

A Comprehensive listing of descents of
Vinson and Dicy Cock Simpson (1799 - 1982)
Surry County, North Carolina

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Vinson Simpson was born in Venice, Virginia, October 6, 1799. He was a carpenter. He married Dicy Cook from Stokes County, August 16, 1820. Her father was Thomas or Henry Cook.

Vinson owned a large amount of land and has numerous land transaction recorded in the Register of Deeds office in Dobson, N. C. In 1842, Vinson was living on the west side of the Ararat River on land that he bought from Edmund Parker. This land joined William Cardwell, Harrison Waugh, Widow Coplin (Copeland?) and others on Tilles (Tilleys?) creek. This tract of land contained 700 acres. The farm's inventory consisted of one yoke of steers, four cows and calves, one barren cow, three yearlings, eighty hogs, four horses, eighty barrels of corn, house and household goods, fourteen sheep, farming tools, one thousand pounds of bacon, and one wagon.

Vinson did not have a will, and this caused many legal actions in court by his children and inlaws. Those transactions are recorded in the courthouse in Dobson.

Vinson is buried in the Bryant Cemetery in Ash Hill. His wife and some of his children are probably buried there as well. The cemetery is located one—tenth of a mile off the Little Mountain Church Road toward the Ararat Road adjacent to the Sion Watson home on the left side of the dirt road.

His wife died in 1885 while living with her son-in-law, Jermiah Atkins. Vinson's property was inventoried and sold. His wife was given a living allowance of one hundred eighteen dollars for the years 1872-1873.

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SURRY COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1779/1868

- Sisk, John & Polly Southard, 8 Jan 1819; Thomas Jacks, bm.
- Sisk, Terrel & Elizabeth Collens, 14 Feb 1816; Etheldred Edwards, bm.
- Sizemoore, Levi & Elizabeth Delph, 7 Aug 1848; Algias Dunnagan, bm.
- Sizemore, Isham & Precilla Hamlin, 31 Jan 1820; Daniel Reece, bm.
- Skidmore, Abraham & Katharine Burns, 8 March 1786; Henry Skidmore, bm.
- Skows, William & Jean Fender, 30 June 1839; Hezekiah Smith, bm.
- Slade, William & Nancey Franklin, 1 March 1821; James Stephens, bm.
- Slater, William F. & Sarah J. Harsh, 12 Jan 1855; William H. Garnes, bm; m 12 Jan 1855 by A. Simmons, J. P.
- Slaton, Wilcher & Elizabeth Linvill, 18 July 1854; Henry M. Freeman, bm; m 18 July 1854 by D. M. Cooper, J. P.
- Slusher, George A. & Mary Mundy, 20 Dec 1865; m 20 Dec 1865 by Marlin Sparger, J. P.
- Slusher, LaFayette & Louisa Ballinger, 7 Aug 1863; S. J. Slusher, bm; m 7 Aug 1863 by Wm. R. Bray, J. P.
- Slusher, Solomon Jr. & Luiza Compton, 11 Sept 1852; William Mabry, bm; m 11 Sept 1852 by A. Simmons, J. P.
- Slusher, William & Elly D. Long, 24 April 1837; John Pack, bm.
- Samllwood, Jonathan & India Howard (no date); Stephen Ring, bm.
- Smith, --- ph & Elizabeth West, 21 June 1791; John Harvey, security.
- Smith, Albert & Lemina J. Adams, 29 Sept 1865; James A. Chilton, bm; m 1 Oct 1865 by G. A. Lowe, J. P.
- Smith, Alexander & Nancy Sparks, 22 July 1796; Joseph Smith, bm.
- Smith, Bartholomew & Polly Hodges, 29 Aug 1831; William Hodges, bm.
- Smith, Bennet & Rebeckah Cotton, 3 Oct 1829; Michael Swain, bm.
- Smith, Charles Jr. & Nancy Golden, 10 July 1826; William D. Smith, bm.
- Smith, Conrod & Ruthey Marshell, 15 Oct 1826; James Smith, bm.
- Smith, Drewry & Elizabeth Low, 18 March 1846; Gideon Barker, bm.
- Smith, Durant & Elizabeth Keys, 11 Oct 1825; Hadly Rees, bm.
- Smith, Easley & Patsey Low, 28 Dec 1836; B. Smith, J. K. Munchus, bm.
- Smith, Fremon & Lucy Jane Dezern, 12 May 1849; Jn. H. Dobson, bm.

SURRY COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1779-1868

- Smith, Garret & Hannah Whitaker, 5 Feb 1833; Thomas Stanly, bm.
- Smith, George P., son of George & Sarah Smith, & Rebecca F. Sawyers, daughter of James and Elizabeth Sawyers, 21 Jan 1868, m by A. Simmons, J. P.
- Smith, Henry & Elmina Whitaker, 24 Dec 1832; J. G. Pettit, bm.
- Smith, Henry, son of Freeman and Sally Smith, & Frances Simpson, daughter of Isham & Elizabeth Simpson, 20 March 1868, m by Jessee Lewis, J. P.
- Smith, Henry G. & Nancy E. Barker, 28 Dec 1865; m 31 Dec 1865 by Saml. Forkner, J. P.
- Smith, J. W., son of Ewell & Massy Smith, & Jane Beamer, daughter of Reuben and Sarah Beamer, m 18 Oct 1868 by Martin H. Armfield, J. P.
- Smith, Jackson, son of Samuel & Elizabeth Smith, and Louiza B. Freeman, daughter of Elisha & Mary Freeman, 8 Dec 1868; m by D. F. Poindexter, J. P.
- Smith, Jacob & _____, 17 Aug 1798; Spenser Stevens, bm.
- Smith, Jacob & Lydia Morefield, 22 March 1815; William Swaim, bm.
- Smith, James M. & Dianer D. Hodges, 26 July 1860; m by Jno. J. McMickle, J. P.
- Smith, James S. & Arnette Kimble, 9 July 1846; Greenville Willis, bm.
- Smith, Jesse & Judith Lankester, 12 Aug 1786; John Lankester, bm.
- Smith, John & Martha Colvard, 31 March 1793; Isham Young, bm.
- Smith, John & Eliza. Speer, 9 Aug 1797; Elias Turner, bm.
- Smith, John & Elizabeth Awberry, 7 Dec 1819; Catlet Smith, bm.
- Smith, John & Siddy Dunnigan, 22 March 1836; Samuel Wall, bm.
- Smith, John H. & Rachel Hunter, 4 Nov 1836; James C. Moore, bm; m 4 Nov 1856 by E. Banner, J. P.
- Smith, John W. & Eliza Blakley, __ Oct 1866; R. E. Reeves, bm.
- Smith, Jonathan & Elizabeth Marsh, 2 May 1856; Isaiah Whitaker, bm; m 11 May 1856 by John E. Stanly, J. P.
- Smith, Joseph & Elizabeth West, 21 June 1791; John Harvey, bm.
- Smith, Joseph & Leatha Boyd, 7 Oct 1852; William Boyd, bm; m 7 Oct 1852 by A. Simmons, J. P.
- Smith, Laban & Milly Morris, 26 April 1828; John Davis, bm.
- Smith, Levi & Celia Marsh, 18 Dec 1856; m 23 Dec 1856 by G. Bryan, J. P.
- Smith, Lewis & Martha Booman, 1 Oct 1839; William Epperson, bm.

He volunteered for service at Flat Shoal in Surry 27 Mar 1862 when he was 42 years of age. He died 13 Dec 1863 of gastritis at Winder Hospital in Richmond, VA.

Amer Simmons married ca 1839-1840, name of wife unknown. The census of 1850-1860 shows children born: William D b 1840, Mary b 1842. Amer married (2) in 1846 Nancy Armstrong born ca 1824. Children: Martha b 1847. Rebecca b 1848, Lucy b 1849, James b 1852, Jane b 1857, Ben b 1858, John b 1860. Nancy had two children by her first husband: William Armstrong b 1843 and Elizabeth Armstrong b 1846.

Nancy applied for pension.

SIMMONS, WILLIAM D. PVT CO H 21 REG NC

William D Simmons was born in 1840 to Amer and Nancy Simmons, farmers, of the Mt Airy District.

He volunteered 5 June 1861 at Surry when he was 21. He died in Dec 1861 of illness.

SIMPSON, ISHAM CO A 2ND REG NC

Isham Simpson was born at Surry 29 Mar 1829 to Vincent Simpson and Dicy Cook Simpson, farmers, of White Plains-Eldora area.

According to NC Pension Records, Isham entered service 5 Sept 1862. He died 13 Oct 1863 of disease at Gordonsville, VA. The pension application was first made 3 July 1885 by Isham's widow, Elizabeth Simpson, when she was 52. She applied again 27 June 1901 when she was 68.

Isham and Elizabeth Reed Simpson were married at Surry in 1849. She was born in 1832 to James and Elizabeth Holderfield. Children: Susan, b 1852, md John Wall; Luzena, b 1854, md William Holderfield; Thana, b 1855, md John W Wood; William Jesse, b 1857; md (1) Nancy Venable (2) Ida Cleo Ashburn; Sarah, b 1861; James A, b 1863, md Sarah J Wall.

SIMPSON, JOHN PVT CO E 53 REG NC

John Simpson was born at Stokes County, NC, 22 Jan 1828 to Vincent Simpson and Dicy Cook Simpson. In 1860 they were living in Bundy's District in Surry County where they farmed.

He volunteered for service 7 Apr 1862 at Flat Shoal in Surry as a substitute--for whom is unknown. He was enlisted by James C Norman. He was taken prisoner by the enemy at the Battle of the Wilderness 6 May 1864. No other information.

John Simpson married at Surry in 1845 Matilda Harris born 1843 to Ethel Harris. Children: Joseph, b 1847; Jane, b 29 July 1851, d 15 March 1917, md Newell Sawyers; Lee, a son, b 1856; Marettia, b 1868 md James Flinchum.

John Simpson married (2) in 1882 Lucinda Flinchum. No children.

SIMPSON, SANDY (ALEXANDER) PVT CO E 53 REG NC

Sandy Simpson was born in 1842 to Vincent and Dicy Cook Simpson farmers of Ararat in Surry.

Sandy entered service 4 Mar 1863 and left 18 May 1863.

Sandy Simpson md Mary Armstrong ca 1860. Children: Rufus William Simpson, b 1861, md (1) Mary J Key (2) Lizzie Ellen Key; Manerva Jane Simpson, b 1862, md Thomas Bryant; Andrew Manuel Simpson, b 1864, md Bessie Venable; Manda Ella Simpson, b 1869, md C C Coe; Joanna Simpson, b 1871; George Furch Simpson, b 1873, md Mary Marsh.

SIMPSON, TYRE CO E 53 REG NC

Tyre Simpson was born 8 Nov 1830 to Vincent Simpson and Dicy Cook Simpson, farmers, of Eldora. Tyre was a farmer at Eldora.

He entered service 16 Oct 1862. He was taken prisoner by the enemy at Spotsylvania Court House, VA, 13 May 1864 and was sent as a POW to Point Lookout, MD, 20 May 1864. He took the Oath of Allegiance 19 June 1865.

He married at Surry in 1853 Martha Nichols born 1838 to Asaph now Elizabeth Nichols, farmers, of Yadkin County. Children: Luzena. b 1854, md James Venable, Jr; Sarah E, b 1854. md James H Parker; Mary, b 1838; Martha Jane, b 1860, md Newell Sawyers; William S b 1863; Catherine S, b 1864; Ellen M, b 1867, md J C Robertson; Eliza, b 1869; John D, b 1872, md Sallie S Simpson.

Tyre applied for pension. After his death Martha applied.

SIMPSON, WILLIAM PVT CO E 53 REG NC

William Simpson was born in 1835 to Vincent and Dicy Cook Simpson who were farmers in the Ararat District of Surry in 1860.

William was enrolled in service 1 Jan 1863 by J C Norman. William left the service 18 May 1864. Vincent and Dicy Cook Simpson had four sons in this company--John, Sandy, Tyre, and William.

SMITH, DAVID P. PVT CO A 28 REG NC

David P Smith was born at Surry in 1841 to David Smith and wife Martha, farmers, of Dobson District.

He volunteered at Dobson 13 May 1861 with the first group to organize and leave the county for training camp after the Civil War began. He suffered a wound in the arm 27-30 Aug 1862 in the Battle of Second Manassas and was back on duty 29 Dec 1862. He was killed 3 July 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg.

SMITH, FLOYD CO E 53 REG NC

Floyd Smith was born in 1839 at Patrick County, VA.

He volunteered 27 May 1862 or 8 Apr 1862 when he was 23. He was sick at home in Surry for a while beginning May 1862 and was brought back to camp 8 Feb 1863. He was in the Battle of Gettysburg and was taken prisoner by the enemy there, date unknown. Report also states that he was taken prisoner at Martinsburg, VA. He was a POW at Point Lookout, MD, and died there 22 Dec 1863 of diarrhoea.

SMITH, FREEMAN S. PVT CO A 28 REG NC

Freeman S Smith was born 23 Sept 1819 in NC. He was a farm laborer in the Dobson District in 1860.

- 4. Lilla Belle Bowman Nov 18, 1914 Mar 11, 1915 d/o G.W. & R.B. Bowman
- 5. Harvey Edgar Bowman Jun 24, 1905 May 19, 1976
- 6. George Washington Bowman May 10, 1881 Aug 29, 1953
- 7. Rosie Bell Bowman Aug 21, 1884 Oct 25, 1924
- 8. Leva Etta Bowman Jan 2, 1913 Feb 21, 1976
- 9. Ollie Mae Bowman Nov 17, 1909 Mar 23, 1980
- 10. Alvis Lincoln Bowman died Jun 29, 1970

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BRYANT CEMETERY Ash Hill, NC Surry County

DIRECTIONS: Travel SR 1003 from White Plains down the Level Cross/Siloam Road for approx. 1.5 miles. Soon leading to your left will be SR 2029. Wind up the hill and continue past brick church on your right. Stay on this road for few miles, soon on right will see a store. Shortly after that will come to SR coming from the right, #2014. Turn right and travel .1 mile. Cemetery will be on left of this road in locust thicket. Very rough undergrowth. Two stones are visible from the road.

- 1. Jeremiah Atkins Dec 11, 1841 Mar 23, 1916
 He was in Civil War, assigned to Company C, 21 Regiment. This appears on his war record. Private Atkins resided in Surry County where he was living at age of 18 on May 20, 1861. He was present or accounted for until he deserted on May 26, 1862. Apprehended on or about December 10, 1863, and was courtmartialed. Company records do not indicate whether he returned to duty or not; however he was reported absent without leave through February 1865.
- 2. Sandy H. Simpson Oct 1840 Dec 1879
- 3. Our Great Great Grandfather, Vincent "Vinc" Simpson was buried here, the exact spot is not known, because there are other neatly built up graves there also under the brush and briars. Our relative who is Mrs. Bessie Maude Simpson Voss, who lived in Ash Hill as a young child said her father remembers Vincent very well. He was a carpenter and a farmer. He was the grandfather of my grandfather. His name was John Jefferson Simpson who lived in White Plains, NC until his death in 1952.

From Wallace Kallam's

BRYANT CEMETERY Cemetery Book Vol 1

Jones Road Wallace is now decease.

DIRECTIONS: Travel from Level Cross on Siloam Road 1003 about 1.6 miles. Begin to look for SR 2035 to left, and go approx. 8 mile. Cemetery is at intersection of SR 2035 and 2132 and is 100 yards in corn field and under large oak tree. Very old and extra tall stones.

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Name and Address of Submitter:

Richard Magoteaux 1515 Francisco Rd.

Columbus, Ohio 43220-2672

Phone: 614/457-5668

Relationship of Submitter to Husband: ______ Wife: _____

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION P. O. BOX 997 DOBSON, NC 27017

December 1, 1997

Richard Magoteaux 1515 Francisco Road Columbus, OH 43220-2672

Thank you for your letter dated November 7, 1997 regarding the Simpson Families during the 1750-1800 era.

We did not find information in our files on the Simpson family. You were especially interested in your ancestor Samuel Simpson. We are sorry that we do not have information as to his birth, marriage and children. We did find some information regarding Samuel Simpson's Rev. War records in the book "North Carolina State Records" which we are sending you. You may already have this information.

We will be happy to print a query in our journal for you. Information is enclosed.

We found Samuel listed in Anson County, NC in 1763 ("North Carolina Taxpayers" book). We did not find a marriage for him in Surry Co.

In the book "Surry County, NC Wills 1771-1827" by Jo White Linn the following was found: (Will Book I:71a) 28 Mar 1777. Lucresba (X) Combs binds her son George Comb as apprentice to Wm. Lenoir, farmer, for 8 years & 5 months. Witnessed by Samuel Simpson, John Morris, Keziah King.

We have some Simpson family histories in our books "The Heritage of Surry County" with the oldest being on Vincent Simpson who was born in VA in 1799 and died in Surry Co. in 1890. The Will of James Simpson is found in Surry County (1890).

There is information in the book "Surry County Soldiers in the Civil War" by Hester Jackson on the following: Isham Simpson, John Simpson, Sandy (Alexander) Simpson, Tyre Simpson and William Lacy Simpson. They were all brothers and children of Vincent and Dicy Cook Simpson.

We thank you for the Family Group Record of Samuel Simpson. We will place the information in our file. If we can be of assistance in the future please write us again.

NH RESEARCH COMMITTEE Surry County Genealogical Society P O Box 997 Dobson,NC 27017 Nov 7,1997 1515 Francisco Rd Columbus,OH 43220-2672

Dear Sir:

I am working on the Simpson Families of northwest North Carolina, especially in the 1750-1800 era and about those who served in the Rev War. I hope that you can help me. For now, I don't know where to start.

I have a Samuel Simpson /Simison who fits these criteria. I am a direct descendant of Samuel. I am after info about his place of birth, marriage, children and his Rev War records so as to apply for membership into the NSSAR (Sons of Rev War).

Please send copies of what you have. If there is a cost, please let me know.

Use the enclosed SASE for your reply, even if it is negative.

Sincerely,

Richard Magoteaux

Spanish War

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION

ACT OF JUNE 5, 1920

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STATE OF NORTH CARCLINA. COUNTY OF BURR Y.

John J. Simpson first being duly sworn deposes and says: That that he is a citizen and resident of Surry County, North Carolina, that he is a vetran of the Spanish-American War; that he is now 56 years of age and that he was discharged from the service on November 12th 1898: That prior to his enlistment in the service of the United States he was a strang and healthy man and able to do hard manual labor: that he has been suffering from disease? of the heart during the entire period since his discharge; that during this period he has been under treatment of of varios physicians, first by D. E. M. Hollingsworth, now dead, D. E. W. Allred, now dead, Dr. M. S. Martin of the Martin Memorial Hospital Mount-Airy, N. C. and Dr. Wall now living of Winston-Salem, N. C.: That during the entire period since affiant was discharged from the army he has been disabled from performing manual labor that required sustained physical effort, that his condition has grown gradually worse and at this time and for a number of years prior to this time affiant has been unable to scarsely any work at all which requires physical effort and application.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of May 1933.

John & Sinspoon

Commission Expires Aug. 6, 193.

Volunteer Service (Civil War or War with Spain)

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Washington, D. C. December 19, 1924.

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Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

Name: John J. Simpson,

Organization: Co. D. 2nd. North Carolina Infantry.

Personal description: Age: 21,5/12. Height: 6'3". Complexion: Florid. Eyes: L. Blue. Hair: L. Brown. Born in: Surrey Co., N.C. Occupation: Farmer.

enrolled April 30, 1898.

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and was mustered out with his Co. Nov. 12, 1898.

From M.I. to M.O. he held the rank of Private.

He enlisted as a Single man. Person to be notified in case of emergency....

W. L. Simpson, White Plains, N.C. (Deg. of rel. not stated).

The rolls on file for the period of his service show him no record of A.W.O.L.

Original report of medical examination areliminary to muster-out loaned herewith.

Re physical defects found on report of Shuelcal examination at enlistment.

No evidence of veneral disease, drug-addiction, electrolism, or wounds or injuries incurred not in line of duty, found.

Robert C. Sans, Major General.

The Adjutant General:

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SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY.

To the Auditor of the State of North Carolina:	7 8.
We certify that we have carefully examined the applic	acion of Agn Duckson
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Greensboro, N. C., May 2, 1873.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, that a Warrant in Bankruptey has been issued out of the District Court of the United States for the West-A

JAMES SIMPSON, Bankrupt, of the County of Surry.

in said District, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition:—That the payment of any Debts, and the delivery effany Property belonging to said Bankrupt, to him or for his use and the transfer of any property by him is to bidden by him:—That a mosting of the crediters said Bankrupt, to-wit:

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Ro. M. DOUGLAS, Marshal as Messenger.



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Discharge



Armed Forces of the United States

This is to certify that
JOHN J. SIMPSON

Company D, Second Regiment North Carolina Infantry
who was enrolled 30 April 1898 at Greensboro, North Carolina
was discharged from the

Army of the United States

HONORABLY

by reason of the muster out of the company

on 12 November 1898

at Greensboro, North Carolina

Born in Surry County, North Carolina. Are at enrollment: 21 5/12 years Given at Washington, D. C., on 28 January 1952

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WM. E. BERGIN

Major General, USA The Adjutant General

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, 79 John J. Simpson 1260997.

Mattie Lou Simpson first being duly sworn says: That she is the wife of John J. Simpson a vetran of the Spanish-American War: that she was married to said vetran on the 5th day of Non. 1999: that her husband has been under the care of a physician for practically the entire period of their married life; that her said husband has been suffering during this period from heart disease and other complications arising from same, as this affiant is informed and belives; that during this entire periond he has been unable to do the work of a well man: that during this periond he has been under the care of Dr. E. M. Hollingsworth, who is now dead, Dr. E. W. Allred, now dead, Dr. M. S. Martin of the Martin Memorial Hospital, Mount Airy, living, Dr. Wall of Winston Salem, N. C. That during this entire period her husband has not improved but on the other hand his condition has grown steadly worse until the present; that at this time and for a long period has been prior to this time her said husbandXXX unable to perform manual labor of any kind that requies sustained effort.

Mattie Lou Simpson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the day of May

1933.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Aug. 6, 193.7

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
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On this
6 6 Students State and County aforesaid, age 6 S years, and a resident at
White place of post-office in said County and State, and who, being duly sworn,
makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to amend Chapter 198 of the Laws of 1889, for the relief of certain Confederate Soldiers and Widows," ratified March 2, 1901; that she is
the widow of the late Shaw Sign Born
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She further states that she was married to said Soldier or Sailor before the first day of April, 1865, and has never re-married;
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Carolina; that she holds no office under the United States, or under any State or County, from which she is receiving the sum of
three hundred dollars as fees or as salary annually; that she is not worth in her own right, or the right of her late husband,
property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), nor has she disposed of property of such
value by gift or voluntary conveyance since the 11th of March, 1885.
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Sworn and subscribed before me, this. 2.7.
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Life in those days had a simplicity that doesn't exist today and a beauty that will never be re-captured.

Source: Personal knowledge.

- Anne Nifong

VINCENT SIMPSON FAMILY

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Vincent Simpson, the progenitor of the Simpson family in Surry County, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1799, and died in Surry County in 1890. He was married in Stokes County on August 16, 1820, to Dicy Cooke, b. 1803, daughter of William Cooke. Vincent and Dicy had children: James, b. 1823; John, b. 1828 married Matilda Harris; Isham, b. 1829, married Elizabeth Reed; Giny, b. 1830; William, b. 1835; Celia, b. 1836, married Henry Simpson; Eliza, b. 1838, married Sanders Hutchens; Mary b. 1840, married James Johnson; Sandy, b. 1842; and Emily Simpson, b. 1844, married Jeremiah Atkins.

In the next generation, James Simpson married Elizabeth Copeland, 1829-1863, daughter of Isaac and Nancy Copeland. James and Lizzie had children: Columbus "Jack," b. 1847; Samuel, b. 1849; William, b. 1850; John, Scott, Henry, James and Cagar Simpson.

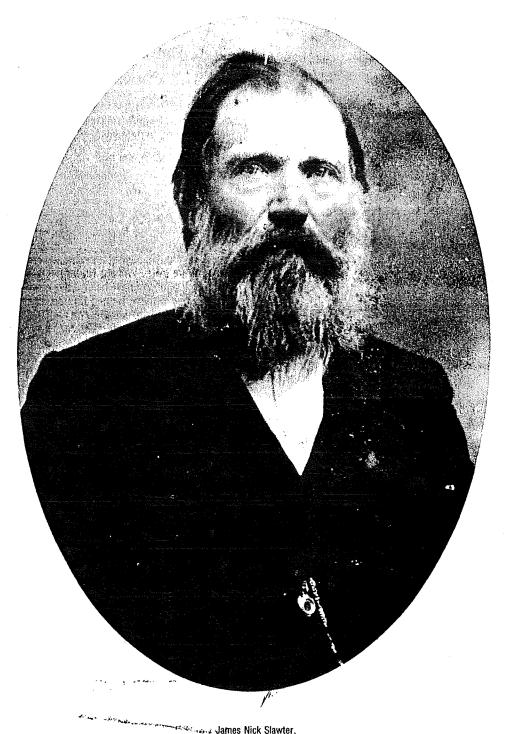
In the next generation Columbus Franklin "Jack" Simpson married twice and had eighteen children. He gave each child 50 acres of land when they married. He lived in the lvy Hill section where he was head of the local school board. The teachers boarded at his house. The lunches were packed in a big bucket for all the children and the teacher.

Jack Simpson, November 16, 1845 — April 17, 1927, married, first, Lucinda Sowers. Their nine children were Ada "Addie" who never married and helped raise the second set of children. She was well known for her good bread. Nice Simpson married a Draughn; Nancy Simpson married Edward Draughn on March 11, 1891; Lizzie Simpson married William T. Marion on January 8, 1885; Martha Simpson married Bascom Draughn on April 6, 1912; Martin Simpson married Adie Johnson on September 14, 1900; George, Dave and Johnny Simpson married and remained in Surry County.

Jack Simpson married, second, Mary Ellen Atkins, daughter of Pascal and Nancy Dollyhigh Atkins. Jack and Mary Ellen had nine children: Tyra married Roxie Badgett on December 21, 1913; Ester Simpson married Brawer Atkins on January 4, 1913; Lottie Simpson married Lester Moore on December 24, 1916; Lillian Simpson married Boss Wall on November 1, 1923; Hilbert Simpson married Laura Perkins on March 11, 1923; Ida Simpson married Charlie Corder on December 23, 1923; Myrtle Simpson married Burton Venable; Monroe Simpson married Ruth Jones; and Kathleen Simpson married Odell Patterson.

Sources: Surry Co. records, Lottie Moore.

- Lenora Kidd



JAMES NICK SLAWTER

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According to North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, Volume III, by Louis H. Manarin, James N. Slaughter resided in Stokes County, N.C., where he enlisted in the Civil War at age 23 on May 4, 1861. He was assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, North Carolina Infantry. During service he was captured at Spotsylvania Court House, Va., in 1864 and transferred to Elmira, N.Y., where he was later paroled. On March 9, 1865, he was furloughed.

All during his lifetime, there was a difference in the spelling of his name. Surry County records used both Slawter and Slaughter. In his obituary, which was in the *Mount Airy News*, his name was J.N. Slawter and he was survived by his can George Slaughter.

In 1872 he first purchased land in Surry County, over 350 acres on the waters of Ararat River. Later he bought more land. He was a prosperous farmer with many interests, including tobacco manufacturing.

J.N. Slawter was married in Surry County on October 6, 1870, to Edna E. Smith, the daughter of G.W. and Mary Smith. She was born March 14, 1852, died June 24, 1894, at her home near White Sulphur Springs, and is buried at Oakdale Cemetery in Mount Airy.

Their children were: Aura Slawter who married J.E. Hegler; Emma Lee Slawter married first J.H. Philman, married second a Koon; Lilly Slawter married James A. Satterfield and had five children; Mollie Slawter married Tom M. Everett and had three daughters; Mary Slawter married Ira Faulkner and had five children; and George Slaughter married Lilia

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WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
County of Decey
On this day of day of A. D. 1885, personally appeared before
me C.S. C. in and for the State and County
aforesaid, Elizabeth Lieuferon, age 52 years, and a resident at
Office in said County and State, and who being duly sworn, makes
the following declaration in order to obtain the pension under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act for the
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late husband, property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), and that
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By Hester Jackson REMEMBERING MARY BET

Mary Bet Collins Simpson Southern was laid to rest beside her first husband, Cecil Simpson, on Sunday, Jan. 8, in New Home Church of Christ Cemetery. It rained heavily all afternoon, but the funeral services held at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Dobson were surprisingly pleasant.

Her pastor, the Rev. David Allred, began the service and her nephew, the Rev. Steve Hardy, gave the eulogy. He pictured Mary Bet perfectly, just the way she was seen by those who knew her. She was always cheerful, pleasant, enthusiastic, agreeable and totally unselfish, a radiant lady.

Most Surry County folk knew her as a secretary at the Agricultural Extension office in Dobson. She worked there for 37 years and was a great asset to that office and the people of Surry County. She helped dispense information on farm and home practices tested by N.C. State University, along with the civilities useful in getting along with others in a growing society.

Many Surry folks especially remember Mary Bet when they pick up the red cook book compiled by Surry County homemakers. Mary Bet spent months typing up recipes and helping put it together. It was a monumental task. The frist book has been reprinted a number of times and is still in demand, the original version, that is.

Steve told about Mary Bet working hard to learn shorthand by getting her sister, Pansy Hardy, to read information aloud while Mary Bet took it down in shorthand and then she read it back to Pansy. It was also mentioned that Mary Bet was an excellent cook and the bestt biscuit maker in the family, according to her mother,

At the last, Mary Bet was still radiating cheerfulness. She refused life support and said to her family, "Let us enjoy our last hours together and not be sad."

She was the daughter of Eli Collins and Nancy Draughn Collins. Her siblings were Grady, Fred, George, James, Pansy, Esther and Josephine Collins. Her husbands were Cecil Simpson and W.A. Southern. Her children were Jane, Junior, Jerry and Jeffrey. All were by Simpson. She also had six grandchildren.

MRS. SIMPSON, 109, PASSES

Mrs. Lela Wolfe Simpson died Dec. 11 in the Meadowlark Nursing Center in Advance at 109. She was buried in the Surry County community of Copeland in New Home Church of Christ Cemetery beside her husband, Walter H. Simpson.

Lela was born Aug. 29, 1888, in Forsyth County to William Henry Wolfe and Antionette Moser Wolfe. This family moved to Surry when Lela was young. Her father bought the historic Isaac Copeland house in the Copeland community from his father-inlaw, Isreal Moser.

Born during the first administration of Grover Cleveland, Lela lived through 20 presidential administrations and six wars.

Lela is survived by three daughters, Verlie Autry of the Sandhills, Thelma Clemmons of Advance and Katherine Upchurch of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews in Surry, among whom are Sadie Antoinette Davis, Lillie Whitaker, Hester Simpson, Ira Wolfe and their brother, Kemp Wolfe, of Carthage.

Jimmie Davis of Dobson, a grand-nephew, described Lela as one who lived life to the fullest. When she was around 100 years of age, she bought a plane ticket and took her first flight to Washington, D.C. to the retirement dinner of her son-in-law, who had headed a government agency. When Lela's daughter and son-in-law retired to Myrtle Beach, Lela bought some bathing suits and went swimming in the ocean.

At about 106, she wrote her Surry County relatives that she was going into a retirement home - she had broken her leg and could no longer look after her daughter, who was ill at the time.

She remained alert and chipper until the spring of 1997 when she had the shingles and even after that she was alert when Carrie Casstevens made one of her frequent visits this summer.

Lela was a memorable lady./2-30-9-7

Simpson-Marion cousins have reunion at B&D Cafeteria

The annual Simpson-Marion cousins reunion at B&D Cafeteria in Mount Airy had a new aspect: no cooking for the family members, giving them more time to spend with each other.

They gathered at 1 p.m. in the party room, each getting food as they arrived, so there was time for conversing as they ate.

Sue Simpson gave the blessing for food and for family, after which everyone ate before the program began.

Judy and Tim Gray of Concord arranged the lunch. Judy had a cake made with "Cousins Reunion" on it and names of the cousins who are the grandchildren of John J. and Mattie Lou Nichols Simpson (deceased) of White Plains. Three cousins who have passed away, Wallace Kallam, Jay Marion and Wade B. Venable Jr., were remembered on the cake, too, and each one of their pictures was displayed along with a candle and flag, because each one had served in the military.

Judy and Tim decorated with greenery, flowers and candles. They also had framed pictures that represented each sibling of their grandparents and cousins and gave them to family members.

Ila Simpson, mother-in-law of cousin Hobart Marion, was the oldest in attendance. Cousin Johnny Simpson traveled the farthest, coming from Ft. Myers, Fla. Floyd T. Jones won an award for the "best single caretaker of a family member" for taking care of his wife, Runi Simpson Jones.

Peggy V. Brintle was the emcee. A writer and story teller, she has written about the cousins' Aunt Lucy Smith Simpson,

who was married to the late John C. Simpson. Peggy took everyone down memory lane from Aunt Lucy's birth to meeting John in Staunton, Va., and their marriage when she was 18.

"She was a beautiful woman, whom all the cousins loved to see when she and uncle John would come to White Plains to visit everyone," Peggy said. "We have memories of their owning City Cab Co. in Harrisonburg, Va., for 15 years, then retiring to Ft. Myers, Fla. Her two sons, Johnny Simpson of Ft. Myers and George Simpson of Charlottesville, Va., have been wonderful sons and have seen that Aunt Lucy has gotten proper medical attention that has extended her years. And we can't forget her wonderful daughter-in-law, Sue Simpson, who is like a daughter to her."

Peggy collected things she had made for Aunt Lucy to take home and continue down "memory lane" anytime. Peggy read some inspirational stories and ended the afternoon with a song.

The reunion continued with visits to family members. One group went to Henry and Peggy Brintle's home to watch a golf tournament. As they left, another group arrived to watch the NASCAR race that ended about midnight. They ordered food from O'Dell's Sandwich Shop, added a few chips, tortillas and salsa and enjoyed every minute of the evening.

The cousins of John J. and Mattie Lou Simpson are a close-knit bunch. They look forward to their annual gathering, but keep in touch during the year by telephone, email, letters and visits.



Mattie Simpson Jones, left, is shown with her aunt, Lucy Smith Simpson, during the recent Simpson-Marion cousins' reunion at B&D Cafeteria. Ruth is the oldest cousin in the John and Mattie Lou Simpson family. Lucy married to John and Mattie Lou's son, John Clinton Simpson.



Johnny Simpson of Ft. Myers, Fla., dines with his daughter, Michelle S. Collins of Mount Airy.



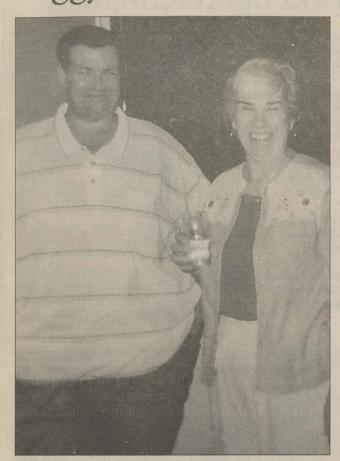
Kenneth Kallam poses with the March sisters, Ruth and Linda.



Mike Anderson and his wife, Mandy, and their uncle Ralph sat at the head table.

FAMILY REUNION

Peggy Brintle recounts history of Aunt Lucy Smith Simpson



Dale Jones and Carlene Van Dyck were happy to see each other after so many years.



Sue Simpson, seated left, and Virginia Kallam listen as Norma Kallam and Judy Gray read some interesting family news. Standing behind them are Hobart Marion and Steve Kallam.



Steve Kallam stops to speak with Ila Simpson, who was the oldest relative in attendance. Her daughter,



Pictured at one table are, from left, Wayne Hardy, Tim Gray, Hobart Marion, Clyde and Betty Sue Marion and their friend, Shirley, who rode down with them from Columbus, Ohio.