

DESCENDANCY
of
MOSES SYMONSON (b c1601) and SARAH [Symonson]

Moses' parents were probably William Symonson and Ann [Symonson]

but may have been Moses Symonson and Lydia Holland

Sarah's parents and birthdate are not known to us

Note 1: Material in larger type is primarily from the database of Karl Frederick Edler Jr (KFE), while material in smaller type is added by his wife, Barbara Ann Fisher (BFE).

Note 2: Unless othewise indicated, sources of the information in this Section are in the endnotes.

Note 3: As explained in the Preface to this Document, we caution readers that information concerning the early generations in this Section is largely unverified by us. Many history books and genealogies have been written about this family; we urge readers and future researchers to consult them, as appropriate, rather than relying entirely on this Section.

Note 4: Direct ancestors of the children of Jan Sterling Edler and Janet Marion Simmons are underlined.

I. Moses¹ Symonson, probably born about 1601 Leyden, South Holland, Netherlands, married Sarah [Symonson]; probably seven children. We don't know her parents or when she was born.

He arrived Plymouth, New Plymouth Colony (now Plymouth Co MA) 9 Nov 1621 on the ship *Fortune* with 34 other passengers. He resided in Plymouth, but removed to the town of Duxbury prior to 1637. Between 1636 and 1639 he received a grant of 40 acres of land there. In 1657 he was a surveyor in Duxbury, and a friend and neighbor of Capt Miles Standish. Moses was one of fifty-four original proprietors of the town of Bridgewater, but later conveyed his rights to Nicholas Byram.

Moses died 17 Jun 1689 Duxbury, age about 88.

MOSES' PARENTS – There is a discrepancy on Moses' parentage. L A C Robinson quotes *England and Holland Pilgrims* 555.609, and NE Reg 63:201, saying Moses' father was Moses Symonson, born Leyden about 1570, and his mother was Lydia Holland, born Devonshire England about 1574.

On a separate FGR form, Ms Robinson quotes a family record and Boston Trans, Volume 22, page 64, and Volume 23, page 34, for the information we use in our database – William and Ann Symonson of Leyden.

SARAH'S PARENTS – We think Sarah and her parents lived Leyden, joined the church there, and immigrated to America several years after Moses. Some early researchers said Sarah's surname was **Chandler**, but this has come into question.

THE “PILGRIMS” – Most readers are probably familiar with how a group of members of the Church of England came to be organized into a new church. Known variously as Separatists, Puritans, and Pilgrims, they left England after persecution became too strong for them to continue there.

Many immigrated to Holland, settling mostly in Leyden. They remained there for a generation, during which time Dutch people, including the Symonson family, joined the congregation.

Then members began immigrating to America on a series of ships, starting with the *Mayflower* in 1620, then the *Fortune* in 1621, and followed by many others. Stories are available about what happened, so we are not attempting to repeat them here.

MOSES' SURNAME – His family name was Symonson (most likely pronounced “Simmons-son”), but was later Anglicized to Simmons.

NAMES OF PLACES – When telling where an event took place, we have tried to avoid terms which wouldn’t have applied at the time. For example, we don’t state that Moses lived in “Plymouth, Plymouth Co MA” as that designation obviously didn’t exist then.

Researchers can trace the development of Colony and County names as boundaries changed over the years. It is quite interesting, but we are not attempting to include it here.

- A. Rebecca² Symonson**, born about 1635 Plymouth, married **John Soule**.
- B. Mary² Symonson**, born about 1638 Plymouth, married **Joseph Alden**. He was born about 1627. His parents were **John Alden** (1599-1687) and **Priscilla Mullins** (1603-). Both Mary and Joseph died 1697, Mary age about 59, and Joseph age about 70.
Six children; we note the unusual length of time between the first two children.
Isaac (1655-1685, married **Mehitable Allen**).
Joseph (c1667, married **Hannah Dunham**; three children).
Hopestill (c1671, married **Joseph Snow**).
John (1674-1730, married **Hannah White**; thirteen children).
Elizabeth (c1675-1705, married **Benjamin Snow**; five children).
Mary (c1679, married **Samuel Allen**).
- C. Aaron² Symonson**, born about 1641 Plymouth, married **Mary Woodworth** – see page 18-3.
- D. Moses² Symonson**, born about 1641 Duxbury, married **Patience Barstow** – see page 18-4.
- E. Elizabeth² Symonson**, born about 1645 Duxbury, married **Richard Dwelley**.
- F. Sarah² Symonson**, born about 1649 Duxbury, married **James Nash**.
One child: Sarah, born 21 Apr 1669.
- G. John² Symonson**, born about 1651 Duxbury, married **Mercy Pabodie** – see page 18-6.
- H. Thomas² Symonson** was born about 1652 Duxbury.

AARON SYMONSON (c1641) and MARY WOODWORTH (b c1650) and their descendants
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Aaron's parents were Moses Symonson and Sarah [Symonson]

Mary's father was Walter Woodworth

B. Aaron² Symonson, born about 1641 Plymouth, New Plymouth Colony, married **Mary Woodworth** 24 Dec 1677; seven children. All we know about her is that she was born about 1650 and her father was **Walter Woodworth**, who died about 1685.

1. Jesse³ **Simmons** may not be the oldest child. All we know about him is his name.
2. Rebecca³ **Simmons**, born 12 Dec 1679 Plymouth, married Timothy **White** 1 Jan 1707/08; at least five children about 1710-1719. He was born about 1679. She died 17 Jan 1760, age 80.
3. Moses³ **Simmons**, born 24 Feb 1681 Plymouth, married Rachel **Cudworth** 11 Jan 1712 Scituate, New Plymouth Colony; six children. She died about 1698.
4. Mary³ **Simmons** was born 11 Mar 1683 Plymouth.
5. Elizabeth³ **Simmons**, born 27 Aug 1686, married Jacob **Vinall** 30 Apr 1716 Scituate, Plymouth Co; five children about 1717-1725. He was born about 1685.
6. Ebenezer³ Simmons, born 10 Aug 1689 Scituate, married **Lydia Kent** – see page 18-8.
7. Lydia³ **Simmons**, born 27 Mar 1693 Plymouth, married Ezekiel **Woodworth** 14 Nov 1723.

**MOSES SYMONSON (b c1641) and PATIENCE BARSTOW (b 1643)
and their descendants
from page 18-2**

Moses' parents were Moses Symonson and Sarah [Symonson]

Patience's parents are not known to us

D. Moses² Symonson, born about 1641 Duxbury, Plymouth Co, married Patience **Barstow** about 1662. She was born about 1643; we haven't identified her parents. He died 18 Mar 1678 Duxbury, age about 37.

1. Moses³ **Simmons** was born 10 Jun 1666 Duxbury. He died about 1690, age about 24.
2. John³ **Simmons**, born 15 Mar 1667 Duxbury, married Hannah **Hathaway**; at least one child. He died 1715, age about 48.
3. Sarah³ **Simmons** was born 31 Jul 1670 Duxbury.
4. Aaron³ **Simmons**, born 4 Aug 1672 Duxbury, married Martha **Cobb**; at least one child. He died 6 Feb 1750 Middleboro, Plymouth Co, age 77.
 - a. David⁴ **Simmons**, born 12 Feb 1717 Scituate, Plymouth Co, married Priscilla [Simmons] about 1739; ten children 1740-1761. She was born about 1721.
5. Patience³ **Simmons**, born 18 Mar 1676 Duxbury, married W **Barrow** 14 Feb 1694.
6. Job³ **Simmons**, born 4 Oct 1678 Duxbury, married Hannah **Bishop** 15 Jun 1700. He died 20 Sep 1761 Halifax, Plymouth Co, age 82.

Twelve children: Patience (1701); Abigail (1703); Rebecca (1706); Moses (1708); Ebenezer (1709); Sarah (1712); John (1714, below); Elizabeth (1716, below); Elijah (14 Mar 1717 Plympton); Job (1720, below); Hannah (13 Oct 1721 Plympton); and Rachel (1723 Plympton).

 - g. John⁴ **Simmons**, born 7 May 1714, married Hopestil **Stutson** 21 Oct 1736 Kingston, Plymouth Co; at least one son, Noah (1740).
 - h. Elizabeth⁴ **Simmons**, born 13 Dec 1716 Plympton, married Isaac **Jennings** 17 Mar 1737 Halifax. Born about 1713, he died about 1796, age about 83. She died 16 Jan 1812 Centre Pembroke, age 95. Three children: Lydia, Samuel, and Nathaniel.
 - j. Job⁴ **Simmons**, born 20 May 1720 Plympton, married Abigail **Parris** 20 Oct 1742 Pembroke, Plymouth Co.

Eight children: Ebenezer (1743, below); Hannah (1746); Sarah (1748); John (1761, below); Sylvia (1762); Mary (1764); Solomon (1766); and Rufus (1768).

 - i. Ebenezer⁵ **Simmons**, born about 1743 Pembroke, Plymouth Co, married Mary **Gurnsey** about 1767 Litchfield Co CT. About 1790 he, his son David, and daughter Clarinda moved from CT to Washington Co NY, and settled at Granville. His brother John settled at Fort Ann in the same county. Ebenezer died Granville.

Eight children: David (1769, ten children); Zuriel (1773, below); Clarinda (1775); Job (c1777); Chloe (c1779); Ephraim (c1780); Philena (c1781); and Polly (c1786).

We note that, according to the information we have, Ebenezer left home when there were six children, ages about 4 thru 17, still at home. We would like to know more about this situation.

a) David⁶ **Simmons**, born 26 Feb 1769 Cornwall, Litchfield Co CT, married Mary **Knapp** about 1793; ten children. He died about 1820 Walworth, Wayne Co NY. She died about 1847.

b) Zuriel⁶ **Simmons**, born 9 Jun 1773 in CT, married Sally **Hunt** 1791; twelve children. He built a school and a church on his farm. He died 19 Jan 1846, age 72, Simmons Farm, Simmons Hill, Chatauqua Co NY.

ii. Hannah⁵ **Simmons** was born about 1746 Pembroke, Plymouth Co NY.

iii. Sarah⁵ **Simmons** was born about 1748 Pembroke.

iv. John⁵ **Simmons** was born 7 Jan 1761 Cornwall, Litchfield Co CT. He served in the Continental Army 1 Sep 1777-1 Jan 1778, May 1778-May 1779, and again Sep 1781 until he was captured at Sachem's Head Harbor by refugees and confined in prison at Lloyds Neck Port, Long Island for three weeks before parole.

Then discharged from the army, he settled at Litchfield CT, where in Feb 1786 he married Rachel **Bissell**, a direct descendant from Bissells of early colonial times. About 1790 they took up residence near Fort Ann, Washington Co NY, where he engaged in the manufacture of iron. He secured a piece of land in the then new country between Lake Champlain and Lake George in the foothills of the Adirondacks and established a forge.

John was a very large muscular man, standing 6 feet tall. Rachel was low, heavy set and fleshy. Between them they raised a family and made a large contribution to the community: the first schoolhouse was built on part of their homestead. He died 5 Mar 1849 West Fort Ann, age 88.

Eleven children: Sylvia (1787-1817); Cyrus (1789-1853, married Hannah **Lewis**); Lorenzo (1791, below); Nancy (1793-1820, married Solomon P **Brown**); Mabel (1795); John (30 Jul-3 Oct 1797); Samuel (1798); John (1801-1870, married Amanda **Wells**); Laura (1803-1821); Philena (1805); and Rachel (married Elijah **Risk**).

d) Lorenzo⁶ **Simmons**, born 5 Apr 1791 Fort Ann, married Ana **Gale** about 1817. While a young man, he went to Ohio. He was an ironworker and settled Licking Co near the Iron Territory and engaged in smelting iron. In the early 1840s the family emigrated to Adamsville MI. He was a large powerful man, standing over six feet and weighing over 200 lbs. He was a pioneer in every sense, never as happy as when he was in the forest hunting or trailing wild bees. After Ann's death in 1845 he went to Iowa with three of his sons, with a view to locate in the then new west. He stayed a few weeks with a son and then headed back to Michigan to settle up his affairs there. On the way he was taken sick but managed to get to Niles MI where a son met him and took him home, but he died the same night, Oct 1854, age 63.

Seven children 1818-1832, including Henry (who was born 3 May 1818 Licking Co OH, married Catherine **Walker**. He died 2 Apr 1889, buried Family Cemetery, Simmons Homestead, Saltillo, Lancaster Co NE, age 70).

v. Sylvia⁵ **Simmons** was born 12 Dec 1762 Cornwall, Litchfield Co CT.

vi. Mary⁵ **Simmons** was born 7 May 1764 Cornwall.

vii. Solomon⁵ **Simmons** born 24 Aug 1766 Cornwall.

viii. Rufus⁵ **Simmons** was born 1 Oct 1768 Cornwall.

JOHN SYMONSON (b c1651) and MERCY PABODIE (b 1655) and their descendants
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John's parents were Moses Symonson and Sarah [Symonson]

Mercy's parents were William Pabodie and Elizabeth Alden

G. John² Symonson, born about 1651 Duxbury, married Mercy **Pabodie** 16 Nov 1669 Duxbury; nine children born Duxbury. She was born 1655, daughter of William Pabodie (1620-1707) and Elizabeth **Alden** (1624-1717). John died before 9 Feb 1715/16 Duxbury, age probably less than 64. Mercy died 1728, age about 73.

1. John³ Simmons, born 22 Feb 1670, married Susanna **Tracy** 5 Nov 1715; four children 1716-1728. He died before 1739 Duxbury, age less than 69.

2. William³ Simmons, born 24 Feb 1672/73, married Abigail **Church** about 1696. Born about 1680, she died about 1720, age about 40. He died about 1765 Little Compton, Newport Co RI, age about 92. Twelve children born Little Compton: Mercy (1697); William (1699, eight children); Lydia (1700); Joseph (1702, below); John (1704, eleven children); Abigail (1705); Rebecca (1608); Mary (1609); Benjamin (1713, nine children); Ichabod (1715); Peleg (1716, below); and Sarah (1718, died infant).

d. Joseph⁴ Simmons, born 4 Mar 1702 Little Compton, married Rebecca **Wood** 28 Mar 1726. She was born about 1704. He died 17 Jul 1778, age 76. Nine children, including John:

i. John⁵ Simmons, born 29 Jan 1727, married Lydia **Grinnell**; seven children including Benoni:

a) Benoni⁶ Simmons, born 4 Aug 1755, married Nancy **Bailey**; eight children including John:

i) John⁷ Simmons, born 30 Oct 1796, merchant and real estate speculator in Boston, founded Simmons College there.

k. Peleg⁴ Simmons, born 21 Dec 1716 Little Compton, married Mary **Brownell** 19 Dec 1739.

Eleven children born Little Compton or Tiverton, Newport Co: Thomas (1740, married Bethia **Sprague**); Moses (1742, married Waite **Borden**); Gideon (1744, below); Mary (1747); Phoebe (1749); Rhoda (1751); Eunice (1753); Peleg (1755); Joseph (1757); Abigail (1760, married William **Sanford**); and Benjamin (1762, married Susannah **Briggs**).

iii. Gideon⁵ Simmons, born 4 Dec 1744 Little Compton, married Rebecca **Ellis**; no children known to us. He married Patience **Ellis** 27 Jun 1771; seven children 1772-1786. He was Captain of a militia company in Little Compton during the Revolution. As a Revolutionary War pensioner, he lived Easton, Madison Co NY. He also lived with the family of Caleb Church, father of William Church, and went from Little Compton to NY state with William, driving an ox team pulling their personal belongings.

3. Isaac³ Simmons, born 28 Jan 1674/75, married Martha **Chandler**; one child.

a. Isaac⁴ Simmons, born 8 Mar 1701 Duxbury, married Lydia **Cushman** 24 Oct 1732 Duxbury; four children 1734-1752. She was born 1711. He died 30 Aug 1767, age 66.

4. Martha³ Simmons, born 17 Nov 1677, married Ebenezer **Delano** 29 Dec 1699; two children 1700-1702. He was born about 1675. His parents were Samuel **Delano** (1657-1728) and Elizabeth **Standish**. Ebenezer died about 1706, age about 31. Martha married Samuel **West** 20 Jun 1709; no children known to us.

5. Benjamin³ **Simmons**, born about 1679, married Lorah **Sampson** 3 Jan 1705/06; five children 1706-1715. She was born about 1687. Her parents were Caleb Sampson and Mercy **Standish**. Lorah died about 1715, age about 28. Benjamin married Priscilla **Delano** 7 Jul 1715; five children 1718-1730. Her parents were Samuel Delano (1657-1728) and Elizabeth **Standish**. Benjamin died about 1749, age about 70.

6. Joseph³ **Simmons**, born about 1683, married Mary **Weston** 8 Feb 1709/10. Born about 1689, she died about 1759, age about 70. He died 30 May 1761, age about 79. Four children: Nathaniel (1710, below); Rebecca (1713, married Ruben **Peterson**); Sarah (1718); and Jedediah (1725).

a. Nathaniel⁴ **Simmons** married his first cousin, Mercy **Simmons**. Her parents were Moses Simmons and Rachel **Sampson** – see below.

7. Rebecca³ **Simmons**, born Feb 1685, married Constant **Southworth** 10 Feb 1715. She died 3 Aug 1761, age 76.

8. Joshua³ **Simmons**, born about 1688, married Sarah **Delano** 4 Apr 1728. Her parents were Samuel Delano (1657-1728) and Elizabeth **Standish**. Sarah's sister Priscilla married Joshua's brother Benjamin. Joshua died 15 Jan 1744, age about 56.

9. Moses³ **Simmons**, born Feb 1691, married Rachel **Sampson** 26 Mar 1716; ten children born Duxbury. She was born about 1700. Her parents were Caleb **Sampson** and Mercy **Standish**. Moses died 21 Jun 1761, age 70.

a. Mercy⁴ **Simmons**, born 18 May 1720, married her first cousin Nathaniel **Simmons** 12 Jun 1739; seven children 1742-1763. He was born 24 Mar 1710. His parents were Joseph **Simmons** and Mary **Weston**, *above*. Nathaniel was a deacon and member of the first church and parish of Duxbury until they moved to Waldoboro, Lincoln Co ME between 1760-1770. He served there as town selectman in 1775, 1776, 1777, and 1782. She died 21 Sep 1788 Waldoboro, age 68. He died 4 Jan 1789, age 78.

b. Ichabod⁴ **Simmons**, born 18 Oct 1722, married Lydia **Soule** 8 Dec 1743. She was born about 1719. Six children born Duxbury: Consider (1744, married Nepheta **Soule**); Noah (1745, married Sylvia **Southworth**); Lemuel (1749, below); Abigail (1753); Nathaniel (1757, married Lydia **Sprague**); and Ichabod (1761, married Mercy **Sprague**).

iii. Lemuel **Simmons**, born 29 Feb 1749 Duxbury, married Abigail **Pierce** 16 Mar 1769/70; five children. He is recorded in the Revolutionary Rolls of the Massachusetts archives as a Sergeant in Capt Saml Bradford's (1st Duxbury) Company of militia; Col Warren's (Plymouth Co) Regiment which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775 (service 3 days); also Capt Bildad Arnold's Company, of Col Thos Lathrop's (Plymouth Co) Regiment, which marched to Rhode Island on the alarm of 10 Dec 1776 (service 15 days); also as 2nd Lieutenant, Capt Calvin Partridge's Company, Lt Col Saml Pierce's Regiment, which marched 17 May 1779. He was discharged 2 July 1779 with service of 1 Mo 18 days.

c. Lydia⁴ **Simmons** was born 18 Apr 1724.

d. Noah⁴ **Simmons**, born 31 Aug 1728, died 28 Feb 1737 Duxbury, age eight.

e. Deborah⁴ **Simmons** was born 12 Jan 1732.

f. William⁴ **Simmons** was born 28 Aug 1736.

g. Anne⁴ **Simmons** was born 4 Sep 1739.

h. Dorothy⁴ **Simmons** was born 2 Mar 1741.

i. Lemuel⁴ **Simmons** was born 14 Feb 1743.

j. Abigail⁴ **Simmons** was born 10 May 1745.

EBENEZER SIMMONS (b 1689) and LYDIA KENT and their descendants
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Ebenezer's parents were Aaron Symonson and Mary Woodworth
Lydia's parents and birthdate are not known to us

6. Ebenezer³ Simmons, probably born 10 Aug 1689 Scituate, Plymouth Co, married **Lydia Kent** 23 Dec 1713 (or 1714), Scituate; probably nine children.

a. Abigail⁴ Simmons, born 28 Feb 1715 Scituate, married Samuel **Gardner** 18 Apr 1738. Born about 1713, he died about 1754, age about 41.

b. Joshua⁴ Simmons, born 25 Oct 1717 Scituate, married Elizabeth **Dillingham** 11 Nov 1742; probably ten children. He was a selectman and resided in Hanover, Plymouth Co, on Washington Street. Born about 1721, she died about 1797, age about 76. He died 4 Mar 1807 Hanover, age 89.

c. Lydia⁴ Simmons, born 10 Sep 1719 Scituate, married William **Barrill** 19 Oct 1745. She died before 16 Dec 1748, age not more than 29.

d. Mary⁴ Simmons, christened 19 Nov 1721 Scituate, married Nehemiah **Sprague** 10 Aug 1745.

e. Elizabeth⁴ Simmons was born about 1722 Scituate.

f. Ebenezer⁴ Simmons, christened 28 Jun 1724 Scituate, married Leah **Whitten** 22 Jun 1765; at least one child (Sarah, 1766). Leah was born about 1728.

g. Samuel⁴ Simmons, born about 1725 Scituate, married **Anna Pryor** – see page 18-9.

h. Reuben⁴ Simmons, born 28 Aug 1726 Scituate, married Sarah **Lincoln** 13 Jul 1751; nine children. He died 22 May 1798 Hingham, Plymouth Co, age 71. Born about 1733, she died about 1814, age about 81.

i. Peleg⁴ Simmons, christened 1 Sep 1728 Scituate, married Ruth **Bowker** 6 Jul 1758, nine children. He died 5 Oct 1817 Scituate, age 89.

SAMUEL SIMMONS (b c1725) and ANNA PRYOR and their descendants
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Samuel's parents were Ebenezer Simmons and Lydia Kent
 Anna's parents and birthdate are not known to us

g. Samuel⁴ Simmons was born in or before the early part of 1725 (christened 18 Jul 1725) Scituate, Plymouth Co MA. He moved to Middletown, Hartford Co CT about 1751, and married Anna Pryor there 27 Sep (or 2 Sep) 1753. Seven children: Samuel; Reuben; Ann; Peleg; Lydia, Ebenezer (below); and Sarah.

We use CT as a “state” designation above, even though states did not exist until after America became independent. Middletown CT was in the part of Hartford Co which in 1785 became Middlesex Co. There is also a Middlesex Co in MA. This may explain some inconsistencies in other sources we have found.

vi. Ebenezer⁵ Simmons, born 10 Oct 1769 Middletown, Hartford Co CT, married Nancy Cary 21 Nov 1792 Second Congregational Church, Middle Haddam, Hartford Co. She was probably born 13 Mar 1773. We don't know her parents. He died 18 Apr 1852 Hinsdale, Berkshire Co MA, age 82, buried Washington, Berkshire Co. Nancy died about 1855, age about 82.

Probably eleven children: a son whose name we don't know; Samuel; Mary; Halsey; Nancy; Almyra(?); Sophia; George; Clarisa; Chauncey; and Joseph William (1817, below).

k) Joseph William⁶ Simmons was born 20 May 1817 Middletown, Middlesex Co CT. In October, his family moved to Hinsdale, Berkshire Co MA, and he became a farmer when he grew up.

He married Betsey Prentice Wait, marriage intention published 4 Sep 1841 Hinsdale. She was born 12 Jan 1811. Her parents were Thomas Wait and Hannah Prentice (1789-1823). Betsey died 11 Oct 1889, age about 78. Joseph died 10 Jan 1900 Washington, Berkshire Co, age 83.

Five children: Ensign Joseph (1842, below); Sophia; Wesley; Martha; and George (c1849).

It is said that Betsey was a direct descendant of Thomas Prentice, who was known as “the trooper of Newton, Mass” - see note on page 18-14.

i) Ensign Joseph⁷ Simmons, born 10 Jun 1842 Hinsdale, married Martha Ann Baker 23 Jan 1867 Cheshire, Berkshire Co; two children. She was born 9 Nov 1840. Her parents were Elihu Baker and May Ann Williams, Cheshire. Ensign Joseph was a farmer, and is said to have fought with the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry in the US Civil War. He died 28 Oct 1897 Pittsfield, Berkshire Co, age 55, buried Cheshire. Martha Ann died about 1926, age about 86.

(a) Frank Ensign⁸ Simmons, born 5 Apr 1871 Cheshire, Berkshire Co, married Annie J Neville – see page 18-10.

(b) Arthur E⁸ Simmons was born about 1874 (age 6 at 1880 census Windsor, Berkshire Co MA). He was a partner, with John J Griffin, in a grocery and feed business in Lanesboro MA. In 1910 he was living with his mother and working as a salesman. In 1920 and 1930 he was working as a time clerk at the electric company, living with his wife, Minnie W [Simmons], whom he had married about 1912.

He and his brother Frank corresponded for many years. Much of this was contained in two bound volumes, which at one time were said to be in possession of Robert Cary Simmons.

In 1903 Arthur purchased a \$1000 life insurance policy, payable to his mother in event of his death. In 1912 she released her right in the policy and he designated his wife as the beneficiary.

Some time before 1918 the firm of Simmons & Griffin became bankrupt. We don't know what happened to cause this unfortunate event. A court awarded Arthur's life insurance policy to a creditor, but an appeals court in Feb 1919 reversed the decision on the basis that Arthur's interest in the policy amounted to no more than its cash value at the time of the bankruptcy, and that his wife had the controlling interest as the beneficiary.

FRANK ENSIGN SIMMONS (b 1871) and ANNIE J NEVILLE (b 1869)
and their descendants
from page 18-9

Frank's parents were Ensign Joseph Simmons and Martha Ann Baker
Annie's parents were Michael James Neville and Martha Jane Steele

(a) Frank Ensign⁸ **Simmons**, born 5 Apr 1871 Cheshire, Berkshire Co MA, married **Annie J Neville** 17 Oct 1893 Waterbury, New Haven Co CT; five children. She was born about 1869. Her parents were **Michael James Neville** and **Martha Jane Steele**.

Frank Ensign was interested by many things, including botany and history. He wrote a brief genealogy of the Simmons family. He served as the Treasurer of the Corn and Grain Exchange in NY and kept a lengthy correspondence with his only brother, Arthur, which was preserved in two bound volumes.

At the 1920 and 1930 censuses, Frank Ensign was manager of a wholesale hay company. He died 29 Apr 1960, age 89, buried Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co NY. Annie died about 1949, age about 80.

Frank Ensign had several properties in the Brooklyn area. After his son, Edwin Baker Simmons, left his wife, *page 18-11*, Frank gave his daughter-in-law (Marion Katherine Hund) one of the houses he owned, and also provided a monthly allowance for her. And, every year for the rest of his life, he went to her home for Thanksgiving dinner with her and his grandchildren.

i) Helen Marguerite⁹ **Simmons** was born about 1894. She died about 1897, age about 3.

ii) Stanley Cary⁹ **Simmons**, born 23 Jul 1898. In 1930 he was a law student, age 22, living Brooklyn NY. He married Mary Ford **Fitzpatrick** 6 Oct 1932; two children. He died Aug 1971, age 78, in NY.

Their son John S Simmons has been a helpful correspondent, providing information on some of the descendants of Frank Ensign Simmons.

iii) Frank Neville⁹ **Simmons**, usually known as Neville, was born 24 Jun 1899 Brooklyn, Kings Co NY. In 1920 he was a brokerage clerk, and in 1930 a sign painter in Brooklyn. He owned his own company, and also painted portraits. He died Apr 1964, age about 65.

iv) Edwin Baker⁹ **Simmons**, born 27 Apr 1901, married **Marion Katherine Hund**

-- see page 18-11.

v) Leslie Warren⁹ **Simmons** was born 11 May 1909. In 1930, he was a messenger living Brooklyn NY. He died 11 Jan 1999 Suffolk Co NY, age 89.

**EDWIN BAKER SIMMONS (b 1901) and MARION KATHERINE HUND (b 1903)
and their descendants
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Edwin's parents were Frank Ensign Simmons and Annie J Neville
Marion's parents were Charles Hund and Marie Amberg

v) Edwin Baker⁹ Simmons, born 27 Apr 1901 Manhattan, New York, New York Co NY, married Marion Katherine Hund 4 Jul 1924 St Brendan's Church, Brooklyn, Kings Co NY. She was born 23 Mar 1903. Her parents were Charles Hund and Mamie Amberg.

Edwin worked as a salesman before enlisting in the Navy as a coronetist in the "recruit" band 1918-1919. He graduated from St John's University with a degree in accounting. He worked for the government as an accountant, and had some interesting assignments in Iceland. It is said that he later worked as a musician and resort manager in NY. He may have suffered from alcoholism. In any case, he left the family about 1945.

He died 23 Dec 1976 Peekskill, Westchester Co NY, age 75. Marion died 16 Mar 1992, age 88.

Four children: Marion Kathleen (1925, below); Robert Cary (1929, below); Carol Baker (1933, married Walter John O'Neill Jr, 6 children); and Marguerite Neville (1940, married Charles **Klimkowski**; 5 children).

AFTER EDWIN LEFT – Marion and the children lived in a three-story brick rowhouse in Brooklyn, given to her by Edwin's father, Frank Ensign Simmons, who came to have Thanksgiving dinner with them every year. It wasn't easy for a single parent in the 40s and 50s, even with Frank's generous help. Marion supported herself and the children by means of renting a small apartment on the third floor of the house, a monthly allowance Frank provided, and her own earnings. She had to take whatever jobs she could find, first making sandwiches at a nearby luncheonette. Later she was able to do office work. She was much loved by friends and family, and we greatly admire her.

THE HUND-AMBERG FAMILY -- Charles **Hund** married Mamie **Amberg**; one child known to us. We don't know anything else about them, except that Mamie had a sister, Catherine, born about 1875. Catherine married Joseph **Theiss** about 1896; three children: John A (c 1893); Kathleen M (c 1898); and Joseph H (c 1902). Catherine and Joseph Sr adopted Mamie's daughter Marion. We aren't sure whether or not Marion used her adoptive surname.

(a) Marion Kathleen¹⁰ **Simmons**, also known as Kathleen Marion Simmons, was born 20 May 1925 St John's Hospital, Brooklyn, Kings Co NY. She died 20 Dec 1940, age 15, after being struck by an automobile, buried Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn.

This tragedy was caused by a drunk driver who ran a red light. He was never charged, and left the country soon afterwards. The family never received anything.

(b) Robert Cary¹⁰ "Bob" Simmons, born 1929 Brooklyn, married Philomena "Phyllis" Theresa Di Leo. She was born 1927, daughter of Michele Di Leo and Rose Marrandino.

Three children: Kathleen Joyce (born 1951 Camden, married Thomas **Plummer**); Janet Marion (born 1955 Bristol, Bucks Co PA, married Jan Sterling **Edler**); and Donna Jean (born 1957 Bristol, married David A **Skekel**).

– See page 18-12 for some information about the DI LEO and MARRANDINO families –

<p>With the marriage of Janet Marion Simmons and Jan Sterling Edler our SYMONSON lineage joins our EDELER lineage – see {Section 14} --</p>

– **Some information about the MARRANDINO and DI LEO families** --
referenced on page 18-11

I. Francisco Marrandino, born about 1876 Potenza, Italy, married **Rosaria Nigro**; a daughter and two sons.

A. Rosa "Rose" Marrandino was born 31 Jan 1896 Salandra, Potenza. She immigrated to America with her father when she was sixteen. She married **Michele "Michael" Di Leo** 12 Dec 1917 (or 29 Sep 1917) St Mary Carmine, Camden, Camden Co NJ; nine children.

He was born 17 Sep 1893 Ersina, Italy. He had two older sisters; we don't know his parents. He immigrated to America 5 Aug 1911 on the *Santanno* from Naples, Italy. He settled Camden, and in 1930 was a stone mason and bricklayer there, often working away from home.

After two or three years, Rose's father went home to Italy, intending to bring more family members here, but he was struck and killed by lightning, so none of the others came.

Michael died about 1943, age about 50. Rose died 29 Jan 1976, Bellmawr, Camden Co, age 80, buried Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, Bergen Co NJ.

Michael kept many of his old-world ways, according to his granddaughter Janet Simmons. She says her mother thought he was strict and authoritarian.

He kept a garden plot near the railroad where he raised vegetables for the family and neighbors. "He often would offer some of his best tomatoes to ladies he met on the way home from the garden."

1. Florence Di Leo, born 4 Jul 1918, married Tony **Paciocco**; three children. She died 29 Apr 1986 (or 23 Oct 1987) Bellmawr, Camden Co NJ, age 67 or 69.

2. Joseph M Di Leo, born 20 Aug 1919, married Josephine **Corcian**; two children. He died 16 Jul 1994 West Chester, Chester Co NJ, age 74. Born 23 Mar 1918, she died 20 Mar 2003, age almost 85.

3. Frank Di Leo, born 5 Oct 1920 in NJ, married Virginia [Di Leo] and may have married Rose [Di Leo]; three children.

4. Rose Di Leo, born 28 Jun 1923 in NJ, married Robert **Kenney**; two children. Born 29 Mar 1924, he died 15 Apr 1997, age 69. She died 16 Nov 2007 Bellmawr, Camden Co NJ, age 84, buried New St Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

5. Phoebe "Fran" Di Leo, born 5 Feb 1925 in NJ, married John **Chew**; one child. She died 5 Dec 1996 Cherry Hill, Camden Co NJ, age 71.

6. Angelina "Angie" Di Leo, born 7 Jun 1926, married Patrick **Wirt**; three children.

7. Philomena "Phyllis" Theresa Di Leo, married Robert Cary "Bob" **Simmons** – see page 18-11.

8. Anna Di Leo, born 23 Aug 1931 in NJ, married Nicholas **Graziani**; four children. She died Apr 1985, age 53.

9. Rocco Di Leo, born 6 Dec 1935 in NJ, married Dorothy [Di Leo]; two children. He died 22 Apr 2001, Burlington, Burlington Co NJ, age 65.

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NOTE FROM PAGE 18-9 – Captain Thomas Prentice, born in England about 1621, married Grace [Prentice] about 1643; probably eight children. In 1667 he was sent to lay out the town which became Worcester MA. In 1675 he and his troop of horse were mentioned 19 times on the books of the treasurer of Massachusetts Colony, attacking Indian marauders with “sudden attacks and impetuous charges” - but he was a friend and counselor to converted Indians. (Source: *The History and Genealogy of the Prentice or Prentiss Family.*)

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