

This genealogy data base of several, loosely connected families is the product of a collaboration spanning many decades. Most of the older information was about Bowie, Simmons, Saxon, and Freeman families. In the last two or three decades, other families have been added, sometimes in an effort to better understand the community of our ancestors and sometimes as we search for connections.

Mary **Zura Shaw** Makima b 1917, of Huntsville, Alabama, did much of the original research of Simmons and Saxon families. She was a granddaughter of Henry Clay Simmons and Mable Antoinette Saxon. In January 1969 she gave three manuscripts to Bobby Bowie: the largest was "Simmons History, John Simmons Family" which began with John Simmons and Ann Freeman. Second was "Private James Saxon, Revolutionary War Soldier" and third "Freeman History, George Freeman Family."

Doris Bowie mentions cousin Marguerite Shaw, (oldest sister? of Mary) and her knowledge of family history as early as 1939-40 visit with Bowies in Augusta. see Doris letter to BBB 1971 Older sister Marqueritte is mentioned by Doris Bowie in 1971 letter to BBB discussing family history

Bobby B Bowie passed all 3 manuscripts and more to me, Arthur F Bowie.

Barbara Jane Geserick Daughtery a great- granddaughter of Zechariah B Reid and Troupe Augustine Simmons also was a major contributor to Bobby Bowie's collection. In 1997 she lived n Wenonah New Jersey.

Virginia Lobdell Jennings of Baton Rouge, La researched and published scholarly information about the Rezin Bowie Family of Louisiana.

Judge Junius Hillyer, 1807 -1886, wrote his memories of the Freeman family from before Revolutionary War.

Bobby Bennett Bowie, 1925-2003, a grandson of Ben Fletcher Simmons and Lucy James Rotenberry provided the bulk of reseach and materal that my work began with. After his death, his family gave me all of his files and books.

I am Arthur F Bowie of Bentonville Arkansas. My goal is to provide reliable, family information and history for any of the extended family who may be interested.

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