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Mr. Ezra Delos Smith  
Meade, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

My attention was just called to your article regarding Jedediah S. Smith, published in Vol. 12 of the State Historical Publications, in which in the opening note you refer to a Miss Simons as one of his forebears.

As a Simons I am naturall interested in any leads that will give me information concerning the family. My father was Adolphus Ezra Simons, my Grandfather Alfred Smith Simons, and my great-grandfather Adolphus Simons was born in 1781 at East Haddam Conn. At that time there were five prolific families of Simons within a radius of 12 miles from East Haddam and I do not know from which family I am descended, but they were all related, and were descendents of of Robert Simons, of Windham.

The first Simons came to this country probably with Endacott or Winthrop and settled at Salem, Mass. and the first Simons in England came over from Normany with William the Conqueror and was given a grant of land. His name was Adam Simons. The Simons family was both prolific and prominent in New England and I find that 37 were in the war of the Revolution from the state of Conn. alone.

Thomas Simons, of Columbus, Ohio, has given some time to looking up the ancestry of the family. Any information that you can give me will be appreciated. Your article was intensely interesting. I am fortunate in having a complete set of the Kansas Historical Collections.

Very Truly Yours,

W. C. Simons.