MEMORIES OF MARTHA SIMMONS BOWLIN

By

Martha Bowlin Chitwood

Martha Simmons Bowl in born 11 Jul 1866 in Freestone County, Texas, the daughter of Rev. William Jared and Susannah Hahn Simmons. Her father was born 28 Feb 1819 in Indian Creek, Putnam County, Tennessee. Her mother was born 13 Oct 1824 in Perry County, Missouri.

William Jared Simmons and Susannah Hahn were married 20 Mar 1842. They were married in Perry County, Missouri. William Jared was the son of Naomi Jared Simmons born 17 Sep 1797 in Jackson County, Tennessee, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Raulston Jared who married John Simmons 5 Oct 1815. I did not find his birth date. As a boy John Simmons accompanied his parents to what is now Franklin, St Mary Parish, Louisiana. When the British invasion of Louisiana appeared imminent, young Simmons joined the 13th Louisiana Militia. In the engagements they were defeated with great losses. When the emergency was over, John Simmons went back to Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, and there he met and married Colonel Raulston's niece, Naomi Jared Simmons, the mother of William Jared Simmons, the father of Martha Simmons Bowlin.

John Simmons died 01 Oct 1868 and was buried near Thomasville, Oregon County, Missouri. His wife Naomi Jared died in Mountain Grove, Texas and Wright Counties, Missouri, on 24 Dec 1876 and was buried in the old Cemetery. John's remains were later moved and reburied beside her. This is taken from page 289 of **The Book Of Jared**. These are the grandparents of Martha Simmons Bowlin.

Rev. William Jared Simmons was a Methodist preacher of the Circuit Rider days; he was also a blacksmith, farmer, and a cabinet maker.

Have no record where his first wife is buried but Susannah Simmons died 20 Apr 1867, the mother of Martha Simmons Bowlin.

The second wife of Rev. William Jared Simmons was Elizabeth Montgomery Lee, born the 08 Mar 1837 at Springdale, Benton County, Arkansas. She died 08 Mar 1916 and is buried in the Simmons Cemetery by the side of her husband. She was also the mother of my great Aunt Susie Peevy.

Rev. William Jared Simmons died 30 Jun 1891 and was the first one to be buried in the Simmons Cemetery and on the place where he spent his last days.

This is the grandfather of Rev. William Jared Simmons. William Jared was born 03 Jun 1858, the first child of John and Hannah Whiteacre Jared. He was born in Loudoun County, Virginia. They were at Kingwood, the old Quaker Colony of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. William Jared's life was filled with interest. Loudoun County was very new in his boyhood days. The Indians had to be crowded back and the wolves discouraged. When the War for Independence came in William's young manhood, he was torn between the Quaker learning of his Mother's family and his duty to home and Country he had helped his father wrest from rugged nature, but William's father John and his brother Joseph marched away to defend it. In **The Book of Jared** on page 18 it gives the Revolutionary War Service of both William and his father John and brother Joseph.

13 Apr 1785 William Jared helped his father with the wagon to Bedford County, ***[Virginia (?)]*** , and spent the spring months where they established a new home, then they returned to Loudoun County, Virginia, and moved the family to Bedford County in June 1785.

William Jared was 24 years old at this time (Page 19, **The Book of Jared**).

In 1792 William was again recorded among his family and friends in Bedford County. On 06 Dec 1792 he married Elizabeth **Raulston**, 22 year old daughter of Matthew **Roulston** of Bedford County, Virginia. William was 34 years old. ***[Editor's note: two different spellings.]***

To begin the exodus of the Jared family from Virginia through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky, Illinois. and Tennessee, William and Elizabeth **Roulston** Jared moved from Bedford County with their two eldest children, Little Moses and Baby Patsy, to a tract of land given to him for his Revolutionary War Service in the year 1796. Their third child Naomi Jared and the six children following her were born in what is now Putnam County, Tennessee.

These are the grandparents of our Rev. William Jared Simmons and this is the Naomi Jared that married John Simmons.

This William and Elizabeth **Raulston** Jared are the great-grandparents of Martha Simmons Bowlin.

In 1936 large crowds attended the Memorial Services honoring Revolutionary soldiers, Captain William Jared and his brother Joseph Jared, two soldiers of the American Revolution of what now is Putnam County, Tennessee.

This John Jared is the great-grandfather of our Rev. William Jared Simmons.

John Jared born 25 Jun 1737 Isle of Wight County, Virginia, married **first** Hannah Whiteacre born 21 Sep 1739, and married **second** Rachel Palmer 1767 at age 18 years.

Naomi Hulme, daughter of George Hulme, Jr, married 24 Jun 1734 John Whiteacre. They are the parents of Hannah Whiteacre born 21 Sep 1739, Falls Buck, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who became the first wife of John Jared, married 08 Aug 1757, a wagon maker of Loudoun County, Virginia. Her children William and Joseph and Naomi Jared were raised by Rachel Palmer, the second wife of John Jared (Page 667 of **The Book Of Jared**).

This John Jared born 25 Jun 1737 was the father of William Jared born 03 Jun 1758, and this William Jared was the father of Naomi Jared born 17 Sep 1777 that married John Simmons 05 Oct 1815, the parents of our Rev. William Jared Simmons born 18 Feb 1819. This Rev William Jared Simmons is the father of Martha Simmons Bowlin born 11 Jul 1866. The John Jared born 25 Jun 1737 is Martha Simmons Bowlin's great-great- grandparents.

John Jared born 1737, wagon maker and son of Thomas and Martha Kinchin Jared, English descent. Thomas was born about 1710 and married about 1734 and died 1757.

Enclosed is a letter written by my grandmother; she was in Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, staying with her daughter, Lillie, at the time. This clipping was given to me by my great Aunt Susie Peevy, a half-sister to my grandmother. Aunt Susie died 01 Aug 1964. This letter was written three years before her death. She and Aunt Lillie had moved back to Van Buren when she died.

I stayed with my grandmother a lot and here are a few remembrances that I recall. My home was in Vine Prairie Community but I would stay with my grandmother and attend school at Mulberry and go home on the week-ends.

When grandmother got her hoe and went to work in the yard with her flowers I knew that grandpa would fix supper. When she cleaned the kitchen she would sing so loud you could hear her blocks away. When the church bells would ring she would say, "They are saying 'Come-on, Come-on.'"

She read her Bible every day and said her prayers every night. Oh, an the good teacakes and homemade bread she made and it was from her that I learned how good peanut butter was. They lived in a big house and clean it was. The wood-ash barrel she kept at the back of the house to get the lye water to make her soap. When they lived on the farm they raised geese and she would pick them and used the feather to make feather beds and pillows. Grandma would take me and would go from Mulberry to Dyer, a trip of five miles, some man would meet us at the Dyer Station in a wagon and we would go to the Simmons Cemetery. This was about the only time I ever rode a train. I have gone to Camp Meetings with her and stay two weeks at a time at Maple Shade near Alma, Crawford County, Arkansas. They left the Methodist Church and joined the Church of the Nazarene. Grandpa did some preaching. When I went to the Camp Meetings grandpa had already died. At the meetings the women would shout until their hair fell down.

But the sad day in my life was when I was eleven years old. I went to school one morning and before noon the Methodist Pastor, Bro. McCollum came to school and got me and told me that my grandpa was dead on 7th of March 1922. This was my first grandparent to loose. I spent a lot of time with grandma after this.

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Here is another recalling: One day a lady came to the house selling cosmetics and she really worked on grandma as I stood by I said to myself "Oh, no, not my grandma with rouge and lipstick on." Then when we went to the store I thought, "Now everyone will see my grandmother with rouge on." She could comb my long hair the best and not hurt for my Mamma pulled and hurt when she combed it.

A letter from another old timer: Coffeyville, Kansas, March 29, 1931:

Editor of the Mulberry Times:

While reading Williams Dunn's letter my mind went back over the years that my father, Rev. William Jared Simmons lived at Pleasant Hill. My first school was in the new building with Prof. Lee as Principal and a Mrs. Hurst, assistant. She was my teacher. I remember reading the McGuffey's second reader through in two days. A man by the name of Bass taught the next year.

I was six or seven years of age at that time and remember the Wagner's: Big Mack and others and one named Russell.

It was Bryant and Hawkins that was in the mercantile business at that time we were living at Pleasant Hill and a man by name of Watson had his dry goods store burned.

Also there was a Mr. Dunn spoken of but two doctors by the name of Chaney were there and did our practice the year we had typhoid fever.

I was six years old when we moved from Charleston, Franklin County, Arkansas, to Pleasant Hill, Garland County, Arkansas. I lived in the radius of fifty miles of Pleasant Hill until two years ago when I came to Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas.

I remember so many things but there is one more thing which was a red letter day in my life and that was when I joined the Church. Rev. I. L. Burrow of Altus, Presiding Elder, and Pastor Rev. Greathuse. I was just a child but I knew the Lord saved me.

Emzy King married my niece. Jim, Carrie, and Emzy King attended the same school that I did and rode horseback from their home near Little Mulberry Creek.

Mrs. Mattie Bowlin (my Grandmother)

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