

CHARLES SIMMONS ESTATE

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Equity Orders and Decrees, 1839-1868, pp. 170-180.

Fall, 1856: Charles Simmons died in May 1850 leaving widow
Dedemia Simmons, now deceased. (Rutherford Census, 1850, shows
Charles Simmons, 73, b. Va., and Didama, 70, b. N. C. There were
no children of this couple to survive and the estate valued at
\$17,086.25 was inherited by his brothers and sisters or their heirs,
given below. Since Charles was born about 1777, this appears to be
one of Rutherford's early Simmons families.)

Heirs of Charles Simmons:

1. Brother Moses Simmons of Rutherford County, N. C.
2. Brother Elisha Simmons of Georgia.
3. Brother Joshua Simmons of Georgia.
4. Brother Richard Simmons of Georgia.
5. Sister Elizabeth Simmons of Georgia.
6. Brother James Simmons, now deceased, of Hawkins County, Tenn.
7. Sister Frances Wade, wife of David Wade, of Virginia, not heard
from in twenty years.
8. Children of brother John Simmons, dec'd, all of Georgia:
 1. Holman Simmons
 2. James Simmons
 3. Moses Simmons
 4. Susanah, wife of John L. Richardson
9. Children of sister Nancy Breedlove, dec'd:
 1. Spencer Breedlove, of Missouri
 2. John Breedlove, of Missouri
 3. James Breedlove, of Missouri
 4. Charles Breedlove, of Missouri
 5. Elizabeth Breedlove, of Missouri
 6. Betsy, wife of Braxton Smith, of Missouri
 7. Sally, wife of Thompson White, of Missouri
 8. Missouri, wife of Daniel Highton, of Missouri
 9. Mary An, wife of David Webster, of Tennessee
10. Children of sister Charity Patterson, dec'd, all of South
Carolina:
 1. John Patterson
 2. Elisha Patterson
 3. Charles Patterson
 4. Polly, wife of Lewis Peeples
 5. Nancy, wife of Minor Lipscombe
 6. Sally, wife of Thomas Shields
 7. Betsy, wife of Samuel Morris
 8. Christianna, wife of Henry Shields
11. Children of sister Christianna Morris, dec'd, all of Georgia:

1. John Morris
 2. Henry Morris
 3. William Morris
 4. Rhoda, wife of Richard Allen
 5. Elizabeth, wife of Lewis Jones
 6. Christianna Morris
12. Children of sister Anna E. Thompson, dec'd:
1. Benajar Thompson, of Illinois
 2. Christianna, wife of James Kincade, of Illinois
 3. Tho. H. Thompson, of Georgia
 4. and others, names not known.

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Research Notes : James Simmons 1733-1823, evidence to name wife and children

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Estate of Charles Simmons in the Fall of 1856, Rutherford County, North Carolina names and dates Charles Simmons 1777 Va-1850 and his wife Didama 1780 NC who died between 1850 and 1856.

The abstract I have names 12 siblings of Charles Simmons. Of the 6 thought to be alive their place of residence is stated. Of five of six deceased siblings, their living children and state are named.

My confidence in this abstract of the estate is based on

(1) 1850 census Rutherford NC dwelling 497, fam 508 Charles Simmons 73 va and Didama 70 NC

(2) Marriage of Charles and Didama recorded 1 Feb 1807 Rutherford NC

(3) census confirms the 7 of first 8 siblings listed in the abstract

(4) three sons, and daughter Susanah Richardson of sibling #8 John Simmons are a unique set of names, that very well documented.

These names, dates, and places match those found in the **Moses Simmons Family Bible** 1733-1923 transcribed by Sallie Taylor Simmons in 1925. The Bible ties these 8 sibling together and to father James with this entry "**James Simmons died 9 of February 1823 not lost but gone before in his 91 years of age my old farther. Moses Simmons**"

A second tie to father James who died 1823 is found in records of James Jr Simmons born 10 July 1757 in Virginia and died 1851 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. Amherst County Virginia, in the Revolution, Lost Record book - "**Gave his discharge to his father who lived in Rutherford Co, N.C.**"

Microfilm Frame #1096 "DISTANT CROSSROADS" APRIL 1992"Amherst County, Virginia, In the Revolution, Lost Order Book, 1773--1782" Lists James Simmons who moved to Hawkins Co., Tenn., dated Aug. 1818: b. 10 July 1758: enlisted Jan. 1777: under Ensign William Powell, Capt. James Franklin, 10th Va. Regt., Gen Weedon's Brig. Gave his discharge to his father who lived in Rutherford Co., N.C. Placed on Pension Roll Sept. 30, 1819.

Third tie to father James who died 1823 is page 262 GENEALOGY OF THE LEWIS FAMILY..... E 3. Mary Lewis, daughter of Charles C., Sr., was born in 1791 in Rutherford, N. C. S.....In 1811 she married Moses Simmons, son of James and brother -page 263-of Joshua. Moses was also a member of the Methodist church. They lived some three miles below Island Ford on Broad river, in Rutherford county, North Carolina., where he died very suddenly in 1856. Mary, his wife, died in 1877.

July 2020 -ancestry.com thru lines have **81 DNA Matches via James S Simmons 1733-1823**, 5th great grandfather, hints are thru 12 children. Many, if not most of those hints have 10 to 20+cM of matching DNA which means there is a relationship, but it is likely that several of the connecting names will not prove accurate.

Also thru lines show **73 DNA matches via Mary Waters**. Some names and dates look right, but I have not tried to confirm any of them yet.