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Judge C. C. Simons
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

About twenty years ago I had some very interesting letters from a Mr. Thomas Simons of Columbus, Ohio who had given quite a little time to the study of Simons genealogy. The last letter I addressed to him, perhaps ten years ago, was returned unclaimed, which makes me believe that he had, probably, passed away.

Someone, however, should have the data that he gathered, and I am writing you thinking that possibly you might know something of the Thomas Simons family.

The first Simons that I know of definitely in my line was near Enfield, Connecticut and was born about 1650. Circumstantial evidence leads me to believe that he was a son of William Simons who was in Woburn, Massachusetts as early as 1635, and I think, probably, that this is the same William Simons who came from England at about that time, the name of the ship having been given me by Mr. Thomas Simons.

If you have ever given any time to genealogy, you have, doubtless, found it interesting. Early variations of the name in Scandinavian countries show the family to be an ancient one. The first member in England came over with William, the Conqueror. Many of the families in the United States bearing this name are, also, of English ancestry, but emigrated to America at a later date than my forebears.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Respectfully yours

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