

I-J. Joseph Charles, son of Silas Z. Simon and Mary Sarah Durbin, was married to Mary Ann, daughter of James Hayes and Parmelia Jones, October 16, 1864.

Mary Ann was baptised into the Church on her wedding day. She was but 14 years old.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1870:

J.C. Simon	21
Mary A.	20
Martin J.	20, brother
Silas V.	2
James O.	5/12

Joseph and Mary Ann were the parents of five children; four were found on baptismal records:

1. Silas Valentine, born February 24, 1868.
2. James Olliver, born circa 1870, was 5 months old on the census.
3. Martin, born February 16, 1872.
4. John Christopher, born March 16, 1874.
5. John William, born December 11, 1875.

Joseph C. Simon died February 3, 1878 of consumption. He was 31 or 32 years old.

Mary Ann Hayes Simon died prior to October 14, 1879. She was 29 years old.

In Edmonson County Inventories and Settlement Book "C", pages 114 and 115, October 14, 1879:

Richard Durbin and James Gatton were named appraisers of the estate of Mary Ann Simon, dec't, Mary Ann's father, James Hayes, was named administrator.

A sale was held on July 28, 1881 to dispose of the property, and no mention was made of the five sons.

On the census of Nelson County, 1880, Saint Thomas Orphan Asylum:

Silas Simon	12
James Simon	9

It is apparent from this census that the three younger sons of Joseph and Mary Ann had died, or that they had been placed in another orphanage. I have not found them on any census.

In the cemetery at Old Saint Thomas Church, south of Bardstown:

James Olliver Simon died Jan. 19, 1890.

Silas Valentine, son of Joseph C. Simon and Mary Ann Hayes, was married to Ida Dixon, parentage unknown, in Nelson County, July 21, 1890.

Ida Dixon was probably the daughter of James Dixon and Mary Jane Conley, who were married in Nelson County September 28, 1860.

Silas Valentine and Ida were the parents of one son, Joseph T., born April 30, 1891, and baptised May 8, 1891.

In Deed Book "P", page 403, Edmonson County:

This deed made and entered into this 7th day of September, 1891, by and between Silas V. Simons and Ida Simons, his wife, of Nelson County, Ky., of the first part, and J.W. Bush of Edmonson County, Ky., party of the second part, . . . for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars (200.000) . . . has granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed the following described property. Viz, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Edmonson County, Ky., on the waters of Sunfish Creek, . . . containing 73½ acres by survey, . . .

To have and to hold . . . with the covenant of General Warrenty as this land is known as the Joe and Mary A. Simons land, and said Silas V. Simons is the heir and only heir living.

Silas V. Simons
Ida Simons

I have been unable to locate Silas Valentine Simon and family anywhere in Kentucky, Missouri or Illinois.

I believe Silas Valentine's statement about being the only living heir in 1891 was not correct. Although I did not find anything on the census of 1900, Edmonson County, on the Soundex System file of the 1900 census of Kentucky, living in the Durbin Magisterial District (Sunfish) was the following:

John W. Simon	Dec. 1875 - 24
Mary E.	April 1882 - 18

John W. has to be John William, son of Joseph Simon and Mary Ann Hayes. I have no idea where they were married, and have no idea what happened to them after 1900.