

## THE SIMMONS FAMILY OF LINCOLN PARISH, LOUISIANA

Elizabeth SIMMONS, her two sons James and Asa Bailey, and her daughter Hannah move from Meriwether County, Georgia to Vienna, Lincoln Parish, (Formerly Jackson Parish) Louisiana. In Jackson Parish Louisiana History it states that Asa Bailey SIMMONS "... he received his education and began his career of a planter in his native state, where he lived until 1849, when he removed to Louisiana and located on a plantation two miles from Vienna, when ... During the war Asa B. SIMMONS was a member of an organization of home guards. A prohibitionist from principle, he was long identified with the temperance association. He married in 1839(Ed. note 1838) to Miss Temperance STERLING, also a native of Georgia." Much of the above can be said of Asa's brother James SIMMONS.

The 1850 census shows both brothers as farmers. Asa's farm was valued at \$120.00 and James's farm at \$150.00. The next ten years brought a great deal of prosperity to the two brothers. The 1860 census of Jackson Parish, Louisiana shows for Asa B. SIMMONS real estate valued at \$6700.00 and personal estate valued at \$500.00. James SIMMONS real estate valued at \$8000.00 and personal estate valued \$1275.00. Mrs. Olga BROTHERS TEAGUE, great-great-granddaughter of Asa states that Asa owned 40 slaves in a letter dated 31 Aug 1965 and written to Mrs. Charles NEWTON of Georgia.

During the Civil War, Asa Bailey SIMMONS JR. (named for his uncle) son of James SIMMONS enlisted as a private in K Company, 2nd Louisiana Infantry. He died the 24 June 1861 in Yorktown, Virginia. James like his brother Asa most likely enlisted in the Home Guard. Asa Bailey SIMMONS had two sons enlist in the Army, James Isaac and Jesse A. both of whom enlisted in I Company 28th Louisiana (Gray's). They are all listed in Roster of Civil War Soldiers of Louisiana. In 1865 Asa Bailey SIMMONS was taxed \$2.70 and James SIMMONS was taxed \$0.60 according to The Civil War tax in Louisiana 1865.

The 1870 census of Jackson Parish, Louisiana shows the devaluation of the land and property to the Southerners. James SIMMONS SR. had Real Estate valued at \$625.00 and Personal Estate valued at \$530.00. Asa Bailey SIMMONS had lost everything, but his son James Isaac SIMMONS and family were living with him. James Isaac SIMMONS had real and personal estate valued at \$2800.00. The 1870 census lists six SIMMONS households all of which were related the each other. Two nephews of James and Asa SIMMONS moved to the Vienna, Louisiana area during the 1860'S. They were Jesse A. and Henry James SIMMONS, the sons of Jesse & Frances (PITTARD) SIMMONS.

The following decade began the exit of several of the SIMMONS families to Texas, but some families remained in the area. The 1880 census of Vienna, Lincoln Parish (Formerly Jackson Parish) listed three sons of Asa Bailey SIMMONS as heads of households. They were Jesse A., Josiah 'Joe', and Abel A. SIMMONS. James SIMMONS SR. and his son Mortimore were listed as heads of household. Also the two brothers Jesse A. and Henry James SIMMONS were also listed as heads of household.

By the 1900 census I could only find two families with the SIMMONS surname living in the Vienna area. In Ward 1, Ruston, LA., lived Josiah 'Joe' SIMMONS (son of Asa), and Mortimore SIMMONS (son of James SIMMONS SR.)

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James<sup>4</sup>SIMMONS (Adam<sup>3</sup>JR., Adam<sup>2</sup>SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

James was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia and married Lucinda \_\_\_ by 1838 in Georgia. He and his brother Asa Bailey SIMMONS moved to Louisiana in late 1849 as stated in the previous page. The place and date of death for James or Lucinda has not been found. They could have moved to Texas after the 1880 census was taken. James and Lucinda SIMMONS's children were:

1. Asa Bailey SIMMONS JR. born 1839 in Meriwether County, Georgia. It is doubtful that he married. He died 24 June 1861 at Yorktown, Virginia. He was a member of K Company, 2nd Louisiana, Infantry.
2. Almeda SIMMONS born 1840.
3. Corintha SIMMONS born 1844.
4. Andrew SIMMONS born 1846 Meriwether County, Georgia. In Roster of Civil War Soldiers in Louisiana it lists a Sergeant Andrew SIMMONS of I Company 2nd La Calvary, this could possibly be him.
5. Victoria SIMMONS born 1848.
6. Sarah SIMMONS born 1850 Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.
7. Mortimore SIMMONS born 1853 Vienna, LA. He married Nancy A. LANGUELY 23 Nov 1874 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. In the 1900 census for Lincoln Parish it lists his family with 8 children born and 5 living. The ones I can identify are listed below all of which were born in the Vienna area:
  - A. Mary S. SIMMONS born January 1877.
  - B. Mattie SIMMONS born November 1883.
  - C. Jesse A. SIMMONS born November 1888.
  - D. Willie E. SIMMONS born October 1891.

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Asa Bailey<sup>4</sup>SIMMONS (Adam<sup>3</sup>JR., Adam<sup>2</sup>SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

Asa 'Acie' was born 14 December 1816 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He lived there until shortly after his marriage to Temperance 'Tempy' STERLING, which took place 28 December 1838. Tempy was the daughter of Josiah STERLING and Elizabeth MUCKLEROY. Tempy was born 4 July 1819 and died in 1888. Asa and Tempy were second cousins on their mother sides. Both were great-grandchildren of Archibald MACKLEROY (MUCKLEROY) and Catherine SIMPSON of North Carolina. Information on the MUCKLEROY (various spellings McELROY) was obtained from David V. MUCKLEROY of San Antonio, Texas. Asa and Tempy moved from Meriwether County, Georgia to Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. They later moved to Texas between 1872-1879, because they are not listed in the 1880 census of Louisiana. Where they moved to in Texas has not been determined, but most likely near their son James. Asa died 1884 in Texas place unknown. They had six sons, the four oldest having been born in Meriwether County, Georgia:

1. James Isaac SIMMONS ,born 30 May 1842, married Hattie Matilda STALLINGS and will be discussed in greater detail in the SIMMONS'S of Texas. See page eleven.
2. Jesse A. SIMMONS, born 29 September 1844, married Mary A. 'Mollie' MALONE. He remained in Louisiana for some years. See page seven.
3. Abel Averhart SIMMONS ,born 7 December 1846, married Susan Ann Catherine SEALY. See page eleven, SIMMONS'S of Texas.
4. William Green SIMMONS, born 10 August 1849, married Mary STALLINGS. Mary is

the sister of the above Hattie Matilda STALLINGS. See page eight for more information.

5. Josiah 'Joe' Sterling SIMMONS born 31 July 1853 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. He married Victoria MORRIS. See page nine for more information.
6. Willis 'Doc' Bennett SIMMONS born 20 February 1856 in Vienna, Louisiana. He married Octavia GLOVER. He will be discussed more in the SIMMONS'S of Texas. See page eleven.

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Jesse A.<sup>5</sup> SIMMONS (Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup> JR., Adam<sup>2</sup> SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

Jesse was born 29 September 1844 in Meriwether County, Georgia the second son of Asa Bailey & Temperance (STERLING) SIMMONS. He married Mary 'Mollie' A. MALONE. The information written next was found in Jackson Parish Louisiana History it states "J.A. SIMMONS of Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana ... the immediate subject of this sketch, was married 7 June 1865, to Miss Mary A. MALONE, who was born in Louisiana, April 1846, and who has borne him nine children, eight of whom are living, the other having died in infancy ... Mr. SIMMONS has been a life-long planter, and his operation have been attended with moderate success, and in connection with that he has a large store in Vienna in which he keeps an extensive stock of general merchandise. His plantation is located about two miles west of Vienna and consists of 500 acres of good and well-improved land. His principle crops are cotton and corn. In 1868 he became a member of the Vienna lodge, No. 106, A.F. & A.M., and having taken the requisite number of degrees is a master Mason. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1862, when in his eighteenth year, Mr. SIMMONS enlisted in Company I, of the Twenty-eight Louisiana Infantry, under Captain Richards, and served gallantly until the close of the war, but with such good fortune that he was never wounded, though he was in many engagements, including those at Camp Bislin, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill Landing and Sims Port."

It is not known where and when Jesse and Mary died, they could have been buried on a private cemetery or moved to Texas. Paul Earnest BAKER (grand-nephew of Jesse) provided some information on this family thru a brief work he did. Jesse and Mary children, all of which were born in Vienna, Louisiana were:

1. Lela SIMMONS, born 17 March 1866, married Jim JORDON. Their children are the following:
  - A. May JORDON
  - B. Midge JORDON
  - C. Gladys JORDON
  - D. Marie JORDON
  - E. Adam JORDON
2. Chas 'Charlie' M. SIMMONS, born 19 July 1867, married first (?) 25 April 1889 to Florence O. HOWELL; second to Annie WILSON. He moved to Denton, Denton County, Texas in 1893. They had one child who died in infancy. He is listed in the 1910 census of Denton County as living with his brother-in-law Wily W. WILSON.
3. Willie Ida SIMMONS, born 11 November 1870.
4. Stanley 'Joe' B. SIMMONS, born 7 September 1872, moved to Denton, Texas where he married Sallie KEESEE (daughter of Mary J. KEESEE).

5. Beulah SIMMONS died at age three.
6. Willis 'Pete' J. SIMMONS, born 4 May 1876. He married 1 July 1900 in Denton County, Texas to Della PINER. Willis also came to Texas in 1893 with his brother. The 1910 census of Denton County has him listed as working in a hardware store and owning his own house.
7. Allie V. SIMMONS, born 9 May 1879, she married John TAYLOR.
8. Mary 'Kate' E. SIMMONS, born 17 May 1881, married Hulon CROUCH.
9. James W. SIMMONS, born 6 December 1883, married Susie GREGG, and they lived in Denton County, Texas. Children were:
  - A. James Albert
  - B. William
  - C. Susan Jane
10. Jesse R. SIMMONS born 1 June 1888.

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William Green 'Billie'<sup>5</sup> SIMMONS (Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup> JR., Adam<sup>2</sup> SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

William was born 10 August 1849 in Meriwether County, Georgia. The fourth son of Asa Bailey and Temperance (STERLING) SIMMONS. He married Mary STALLINGS in Texas. Mary was the daughter of Jephtha and Frances J. STALLINGS of Vienna, Louisiana. William and Mary moved back to Texas where he died 24 December 1886 of a heart attack at a Christmas Play. He is buried in Vienna, Louisiana. His wife Mary remarried a older man by the of BISHOP and moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she died at an old age. William and Mary's children were:

1. Asa Bailey SIMMONS
2. Alice Bradley SIMMONS ,married Horace ELKINS, they had the following children:
  - A. Osia Ola ELKINS
  - B. Mabel ELKINS, married John KENDALL.
  - C. Mary Alice ELKINS, married a Mr. BURNETTEE.
  - D. Peyton ELKINS
  - E. Horanc ELKINS JR.
  - F. Fannie Clarie ELKINS
3. Frances 'Jane' SIMMONS ,married Willis Lee CLARK, there children:
  - A. William Marion CLARK married Maggie LOWE
    - (1) William Marion CLARK JR.
    - (2) Willie Lee CLARK
    - (3) Vernon Ray CLARK
  - B. Mary Myrtle CLARK, married John P. MURRAY.
    - (1) Frank William MURRAY
  - C. Frank Kingsley CLARK, married Eileen PLUMMER.
    - (1) Frank Kingsley CLARK JR.
    - (2) Glenn Moore CLARK.
  - D. Willie Lee CLARK, married Polly DUQUA.
    - (1) Milton Lee

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Josiah 'Joe' Sterling<sup>5</sup> SIMMONS (Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup> JR., Adam<sup>2</sup> SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

Joe was born 31 July 1853 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. He married Victoria MORRIS (28 August 1861 - 16 February 1945) in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana the 6 November 1879. He and his family remained in Vienna area and some of his descendents are still living in the area. Some of his grandchildren and his daughters Norma Lee and Bessie SIMMONS helped with the information on this family. Joe died 22 July 1903 and both he and his wife are buried in Vienna. Their children are:

1. William Sterling SIMMONS, born 28 Jan 1881, died 22 May 1964. He married the 24th of October 1903 in Vienna, to Beatrice SEALY (21 March 1884 - 28 March 1964) the daughter of James Robinson Graves and Mattie E. (BROADWAY) SEALY. William and Beatrice are buried in Vienna. When my family and I took a trip Louisiana we visited with two daughters of William they are Gladys and Mattie Sue. The ladies told us of a trip their father took the family on in the 1930'S to visit cousins in Texas. Clyde Earl SIMMONS JR. of Flower Mound, Texas also recalls the visit of these cousins. The also went to O'Brien, Texas to visit children of Abel SIMMONS. The children of William and Beatrice are:
  - A. Joe SIMMONS
  - B. Gladys SIMMONS married Mr. McKEE.
  - C. Mattie Sue SIMMONS married Glenn LARANCE.
  - D. Victoria SIMMONS
  - E. Jewell SIMMONS
  - F. Elma SIMMONS
  - G. Grace SIMMONS
  - H. Jimmie SIMMONS
  - I. Mary SIMMONS
2. James Willis SIMMONS, born 2 July 1882, died 5 July 1923. He married twice; first to Emma HOLLOWAY, and second to Maude McELDUFF. Both marriages produced no children. James and Maude are buried in Vienna.
3. Hattie SIMMONS, born 13 March 1884, married Cornelius ALEXANDER. She died 1 October 1913 in Vienna. Their children are:
  - A. Hattie ALEXANDER
  - B. Neva Dene ALEXANDER
  - C. Norma ALEXANDER
4. Jessie SIMMONS, born November 1885, married Deck ALEXANDER. Children:
  - A. Willis ALEXANDER
  - B. Ruby ALEXANDER
  - C. Willard ALEXANDER
5. Annie SIMMONS, born October 1887, married John Willis COLVIN. Children are:
  - A. Joe Cal COLVIN
  - B. Glenn COLVIN
6. Emma SIMMONS ,born May 1892, married Jeff ALEXANDER. Children:
  - A. Guy ALEXANDER
  - B. Cleo ALEXANDER
  - C. Maguerite ALEXANDER married Mr. BOOTH and lives in Ruston, Louisiana.
  - D. Vera ALEXANDER
7. Ida SIMMONS, born July 1894, married Stone COLVIN. Children:

- A. Baxter COLVIN
  - B. Emmett COLVIN
  - C. Willis COLVIN
8. Norma Lee SIMMONS, born Jan 1900, married Arthur RABB, she is still living as of 1989. Their children are:
- A. Herbert RABB
  - B. Lorene RABB
  - C. Caroline RABB married Mr. GARDEBLED.
9. Bessie SIMMONS, born 1903, married Velma LARANCE. They had no children and she is still living, as of 1989.

## THE SIMMONS FAMILY OF DENTON & HASKELL TEXAS

Between the years 1872 and 1900 three of Asa Bailey SIMMONS's sons moved to Texas. The first of these was James Isaac SIMMONS and his family. He arrived in Denton County, Texas between 1871-72. The 1870 census of Lincoln Parish, Louisiana has James and family living with his father Asa. The 1880 census of Denton County, Texas lists James's son Willis age eight as being born in Texas. This gives the date of 1871-72. James and his family moved to Flower Mound, Denton County, Texas where he, his wife and several of their children are buried. On a visit to the area in 1989 I visited with a grandson of James who was Clyde Earl SIMMONS Junior. Clyde gave me a copy of work, on the family, done by his cousin Paul Earnest BAKER.

The second son of Asa's that moved to Texas was Willis B. 'Doc' SIMMONS. Willis came with his brother in 1871-72 and is listed in his brothers household in the 1880 census of Denton County. Willis at some point between 1880-95 moved to Oklahoma, where all his children were born. He moved back to Texas prior to 1910 and finally settled in Waxahachie, Texas. Where he lived for many years, finally passing away in 1942.

The third son of Asa's that moved to Texas was Abel Averhart SIMMONS. Abe moved to Denton county, Texas between 1896-98. His oldest daughter Julia married late in 1896 in Louisiana, and his next oldest daughter Tempy married in Denton County, Texas in 1899. According to Wilson LINK (grandson of Abe SIMMONS), Abe lived in Grapevine, Texas, however it was probably Flower Mound and they just used Grapevine as the mailing address. Abe is also listed in the 1900 census of Texas as living in Denton County. Abe then moved to Haskell County, Texas between the towns of O'Brien and Rochester about 1905. In this Haskell County four of his daughters were married. Abe and his wife Susan stayed in Haskell County, except for an occasional visit back to Louisiana. Abel and Susan are buried in Rochester Cemetery, Haskell County, Texas.

Asa Bailey and Temperance also moved to Texas. The date of their departure was prior to 1880, because they are not listed in the census of Louisiana. They may have come with their son James, however at this time their location is unknown. Asa and Tempy are buried in Texas, but the place is unknown.

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James Isaac<sup>5</sup>SIMMONS (Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup>JR., Adam<sup>2</sup> SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

The following information was obtained from a work done by Paul Earnest BAKER (grandson of James Isaac). The information was done between the years 1963-69. The only difference in what I have collected is the date of this families arrival in Texas. I place the arrival about three years later than does Paul, however he could have meant that James was in the area looking for a new place to live as early as 1869. The following I will keep as Paul wrote it some twenty years ago.

"James Isaac (Jimmie) SIMMONS, first son (of Asa and Tempy SIMMONS) born in Meriwether County, Georgia in 1841. Moved to Louisiana with his family; served in the Civil War 1861-1865; fought in the battle of Vicksburg on the Mississippi. Married in 1866 in Louisiana to Harriet Matilda (Hattie) STALLINGS, who was born 1842. They had a family of nine children. According to reports, Grandfather's brother-in-law was a slave trader in Louisiana before the Civil War.

Jimmie and Hattie SIMMONS migrated from Vienna, Louisiana to Raleigh, East Texas--- in 1869. After the Civil War the plantation in Louisiana was impractical, so along with other members of the family, Grandfather and Grandmother probably were attracted to Texas by stories of cheap, fertile land and the big, wide-open spaces.

In 1870 they moved further west to the Cross roads, Flower Mound, Denton County, Texas. Grandfather Jephtha STALLINGS (Hattie's father) had come to the area prior to Jimmie and Hattie Here they lived four or five years and then moved to a farm six miles east of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas. Dr. Joe STALLINGS, (Hattie's brother) after serving four years as an army surgeon in the Civil War, had moved six miles east of Cleburne, but died about this time. Jimmie took part in the settlement of his brother-in-laws's estate.

While in Johnson County, Jimmie and Hattie lived in a log cabin near the Chisholm Trail. They could see the cattle being driven to the railroad and to market at Kansas City along this trail. They hauled water; raised a garden, corn, cotton, chickens, hogs and milch cows.

Jimmie and Hattie moved back to Denton County about 1876 and located north of Grapevine, where they continued to live until after all their children were married. Their first home was a log cabin with a dirt floor, one door and no windows. Then a lean-to was added for a kitchen, later a three-room house was built one-half mile east of the log cabin. Still later, a long kitchen and a large parlor were added.

Later in life Grandfather J.I. SIMMONS and Grandmother Hattie STALLINGS SIMMONS, moved to Stringtown, about two miles east of their old home to be near their sons: Joe and Willie SIMMONS. Here, Grandmother Hattie died November 25, 1924 at the age of 82 and Grandfather Jimmie died May 11, 1925 at the age of 84. They were laid to rest in the Flower mound Cemetery, about five miles southwest of Lewisville, and adjacent to the Flower Mound Church. When "near the end of their", Uncle Joe and Aunt Ollie SIMMONS took them into their home for tender and constant care."

James Isaac and Harriet Matilda 'Hattie' (STALLINGS) SIMMONS children were:

1. Ada Florence SIMMONS, married John Theodore BAKER. Ada, born 26 May 1867 in Lincoln Parish, Vienna, Louisiana. Lives at 427 W. Sycamore Street, Denton, Texas. She married 9 January 1887 to John Theodore BAKER (7 January 1866 - 30 April 1945) They are buried in Flower Mound Cemetery. Their children are:
  - A. Ethel Lorina BAKER: born on the BAKER homestead, Shiloh, Texas - (1899- ).
  - B. Bassil Earl BAKER: born (1891- ). Married Una Grace Gregory at Valley View, Texas - 8 June 1913. Children:
    - (1) Earl Ernest BAKER - born (1914- ). was married 19 August 1934 to Lois Juanita DECKARD (1916- ).
      - (a) Betty Lou BAKER (1936- ) married 26 Dec 1954, Foy Dan MILLS (1935- ). Their children are Foy Dan MILLS Jr. (1959- ), Bret Don MILLS (1960- ).
      - (b) John Thomas BAKER, born Lubbock, Texas (1946- ).
      - (c) Vickie Lee BAKER, born " " (1949- ).
    - (2) Glenn Gregory BAKER, born (1917- ). Married in 1937 to Ina Lou HAND (1918- ).
      - (a) Wanda Anita BAKER (1938- ) Married in 1958 to Jackie Lee FITZGERALD (1938- ). Their children are Robert Gregory FITZGERALD (1958- ), Cynthia Lee FITZGERALD (1960- ).



- (b) Calvin Marshall BAKER born Forth Worth (1941- ).
  - (3) Rebecca Louise BAKER born (1924- ) Married in 1940 to James Lafayette SMITH (1917- ).
    - (a) James Lewis SMITH (1941- ).
    - (b) Larry Wayne SMITH (1944- ).
    - (c) Royce Glenn SMITH (1955- ).
    - (4) Helen Irene BAKER born (1932- ). Married in 1953 to Roy J. YELENICH (1932- ). Their children are: Stephen Michael YELENICH, Lisa Kay YELENICH, and Marc Gregory YELENICH.
  - C. Paul Earnest BAKER born Shiloh, Texas (1893- ).
- 2. Tempie SIMMONS, born September 1869, died at age of 15.
- 3. Willis Bennett SIMMONS, married Kate May LUSK. Willis Bennett 'Bud' SIMMONS born 11 January 1872, died 1 December 1949. He was married to Kate May LUSK (15 May 1881-1972) and they lived at 324 East Franklin St. Grapevine, Texas. Children:
  - A. Naomi Beatrice (Tincy) SIMMONS, married Louis Thad LEMON.
  - B. Marguerite Louise SIMMONS, married Keller Blev AUSTIN.
    - (1) Don Maurice AUSTIN, married Shirley Kathleen TEAGUE.
      - (a) Don Maurice AUSTIN II
      - (b) Dan Michael AUSTIN
    - (2) Douglas Blev AUSTIN
    - (3) Helen Athlee LUSK (adopted niece, married George Wright PEEK)
      - (a) Kathy Eliane PEEK
      - (b) Peggy Diane PEEK
- 4. Minnie SIMMONS, died age four.
- 5. Joseph Lee SIMMONS, married Ollie Josephine PROCTOR. Joseph Lee (Boss) SIMMONS (22 February 1876 - 4 May 1958) is buried at Flower Mound Cemetery. He was married 6 December 1900 to Ollie Josephine PROCTOR (29 March 1883- 1976) and they lived at 2932 8th Ave. Fort Worth, Texas.
  - A. Guy Leslie SIMMONS, born (19 October 1901 - 6 November 1941) married Nellie CURTSINGER.
  - B. Vera Lee SIMMONS, married Joe PYLE.
  - C. Ruth SIMMONS, married Jess Burford HOLDER.
    - (1) Wanda HOLDER married Curtis R. MOORE
  - D. J.T. SIMMONS, born (1912 - 1959), married Sarah GERON
    - (1) Geron SIMMONS married David Post ANDERTON
      - (a) Ashley Simmons ANDERTON
      - (b) David Post ANDERTON Jr.
  - E. John Proctor SIMMONS, died at age of 9 months.
- 6. Sammie SIMMONS, died at age one.
- 7. Dora Talula SIMMONS, married Thomas Roach ADKINS. Dora (14 October 1880 - ), lived at Rt. 1 Clarendon, Texas. She married the 22nd of December 1905 to Thomas Roach ADKINS (8 February 1878 - 16 November 1934).
  - A. Glenn Olive ADKINS, born (24 September 1906 - ). Married Alta PEABODY.
  - B. A son died in infancy, and is buried at Flower Mound.
  - C. Edith Roberta ADKINS, born (16 February 1914 - ). Married Carl Milford PITTMAN. Children:

- (1) Patricia Lou PITTMAN, married Billie Jack JORDON.
  - (a) Karla Sue PITTMAN
  - (b) Mark Kimberly PITTMAN
- (2) Billie Carl PITTMAN, married Vivian Mae NEWBERRY.
  - (a) adopted Tod Alden PITTMAN
  - (b) Robin Laurie PITTMAN
- (3) Ola Jean PITTMAN, married Roy Gratin JOHNSON.
  - (a) Jaci Sue JOHNSON
  - (b) Monte Lynn JOHNSON
- (4) Alfred Keith PITTMAN, married Ruby Jewell DENTON.
- (5) Judith Ann PITTMAN.
- E. Marion Earl (Byrd) ADKINS, 1st married Inez TIDWELL
  - (1) Mickey Loye, married Ronald B. HERMANSON
  - (2) Glenna Berdine ADKINS, married Dennis DeHAWN.
    - (a) Ricky DeHAWN
  - (3) Jimmie Dee ADKINS, married Barbara SOWDOSKY.
    - (a) Jimmie Dee ADKINS JR.
    - (b) Jess Earl ADKINS
    - (c) Barbara ADKINS
- E. Marion Earl (Byrd) ADKINS, married 2nd Ann STYMAKER
  - (4) Milton Carl ADKINS
  - (5) Byrd ADKINS
  - (6) Marilyn Jean ADKINS
- F. J.C. ADKINS, married Wanda TEEPLE; died May 1945.
  - (1) Gloria Ann ADKINS
  - (2) Adlovide Joe ADKINS
- G. Ola Mae (Chig) ADKINS, died at the age of 12; May 1945
- H. Thomas Roach ADKINS JR. (died August 1960) was married to Edith June WEBB.
  - (1) Sandra Jean ADKINS, married Harold FARROW.
    - (a) Rickey FARROW
    - (b) Steven FARROW
  - (2) Janice Kay ADKINS, married Jim SMITH. His second wife was Janice GRABBE.
    - (a) Gregory Steven SMITH
- 8. Lena Ethel Pauline SIMMONS, married William Lee KNIGHT. Lena (1882 - 1963), is buried at Flower Mound Cemetery. She was married 22 December 1904 to William Lee KNIGHT (1881 - ).
  - A. Mack Willard KNIGHT (1905 - ), married Essie Mae (Paka) RODEN.
    - (1) Mack Willard KNIGHT JR., married 1st Virginia Lee FELKER:
      - (a) Mack Willard KNIGHT III
      - (b) Teresa Jean KNIGHT
      - (c) Terry Joe KNIGHT
      - (d) Timothy Lee KNIGHT
 Second wife of Mack KNIGHT Jr. Rosemarie WILLIAMS.
  - B. Cleo Evelyn KNIGHT (1907 - 1909).

- C. James Ray KNIGHT (1909 - 1937). twin to Roy
  - D. Joseph Roy KNIGHT (1909 - ), married Christine \_\_\_\_.  
    - (1) Erlene KNIGHT, married Llyod KITCHEN.  
      - (a) Kay KITCHEN
      - (b) Bob KITCHEN
      - (c) Curtis KITCHEN
      - (d) Terry KITCHEN
  - E. Hattie Lee Knight (1911 - ), married James Wilbur BARBER.  
    - (1) Travis Lee BARBER
    - (2) Linda Louise BARBER
  - F. Estelle (Brownie) KNIGHT
  - G. Alta Pauline KNIGHT (1914 - ), married Nobel Mounts WRIGHT.  
    - (1) Lady Louise WRIGHT
    - (2) William Wesley WRIGHT II, died in infancy
    - (3) William Wesley WRIGHT III
  - H. Ella Louise KNIGHT (1921 - ), married Roger James JOHNSTON.
9. Clyde Earl SIMMONS, married Hattie Lee BROOKS. Clyde Earl (Buck) SIMMONS ( December 1884 - 1953) married, 19 December 1911 to Hattie Lee BROOKS (1890 - 1975). They lived at Rt. 1, Grapevine, Texas.
- A. Clyde Earl SIMMONS JR. born 1917, married Arlie CARTER, and live in Flower Mound, Texas.  
    - (1) Jerry Carter SIMMONS, married Carolyn JAYNOR.  
      - (a) Gina Sue SIMMONS
      - (b) Julie Michele SIMMONS
  - B. Velma Lee SIMMONS, married Raymond V. FRANKLIN
  - C. Ollie Olita SIMMONS, married Charlie Ralph BARR (died 19610
  - D. Majorie SIMMONS, married Clyde Allen LESTER.  
    - (1) Larry Allen LESTER, married Diana Sue EBERHARDT
    - (2) Ricky Wayne & Randy Kent LESTER, twins died in infancy.
  - E. James Martin SIMMONS, married Herma Lee HIMES.

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Abel 'Abe' Averhart<sup>5</sup>SIMMONS (Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup>JR., Adam<sup>2</sup>SR., John<sup>1</sup>).

Abe, was born 7 December 1846 in Meriwether County, Georgia. He is the third son of Asa Bailey and Temperance (STERLING) SIMMONS. Abe's parents moved to Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana in late 1849. When the Civil War started Abe was almost 15 years old, and although he did not join a regular unit like his two older brothers (James and Jesse), he probably joined a Home Guard like his father.

After the Civil War Abe remained in the area, and on the 12th of November 1872 he married Susan Ann Catherine SEALY (10 November 1850 - 1 March 1920). Susan was the daughter of Obadiah Eli and Julia Ann Melvinia (CROSBY) SEALY of Vienna. Susan's parents were originally from South Carolina. Abe and Sue remained in Vienna for about 25 years, when they decided to move to Texas. They first moved to Flower Mound, Denton County, Texas, where they remained until 1905. At this time they moved further west and settled in Haskell County, Texas between the cities of O'Brien and Rochester Texas. Wilson LINK (Grandson of

Abe) said he was a retired school teacher, but in the censuses he is listed as a farmer.

Abe and Sue had collected quite a few photographs through their years together, both of them had pictures of their brothers and sisters dating as early as the 1860'S. They stayed in contact with their respective families as can be seen from the pictures of family members throughout the years, of which a few are in this work. This love of pictures was passed to their daughter Jamie Floice SIMMONS LINK who received those pictures that her parents collected after their deaths and from the pictures she had collected, she remained in contact with cousins from east Texas and Louisiana through her life. These pictures were passed to her daughter Floice LINK McLENDON.

Abe died 23 August 1928, and both he and Sue are buried in Rochester Cemetery, Haskell County, Texas. All of their children were born in Vienna, Louisiana they are:

1. Julia Ann Melvinia SIMMONS, (9 November 1873 - 14 July 1937). She married 17 September 1896 in Vienna, Louisiana to Waldo Sate PRICE (1857 - ). They moved to Haskell County and later to Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, where both are buried.
  - A. Ruby Lee PRICE (1898 - ), born in Texas.
  - B. Grady PRICE (1903 - ).
  - C. Abel PRICE (1906 - ).
  - D. Cecil PRICE (1908 - )
  - E. Victor W. PRICE (5 October 1910 - 24 July 1911), is buried in Rochester Cemetery, Haskell County, Texas.
  - F. Creel PRICE, born in O'Brien, Texas.
2. Early SIMMONS (20 April 1875 - 27 August 1877), he is buried in the private Cemetery of his Grandfather Obadiah Eli SEALY in Vienna, Louisiana.
3. Tempy Florence SIMMONS (13 August 1876 - 10 May 1917). Married 25 April 1899 in Flower Mound, Texas to Thomas HUGGINS (son of John M. & Emila HUGGINS). She is buried in Flower Mound Cemetery, Texas.
  - A. Minnie Lee HUGGINS (1900 - ).
  - B. Roy HUGGINS
  - C. Pearl HUGGINS
  - D. Ollie HUGGINS
4. Stella Teresa SIMMONS (1 April 1878 - 19 September 1920). She married 8 October 1909 in O'Brien, Texas to Will QUALLS (1870 - ), son of W. Larkin & Maltilda QUALLS. She is buried in Rochester Cemetery, Haskell County, Texas.
  - A. Bennis QUALLS, married Lindsey KEYS.
  - B. Dennis QUALLS, twin to Bennis.
  - C. Dane QUALLS
  - D. Blonde QUALLS (1917 - ).
5. Ruby Ethel SIMMONS (19 October 1881 - ), married about 1904 to Will POWELL. They had one child.

Norene POWELL (1905 - ) born in O'Brien, Texas.
6. Lily Pearl SIMMONS (14 September 1883 - ). Married 28 November 1910 in O'Brien, Texas to Chase MITCHELL. They divorced some years later, and she finally moved to California.
  - A. Dale MITCHELL
  - B. Edward MITCHELL
  - C. Darrell MITCHELL

7. Texie SIMMONS (3 December 1886 - ). Married 23 December 1906 in O'Brien, Texas to Wright JACK. Their children are:
  - A. Barney JACK
  - B. Fay JACK
  - C. Opel JACK
8. Abel SIMMONS born 9 August 1888, and he died as an infant.
9. Jamie Floice SIMMONS, married John Henry LINK. Moved to New Mexico.

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Willis Bennett 'Doc'<sup>5</sup>SIMMONS (Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup>JR., Adam<sup>2</sup>SR., John<sup>1</sup>).

Willis was born 20 Feb 1856 in Vienna, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, he died 15 January 1942. On the 6th of June 1886 he married Octavia GLOVER (19 December 1866 - 22 March 1953). They moved to Oklahoma for some years, and prior to 1910 they moved back to Denton County. They finally settled in Waxachice, Texas. Their children are:

1. Willie Abel SIMMONS stillborn 13 June 1893.
2. Billie Estel SIMMONS stillborn 8 August 1895.
3. Hattie Ethel SIMMONS twin to Billie.
4. Hazel Pauline SIMMONS, born 27 August 1898.
5. Joseph Austell SIMMONS born 30 September 1900, died 12 July 1962.
6. Basil SIMMONS (14 July 1902 - ). Married Gladys Cecille COX (27 February 1907) children are:
  - A. Richard Bennett SIMMONS born 23 June 1938
  - B. Charles Von SIMMONS born 14 August 1946

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Jamie Floice<sup>6</sup> SIMMONS (Abel<sup>5</sup>, Asa B.<sup>4</sup>, Adam<sup>3</sup>JR., Adam<sup>2</sup>SR., John<sup>1</sup>)

Jamie was born 3 September 1889, in Vienna, Louisiana. She died 23 August 1962, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She married 15 January 1913 in O'Brien, Texas to John Henry LINK ( ). John was the son of Thomas & Gillie (COURSEY) LINK. Thomas and Gillie LINK came from Logan County, Kentucky to Haskell County, Texas before the turn of the Century. Jamie separated from her husband prior to her twin daughters being born in 1917. In Fence Lake, New Mexico Area, Families & History her Daughter-in-law Ruth (BOYETT) LINK entered this story about her.

"Mrs. LINK moved from Ruston, Louisiana with her parents and sisters to Texas when she was a little girl. She was living in O'Brien, Texas when she married John Henry LINK whom she later divorced.

Mrs. LINK knew when her four babies were very small that she was going to have to rear them alone and with determination and perserverance she did just that. It was an awesome task because she was not physically strong, had no property or wealth. She taught the children to work hard and instilled in them a sense of intergrity and self-worth and strong family ties. She was blessed with a creative talent for art and for sewing. The oldest daughter, Virginia BRUTON, had moved with her husband, Major, to Fence Lake to homestead and the other LINKs followed them there in 1932. After 24 days on the road in a covered wagon the family arrived on July 10th. Mrs. LINK was practically penniless. But she soon learned that except for a

few World War I pensioners, the other homesteaders were practically penniless, too.'

#### 'Where's the Water

The Bell, Shields and Walker families had access to a dug shallow well but the other homesteaders had to find water any way they could. At first the LINKs hauled water from old Fence Lake in barrels via wagon and team. First they had to catch the horses; the trip to the lake was 3 or 3 1/2 miles from home. Then about 1935 the Fence Lake dried up and water was brought from Atarque Lake in barrels by Frank SPARKMAN who had a truck. He charged 50 per barrel for hauling. Money to pay the freight bill came from Mrs. LINKs (known to her grandchildren as 'Mama LINK') egg and cream money.

The next chapter in the water story found the LINKs hauling their water from Joe AKARD's dirt tank of dam; this went on for some time and it was good to have water this close to home. If "Ole Whiteface" wanted a drink she would place her forelegs up in the wagon and help herself to the water. Of course when there was rain or snow the people would store as much it as possible and that helped out with the water problem.

Finally the LINKs became affluent enough to acquire a stripped-down Model T and that water was taken from Joe's tank to Mrs. LINK's home to make the adobe bricks for her new two-bedroom home which replaced her old picket house.

It was about 1935 when Mr. MEDLOCK drilled the first water well in the village of Fence Lake. It lasted about a year before giving out. Then about 1939, Curly WINNEGAR brought in a good well there at 400 feet. Still later Charlie drilled on down to 700 feet and this well is still pumping water in 1984. Most of the homesteads have their own wells now also. By Ruth (BOYETT) LINK" John and Jamie's children are:

1. Virginia LINK, born 12 March 1914 in O'Brien, Texas. She married 12 Sep 1931 to Major BRUTON (18 May 1905 -           ), and they now live in Arizona. Their children are:

- A. Virginia Lilith BRUTON, born 12 July 1935 at Black Rock, New Mexico. She married Jack BAKER 3 June 1955. Children:
  - (1) Rhonda Gayle BAKER
  - (2) David Randal BAKER
    - (a) Lenee Nicole BAKER
- B. Douglas Miles BRUTON, born 20 March 1938 at Fence Lake, New Mexico. He married Buelah OLDFIELD. Their children are:
  - (1) Glen Wayne (step-son)
    - (a) Douglas Miles II
  - (2) Alvin Dean (step-son)
    - (a) Julie
    - (b) Celinda
    - (c) Alvin
  - (3) Kenneth Ray BRUTON
    - (a) Major BRUTON
    - (b) Robert BRUTON
    - (c) Dustin BRUTON
  - (4) Jamie Sue BRUTON, married Danny WHITE
    - (a) John Douglas WHITE
    - (b) son WHITE
  - (5) Wilson Lynn BRUTON
- C. David Bruce BRUTON, born 27 August 1943 at Silver City, New Mexico. He

married Carolyn PHILIPS. Their children are:

- (1) David Bruce BRUTON
- (2) Zachery Jess BRUTON
- (3) Melissa Jane BRUTON

- (4) James Robert BRUTON
  - (5) Mathew Pendleton BRUTON
- D. William Link BRUTON, born 23 June 1945 in Silver City, New Mexico. He married Neusa RIBERIO. Their children are:
  - (1) Jennifer Ann BRUTON
  - (2) Christopher Michael BRUTON
- 2. Wilson David LINK, born 2 July 1915 in O'Brien, Texas. He married Ruth BOYETT. Their children are:
  - A. Doris Jane LINK, died as a baby
  - B. Robert Gary LINK.
    - (1) John LINK
    - (2) Jeff LINK
    - (3) Audry LINK
  - C. Edward Lynn LINK
    - (1) Casey Lee LINK
  - D. Gordon Russel 'Rusty' LINK
    - (1) Meredith E. LINK
- 3. Loice Cleeta LINK, born 17 February 1917 in O'Brien, Texas. Was a school teacher, married Jimmy STINNETT. She died 1 March 1953 leaving no issue.
- 4. Floice Reeta LINK, twin to Loice, born 17 February 1917. She married twice, first to Alvin Clark 'Doby' NORTHCUTT (son of Eppy L. & Myrl NORTHCUTT originally of Missouri), second to Harold McLENDON. She has one daughter:
  - A. Sue NORTHCUTT, married Gil ANDRESEN (son of John and Dolly (THOMAS) ANDRESEN). They have three children:
    - (1) Susan ANDRESEN, married Damien ARAGON and have two issue.
    - (2) James ANDRESEN.
    - (3) Mark ANDRESEN.