Historical data largely taken from a letter written by Thomas A. Simons, of Columbus, Ohio.

The English family of Simons, and kindred names, are descendants of members of the family who came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066,- the English records showing that a grant of land was given to Adam Simons at that time.

The ancient Norman form of the name Simond, which means victorious protector, is Sigmunde. The Anglo-Saxon name is Sigemund and the present day English variations of the name are Simons, Simmons, Simmonds, Simonds and Symonds. These variations cause much confusion in making genealogical records.

Among the earliest families coming to New England we find one Moses Symonson, who landed at Plymouth in 1621. He settled later at Duxbury, Mass. He came from Amsterdam. Soon after his arrival he dropped the "on" from his name and thereafter called his name Symons. He married and reared a large family. The children were all likewise prolific and spread all over New England. This family has caused a great deal of trouble to genealogists through the introduction of cross-currents. It is presumed that Moses Symons was Dutch rather than English.

I do not believe that this Symons was our progenitor.

Among the other Simons who are founders of the American family are: John Symons, who settled at Warwick Squeak, Va., in 1623 and died at the same place. He left no male descendants. William Symonds who sailed from the Port of London for America in the ship "Safety" on Oct. 20, 1635, might well be the first "Simons" in our line in America, as a child born to him after 1635 might well be the father of the William Simons in our line, who was born in 1659.