

SIMON CORNWELL

(ca. 1746-aft. 1824)

Simon Cornwell was likely born in Virginia, perhaps around 1746, and died after 1824. If the eight children identified at the end of this chapter are Simon's, then he likely was born around 1746, 21 years before the birth of his first child.

A Simon Cornwell married Mary (Molly) Johnston, the daughter of Moses Johnston and Diana Shumate ca. 1791, too late to be the parents of the children identified below. Perhaps she was a second wife. A subsequent wife, Phebe, was named in an 1804 document.

Simon was added to the Broad Run Baptist Church in Fauquier County, VA by baptism in 1772. (*Broad Run Baptist Church Minutes*, page 15).

In 1778, Simon Cornwell was listed as a tithable in Fauquier County with negro Joseph on "A List of Tithes Taken by Thomas Keith 1778."

In 1779, Simon Cornwell was listed on the Fauquier County, Virginia rent rolls.

In 1779, Simon Cornwell of Fauquier County, Virginia turned in 101.00 in paper money to receive coin.

In 1779 and 1782, Simon Cornwell appears in the Virginia Tax Census for Fauquier County. (*Virginia Tax Payers* by Augusta Fothergill, page 29 [for 1782]) He's on the List of Tithables for 1781, page 84, in the *Fauquier Families Volume 2 Supplement*, by John P. Alcock. In the same book, Simon Cornwell's name appears on the 1783 Personal Property Tax List, page 129, and on the 1785 Tithable Fragments list on page 143. In 1783, he was taxed for himself, ten cattle, and two horses. In 1785, he was taxed for himself, one cow and 9 horses.

Simon Cornwall was enumerated in the 1785 census for Fauquier County, listed under "Picket & Buckners' List of Whites and Buildings." Some entries follow:

"Daniel Shomate – 7 whites, 1 dwelling, 1 outhouse, page 6

Simon Cornwall – 10 whites, 1 dwelling, 1 outhouse, page 7

Catharine Haoltzclaw – 8 whites, 1 dwelling, page 7 [Jarvice Cornwell married Duanna Holtzclaw ca 1764.]

Moses Johnson – 6 whites, 1 dwelling, page 6 [Moses Johnson married Duanna Shumate daughter of Daniel Shomate before 1806 – Moses is listed next to Daniel Shomote.]”

On Jun 27, 1785, Simon Cornwell was included with 34 others in the Broad Run Baptist Church census along with his mother Sarah Cornwall. (*Broad Run Baptist Church Minutes*, 1785 membership list, page 2)

From 1783-1788, and again in 1794, Simon Cornwell was taxed on 87 acres in Fauquier County. Simon Cornwell's name appears in the book *1787 Census of Virginia*, compiled by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, in the section entitled, "Fauquier County Personal Property Tax 1787 - List B," page 278. He is charged with tax on himself, one individual aged 16-21 (William, listed just below Simon's name, aged 16-21), no blacks, five horses, mares, colts and mules, and 4 cattle.

On Feb 26, 1787, Simon Cornwell served as bondsman for the marriage of William Shumate and Frances Norman. (*Fauquier Marriage Bonds: 1759-1854 and Marriage Returns 1785-1848* by John K. Gott, p. 181)

From 1796-1807, Simon Cornwell was taxed for 15 acres in Fauquier County.

In the *Extracts Fauquier County, Virginia Personal Property Taxes*, Simon Cornwell is listed each year from 1790 to 1804. His sons William, James, Jeremiah, **Charles**, Peter, and Lewis were listed as follows:

1790 and 1791, Simon with William and James (both at least 18 in 1790, to be on the tax list)

1792, Simon with William, James, and Alex Hedging, a nephew (Note the last name of the nephew--a basis for further research.)

*1793 and 1794, Simon with William, James, Jeremiah, and **Charles** (Jeremiah and **Charles** are age 18 now, by 1793)

1795, Simon with William, Jeremiah and **Charles** (James is missing, a William is also listed separately every year from 1795 to 1803)

1796, Simon with James, Jeremiah, and **Charles**

1797, Simon with James and **Charles** (Jeremiah is listed separately)

1798, Simon with Peter, James, **Charles**, and Jeremiah

1799; Simon with James, Jeremiah, and **Charles** (Peter is missing)

1800, Simon with Peter (Jeremiah and James are listed separately, **Charles** is listed separately in Fauquier District of Charles Pickett Comm.)

1801, Simon with Peter (Jeremiah, James, and **Charles** are listed separately)

1802, Simon with James, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Lewis (Lewis is now 18)

1803, Simon with Lewis (James, **Charles**, and Jeremiah are listed separately)

1804, Simon with Lewis (James is listed separately)

*The Jeremiah who died in Edgar County, IL on Aug 18, 1841 (at age 71 on his tombstone), was born ca. 1770, which would have made him 23 when he first appeared on the tax records, if this is the same Jeremiah. If Charles is the one who married Elizabeth Thornton in 1796, then it is not explained why he is still on the tax rolls with his father from 1796-1803.

Simon Cornwell is listed in *Fauquier Families 1759-1799*, by John P. Alcock, page 59, with the following entry: "Carter, John. 96H/Simon Cornwell. MB June 4, 1796 to Rebecca Johnson-bd Howsen Duncan." MB stands for marriage bond; bd stands for bondsman, or cosigner of bond.

Simon Cornwell's name appears in the same book on page 362: "Watts, Francis. 78K, 81RS-86. MB 10/16/1777 to Sarah Foley-bd James Foley. M 8-348, September 1787. Sarah Watts admin and inv (W 2-214) ord M 10-125, 1792. His admin, Sarah Watts, sued by Simon Cornwell; wit incl Benjamin, Andrew, and Mary OBannon." Admin stands for administrator, inv stands for inventory, ord stands for order, wit stands for witness.

On Jul 25, 1803, Simon Cornwell was the executor for the will of Moses Johnston. "Johnston, Moses, Sr. 16 June 1803. 25 July 1803. Of Parish of Leeds. Wife: Duanna Johnston. Sons: Moses, Daniel, David, Nimrod, John. Daughters: **Molly**, Susannah Waddle, Margaret McMecklin, Charlotte Johnston. Exrs: Am-- Bailey, **Simon Cornwell**. Wit: James Ellis, Joseph Ellis, Isham Obannon." (*Wills, Administrations and Marriages Fauquier County, Virginia 1759-1800*, compiled by J. Estelle Stewart King, 1939)

Simon was named in the court ordered guardianship: "Dianna (+) Johnson [signed: Johnston] gdn. of Charlotte, Daniel and Mary Johnston, orphs. of Moses Johnston, dec'd. 24 Oct. 1803. For: \$2,000. Sec: Mark Shumate, Simon Cornwell. J.P.: Wily Roy, Simon Morgan, Lawrence Ashuon, William Gibson, Gent."

On Nov 21, 1804, Simon Cornwell and his wife Phebe sold land previously belonging to **Peter Cornwell** to John Hayes for \$750. The deed was unrecorded, did not give a description of the location of the land, and did not list the acreage. It is on file in the record Room of the Fauquier County, VA, Circuit Court, indexed with unrecorded deeds. It was proved on Nov 13, 1821 by Robert Randolph and certified by Thos. C. Kelly. It stated:

"This Indenture made the twenty first day of November in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight hundred and four: Between **Simon Cornwell and Phebe** his wife, of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, of the one part, and John Hayes of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that for, and in Consideration of the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars, to the said Simon Cornwell in hand paid by the said John Hayes at or before the Sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof doth release, acquit and discharge, the said John Hayes his Executors and Administrators by these presents, he the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and Confirmed, and by these presents, do, grant, bargain, Sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm, unto the said John Hayes his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns for ever, one certain tract or parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in the County of Fauquier, it being all his proportion, which to him, was divided by his **father, Peter Cornwell**, deceased, (a reference being had to his will, will appear,) and all houses, building, orchards, ways, Waters, Water-Courses, profits, commodities, Hereditaments and appurtenances Whatsoever, to the said premises hereby granted, or any part thereof belonging, or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also, all the estate, right title, interest, use trust, property

and demand whatsoever of him the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, of, in and to, the said premises, and all Deeds, evidences and writings, touching, or in any wise concerning the Same to have and to hold the land hereby conveyed, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted and released, and every part and parcel thereof, with their, and every of their, appurtenances unto the said John Hayes his heirs, and assigns for ever, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John Hayes and of his heirs, and assigns for ever. And the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators doth covenant, promise & grant, to, and with, the said John Hayes his Heirs and Assigns, by these presents, that the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, at the time of Sealing and delivery of these presents are Seized of good, sure, perfect & indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple, of, and in the premises, hereby granted and released, and that they hath good power, and lawful and absolute Authority to grant and convey the Same to the said John Hayes his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns in manner and form aforesaid, and that the said premises now are and so forever hereafter shall remain, and be free and clear of, and from all former, and other gifts, grants, bargains, Sales, dower, rights and title of Dower, Judgments, Executions, titles, troubles, Charges and encumbrances whatsoever, made, done, committed or Suffered by the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, or any person or persons whatsoever. And Lastly that the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, and their heirs, all and singular the premises hereby granted and released with appurtenances unto the said John Hayes his heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns against the said Simon Comwell and Phebe his wife, and their heirs, and all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall warrant and forever defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Simon Cornwell and Phebe his wife, have hereunto set their hands and Seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of	Simon Cornwell	Seal
Test Jacob Cornwell		
Minter Baley		
Matthew Waddell		
John Blackwell Jun.	her	
Robt. Randolph	Phebe X Cornwell	Seal
Richd. Rixey	mark	

“Recd. of the within Named John Hayes the Sum of Seven Hundred and fifty Dollars, which being the within Consideration to be paid by him, to me. As Witness my hand & Seal this said twenty first day of November One Thousand Eight hundred and four.

Witnesses present Seal”

On May 27, 1805, according to *Book 10*, pages 174-175, “Simon Cornwell, Minton Bailey, & John Smith, Commissioners of the one part, to George Chapman, Jr. of Charles Co., MD of the other part. Whereas suit in chancery was instituted in the Court of Fauquier Co. by Devises & Representatives of Moses Johnston deceased against Devises & Representatives of the said Moses Johnston dec’d in which said suit the said Simon Cornwell, Minton Bailey, John Smith & Isham O’Bannon were appointed

Commissioners. Signed Minton Bailey (with an X), Simon Cornwell, John Smith. Rec. 22 July 1805.”

On May 29, 1805, according to the *Deed Book 16, Fauquier County, Virginia*, “Cornwell to Chapman -- This indenture made 29th May 1805 between Simon Cornwell, Minton Bailey, and John Smyth of Co. of Fauquier and George Chapman, Jr. of Charles Co. State of Maryland, for the Johnston heirs, said land adjoins tract conveyed to George Chapman Jr. by Jacob Cornwell of 105 acres subject to widow dower of Moses Johnston.” The document was signed by Minton Bailey, Simon Cornwell, and John Smith.

On Sep 22, 1805, “Bro. Simon Cornwell was Dismist by Letter” from the Broad Run Baptist Church. (*Broad Run Baptist Church Minutes, 1805, page 20*)

After 1805, there is no further mention of these Cornwells in the Fauquier County tax records. Census records show them all except Lewis in Jefferson County, Kentucky in 1810.

On May 14, 1806, according to *Jefferson County Kentucky Marriage Book I (1781-1826)*, Simon Cornwell was the bondsman for Peyton Burgess. Simon was shown as the father of Elizabeth. (page 59)

The following is a summary of all the Cornwell entries in the Jefferson County, Kentucky tax lists for the years shown. Simon appears in 1806. The other Cornwells are possibly his sons.

1803, Peter

1804 and 1805, William, **Charles**, and Peter

1806, **Simon**, with Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter. Simon owned 4 horses.

1807, **Simon**, with William, James, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter. Simon owned 3 horses.

1808, **Simon**, with William, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter. Simon owned 12 horses.

1809, **Simon**, with William, James, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter

1810, **Simon**, who owned 8 horses

1811, William, Jeremiah, and Peter

1812, **Simon**, with William, Jeremiah, and Peter. Simon was also taxed for 2 blacks over 16, 4 total blacks, and 24 horses.

1813, **Simon**, with William, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter. Simon was also taxed for 1 black over 16, 3 total blacks, and 12 horses. This annotation also appeared: "Duenzones Co Buckner/s Regt"

1814, **Simon**, with William, James, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter. Simon was also taxed for 1 black over 16, 4 total blacks, and 9 horses.

There were no records for 1815 and 1816.

1817, **Simon**, with **Charles** and Peter. Simon was also taxed for 1 black over 16, 5 total

blacks, and 4 horses.

1818, **Simon**, with James, Jeremiah, and Peter. Simon owned 5 horses.

1819, Simon wasn't taxed, but the following Cornwells were: William, James, **Charles**, and Peter. James, Jr. and L? were new to the list.

1820, **Simon**, with William, James, Jeremiah, **Charles**, and Peter. Two new Cornwells appeared: Daniel and **Thornton**. Daniel could have been Simon's brother. Thornton was Charles' son. Simon had 1 horse.

1821, Simon wasn't taxed, but the following Cornwells were: William, Jeremiah, and **Charles**; Thornton, Sam'l and Dan'l. This is the only time Sam'l's name appears.

1822, Simon wasn't taxed, but Peter was.

1823, **Simon**, with James, Jeremiah, and Daniel. Simon owned 3 horses.

1824, **Simon**, with Jeremiah. Simon owned 3 horses.

In the 1810 census for Kentucky, Jefferson County (Roll 7, page 20), the **Simon** Cornwell family is listed alphabetically with the families of Peter, Wm, Jeremiah, and **Charles** Cornwell. There are no other Cornwells listed. Simon's family consisted of one male 16 to 25, one male 26 to 44, one male 45 or older, and one female 45 or older. Simon would have been about 64 in this census.

In the 1810 census, Peter's family matches what we know about his family.

In the 1810 census, William's family perfectly matches the profile listed. His family shows three males under 10 (Edmund Edward, 1; William., Jr., 3; and Peter, 8); one male 10-15 (James, 15); one male 26 to 44 (William, 42); one female under 10 (Phoebe, 4); two females 10-15 (Edith, 11 and Ann, 14); and one female 26-44 (wife Mary).

Jeremiah's family entry also matches what we know about his family in 1810. He was married in 1804 and eventually had 11 children. The census entry shows three males and one female under 10, and one male and one female 26-44 (Jeremiah, 38 and his wife, Sarah).

Simon Cornwell was not enumerated in the 1820 census for Jefferson County, Kentucky. Jere., Peter, Wm., and Danl. Cornwell were enumerated, as was the Chas. Cronwell family.

Charles' family's census entry is detailed later on the page devoted to him. All this census data is shown to demonstrate that these heads of families were likely the sons of Simon, shown with them on the census pages for Jefferson County.

The children of Simon Cornwell (but not Mary [Molly] Johnston) were perhaps:

- i Frances, b. 1767, m. 1st, A. Norman; 2nd, William Shumate in 1787
- ii William, b. Oct 9, 1768, m. Mary Frances Swann on Oct 9, 1794 in Maryland; moved to Jefferson County, KY ca. 1805, then to Orange Co, IN, d. Nov 21, 1845
- iii James, b. 1770, m. ca. 1800
- iv Jeremiah, b. ca. 1770, m. Sara Burgess on Apr 11, 1804 in Fauquier County, VA,

d. Aug 18, 1841, age 71 (tombstone)

* v **Charles**, b. ca. 1775, m. Elizabeth (Betty) Thornton in 1796, d. in 1824

vi Sarah, b. 1779

vii Peter, b. Jun 12, 1780, m. Mrs. Elizabeth (Betsy) Arterburn Branham on Jun 24, 1802 in Jefferson County, KY, d. Oct 1, 1842 in Orange Co, IN

viii Elizabeth, b. Mar 24, 1782, m. Peyton Mason Burgess May 15, 1806, d. Mar 17, 1872

ix Lewis, b. ca. 1784

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