bariola of Leland, Mississippi. They live in Tylertown where James is in business with his father as operator of the Sweet Shop. They have one son--James Allen.

VIIIE Patience Ophelia Jane Simmons, daughter of Jackson Simmons, was born January 1, 1855. Her parents died when she was four years old and she lived with relatives until she went to live with her brother, Monroe, after his marriage, when he became her guardian. Ophelia married on June 26, 1873, Benjamin Wallace Morris, when she was 16 years old. Benjamin was known as "Doc" Morris and was a brother to Theophilus Dillon Morris. Both were among the children of James B. Morris and Consetta Dillon Morris. Doc Morris was born October 12, 1851, educated at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, taught school for a while, then bought a farm and ran a country store. He died August 10, 1895, leaving nine children and his widow of 39 years. Ophelia died February 5, 1939 and the are both buried in Kentwood, Louisiana. Their children were:

VIIIE-1 James Jackson Morris, known as Jim, was born at Dillon, Mississippi in Pike County, December 12, 1874. He is living in Chicago, Illinois. He married Amelia Lindgren on April 14, 1898. They had one daughter:

(1) Sheldon Beamon Morris married Joseph Foltz of Chicago and they have one son--Donald.

VIIIE-2 Sheldon Van Buren Morris, born October 23, 1876 at Dillon, Mississippi, died in 1895. He was single. He is buried at Kent-

wood, Louisiana.

VIIIIE-3 Aaron Brown Morris was born February 22, 1878 at Dillon, Mississippi. He married Lauree Hinton Orr, on December 2, 1906. She was from Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. They live in Kentwood, Louisiana where he owns a store. They have the following children:

(1) Ann Pillow Morris, born in 1911; married E. G. Simpson. They live at Fairbanks, near Monroe, Louisiana and have no children.

(2) Aaron Brown Morris, Jr., born December 24, 1912, married on March 23, 1941, Elizabeth McGlohn, daughter of L. C. McGlohn of Houston, Texas. A. B. Jr., as he is known, lives in Kentwood, Louisiana. They had two children:

(a) Aaron Brown Morris, III, born February 7, 1942.

(b) Elizabeth McGlohn (Betty) Morris, born January 17, 1944

(3) Lucious Lampton Morris, born September 16, 1918, married Wilma Lee McDaniel, daughter of C. E. McDaniel and they have two children:

(a) Ann Pillow Morris, born June 28, 1951.

(b) Charlie McDaniel Morris, born February 6, 1955.

(4) Benjamin Wallace Morris, born September 22, 1920, is single and lives in Kentwood.

(5) Lauree Orr Morris, born August 14, 1922, is unmarried and lives in Shreveport, Louisiana.

VIIIIE-4 Gertrude Morris, daughter of Doc and Ophelia Morris, was born August 21, 1881 at Dillon, Mississippi. She married Samuel Rawlins Stevens, son of Captain James H. Stevens of Magnolia, Mississippi. Samuel was born January 21, 1881 and died October 28, 1944. They were married on February 2, 1904. Samuel is buried in Magnolia and Gertrude now lives in Fort Worth, Texas with her son, Paul. They had the following children:

(1) Samuel Morris Stevens, born November 22, 1904, married Imogene Talley, deceased. He lives at Chamblee, Georgia and has two children:

(a) Doris Ann Stevens, born January 19, 1940

(b) Sandra Kay Stevens, born December 2, 1941.

(2) James Morris Stevens, born June 24, 1905, died at birth.

(3) Leontine (Ontie) Morris Stevens, born March 11, 1909, married Dr. John M. Schreeder. They live at 2314 Park Ridge Crescent in Chamblee, Georgia (near Atlanta). Ontie and Dr. John have been the "adopted" parents of 18 children, having none of their own. Ontie was made "Woman of the Year" by the Chamblee Womans Club and rightly so, for all the many worthwhile activities.

(4) Benjamin Morris Stevens, born August 22, 1910, married Frances Dugger, daughter of Dr. J. W. Dugger, of Jackson, Mississippi. They live in Atlanta and had two sons:

(a) Benjamin Morris Stevens, Jr. is now a medical student in the University of Mississippi.

(b) John Wesley Stevens is deceased.

(5) Gertrude Morris Stevens, born December 25, 1912, married Edward S. Perry of Kahoma, Indiana. They were married June 4, 1937. Edward is an accountant with a large corporation in New York City, and is at present manager in a contract the company has for the government in Cuba. He has spent some seven years on contracts for the United States Government in Monrovia, Liberia and on the Azores, before his Cuban assignment. The family lives at 310 North Beach, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Gertrude and Edward have one son:

(a) Edward S. (Ted) Perry, who in 1954 was elected President of Boy's Nation, in Washington, D. C., while a senior at St. Stanislaus College at Bay St. Louis. Although Edward is just 18 years old in June, he is a Baptist Minister and has been preaching for two years. He is now continuing his education for the ministry at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

(6) Paul Morris Stevens; born October 6, 1915, married Norma Stebbins, of Greenville, Mississippi. They live at Fort Worth, Texas where Paul is Director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a Baptist Minister and was Chaplain and Captain in the United States Air Corp during World War II. He is a graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. Paul and Norma have the following children:

(a) Paul Stevens, Jr., born January 8, 1938.

(b) John Charles Stevens, born August 31, 1940.

(c) Mary Margaret Stevens, born December 20, 1949.

(d) Mark Lynn Stevens, born April 30, 1952.

(7) Joan Morris Stevens, born August 15, 1917, married Alexis de Sakhnoffsky, widely known industrial designer and illustrator. Alexis, a refugee from the Revolution in Russia, opened his first studio 25 years ago in Grand Rapids, Michigan and since that time has achieved a national reputation in his field. He was a Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Army Air Forces in 1944. He has been an authority in automobile design and has also pioneered major changes in scores of other products from pajamas to industrial equipment. In 1954, he moved his office from Chicago back to Grand Rapids and has now been retained to furnish industrial design service for the Grand Rapids Brass Division of Crampton Manufacturing Company. Joan is also an artist in her own rights. They have no children.

VIIIIE-5 Benjamin Wallace Morris, Jr., also known as "Doc" Norris, married Katherine Tyser of Amite, Louisiana. Benjamin was born November 6, 1883 at Dillon, Mississippi. He died May 28, 1939 and is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana. They had no children.

VIIIIE-6 Clyde Calhoun Morris, born October 29, 1885 at Dillon, Mississippi, married Stella Katherine Anderson. They have three adopted children. Clyde and Stella live at Ada, Oklahoma. He owns and operates radio and television stations, serving as President of the corporation. He is a retired Baptist Minister. Their children are:

- (1) Katherine Stella Morris married Bill Hoover and they live in Ada, Oklahoma. Bill is Vice-President of the business which includes KADA Broadcasting Station, Tri-City Broadcasting Co. Inc. and Television K TEN, channel 10.
 - (2) Virginia Morris married Clyde High and they live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 - (3) Aaron Brown Morris lives in Ada and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation.
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VIIIIE-7 Hattie Ophelia Morris, born August 22, 1887, married Gotlieb Klein, who died in 1927. He is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana. Hattie makes her home with her sister, Mrs. W. K. Amacker in Kentwood. Hattie and Gotlieb had one adopted daughter:

(1) Jean Morris Klein married Guy Howe. They live in Tracey, Minnesota and have one son, Guy, Jr.

VIIIE-8 Evelyn Leontine (Ontie) Morris, born October 11, 1889, married Walter Kent Amacker, son of O. P. and Abigail Means Kent Amacker. Walter was born November 19, 1882 and died June 8, 1928. He was cashier of the Kentwood Bank for many years and later became President of this Bank. Ontie and Walter were married on November 15, 1911. Walter is buried in Kentwood. Their children were:

(1) Walter Kent Amacker, Jr., born January 30, 1914, married Kathryn Lucille Wallace on June 14, 1938 at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Kathryn was the daughter of J. P. and Lula Collins Wallace, who brought their family to Kentwood from Sturgis, Kentucky. Walter Kent lives in Shreveport, Louisiana. Their children are:

(a) Brenda Kent Amacker, born November 15, 1940 at Greenwood, Mississippi.

(b) Walter Kent Amacker III, born June 5, 1942 at Shreveport, Louisiana.

(2) Thad Morris Amacker, born September 4, 1917, married Mary Helen Child on June 30, 1942. Mary was the daughter of Earl and Mary Charles Moccaletti Child of Shelby, Mississippi. After graduating on a fellowship at the University of Virginia with the Phd degree, Thad entered the chemical laboratories of B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio during World War II, transferring to the Standard Oil Company at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was when he died November 17, 1947. He is buried in Kentwood, Louisiana. His wife married (2) John Roy Coursey, of Jackson, Mississippi. Thad and Mary had one son:

(a) Thad Morris Amacker, Jr. was born July 25, 1945 at Akron, Ohio. Thad, Jr. was adopted by his mother's second husband, but retains his own name.

(3) Obadiah (Obie) Pearson Amacker, born September 11, 1920, married Hope Cecelia Sloan on October 11, 1946 at Pasco, Washington. She was a WAC stationed at Richland. Her parents, Cleveland H. and Lucy Wells Sloan, were originally from Virginia, however they moved to Millport, West Virginia, where Hope was born July 13, 1919. After her father's death in April, 1920, her family then settled in Middletown, Ohio. Obie graduated from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, then served in government atomic research at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Richland, Washington during World War II. He later transferred to General Electric in Richland. Obie and Hope have two sons:

- (a) Obie Pearson Amacker IV, born June 29, 1952.
(b) Mark Sloan Amacker, born October 16, 1953.
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VIIIE-9 Gladys Mignonne Morris, born June 12, 1895, married Walter Marvin Rhodes. They live at 1105 North 8th Street, Monroe, Louisiana where Walter is the Deputy Assessor of Ouachita Parish. They had three children:

- (1) Dorothy Mignonne Rhodes, born June 5, 1914, died January 3, 1926. She is buried in Monroe, Louisiana.
- (2) Evelyn Morris Rhodes, born July 19, 1917, married Dr. W. S. Witte of Leland, Mississippi. They live in Leland and have three children--Virginia Jane, Evelyn Rhodes, and Walle Stovall.
- (3) Floye Christine Rhodes, born September 19, 1923, married Thomas (Tom) Joseph White of New Orleans, Louisiana. Tom is a bookkeeper with Delta Oil Company in New Orleans, and Floye has been a secretary with Humble Oil Company there for eight years.
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VIIIF Canolia Elizabeth (Nola) Simmons, daughter of Jackson Simmons, was born August 12, 1857 and died February 27, 1925, according to the grave marker. She was about two years old when her parents died in 1859. At the time of their death, Nola and her sister Mary LuElla, and her grandmother, Patience Brewer, went to live with Richard L. Smith and his wife, Ann. They were there when the 1860 census for Pike County, Mississippi was taken, and we find the following record in that census:

Richard L. Smith	
Ann	
Retta Smith	age 1
E. Smith	age 2
F. A. Smith	age 3
Patience Brewer	age 77
Nola Simmons	age 2
Mary LuElla	age 10 months

Nola married William Jackson (Jack) Fortenberry, who was born December 5, 1853 and died March 2, 1928. They lived in the Silver Springs Community in Pike County, Mississippi and are buried at the Silver Springs cemetery. They were the parents of twelve children:

VIIIF-1 Lelia Fortenberry was born February 14, 1878 and died September 13, 1941, according to the grave marker. She married Dr. James Colden Denman, brother to W. T. Denman of McComb, Mississippi. Dr. Denman, a practicing physician, was born July 6, 1875 and died

September 13, 1941, according to his grave marker. Lelia and Dr. Jim were killed together in an automobile accident near Leland, Mississippi. They are buried in Franklinton, Louisiana where they lived. They had four children:

(1) Myrtle Denman, born in 1904, married Patrick J. (Pat) McGeever. They live in Birmingham, Alabama where Pat is an official in the Providence Insurance Company. They have five children--Clara Bridget, Patrick J. Jr., John Denman, Lelia, and Julia.

(2) Mamie Denman, born in 1906, married Marrette Heidenreich of McComb, Mississippi. Marrette is the son of Ben A. and Effie Marrette Heidenreich. They live in Monroe, Louisiana where Marrette is Sales Engineer for the J. E. Dillworth Mill Supply Company. They have two children:

(a) Bennie Marrette Heidenreich, born in 1931, married Frances Shepard of Monroe, Louisiana.

(b) Marretta Heidenreich, born in 1944.

(3) Willie Denman, a daughter, born in 1908, lives in San Diego, California. She married John A. McNeil, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who is in the automobile business. They have no children.

(4) James Evander Denman, born in 1909, died in June, 1954. He married Sybil Warner of Warnerton, Louisiana. They had one son--James Jerry Denman, born in 1932.

VIIIF-2 Andrew Jackson Fortenberry, a practicing physician, was born in 1879. He married (1) Victoria (Vickie) Brock, daughter of Dr. Jim Brock, of Dillon, Mississippi. Dr. Andrew and Vickie had two sons:

(1) Sheldon Fortenberry married (1) Irene Welch. He works for the U. S. Highway Department. He and Irene had one daughter:

(a) Bobby June Fortenberry, born in 1935, joined the U. S. Armed Forces and is stationed at Keesler Field near Gulfport, Mississippi.

Sheldon married (2) Mary Belle _____. They live in New Orleans and have five children--Loretta is employed in Holmes Department Store, Shirley is in high school, Sheldon, Jr., Joan, and William (Bill).

(2) Joseph (Joe) Fortenberry is married. They live in Houston,

Texas and he has two adopted children.

Dr. Andrew Fortenberry married (2) Roma _____ from Morgan City, Louisiana. They live at St. Gabriel, Louisiana and have several children.

VIIIF-3 Myrtis Fortenberry was born in 1882. She married Dr. A. M. Dodds of Meadville, Mississippi. Dr. Dodds died _____. Myrtis was teaching in the Meadville School when she met and married Dr. Dodds. Myrt is living in Meadville now. They had one daughter:

(1) Aaron Myrtis Dodds married Jack Hemphill. They live in Meadville and have two sons--Jack Hemphill III, and Aaron Dodds Hemphill.

VIIIF-4 Sarah Louise Fortenberry was born in 1884 and died August 9, 1948. She is buried at Little Rock, Arkansas. She married (1) Henry Steinbrenner of Brinkley, Arkansas. He died _____. Sarah taught school until she married. After Henry's death, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where several of her brothers lived, and went into the real estate business. She and Henry had one daughter:

(1) Mary Cook Steinbrenner is in New York.

Sarah married (2) D. A. (Doc) Murette. She died while visiting her brother, Dr. Andrew, where she had gone for medical treatment.

VIIIF-5 Ferman Esco Fortenberry, born June 18, 1886, died June 9, 1952. He married Nellie Mae Simmons, daughter of William Eli Simmons of Simmonsville. They lived in Clarkston, Georgia where Ferman is buried. Mae lives there now. They had six sons; all married with families--Everett, Elmo, Adrain, Jack, Donald, and Clyde.

(Note: This family is written up in full under the George Washington Simmons Line and will not be repeated here.)

VIIIF-6 Eurel Victor Fortenberry was born in 1888 and died at the Veteran's Hospital at Biloxi, Mississippi in 1944. He married Minni Belle Fairman of Monticello, Mississippi. Vic was employed by the

United States Government in Washington, D. C. until his illness. He was a World War I Veteran. He and Minnie Belle had one son. Vic is buried in Monticello, Mississippi.

(1) Eurel Victor Fortenberry, Jr.

VIIIF-7 Sheldon Burrel Fortenberry was born in 1890 and died in 1950. He married (1) Elizabeth Wood of Atlanta, Georgia, and they had five children. Elizabeth and all of her children live in Atlanta now. Sheldon is buried in McDonough, Georgia. Their children were:

- (1) Elizabeth (Betty) Fortenberry born September 23, 1921.
- (2) Sheldon Burrel Fortenberry, Jr., born November 11, 1924.
- (3) Madeline Fortenberry, born May 3, 1929.
- (4) Jacqueline (Jacky) Fortenberry, born May 15, 1932.
- (5) Albert Fortenberry, born March 23, 1935.

Sheldon married (2) Stella McHan. There were no children by this marriage.

VIIIF-8 Mittie Terrell Fortenberry was born July 15, 1893, and died August 20, 1940, according to her grave marker. She was married on December 27, 1918 to Ora L. Simmons, son of Robert L. Simmons. Mittie and Ora had four children--Mitzi, Patty, Ora Lee, and Andrew Glen.

(Note: This family is written up under the Narcissa Simmons Fortenberry Line and will not be repeated here.)

VIIIF-9 Henry Glen Fortenberry was born in 1895. He married (1) Mary Rodgers, deceased, of Ripley, Mississippi. Mary is buried in Ripley. She and Glen had one daughter:

- (1) Helen Rose Fortenberry married _____ and they live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

After Mary's death, Glen married (2) Losia Alford Simmons and they live in the old W. E. Simmons home at old Simmonsville (now Progress)

VIIIF-10 Charlie Lane Fortenberry was born in 1897 and died in 1941 while in Detroit, Michigan. He is buried at Monticello, Mississippi. Lane married Elizabeth (Bet) Magee of Monticello. She lives in Jackson, Mississippi now and is employed with Reid-McGee Real Estate Company on North State Street. Lane and Bet had four children:

- (1) Charlie Lane Fortenberry, Jr. is with a radio corporation in New York.
- (2) Glenwood Fortenberry is at Yazoo City, Mississippi.
- (3) William Jackson Fortenberry is in Jackson with his Mother.
- (4) Betty Alicia Fortenberry died in 1943 at the age of 14 years. She is buried in Monticello.

VIIIF-11 Josie Lee Fortenberry was born November 6, 1899 and died November 9, 1900, according to her grave marker. She is buried at Silver Springs Church in Pike County, Mississippi.

VIIIF-12 Wanzie Fortenberry was born in 1902. She married Marion Tuttle, a travelling salesman. They lived in Concord, Tennessee. They had two daughters--Elizabeth Ann and Wanzie Lee. Wanzie lives in Concord now.

VIIIG Mary LuElla Simmons, daughter of Jackson Simmons, was born July 27, 1859. She married Collie Bailey. LuElla was a babe in arms when her parents died. She died in Texas on _____. She and Collie had four children:

VIIIG-1 Champion Bailey was the oldest son.

VIIIG-2 A daughter

VIIIG-3 _____

VIIIG-4 _____