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Dolph C. Simons,
Worth County Tribune,
Worth County, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Some months ago my son, Dolph C. Simons, noticed an item in the Kansas City Times concerning your attendance at an editorial meeting and the fact of your having the same name caused him to clip the item with the intention of writing you, which I understand he has not yet done.

My father who also went by the name of Dolph, was Adolphus Ezra Simons; his father, Alfred Smith Simons; and his grand father, Adolphus Simons, born in East Haddam, Connecticut in 1781. The C. in my boy's name stands for Collins, an old family name coming from my mother's side of the family.

In a general way I know something of the genealogy of the Simons family, but at the time of my great grand father, Adolphus Simon's birth, there were five prolific families named Simons within a radius of twelve and one-half miles of East Haddam and I do not know to which of these families he belonged. I take it that they were all related and that they are descendants of Robert Simons of Windham. The family was first found in this country at Salem, Massachusetts, where they became so numerous that the spelling of the name underwent various changes in an effort to avoid confusions.

I shall be pleased to know if you are a descendant of the same family and would be glad to have you furnish me with any data that you may have. My father, Adolphus E. Simons, was born near Rochester, New York. The Simons family came from Normandy to England with William, the Conqueror, a grant of land being given to Adam Simons.

I am sending you herewith a re-print from the September issue of the National Printer Journalist which contains a picture of myself and son.

I shall await with interest your reply.

Very truly yours,

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