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During the early years when there were no public schools she taught her children at home nights, when all were tired ~~from~~ the long and hard day's work. She was a member of the Baptist church and was almost Puritanical in her ideas of morals and character.

She applied for a pension but the hospital record of her husband was lacking and for many years the regimental physician could not be found. At last he was located and a pension with back pay ^{in 1888,} was received. Shortly afterwards ^{she} left the old home place to educate her children in the ~~\$47,000~~ Wesleyan ^{university} at Salina, Kansas. ~~some~~ In 1891 her son Wilford C. ~~164744~~ engaged in the newspaper business in Lawrence and it was the family home for a good many years. ~~Later~~ Mrs. Simons made her home with her daughter, Miss Etoile B. Simons, for many years and died Nov. 17th, 1921 in Chicago, aged over eighty-five years and her body was brought to Lawrence for burial ^{Faribault} beside her husband, whose body had been moved there from ~~Faribault~~, Minn., some years before.

Mrs. Simons was honest, ^{and} conscientious and her energy knew no bounds. She brought to the west a culture and refinement that left its effect on the entire community and upon everyone who had her for a teacher in the schools. She did not realize financially from her efforts, but found satisfaction in the education ~~of~~ and advancement of her children.

The five children are all living and are located as follows:

Julia Simons Hoinville (Mrs. C. H. Hoinville) lives in Chicago and spends the summer at "Hoinville Hills", the name given to their summer home in Northern Wisconsin. Miss Etoile B. Simons after spending many years in educational work, is now living in Chicago where she is giving her time to real estate investments. Wilford C. Simons is the publisher of the Journal-World at Lawrence, Kansas. Louis A. Simons is in the