

I-G. Silas Augustin, son of Silas Z. Simon and Mary Sarah Durbin, was married first to Nancy A., daughter of Charles Durbin and Nancy Jones, May 19, 1862.

Silas A. and Nancy A. were first cousins.

The following note was found at Brownsville:

"This is to certify that Silas A. Simmons and Nancy Ann Durbin is to be solomized 19th May, 1862 in Edmonson County. Silas A. Simmons age 22, Nancy Ann Durbin age 16 years. Both parents of Simmons, Silas and Sally Simmons, both born in the United States. Parents of Durbin, C.C. and Nancy Durbin, they were both born in the United States, this 19th day of May, 1862."

Nancy Ann must have died soon after this wedding, for Silas Augustin enlisted in the Union Army with his brother, Valentine, for one year, August 2, 1863. Silas was mustered into Company "G", 35th Ky. Mounted Infantry, in Owensboro, October 2, 1863. He was discharged at Louisville on December 29, 1864 and was given 87¢ for transportation home.

Silas Augustin was married second to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher L. Durbin and Nancy Bush, September 28, 1865.

Silas was 25 years old, Sarah Elizabeth was 15 years old.

Children of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, from the baptismal records:

Mary, born August 19, 1866.

John, born January 7, 1869.

John J., born December 20, 1875.

Nancy Jane, born January 20, 1878.

Sarah Ann, born March 17, 1880.

Ellen T., born December 17, 1882.

Arzella Agnes, born February 17, 1886.

Silas M., born August 20, 1889.

Daniel N., born July 1, 1891.

William Henry, born November 28, 1893.

It appears that Silas Augustin died circa 1895/1896. He is buried at Saint John's Cemetery in Sunfish, and has a military headstone. The stone gives no date of death.

In deed book "J", page 384, Edmonson County:

"Indenture made and entered into this 30th day of September 1871 between Nancy Durbin and John Durbin her husband, Elizabeth Simon and Silas A. Simon her husband, and Eliza A. Cockerell and A.J. Cockerell her husband of the first part, and George W. Woosley of the second part, all of Edmonson County and State of Kentucky, Witnesseth that the parties of the first part hath for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and forty five dollars, in hand paid, hath this day sold unto the party of the second part, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, . . . "

This proves that Nancy Bush, widow of Christopher L. Durbin, was married as third wife of John J. Durbin, Jr., that Elizabeth, her daughter, was the second wife of Silas A. Simon, and that the wife of Andrew J. Cockerell was Eliza A., a daughter of Christopher L. and Nancy. We know that George W. Woosley was married to Mary Jane, daughter of Christopher L. Durbin and Nancy Bush.

On the census of Ohio County, Rosine District, 1900:

Sarah L. Simons	Oct. 1850 - 50
Arzella A.	Feb. 1885 - 15
Daniel N.	July 1891 - 9

Sarah Elizabeth was the mother of eleven children, according to this census, with only seven living. There was a six-year gap between the births of John and John J., and if an infant had died between them, the gap would be filled.

Sarah Elizabeth moved the family to Grayson County after 1900. Her son, William Henry, was receiving a government pension, and a guardian, S.K. Cox, had been appointed for him. William was apparently living with Mr. Cox when the 1900 census was taken.

Sarah E. Simons, 56, was married to Jacob M. Holloway, 59 (second marriage for both), in Grayson County, August 29, 1906, yet in the Grayson County courthouse:

Settlement of Sarah E. **Simons**, Guardian of William H. Simons.

To the honorable Judge of Grayson County Court; as guardian for Wm. H. Simons, I would report that there has come into my hands the following sums of money, and no more.

To cash received from former guardian S.K. Cox	\$14.00
U.S. pension check for August 1907	\$42.00
for November 1907	\$42.00
for February 1908	\$42.00
for May 1908	\$42.00
for August 1908	\$42.00
for November 1908	\$42.00
Total	\$266.00

This January 18, 1909.

Attest: C.W. Claggett

Subscribed and sworn to before me by **Sarah E. Simons** this Jan. 18, 1909.

C.W. Claggett, J.G.C.

A settlement made this Jan. 18, 1909 by C.W. Claggett, Judge Grayson County with Sarah E. Simons, Gdn. for Wm. H. Simons, I find said guardian indebted to her said ward in the following sums, Viz:

To ammount as shown from her sworn statement this day, made and filed here with \$266.00,

Credits

By commission on \$266.00 at 5%	\$13.30
18 months board at \$10.00 per month	\$180.00
clothing furnished ward	\$25.45
Judge for the settlement	\$1.00
Clerk for recording same	\$1.25
	\$221.00

I find guardian owing her said ward in the sum of forty-five dollars, all of which is reported to Court.

C.W. Claggett, J.G.C.C.

I, Wm. Cave, Clerk of the Grayson County County, certify that the foregoing Guardian Settlement and Report was confirmed at regular term of the Grayson County Court held on the 22nd day of Feby. 1909, and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon the same together with this certificate has been duly recorded in my office.

Witness my hand this 1st day of June 1909.

Wm. Cave CGCC
by Eds. Proctor, DC

On the census of Grayson County, 1910:

Sarah E. Simons	60
William H.	16

Children of Silas Augustin Simon and Sarah Elizabeth Durbin

A. Mary, daughter of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, was married to George Washington, son of Johnathon Wysong and _____, December 14, 1884.

We know very little of the Wysong family, but believe they came from North Carolina and were Cherokee Indians. They lived mainly in Butler County, but when they started marrying into the Sunfish families, they moved into Edmonson County.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1870:

Johnathon Wysong	65, born in Virginia
Sallie	48, born in North Carolina
Surilda	27
Sarah	18
James W.	15
Johnathon A.	13
July	11
George	6
James W.	5

Johnathon Wysong, 67, parentage unknown, was married third to Sarah Hack, parentage unknown, a widow and 40 years old, January 4, 1873.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1880:

John Wysong	77, born in North Carolina
Sarah	58, born in Ky.
George	15
Allan Wysong	33
Nancy J.	25
Rebecca	9
Mary	7
Nancy E.	5
Irene	3
Johnathon	24, brother
James Wysong	26
Sarah	25
Priscilla	5
Sarah	3

James W. Wysong was married to Sarah Ellen Hack, parentage unknown, December 4, 1873.

J.T. Wysong, 20, was married to Mary L. Miller, parentage unknown, February 1, 1894.

Johnathon Arthur Nyle, son of Johnathon Wysong, Sr. and an unknown wife, was married to Polly Ace Webb, parentage unknown, January 19, 1882.

On the census of Edmonson County, 1900:

Nyle Wysong	45
Pollie A.	39
Leony E.	17
Lulie P.	14
Pearly R.	12
George E.	7
Harrison C.	3
Millie A.	1
James Browning	10, boarder
Rice Browning	21, boarder

The will of Johnathon Arthur Nyle Wysong, written July 16, 1928, found in Grayson County Will Book #2, page 62, names his wife, Polly A., and his children: Leona Brown, Lula Stewart, Pearl Ford, Clarence Wysong, Georgia Vertrees, Millie Tomes, Maude Eberhart and Hallie Hazelwood.

Harrison C. (Clarence), son of Johnathon A.N. Wysong and Polly Ace Webb, was married to Addie M., daughter of Charles Durbin and Nancy E. Tomes, in Grayson County, January 27, 1919.

Clarence and Addie made their home at Big Clifty, where they reared the family. They later moved to Louisville. Both Clarence and Addie are buried in the CHRISTUS section of Memorial Gardens West, lot 102, space 2 and 3.

Harrison Clarence Wysong was born in 1897, died July 22, 1968.

Addie M. Durbin Wysong was born in 1901, died May 27, 1978.

Pearl Wysong, 19, was married to Wm. Robert Ford, 17, in Grayson County, August 14, 1907.

They are the in-laws of Col. Columbus James Hyde, police chief in Louisville from 1968 to 1971. Hyde was married to Juanita.

From the obituary column of the Grayson County News-Gazette:

Hallie Mae Hazelwood, 79, of Orlando, Florida, died May 5, 1894. Born Aug. 5, 1904, daughter of Nyle Wysong and Polly Webb.
May 15, 1986

Georgia Vertrees, 93, of Hardinsburg, died May 11, 1986. Mrs. Vertrees was born Dec. 18, 1892 in Edmonson County, daughter of J.A. Wysong and Polly Ace Webb. Her husband was Anderson Gray Vertrees. Survivors include two sons, Arthur of Louisville, Earl of Deleware, Ohio; three daughters, Pearl Armes of Harned, Opal Gregory of Clarksville, Ind., and Lois Soldan of Flint, Mich., and one sister Maude McCormick of Woodbridge, Virginia.

On the census of Butler County, 1900:

George W. Wysong	Mar. 1862 - 38
Mary	Aug. 1876 - 32
Nancy B.	Feb. 1887 - 13
Ema J.	Oct. 1888 - 11
Elizabeth	Mar. 1893 - 7
Sarah E.	Nov. 1894 - 5
Joe H.	Oct. 1896 - 3

Children of George Washington Wysong and Mary Simon from the baptismal records:

Sarah Parmelia, born October 25, 1885, died October 1, 1886.

Eliza Isabell, born February 8, 1887.

Emily Jane, born October 17, 1888.

Edward, born April 6, 1890.

Elizabeth Elsie, born March 28, 1893.

Sarah Ellen, born November 29, 1894.

Joseph Hubert, born October 4, 1897.

George W. and Mary Wysong were not on the 1910 census in Kentucky, and I believe they had moved to the Carolinas or to New England. Except for a few marriage records, there is nothing in Edmonson County or Grayson County to note the passage of the Wysongs.

From the marriage records at St. Joseph:

Joseph Hubert Wysong was married to Gladys Hodge at Holy Rosary Rectory in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1931. Mary Wysong was listed as a witness (probably the mother of Joseph Hubert).

- B. James C., son of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, was married to Teresa Jane, daughter of John Thomas Hayes and Rachael Ellen Durbin, in Grayson County, February 10, 1897. Witnesses were Samuel A. Hack and wife, Nancy Jane Hack. Nancy Jane was a sister of James C. James C. must have died soon after the wedding date. Teresa Jane was married second to James R. Cottrell circa 1898/1899.
- C. John J., son of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, committed suicide at the age of eighteen, August 16, 1893. (Death notice indicated John J. was the son of Silas and Dorothea Durbin.)
- D. Nancy Jane, daughter of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, was married as second wife of Samuel A., son of James A. Hack and Mary Ellen Moss, January 23, 1896. (This line will be carried in the Hack Family Section.)
- E. Sarah Ann, daughter of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, was married as fourth wife to John F. Wilson, September 12, 1896.

Sarah was 16 years old, John was 46 years old.

Apparently Silas A. had died before the above date, for Sarah Elizabeth signed and sent a note to the Clerk's office in Brownsville to assist in getting a marriage license.

"To the County Clerk of Edmonson County

"You are hereby authorized to issue marriage license to my daughter Sarah Simons to marry John F. Wilson, this Sept. 9th, 1896."

On the census of Edmonson County, 1910:

John F. Wilson	60
Sarah A.	30
William C.	40 son
Stella	12 daughter
Naoma	14 granddaughter
Edward	17 grandson
Otha	5 son

William C., son of John F. Wilson and an unknown wife, was married to Julia Ann, daughter of Christopher A. Yates and Matilda Jane Simons, February 18, 1891. Edward and Noma were their children. Julia Ann died February 18, 1899, and the children were on the 1900 census with Matilda. Matilda Jane and Silas A. were first cousins. Since I have not researched the Wilson family, this line will be carried in the Christopher N. Durbin Family Section, Christopher A. Yates family.

F. Ellen T., daughter of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, was married to Almond, son of William Crowder and Hettie A. _____, of Ohio County, October 5, 1898, in the presence of J.S. Goodwin and Nancy J. Hack.

On the census of Ohio County, Rosine District, 1880:

William Crowder	45, father born in Tenn., mother in S. Car.
Hettie A.	35
Wilson A.	16
Marion	18
Octavia	13
Martha C.	11
David M.	10
Almond	9
Florence E.	3
John W.	7/12

On the census of Ohio County, 1900:

Hettie Crowder	July 1845 - 54
John W.	Oct. 1880 - 20
Almond	Sept. 1872 - 27
Ellen T.	Dec. 1883 - 17

On the census of Ohio County, 1910:

Almon Crowder	37
Ellen T.	25
Florence E.	8

According to the birth records, there were at least three other children born to Almond and Ellen:

William Newton, born November 18, 1918 in Ohio County.

Merry L., born September 23, 1921 in Ohio County.

Stella, born October 6, 1925 in Ohio County.

- G. Arzella Agnes, daughter of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, was married to Willie, son of Thomas Brooks and Elizabeth _____ of Butler County, February 15, 1901.

Willie was 19 years old, Arzella was 15 years old.

Willie apparently died soon after a son was born, for Arzella Agnes was married second to John Lish, son of George A. Durbin and Mary Lucy Whobrey, January 11, 1902. (This line will be carried in the Christopher Durbin Junior Family Section.)

- H. Silas M., son of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin, probably died as a child. He was not on the census of 1900.
- I. Daniel N., son of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin.
- J. William Henry, son of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin.

I have been unable to find anything on this family since 1910. Most of the children of Silas A. Simon and Sarah E. Durbin died as children, or at a very young age, but some may have lived long enough to have married and reared a family. Some did leave the State, and I would think, since Sarah Elizabeth was getting on in years after 1910, that one of them took her to live with them. I have found nothing on a death date for Elizabeth, and no marriage dates for the younger children.

Company "G", 35th Kentucky Mounted Infantry

The 35th Kentucky Mounted Infantry was organized September 26, 1863 at Owensboro and mustered into the Union Army October 2, 1863. Company "G", under the command of Captain Hartford M. Meredith, was comprised of men in the Edmonson and Butler County areas, and included such names as George A. Durbin, John W. Hack, Isaac Higgs, Valentine and Silas A. Simon, Michael Whoberry, Leander Farris, Samuel Bradley, William Wells, and nine men with the name of Embry. All these names are associated with Sunfish or the immediate area.

In 1863 the area between the Cumberland River and the Green River was overrun with guerrillas, making it almost impossible for the officers to recruit and train men. From Owensboro this unit was marched to Henderson and then to

Hopkinsville, the men having received very little training. They were on constant watch for rebel activity, and were constantly on the move.

In August, 1864, the regiment marched from Elizabethtown in pursuit of the rebel General Adam Johnson and, after several skirmishes, were able to drive him from the State into Tennessee.

On September 15, 1864, under the command of General Burbridge, provost-marshal of Kentucky, a force of some four thousand troops left Lexington for the first raid on Saltsville, Virginia. Included in this army were the men of the Eleventh and Thirteenth Kentucky cavalry, the Twenty-sixth, Thirtieth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Forty-fifth, mounted infantry, and Major Quiggin's Sandy Valley Guards. They marched out of Kentucky through Pound Gap on October 1, and attacked the two thousand Confederate troops on October 2.

Commanding the Confederate forces was a Kentuckian, General John S. Williams, and a part of his forces was a small brigade of Kentuckians under Colonel W.C.P. Breckenridge.

The advance from Pound Gap had been contested by a force of Confederate cavalry, and engagements at Clinch Mountain and Laurel Gap assumed the importance of major battles. At Saltsville, the Confederate forces beat back the advances of the Union forces time after time, and at last drove them from the field after several hours of fighting. The Union forces lost a total of nearly four hundred men; the Thirty-fifth lost twenty-one men.

In the adjutant-general's report it was stated the 35th was in the District of Southern-Central Kentucky, under the command of General Hobson, and Col. Cicero Maxwell's brigade, December, 1863. On April 30, 1864, still under the command of Maxwell, Captain Baker took a detachment of the 35th and fought a Confederate band under Capt. Hinkle in Meade County. Capt. Hinkle was killed, and Capt. Baker continued his operation through the months of June and July.

On August 14, 1864, the 35th was at Bardstown, and on August 23 they were at Canton in Trigg County. They had pursued rebels to that point where the 52nd Ky. attacked the rebels from the rear. They killed fifteen, took fifty prisoners, and one hundred horses and mules. About three hundred rebels made a crossing of the Cumberland River and attempted to escape. While two companies

of the 35th chased the main force, Company "G" picked up the stragglers. In this fight a Col. A.R. Johnson lost both eyes, but he was expected to recover from his wound.

Both George A. Durbin and Silas A. Simon returned to Sunfish, but Valentine Simon apparently never returned. It is highly possible he was killed or died from an illness.

A list of the men in Company "G", 35th Ky. Mounted Infantry:

Captain: Hartford M. Meredith

1st Lieutenant: Golson Phelps

2nd Lieutenant: James R. McGraw

Sergeants: Isaac H. Pirtle, Samuel C. Bradley, Garrad Embry, Alonzo G. Vaison, Henry Hill

Corporals: James A. Bledsoe, William Wells, James Prunty, Valentine Y. Phelps, Woodford Phelps, James R. Bruner, William H. Conklin, Samuel L. McSherry

Wagoner: David B. Duke

Privates: John Allison, David Bratcher, James W. Boothe, James B. Burden, P. Mc. Bruner, Joseph Boothe, Eli Brown, John R. Crabtree, William S. Casey, George W. Clark, Thomas Carter, Taylor Dean, William Davis, George A. Durbin, Francis M. Dority, Jeremiah Dockney, James E. Duke, Harrison Embry, Green Embry, John Embry, Francis M. Ford, William D. Felker, William Graves, Elijah Gary, Richard Gary, Smith A. Garret, Martin Garrison, John W. Hack, Isaac Higgs, Alexander Hutchinson, Salathiel Howard, Martin Johnson, Francis B. Kelly, Bluford H. Picknell, James A. Pearl, Charles Penick, James A. Pearl, Valentine Simon, Silas Simon, Isaac H. Storms, Andrew J. Smith, Henry C. Taylor, Charles F. Taylor, Michael Whooberry, James T. Webster, Newton Baltzell, Abijah Brueese, Julia A. Dunn, Aaron V. Day, Jesse Elmore, George W. Gosnell, Squire N. Limpton, John R. McGraw, James Patton, Samuel Phelps, William B. Spradlin, James Trimble, John W. Tuckerson, John Watson, John Wheeler, Miles H. Watkins, Valentine P. Wilson, William Vincon, Isaac Vitatoe, Leander Farris, James Hutchison, John S. Dority, Mason Embry, William Johnson, and John W. Torrence.