

I-K. Martin John (baptismal records has Martin Spaulding), son of Silas Z. Simon and Mary Sarah Durbin, was married to Surrilda Jane, daughter of William Henry Bush and Sarah Ann Metcalf, June 23, 1872.

Martin and Surrilda were the parents of at least 12 children.

Silas Francis, born April 19, 1875.

James William, born April 19, 1875.

Julia Ann, born December 11, 1877.

John Melvin, born March 2, 1880.

Ruth Ellen, born March 8, 1883.

Willie Belle, born November 5, 1886.

Mary Martha, born March 10, 1888.

Benjamin Henry, born October 9, 1890.

Henry Erickson, born October 13, 1891.

Lilly Frances, born February 1, 1893.

Josie, born June 1, 1895.

Flossie, born June , 1896.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

Martin Simon	31
Surrilda	26
Silas	5
James Wm.	5
Julia Ann	2
John M.	2/12

On the census of Ohio County, 1900:

Martin J. Simon	Dec. 1849 - 51
Surrilda J.	Oct. 1852 - 46
John M.	Mar. 1879 - 21
Ruth E.	Mar. 1883 - 17
Willie B.	Nov. 1886 - 14
Mona M.	Mar. 1888 - 12
Henry E.	Oct. 1891 - 9
Lillie F.	Feb. 1893 - 7
Josie G.	June 1896 - 4
Flossy M.	Sept. 1898 - 2

I was really surprised to find this family in Ohio County in 1900. James C. Durbin, a cousin, and John Nicholas Logsdon, a cousin, also moved from Sunfish to Ohio County.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

Martin J. Simon	61
Surilda	57
James W.	35
Mary M.	20
Henry E.	19
Lillie F.	17
Josie L.	14
Flossie M.	12

Martin John was a man of big ambitions, according to his grandson, James Nobert Simon, and was always thinking and talking of doing big things to make money. According to James Nobert, Martin's ideas never panned out, and he never did make the big splash. One of Martin's ideas, which ended in tragedy, was to rent some extra land, plant a large corn crop, and to harvest his timber the same year.

After considerable attention to the details, Martin decided he needed to borrow some extra money, and went to the bank in Brownsville to acquire a loan. The bank would not lend the money without a co-signer, so Martin forged Daniel Durbin's name to the application for the loan. Since Daniel Durbin was well known as a man of means, the bank made the loan.

Martin planted his huge crop of corn, and started cutting his timber. The corn crop came up well, but did not develop because of a lack of rain, and in the fall did not produce the expected results. This left Martin far short of the money needed to repay the loan. When the bank started making efforts to collect, they found Martin could not make the payment. Since Daniel Durbin was co-signer, they went to him for the payment. Naturally, Daniel Durbin denied the signature was his, to the satisfaction of the bank. Martin was brought up on charges of forgery, and sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary.

After Martin's death, Surrilda Jane lived in the same house with Jim Bill, Mary Martha, and Flossie, and Nobert, when he was returned to Sunfish, was reared in this house. Nobert remembers Surrilda well, and told me she was a woman of strong will, and believed the only way to do anything was her way. She had him doing some

gardening chores, and Nobert thought of an easier way to do the work, but she would not allow him to make any changes. He did them his way, and when Surrilda caught him, she raised a big fuss. He tried to tell her he was doing a good job anyway, and Surrilda slapped him in the face, told him to do the job as she directed, and said,

"I didn't take any sass from any of my kids, and I won't take any sass from you either."

Nobert finished up the job her way.

Martin John Simon died December 21, 1924, age 75.

Surrilda J. Bush Simon died January 3, 1936, age 85.

Children of Martin John Simon and Surrilda J. Bush

1. Silas Francis, son of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Laura F., daughter of John H. Durbin and Anna Belle Lush, November 19, 1905.

Silas Francis was 30, Laura was 18.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

Silas F. Simon	34
Laura	23
Gracy	3

Birth and death records were not kept as a general rule until 1911. The birth dates for the children of Silas F. Simon and Laura F. Durbin come from the birth records at Frankfort, and from other sources.

- A. Mary Grace, born circa 1907, was married to Ura Fogle.
- B. Pauline, born November 11, 1908, died as a child; not on the census of 1910.
- C. Thomas Louis, born November 11, 1910, was married to Cecilia Gertrude Coomes, parentage unknown, February 3, 1931.

Children of Thomas Louis and Cecilia Gertrude Simon

- a. Francis Ino, born March 19, 1932.
- b. Helen Marie, born March 26, 1933.
- c. Thomas Robert, born March 27, 1935.
- d. Anna Laura, born May 2, 1936.

- e. Connie Mae, born February 7, 1938.
- f. Dorothy Louise, born January 6, 1940.
- g. Mary Emma, born August 5, 1941.
- h. Naomi Sue, born September 30, 1944.
- i. William Edward, born January 17, 1948.
- j. Margaret Rose, born November 13, 1949.
- k. James Martin, born December 30, 1950.
- l. Judy Catherine, born August 29, 1954.

From his obituary:

Thomas Louis Simon, age 65, died at West Louisville on Jan. 23, 1976. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, sons Francis of Auburn, Calif., Robert of Newman, Ky., William at West Louisville, daughters Mrs. Connie Head, Mrs. Helen Boorman, Mrs. Peggy Cannon, Mrs. Kathy Warner, Sr. Mary Thomas, all of Owensboro, Mrs. Mary Thomas of Whitesville, brothers Silas of Newman, Ky., John of Owensboro, sisters Mrs. Grace Fogle of Owensboro, Mrs. Lillie Hagan of Philpot.

Cecilia Gertrude died December 8, 1986.

- D. Veronica Frances, born in McLean County, November 24, 1912, died October 30, 1913.
- E. James Estel, born McLean County, September 2, 1914, died September 2, 1914.
- F. James William, born McLean County, November 7, 1915.
- G. Silas Lawrence, born McLean County, October 9, 1917, died in Daviess County October 25, 1918.
- H. Lillie, born Daviess County, March 7, 1919, was married to William Hagan.
- I. Celestian, born Daviess County, August 21, 1920, died June 26, 1922.
- J. Silas Edward, born Daviess County, April 19, 1924.
- K. John M., born Daviess County, March 2, 1926.
- L. James, born Daviess County, April 17, 1929, died September 13, 1929.

Silas Francis Simon died in Daviess County March 11, 1959, age

- 83. Laura Francis Durbin Simon died November 13, 1949, age 62.

2. James William, son of Martin John Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Ion, daughter of Senate Duvall and Nancy Jane Hamill, in Grayson County, January 7, 1913.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

Senate Duvall	55
Nancy J.	61
Ion	26
Corah	18

James and Ion lived at Grassland, where they had their family. James owned the house on Whetstone Creek, and Martin John and Surrilda and two daughters, Maude and Tot, lived in this house. Ion and James separated and divorced, and James came back to Sunfish and lived the rest of his life with his two sisters. Both Martin and Surrilda died at Jim Bill's.

There was a high hill behind Jim Bill's house, heavily wooded, and he allowed no hunting. He was particularly fond of the squirrels, and ran everyone out if he caught them hunting. When I was 13 or 14 years old, another young man and I were hunting, and went onto Jim Bill's hill looking for squirrels. The other hunter, being older than I and knowing about the ban on squirrel hunting, led me into trouble. We saw no game, but to shake Jim Bill up a little, he had me to shoot my gun a couple of times. Sure enough, Jim Bill came out of the back of his house and yelled for us to get out of his squirrels. The other boy laughed and told me to tell him to go to hell. I did just that, and we walked on.

It was about one and one-half miles from Jim Bill's house to my father's store. Before I got home, Jim Bill had walked to the store and told Dad about me telling him to go to hell, and although he couldn't be sure it was I who called back to him, he thought it was me. Needless to say, I caught a good one from Dad, and to add insult to injury, he even made me pay for the shotgun shells.

James William Simon died December 23, 1945. Ion Duvall Simon died in Warren County September 10, 1968, age 87.

Children of James William Simon and Ion Duvall

A. Mary Nina, born October 14, 1914, was married to Cecil Mayhugh.

B. William Amon, born October 13, 1914, died March 23, 1915.

C. Philip Harold, born December 11, 1915, was married to Fannie Mae, daughter of Porter Lashley and Beulah Lindsay.

Philip and Fannie were the parents of three children: Philip, Patty, and Don.

D. Elizabeth Madge, born September 26, 1917.

E. James Rannel, born May 16, 1919, was married to Ila Ruth, daughter of Clarence B. Bulloch and Mary Coates, October 25, 1945.

James and Ila were the parents of two children: Denise and Susan.

F. Mathew Norman, born October 15, 1920, was married to Genevive Rich.

Mathew and Genevive were the parents of four children: Ranny, Terry, Libby, and Debbie.

G. Naomi Gertrude, born December 28, 1923, was married to Paul Anderson.

3. Julia Ann, daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Sylvester, son of Rebecca Durbin, in Ohio County, October 10, 1898. (This line will be carried in the William Richard Durbin Family Section.)

4. John Melvin, son of Martin John Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Martha S., daughter of Squire O. Baker and Martha Ann Hunt, January 16, 1905.

Although John Mel and Martha did live for a short time in Sunfish, they eventually moved to Daviess County where so many of their relatives lived. I have very little information on this family for that reason.

Children of John Mel Simon and Martha S. Baker

- A. Bession Frances, born October 3, 1907, died December 21, 1961.
- B. Joseph Amel, born November 7, 1908, died October 12, 1961.
- C. Dora Agnes, born February 1, 1912 in McLean County.
- D. Annie Jane, born October 29, 1914 in McLean County.
- E. Virginia, born September 13, 1916 in Edmonson County.
- F. Angela Martha, born September 25, 1919 in Edmonson County.
- G. Jerome, born April 18, 1922 in Edmonson County, died December 5, 1982.
- H. Ruby Mary, born June 16, 1925 in Daviess County, died January 30, 1978.
- I. Mary Ellen, born August 26, 1927 in Daviess County, died December 23, 1973.
- J. James Wallace, born March 26, 1930 in Daviess County.

John Mel Simon was born March 2, 1880, died June 27, 1952.

Martha Susan Baker Simon was born December 20, 1888, died March 17, 1967.

- 5. Ruth Ellen, daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Sylvester, son of John Hugh Durbin and Annabell Lush, September 29, 1907. (This line will be carried in the William Richard Durbin Family Section.)
- 6. Willie Belle, daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Christopher Cleveland, son of John Thomas Logsdon and Catherine Ann Robinson, January 21, 1906. (This line will be carried in the Logsdon Family Section.)
- 7. Mary Martha (Maude), daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was never married. She lived her whole life in Sunfish, living in the home of her brother, James William, with her sister, Flossie, until his death. Nobert then bought a small plot of ground on the north side of the road and built a small house for Maude and Flossie. Maude and Flossie were taken to Louisville, by Nobert, where both died. I do not have a death date for Maude.

8. Benjamin Henry, died as a child. (I was told by Virginia Simon O'Neill that Benjamin Henry and Henry Erickson are the same child. I took my information from the baptismal records at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, and it shows two different birthdates.)
9. Henry Erickson, son of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Mary Lucy, daughter of Charles A. Bright and Elizabeth C. Hayden, in Graves County, February 4, 1913.

On the census of Graves County, 1910:

Charles A. Bright	60
Elizabeth C.	57
Marion E.	20
Hattie A.	22
Claude J.	17
Mary L.	14

Eric and Lucy lived in Graves County, and were the parents of two sons.

James Nobert, born July 8, 1916.

Joseph Edwin, born January 1, 1919, died April 16, 1920 from T.B. of the bone.

Mary Lucy Bright Simon died December 16, 1919 of T.B., buried at St. Jerome.

Henry Erickson was married second to Mary Gertrude Elliott Thompson, a widow, December 26, 1920.

Gertrude was married first to Crouin Thompson in 1907, and they had three children:

Rosa Lois, born October 26, 1909, died April 19, 1986.

Joseph Harold, born October 31, 1912, died in January, 1976.

Mary Paulette, born May 9, 1915, still living.

Eric and Gertrude moved to La Junta, Colorado, and were the parents of two children there:

Eric Leo, born October 9, 1921, died August 15, 1977.

Aubrey, born July 29, 1924, died September 1, 1924. Aubrey was sent back to Fancy Farm for burial.

In La Junta, Eric worked for the Santa Fe railroad as a mule skinner, according to their daughter, Virginia, as a carpenter according to James Nobert. Gertrude was dissatisfied in

Colorado, so they moved back to Graves County circa 1925. Eric was a farmer, and farmed until 1947. He bought and operated a feed mill then, and kept it until he retired. Eric also acted as a veterinarian for the local farmers.

Eric and Gertrude were the parents of three daughters in Fancy Farm:

Mary Virginia, born August 11, 1927.

Anna Roberta, born May 2, 1929.

Dorothy Louise, born December 19, 1931.

Henry Erickson Simon, 87 years old, died August 10, 1978. Mary Gertrude, 84 years old, died July 9, 1974. Both are buried at St. Jerome Cemetery, Fancy Farm.

When James Nobert was about 10 years old, he was taken to Sunfish to be reared by his Aunt Maude. He was married to Rosalee, daughter of John J. Kime and Mary Pearl Durbin, December 31, 1935.

Nobert became a barber, and used to cut my hair in Dad's store, where he set up a barber's chair which he had bought second hand. When he entered the Army during World War II, he was made the Company barber. After discharge, he set up shop in Louisville, and though he does not own a barber shop, he works two or three days a week for someone else.

Nobert and Rosalee were the parents of five children:

John Erickson, born September 7, 1936.

Nobert Edwin, born April 18, 1938.

Mary Lucy, born May 23, 1940.

Paul Ray, born September 16, 1942.

James Albert, born February 14, 1953.

Rosalee Kime Simon died in February, 1975.

Children of Henry Erickson Simon and Mary Gertrude Elliott

A. Eric Leo was married to Yvonne Baldwin, of Chicago, in 1970. In August, 1972, he and Yvonne returned to Graves County and opened a restaurant in Fancy Farm. Yvonne became sick with

cancer, and died in December, 1978. Eric Leo, because of worry and a heavy work load, died of a heart attack shortly thereafter.

B. Mary Virginia was married to John Francis O'Neill, born September 13, 1919, of Doniphan, Missouri, in Fancy Farm, April 30, 1946.

John farmed until 1972, then worked as a tax assessor for one year. He then started working for the State of Kentucky as a mapping supervisor in the tax assessor's office. He retired in 1984.

John Francis and Mary Virginia were the parents of eleven children.

a. Barbara Ann, born March 29, 1947, was married to Eugene Allen Nelson, December 4, 1970. They live in Loretto, Minnesota, and have one adopted daughter, Debra Denise, who was born in Texas.

b. John Francis III, born February 20, 1948, was married first to Norma Sue Vaughn, September 16, 1967.

Norma Sue was born February 9, 1947, died in a car accident on December 13, 1969.

John Francis was married second to Karen Sue Basham, January 8, 1971. There are two children:

Lee Brandon, born July 18, 1972.

Johnnie Sue, born April 17, 1974

John Francis and Karen Sue were divorced in 1979.

John Francis was married third to Cindy Hill, July 10, 1983. There is one child:

Cory Shea, born August 5, 1985.

John Francis and Cindy live at Paducah.

c. Charles Edward, born January 20, 1949, was married to Ruthie Mills, February 23, 1968.

There was one child:

Lori Ann, born August 9, 1968.

Charles Edward and Ruthie were divorced in 1970.

Charles Edward was married second to Rita Kay Wodley, November, 1971. They were divorced in 1981.

Charles Edward was married third to Elizabeth Jean Dodson, February 3, 1982.

There is one child:

Ashley Ellen, born July 31, 1982.

- d. Patrick Joseph, born January 16, 1950, drowned in the Mississippi River on September 11, 1975. He worked for the Luhr Brothers Barge line.
- e. Thomas Owen, born July 11, 1951, was married to Nancy Garrison, July 21, 1979. Thomas and Nancy live at Clinton, Kentucky, and have one child:

Kelta Marie, born December 21, 1980.

- f. William Lee, born November 24, 1953, was married to Rebecca Jane Williford, January 24, 1972.

William and Rebecca live in Houston, Texas, and are the parents of three children:

Mary Jane, born February 6, 1972.

Gregory Leo, born February 27, 1974

Mathew Lee, born December 8, 1977.

- g. Mary Josephine, born February 24, 1955, died July 31, 1956.
- h. Ronald Eric, born October 15, 1957, was married to Sandra Watson, December 17, 1980.

Ronald and Sandra live in Minnesota, and are the parents of one child:

Amber Kay, born October 17, 1984.

- i. Tammy Sue, born September 23, 1959, was married to Steve Watt, January 1, 1976. They were divorced in 1977. There was one child born:

John Jason, born March 12, 1976.

Tammy Sue was married second to Phillip Carlisle, and they live in Ashland City, Tennessee.

- j. Pamela Kaye, born January 9, 1961, was married to Steve Allen Shultz, June 13, 1980. They live in Joelton, Tennessee, and are the parents of one child:

Jennifer Lynn, born April 5, 1981.

- k. Penny Marie, born February 9, 1962, is single.

- C. Anna Roberta was married to George James O'Neill, brother of John Francis O'Neill, January 7, 1947. They were divorced in 1972.

Anna and George James were the parents of seven children:

- a. James Anthony, born August 28, 1947, was married to Margaret Richardson, July 27, 1968.
- b. Roberta Louise, born May 30, 1948, was married to Randell Channel, date not known. They were divorced, and Roberta Louise was then married second to David Carter. They, too, are divorced.
- c. Elizabeth Ann, born May 28, 1949.
- d. Joseph Richard, born September 17, 1950, was married to Kay Burgess, August 9, 1968.

Joseph and Kay were the parents of one child:

James Edward, born February 21, 1969.

Joseph and Kay were divorced, and Joseph Richard was then married to Loretto _____, August 31, 1974.

Joseph and Loretto were the parents of one child:

Joseph Ryan, born March 28, 1979.

- e. Donald Lawrence, born November 25, 1951, was married to Roselyn Hobbs, July 6, 1973.

Donald and Roselyn live in Louisiana, and have one child:

Crystal Rhea, born February 13, 1975.

- f. Brenda Fay, born March 25, 1953, was married to Nicki Cope, April 28, 1972.

Brenda and Nick live in Bardwell, Kentucky, and are the parents of two children:

Nickie Lynn, born November 25, 1972.

Melissa Renee, born August 19, 1976.

- g. Phillip Eugene, born September 3, 1954, was married to Lois Eddings, April 26, 1974. They were divorced.

Phillip Eugene was married second to Andrea Jo Goss, November 2, 1979. They live at Wickliffe, Kentucky, and are the parents of two children:

Desiree Dionne, born October 31, 1979.

Cody Myron, born July 26, 1985.

- D. Dorothy Louise was married to Bobby Wright, October, 1946. They were divorced after the birth of one child:

Kenneth Wayne, born October, 1947.

Dorothy Louise was married second to Jimmy Mills. They were divorced.

Dorothy Louise was married third to Ed. McPherson, and they were the parents of four children:

Nancy Dee, born February 16, 1955.

Billy, born April 24, 1956.

Patrick, born March 16, 1958.

Linda, born March 23, 1959.

Dorothy Louise and Ed McPherson were divorced, and Dorothy was married fourth to Glenn Woods, and now lives in Los Angeles, California.

10. Lillie Frances, daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to Elmer, son of Joseph Samuel Wilson and Harriet Elizabeth Durbin, in Fancy Farm, November 20, 1919. I have no information on their family.

11. Josie, daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was married to a George Lauermann, parentage unknown, born in Germany, location and date unknown.

Josie and George lived for several years in Indiana, I believe, and were the parents of one son, George Junior. They moved to Sunfish, buying the old Jim Bill Simon place, circa 1946. They lived in Sunfish but a few years, and then moved back to Indiana. After George died (I have no date), Josie lived for a time in a

retirement home or a nursing home just south of Chicago, in Indiana. She died after suffering a stroke in 1984.

George Junior was married to Lulu, daughter of Gilbert French and Hettie Hayes, date not known.

George Junior was crippled, probably from polio, and I believe he had one crossed eye. When George and Josie moved back to Indiana, George Junior and Lulu moved with them. A short time after moving, Lulu was in a bar or some other type of entertainment place and, while looking for the restroom, opened a wrong door and fell down a flight of steps to her death.

I have no other information on this line.

12. Flossie (Tot), daughter of Martin J. Simon and Surrilda J. Bush, was never married. She lived in Sunfish with her brother and sister until Jim Bill's death, and then moved to Louisville, where she died. She was blind from adolescence, and in later life became deaf. She died at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home in 1979, and is buried at St. John Cemetery, Sunfish.