

FIVE GENERATIONS OF SIMPSONS

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My father, Bob Simpson, was born Feb. 17, 1862, near Mulberry, Ark. When his father, Lewis Simpson, returned from service in the War between the North and the South, the father took Bob and his brother, Jess Simpson, and their two sisters, Jane and Allen and moved to Washington County, Ark., about three miles south of Cane Hill. This was a lovely valley known as Honey Hollow because of the many honey bees in every hollow tree. The folks used honey for sweetening, because sugar was scarce in those days, and so was money, likewise.

Grandfather Simpson remarried and soon they purchased a section of land. This land was in Margaret Simpson's name until 1882 when the taxes were paid by my father, Bob Simpson. When Grandmother died, she left her part of the land to my father and his wife, Amy Reed Simpson, to whom he was married in 1881. To this union were born two children: Clara Ethel Simpson, born Dec. 12, 1883, and Johnnie Simpson, born July 1885. Johnnie died in infancy and was laid to rest in what was called the Cox cemetery, possibly the oldest cemetery in Washington County. In August 1887, my mother, Amy Simpson, daughter of Samuel Reed, died and was laid to rest beside her infant son in the Cox cemetery. I was a motherless daughter at the age of 3½ years. I went to live with my grandparents, Sam and Lizza Holt Reed, and their family of seven children. I was a happy youngster while with my grandparents.

In February 1889 my father, Bob Simpson, remarried -- to Annie Dold, daughter of Dr. Dryden and Nancy (Reed) Dold. Then my father demanded that his daughter come back and live with him and his new wife in their home on the farm. I never was happy with my new mother. To this union were born three sons. Louis Dryden Simpson, known as "L.D.", who was born July 9, 1889. I now had a new brother, the sweetest little bundle I had ever known. I loved him with all my heart and rocked him in the same home-made cradle that I had been rocked in, also my father before me, as our Grandfather Simpson had made this cradle before the Civil War. It was a masterpiece.

Another son was born June 18, 1891 - Marvin T. Simpson. Now I had two brothers, and we were three happy youngsters. He too was rocked in the same home-made cradle and he required plenty of attention when he was not sleeping, as he had to get his food from a bottle, which required more work on my part. The third son was born Dec. 11, 1893. His name was Ollie Simpson but he lived only a few days. He too was laid to rest in the Cox cemetery. Mama was sick in bed for weeks and it was up to me to care for Marvin T., plenty sleepless nights rocking that cradle. I did the best I knew at the age of 10 years. One evening I could not forget -- a good neighbor lady by the name of Mrs. Lula Freeman, came to my rescue. She took my brother in her arms and told me to go to bed and get some needed rest. It was the first night's sleep I had gotten in weeks.

There was no such a thing as a hospital or a nursing home or an undertaker. Neighbors helped each other in times of sickness and death. All these services were rendered free by helping hands when needed.

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My brothers were wonderful boys and good company for a lonely sister. They were often called twins, as they were both about the same size. Both started to school the same day. Soon L.D. was a year ahead of Marvin T. In 1902 Father sold our farm and moved to Prairie Grove, so the boys could get a better education. On Nov. 3 their mother, Annie (Dold) Simpson, died of typhoid fever and she too was laid to rest in the Cox cemetery.

Then it was up to me to keep my promise to their mother that I would do all I could for my two brothers, who were then 10 and 12 years old. As time went on, L.D. and Marvin T. Simpson both graduated from Prairie Grove high school. During their school years at home, our Father married Miss Eva Lewis, and to this union were born twins, Harold and Hazel Simpson. We were proud to have a new brother and sister. She was the first girl since I was born, being the oldest of seven children. I could say eight children, as Eva had a daughter, whose name was changed to Bessy Simpson, but our Father was not her father by blood.

The twins grew rapidly but at the age of six years, our Father died from a heart ailment, and left them for their mother to support. We three older children were away from home and out in the world on our own, so we signed the home in Prairie Grove and the farm over to our foster mother, Eva Lewis Simpson, who soon sold the property and moved to Tulsa, Okla. Our father died April 1, 1915 and was laid to rest in Prairie Grove cemetery. Eva Lewis Simpson died 1943 in Pawhuska where she was making her home with her daughter Bessie.

Harold Simpson died of a heart attack on Jan. 3, 1953. He had been with Swift & Company nearly 20 years. He was laid to rest in the Tulsa cemetery. He left a wife, Mamie Simpson, and an adopted son Paul. At the services in the Methodist Church, Edgar Guest's poem "This Is My Religion", was read by the Rev. James Carter, minister of youth. His brothers, L.D. and Marvin T. Simpson, were present, but Harold's twin sister in California was not able to come. L.D. and Marvin and their sister (Clara E. Kendrick) spent several days visiting kinfolks. Then Marvin went back to his drug store in Kansas City. He had no wife or family. Both brothers were victims of World War I and seldom had a well day after their return to the USA. My life was wrapped around both their lives, and we three shared each other's misfortunes and joys. I, being the oldest, never dreamed I would have to carry on at their passing.

Dec. 17, 1958 at 2 in the morning, I received a telegram saying that L.D. had passed away in St. Louis. I had just come home from St. Louis in November and was trying to help my brother, Marvin T. Simpson, who was in the Wadsworth Hospital in Missouri. I decided that L.D. gone, I should go to help my sick brother. I tried to get him transferred to the Muskogee Veterans Hospital. He died Dec. 30 in Kansas City. I was at his side when death came and had him laid to rest in the cemetery at Coffeyville, Kansas. Being the oldest of our Simpson family, I will soon be with the rest. Am now 82 years of age.

Clara E. (Simpson) Kendrick
(also Reed, King, Holt)

BOB SIMPSON



with his first wife,
Amy King Reed.
This is their wedding picture,
June 1881.



with his third wife,
Eva Lewis of Prairie Grove,
whom he married
in 1905.



with his second wife, Annie Dold, and his children: Marvin T., Louis D. and
Clara E. Simpson. Photo 1896.
(See accompanying article by Clara Simpson Kendrick)

Simpson Family

1 John Simpson

Married

Mary More

Came from Scotland

Settled at Dogues Neck, Va.
on Potomac River

(Mary's Will
was proven
July 25, 1814)

There is a story that all the More's in this County are probably descended from Richard More, of the family of Samuel More, a landed family, of England. Richard came on the Mayflower at the age of 6. There is a tomb stone at his grave and so far as is known, his is the only tomb stone to any passenger of the Mayflower.

Children

2 William

Married Mary Titus

1 child - Mary [Married Hugh Rogers]

3 Henson

" 1st wife - - - ?

2 - Son Henson, - Mother

" 2nd " Pollie Beatie

4 [William Betsy Emily John]

4

married Hugh Rogers, - Son of Hamilton Rogers & Dinah Gregory

x 5 James

" Betsy Weeks

2 children

6 Hendley

" Betsy Farrow

5 "

7 John

" Nancy Smith

10 "

x 8 Frierich

" Betsy Ish

12 "

x 9 Samuel

" Kitty Elgin

10 Anne Violinda

Skilman

11 Sarah Elizabeth (Betsy) " John Jones

2 sons - [William John]

12 Innocence Died in infancy

x They were the 3 youngest

Spelling of "Frierich"

It was said that a Scotch teacher for John's children told him that in Scotland it was spelled "Frierich". That spelling was adopted and has continued to date. The name, with the same spelling has been used in the Simpson, Gulick and other connected families, in most generations down to the present.

Simpson

11 Sarah Elizabeth Simpson Daughter of John Simpson #7
Married

John Jones

3-Children

129 John

130 Charlie

Died in prison at Point Lookout during Civil War.
Buried at North Fork, Va.

131 Molly

Married Henry Lynn

2 Children

131 Molly Simpson Holmes

Married

Henry Lynn

2-Children

132 Lily Lynn

Married Boling Robison

2-Children

133 Fairfax

Simpson

3 Henson Simpson Son of John S. #1
Married

1st wife - - - - - ? 2 children { 1 son, Henson } 1 other unknown

2nd " Polly Beattie
4 Children

13 William married Mary Newton

14 Deloy unmarried

15 Emily married Arthur Sullivan

16 John " - - - - - ?

Emerson Rogers
John Rogers
Polly Rogers
Mary Rogers
Deloy Rogers
Emily Rogers
William Rogers

5 James Simpson Son of John S. #1
Married

Betsy Weeks
Children

17 Richard French married Louise Nolan, 7-children, names unknown

18 Sarah Elizabeth Died in youth.

Richard was a surgeon in the U.S. Army and died at Key West, Fla.
during Seminole War.

Mary Simpson Daughter of Wm S. #2 & Hugh Rogers
Married

Hugh Rogers Son of Hamilton Rogers & Dinah Gregg
Children

19 William Hamilton. Died in youth. Buried at North Fork, Va.

20 Ann Eliza 1st Husb. Alfred Whitaker, 1 child. 2nd Husb. Montgomery Pike Lienz 2-children

21 Ferdinand Rogers. Married Sally Lionberger. 3 children

22 Joseph Thomas. Died in youth of Typhoid. Buried at North Fork, Va.

23 Frances. " " infancy

24 Hugh Stone. Married Betty Chilton. 5 children

25 John Francis " Georgiana Harriman 3- "

26 Mary Ellen Died in infancy

27 Martha

28 Alfred Eliphalet married Mary Ellen Fiery

29 Elvira Died in youth of heart disease

Simpson

- 9 Samuel Simpson son of John Simpson #1
 Married
 Rebecca Shreves
 7 Children
- 51 Mary Winifred married James Vasickler
 52 Delia " Ab. Cockrille 4 children
 53 Benjamin Shreves " Janey White 2 "
 54 John " - - - - - ?
 55 Samuel Unmarried
 56 Eliza " "
 57 Laura " "
- 39 Ann Violinda Simpson Daughter of French Simpson #8
 Married
 James Gulick
 14 Children
 See Gulick Record
- 40 James Hendley Simpson Son of French Simpson #8
 Married
 Emily Dye Daughter of John Hixon Dye & Ann Hixon, 6 ch.
 Children
- 58 Annie Elizabeth Died in Childhood. Buried at North Fork, Va.
 59 French Married Virginia Herbert. Dgtr of Stephen Herbert, 4 ch.
 60 Virginia Henrietta (Hattie) Married Stephen McCormick (son of Berry McC. & Ann Virginia Milson)
 61 Fannie " Joseph Benj. Johnson - see Johnson Record
 62 Helen Adams Married Edgar Allen Tomlinson 3 children
 63 Emily James Died un-married
- 61 Fannie Simpson Daughter of James Hendley Simpson
 Married
 Joseph Benjamin Johnson
 Children
 See Johnson Record

Simpson

- 59 French Simpson Son of James Hendley Simpson #40
Married
Virginia Harbert
4-Children
- 64 French, Dr. (Texas) Married Ruby Williamson 1-son, French
65 Stephen Harbert " Mary Neale, 2-Children { Stephen Harbert, Jr. m. 2 Ch
66 Vera M. " P.H. Watts 6ch, all married, names unknown
67 James Hendley " Alma Carpenter, 1son, James Hendley-married
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- 65 Stephen Harbert Simpson
Married
Mary Neale
2-Children
- 68 Stephen Harbert, Jr. Married _ _ _ _ _ ? 2 children
69 Virginia Henrietta (Nattie)
-
- 60 Virginia Henrietta Simpson Daughter of James Hendley Simpson #40
Married
Stephen McCormick Son of Berry McCormick & Ann Millon
8-Children
- 70 Robt. Hendley Married Emmy VanAlstine, 1 daughter - Ethel Mae.
71 Willie French " John Hubbard, 2-Children
72 Anita Wade " Peyton Irving, 2 "
73 Helen Died in infancy
74 Hallie Emily Married Wm Vinson, 1 daughter, - Elinor, unmarried
75 Stephen " Itasca Hill no children
76 Alexis " _ _ _ _ _ ? 2 daughters
77 Ella Boyce " Erle Aldridge no children
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- 71 Willie French McCormick
Married
John Hubbard
Children
- 78 Virginia Hunt married Ernest Hudson, 1 son - John. m. _ _ _ _ _ ? 1 son Stephen
79 Elliot " _ _ _ _ _ ? no children

Simpson

62 Helen Adams Simpson Daughter of James Hendley Simpson #40
 Married

Edgar Allen Tomlinson
3-Children

80 Helen Simpson married Dr. Frank McDonald 2 sons

81 Hendley Edgar " Alma Von Rosenberg 2 children

82 Virginia French " Dr. John Snyder, Dentist 2 daughters

80 Helen Simpson Tomlinson

Married

Dr. Frank McDonald

2-Children

83 Francis

84 Dr. Hendley

82 Virginia French Tomlinson

Married

Dr. John Snyder, Dentist

2-Children

85 2 Daughters Both married

81 Hendley Edgar Tomlinson

Married

Alma Von Rosenberg

Children

86 Meta Virginia

87 Henry Edgar

45 Eliza Simpson

Daughter of French Simpson #8

Married

Charles Showers

Children

88 Margaret Married Mr. Dyer, 3 Children

89 Nellie

90 James

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41	Susan Elizabeth Simpson	Daughter of French Simpson #8
	Married	
	Sanford Payne Rogers	
	<u>10-Children</u>	
91	Robert	Died unmarried
92	Samuel	Married Harriet Smith 3 children
93	James William	" Georgie Colston 3
94	Alice	" John Ford 5
95	Fanny	" Frederick Ford 6
96	Clay	" Blanche McVeigh 2
97	Wilbur French	" 1 st W. Lulu Green 2
		2 nd W. Lilly Miller 1
98	Ernest	Drowned at age of 9. Buried at North Fork, Va.
99	George	Died of whooping Cough at 3 " " "
100	Betty	Married Gussie Wright. no children.
101	Ferdinand	Died in infancy
102	Mary	" " "

42	John William Simpson	Son of French Simpson #8
	Married	
	Mary Ann Adams	
	<u>6-Children</u>	
103	Samuel	Died in childhood. Buried at North Fork, Va.
104	Anne	Married Thaddeus Dowell 3 children
105	Laura	" _____ Taylor
106	Mary	Unmarried
107	French	Married Mattie Palmer 2 "
108	Henry	" Annie Lickey

Mary Simpson Daughter of French Simpson #8
 Married
 David Thomas Gulick
Children
 See Gulick Record

Simpson

46 Margaret Francis Simpson Daughter of French Simpson #2
Married
David Lee Hughes
6 Children

109 Henry Died of Typhoid
110 Oliver Supposedly killed
111 William Died in youth
112 Thomas " " infancy
113 John Married Betty Nave
114 Fanny Lee " John Mayo

47 Dr. Robert Ish Simpson (Lived at Clifton, Va) Son of French Simpson #8
Married
Mary Randolph Ford
5-Children

115 Ione Manetti Died in Childhood
116 Charles Walter
117 Julian Married Carrie Whitehead 2 Children
118 Norma Ish
119 Rena " Milton Byrne

48 Phoebe Simpson Daughter of French Simpson #8
Married
John Albert Vansickler
9-Children

120 Orna Married Samuel Tiliett
121 Nora " Frank Daniel
122 Herbert
123 Edgar
124 Beulah
125 May
126 Florence
127 Annie
128 Harry