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*Simonds and Sheppard*

later was widowed. It seems to me quite likely that they may have known each other in London, coming over at about the same time, and were later married.

Another strong reason for believing William Simonds of Woburn as being the first Simons in my line is that he had a large family and at least three of his sons are named as soldiers in King Philip's War. While there is a record of all of the other children, there is no record of William other than his birth. My presumption is that he either also served in King Philip's War, or was so interested in the stories of the Connecticut Valley brought to him by his brothers that he went over there and settled. In any event we find the second William Simons on the list in the Enfield records as having been born in 1659 and in the Woburn records as having been born on April 15, 1651, and the difference in dates is doubtless due to errors in copying records as I have been troubled by many similar errors, some of which have been made by genealogists in my employ.

As you seem to put a good deal of stress on families, I enclose the names of paternal forbears, including Mason, Olney, Eddy and Luther, and on the maternal I have the families of Lewis, Hubbards, Bradfords, Cowdy and Luther. Strangely enough the paternal and maternal families go back to Captain John Luther, the paternal coming down thru son Hezekiah and on the maternal side thru son Samuel. The last ancestor that I had to come from a foreign land was Joseph Cook, whose family is also listed on the maternal side. Some of the other families running back to the earliest period of New England settlement are mentioned on an additional list and there are many other names on my charts which I have not included.

I think you can readily understand that I know I have entirely too much for your use and I shall be glad to have you put the matter into the hands of someone who will shape it up to meet your needs.

I have a chart showing seventeen ancestors who were officers in the Colonial War. I sometimes think that perhaps there are few persons in the United States whose ancestors have all been in America as long as mine have.

If it is not too much trouble, I shall be glad to have you show me the copy of my biography before same is printed.

Respectfully yours,

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