

the stories told him of the riches of the Connecticut River valley and settled near Enfield or Hazardville, where he is listed in the records of Enfield. While the records give his birth as in 1659, and the Woburn records give the date as 1651, it is quite possible that an error was made in copying, or that being away from his family the mistake in date may have been made by himself. The death of this William Simonds, or Simons, as it had then become, occurred in 1738.

This William Simons named his son for himself, but his grandson was named Benjamin, evidently for one of his father's uncles, instead of being named for his father, and grandfather.

William Simons Jr., as shown in the Enfield records married Margaret Pasco. My chart prepared by Ellen Glenn Shields gives the date of his birth as January 20, 1696, but a distant cousin of mine, L. A. Gowdy, of Somersville, gave me the record as January 20, 1686. He was married April 11, 1717, and died April 7, 1726. One or the other made an error in copying the date. As William, the son of William and Judith, probably left Woburn after King Philip's War, which ended in 1776, I again presume that the date given by Mr. Gowdy, as 1786 is probably correct.

The presumption that William Simonds, who came on the ship "Safety" was the first of my line in America has come after considerable research by well-recognized and accepted genealogists.

Respectfully,

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